

ALUMNI newsletter



Alumni Spotlight
Joe ('06) and Rebekah ('04) Cotroneo

God's leading in our lives is so easy to see when we look back over the years and can trace His work. It can be more challenging to look forward into the unknown future and trust God to have His hand there as well. Joe and Rebekah are on the verge of a new chapter of their lives, and they are relying on God's faithfulness to lead each step of the way.

Joe and Rebekah come from vastly different backgrounds. Rebekah was raised in a Christian home and was involved in church and ministry from a young age. "I loved being at college. It was a strong time in my spiritual walk with the Lord. Being around others my age who had a similar desire in their life was so encouraging."

Joe had a less stable youth which led to trouble at an early age. He came to TBC looking for accountability and a solid biblical education. "All the intentional mentorship and the relationships that developed were key... Dr. Shafer and Mike Grover specifically were a huge influence... of course, the library was where I spent a LOT of my time," he laughs. After graduation, Joe went on to earn his masters through TBC and is currently working on his Ph.D. through Piedmont.

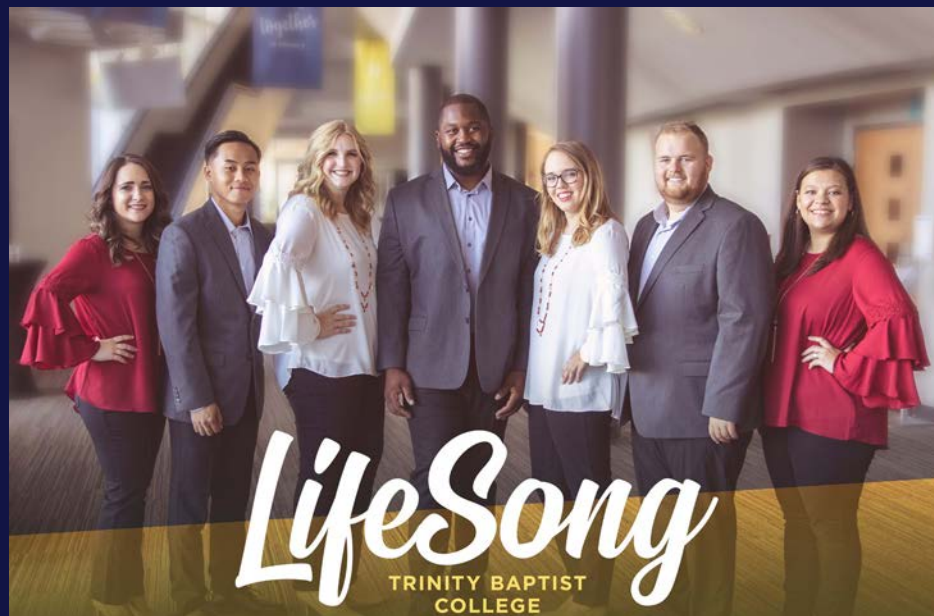
The Cotroneos poured their lives into youth ministry in Ohio before moving to Chicago for church planting training. They recently packed up their family of five (they have two daughters and one son) and moved to Indianapolis, IN. Basing out of an established local church, they are developing a church plant in the inner city which is set to launch in spring of 2020.

"We have seen God answer so many prayers already. We started building a core team in October and already it has grown beyond what we anticipated. Our relationship with the school board has been amazing and they even made suggestions on which rooms would work best for certain aspects of the church plant!"

Joe and Rebekah are excited about the future and are expecting that God will continue to open doors that they haven't even considered yet. Their main prayer is that God's power and presence would be evident in the launching process of this church plant and that the core families already assembled would grow and mature both in their faith and in their relationships with each other.

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LifeSong is now booking for Fall 2020! This group of college students has a heart for ministry and spends nearly every weekend traveling across the southeast. Contact the scheduling office at 904-596-2338 or email ministryteams@tbc.edu to book the team for your church or school event.



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Upcoming Events

February 5-7
Missions Emphasis

February 21 and April 3
College For a Day

May 8
President's Reception

May 9
Graduation

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New Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Kyle Tadlock
Associate Professor of History

Dr. Kyle Tadlock comes to us as a professional student-turned-professor. A grad of Ole Miss, he went on to complete his masters at North Carolina State, and then his Ph.D. in ancient history at OSU. He has been teaching college level courses for five years, loves all things Marvel and gaming and enjoys watching foreign television (specifically Korean musicals) with his wife, Lee Anne.

He's enjoying the close-knit atmosphere of campus which is the opposite of what the city is like: "I kind of knew this, but Jacksonville is really, really big. I've been across the river exactly once so far... haven't even made it to the beach yet."



Mr. Kyle Deason
Assistant Professor of Communications

Mr. Kyle Deason is a native of Jacksonville, Florida, and graduated with his bachelor's degree from UCF in Orlando. After graduation, he spent a year in Dublin, Ireland, working with Dublin Christian Mission.

Upon returning to the US, Kyle spent several years teaching high school before he began his MA in Strategic Communications from LU.

This is his first semester at TBC, and he appreciates the smaller size compared to his own college experience. "I've only been here for a semester and I know I've at least seen every face if not actually met every student. I can only imagine how well you'd know your students after a year or two."

Graduating Seniors Highlight

Ethan Horton transferred to TBC upon completing institute training at Word of Life here in Florida. He first heard about TBC through alumnus Dillon Moyd ('15) and was intrigued by the Christian Counseling degree offered here on campus.

Ethan finished his Christian Counseling degree this December and is looking forward to beginning graduate work in January at LU. He is thankful for the support and advice his family has provided, "I'm happy about the decisions I've made so far and how they've helped me become who I am today." Ethan is getting married to his fiancé, Lisa, in May and plans to become a military chaplain in the Air Force.



Chelsea Stephens came to TBC from a small Christian school in Alabama and learned about us through alumni Joel ('01) and Kristi ('00) Milligan.

Some of Chelsea's favorite memories revolve around student activities and the friends she has made. "Living here has helped me branch out and talk to people – I was kind of shy when I first arrived. But I also learned how important it is to stay grounded in who you are and not forget who Jesus is in your life."



Chelsea completed her Bachelor's in Counseling this December and is feeling nostalgic about graduating and moving on with her next chapter in life. She plans to take some time off before beginning grad school online and has broad interests ranging from travel to nutrition, so the sky is the limit right now!

TBC Athletics

South Region Champions Honored at Halftime of Season Opener

TBC Eagles men's basketball honored the 2019 South Region Champions during halftime of the Eagles' new-season opener on October 25. The 2018-2019 TBC Eagles Men's Basketball team won the NCCAA Division 2 South Region title last February with a 66-55 win over rival Bob Jones University.

Five players returned from last year's roster and received their rings: Chris Brinson, Hunter Lang, Marquis Duncanson, Jacari Randolph, and Skyler Snook.

In attendance from last year's squad were Ross Freeman, Patrick Jackson, Andrew Bowman, Nick Baskin, Rodney Robinson, and graduates Brandon Tucker and Marcus Dixon.

Head coach John D. Jones also honored assistant coaches Jeremy Boles and Chip Gause and associate head coach Karim Shepherd.

Congratulations to the 2018-2019 TBC Eagles, the South Region Champions.



Student Life

Homecoming 2019



Spirit week is always a highlight of the semester, with students dressing up, goofing off, and an overall exciting vibe on campus.



We dodged a few rain showers at the beginning of Homecoming on Saturday evening, but the minute the women's soccer game started, it cleared up and we had a fantastic evening. Screech and LifeSong were both in attendance, which added to the fun ambiance of the evening.



Both the men's and women's soccer teams won their games that evening, and it was with some mixed emotions that we honored four Lady Eagle seniors. They have been a positive influence at TBC as well as great assets to the team, and we will miss them as they graduate and move on to bigger and better things! (pictured left to right: Kareema Mitchell, Haley Ridenour, Kristin Pabon, and Emily Martinez)



Congratulations to the Homecoming court and Mr. and Mrs. TBC! (left to right: Hannah Poole, Amanda Duquette, Audrey Deleon, Screech, Brenner Pittman, Skyler Henderson, Marcus Vann.)