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OPPORTUNITY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now Is the Time



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College of Florida

If you have ever visited The Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Florida, you have probably experienced Walt Disney's Carousel of Progress. The attraction invites guests into a characteristic American-family home and transports them through various 20th century technological advancements. Throughout the attraction's theatrical run, two theme songs, both penned by the Sherman Brothers, have provided the musical interlude between time periods. *The Best Time of Your Life* was the upbeat, catchy song used in the attraction until 1994.

*Now is the time,
Now is the best time,
Now is the best time of your life!
Life is a prize,
Live every minute
Open your eyes and watch how you win it.*

*Yesterday's mem'ries may sparkle and gleam,
Tomorrow is still but a dream
Right here and now,
You've got it made,
The world's forward marching and you're in the parade!*

*Now is the time,
Now is the best time,
Be it a time of joy or strife,
There's so much to cheer for,
Be glad you're here for it's the best time of your life!*

The melody speaks of the different emotions in life and reminds listeners that the present is often an overlooked blessing.

With over six trillion dollars of lost equity in the United States, billions loaned by the government in stimulus money, millions of lost jobs, over ten million behind in their mortgage payments,

hundreds of thousands of foreclosures, and ever-mounting personal debt, one would not think: *Now is the best time of your life.* But it can be and it must be!

Now is the time to decide what is really important. Now is the time to choose what really matters. Now is the time to make decisions that generate confidence and hope for the days to come. Now is the time to renew and refresh your educational pursuit, both formally and informally. Lifetime learning is the agenda!

Historically, it is the economic downturns that have the potential of bringing out the best in people. Many choose to right their priorities and decide what is important. A cathartic effect occurs, generating great joy, peace, and hope.

People also pursue educational enhancement in their lives. This pursuit refreshes them in vision, expertise, understanding, and most importantly: wisdom. It takes them to the next level. It becomes the *best time of their lives*. New thinking occurs and new horizons are seen. New attitudes and altitudes are achieved. Insight and inspiration are poured into you and through you. It can become the *best time of your life!* As you read the stories and journeys of believers who made the decision to unlock opportunity, you will be challenged personally. There is always more to know and more to do.

God has designed you uniquely with a mission to accomplish. You are on assignment. Why not learn more about this great calling as you learn more about Him, His Word, His Work, and His great Plan for you in eternity?

Our God is the god of the Present! Since His tender mercies are new everyday, the present can become the *best time of your life!* Open your mind, get ready with pen and paper, and listen carefully. The Creator of the Universe is about to speak and He is addressing you!

Now is the time,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark T. O'Farrell".



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Key to Opportunity

You carry them with you wherever you go. Right now they are probably in your pocket or purse and chances are you have misplaced them numerous times in the course of your life. What is this integral part of your life: keys. We all have them. Some have more keys than others, but regardless of the amount, we value the items for which we have keys.

We seem to have keys for everything in life. We have keys for our home, car, boat, motorcycle, office, mailbox, buildings, relatives' home, tool boxes, luggage, safe deposit boxes, jewelry boxes, chests, storage units, gym lockers, work lockers, and keys to locks for which we do not know their purpose! In life we speak of keys symbolically. Grateful communities present to worthy individuals keys to their city; we even tell our special loved one that they hold the key to our heart.

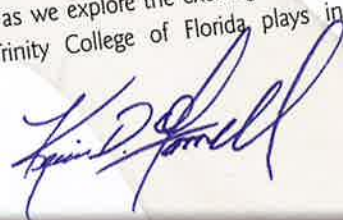
Keys represent legitimate access. When you possess a key, you have been invested with the authority and responsibility to gain access to an item, building, or piece of machinery it activates. Keys are special and important which explains our furious fits of frustration when they cannot be located after misplacing them.

Keys also mark import rites of passage in our lives. Do you remember the first time you were given the keys to the car? As a teenager you experienced the thrill of cranking the engine for the first time and being able to drive the family car. Maybe you remember receiving the key to your first work office? In that moment, you felt you had finally earned something important. Or perhaps, you recall the time you received a key to your first home? You will never forget the moment you signed the final piece of paper and the landlord or realtor handed you the key to your own place; you were finally able to unlock the front door.

Keys give access and symbolize important stages of our lives. In many ways earning your college education is a key. A diploma may not have the grooves and workings of a key but education and training most certainly can open powerful doors of opportunity.

In this issue of *The CONNECTION*, we explore the opportunity completing your college education can make in giving individuals more choices. We focus on the story of one alumnus, Joel Moore, who decided in his adult life it was time for more opportunity and took a bold step to reenter the college classroom. His inspirational success story serves as a model of the power and possibility one can achieve by completing a college degree at Trinity College of Florida.

With an ever-increasing competitive job market, now is the time to gain enhanced training and maximize the education you have to position yourself in the workforce. The investment you make and have made in your education always produces a return. Your education is your key to unlocking opportunity and the fantastic reality remains – no one can rob you of your education! Homes, vehicles, and offices will change throughout the course of your life, but your foundational education is something you take with you throughout life. Join us as we explore the exciting reality a higher education at Trinity College of Florida plays in Unlocking Opportunity.



Kevin D. O'Farrell, Editor

Isn't it about time you
finish what you started...



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Unlocking Opportunity

by Kevin D. O'Farrell



Joel Moore wears a gold Trinity College of Florida ring on his right hand. It reminds him of one of his greatest personal and professional achievements: graduating from college. "When you haven't finished your degree, it is something deep down inside you are embarrassed about. Finally having finished something I should have finished a long time ago is awesome," says Joel, a husband and father of three. Finishing his college degree at Trinity College through the adult degree completion program, known as TrinityQuest, has provided Joel with a deep sense of personal satisfaction while unlocking opportunity in his career.

Having a Goal

A Tampa native, Joel Moore grew up in the Bay area and graduated from Boca Ciega High School in Gulfport, Florida. He began his college career taking classes at St. Petersburg Junior College but left before finishing. He later enrolled and graduated from a technical institute with training in biomedical machinery and technology; however, he never completed his college degree – a reality which haunted him in his adult years. Married to his wife Amy, with three young boys, Joel was concerned about the example he was setting for his children in completing his education. "The way I look at it, you have three options: don't finish, finish, or finish strong. I didn't want to reach a point when my kids looked at me and said, 'Dad, you did fine without finishing,' I wanted better," Joel recounts.

As a Territory Manager and Regional Field Trainer for Olympus and Gyrus ACMI, two of the world's leading suppliers of medical visualization and energy systems, Joel spends much of his week in the operating room assisting doctors and medical teams with equipment designed to improve surgery outcomes. A busy career and full home life left little room for Joel to return to the classroom to finish his college degree. He had explored other ways of completing his degree but found them to be restrictive in their time commitment or unnecessarily long to complete. "All of the other alternatives that I had taken a look at would take me five-plus years to finish and I would be spending multiple nights away from home. That was too many nights a week to finish-up my degree and I couldn't do that and be away from my family," remembers Joel.

Beginning a Quest

It was around this time when Joel discovered Trinity College of Florida's accelerated degree completion program, TrinityQuest. After talking with an admissions counselor and exploring the program, Joel began to see the exciting possibility of finally completing his college degree. "The workload fit into my work and home schedule. I wanted the challenge of finishing but it had to be realistic. I wanted to get it done without bringing my personal life to a screeching halt. For me, it was the most realistic way to finish my degree."

Still, Joel had concerns about his own ability to reenter college life. It has been several years since he had entered a classroom or cracked a text book, but he mustered the courage and took a step of faith to enroll in the TrinityQuest program. "It had been a long time since I had been in a classroom environment. Honestly, initially I was scared to death wondering if I would be able to remember the things I needed to remember." Where Joel saw fear, he found faculty who were passionate about his personal success and committed to seeing him achieve his goal. "At the end of the day the teachers I had were really investing in us and they wanted us to succeed. There was nobody that was trying to trip you up or make things unduly complicated. They really wanted you to succeed." And succeed is what Joel did. In 2005 he graduated from Trinity College of Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in management and ethics. Finally, years after he had begun his college career, Joel completed the one thing which was left undone in his life. He had achieved his goal of becoming a college graduate.

Fulfilling a Desire

Joel completed his college degree and quickly began to see opportunities open. "I have had a lot of opportunities to go to work for other companies or take different management opportunities with my own company that never would have been an option for me," touts Joel. He has also seen his professional standing within the company grow. Joel is a member of his company's President's Club, a group of the top ten performers in the organization; he has been tasked with training new employees who join Olympus and Gyrus ACMI in sales and service. For almost twenty years, Joel Moore has worked in the health care industry in medical sales and service; yet, he understands his career is not his total existence. "There is a balance with the business. I want to provide well for my family and be committed to my work but at the same time it is just part of my life. I want to perform at a high level, but my family life is a priority for me."

Joel has also been a committed member of his local church, the First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks in Indian Rocks, Florida, where he teaches an adult Sunday school class, serves as a Deacon and member of the Stewardship committee, and volunteers on Wednesday nights as a worker in the church's youth ministry. Joel has also traveled outside the country to minister to those in need. He recently returned from a mission trip to the Dominican Republic where he worked with the mission organization Score International. "Often we get caught-up in our day-to-day lives and I think that when you go on a mission trip, you get to be part of the frontlines for a little while," believes Joel. It is this kind of balance between his personal and professional life that keeps Joel in spiritual, emotional, and professional health.



Dr. Brian Hale (L) of Urology Specialists of West Florida with Joel Moore.

Issuing a Call

Joel enjoys his career and appreciates the impact he makes in the lives of doctors and the patients they treat. "You get to make a difference. Getting to see doctors light-up – seeing they are able to do something that provides better outcomes and shorter surgical times for the patient is rewarding," exclaims Joel. He also appreciates his time at Trinity College of Florida, "It was a great experience. The personal encouragement and time people invested with me was really great."

When asked about others who are considering completing their degree through TrinityQuest at Trinity College of Florida, Joel simply says, "What are you waiting for. The sooner you start the sooner you are going to finish. The world of work is a competitive market place and having a degree really isn't optional for getting a job. I think it's critical for you to increase your education."

Joel has experienced a powerful sense of accomplishment in completing his college degree, but he also values the Christian education and worldview he enjoyed while studying at Trinity. The value of his degree goes beyond the academic and professional recognition one receives; he understands the eternal investment he has made in his life. "It ultimately helps you with your faith and your walk. Life is complicated enough but when you have encouragement from like-minded Christians sitting in that class with you – it's priceless." The hard-work, determination, and commitment has been Joel's priceless investment. It has been the key to unlocking opportunity.

A Quest Worth Taking

by Dr. John E. Zuch with Kevin D. O'Farrell



Seeking a successful career path or discerning a clear call from God for the future is sometimes accompanied by a few twists and turns in the road with a detour or two along the way. Many adults who have had the dream of returning to college to finish their degree face feelings of uncertainty. They ask themselves, "Is it possible to go back to college and fit in? Will I be the only adult in a class filled with teenage students? Can I afford college tuition? Can I handle the course workload? Will I be able to keep my job?"

These questions and possible answers flood the mind of a typical adult who faces the responsibilities of life but desires to complete a personal goal of finishing a college degree. These frustrating realities are why Trinity College of Florida began its degree completion program known as TrinityQuest. Adult students in the TrinityQuest program who initially questioned their academic ability find the encouragement and motivation needed to thrive on a college campus.

The Right Fit

Stepping on the campus of Trinity College of Florida for the very first time causes most adult students to be captivated by an unusual spirit of optimism which seems to permeate everyone they meet. There is something about the student body, faculty, and staff that give them a sense of belonging. Quickly they discover there is good reason to be optimistic. Trinity College of Florida offers nationally recognized higher education for the busy adult and is committed to helping adult students reach their career and personal goals through completing their college education.

Trinity College of Florida's accelerated degree completion program is designed to meet the needs of adult students who are at least 24 years old and possess some college credit. Typical students in the program are employed full-time and are able to complete their bachelor's degree in about two years by attending classes one day

a week. This allows them to maintain their professional careers and personal commitments. Classes are designed for the working adult and are taught by highly qualified professors who relate to adult students and strive to make each course an exciting and valuable learning experience.

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More than a Degree

In addition to the academic achievement and career advancement goals, Trinity College of Florida provides a vibrant Christ-centered environment with the distinct advantage of an integrated Christian worldview in coursework and discussions. Students choose from three academic tracks: Management & Ethics, Counseling, or Christian Ministry. These majors are designed to increase a student's professional skill level in the workplace and ministry effectiveness in the world.

Life has its unexpected moments which can quickly force us to reprioritize the things in our lives. These changes can bring new joys and challenges, but they need not derail the dream of finishing a college education. In life many things come and go, but education is a personal investment no one can take away. No entity, group, or person can foreclose or repossess your education. The training you learn and the education you acquire will stay with you forever. The return on your investment is priceless. Trinity College of Florida remains committed to helping students of all ages and life stages complete their educational goals and fulfill their personal dreams because earning your college degree is a quest worth taking.



Dr. John E. Zuch is a former pastor and non-profit administrator. Currently, he serves as the Associate Dean for Adult Education at Trinity College of Florida and oversees the adult degree completion program, TrinityQuest.

Reality ✓ heck

The Top Five Myths about Completing a College Degree

Myths do not really exist. They are unfounded ideas people believe and, if not confronted, can stop individuals from taking steps to achieve their goals. The following are the top five myths plaguing individuals who are considering finishing their college education.

Myth #1

You can't go to college and have a full-time job and family.

Trinity College of Florida's accelerated degree completion program, TrinityQuest, was designed to take into consideration the challenges working adults face when returning to the classroom. Students do not need to sacrifice their family or jeopardize their job. Traditional higher education paradigms have been shattered in favor of non-traditional student educational needs. It is no longer necessary to be on the college campus every day of the week. Instead of taking six courses at the same time over a traditional sixteen-week semester, TrinityQuest students meet just one day a week taking one course at a time. Most courses are completed in five weeks. Once the class is successfully completed, students take the next course.

Myth #2

I can't handle the workload. I just can't do it.

TrinityQuest creates an atmosphere in which it becomes easier to succeed. Faculty and staff are all committed to helping each student excel in the classroom. One TrinityQuest student makes this comment about his experience, "I'm surrounded by people who want to be there and through a lot of extraordinary circumstances are coming to class. Although they may have a lot of responsibilities in their home and work life, they still make coming to class a priority. We all want to be there."

Myth #3

College is filled with teenagers and early twenty-somethings. I'm too old to go to college.

The Association for Nontraditional Students in Higher Education reports that students who are over 25 make up 47 percent of the new and returning student population on many of today's college campuses. TrinityQuest students are adults with real life experiences. They are adults seeking career change or advancement. They are

newly empty nesters, retirees, non-clergy, and church leaders enrolling in classes. It is never too late to go back to college. Many of these students are finishing a degree, seeking a second degree, changing careers, or updating professional credentials.

Myth #4

It's too expensive. There is no way I can afford it.

TrinityQuest provides a flexible and unique way for non-traditional students to return and finish their degree at an affordable price. A college degree often means increased income, new skills, and a competitive advantage in the workplace. Recently, ABC's *Good Morning America* interviewed leading economist Warren Buffet regarding how to invest in a sluggish economy. His advice to the nation was, "...invest in yourself". Higher Education is exactly that, an investment in your future. Financial aid is available for most students in the form of federal grants and student loans.

Myth #5

I'm the only one that didn't finish college.

All across the country there are millions of adults who have some college experience, yet have never fulfilled their dream of earning their bachelor's degree. The last U.S. Census showed that more than 2.5 million Floridians, ages 25 to 64, have completed a significant amount of college work but never finished their degree. You are not alone. There are millions of people who were not able to complete their degree. Trinity College of Florida provides the opportunity to finish a college degree and launch a professional career.

Keep the myths in ✓ heck!



CELEBRATING *with family* THE

One Nation Under God was the theme of Trinity College of Florida's 2009 annual banquet. Held on the grounds of the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay in Tampa, Florida, guests were treated to a patriotic celebration of Trinity's active involvement in training men and women for Christian service to the church and all humanity. Ruth Graham, daughter of alumnus Dr. Billy Graham (1940), was the keynote speaker. Ruth shared her family's deep appreciation and love for the people and mission of Trinity College of Florida. Ruth was also present to receive the inaugural Macedonia Call on behalf of her father. This award recognizes individuals who exemplify the shared core values of Trinity College of Florida. Recipients of the award have molded personal integrity, global influence, and eternal impact at the highest levels of society.

The following day, Saturday, May 9th, over 400 guests gathered at the First Baptist Church of New Port Richey, Florida to witness the commencement exercises. The graduates were challenged to put their values and leadership in action as they enter the workforce. Dr. Kenn Gangel, Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Dallas Theological Seminary and member of the Trinity College Board of Trustees, delivered the commencement address. Since the delivery of his address, Dr. Gangel passed away in June 2009; however, his challenge to the graduating class will be remembered. Family, friends, students, faculty, and staff joined in celebrating the achievements of the class of 2009 and welcomed them as the latest members of the Trinity College of Florida alumni community.





2009 *Graduates & Banquet*



Starting from the top, left to right by row: Dr. Charlie Martin (1967), Vice President for Advancement, welcomes the guests; Ruth Graham receives the Macedonian Call on behalf of her father, Billy Graham, from Dr. O'Farrell; Bob and Marti Munce, recipients of the Prokope Award, with Trustee Dr. Tom Wade and wife Anne; Chairman of the Board, Tom Ash (1987) (center), and fellow Trustee Joe Teague welcome Ruth Graham to the banquet; Trinity alumni gather for a group picture following the banquet.



Teaching in the local elementary school

Arriving in Matucana

Heart ADJUSTMENT

by Josh Corrick

A ten-week mission trip to a foreign country can be intimidating and overwhelming, especially if it's your first. Whether it is people from the Ukraine, Nigeria, Thailand, the United States or Peru, everyone needs the same Savior. A mission trip shows you the urgency of the times. Every follower of Christ needs to build deliberate relationships for the purpose of sharing the Gospel. From foreign lands to the homeland, we must make disciples. In Matthew 28:19, Christ tells His disciples to, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." He is directing us not only to go, but to make disciples; while in Peru I finally realized the full meaning of this command.

Geographic Adjustment

At the start of the summer, my teammates and I traveled from Florida to Peru. We arrived with a hundred other summer missionaries to attend a week of training and orientation. There we learned the local culture, how to "story" with people using the Scriptures, and to make what we do reproducible. Following the first week of training, we arrived at Matucana to visit various believers and experience the existing relationships established by previous teams.

The town of Matucana is located in southern Peru about three hours from Lima. This city was selected by the First Baptist Church of New Port Richey as a site to support Kingdom building efforts. The church is working to plant new churches with the Rapid Entry Advance Plan South (REAP South), a branch of the Southern Baptist International

Mission Board in South America. Each summer, REAP South sends college students to villages which U.S. churches have adopted. REAP South employs methods which are different from many mission groups. Being my first mission trip, I thought I would be part of a team that would hold VBS for children, distribute tracts, and construct buildings. However, those techniques are not what REAP South is doing in Peru. Their mission is to plant churches by entering villages with a Bible, a backpack, and nothing more. Through building relationships and sharing stories from the Bible, they teach the fundamental Christian truths: everyone is sinful, needs a Savior, and Christ has paid the penalty for man's sin and desires obedience.

Ministry Adjustment

Because of several churches' work, we were able to instantly become involved with groups of believers. Two Christians, Jose and Elizabeth, held a Bible study in their store every Sunday evening. They had been believers for many years but were unable to find a suitable church in the area. They had been meeting regularly for several months, but were not confident in their leadership ability. We encouraged them to carefully plan the meetings from week to week; by the time we left, they were certain about their focus for the next couple of months and had led two communion services.

While in Matucana, we met believers like Gary whom we were able to disciple. As a chef he spent much time working in Chosica, a nearby city. Gary was eager to learn more about Christ and we spent



as much time as possible studying the Scriptures with him. Many times he brought his unsaved friends to the study so they could also hear the message of Jesus Christ. Julie, another Christian believer, owned a sweets and juices shop. She had been a Christian for a couple of months and was baptized the first week we were in Matucana. She desired to study the differences between other religions and Christianity. Although she suffered persecution from friends, she was not discouraged from following Christ. Her faith grew over the summer because of many answered prayers and she began sharing the Bible with her family.

Strategy Adjustment

Living in Matucana for over two months opened many opportunities for evangelism. Teaching English became one of our main ways to evangelize. Three days a week we taught English in one of the elementary schools. The class time focused around a Bible story. After school, the children would share how they remembered the story and wanted to hear more. A class for municipal workers was started and each class was exciting. The first part of the class was spent teaching English, while the second half was spent studying the Scriptures. On one occasion after finishing the Bible story, the students asked us to teach a Christian song in English; we obliged and taught them, "Jesus Loves Me." The municipal class was always eager to learn English and about God. Besides teaching English, we had the opportunity to share our testimonies. In July, a team from Virginia joined us for a week. Stephen, a member of the team, was a retired police officer. He went by the local police station to trade patches and hats. While talking with the

police chief, he asked if we could speak with the officers and share a Bible story. The chief agreed and the next night Stephen shared his testimony and the gospel with fifteen officers.

Living the Great Commission is more than traveling to a foreign country. It's about making disciples who glorify and obey Christ. Many of the lost people we met in Matucana reminded me of people from my hometown. They share the same questions about life, fears about death, and need to hear the Truth. As I reflected on my experience in Peru, I realized that if I can spend a summer going to a foreign country to build relationships and disciple people, I can surely spend time at home doing the same. A mission trip is not about adjusting to a new geographic location or foreign culture, it's about adjusting your heart to see hurting people as God sees them. It's about connecting with people in a compassionate and comforting way and offering them the hope only Jesus Christ can give. It's a heart adjustment we all need to make regardless of where we serve.



Josh Corrick, a sophomore and worship ministry major at Trinity College of Florida, was part of a three person team who spent ten weeks serving in Matucana, Peru with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.



Alumni

An On-going Quest

What is a quest? The dictionary defines it as: the act or an instance of seeking or pursuing something; a search. In 1975 God laid upon my heart the need to know Him more intimately. I needed a deeper education in the knowledge and study of the Bible and the Person of Christ. God had placed me on a quest. I resigned from the business with which I was associated and moved from San Antonio, Texas to Florida.

I began my education in biblical studies at Trinity College's Dunedin campus. I was an older student and married with two small children in school. I had to be gainfully employed to provide for my family. With my responsibility to the family, there were many times I thought it would be nice to have a program at Trinity where I could get credit for the various business and church experiences in my life.

I am excited that Trinity College of Florida has a program for working adults that allows them to pursue their calling to Christian ministry while fulfilling responsibilities to their families. At the time I enrolled at Trinity College, my great concern was the admonition of 1 Timothy 5:8:

"But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." (RSV)

Trinity College of Florida's accelerated degree completion program allows students to:

1. Receive credit for life experiences.
2. Have interaction with other adult students.
3. Obtain personal interaction with instructors, and
4. Choose from various degree tracks

I have met several students who have entered and graduated from the TrinityQuest program. They were excited about the quality of the program and the opportunities it unlocked. In my opinion, the TrinityQuest program deserves a sincere exploration and careful consideration by those wanting to change careers or wanting to learn to use the workplace as a platform to carryout the Great Commission. This program is ideal for those individuals sensing the call of God to become fully immersed in Christian ministry.

The alumni of Trinity College of Florida realize that we are part of one of the nation's premier Christian colleges and TrinityQuest is a specific program that provides a flexible and unique way for non-traditional students to finish their college education. Many have earned their degrees and graduated from the College through TrinityQuest. Those graduates are now serving in sectors of society as ambassadors of Christ. They have completed one quest and are on assignment to begin another!

On the Mission.

Jerry Osborn (1980)

Alumni Association Vice President



Alumni gather for the annual Spring Picnic in Tampa Bay

Home Goings

Alumni

Vivian Miller (1952)
November 24, 2008

Thomas E. Corts (Attd 1960)
February 4, 2009

Phyllis M. Riddle (1951)
February 16, 2009

Kathy M. Welch (Attd 1975)
March 4, 2009

Frederick J. Boughton (1976)
March 19, 2009

Thomas E. Izon (1978)
March 22, 2009

Victoria Baker (Attd 1965)
March 28, 2009

Paul H. Clemons (1967)
April 24, 2009

Carl E. Woodside (2004)
July 1, 2009

Michael Jeffery Yale (1994)
July 7, 2009

Daniel T. Robinson (1971)
July 17, 2009

Peter Bounacos (2004)
July 19, 2009

Friends

John Croston
President's Council
December 19, 2008

Kenneth O. Gangel, Trustee
June 18, 2009

Norman Jones
Former Director of
Institutional Advancement
June 23, 2009

UPDATES



1960s



FRED (1964) AND AMY (SHANK, 1963) HOUTS
After serving for many years with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Fred and Amy are now retired; however, they remain active in their local church and enjoy caring for their grandchildren.

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GEORGE AND DOTTY (ERSKINE, 1989) ALLEN
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1990s



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2000s



ANDREW (2005) AND ANISAH CONWAY

Andrew and Anisah were married on March 28, 2009 at the First Alliance Church in St. Petersburg, FL. Andrew is serving as the Associate Pastor of Cape Alliance Church in Cape Coral, FL. He and Anisah work with small groups, youth, and worship ministries. 4307 Skyline Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33914 andocon83@yahoo.com

JERRY AND JENNY (ESPINOZA) (2006) CORDERO



Jerry and Jenny recently celebrated the birth of their daughter Isabella Grace Cordero. Isabella was born on April 29, 2009 weighing 9 lbs. 1.4 oz. Jerry works for a local company, CardQuest and Jenny is a freelance photographer.

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2000s (cont'd)



KYLE (2006) AND JENNIFER (CADLE, 2005) TRUMAN

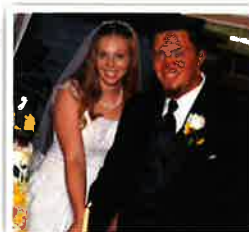
Kyle and Jennifer Truman welcomed Creed Elijah to their family on March 8, 2009. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 4.5 oz. Kyle is an assistant manager for Starbucks while Jennifer runs her own design company. 5246 Corvette Drive, Tampa, FL

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CLAY (2009) AND BETHANY BROWN

Clay and Bethany were married in December 2008 at Idlewild Baptist Church in Lutz, Florida. Clay serves as the middle school director at Clearwater Community Church and Bethany is a nurse tech at Mease Countryside Hospital. 3825 Oldmill Court #287, Palm Harbor, FL 34684 clayandbethany@yahoo.com



CHAD AND KELLI (NICHOLS) (2009) COREY

Chad and Kelli were married on May 15, 2009 in an outdoor service in Florida. The couple now resides in New Port Richey. 7045 Vallejo Way, New Port Richey, FL 34655 warriorlax45@yahoo.com



JUSTIN AND STEPHANIE (DUNNAHOE) GARNER (2009)

Justin and Stephanie were married on June 13, 2009 at Highlands Baptist Church. Justin is employed by Publix Supermarkets and Stephanie works for Suncoast Women's Center. The couple currently resides in New Port Richey, Florida with their chihuahua, Jasper. 7270 Broadmoor Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34653 justingarnier185@hotmail.com



VERN AND LAURIE (LAXTON, 2009) PHILLIPS

Vern and Laurie were married on June 27, 2009 at First Baptist Church of Ft. McCoy, Florida. Vern is working the carpentry business and the couple now resides in Albany, New York. 325 Duanesburg Road. Apt. 41, Schenectady, NY 12306 his_plan2911@yahoo.com

Notables

FOSSIL COLLECTION ON DISPLAY

The C.S. Lewis Society Fossil Collection was unveiled on March 31, 2009 on the campus of Trinity College of Florida. The collection will remain on permanent display at the Raymond H. Center M.D. Library on the College's campus. The C.S. Lewis Society, through



Fossils from the collection

several grants, acquired the exquisite fossil collection. To celebrate the unveiling, Dr. Thomas Woodward, Chair of the Bible & Theology Department and Executive Director of the C.S. Lewis Society, hosted a campus dedication which included a guest lecture by Dr. John Whitmore, Professor of Geology & Paleontology at Cedarville University.



Dr. Woodward (L) explains the importance of the collection to the media

Members of the media, College, and community were invited for the official unveiling. Dr. Woodward guided the invited guests through the evening. "I'm seeing here a refreshing renaissance in the Christian community of wanting to learn more about science and

seeing it as a friend and not a foe," Dr. Woodward said. He told the guests the collection presents compelling evidence for the theory of intelligent design. "We are literally getting a chance to see a window on life as it was in the distant past," commented Dr. Woodward.

The fossil collection is a unique addition to the greater Tampa Bay area and features:

- A group of nuggets of fossilized tree sap with a variety of embedded insects
- Several specimens of the spectacular *Diceranurus monstrosus* species of trilobite
- A selection of extinct *brachiopods* found around Cincinnati, Ohio
- A rare skull of an extinct mammal from South Dakota, a *Merycoidodon* (also known as an *Oreodon*) with its teeth and jaw bones preserved in exquisite detail



Guests explore the collection

CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS

Through generous contributions of several donors, the College was able to move forward with hard-scaping improvements which included the exterior painting of all the facilities on campus. Professional painters and volunteers assisted in the large-scale effort to update and refresh the buildings' physical appearance. The new campus color scheme evokes warmer shades of earth-tone neutrals designed to complement the pristine nature preserves on which the campus is located.



Volunteers gather to complete the exterior painting



In addition to aesthetic enhancements, several commercial air conditioning units were replaced in Raymond H. Center M.D. Library and Watson Administration Building. These new units replaced outdated ones to provide better climate control and increased cost-saving benefits. The units were installed during the summer months so classes and regular buildings use would not be interrupted.



Library A/C Installation

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Do Something Good

As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. GALATIANS 6:10 KJV

Sometimes as evangelical followers of Christ, we find ourselves downplaying good works. I am sure that our intentions are good. We know the scriptures teach that no one is saved by their good works. The scriptures do emphasize the importance of good works after we have believed on Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We are not saved by good works, but we are saved unto good works.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." - EPHESIANS 2:10 KJV

We as believers have many opportunities to do good works. Galatians 6:10 can be broken down into three parts.

As we therefore have opportunity

God knows all about us! He knows when we want to do good, but do not have the resources to help. He also knows there will be times when we can help; when we can play a part in helping someone in need. There have been many times that I have waited and prayed for God to open a door of opportunity. When the door is obviously closed, all we can do is simply pray and wait for God to open that door. The Apostle Paul used that same phrase in Philippians 4:10 where he said, "but you lacked opportunity."

Let us do good unto all men

What a great place this old world would be if only we followed these seven words. The writer of Proverbs 3:27 puts it this way: "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." To all of us who really want to follow Christ, but sometimes feel so limited, we often need to be reminded that we can't do everything, but we can do something. We have to be more like Saul when he became aware of who Jesus really was. He cried out, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Acts 9:6 KJV. Everyday we ought to consciously

pray, 'God, what good thing can I do to serve you by helping others today?' We ought to be like a good coon dog as he runs into the woods trying to find a hot trail. 'Lord, let me do something today that will help someone on the road of life.'

Especially unto them who are of the household of faith

The third part of Galatians 6:10 is most important. We never want to pass up an opportunity to help others, but God's Word emphasizes the importance of helping those who know and love and serve the Lord Jesus.

I remember the very first time I heard about Trinity College. I was 16 years old, sitting in my Sunday School class when my teacher handed me a Trinity College catalog. I followed the Lord's leading to Trinity and will never forget the impact this school has made in my life and ministry. Small Christian schools amaze me! The story of God's daily provision at Trinity College of Florida all through the years is nothing less than miraculous. Yet, it is so wonderful to see how God just keeps on blessing Trinity by His bountiful hands. Everyday Trinity College of Florida is remembered by those who want to do something good: *Especially to them who are of the household of faith.*

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THE LAST WORD

Fixing a Dream

by Dr. Bill Lanpher

One in five students who enroll at a local state university will graduate in four years. The majority of first-year college freshmen will need five or six years to graduate. The national four-year graduation rate is 35% and has been steadily declining for a decade. Approximately 50% of those who begin their college education in the United States will not finish their degree. Additionally, an institution with a high number of commuters has lower graduation rates. This weakened attachment leads to lower campus involvement due in part to the necessity to hold part-time or full-time employment. The mobile urban student often takes courses at multiple institutions in the course of completing an undergraduate degree.

What does this mean in practical terms? Students who experience weak campus attachments due to multiple life commitments will likely drop out of college without completing their undergraduate degree. This is a broken dream. These individuals wanted a college education, but along life's journey jobs, finances, marriage, children, and the responsibility of family consume precious time. The dream of a college education melts into life's reality of getting and keeping employment while establishing a home.

Good for the Graduate

Many individuals dream of a college education because they understand opportunity in the employment-world is accelerated by a college degree. Sure, job performance counts, but so does a formal college education. Adults across the country want to complete their education, advance

their careers, or gain new training in order to change professions.

The accelerated degree completion program at Trinity College of Florida was started to assist hard-working and hard-pressed adults to once again realize their dream. TrinityQuest allows individuals, who have completed about two years of college education, to continue working and meeting their family's needs while finishing their college degree. With dedication, self-direction, and perseverance, these adult-learners can earn their degree in about two years without leaving their current job or abandoning family responsibilities.

What an exciting event to place a college diploma into the hand of one who has taken the steps to repair their broken dream. The tears swell as they triumphantly walk across the stage and smiles uncontrollably flood faces as a 10-year-old shouts, "Go, Dad!" Then you know the dream is alive! The average age of the graduate of a degree completion program is between their 30's and 40's, but even grandpas and grandmas make it through a program like TrinityQuest to gain their coveted degree.

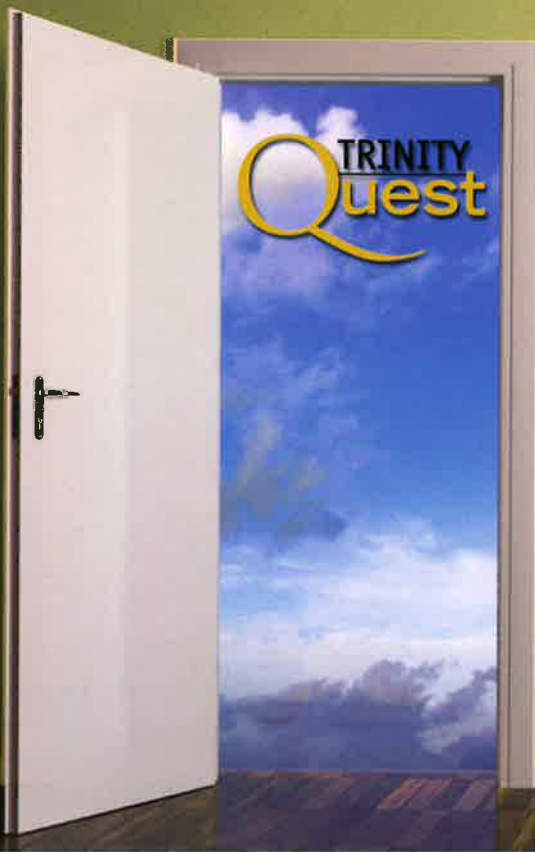
Good for the Community

People who come to TrinityQuest know the value of a college education. A recent study showed a full-time employee with a college degree on average earned more than the median income. Two thirds of the subjects in the study were married and half of them had children under the age of 18. A college educated citizen also makes a difference for the community. Of the graduates in this study, 47% had volunteered for community service and 75% had voted in the last election. The degree is good for the individual and it is good for the community.

Finishing a college education is more than earning a piece of paper. It is the realization of a goal set long ago. For the student it becomes a moment to celebrate the hard work and commitment required to accomplish the task; for the professor it is a rewarding experience seeing the return on their investment in the life of the student. For college graduates, their degree is the key to unlocking opportunity and the personal satisfaction of fixing a broken dream.



Dr. Bill Lanpher joined the administration of Trinity College of Florida in 1998 as the chief executive officer and later served as the College's seventh President (2002-2005). Under his leadership, Trinity College of Florida began its degree completion program known as TrinityQuest. Currently, Dr. Lanpher is actively involved in local ministries in Fort Myers, Florida.



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