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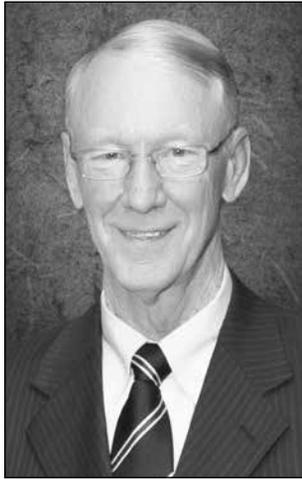


BRIGHT FUTURES



PROMISES TO KEEP

Work Hard, Pass the Test



Jerry C. Davis, President

Bright futures begin at School of the Ozarks and College of the Ozarks. In May, we saw six high school graduates and 270 college graduates receive their diplomas. Earning a high school diploma or a college diploma on the campus of *Hard Work U* is most commendable. Students participating in the high school and college program must meet high academic standards. The students greet the academic rigor with enthusiasm and excel in their studies.

This spring, both S of O students and C of O students swept science and mathematics meets (see back cover). Additionally, the S of O students completed their first standardized tests. Freshmen took the EXPLORE Test, and sophomores took the PLAN test. More than half of the freshmen outscored 90 percent of students nationally, with six of our S of O freshmen scoring above the 98th percentile. Half of our S of O sophomores earned a composite score above the 90th percentile on their test, and five of them scored above the 98th percentile.

S of O and C of O students must also demonstrate a good work ethic and character. More is expected, which means high school graduates are well-equipped for college, and college graduates leave well-prepared for graduate school and their careers. Moreover, the institution provides students with opportunities to develop their character, to reinforce their values, so that they may hold fast to them in our morally-challenged world.

Providing an opportunity for a bright future is what the institution has been doing for more than 100 years. Interestingly, the inaugural commencement ceremony of the new lab high school took place exactly 100 years after the original School of the Ozarks granted its first high school diploma in 1913 to Mr. Joseph R. Gideon (the only one in the first graduating class). I was honored to give the commencement address to the new S of O graduates and gave them the best advice I have. I recommended that once you decide what you are going to do with your life, to not hold back. Give it all you have, and WORK, WORK, WORK. We have every reason to believe that the students who are coming out of the School of the Ozarks will do just that. Please read more about this historic occasion on page 9.

The College commencement speaker Dr. Charlie Tsui, also known as Charlie “Two Shoes,” had similar advice for our graduates. He told them that he had witnessed their work ethic during his visits to campus and was always impressed to see the way they work hard. Dr. Tsui reassured them that anyone with this work ethic—“always willing and happy to work hard”—can do anything and pass the test. The College was honored to present Dr. Tsui, who has “passed the test” in his own life, with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Please read about his story and the granting of his honorary degree on page 5. You can learn more about the graduation ceremony and his address to students on page 8.

In this issue of the *Ozark Visitor*, you will find several stories of individuals persevering through challenges, embracing opportunity, and finding success. Please enjoy reading about the bright futures of our School of the Ozarks and College of the Ozarks students.

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Thank You Video for Vietnam Veterans Created by C of O Students Goes Viral

College of the Ozarks students created a thank you video to ensure that the nation's Vietnam Veterans and families of deceased Vietnam Veterans know that their service and sacrifices are appreciated by the Millennial Generation. The video titled "You Should Know..." was posted on YouTube April 22, at youtube.com/watch?v=O57oyJ9OnGO.



"Even though we were not alive during the Vietnam War, we have learned about the sacrifices that our Vietnam Veterans made," said Alexis Schields, who is featured in the video. "After learning that they returned

home to a nation that was unwelcoming and for the most part did not appreciate their service, we felt compelled to make sure they know that our generation does care and is grateful."

To date the video has more than 37,000 views and growing. Hundreds of Veterans have left meaningful welcome notes under the comments section, which also has turned into a reunion spot as many of the Veterans list their branch, divisions, and battalions.

One such comment reads, "That was amazing. In less than 90 seconds you brought a tear to my eye and a lump in my throat. After Vietnam and 40 years in law enforcement it takes a lot to choke me up. Thank you so much. First Battalion, Seventh Marines 67-69."

The students hope that every Vietnam Veteran and the family members of Vietnam Veterans receive this thank you.

In March, College of the Ozarks launched an effort to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War over the next 18 months. Several events are planned for the commemoration and historical exhibits (one for the public and three for faculty, staff, and students) have been placed in locations on campus. To view the Commemorative Events Calendar, go to www.cof.edu.

College Becomes Volunteer Ambassador to 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration

The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War (KW60) Commemoration Committee recently named College of the Ozarks a local KW60 Ambassador.

The program, initiated in 2010, seeks to honor the service and sacrifice of Korean War Veterans, commemorate key events of the war, and educate Americans about the Korean War's significance.

The Korean War is often referred to as "The Forgotten War." As a KW60 Ambassador, College of the Ozarks hopes to propel Korean War Veterans and their contributions to greater public awareness. It will focus on establishing a local voice of sincere appreciation for the selfless service and sacrifices that Korean War Veterans made on behalf of all Americans.

"The College is humbled to play an active role in ensuring our Korean Veterans know that they are appre-



ciated," said C of O Executive Vice President Fred Mullinax. "We plan to accomplish this several ways in the coming months and already have an exhibit paying tribute to the Korean War and its Veterans for public viewing on display at The Keeter Center."

The College also participated in the Korean War Armistice Day 2013 in Washington, D.C., and will send C of O students and Korean War Veterans on Patriotic Education Travel to Korea

in October.

As part of the program, the College plans to thank and honor as many of our nation's treasured Veterans as possible in a heartfelt, meaningful way. If you are a Korean War Veteran or know of a Korean War Veteran who may be interested in being recognized with an official Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Secretary of Defense, please contact the College of the Ozarks Public Relations office at (417) 690-2212.

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HONORS

Miller Named Honorable Mention for “Nursing Student of the Year”

By Ashley Bench

The *Springfield News-Leader* media group named College of the Ozarks nursing student Haylee Miller “Honorable Mention for Nursing Student of the Year” from four finalists. The Missouri State Board of Nursing reviewed the nominations from southwest Missouri before selecting the finalists.

The “Nursing Student of the Year” and selections for honorable mention were announced at the Southwest Missouri Salute to Nurses Luncheon on April 23.

Presently, Miller attends the College’s Armstrong McDonald School of Nursing and will graduate May 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. After graduation,



she aspires to work in an area hospital in order to gain general experience as an RN.

“Haylee is a wonderful representation of the quality of students in the Armstrong McDonald School of Nursing. Her passion for excellence in serving her patients and peers as an extension of Christ is most honorable,” said Dr. Janice Williams, Nursing Program Director.

This is the fifth year for the Salute to Nurses event and the fifth year that a College of the Ozarks nursing student has been named a finalist. In 2009 and 2010, a C of O student was named “Nursing Student of the Year.” Miller received a \$500 cash scholarship for placing honorable mention.

Charlie “Two Shoes” Receives Honorary Doctor of Laws

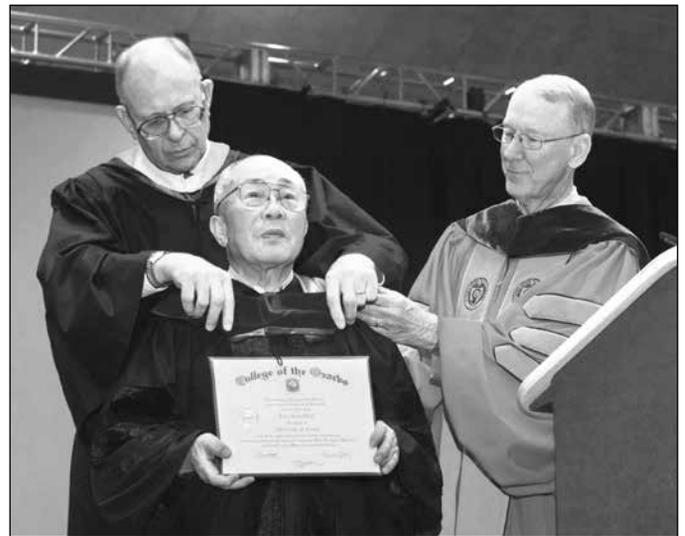
During Commencement, the College granted Dr. Charlie Tsui an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

During the presentation of his honorary degree, College of the Ozarks President Jerry C. Davis described Tsui’s character, made evident by his endurance and ability to overcome overwhelming obstacles. “Charlie exemplifies faith, hope, perseverance, and loyalty,” said Dr. Davis. “We can all learn from him.”

As an 11-year-old Chinese boy, Tsui Chi Hsii—better known by his American name Charlie Tsui, or Charlie Two Shoes—was befriended by a company of U.S. Marines sent to China in 1945, shortly after the end of World War II. Charlie lived in a hut just outside of the compound of Love Company, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division. The Marines of Love Company made sure he had food and clothing. They taught him English, sent him to church, and paid for his schooling.

When the communists overtook China in 1949, Love Company had to leave, and Charlie was left behind. Back home in the United States, the Marines continued on with their own lives. However, they could not forget Charlie. After refusing to denounce his connection with the Americans, Maoist government officials punished him tremendously. Moreover, many in his Chinese community ostracized him.

After 35 years, 17 of them as a political prisoner, he finally managed to contact some of his Marine Corps friends. They, in turn, joined together again to help bring



Charlie to America. Against great bureaucratic obstacles, they brought Charlie to America in 1983, and his wife Jin Mie and children two years later. He and Jin Mie settled in Chapel Hill, NC, where they are retired from the restaurant business.

“Our faith in God gives us the strength to survive all the hardships,” said Dr. Tsui. “There are so many miracles that have taken place in my life. I don’t know where to begin. I just thank God for these miracles.”

HONORING HEROES

Commemorating the Battle of the Atlantic and 8th Army Air Corps

By Matthew Matney

On May 17, 16 College of the Ozarks students and eight Merchant Marine, Navy, and 8th Army Air Corps Veterans from World War II traveled across “the pond” to England to participate in the commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic and pay tribute to the 8th Army Air Corps.

In the Battle of the Atlantic, which began in 1939 and continued through 1945, sailors and merchant seamen had to safely get supplies to the Allied Forces in Europe. The German U-Boats attempted daily to stop such advances, with 36,200 sailors and 36,000 merchant seamen lost. The Battle is still regarded as the dominating factor through World War II. From the air space above Europe, the 8th Army Air Corps defended Allied troops and aided in achieving victory in Europe, even at the loss of thousands of lives. Four Veterans participating in the trip, Walter Fitzmaurice, Harold “Pop” Gilbert, Tom Easterly, and Dale Deaver, served in the 8th Army Air Corps, while Veterans Mack Paynter, Don Ellwood, Bill Ryan, and John Haynes were seamen in the Merchant Marines and Navy. All of the Veterans were stationed in various locations of England during World War II.

During the trip, the contingent traveled to memorials and historic sites in cities such as Cambridge,

London, and Liverpool. They visited air fields and ports, which were crucial for the English Royal Air Force (RAF) and Allies in holding off invading Nazis. The group toured the Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Rooms, located underneath the streets of London, from where the British Prime Minister directed much of the war efforts.

Veterans and students participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the Cambridge American Cemetery, where the graves of 3,812 American military dead and 5,127 names of missing Americans from the air war over Europe and the Battle of the Atlantic are found. Members of the group were also honored to serve as the only American representatives for the official 70th Anniversary Commemoration service, held in the Liverpool Cathedral.

Students were able to learn about personal experiences, such as Mr. Haynes’ account of being aboard the S.S. Eldena bound to Murmansk, Russia, in the first convoy to feel the full fury of German attacks. Mr. Deaver showed the group around the small air base in Molesworth, England,



where he was stationed and worked alongside members of the RAF. For the first time since the conclusion of the War, Mr. Gilbert walked the church grounds of a village where his B-17 crew was honored by local British citizens.

The trip was part of the College of the Ozarks Patriotic Education Travel Program, wherein students accompany Veterans to their original battle sites to learn history from the individuals who experienced it. The student participants from C of O are selected for the rare opportunity to learn directly from the Veterans. The students’ chief responsibility while on the trips is to care for their Veterans, while listening to their stories and documenting them for future generations to hear and read. To read more and see pictures from their journey, go to www.cofo.edu.



Memories Shared: A First Person Reflection

By Matthew Matney

When I began my time at College of the Ozarks, I would hear wonderful things about the Patriotic Education Travel Program. When the patriotic trip to England was announced, I knew that my trip had finally arrived.

Planned around Veterans of the 8th Army Air Force and the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic, our group traveled to historic battle sites and memorials throughout England. My great-grandfather Edward Hays, who served in the Air Force during World War II, was stationed in England for the majority of his time overseas. When he was still alive, I was too young to understand the magnitude of his sacrifice. Now I have so many questions, but he is no longer here to provide for me the answers that I seek. This trip allowed me to honor Grandpa Hays' memory while learning more about his service in England.

As our Veterans began to shake our hands and embrace us on our day of departure, I knew that this was going to be an incredible experience. The Veteran that I was assigned to, Walter Fitzmaurice, began telling us stories immediately, and we listened intently. He had been a member of the 8th Army Air Force and served with the 44th Bomb Group, 68th Squadron. During his time stationed at Shipdham Air Base, he flew over 30 mis-



Students Matt Matney and Ramsey Michele Pruitt take a photo with Veteran Walter Fitzmaurice.

sions as a radio operator with his B-24 crew. Mr. Fitzmaurice was willing to share his stories of England almost immediately.

The first city that our group spent time in was Cambridge. During the War, Cambridge became a hub of Air Corps activity. We visited historical sites that were crucial to both the Royal Air Force and U.S. Army Air Corps efforts. The fog was heavy in the air as we toured the Cambridge American Cemetery, pausing at the graves of the nearly 4,000 American soldiers buried there. As "Taps" was played and we reviewed the names of the men and women listed, our Veterans became emotional. Walter Fitzmaurice, Harold Gilbert, Dale Deaver, and Tom Easterly, all 8th Army Air Corps Veterans, served in the same squadron with some listed on

the Tablets of the Missing—a few of the men they even knew personally.

In Cambridge, we took time to visit the Duxford Air Museum. The Museum is filled with full-scale planes used in World War II. This served as a perfect opportunity for Mr. Fitzmaurice to explain the positions and parts of a B-24 plane. Even as he spoke about the remarkable trials he overcame during the war, he remained humble. He did not believe that his service was worth honoring. "We never talked about what we did during the war," Mr. Fitzmaurice explained. "All of us were sort of in the same boat. So why brag?"

In London, we walked neighborhoods that had been bombed and toured the Churchill War Rooms, an underground bunker where the English Prime Minister made his most important war decisions.

The 70th Anniversary commemorations in Liverpool specifically honored the Merchant Marine and Navy Veterans on the trip: Mack Paynter, Bill Ryan, Don Ellwood, and John Haynes. The city served as a major port for English and American seamen during World War II. Over 25 warships from the Royal Navy and around the world sailed into port for the event. We had an opportunity to tour a few of the ships and enjoy the Merseyside Maritime Museum.

Eight Veterans and five of the students were invited to participate in the official 70th Anniversary Commemoration service in the beautiful Liverpool Cathedral. The event was attended by nearly 2,500 dignitaries of Great Britain, including Princess Anne. Our group was the only one from the United States, and we were honored to represent all who had fought on behalf of our country.

I can truly say that I would not change anything about my trip experiences. I went hoping to learn about war from eight remarkable Veterans. I returned having learned about life from my eight, newly-adopted grandpas. My life has been forever impacted by their perseverance and patriotism.



Veteran Harold Gilbert explains the parts of a plane to students Nichole Russell and Kirk Metzger.

BRIGHT FUTURES

2013 College of the Ozarks Commencement

By Haley Jones

College of the Ozarks held its 107th Commencement on May 12, at which time 270 students received their bachelor degrees. Mr. Charlie Tsui “Charlie Two-Shoes,” a Chinese native gave the Commencement address entitled, “A Mission Completed.”

“They [the graduates] are going on to the next step to prove what the College of the Ozarks students can do for the world,” Dr. Tsui said during his address. “I have witnessed the work ethic of these boys and girls. I am always impressed to see the way they work hard. If you have this work ethic—always willing and happy to work hard—then you can do anything. You can pass the test.”

As an 11-year-old Chinese boy, Charlie was befriended by a company of U.S. Marines sent to China in 1945, shortly after the end of World War II. Charlie lived in a mud hut just beyond the barbed wire protecting the men of Love Company, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division. The Marines took care of Charlie, but when the communists took over the country Love Company was forced out, and Charlie was left behind.

Because he refused to denounce his connection with the Americans, he suffered immensely at the hands



Recent C of O graduates (front row): Emily Koch, Chelsea Kliethermes, Ashlyn Moore; (back) Austin Plummer and Dami Sapara

of the Maoist government. After 35 years, he was able to contact some of his Marine Corps friends. They in turn helped bring him to America in 1983, and eventually arranged for his wife and two children to come to America, as well.

Charlie became an American citizen and was inducted as the country’s 18th honorary Marine by the U.S. Marine Corps. His story is told by authors Michael Peterson and David Perlmutter in the book *Charlie Two Shoes and the Marines of Love Company*.

This past fall, ten College of the

Ozarks students accompanied Charlie, two of Charlie’s classmates from the Tsingtao American School they attended as children, and five of the Marines of Love Company on a trip to China. This was the first time for him to return since his departure in 1983.

While there, the group visited many places special to Charlie and the Marines. Students learned an incredible history lesson on China’s role in the Cold War, but most importantly, witnessed the strength of the friendship between the Marines and Charlie.

The Baccalaureate service was given by Dr. Andrew S. Zeller on May 12, as well. For 26 years, Dr. Zeller served as an Army Chaplain, retiring as Colonel. He currently serves as the President and Professor of Old Testament Hebrew and Preaching at the Sangre de Cristo Seminary and School for Biblical Studies in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Colorado. His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and four Meritorious Service Medals.



At Commencement, 270 students received their college diplomas.

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Historic Commencement at School of the Ozarks

By Turner Brock

School of the Ozarks held its first commencement on May 17, at 7 p.m., in the Williams Memorial Chapel, at which time six students received their high school diplomas. C of O President Jerry C. Davis gave the commencement address during the ceremony.

"Being a part of the first graduating class of School of the Ozarks is a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said valedictorian Halea Gregg. "We have developed as true learners in order to be poured out into the world as godly influences."

"God's providence is amazing as this graduation took place 100 years after the first graduation at the original School of the Ozarks," said S of O Headmaster Brad Dolloff. "I am excited to see how these students go out and impact the world for Christ and feel blessed to be a part of their journey."

This historic graduation coincided with the 100th anniversary of the institution's first commencement in 1913, which included one graduate Joseph R. Gideon. Gideon's granddaughter, Becky Roberts of Forsyth, was in attendance at the May 17 commencement.



From left: Graduates Miranda Schrock, Esther Reasons, Caitlin Maneth, Audrey Frick, Halea Gregg, and Jonathan Ashbee

"We have witnessed a historic event and have sent our seniors out into the world, fully equipped for college and beyond," said Dr. Sue Head, Dean of Character Education. "All six graduates have been prepared to be influencers and producers and have demonstrated leadership and grit during the School's inaugural year."

Chartered in 1906, The School of the Ozarks (now College of the Ozarks) began as a grammar school and high school for deserving Ozarks youth. Work-study has been an integral part of the institution, since its humble beginnings.

School of the Ozarks is a college preparatory lab school for grades 9-12 operated by College of the Ozarks. The S of O vision mirrors the College's vision "to develop citizens of Christ-like character, who are well-educated, hard-working, and patriotic."



Attendees showered the graduates with bubbles upon exiting the ceremony.



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WORTHWHILE ACTIVITIES

S of O Busy as Bees

By Morgan Sowell

There is much to learn from honeybees, and School of the Ozarks is taking that to heart with its new work-study experience, beekeeping. On April 24, S of O students welcomed 32,000 bees to campus.

In preparation for the bees' arrival, the students attended bee seminars taught by beekeepers of the C of O community. The concept of the bees' way of life is incorporated in the curriculum used throughout the high school. The students learned that honeybees live within their means. There are no banks, loans, or credit cards in the bees' world—only the resources they gather and store. Like humans, bees need to eat every day. They do everything in their power to ensure a constant food supply by storing it—not so much for themselves, but for bees yet to be born.

Students at School of the Ozarks have adopted the same work ethic as the honeybees. For several weeks, 20 S of O students went through beekeeping training. Ten of the students will tend to the bees on a weekly basis. The other ten will take care of designing labels and preparing a marketing plan for the honey. If all goes well, the students will have their first honey harvest in the fall. They will then process and bottle the honey for the public to purchase at one of the campus gift shops.

School of the Ozarks freshman Quentin Evans has been actively involved in the bee project. "We've learned how the bees actually reflect the five goals of the College and School, so it will be exciting to have the bees here on



campus, work with them, and actually observe them as they demonstrate those positive qualities," Quentin said. "They are such fascinating creatures that it reinforces, for me, that we have an amazing Creator."

Headmaster Brad Dolloff views his position over the students as similar to a beekeeper. "My job is to be the beekeeper; I will do my best to create a loving environment so students can be successful and thrive. We have great teachers and students, and our goal is to have graduates that will emerge from the hive as producers and influencers who have all the tools needed to impact the world for Christ."

Bobcat "Baseball for Heroes"

By Tyler Lopez

On Saturday, April 13, the College of the Ozarks Baseball Team, Christian Psychology Club (CPC), and the Physical Education Majors and Minors Club (PEMM Club) joined the local community



for Baseball for Heroes, wherein students and community members attended a Bobcats baseball game and brought baseball gloves and balls to be sent overseas to troops in Afghanistan.

More than 120 balls and gloves were collected. In addition, more than 100 "thank you" messages were video recorded to be sent to the troops. The collected equipment will be sent to C of O Associate Professor of Military Science Lieutenant Colonel James Schreffler and the 135th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion.

Col. Schreffler's wife, Mrs. Julie Schreffler, threw out the first pitch to start the College of the Ozarks Bobcats vs. Waldorf College Warriors conference double header. Also present was SFC D.W. McCall of the Missouri Army National Guard.

"I think the support the baseball team, CPC, PEMM Club and the rest of C of O has provided my unit has been tremendous," said Schreffler. "It truly is an example of living our patriotic mission."

Keeter Center Awarded 2013 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence

By Nathan Brown

The Keeter Center's Dobyns Dining Room at College of the Ozarks has recently been awarded the TripAdvisor 2013 Certificate of Excellence. This prestigious award, which places the College's Dining Room in the top-performing 10 percent of all businesses worldwide, is given to businesses that consistently earn high ratings from TripAdvisor travelers.

TripAdvisor is the world's largest travel site, enabling travelers to plan the perfect trip by offering trusted advice from real travelers around the world. The Keeter Center was rewarded for maintaining an overall rating of four or higher, out of a possible five, over the last 12 months. In the past year, Dobyns received an overall rating of five and has 302 reviews.

One recent guest who calls himself "Excelsior 1988" wrote, "The staff at Dobyns Dining Room works hard to provide an experience you won't forget! This family-friendly restaurant strives to provide the best possible service and food! The history of the College and the stories of the servers also add to the interest of the place! Definitely a must when you visit Branson."

"By giving this award, TripAdvisor is recognizing the hard work of the students," said Assistant Restaurant Manager Kiley Hutcheson. "This award comes from many positive reviews and not only gives students an appreciation for their



work, but motivates them to work harder."

Dobyns Dining Room is home to some of the Ozarks' finest dining. Under the guidance of industry professionals, it is operated entirely by students, equipping them with skills for the hospitality and food service industries.

"Working in the Dobyns Dining Room provides a great way for students to build relationships with other students on campus," said Nicole Kramer, a sophomore student and hostess at Dobyns. "It is an incredible opportunity to thrive and meet people from all over the world."

Dobyns Dining Room is open from 10:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Sundays. For more information or to make reservations, call 417-690-2146 or visit www.keetercenter.edu



Dean of Character Education Sue Head Receives "Kingdom Builder Award"

College of the Ozarks Dean of Character Education Dr. Sue Head received the "Don Gabriel Kingdom Builder Award" at the 12th Annual Ozark Mountain Prayer Breakfast held May 2 at the Branson Hilton Convention Center. The award is given annually to a person who contributes to the quality of the community by demonstrating in word and action a dedicated and dynamic Christian life; who constantly puts others ahead of self; who lives by Christian principles in all situations without compromise; and who lives by vision and mission working for God's perfect will in Ozark Mountain Country.

College of the Ozarks President Jerry C. Davis presented the award to Dr. Head. During the presentation, he quoted what one community associate said about



her, "She has an amazing ability to bring people together for the right reason."

Dr. Head is heavily involved in Loaves and Fishes, a program that provides hot meals to the area's underprivileged during the winter months, Faith Community Health Center, committed to providing Stone and Taney Counties' working uninsured with quality, affordable healthcare, and the Ozark Mountain Legacy Initiative, which promotes biblical principles and five core values: family, faith, flag, friends, and future in the Ozarks area. She also has served as a moving force behind the S. Truett Cathy Poverty Summit, First PLACE! Character Education Initiative, and the creation of School of the Ozarks, the new lab high school operated by College of the Ozarks.

BOARD MEMBER PERSONALITY PROFILE:

Dr. Robert E. Jeffries

By Ashley Bench

Dr. Robert E. Jeffries is a distinguished board member at College of the Ozarks. Chosen for this position in 2005, he has become an essential part of upholding the foundational vision and values of the College. "Everyone that has been in a position of authority that is associated with this school has impressed me beyond measure," said Dr. Jeffries. "Their desire to serve the Lord and faithfully execute the ministry and mission of this school is astounding." Having been praying for an opportunity to serve the Lord in a greater capacity, Dr. Jeffries was humbled by the corresponding values of College of the Ozarks and readily consented to serve the College as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Serving on the Board of Trustees at C of O is only one of the many areas in which Dr. Jeffries offers his time and service to the Lord. He has achieved numerous accomplishments, serving people through medicine and ministry. For the past 11 years, Dr. Jeffries has worked as an ophthalmologist in his private practice, Jeffries Eye Clinic, P.A. and Laser Center in Springdale, AR. As with maintaining a successful career, the journey to opening his practice, too, was not without hard work.

As a result of growing up on the mission field, in places such as Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, India, and Israel, Dr. Jeffries witnessed many people in overwhelming poverty. "You have to smell the smells and taste the tastes that linger in the air in some areas in the world, where it is so devastatingly poor, to fully appreciate the helplessness that many undoubtedly feel," he said. "At age nine, I decided there was nothing I could do to help those people at the time, but I could learn skills so I could help people like them." The decision to pursue a



The Civil Air Patrol's 115th Composite Squadron pictured left to right, front row (relation to Dr. Jeffries): MAJ Jonathon VerHoeven (nephew); Cadet/CMSGT Robert Jeffries, Jr. (son); MAJ Robert Jeffries; CAPT Gene Jeffries (dad, Chaplain); SFO Jeffrey VerHoeven (nephew). Pictured left to right, back row: Cadet/AMN Mathew Jeffries (nephew); SM Richard Jeffries (brother).

career in medicine directed him in a lifelong journey.

Motivated by the desire to help people, he strived for excellence in his schooling. During high school he completed many advanced courses in math, chemistry, and physics, among other classes, at the University of Arkansas. There he pursued interests in microwave optics and holography and assisted a doctoral fellow with separation techniques in nuclear chemistry. At 15 he began assisting with autopsies at his local hospital under direction of the well-respected Dr. Mae Nettleship. He also participated in bell and voice choirs, played the trumpet, and pursued competitive soccer and Judo.

Upon graduation, Dr. Jeffries was blessed with a complete four-year scholarship in chemical engineering at Princeton University. While earning his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, the favor of God continued to be evident in every decision, as Dr. Jeffries had the opportunity to spend time with some of the most renowned physi-

cians in the world, both in the United States and England. From these experiences, Dr. Jeffries decided to pursue a career in ophthalmology. After medical school and residency in ophthalmology, Dr. Jeffries has practiced in Arkansas for the last 17 years.

Although Dr. Jeffries is dedicated to his work, the most important aspect of his life is family. He has three children and is happily married to his wife Valarie, a former geologist. The Jeffries family is extremely interested in science and history; therefore, their family enjoys educational trips, such as studying rock formations from the Grand Canyon to Bryce Canyon to the glaciers of western Canada.

The Jeffries family holds to the traditional values upon which this country was founded. Many of his extended family, including his father, son, brother, brother-in-law and three nephews are members of the Civil Air Patrol's 115th Composite Squadron in Rogers, AR. Dr. Jeffries

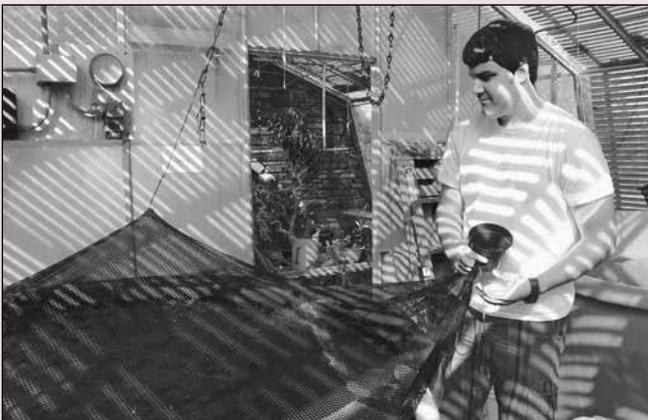
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Tilapia: A New Opportunity

By Chelsea Kliethermes

The College of the Ozarks is known for being self-sufficient and for offering an enhanced learning environment through its workstations such as the dairy, gardens, power plant, and four-star restaurant and lodge. This year, the College has added raising tilapia, also known as St. Peter's fish, to its list of unique projects.

The idea for this project originated from Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Robert Snyder. Dr. Snyder, who has a doctorate in fisheries and fish culture, previously helped develop fisheries in Africa. He decided to take his passion one step further and teach his students to raise tilapia as part of their fisheries and aquaculture course. The students participating in this project benefit by receiving a hands-on experience, which hopefully will open doors to landing a job in the growing industry of fish culture.



Biology student Jacob Binsbacher feeds the tilapia.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), "Interest in aquacultural production is on the rise because restrictions on the wild harvest of many seafood species may diminish wild harvest seafood supplies. During the last two decades, the value of U.S. aquacultural production rose to nearly \$1 billion."

The journey of the tilapia begin when the special ordered hatchlings arrive to campus. These fish are then transferred into holding tanks in the Biology Department, located in the Pfeiffer Science Building.



Biology students, Keeter Center students, and Dr. Robert Snyder hold some of the tilapia.

The tilapia stay in the holding tanks for approximately nine to ten months at a temperature of 28 degrees Celsius.

"I have learned many things while working with the tilapia, most of which, would be water quality and how it can affect wildlife," said biology major Brailey Shockley. "I have learned how to properly care for the fish and how to maintain a mechanical bio filtration system." The students are in charge of feeding the fish twice each day and tracking their growth. Once they have matured to the appropriate weight of .97 pounds, they are delivered to The Keeter Center to be prepared and served to the public. According to Dr. Snyder, the tilapia raised by the Biology Department are the only fresh tilapia available in the Branson area.

As soon as the tilapia arrive at the dock of The Keeter Center, students in the kitchen clean and prepare the fish for future use. "The fish need to be either grilled or sautéed on the flat, and it depends on how much oil is in the fish in order to determine how it is prepared," said Chef James Braddock. "The less oil that is in the fish means a lighter cooking method, so that it will not dry the fish out." This unique project is just one of the many ways C of O integrates the Academic and Work Education Programs.

The Biology Department has recently added a third holding tank to increase the amount of fish students can raise. The hope is to develop a good brood stock for expansion of the project.

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serves as the medical officer for the squadron.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Jeffries are active in their three children's academic and biblical studies. All three children are homeschooled and are accomplished musicians. They assist with children's Bible studies and are involved in multiple sports. As a family, they attend a

Sunday school specifically designed for families. Knowledge of Scripture and relationship with God are central in the Jeffries' household. Dr. Jeffries has devoted his life to serving God and views his role as a College of the Ozarks trustee as an opportunity to contribute to the Kingdom of God.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Robert L. Buenger

Longtime College of the Ozarks Trustee Robert L. Buenger, 83, of St. Peters, Missouri, died Monday, April 29, 2013.

Mr. Buenger graduated from Granite City High School in 1948, and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in business administration from Washington University, St. Louis in 1957. He was a devoted family man and married Mary Lou Boushard, his wife of 61 years, in 1952. They had two children, Paul and Leah.

For 34 years Mr. Buenger was employed at Mercantile Trust Co. He retired from there in 1991 as a Vice President of Trust Investments. From 1976-1991, he managed the L. W. Hyer Trust, a multi-million dollar fund that comprises a substantial part of the College's endowment.

In 1996, Mr. Buenger became a member of the College's Board of Trustees and remained active on the Board until his death. He served on various Board Committees, including the Bud-



get and Audit Committee, Investments and Properties Committee, and Work Education Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Buenger made many road trips to the College to attend campus events and support the students.

He was a member of St. Peters Lions Club and the St. Charles County Pachyderms. Mr. Buenger served on both the St. Charles County and St. Louis County Highway Commissions. He acted as an election judge and was a former Missouri State PTA Treasurer. Active in his church, Mr. Buenger served as a church deacon, Sunday school teacher, and church treasurer at various times.

He enjoyed working in his yard and keeping it well-maintained.

Mr. Buenger is survived by his wife Mary Lou, children Paul and Leah, grandchildren Michelle, Christine, and Aimmee, brother Earl Buenger, and nephews Mark and Scott.

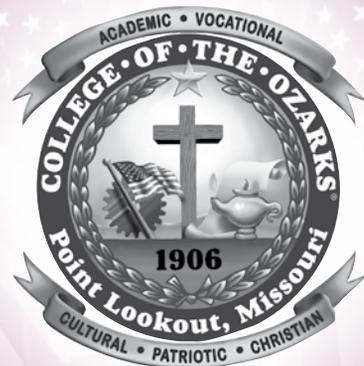
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S of O and C of O Students Excel at Academic Meets

By Turner Brock

Twenty School of the Ozarks students participated in the Senior High Math League held at College of the Ozarks on Thursday, April 11. S of O students competed in the 1A/2A division, placing first overall, first in Trigonometry, and second in Geometry. This was the first time School of the Ozarks students have competed in a math competition.

College of the Ozarks hosted the annual Missouri Academy of Science competition April 19-20, 2013. This event wel-



comed students from junior and senior high schools, as well as college students and professionals. C of O students competed in their respective science division by giving a 12-minute oral presentation, followed by taking three minutes of questions from judges and audience members. This year, four C of O students won awards.

Katey Glaspy took first place in Chemistry, and Makayla Enxer placed first in Biology. Carly Engel finished second in Chemistry, and Charles Laber took third place in Chemistry.

PITCH IN FOR PATRIOTS

Students at School of the Ozarks High School, a department of College of the Ozarks, have launched Pitch In For Patriots Club to help Veterans. As their first project, they helped the local Branson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 913 with money they collected during the College's annual Honor America celebration held on campus June 30. That evening they collected \$1584. The donations went to Chapter 913's Veterans Assistance fund, which provides funds to help struggling Veterans with needs such as gas money for doctor's visits at the Veterans Hospital, utility bills, and wheelchair ramps.



The students plan to look for other ways to help America's Veterans by working on service projects and raising funds for designated needs. The students hope "Pitch in for Patriots!" serves as a model for other high school and college students around the country.