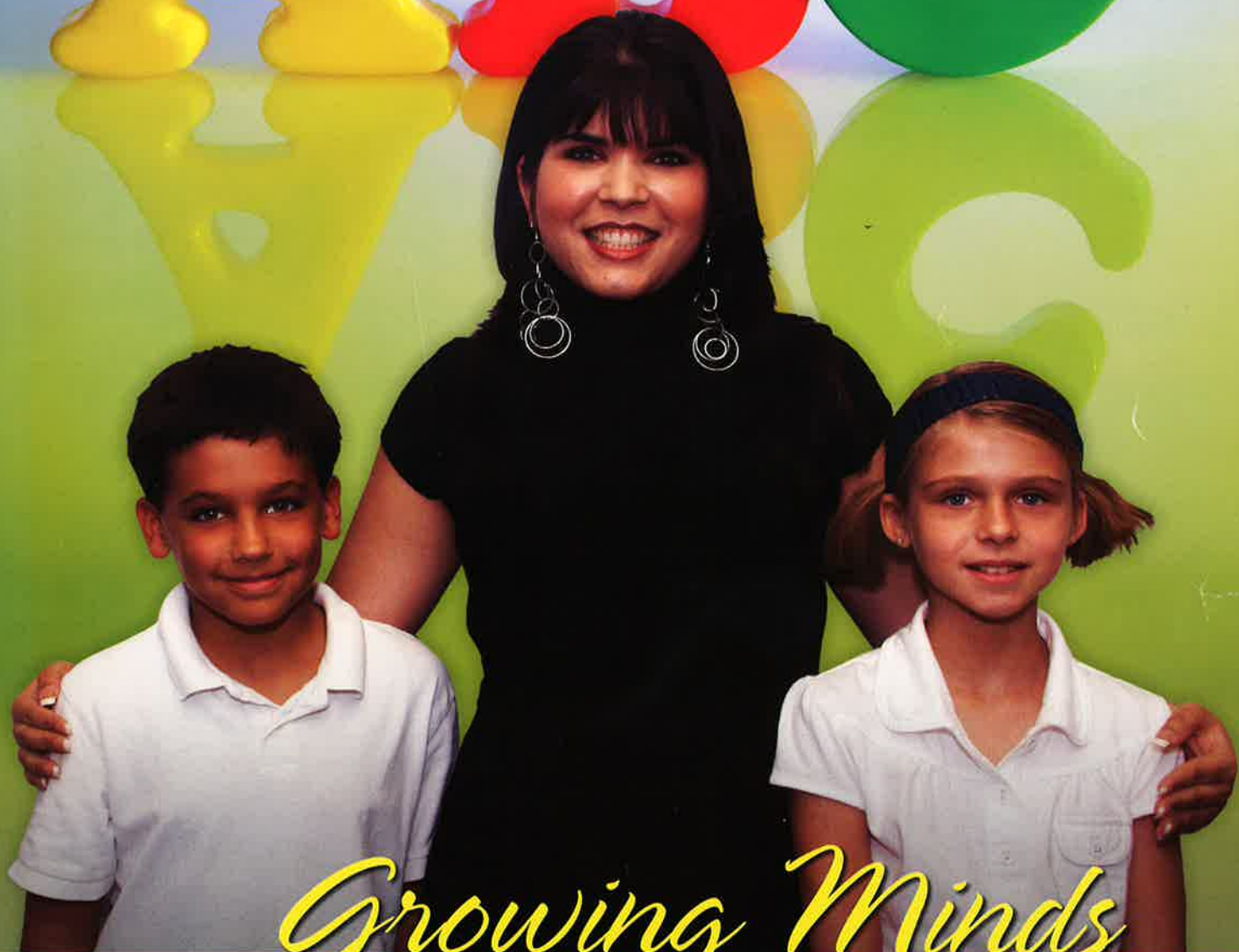


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Psalm 19:7-11 NLT

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(NLT)

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Trinity College of Florida students and graduates have been empowered over the years by these realities. As you read this issue of the **The CONNECTION**, your heart will be thrilled to see what the education at this College has accomplished in the lives of men and women. In addition to ministry related professions, the "Trinity Touch" has penetrated every stratum of society and the world. ***It's more than you can imagine!***

As I review the historical landscape of over 75 years, little is much when God is in it! Literally thousands have gone around the world from Trinity College of Florida, influencing thousands upon thousands who influenced their thousands, and on and on! Only the Lord knows the extent! What a great heritage! What a great mission! What a great purpose! ***It's more than you can imagine!***

Immerse yourself in the following stories and professional positions our graduates hold. They are influencing the expansion of the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. Your heart will be thrilled and stretched. You will be saying, ***"It's more than I can imagine!"***



Mark T. O'Farrell, D.D., President of Trinity College of Florida



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## EDITOR'S NOTE

### An Apple for the Teacher

It seems almost every teacher, at some point in his or her educational career, will receive an apple from an admiring student. Whether boldly extended by the pupil or quietly placed on the desk, students giving apples to their teachers has become a part of Americana. I can remember as a young boy giving my teacher an apple. I really don't remember why I chose to present my teacher with a gift of fruit, but I suppose I heard of the ritual or viewed the symbolic gesture and decided to join in this gift giving custom.

But have you ever wondered why we choose to give our teachers apples? Why not a box of red pens? It seems all of us had our cleverly constructed compositions returned having bled to death, evidenced by the red ink lacing each page of our work. Or perhaps we could supply our teachers with aspirin? This simple pain reliever might prove more valuable in the long run as our teachers must juggle the most demanding of schedules often with less than cooperative classes which are interested more in when recess begins rather than memorizing the multiplication table.

But it seems that apples, the fruit

cultivated by ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans and now grown all over the globe, have become the symbolic gift intimately tied with teaching. Many theories exist regarding the development of the gift. Some say students learning their alphabet were taught "A" was for apple and would give apples in the hopes of securing an "A" on their assignments. Others claim apples have been associated with knowledge; therefore, teachers, who serve as a primary source of imparting knowledge to students, deserve such a symbolic gift. But the most interesting theory revolves around the value of the apple in relation to the value of the teacher.

Apples are prized for their durability and versatility and at times fetch a very high price per bushel. Food, which could be preserved for extended periods of time, was quite valuable to pioneering settlers in the 1800s. In that era, cash poor families would offer teachers a small luxury, an apple, in appreciation for their service to the students, families, and communities they served.

Regardless of the history behind the giving of apples, we can definitively say the apple represents the value we place on teachers. Teaching is a dedicated profession, committed to the intellectual development of society's most precious resource: students. Quality teachers pour themselves into the hearts, minds, and lives of their students. A teacher can spark a life long interest in learning. A teacher can open a mind to new horizons. A teacher can guide a life to truth and forever change the course of a student's destiny.

The value of shaping quality educators, who are personally committed to Jesus Christ, is unparalleled. At Trinity College of Florida we are dedicated to growing minds grounded in the truth of God's Word who will become educators in the 21st century. The value of a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Trinity College of Florida extends beyond the classroom and into the hearts and souls of the students who take up this challenging call. At Trinity College of Florida, training tomorrow's teachers today is just the beginning!



Kevin D. O'Farrell, Editor



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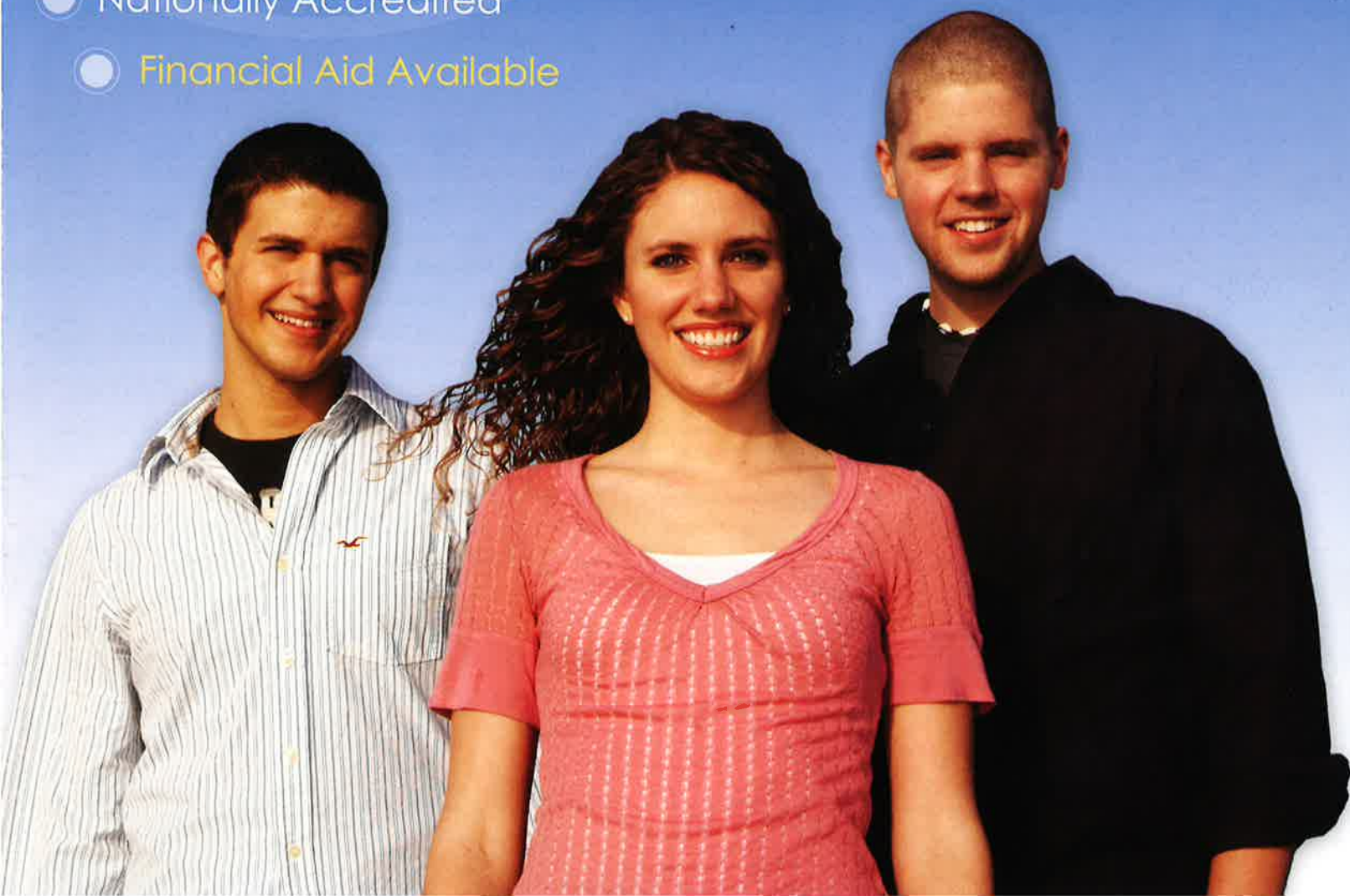


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# A Servant Heart for Growing Minds

by Kevin D. O'Farrell

"It's very exciting when a student gets it. You want them to understand. It's a rewarding feeling," says Faye Millan as she sits behind her desk at the Day Spring Academy for Education and the Arts in Port Richey, Florida. Faye, the 2003 Valedictorian of Trinity College of Florida, is entering her sixth year of teaching. For the previous five years, she taught third grade at the Spring Hill Christian Academy before joining the faculty at Day Spring. The Day Spring Academy is a charter school founded in 2000 and operates separate elementary and middle school campuses. Since its inception, Day Spring has earned an "A" each year by the Florida Department of Education for its ability to produce students which exceed state mandated requirements. It is at Day Spring Academy where Faye Millan finds herself with a new class of students eager to begin each day.



Faye's 3rd grade class at Day Spring



Faye Millan, class of 2003



## Growing Excellence

Faye's philosophy regarding teaching is simple: Strive for Excellence. "We need to teach with excellence. We need to believe our students can learn and not walk into a classroom and think a child won't get it," believes Faye. The field of education is a vast and challenging arena. Teachers today are often overworked and underpaid. They are entrusted with the cognitive and social development of young minds and are asked to embrace some of the most difficult scenarios. Competing forces push and pull within the field of education and teachers often feel the effects of this constant struggle.

Yet Faye Millan only sees one challenge, "The only challenge you face is if you don't rely on God for help. When you rely on God, He gives wisdom. You'll even get ideas on the spur of the moment to help with a challenging situation. If you don't rely on God, things are more difficult. When you take it on your own, the challenges are tough because you are trying in your own strength."

## Growing Passion

Faye's own journey to becoming a teacher began when she was completing her senior year of high school. At the time, her mother was substitute teaching at Spring Hill Christian Academy. Her mother asked the Principal if Faye could substitute for a pre-kindergarten class. The Principal agreed and Faye took her first step towards teaching. "I'm a people person and I enjoyed teaching the kids, working with them, and encouraging them." As the daughter of two parents with multiple degrees in counseling, Faye thought she would follow her parents' career choice and major in counseling in college. However, her stint as a substitute teacher opened her eyes to the world of teaching.



Faye's mom passed away in February 2008 but she left behind a lasting legacy. "God used my mom. She was an awesome lady. She



loved the Lord and she taught us the Word of God. God used her to pour into my life and my sister's life. God used her to pour into us and now we are pouring into others," says Faye.

### *Growing Influence*

As Faye prepared to enter college, she chose Trinity College of Florida because it was a smaller Christian college within commuting distance and had a solid education program. It was through her experiences at

Trinity that Faye's educational horizon expanded. Faye remembers the way professors, like Michelle Chauncey, impacted her life, "God used Professor Chauncey to

prepare me for the field I'm in. She helped to expand our vision of teaching options to show we didn't have to just teach in a Christian school setting; we could also teach in a public school and God could use us there." Faye also remembers how her education professors helped prepare her for teaching with early field experience, developing professional portfolios, and requiring her and fellow classmates to take the Florida Teaching

Certificate Exam. "This was all very helpful because the Florida Teaching Certificate is what employers are looking for in the public school system," said Faye. After graduating from Trinity, Faye remains in contact with professors like Michelle Chauncey. "We had lunch and she [Chauncey] asked if I had heard about a new requirement. Even though I am gone from Trinity, God still used her to help me learn something I needed to know."

Not only were professors influential in Faye's development, but also the staff at the College was used to impact her life. God used executive personnel, like Billie Skinner, to provide needed

encouragement. "Billie Skinner was a personal mentor to me. She is a beautiful, elegant lady. She would write a scripture verse on a card and place it in my mail box. I kept those cards. It was just what I needed to get through the day," Faye recounts. Mentors like these gave Faye the tools and support she needed to strive for excellence while allowing her to grow academically and spiritually.

### *Growing Need*

When asked what is the greatest reward received from teaching, Faye quickly responds, "Seeing the Lord change people." Faye sees her role as a tool for changing lives. "It excites me to see how God can use me to help people. It is Him working through me." Faye recounts of one young student in her class who suffered from turrets. At the beginning of the year the young boy was on medication and having a difficult time in class. Faye was concerned about the boy's progress and social interaction with the other children. Over the course of the year she maintained a patient and positive attitude while praying for her troubled student. By the end of the school year, a change had taken place. "He was off his medication and much more at ease in class. I really began to understand him and his needs," remembers Faye.

Although relatively new in the field of education, Faye has witnessed two great needs which exist at the heart of teaching. "As teachers, we need to love our students and be open to asking God for wisdom rather than relying on what we know," believes Faye. These simple yet profound statements capture the heart of Faye Millan. She believes strongly in the critical role education plays in the overall development of a child, "For children, these are very important years. Teachers have an important role to play in their lives."

### *Growing Gratitude*

Faye Millan is a grateful person. She is grateful for her family who exposed her early to the Word of God and helped her build a strong foundation of Faith. She is grateful for Trinity College of Florida and the people who have and continue to make an impact on her life. "God directed my steps to Trinity and it worked out beautifully." And she is grateful for the calling of being a teacher. "For Christians, teaching is a calling. A calling God has put in peoples' lives," adds Faye. For Faye Millan, it's all about having a servant heart and it is that servant heart which God can use to grow minds to change the world!





# A Growing Value

by Michelle B. Chauncey



Teaching is a popular and noble career path and there are numerous avenues available to those who wish to pursue a degree in education. Students can choose from an education program at a public, private, or Christian college. There are large, medium, and small education programs. The choices are vast. But what are the benefits of attending a Christian college like Trinity College of Florida to major in education? Why would a prospective student choose a smaller school over a larger university or a Christian college over a public or private institution?

The value of an education program at a college like Trinity College of Florida is priceless. So grab a cup of hot coffee, settle into a comfortable chair, sit back, relax, and let's explore the possibilities.

## *The Value of the Word*

For individuals desiring to study the Bible, as well as, the field of education, Trinity College of Florida is the ideal choice. Trinity's Bible professors challenge students to explore and appreciate the foundation the Word of God plays in each academic discipline. The curriculum requires each student to study the Scriptures to help students develop Biblical insight and discernment. This commitment to the Word of God will prove useful not only in personal life development but also in one's professional career.

Education majors at Trinity College of Florida have the opportunity to develop a sound Biblical philosophy of education which proves useful regardless of whether one teaches in a Christian or public school setting. Education graduates are taught how to be Christian leaders wherever the Lord leads them. They are able to see teaching as a God given ministry to impact the lives of students, parents, staff, faculty, and administration in various education settings. Graduates also learn how to impact educational

policy and curriculum in the classroom, as well as, understand the legal boundaries in diverse teaching venues.

## *The Value of Community*

Here at Trinity College of Florida, education majors are given the opportunity to study in an intimate academic setting. This distinct environment allows students to get to know their fellow peers and professors in a personal setting. Students discover some of the most wonderful and caring people through close relationships at Trinity. Students at Trinity pray for one another and help their fellow classmates to grow spiritually, intellectually, and socially. A smaller college setting creates a less intimidating atmosphere to ask questions, share needs, participate in class projects, and discuss topics. Students sense the support and encouragement of others as they bear one another's burdens and celebrate one another's achievements. This dynamic creates lifelong friendships and, quite frankly, allows students to have a lot of fun while delving into the vivid minds of young children to shape their thinking. Teaching is a gift that must be developed. Although one may have the gift, it still needs to be developed just as a gifted musician or athlete still must practice and develop his or her talent.

## *The Value of Experience*

The education program at Trinity College of Florida gives individuals the opportunity to observe Christian and charter school settings, as well as, public school settings. They participate in hands-on, practicum experiences allowing them to work with classroom teachers and students in many different schools and grades. They get to know what they like and don't like and where they believe they will fit in best in the world of education. Education majors at Trinity have the opportunity to learn the advantages and disadvantages of various school settings and to spend time with classmates helping them to develop and refine their teaching skills.

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Students studying education are afforded the opportunity to study educational theory and apply it in nearby schools with practicums and internships. They grow and mature and are delighted as God shows them insights about themselves and stretches them in ways which are challenging. The teaching skills learned at Trinity are valuable in situations beyond the classroom, like children's church, youth groups, and in adult education settings. Here at Trinity College of Florida students are given the training to integrate Biblical values with various career paths.

### *The Value of Choice*

One of the unique elements of the education program at Trinity is the gift of choice. Although students are required to familiarize themselves with various school settings, each student is presented with the option to complete their required student teaching internship in a public, Christian, charter or, if they are inclined toward the mission field, a mission school overseas. This freedom of choice is simply not available in most secular colleges and universities. As we trust in the Lord's leading to bring students to Trinity, we trust in His leading to direct our students toward the professional setting where He wants each one to be used. The demand for qualified teachers remains constant in every setting. One student may sense God's call to a teaching ministry in a local Christian school, another on the foreign mission field, and another in a charter or public school. The diversity of experience that Trinity provides offers each individual the opportunity to confirm God's direction.

Our philosophy is to provide our students with an array of opportunities and choices which will empower each student to have an effect on their world and sphere of influence. We don't want our students to be afraid; we want them to be well trained,

competent, and confident; ready to make a difference in the world in whatever setting God desires. We want them to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to learn, live, and lead others to do the same.

### *The Value for You*

The value of choosing an education program like the one at Trinity College of Florida is clear. For students interested in attaining an education degree and in studying the Word of God, Trinity College of Florida is the choice for you. If you enjoy teaching and have a heart of compassion for children, then the field of education is a rewarding career choice. You do not have to be at the top of your class academically, but you do have to be committed to being a responsible and hard-working student. God is looking for individuals who are willing to feed His sheep. He is looking for people who are willing to invest their lives to serve students and shape the next generation. He is looking for leaders who are willing to be held to a higher standard, that of a teacher. He is looking for teachers with a vision for what He can accomplish through them.

**Michelle B. Chauncey** is Assistant Professor of Elementary Education and Program Director at Trinity College of Florida.



Students on the campus of Trinity College of Florida





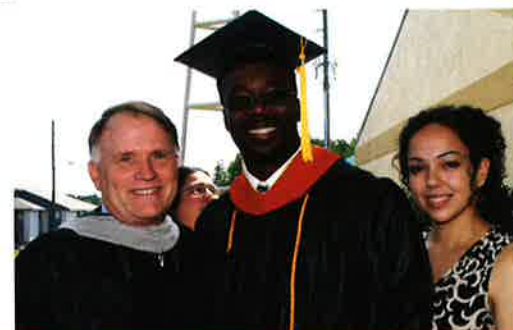


# GIVING *Gratitude* FOR THE



Starting from the top, left to right by row: The invited guests enjoy a wonderful evening; Former President Dr. Bill Lanpher and Board of Trustee Chairman Dr. Tom Ash; Student Joe Cruz with sister Chelita Stoner; Alumni Officers Gather before the evening; Current students took time to join the annual celebration; Professor and Alumnus Frank Dipronio & wife Pamela; Alumnus Dennis Gilbert ('76) and Mark Raddish ('79) connect before the banquet; Dean & Jessica Kallivrousis enjoy conversation with Dr. & Mrs. Tom Woodward; Teen Life Associates Table.





# 2008 *Banquet & Graduates*



On Friday, May 2, 2008 over 450 invited guests dined at Edinburgh Hall at the Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club in Palm Harbor, Florida. Alumni, current students, faculty, staff, and friends of the College gathered for an evening of celebration, music, and recognition of God's work at Trinity College of Florida. The evening's theme was: A Year of Gratitude. Dove Award winner Kenn & Angela Mann and the Music Ministry of First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks entertained the guests while Dr. Charlie Martin, former Senior Pastor of the 6,000 member First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks, provided the keynote address. Dr. Martin challenged the guests to get connected to the College's exciting new plans through prayerful and financial support.



The following morning the College community gathered at The Living Word Church in New Port Richey, Florida to commemorate the graduating class of 2008. Degrees were conferred on thirty-three graduates entering various ministry and professional careers. During his commencement address, Dr. Mark T. O'Farrell, President of Trinity College of Florida, challenged the graduating class never to lose the wonder of the church, the call, or the Christ.



Starting from the top, left to right by row: Graduating students gather before commencement; Angie Confalone celebrates with family; Naomi Loeffler and Dr. Greg Strayer after graduation; Excitement is shared by graduates prior to commencement; Dr. Tom Woodward congratulates Ricardo Stoner and wife Chelita, Graduating Senior Jonathan Robinson with wife Jessica; President O'Farrell addresses the graduates; TV Personalities and Alumni Hermon & Sharron Bailey; Alumni Rev. Nate & Patricia Dye enjoying the reception; Graduate Josh Plazak celebrates with family.





# RAW MINISTRY

in the

## *First Person*

by Joe Cruz

*There* I was, about to embark into uncharted regions of my heart wondering if I was ready to give myself to raw ministry. As I stood in the midst of Belo Horizonte, Brazil, my focus quickly turned from what I wanted to accomplish to how God would use me. I was ready and willing to see what God would do on this missions trip.

### *Outside a Comfort Zone*

I started the trip with a lack of sleep; but when I reached the church in Belo Horizonte I realized it was worth it all. We arrived at 1:30 am Saturday and the families we were to stay with were waiting for us. I couldn't believe the servant hearts of our host families. My Portuguese was very limited and my host family did not speak English. I was worried it would be strange to live with a family I didn't know, but God had a way of working everything out. Being outside of my comfort zone in a new culture and new language was a huge growing period.



Students at a local public school gather to hear from the missions team.

I was fascinated by the fact the team did not know exactly what we were doing on this trip. It was the uncertainty which broke me out of my mold and prepared me for the ministry God wanted. Little did I know I was going to be singing in Portuguese during the trip. It was great to have my perfectionism thrown out the window. I was able to make mistakes and realize God was still receiving the glory and honor. Regardless of how I felt, I knew the message of Christ was being proclaimed and that was what mattered most. The





Trinity Students help children with their craft projects.



Joe (third from left) with teens.



Trinity College students in the City Square.

challenge about raw ministry is making oneself able and willing to do anything on a moment's notice for God's glory.

Teaching Sunday School to people my parents' age was a daunting experience. I wanted to make sure the message of God came across accurately and clearly. I was nervous beforehand but it was during these times the power of God showed through. In my weakness His strength was shown. It was during those raw ministry moments, I witnessed the Holy Spirit moving mightily through myself and my team.

## *Opportunities at the Square*

Later in the trip, we visited the city square; a bustling place full of people and activity. It was here we had another raw ministry opportunity. What was originally to be a sightseeing day in Ouro Preto, changed. The city square became the perfect place to evangelize and connect with people. What was to be a short trip turned into a witnessing opportunity spanning several hours. I had the idea of getting a group picture at the square for the college. Here we met a group of kids and soon realized this would be a wonderful place to reach people with the news of Christ. Within a heavily Catholic area, KB, a fellow teammate, gave an impromptu Christian rap concert from the large statue in the center of the square. With music blasting from the van, the news of Christ could be heard throughout the square. While KB performed, the team prayed. God was moving in the square. Sowing the seeds of Christ was amazing but even more amazing was the life of one gentleman brought to Christ. Minutes after starting a relationship with Christ, he went to others around him and started sharing Christ with them!

## *Open Hearts at Public Schools*

A highlight of the trip was being allowed into the public schools in Brazil; this was the first time the school allowed such an experience. We weren't allowed to talk about anything "religious"; but through our involvement with the kids, they were able to see something in our lives that attracted them. Children in Brazil love rap music. Most of the children were brought to the church through KB's rap and testimony. It was at the church that we were allowed to openly talk with the kids about Christ. That night after our first meeting at the school, many

children came and accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. It was then that the emotions of the last two days struck me and I couldn't hold them in any longer. Seeing children's lives reached with the message of Christ struck at my core and I could do nothing but cry, having an inward joy that was beyond explanation.

As I longed for more to do, we moved from Belo Horizonte to Sao Benedito. We had another chance to minister in the public school. Word had spread that "the Americans" were coming and the kids looked forward to our arrival. Little did we know that the entire school would come out to see us. Many of the kids heard the gospel and later that evening we invited them to come to the church for our community block party. By this time my energy level had been exhausted. It felt like I could give no more but God gave me the strength to sing again that night. It was a great time of ministry.

## *Open Lives to Christ's Call*

When I think back to the trip and what it meant to me, I can only picture the Cross and Christ's message. It is only Christ who gives our lives meaning and purpose. People have a hole in their heart that can only be filled by Christ. It was through this realization that one particular passage of Scripture hit me. Nahum 1:7 "The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble, And He knows those who take refuge in Him". It was on the cross where Christ's arms were stretched out wide and invited people to come to Him. It is this same ministry that is continuing around the world. By taking refuge in Christ we learn our lives have to be taken up into the life of Christ. The raw ministry I experienced helped me understand this truth. My prayer is we all live this type of raw ministry in the first person.



*Joe Cruz, a junior studying Worship Ministry, was part of a team of eighteen students from Trinity College of Florida who spent twelve days on a spring break missions trip in Brazil.*



# Notables

## COLLEGE NAMES NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT

Trinity College of Florida is proud to announce that Dr. Charlie Martin has been named the new Vice President for Advancement. Dr. Martin brings over 40 years of community, faith-based, and public relations expertise, as well as, an extensive background in donor relations, capital giving, and building program experience to Trinity College of Florida.



Dr. O'Farrell and Dr. Charlie Martin

The Vice President for Advancement is a member of the President's Cabinet and reports directly to the President. The Office for Advancement oversees all fund-raising (operational and capital giving), alumni relations, public relations, and marketing activities for Trinity College of Florida.

Dr. Martin has wide-range fundraising and public relations experience, overseeing several multi-million dollar capital campaigns and the rapid expansion of the 6,000 member First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks (FBCIR) campus located in Largo, Florida. Under his tenure at FBCIR as Senior Pastor for thirty-seven years, Dr. Martin led the church through several relocations and building projects. In 1984, he was responsible for beginning the Indian Rocks Christian School, which has graduated over 530 students. He also gave leadership to begin and expand other programs which include: The Solid Rock Company; the Memorial Ministry and Memorial Gardens; the establishment of a Medical Clinic to serve the needs of the community; and The Heron House, an assisted living facility dedicated to meeting the needs of senior adults and their families.

Dr. Martin has served as the Assistant to the President and member of the College's Board of Trustees prior to being named Vice President for Advancement. He is also the recipient of the College's 2008 Prokopé Award. The Prokopé Award is the highest service award one can receive from Trinity College of Florida. Dr. Martin graduated from Trinity College of Florida in 1967 and later received a Doctor of Divinity degree from the College.

## EPIPHANIES CAFÉ GETS A NEW LOOK

In March the newly remodeled Epiphanies Café reopened on campus with a fresh look and new logo. Prior to the opening, a student logo design contest was held to generate a logo which would serve as the capstone to the remodeled Café.

Numerous student entries were submitted and a judging panel composed of College staff selected the winning entry. The judges unanimously selected Alejandro Escalante's design. Alejandro, a sophomore studying youth ministry, took part in the logo unveiling in Chapel and the ribbon cutting ceremony held later that day when students, faculty, and staff were treated to free coffee and fresh baked cookies.



Epiphanies Café student workers prepare for the grand reopening



Alejandro Escalante and Dr. O'Farrell (center) prepare to cut the ribbon

The judges are not the only ones enjoying the new logo and feel of Epiphanies; students are also commenting on the improved atmosphere. "Epiphanies is the most inviting spot on campus. It's very classy," said Laurie Laxton, a student at Trinity College, "I really like it!"

Along with fresh paint, new merchandising displays, and a media center housing the Café's Nintendo Wii, the Senior Class of 2008 purchased new bar stools for the Café as its gift to the College.

Epiphanies Café at Trinity College of Florida is the place to gather and enjoy a freshly brewed cup of Bernie's Coffee, enjoy a delicious pastry, use the wireless web connection, or just kick back and relax. Epiphanies is centrally located in the Watson Administration Building and provides a place to enjoy a break and connect with friends.





# Alumni UPDATES

## Teaching

### A PART OF HIS COMMAND

The impact of Christian teachers will only be measured in eternity and we are pleased Trinity has a vital role in training Godly men and women in this field. Our Alumni have had a part in establishing strong Christian Schools such as Northside Christian in St. Petersburg, FL (Ken & Dottie Moon, 1957), Indian Rocks Christian School in Largo, Florida (Charlie Martin, 1967), and The South Ridge Academy in Ohio (Roger 1964 & Mottrie 1965 Hogle).

Many of our alumni have been involved in overseas teaching. There is a wide range of opportunities demanding qualified teachers on the mission field, such as: teaching missionary children in home or satellite schools and teaching in academies like the Rift Valley Academy in Kenya. Alumni like Randy (1986) and Karen (1982) Board and Linda Sandy (1986) are involved in teaching English as a second language and writing curriculum for Christian Education.

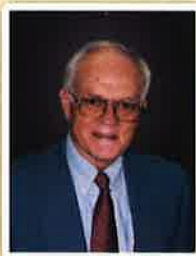
We cannot overlook the great need for Godly teachers in our public schools. Graduates like Dotty Stephenson Gurbikian (1964) are helping to reach students right here in the United States. Trinity College of Florida continues to prepare preachers and train teachers to fulfill the mandate of Godly instruction. Many Trinity graduates are known for steadfastly teaching the Word of God in the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom and understanding (Proverbs 9:10).

Alumni, please continue to pray for the current students at Trinity College of Florida and uphold the faculty and staff that all may enjoy the best year yet!

God bless you!

Les Harris (1964)

Alumni Association President



## 1950s

### BUD (1950) AND JOSEPHINE BOLDT

Bud and Josephine celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 13, 2008. Bud, a retired missionary and minister, preaches at Foxwood Park in Ocala, FL.  
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### LYNN POWERS (1955)

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## 1960s

### RUSSELL (1964) AND SYLIVA BAILEY

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### ROY (1968) AND MARGARET (1967) LYTLE

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### WOODRUFF H. SLAPPEY (1969)

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### DAVID AND CAROL (APPLETON) STATON (1969)

David is currently serving as pastor at two rural Methodist Churches. Carol is the Director of Older Adult Care at the St. James United Methodist Church in Athens, GA.

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## 1990s

### RICHARD AND GLADYS (REMALEY, 1991) PREMO

Richard and Gladys celebrated their 10th Wedding Anniversary on May 1, 2008 and are involved in sharing the gospel through the field of Christian Arts.

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### PERRY (1993) AND ROLINE SMIT

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## 2000s

### PHILIP (2002) AND TAMMY IZON

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# Alumni UPDATES



## **TOMMY (2002) PARK**

Tommy graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary in May 2007 and is serving as the campus minister for the Reformed University Fellowship on the campus of The University of North Florida.

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## **JOHN (2003) AND DONNA PRICE**

John recently completed his Master of Divinity Degree at Asbury Theological Seminary. John is currently the pastor of Clintwood United Methodist Church in Clintwood, Virginia. John is pictured next to the statue of John Wesley on the Wilmore Campus of Asbury Theological Seminary.

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## **MARK (2003) AND JESSICA (HEISERMAN, 2008) SAWYER**



Mark and Jessica celebrated the birth of their first child, Josiah Matthew Sawyer on May 7, 2008. Mark is the Admissions Director at Trinity College of Florida. Jessica is a stay-at-home mom.

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## **ANDREW CONWAY (2005)**

Andrew was recently ordained by the Christian & Missionary Alliance. He serves as the Associate Pastor at the First Alliance Church of St. Petersburg. He is currently pursuing a masters degree in Teaching English as a Foreign Language

(TEFL) at the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL.

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## **ZACHARY (2006) AND SHANNON (KELLER, 2004) RANES**

Zak and Shannon were married on July 19, 2008. Zak serves as the Registrar and Associate Dean at Trinity College of Florida.

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## **JOSHUA (2008) AND SARAH (CHANDLER, 2007) PLAZAK**

Joshua and Sarah were married on February 15, 2008. Joshua works at Trinity College of Florida in the Office of Admissions. Sarah is an English teacher at Elfers Christian School in Elfers, FL.

2711 Betty Place, Holiday FL 3469



## **RICARDO (2008) AND CHELITA STONER**

Ricardo and Chelita were married on January 19, 2008. Ricardo currently works for Pennsylvania Life Insurance and is in the process of being accredited by the Christian & Missionary Alliance. Chelita works as an occupational therapist.

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## *Alumni Home Goings*

### **Judith L. Seiter (1967)**

August 2007

### **Paul D. Kangas (1959)**

November 3, 2007

### **Robert E. Matherly (1953)**

December 20, 2007

### **Florence B. (Kerrison, attd. 1940) Schell**

January 2008

### **Emily (Cavanaugh, 1939) Massey**

February 6, 2008

### **Carl D. Bjorkman (1965)**

February 14, 2008

### **Terrill Lytle (1988)**

April 1, 2008

### **Leon M. Detweiler (attd. 1967)**

April 2, 2008

### **Leland Carroll Davidson (1962)**

August 18, 2008



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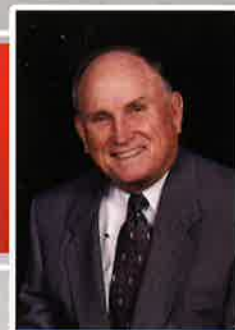
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# The GROWING *Choice*

by Dr. Paul L. Alford



For a high school student, choosing the right college or university is one of the most important decisions of one's life. I can think of possibly two more life decisions which are of more importance, but even then the college choice affects the other two. There are numerous life decisions made during the four or five years spent in college. So how do I choose the right school for me? Why would the Lord want me to attend a Christian college rather than a state school? Let me provide you some reasons I have discovered over the years from personal experience.

## *Growing Academically in Knowledge & Truth*

Attending a Christian college is important in the realm of academics because each course is taught with a Christian World View and a World Christian View. For example, the Christian World View means that in teaching science you begin with the hypothesis that God created the universe with a plan. In literature and history you approach and analyze these subjects with professors who believe the Bible is the Word of God. In English Literature there are so many Christian writers, it is beneficial to have professors who understand the authors' positions in relation to Scripture.

The World Christian View emphasizes that in each discipline the foundation is a concern for all of mankind, not one of ethnocentricity. God wants you to be included in His master plan. God is concerned about you understanding the universe and your place in it. God has a place in what has and what will happen and a Christian college facilitates this discovery and journey.

Thomas Jefferson, when he founded the University of Virginia, stated he wanted each graduate to have a thorough knowledge of three disciplines: English, History, and the Bible. This is what a student receives from a Christian college. At a Christian college, students are required to study a number of Bible courses, not just as literature but as the Word of God. In these courses students study under professors who invest individual time with students. At a school like Trinity, you are seen as a person, not a number.

## *Growing Relationally with Man & God*

When choosing a college, the most important issue is to make sure your will is to do His will in life. Once you have made this decision, you can then depend completely on God for guidance.

In college most students are away from home for the first time. Student life becomes very important. The Office of Student Development arranges many enjoyable activities. Students get to know one other and learn to work and live together. It is usually during this period of one's life that he or she chooses their life partner. It is easier to find a Christian mate who shares the same goals in life when they are found in the context of a Christ-centered spiritual atmosphere.

This spiritual atmosphere is created in several ways. Students are encouraged to become a part of and serve in a local church. In the classroom professors incorporate prayer. What a difference it makes to begin each class sincerely praying for the needs of fellow students. There are weekly chapel services held on campus where the Bible becomes more than a textbook. Outstanding men and women of God share their walk in the Lord and encourage students to follow Christ. Trinity College of Florida is well known for having some of the great personalities on campus over the years: men such as Vance Havner, W.B. Riley, Roy Gustoson, Billy Graham, Charles Martin, and many more.

At a Christian college, life is more than classroom experience. Couple this with the high academic knowledge provided by thoroughly competent, well prepared professors, and the value of an education at a Christian college cannot be beat. Trinity College of Florida is the Growing Choice!

*Paul L. Alford served as the sixth President of Trinity College of Florida. He currently serves as a Minister-At-Large for The Christian & Missionary Alliance.*



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**Friday**

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Homecoming Basketball Game

**November 8th**

**Saturday**

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