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Heritage Foundation Chief Economist

Mr. Stephen Moore:

The Importance of Free Enterprise

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Students Serving Others



Jerry C. Davis, President

I am always pleased but never surprised that College of the Ozarks students and School of the Ozarks students utilize their spring break to serve others, and that is what happened this spring. Our College students traveled to inner-city Memphis to help a family whose roof was in desperate need of repair and used the opportunity to share the Gospel with everyone in the neighborhood.

Our high school student leadership team for the "Pitch in for Patriots™" club traveled to a Veterans Affairs Hospital in Arkansas. They visited with the patients and shared gifts so Veterans know there is a group of high school students in Missouri willing to "serve others who have served." Read more about their spring mission break on pg 5.

Spring, like the fall semester, brings many activities and speakers. In April, the College welcomed four distinguished speakers to participate in a Free Enterprise Forum in honor of the late Lady Margaret Thatcher, who spoke at the College at a Free Enterprise and Work Ethic Convocation in 1997.

The plenary speakers included Mr. John L. (Johnny) Morris, Founder and CEO of Bass Pro Shops and developer of Big Cedar Lodge, Top of the Rock Restaurant and Golf Course, Buffalo Ridge Golf Course, Dogwood Canyon, among many other unique destinations that highlight the beauty of the Ozarks. C of O alumna Mrs. Rebekah Batson (class of 2003), started her own thriving business, Mrs. B's Accessories. She also started a project entitled, "Sew Nicaragua," that teaches women how to sew and market their goods. She shared with students the importance of using their talents in free enterprise, as well as helping others. Mr. Charles O'Reilly served as the final plenary speaker. He has been with O'Reilly Auto Parts (now a public company) for 39 years and currently serves as the Vice-Chairman of its Board. Please read about these amazing entrepreneurs on pages 6 and 7.

The Free Enterprise Forum culminated with Chief Economist of the Heritage Foundation, Mr. Stephen Moore. His extensive experience and understanding of how capitalism impacts the economy was enlightening. Students were privileged to hear from such an accomplished economist, who got his start working as an economics researcher for President Reagan. You may enjoy reading about his message on pages 8 and 9.

This edition of the *Ozark Visitor* also includes *The Keeter Report*, which will update you on all the great things happening at the College's laboratory school. Grades K-6 will be added this fall. Also of interest on pages 26-27 is the once-in-a-lifetime trip seniors took to Greece and Italy to experience first-hand the roots of the western civilization.

Please enjoy reading this spring edition of the *Ozark Visitor* and God bless.

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Presented to College of the Ozarks: Flags Taken on Recent Missions in Afghanistan

College of the Ozarks alumnus/First Lieutenant Caleb Dunnam recently returned with the 1-135th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion from Afghanistan. Only three days after returning to the Ozarks, he made a special trip to

his alma mater to present three special items that he brought home with him—an American flag, C of O flag, and an empty shell from his Apache helicopter that he took with him on a convoy security mission. He presented them to C of O Executive Vice

President Dr. Fred Mullinax on February 12.

Lt. Dunnam acquired 230 combat hours during more than 100 mission assignments during his deployment. Interestingly, he served under Battalion Commander Lieutenant Colonel James Schreffler, who also serves as a C of O Associate Professor of Military Science and was instrumental in recruiting/training him for the C of O Army ROTC program that Lt. Dunnam completed while attending school. Since his graduation, Lt. Dunnam has served as a commissioned officer in the Missouri Army National Guard.

Lt. Dunnam said that he is glad to be home; his wife, Rebekah, is overjoyed with his return. College of the Ozarks is also pleased to have him, Col. Schreffler, and all of the 1-135th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion back in Missouri.



C of O Alumnus Commissioned into the Marines

Lieutenant Daniel Keech (C of O class of 2013) was commissioned into the United States Marine Corps on Saturday, February 8, during a private ceremony held at The Keeter Center. He entered Officer Candidate School in 2011, while he was a student at College of the Ozarks, and completed two, six-week courses at the Quantico, Virginia, Marine Corps base.

Lt. Keech will attend Infantry School at Quantico for six months. Following that, he will attend Flight School at either Pensacola or Corpus Christi.

Military service is not unique in the Keech family. Lt. Keech's eldest brother, Christopher Keech (C of O class of 2001), serves as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy. Lt. Commander Keech assisted with the ceremony by passing the sword (a long tradition in commissioning ceremonies) to his younger brother.

A host of family, friends, and College of the Ozarks faculty members and administrators attended the ceremony, which was conducted by Springfield, Missouri, officer recruiter Captain Daniel Webber.



Captain Webber conducts the official oath into the United States Marine Corps.



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Giving Spotlight: Gift Annuity

- ★ **What is a gift annuity?** A Charitable Gift Annuity is a contract between you and the College of the Ozarks. In exchange for a gift of cash or property, the College agrees to make fixed payments to you for the remainder of your life.
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- ★ **How are payout rates determined?** Payout rates are based on your age – the older the age of the person receiving the gift annuity payments, the higher the rate. The College adheres to the rates set by the American Council on Gift Annuities (ACGA). The minimum amount required for a gift annuity is \$5,000.
- ★ **What are the rates?**

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70	5.1
75	5.8
80	6.8
85	7.8
90	9.0

SPRING MISSION BREAK

Service Over Self

By: Lauren Meyer

While most college students are excited about relaxing on the beach for spring break, C of O students once again prove that they are dedicated to putting "service over self."

In March, students spent their spring break on a mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee. The trip's focus was to support, encourage, and share Jesus' love with people of inner-city Memphis, while giving hope to a struggling community. C of O students Caleb McElvain, Titus Goodrich, Michael Gloden, John Dotson, Collin Hill, Aimee Good, Abigail Rives, Tiffany Elliott, Rachel Sampson, Arica Plunkett, and sponsors Paul and Brittney Baker partnered with the Christian organization Service Over Self (SOS).

As a non-profit organization, SOS has hosted more than 20,000 volunteers and repaired more than 700 homes in the 25 years of its existence. It serves the Memphis area by providing home repairs as a vehicle to build relationships and cultivate Christian conversations with neighbors in the Binghamton area of Memphis.

When the C of O students arrived, they met with SOS team leaders and the family who owned



the house they would help repair.

"We met Ms. Mary Edwards and her disabled son, Joe Bean," said C of O student Michael Gloden. "They were grateful for our help, and Ms. Edwards made us food and even prayed over us."

The students focused on restoring Edwards' damaged roof. The student volunteers removed the old shingles, added new decking boards to the roof, and re-shingled approximately half of the roof in only four days.

"I believe this trip gave our group the opportunity to witness how God is using his people to spread the Gospel in Memphis, by being intentional neighbors throughout its communities," said Baker. "We, as broken peo-

ple, were able to bless and be blessed by broken people, and God used a broken roof to give us this experience."

Future plans have been made to return to the Memphis community to continue to build relationships and to provide services to families in the area. They also include venturing out to an extended neighborhood to reach more individuals in need.

"We are excited about the work God is doing in Memphis and have been blessed to be a part of it," said C of O Campus Minister Andrew Bolger. "In the future, we hope to continue to be involved whenever and wherever God would have us."



School of the Ozarks freshmen took part in their own mission at the 15th Street Baptist Church in St. Louis. They cleared a vacant lot and turned it into a community garden.

SPRING 2014 FREE ENTERPRISE FORUM:

By Charles Elliott

In preparation for the Forum's Keynote speaker Mr. Stephen Moore, Chief Economist for the Heritage Foundation, Forum participants heard from three accomplished entrepreneurs.

Mr. Johnny Morris

Starting in 1972 selling fishing tackle out of the back of his father's store, Mr. John L. (Johnny) Morris has earned a reputation as one of the most visionary and influential retailers of the last 50 years. Often referred to as the "Walt Disney" of retailers, he was recognized by the National Retail Federation as the "Retail Innovator of the Year in 2008" for his innovative and entertaining store concepts. Today Bass Pro Shops is the nation's premier outdoor retailer with 65 destination stores across the nation and Canada, hosting over 120 million shoppers and 90 million website visitors annually.



In 1987, Mr. Morris, with the help of his wife, Jeanie, began the development of Big Cedar Lodge. Referred to as "America's Premier Wilderness Resort," Big Cedar Lodge hosts over one million visitors annually and was recently voted the #6 "Resort in the World for Families" by *Travel and Leisure* magazine.

He is a devoted supporter of conservation causes. In 2009, he received the Theodore Roosevelt "Lifetime Conservation Achievement Award." In 2012, the 50-state fish and wildlife agencies named Mr. Morris as their "Citizen Conservationist of the Year."

In his home state of Missouri, he created Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, Big Cedar Lodge, The Wolf School, and the new National Fish and Wildlife Museum to help introduce more youth and families to our nation's outdoor heritage.

Mrs. Rebekah Batson

Mrs. Rebekah Batson graduated in 2003 from College of the Ozarks with a family and consumer sciences degree and minors in interior design and clothing and textiles. She started "Mrs. B's Accessories" in December of 2008, after the birth of her third child, a little girl (after having two boys), as an attempt to save money.

Being a business owner, she understands the struggles in running and sustaining a small business, as well as being a wife and mother. All of these things led Mrs. Batson to start the "Women in Business Shopping Event." This event features Missouri women who are business owners, direct sales reps, service providers, hand crafters, nonprofits, and more.



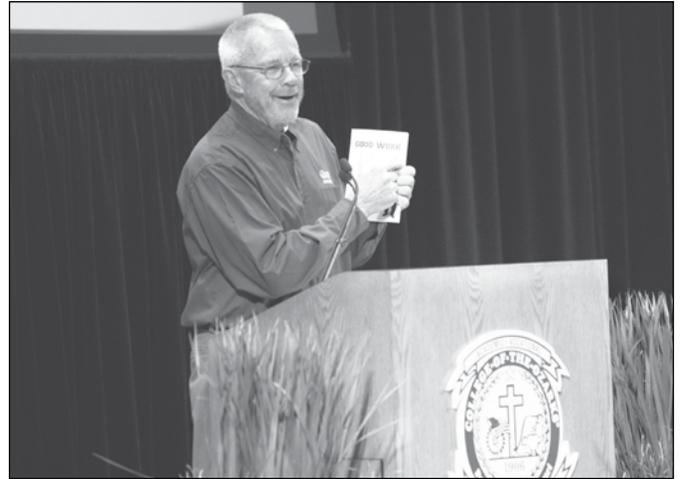
In September of 2012, Mrs. Batson was invited to join Project Hope in Nicaragua, where she utilized an unused sewing machine to teach women how to sew. She traveled there for two weeks in June of 2013 and again this March. She considers it an honor working "as a small piece of the big things that are happening there," teaching basic sewing skills, developing new sewing projects, and helping advance the skills of women who already sew. Sometimes it's for little personal projects, and other times she teaches women to sew as a trade, which in return can help them earn income for their family. Mrs. Batson looks forward to leading her first team this summer.

Mr. Charlie O'Reilly

Mr. Charles (Charlie) O'Reilly is Vice-Chairman of O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., and had been with the O'Reilly Auto Parts company for 39 years when he retired in 2002. When he joined the family business, it consisted of one location in Springfield, Missouri. O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., is now a public company with 4,000 locations in 42 states and employs approximately 53,000 team members.

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Mr. O'Reilly has been involved with many charitable organizations over the years, serving as Chairman of United Way of the Ozarks and President of the Community Partnership of the Ozarks. He is married to Mary Beth, founder of the Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks. They have three children. Pat is a developer in Springfield, Missouri; Tim is an attorney in Springfield, Missouri; and Ryan is a published author and a pilot for OzAir in Springfield, Missouri. Mr. O'Reilly's hobbies include cattle farming on his 288-acre farm, biking, and traveling.



FORUM IN MEMORY OF LADY MARGARET THATCHER

This year's Free Enterprise Forum was in memory of Lady Margaret Thatcher, a staunch advocate of free enterprise, who passed away on April 8, 2013, at the age of 87.

Lady Thatcher, Great Britain's first and only female prime minister, visited College of the Ozarks to speak at a "Free Enterprise and Work Ethic" Community Convocation on February 21, 1997. Lady Thatcher delighted the audience with her speech on "Challenges Facing the 20th Century."



Alternating American and British flags waved down Opportunity Avenue when College of the Ozarks President Jerry C. Davis gave Lady Thatcher a tour of the *Hard Work U* campus, which she enjoyed. While on campus, Lady Thatcher visited the Edwards Mill, Fruitcake & Jelly Kitchen, Williams Memorial Chapel, and the Ralph Foster Museum. In her gracious way, Lady Thatcher took time to look, listen, and ask questions, as well as shake hands with and greet every student with whom she came in contact.



SPRING FREE ENTERPRISE FORUM:

By Charles Elliott

With his energy, passion, optimism, and humor Mr. Stephen Moore captured his audience's attention immediately. The renowned economist was amazed at the *Hard Work U* story and students. "In all sincerity, in the eight or ten years that I've been doing this—speaking at some of the most prestigious universities in the nation, such as Yale, Princeton, Harvard, UCLA, and Duke—I've never experienced what I experience at this great institution. You are truly beautiful people inside and out." He opened with this statement, and as the Chief Economist for the Heritage Foundation and contributing economics writer for *The Wall Street Journal*, his compliment was flattering.

"I am optimistic about the future, and seeing so many great young people here today reinforces that idea for me," said Mr. Moore. College of the Ozarks students, School of the Ozarks students, along with students from visiting institutions, attended the Forum to hear insightful and empirical economic data on our country and how it can improve economically. Students also heard what they can do individually to make a difference. No one anticipated hearing such a positive, inspiring economic report in the era of negative news. Mr. Moore focused on what is right with the economy and how the free enterprise system affects each of us and makes it possible to right fiscal wrongs.

"Free enterprise is the 'goose that laid the golden egg.' Why are we so great? What is it? The free enterprise system!" he exclaimed. "We are still one of the fre-

"Every generation has its great challenges." Mr. Moore explained that the nation's great challenge is debt. The growing \$17 trillion debt can be dealt with in two ways: cut spending and taxes. "Once we get control of debt, we will see the biggest boom ever," he said.

est countries in the world." He provided many exciting statistics to showcase the advancements made recently in technology, medicine, and especially fossil fuels abundant in America.

Economically speaking, oil and natural gas have been carrying this country, Mr. Moore explained. North Dakota has the lowest unemployment rate out of all the states, because there is more oil there than in all of Saudi Arabia. Our American innovation of fracking has made it possible to access the oil in the hard shale.

"Within five years, if we continue to drill the way we have, we will move from an oil and gas import country to an oil and gas export country. With that, we could have a surplus balance of trade rather than a deficit. All of this is due to the American know-how and drive."

Mr. Moore shared more than oil and gas statistics, "The best is yet to come," said Moore, "We live longer



HERITAGE FOUNDATION CHIEF ECONOMIST STEPHEN MOORE

than ever before. Look at the last centuries' overwhelming message—socialism doesn't work! Capitalism does work. Health care laws will make us more poor and less healthy."

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Mr. Moore left the audience optimistic with his sentiment that we live in a nation that is still the best, and with the free enterprise system and fiscal responsibility, we can overcome economic challenges.



ABOUT STEPHEN MOORE

Mr. Stephen Moore, as Chief Economist for The Heritage Foundation, concentrates on advancing policies that increase the rate of economic growth in order to help the United States retain its position as the global economic superpower. Mr. Moore also works on budget, fiscal, and monetary policy. In addition to his focus on federal issues, he plans to showcase states that are getting fiscal issues right.

Prior to January 2014, he served as the senior economics writer and member of *The Wall Street Journal's* editorial board. Mr. Moore continues writing for *The Wall Street Journal* as a monthly economics contributor. He also serves as a **FOX News** contributor.

Mr. Moore has been a frequent contributor to the *Journal* over the years. He previously founded and served as the President of the Club for Growth, which raises money for political candidates who favor free-market economic policies. He left that position in 2004. Prior to joining the *Journal*, Mr. Moore was the President of the Free Enterprise Fund.

Over the years he has served as a senior economist on the Congressional Joint Economic Committee, as a budget expert for The Heritage Foundation, and as a senior economics fellow at the Cato Institute, where he published dozens of studies on federal and state tax and budget policy. Mr. Moore was a consultant to the



National Economic Commission in 1987 and research director for President Reagan's Commission on Privatization.

He is the author of six books, with the sixth titled—*An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of States: How Taxes, Energy, and Worker Freedom Change Everything*. He graduated from the University of Illinois and holds a master's degree in economics from George Mason University.

RELICS AMONG RUBBLE

By Charles Elliott

Can ruins, rubble, and trash of an ancient civilization help our generation explore the history of the Bible? Dr. Stephen Ortiz, Dr. Stephen Andrews, and Mr. Rusty Osborne presented on the archeological controversies, discoveries, and proofs of the biblical accounts of history on January 21.

"History is rotting in the state of Denmark," said Rusty Osborne, College of the Ozarks Assistant Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies, in his opening statement. Recently, a growing trend towards biblical minimalism has started rising in Copenhagen, in an attempt to thwart faith and reliability of the Bible. Mr. Osborne opened the evening discussing the ideas of biblical minimalism as contrary to biblical maximalism. In biblical minimalism, "only sources outside of the Bible can prove the Bible's validity i.e., the Bible cannot be considered reliable evidence for what happened in ancient Israel." In biblical maximalism, "everything within the Bible is 100 percent true and infallible; no outside sources are necessary for validity."

After the introduction, Dr. Stephen Andrews, Professor of Old Testament, Hebrew, and Archaeology and Director of Ph.D. Programs at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, explored the view to have in regard to biblical archeology. Archeology "is the study of ruins or trash," according to Dr. Andrews. "And some people make the mistake of trying to prove the Bible through archeology, rather than trying to understand the Bible through archeology."

Unfortunately, this can lead



From L: Dr. Stephen Andrews, Dr. Steve Ortiz, and Mr. Rusty Osborne

to some people faking finds and artifacts in an attempt to prove the Bible. The Bible does not need our help. Archeology can shed incredible insight into the history surrounding biblical times and biblical accounts, but the Bible is not an archeological text book. "We need to bring the Bible together with archeology," said Dr. Andrews.

"We need not focus on only one rather than the other. The goal of archeology should aim at explaining the Bible not proving it."

Lastly, Dr. Steve Ortiz, Professor of Archaeology and Biblical Backgrounds and Director of the Charles D. Tandy Institute for Archaeology, provided an overview of the archeological dig currently taking place in Gezer. This dig, ongoing for six years, recently revealed what some believe to be Solomon's bath tub, along with other layers of ruins anticipated to be a ruler's house or

a temple, and, hopefully, King Solomon's and David's temple. Passages in Joshua and Judges correlate with the location to verify the possibility of this being an actual King Solomon find.

Last year, *Christianity Today* named the Gezer dig as the archeology find of 2013. Work continues in the summers only, and this year extraordinary finds are expected as the layer is finally being reached that has been the goal of the dig for the past six years—Solomon's time period. This find correlates with biblical accounts and constitutes Dr. Ortiz's passion to search out the biblical, historical facts through archeology.

Mr. Osborne concluded the evening with this statement, "The Bible is a reliable document that can be intelligently believed and is still a matter of faith. 'The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever' (Isaiah 40:8)."

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TRAGEDY CLOSE TO HOME

By Morgan Sowell

Growing up in the small town of Crane, Missouri, I began to realize the valuable price that was paid for my freedom. My entire life I have been surrounded by American heroes; my family's military service dates back to the Civil War. Where I'm from Veterans aren't hard to come by, as I am sure is the same with anyone. I feel honored to come from a community where men and women serve or have served their country for the sake of their families.

Growing up in a rural area with much military history, I was inspired to learn more about other men and women from the area who fought for our country. While researching, I became aware of the Wright brothers' tragedy that affected a family close to my hometown, only about two minutes away in the neighboring town of Hurley. In January I had the opportunity to interview a widow of one of the brothers. After visiting with Mrs. Louella Wright Dulin, I began to understand the extreme loss this family and community endured during the Wright brothers' tragedy.

In 1941 during World War II, numerous young men from the nearby towns of Crane, Billings, and Hurley communities were drafted into the War. During that era, parents would often have more than one son drafted. As for Mr. Henry A. Wright, three of his five sons were drafted, and all three killed within four months of each other.

According to an article in the November 4, 1948, issue of the *Springfield Leader and Press*, "Three Brothers Come Home from the Wars," "Frank, Elton, and Harold Wright lost their lives in the service of their country in Europe during the war—and they arrived home together yesterday afternoon for reburial Friday afternoon in Masonic cemetery at Crane. One by one, the flag draped caskets were removed from the railroad car at the Frisco station."

Sergeant Frank Wright had served two years before his younger brothers were drafted. Sgt. Frank Wright of the 5th Infantry Division was 26 when he was killed in action on Christmas Day in 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge in Luxembourg. On August 11, 1944, the two youngest brothers, Elton and Harold, were drafted into the United States military and rushed through training at Camp Fannin in Texas. Private Elton E. Wright of the 42nd Infantry Rainbow Division died at the age of 26 on April 25, 1945, from battle wounds received that same day in Germany.

Mrs. Wright received the last letter she would ever get from her husband Harold on January 28, 1945. Only four days later, Mrs. Wright received a telegram reporting her husband was missing in action. The youngest of



Mrs. Louella Wright Dulin

the brothers, 24-year-old Private Harold Bell Wright of the 75th Division was reported a prisoner, wounded and captured, and died two days later in a German prison camp at Feissenheim, France.

"The boys hadn't made friends with their buddies, because they were taking so many casualties," Mrs. Wright Dulin said. "It was easier not knowing the man next to you."

The brothers were survived by their father Henry A. Wright; their mother Ada Ethel had passed away just a year before Elton and Harold were drafted. The funeral for the Wright brothers was directed by Wilber Maples and Army Chaplain Rev. Harold Hurst, and more than 1,200 area residents attended the funeral at the Hurley High School to honor the fallen brothers. Attendees included representatives of the National Guard, family, friends, and Adjutant General John A. Harris, representing Missouri Governor Phillip Donnelly. All came to show their respect to the Wright family. It was not only a community tragedy, but a regional one as well. According to the *Springfield Leader and Press*, "The Army Graves Registration service described the deaths of the three Wright brothers as the worst tragedy to befall any one family in the 14-state area in the middle-west."

Unfortunately, the Wright family was only one of many families that lost children in war. Four Borgstrom brothers from Utah were killed in battle. Two out of four brothers from the Niland family of Tonawanda, New York, died in battle, and their story inspired the movie "Saving Private Ryan." The five Sullivan broth-

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Veteran and New Faculty Awards Given

By Jerry McDonald

Professor of Mathematics Dr. Jamie Fugitt received the "Veteran Faculty Member C of O Five-Fold Mission Award," at the 2014 Awards Assembly held in the Royal Oak Forum of The Keeter Center on April 3, 2014.

"Dr. Fugitt is a fine mathematician and a wonderful math educator," said Dean of the College Dr. Eric Bolger. "Students in her classes appreciate her caring professionalism, the way she is able to patiently explain difficult concepts and her commitment to helping students."

The "Veteran Faculty Member C of O Five-Fold Mission Award" is given to a faculty member who has worked at least seven years at the College and who students and co-workers recognize as best embodying the College's academic, vocational, Christian, patriotic, and cultural goals.



Dr. Jamie Fugitt receives the "Veteran Faculty Member C of O Five-Fold Mission Award" from Dean of the College Dr. Eric Bolger.



Dr. Gabriela Galey receives the "New Faculty Member C of O Five-Fold Mission Award" from Dean of the College Dr. Eric Bolger.

Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Gabriela Galey received the "New Faculty Member C of O Five-Fold Mission Award."

"Dr. Galey is known to students as a superb classroom teacher," said Dean of the College Dr. Eric Bolger. "She combines the practical and theoretical knowledge that comes from being a medical doctor with a passion for student success in a way that is both challenging to and also encouraging for students."

The "New Faculty Member C of O Five-Fold Mission Award" is given to a faculty member who has worked six years or less at the College and who students and co-workers recognize as best embodying the College's academic, vocational, Christian, patriotic, and cultural goals.

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ers, all serving on the same ship, died when it sank in the Solomon Islands. During WWII, these tragic occurrences inspired the "Sullivan Law," otherwise known as the "Sole Survivor Policy" in 1942, to prevent such a tragedy for families. This policy was enacted after the tragedy of the five Sullivan brothers. The military's "Sole Survivor Policy" allows service members whose siblings have been lost in battle to request an honorable discharge.

As every community has endured the tragedy of war, the tragedies become a part of our heritage forever. "War stays with you, even after 70 years," said Mrs. Wright Dulin. To this day, she keeps a photo of Harold in her bedroom.

This picture was copied from the local paper that featured an article and story on the Wright brothers' funeral.



SPRING "TEACH-IN"

By Mitchel Clark

On Wednesday, April 23, 2014, College of the Ozarks presented a convocation featuring three Vietnam Veterans and 12 C of O students who will accompany them on the Patriotic Education trip to Vietnam in September. This convocation was presented as a Spring "Teach-in." Teach-ins were used by learning institutions during the Vietnam War-era to hold public discussions in protest of the Vietnam War and to strengthen the anti-war effort.

College of the Ozarks, in its recognition of Vietnam Veterans, decided to host its own version of a "teach-in" with a different purpose, to honor those who fought for freedom during the Vietnam War. This convocation consisted of C of O students asking the panel prepared questions. The panel members were Lieutenant Colonel (ret.) Steve Hansen, Lieutenant Colonel (ret.) George Hobson, and Colonel (ret.) Donald Ballard.

This was a Patriotic Convocation hosted in Jones Auditorium. This convocation was geared for students but open to the public.

"I remember the 'teach-ins' that were hosted by the college I went to," he said. "I also remember the environment of most of the colleges during the Vietnam era. The 'teach-ins' would feature war protestors and Veterans coming back from the war who also opposed it in order to further anti-war sentiments in the college populations. This is something we can try to do in order to right the wrongs of our nation's past."

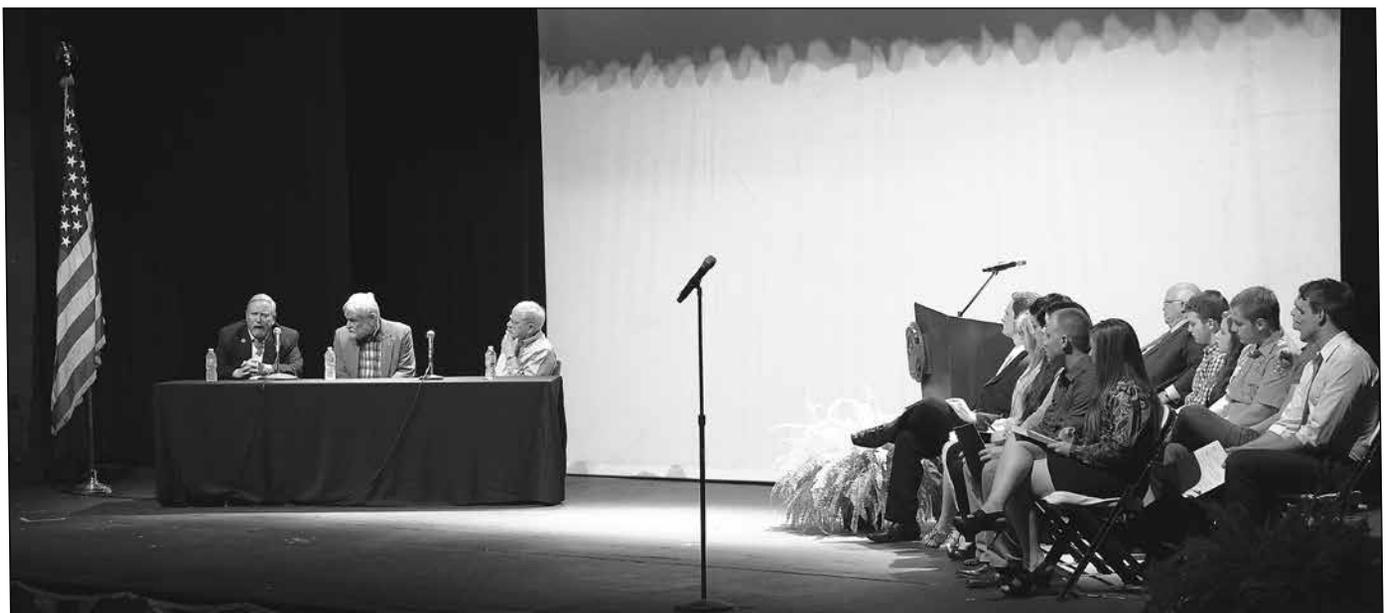
C of O Executive Vice President Dr. Fred Mullinax read a short bio of each panel member before questions were asked. The questions ranged in nature from civilian and military accomplishments, reactions to the receptions they received when they returned from Vietnam, and their view of the war.

After the initial introduction of the speakers, the students selected for the panel asked the Veterans a series of questions. The nature of the panel was to give an unbiased view of the Vietnam War from those who fought in it.

Dr. Mullinax took special interest in this convocation. "I remember

the 'teach-ins' that were hosted by the college I went to," he said. "I also remember the environment of most of the colleges during the Vietnam era. The 'teach-ins' would feature war protestors and Veterans coming back from the war who also opposed it in order to further anti-war sentiments in the college populations. This is something we can try to do in order to right the wrongs of our nation's past."

This was the second "Teach-in" the College held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. The first one, featuring former POW Col. Lee Ellis, was held in December.



Vietnam Veterans on left answer questions from students on right. Panel from (L): Col. Donald Ballard, Lt. Col. Steve Hansen, and Col. George Hobson

PHI BETA LAMBDA WINS—NEXT NATIONALS

By Megan Meyers,
student guest writer

On Saturday, April 14, members of Phi Beta Lambda, (PBL) competed in their first competition in Columbia, Missouri.

Lindon Newberry, Assistant Professor of Business and club sponsor, said this is the first time that C of O has had PBL, but he knew the students were equipped to compete.

"I had hoped that our students would do really well," Mr. Newberry said. "I know that our students are really well prepared, that they get a great education, and I hoped that would be displayed at the state conference, and it was."

Mr. Newberry said C of O won more awards than any other school at the competition, and PBL's first competition exceeded his hopes.

"My hopes were definitely achieved, and more than anything, I was just proud of our students," he said.

Elana Carson, a junior international business major, said winning so many awards was a confidence booster.

Because they were competing with schools like the University of Missouri and Missouri State, Carson said C of O had a lot to prove.

"There were some big schools," Carson said, "and just to know that our school competed well with those state schools was really encouraging."

She said out of the 17 students who attended the competition, 10 placed first or second, qualifying them to compete in nationals.

For the competition, Carson said there are several events in which students can compete, but each student has little time to prepare for each event.

"The whole point of PBL is based on knowledge," Carson said, "so it's not how well you can study or practice for something. It's just based on how much your school is teaching you in the realm of common knowledge."



Depending on the event, she said there might be a timed test that students take prior to the competition or impromptu events that allow some preparation time.

Students can choose to compete in three events at state, Carson said, but just one event at nationals.

She also said that there are many benefits to being involved in Phi Beta Lambda.

"It looks good on a resume, having honors and awards such as those," said Carson.

Competing put the information she had learned in her business classes into practice.

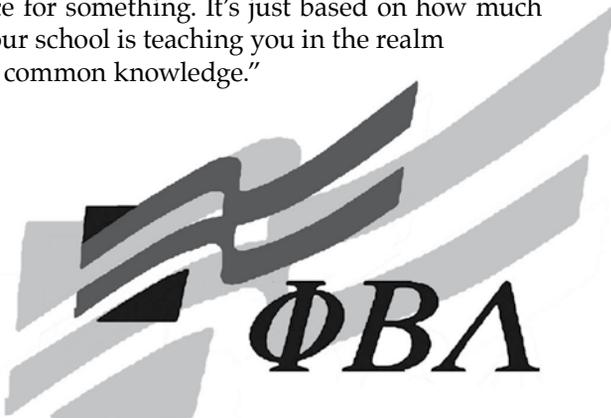
"I also think learning to remember information without getting a grade on it was really nice and helpful," she added.

Ultimately, Carson said being involved in PBL makes students want to learn more.

Mr. Newberry said he agreed that there are several benefits for students participating in PBL. He said it is a student-led organization that allows faculty to step aside and students to step up and achieve their goals.

Mr. Newberry said PBL is not solely for business students; the competition is open to multiple disciplines on campus.

At the PBL competition, he said there are also events for speech, law, computer science, hotel and restaurant management, and several others, giving the competition a variety of events that offer the chance for students of different majors to compete.



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INSPIRING STUDENT

Tudor Cret



2014 Graduate Tudor Cret

By Matt Fender

From a small country in eastern Europe this young man overcame numerous obstacles. From finances to family abandonment, Tudor Cret found his way to *Hard Work U*. As a recent graduate of College of the Ozarks, he is now on the journey of embracing the opportunity that God bestowed on him to help others.

Cret was born in The Republic of Moldova, which declared independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, and the uncertainty of a new government took its toll on the already struggling economy. At one point, Moldova was the poorest country in Europe. The economic hardships were dramatically felt by his family.

He is one of five siblings, and when he was young, his mother became very ill and was frequently hospitalized. The added medical expenses proved to be too much for his father who was struggling to make ends meet. "I remember doing homework in the dark, because

we couldn't pay the electric bill," he said. His father was faced with an extremely difficult decision—one no father would ever want to make.

"Being unable to pay the bills and sustain us financially, my dad decided to take my younger sister, brother, and me to a state orphanage," he explained.

Cret and his siblings spent the next three years living in a state orphanage, before he was transferred to a private, Christian orphanage. During his time there he received a scholarship, providing him with a chance to attend a Christian sports camp located in the Ozarks. Before and after the camp session, he stayed with College of the Ozarks Physical Education Professor Don Hoeck and his family.

Dr. Hoeck took Tudor on a campus tour of C of O. "I truly fell in love with College of the Ozarks as a little boy," said Cret. "Being a student at this college became my dream ever since then."

He returned to Moldova in the fall, where he worked hard in high school, all the while keeping College of the Ozarks in mind. He applied to *Hard Work U* his senior year and was soon accepted, an accomplishment considering less than one percent of international students comprise the student body.

"When I found out about my acceptance to College of the Ozarks, I became very excited and amazed at the opportunity God brought into my life," he said.

He took full advantage of his time at College of the Ozarks, where he worked to offset the cost of education by serving on the wait staff in Dobyns Dining Room at The Keeter Center. He said that he enjoyed being a server because of the interactions that he would have with the guests. "Every time a guest asked me questions about my life, I liked to share with them how blessed I felt to be a part of the College."

With honors, Cret graduated with an accounting degree in May and plans to obtain his CPA license. But his plans extend much further. "My dream in life is to build an orphanage in Moldova that will be a safe home for the children that are currently suffering and dying on the streets," he explained. "I believe that in the same way God worked throughout my life to bring me to College of the Ozarks, He will work in the future to use me to reach the broken, poor, and needy in Moldova, especially the little children that are victims of their circumstances."

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IN MEMORIAM

James P. Keeter 1937-2014

James P. Keeter, 76, passed away peacefully at his home in Alpharetta, Georgia, with his family by his side on January 20, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents, Vester and Ruby Keeter of Bradleyville, Missouri, and his sister, Donna Martinson of Portland, Oregon. Survivors include his wife, Julie, four children, Steve, Bradley, Daren and Kaylan Lewis, and seven grandchildren, Michael, Brandon, Stevie Jewel, Eleni, Marie, Grayson Lewis, and Adelaide (Della) Lewis.

Mr. Keeter was a native of Missouri and had a lifelong love of the Ozarks and the people of this region. He learned early in life about business from his father who was an early industrial pioneer in southeast Missouri. As a teenager, he had his own timber business while attending Kemper Military School and had his mother handle the payroll. Then while still too young to drive, he bought his own Chevy and was supposed to have someone drive it for him. Before long, his friends say he gave them some exciting and harrowing rides over those winding Ozark mountain roads. After college at the University of Missouri, he and his dad built their first charcoal plant in Branson, Missouri, which was then known as Keeter Charcoal Co. There was no job in the plant or office that he did not work himself at one time or another. By the time Keeter Charcoal Company was acquired by Husky Oil Ltd., in 1973, Mr. Keeter had a long track record of successful operations management, contract negotiations, and marketing. He became President 11 months later when the charcoal operations of the oil company were organized into Husky Industries, Inc., which he later bought in 1983. After a name change in 1986, and much growth, the company became the successful organization it is today, Royal Oak Enterprises, LLC.

Mr. Keeter's brand of leadership was born and tempered within the charcoal business. In the business world, he was an entrepreneur. Mr. Keeter was a hands-on leader with great foresight. He set high standards for himself and all those who worked with him. Mr. Keeter was a thinker and always open to a new idea or venture. He believed in hard work, dedication, loyalty, sacrifice, commitment, and reward. Mr. Keeter was blessed with an exceptional amount of common sense and never accepted giving up. Strategizing and evaluating were part of his core makeup. He was a pioneer and leader in making the charcoal industry what it is today. Mr. Keeter touched and



Mr. and Mrs. Keeter cut the ribbon at the opening of The Keeter Center in 2004.

affected countless lives during his 76 years. Many were blessed with knowing and associating with him, and indeed, he left a great legacy.

He served as a Trustee at the College of the Ozarks since 1988, and in the past, served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the College. He received an Honorary Doctor of Law degree from the College of the Ozarks in 2010. Mr. Keeter was awarded the "Missourian Award" in 1998, for outstanding contributions in business. He was also recognized by Lady Margaret Thatcher as an outstanding entrepreneur on behalf of the Students of Free Enterprise at the College of the Ozarks. Mr. Keeter endowed The Keeter Center for Character Education at the College of the Ozarks. He was also a member of the Food Marketing Educational Council, also known as the "Red Coats."

He had a great interest in land conservation and a love of wildlife, including the buffalo and elk on his Missouri ranch.

Mr. Keeter had a passion for golf and was an avid golfer who liked to golf in good weather.



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The Keeter Report

School of the Ozarks Lower School Update

School of the Ozarks Lower School is getting closer to opening each day. College of the Ozarks recently hired the Assistant Headmaster, K-8 Curriculum Director/Lead Teacher, and six instructors for the School of the Ozarks lower grades.

“The College is pleased with the caliber of teachers we were able to hire for School of the Ozarks. In addition, we are proud to promote Mr. Scott McElvain, who has proven to be an excellent servant leader to students, faculty, and staff, to the Assistant Headmaster position,” said Dean of Character Education Dr. Sue Head.

Mr. McElvain earned his bachelor’s degree in recreation administration from College of the Ozarks and his master’s degree from Evangel University in organizational leadership. McElvain has served as the Director of Student Life since School of the Ozarks reopened in the fall of 2012.

Jenny Carey has been appointed as the K-8 Curriculum Director/Lead Teacher/6th grade instructor. Carey earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Southwest Baptist University and is nearing completion of a master’s degree in gifted education at Drury University.

All of the K-6 grade instructor positions have been filled as well. Nicole Pyatt will teach kindergarten. She recently earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Arkansas.

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Tana Whited has been hired as the first grade instructor. She earned her bachelor’s degree from College of the Ozarks and has been employed as a teacher at Trinity Christian Academy in Hollister, Missouri.

Chrissy Martin will teach second grade. She earned her bachelor’s degree from College of the Ozarks and her master’s degree from Southwest Baptist University. Martin just finished serving as a teacher at Hilltop Preschool.

The College hired Mary Kay Janke as the S of O third grade instructor. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Texas State University and just finished serving as a teacher at the Homeschool Learning League in Branson, Missouri. Janke also serves as the Transportation Coordinator and Schedule Manager for Kids Across America Kamp in Branson.

Kristen Kelly has been hired as the fourth grade instructor. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Wheaton College and will graduate from John Brown University with a master’s degree in leadership and ethics December of 2014.

Ian Mosely will teach fifth grade. He received his degree in ancient studies from Washington University. Prior to his hiring at S of O, Mosely taught at Grace Classical Academy in Springfield, Missouri, and Ozarks Academy, also located in Springfield.

School of the Ozarks opened with grades 9-12 in fall of 2012. It mirrors the mission and vision of College of the Ozarks by offering a “quality, Christian education to deserving young people from the Ozarks region, who do not have the financial means to procure such training.” No tuition is charged. S of O students participate in a work education program by doing daily chores, such as cleaning up after lunch. Students in the lower grades will be asked to perform age-appropriate tasks, such as cleaning their desks and emptying the trash.

The School received over 320 applications for the 123 openings. The new Lower School will be located in the top floor of the Youngman Agricultural Center. The Construction Department began remodeling the space in January and is nearing completion.

S of O Patriotic Education Instructor Receives Centurion of the Year Award

By Army ROTC Cadet Mitchel Clark

Colonel (Chaplain) Paul L. Vicalvi, U.S. Army (ret.), received the “Centurion of the Year Award” at the Chaplains Commission Centurion Banquet held January 14, in Alexandria, Virginia. This award recognizes exceptional commitment to the ministry of evangelical military chaplains.

“I feel very honored to have been considered for this award,” said Col. Vicalvi. “It has been given to many high ranking officers and members of Congress, and to receive this award was humbling. It was an honor to serve as a chaplain and serve chaplains in their important ministry to our nation’s military

service members.”

Col. Vicalvi entered active duty in the United States Army in 1977. His duty positions included serving as chaplain of the 1/504th battalion and 82nd Airborne Division, and Commandant of the United States Army Chaplain Center and School.

Col. Vicalvi obtained a master’s degree from Houghton College, a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, a Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a master’s degree in National Strategic Studies from the National Defense University. He is also a graduate of the National War College.



Past recipients of this award include: Chaplain for the United States Senate, Rear Admiral Barry Black, USN, (ret.); Commander of the United States Air Force Doctrine Center, Major General Bentley Rayburn, USAF; and former Commanding General, U.S. Special Forces Central Command, Lieutenant General William G. Boykin, (ret.).

PITCH IN FOR PATRIOTS™

Pitch in for Patriots™ Continues Serving

By Kendall Evans, Pitch in for Patriots Co-President

On March 12, 2014, our Pitch in for Patriots™ leadership team traveled to Fayetteville, Arkansas, to visit the VA Hospital. While there we passed out goody bags and visited with the Veterans. It was very rewarding being able to visit with them and put a smile on their faces. Being able to give back to the Veterans was a great experience because of how much they have given to us. This was an amazing opportunity for our club and aided our group’s patriotism and passion to help Veterans. We hope to work on many projects in the future that will allow students to show their appreciation to Veterans.



Legacy Youth Institute: “Future”

The Keeter Center for Character Education hosted the Legacy Youth Institute (LYI) seminar entitled “Future” for select area high school students in January. LYI, a part of the Ozark Mountain Legacy Initiative, focuses on encouraging area young people to embrace and protect the traditional, American values for which the Ozarks region is known. The seminar focused on five core values: family, faith, friends, flag, and future. Students had the opportunity to attend in-depth sessions on each core value. Because of The Keeter Center for Character Education’s involvement with the First Place! Character Initiative and its continued support of character education training in area schools and community, the Center was a natural choice to host LYI for their session focused on future.

“With the 28 participating high school juniors and the critical topic of future to discuss, it was our goal to help them think about life after high school, to consider higher education, their future career, and relationships,” said Dean of Character Education Dr. Sue Head.

The day began with a presentation by College of the Ozarks Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Dr. Marci Linson, who discussed the sobering reality of student debt in America, as well as how to avoid it. Following her talk on college and paying for college, a career panel consisting of six successful individuals presented their advice to the high school students on the future. Advice ranged from the do’s and don’ts of life, such as “don’t chase the money” and “do be curious,” to the importance of perseverance during failure and the value of maintain-



ing positive colleague relationships.

“We are not measured by great starts,” explained panelist Matt Grindstaff, an entrepreneur. “We are measured by great finishes.” During his message to the students, he described the rough beginnings (eating way too many 65 cent pizzas and keeping his trailer’s thermostat at 55 degrees to save money) and the struggle of starting his own business (no capital and no clients) years ago. Mr. Grindstaff said he no longer dreads tough times, but embraces them.

The panelists included Ms. Erin Hayes, former ABC News Correspondent and current C of O Mass Communications Instructor; Mr. Matt Grindstaff, entrepreneur and Co-owner of Edit Access; Mr. Kevin Iverson, Logistics at Target in Branson; Mr. Chris Myer, Vice President of Marketing for Myer Hotels; Mr. David Vogt, a former police officer and current C of O Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice; and Pharmacist Heather Burney, Pharm.D, involved with Branson, Missouri’s, Faith Community Health, which provides medical care to the non-insured and under-insured.

The students then had an opportunity for a small group session with the panelists. Their final speaker, Dr. Stephen Bell, a C of O Assistant Professor of Sociology and licensed therapist, provided insight to the teens on “Relationships and Your Future.”

“We know that leaders can and will emerge from the Ozark Mountains, and we plan to do everything in our power and ability to help them succeed,” said Dr. Head. “When they succeed, our community succeeds.”



C of O alumnus Kevin Iverson shares with students the importance of building relationships during the Legacy Youth Institute.

Patriotic Education Travel Participant Receives France's Highest Honor

In January, the Embassy of France honored 11 U.S. Veterans, including Mr. Austin Cox, who served during the Normandy landing also known as D-Day, with the Legion of Honor. Mr. Cox accompanied College of the Ozarks students on the first patriotic trip to Normandy for the 65th commemoration of D-Day in June of 2009.

The award is France's highest and pays tribute to those who have provided exceptional service to France. Led by Allied forces, the liberation of the northern French region of Normandy would mark the decisive turn toward ending World War II.

The event marks the first of numerous ceremonies planned



to commemorate this year's 70th anniversary of the Normandy landing. On and around June 6, D-Day's anniversary, France hosted American

dignitaries, organized events, and promoted French-American relations through the remembrance of a single moment in the two countries' common history.

In addition to the Legion of Honor, the Veterans also received a medal from the Normandy region, bestowed by Mr. Beauvais, President of the Basse-Normandie region.

The 11 U.S. Veterans decorated with the Legion of Honor included Mr. Carlton Bazzell, Mr. Austin Cox, Mr. Russell Decker, Mr. Charles Ecker, Mr. Frank Ehly, Mr. Sebastian Gionfriddo, Mr. Frederick Griswold, Mr. Raymond Gritton, Mr. Thomas Hasbrouck, Mr. Walter Heline, and Mr. Everett Sumner.



S of O students met film producers Mark Burnett and Roma Downey just days before the premiere of the film, "Son of God." The entire school took a field trip to watch the film once it premiered in theatres.

Learning About The Leader In Me

By Arielle Pearson, education major

On January 16, 2014, I had the opportunity to attend the 2014 Character Education Conference held at The Keeter Center. Students, teachers, administrators, and teachers-in-training (such as myself) were all in attendance that day to hear Mr. Dustin Odham of the Covey organization speak about “The Leader in Me and Character Education.”

The Leader in Me, a book by Dr. Stephen R. Covey (author of the best-selling book, *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*) has now become an educational initiative used in schools across the country to teach students from an early age how to become leaders. Mr. Odham, who has more than 10 years of experience in public school turnaround efforts, admires Dr. Covey and shares his passion for empowering students to see their potential and live up to it.

Dr. Covey’s *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* has proven to be a powerful life model for millions of people across the country. Men and women alike are adopting habits such as “Being Proactive (Habit 1),” “Putting First Things First (Habit 3),” and “Synergizing (Habit 6).” As a result, they reap the results of a more well-rounded lifestyle. One teacher approached Dr. Covey and asked if he thought these habits could work for children, and out of that effort to help children learn those wise habits early in life, *The Leader in Me* book was born. Mr. Odham described *The Leader in Me* model as an “operating system of a computer,” because “it improves performance of all other programs.” Simply put, schools that participate in *The Leader in Me* model teach and encourage their students to implement the seven habits in an effort to see their overall school performance increase. The hope of the teachers and administrators participating in *The Leader in Me* program is that behavioral problems will decrease and test scores will increase as a result of creating a culture of leadership in their schools and challenging their students beyond academics. This “inside out” approach is designed to inspire students to excel in all areas of their life, which will be more beneficial to their long-term success than momentary discipline or rewards.

As someone who is studying to become an educator, it is refreshing to hear about initiatives that focus

on a student as a whole person. I have observed teachers and even personally experienced teachers who seemed only interested in the academic performance of students. (Those are the teachers from my past that I try to forget.)

When I think about the reasons that I desire to be a teacher, none of them include “a passionate desire to achieve state standards” or “a love for disciplining children and showing them how they are wrong.” These are aspects of teaching that are inevitable and necessary, but not something that I am eager to do. *The Leader in Me*, however, seems like an opportunity to pursue the aspects of teaching that I am excited about: empowering and enabling students, teaching them how to be successful, watching their faces light up when they understand a new concept, and valuing them as human beings. One quote from Dr. Covey that Mr. Odham shared resonates with my philosophy of education: “Leadership is communicating people’s worth and potential so clearly that they are inspired to see it in themselves.” Teachers carry the responsibility of demonstrating to their students what a good leader looks like, but wouldn’t it be exciting if the students got excited about becoming leaders themselves?



Arielle Pearson



Mr. Dustin Odham speaks to the educators and future educators.



Mrs. Christina Brown, C of O Associate Professor of Education, said it this way, “The idea of creating a leadership culture within the organization you are a part of so that in ALL settings, the habits are seen, heard, and felt, and ALL individuals are involved—wouldn’t this be an awesome environment for teachers and students alike?” *The Leader in Me* is about inspiring students to be different, to do something in their classroom, in their school, in their community that will benefit others. Mr. Odham explained that leadership can be small and private, or

leadership can be large and public, and teachers have the power to reveal to students their potential to make a difference in the world.

Overall, the conference was an inspiring and enlightening experience for me, and I’m sure for many other people in attendance that day. Associate Professor of Education Dr. Kara Swofford was purposeful in requiring her students to attend the conference. “The Teacher Education Department was extremely grateful to the College and to The Keeter Center for Character Education for inviting our current students to

attend the professional development opportunity,” Dr. Swofford said. “The content shared is timely since the majority of public schools welcoming our candidates for clinical experiences are utilizing *The Leader in Me* program. Attendance allows our students to be on the cutting edge of current best practices.” The College’s Teacher Education Program, like *The Leader in Me* model, seeks to develop its students into well-rounded adults who are confident and prepared to enter their career field.

As I look forward to student teaching next semester, possibly in a school that uses *The Leader in Me* model, I can only hope that I am able to inspire many students to see their true potential and be the leader that they are capable of being, just like my teachers and professors have done for me.

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S of O Seniors Discover Roots of Western Civilization

Spring Break for 19 School of the Ozarks seniors included visiting Athens, Rome, and Florence. This senior-trip-of-a-lifetime encompassed a tour of several archaeological sites, such as Pompeii and Delphi. It also provided an opportunity for new cultural experiences as the soon-to-be high school graduates toured the European countries in order to explore the roots of western civilization. While in Italy, the group spent several days in Rome to see the Coliseum, Palatine Hill and Forum, famed Trevi Fountain, the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, and more.

The College provided the trip for students as a way to reinforce all five goals of the College and School: Academic, Christian, Cultural, Vocational, and Patriotic. Following are a few excerpts from the trip blog written by students. To view the entire blog go to <http://2014sofoseniortrip.wordpress.com/>.

Corinth, Mycenae & Athens:

“In Corinth we went to the Temple of Apollo and the ancient ruins of Corinth. We also visited the museum at the site. One thing that stood



out to us was the way [the Apostle] Paul’s letters connected to the actual city of Corinth. It was eye-opening to see the actual town where Paul spoke to the Corinthians. We realized that Paul was not only speaking to them about God, but he was also telling them their gods did not exist. All of their temples were useless.”

—Megan Briix,
Melissa Davis, and Halie Smith

Pompeii:

“Today, after what seemed to be a long ride on the ship and after driving four hours, we got to explore Pompeii, the city that was buried under 20 feet of ash after Mount Vesuvius erupted. What a masterpiece it was! We were in awe at the architecture that has been displayed here and that is still preserved after so many years. The excavations have revealed frescoes, mosaics, and other artifacts that tell the story of everyday life.”

—Kendall Evans, Linda Fitz,
and Lexie Strohm

Ancient Rome:

“After a delicious breakfast, we headed out and made our way past the Imperial Forum to the Coliseum. We stopped right outside of the gates, and Al, our tour guide, went over some of the history that took place there. The Roman Emperors used the Coliseum to distract the people from the political turmoil of that time. It was also used for entertainment—the Emperor Nero displayed his strength by having animals and Christians slaughtered... The architectural feat in and of itself was incredible, and many restorations were taking place. It was an amazing experience that brought us a little closer to history. We also got the opportunity to see the cell where [Apostles] Paul and Peter were imprisoned for nine months; it was also the place where Paul wrote 2nd Timothy and Philippians. It was just one more of the historical areas where the Bible came to life, and we now have a new perspective when reading those specific passages.”

—Maddie and Mariah Gaar



The students took "Freddie the Fruitcake" to all their stops.

Vatican City and Surprise Visit:

"This site and the intricately engraved statues and gold-leaf frescos in the Basilica reflected the amazing intelligence and imagination God has given us. And we weren't the only ones who thought so, as Michelangelo showed through his paintings in the Sistine Chapel, which was our next stop. The huge rectangular room was covered in priceless art, which conveyed so well the characters and narratives of the Bible. In the museum leading up to the chapel, there were also many masterpieces, and we saw legendary works such as Raphael's "The School of Athens" and "The Transfiguration."

Soon after our tour, we went to our surprise visit to "Verbum Domini" (the Word of The Lord), a temporary exhibit in the Vatican that hosts pieces of biblical artifacts and manuscripts ranging from the first century to present times...We saw pages of the Gutenberg Bible, the "He" edition of The King James Bible, and the microfilm that was sent to the moon that contained the entire Bible on two square inches. We were very grateful to get a private, early tour of the exhibits, thanks to the Green family, the founders of Hobby Lobby, and Cary Summers, the Chief Operating Officer of Museum of the Bible."

—Christian Lingner and Matt Junck

School of the Ozarks senior class visited the Florence American Memorial Cemetery where they learned about the honor and courage of American soldiers who paid the ultimate price for freedom.



Finally Florence – The Renaissance City:

"Today we went to the Florence American Memorial Cemetery. We walked among the graves of many of the soldiers who died to free Italy from the Axis powers. The white markers stand in triumph on the free soil of the nation those soldiers came to save. Interspersed among the tombstones were markers bearing the words: "A Soldier, Unknown but to God." These soldiers sacrificed everything for liberty, including their identity. We saw the statue of the lone soldier of the 91st division who stands guard over his fallen comrades. On the way out President Davis looked in the records book and found that there was a man, Coy Booth, from Point Lookout, buried in the cemetery. We paid our respects to him. It was incredible to honor the fallen heroes of the past today. We had free time to shop the rest of the day and explore the city known as the "cradle of the Renaissance."

—Tanner Tillack, Tawner Stefan, and Nathaniel Polley





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The Princeton Review & "USA TODAY" Names College of the Ozarks One of the Nation's "Best Value Colleges"

The Princeton Review recently released its annual list of the nation's "Best Value Colleges" and its companion book, *The Best Value Colleges: The 150 Best-Buy Schools and What it Takes to Get In*. College of the Ozarks received the distinction of being named as one of the "Best Value Colleges."

The only Missouri colleges to make the select list are College of the Ozarks, Truman State University, and University of Missouri—Kansas City.

The 2014 list names 150 colleges—75 public and 75 private. The educational services company iden-

tifies the "Best Values" based on its surveys of 2,000 undergraduate institutions concerning academics, cost, and financial aid awards.

The book provides a profile on each of the "Best Value Colleges." In the College's profile, **The Princeton Review** writes, "C of O is committed to its founding mission of providing a quality, Christian education to those found worthy but who are without sufficient means to obtain such training. 'My family didn't have enough money to send me to any other college, and I am not afraid of a little hard work!' says a student."

For this project, which **The Princeton Review** initiated in 2004 and has reported in cooperation with "USA TODAY" since 2009, the company selects schools based on its analysis of 30 data points with cost data reflecting the school-reported figures for 2013-14 academic year. The company also factors in data collected over the past three academic years from its surveys of students about their satisfaction with their financial aid awards and academic experience at their schools.

The Princeton Review's "Best Value Colleges" list appears in two free online resources, as well as its companion book. Individuals interested in looking at the list may view at



<http://www.princetonreview.com/best-value-colleges>. "USA TODAY" posted the list in an exclusive interactive database at a dedicated area on its site at <http://bestvaluecolleges.usatoday.com>. There, users can access information about each college and sort the list in useful ways including by state, tuition, enrollment, and average freshman grant.

According to the College of the Ozarks profile by **The Princeton Review**, "Generous donors who believe in what the College of the Ozarks represents enable the college to provide tuition scholarships in exchange for work on campus (if you paid cash for instructional expenses at C of O, it would cost you \$17,600 per year!)"

