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In the company of heroes



PROMISES TO KEEP

Summer a Time of Service, Learning and Working



**Jerry C. Davis,
President**

While classes are not in session during the summer months, students still have multiple opportunities to learn, work, and serve others through Christ – three components which comprise the fundamental building blocks of the *Hard Work U* experience.

In June, students accompanied WWII Veterans who took part in the D-Day Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. This special Patriotic Education trip marked the 70th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion, a pinnacle in American and world history. Students were able to walk and speak with Veterans at the places where the battles occurred. These Veterans taught the students many lessons that could not be gleaned from a history book. As you will read on pages 8-11, this special trip

changed lives and produced in students a true understanding of patriotic duty.

Men and women across this great nation have answered the nation's call to duty. In this issue of the *Ozark Visitor*, you will read how the College was significantly touched by the circumstances of WWII hero and alumnus, Mr. Roy F. Hopper. Over the years, Mr. Hopper has been a great representative of the nation and the College. Unfortunately, he encountered a situation that caused him great distress. On the next page, you will find an article on PFC Hopper, which explains how a dishonorable person took advantage of an honorable man.

The citizens of this great nation are blessed beyond measure, a fact that becomes especially evident when one visits a third-world country. As you will read on page 5, several students experienced the reality of this statement while spreading God's love globally on mission trips to Belize. Students at College of the Ozarks understand the importance of spreading the Gospel and ministering to those less fortunate.

It would be an understatement to say that May, June, and July were busy months. The College of the Ozarks and School of the Ozarks held commencement and awards ceremonies. Additionally, numerous C of O students, faculty, and staff volunteered at the first-ever Bass Pro Shops and Big Cedar Lodge Legends of Golf Tournament. This Tournament also served as an opportunity to host the wives of the Legends for a special farm-to-table luncheon provided by students.

Mother of the campus and my wife Mrs. Shirley Davis, First Lady of Missouri Mrs. Georganne Nixon, and wife of Bass Pro Shop and Big Cedar Lodge Founder Mrs. Jeanie Morris hosted the lunch. The lunch was not reserved solely to Legends of Golf wives. Several female C of O students had a hand in welcoming the guests, including Miss Laura Lingner, who spoke on behalf of the students. You may learn more about these special events on page 6.

Students taking part in the Summer Work Education Program, which awards deserving students the opportunity to earn room and board scholarships for the upcoming year, were "busy as bees" putting on a successful Farmers Market. Hours of planning and labor went into their efforts, and the resulting harvest continues to be plentiful.

Summer would not be complete without a School of the Ozarks update. Last fall, the Board of Trustees approved the addition of a Lower School (grades K-8). You will find a comprehensive update in *The Keeter Report* section on page 16. Since that time, much work has been accomplished to open the lower grades this August.

It truly is an exciting time to be a part of *Hard Work U*! Please enjoy this issue of the *Ozark Visitor*. God bless you and your family.

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FOCUS ON PATRIOTISM

PFC Roy Hopper—A National Treasure

By Laura S. Lane, guest writer

The name Roy Hopper is quite familiar around campus at College of the Ozarks.

He left [School of the Ozarks] high school to join the Army in 1944, and survived the invasion of Normandy. Not long afterward, he was captured as a Prisoner of War, miraculously escaping to freedom over nine months later.

PFC Roy Hopper's story is remarkable, first shared on campus in the year 2000 during a convocation where he received his high school diploma, witnessed by a crowd of 4,000.

Since then, alumnus Roy Hopper has nearly become a household name around these parts. Although he resides in New Mexico and is disabled, he visits his alma mater as often as possible. In November 2012, First Lady Laura Bush helped dedicate the Patriots Plaza named in his honor.

He is always an honored guest on campus, and rightly so. We consider our own Roy Hopper a war hero, although he's quick to say the real



PFC Roy Hopper

heroes are those who didn't come home. From meager beginnings, he remains humble and sincerely grateful for life's many opportunities.

End of story? Not quite. Now 89, he suffered a broken hip this spring. While recovering in a VA facility, his home was burglarized, ironically over Memorial Day weekend. His treasured war medals, including a

Bronze Star for bravery, were among items taken. His plight was broadcasted in an effort from friends to help recover the medals.

However, what man intends for evil, God often uses for the greater good. Within a few days, the story was picked up by the **Associated Press**, followed quickly by **FOX News**, **The Washington Times**, and **ABC News** online. This heart-wrenching story received national attention, bringing to the forefront the importance of honoring our nation's Veterans—individuals such as Roy Hopper who bravely fought for our freedom.

Because of his service and patriotism, he has become a national treasure. At College of the Ozarks, we already knew that. And we proudly salute you, Roy Hopper.

Update: Over two weeks after the burglary, his prized medals were recovered by an attentive off-duty police officer who recognized them at a flea market in the Albuquerque, New Mexico, area. The medals and their frame were intact and undamaged. No arrests have been made.



Roy Hopper during his time at School of the Ozarks



Former First Lady Laura Bush unveils the Roy F. Hopper Patriots Plaza plaque during her visit to College of the Ozarks in the Fall of 2012.

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SPREADING GOD'S LOVE GLOBALLY

By Grace Donaldson

The College of the Ozarks Christian Ministries Department is equipping students to become global Christians by sponsoring international mission trips to spread the Gospel.

May 12-19, a group of ten students, led by Campus Minister Andrew Bolger, traveled to Belize to witness and minister to the local children. Their time in Belize was spent in the communities of San Marcos, Billy White, and San Ignacio. Split into three groups, the C of O students spent time with the young people doing crafts, playing music and sports, and conducting vacation Bible school.

"The children were so sweet, loving, and eager to learn and play," said trip participant Lauren Denny. "They were very polite, friendly, and had the most beautiful smiles."

The team kept up a blog during their time in Belize to keep friends and family back home updated with the ministry and the work being done there. Junior James Zeller posted, "We have seen so much beauty in the friendliness, hospitality, and



joy of the people here, but have also witnessed the burdensome reality of the poverty that exists in third-world countries."

Christian Ministries sponsored another trip, in cooperation with the Nursing and Athletic Programs, to serve the non-profit organization

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ROW Kids in Belize. Six nursing students and three members of the Men's Basketball Team went to minister to the children of the area in June for a week through medical and sports activity outreaches. Prior to his journey to Belize, basketball player/sophomore Joseph Young said, "We have a really great opportunity to be a light to these kids/communities, so I am really excited to see what God has planned for us. . ."

Upon his arrival back Young said, "You will never understand gratefulness until you see just how thankful all the people there were, because of the doctors and nurses. I felt like I understood Jesus' love for us after this trip."

Both trips had a mutually powerful effect on both those participating and those they visited in Belize.

LEGENDS OF GOLF TOURNAMENT MOVES TO BRANSON

By Bo Desmond

From June 2-8, College of the Ozarks faculty, staff, and students volunteered at the Bass Pro Shops and Big Cedar Lodge Legends of Golf tournament.



Golf Legends Fred Funk (L) and Mark Calcavecchia made a special visit to *Hard Work U* learning how to do several student jobs, including serving at The Keeter Center.

John L. (Johnny) Morris, Founder of Bass Pro Shops and Big Cedar Lodge, generously donated proceeds from the Tournament to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and College of the Ozarks.

Of almost 1,000 volunteers, 300 were from the College. Dr. Chris Larsen, Dean of Work Education at College of the Ozarks, served as the Tournament's Volunteer Vice Chairman and ensured the necessary positions were filled. "I recruited many of our administrators and staff to fill the leadership positions," said Dr. Larsen. "We filled in all the volunteer openings with students." Students performed many roles including standard bearers, **NBC Golf Channel** assistants, parking attendants, guest relations, and caddies for the golfers, to name a few.

Branson, Missouri, has never hosted an event of this magnitude. Now that the Legends of Golf has a new sponsor, Bass Pro Shops and Big Cedar Lodge will annually host the Tournament. Dr. Larsen anticipates that C of O will continue to provide volunteers for the Tournament in the future.

Legends Ladies Luncheon a "Hole in One"

By Bo Desmond

To welcome the wives of the professional golfers competing in the PGA Champions Tour Bass Pro Shops and Big Cedar Lodge Legends of Golf Tournament, Mrs. Shirley Davis, wife of College of the Ozarks President Jerry C. Davis, Mrs. Georganne Nixon, First Lady of Missouri, and Mrs. Jeanie Morris, wife of Bass Pro Shops Founder John L. (Johnny) Morris, hosted a luncheon on June 5. The women enjoyed lunch at the College's Keeter Center, its student-operated four-star hotel, restaurant, and conference center. The event served as an opportunity for the College and some of its students to demonstrate Ozarks hospitality and the unique Work Education Program that allows students to graduate debt-free.

"College of the Ozarks was delighted to host the 'Legend Ladies' for a 'farm-to-table' luncheon featuring products grown by the students at *Hard Work U*," said Mrs. Davis. C of O student Joy Hunt, a senior culinary major, presented during the meal by giving a culinary demonstration, making the dish the ladies enjoyed for lunch. Each of the hostesses and student Laura Lingner offered inspiring messages. Mrs. Davis spoke about several distinct aspects of the College, including its patriotic goal and commitment to honoring Veterans.

Mrs. Morris encouraged the ladies and students to pursue what they love, in her case painting. She praised the College for being an institution that provides students



From L: C of O student Miss Laura Lingner, Missouri First Lady Georganne Nixon, Legend wife Barbara Nicklaus, wife of Bass Pro Shops Founder Mrs. Jeanie Morris, and wife of C of O President Mrs. Shirley Davis

with that ability and motivation.

Mrs. Georganne Nixon commended the College for the opportunities it offers to students, adding that the hard work and Christian values the College embraces embodies what Missouri stands for and upholds.

"I was filled once again with awe that I am going to graduate debt-free from a college so dedicated to hard work, education, Christian faith, and patriotism," Lingner said. As the final speaker, she shared about her college experience and the great gift of working for an education.

"I gained so much in just a couple of hours of interaction [with the Legends' wives] and hope to be able to be that encouraging and genuine influence in the lives of students in the future," said Lingner.

25 YEARS OF HONORING AMERICA



"Uncle Sam" and "Honest Abe" greeted the crowd.



President Davis (C) presented CSM David Gail (L) and MAJ Jack Windes with the Honor America Award for the 1-135th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion.



The Branson VVA Chapter 913 presented the colors.

By Grace Donaldson

June 29, marked the 25th annual Honor America event at College of the Ozarks. Thousands of attendees came to celebrate our nation. Fun games and crafts, such as ring toss, hop scotch, face art, checkers, and decorating wooden tops were enjoyed by children of all ages as the night's entertainment commenced.



Musical groups, including The Lingner Family Mountain Music Band, AYO Voices of Glory, and Red, Hot...& Blue delighted the audience with their talents.

During the patriotic program, President Davis welcomed special guests of the 1-135th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion. The Battalion is special to College of the Ozarks specifically because of its ties to its Commander, Lieutenant Colonel James Schreffler, Assistant Professor of Military Science at the College. Also, First Lieutenant Caleb Dunnam serves under Colonel Schreffler in the 1-135th as he did while studying at the College. It was a special night to acknowledge all Veterans and active military men and women.

The night concluded with an elaborate fireworks display and a patriotic concert by the *Hard Work U* Concert Band, comprised of College of the Ozarks students, staff, and faculty members, and community members. The Band was directed by College of the Ozarks Assistant Music Professor Dr. Kevin Powers.

THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AND BATTLE OF THE BULGE:

My Patriotic Travel Experience

By Matt Fender

In honor of the 70th Anniversary of D-Day and Battle of the Bulge, myself and 14 other College of the Ozarks students accompanied eight World War II Veterans back to their fields of battle throughout France, Luxembourg, and Belgium in early June. Students were paired with Veterans to hear first-hand accounts of their service during one of the most trying times in world history. I was honored to participate in this commemorative trip and learn from the remarkable group of men whom we accompanied.

On June 2, 2014, the students and the Veterans met at the Atlanta airport to depart for France. We had all anticipated this moment for months, and you could feel the excitement in the air as we boarded the plane. Although we did not know it yet, the next 11 days would impact each one of us more than we could have imagined.

The Veterans who accompanied us on our trip included Corporal Herbert "Andy" Anderson, 348th Engineer Combat Battalion; Seaman



Students Alyssa Bane and Matt Fender with Veteran Andy Anderson

First Class William Brannan, U.S. Navy; Private First Class John Cipolla, 101st Airborne, Army; Seaman First Class Milton Dierker, U.S. Navy; Colonel John Gaynor, 82nd Airborne, Army; Quarter Master Elmer Ward, 90th Infantry Division, Army; Seaman First Class Irvin "Buck" Price, U.S. Navy; and Sergeant Bill Ryan, First Infantry Division, Army.

The D-Day invasion, known as Operation Overlord, was the largest invading force in history. Years of preparation led to thousands of ships

and aircrafts and more than 160,000 brave soldiers assembling to descend upon the shores of France. This complex plan was the world's best chance for the liberation of Europe, but in order for victory to be achieved, each individual had a specific task that needed to be completed.

The Veterans on our trip served in many different capacities, acting in roles such as landing craft operators, combat engineers, and paratroopers. Though each soldier's task was different, they were all critical to the success of the invasion.

Upon arrival in France, we traveled to the Normandy region where we visited towns and important historical landmarks from the War.

One of the most memorable places we visited was the Normandy American Cemetery at Omaha Beach. At the Cemetery, a small private ceremony was held to honor our Veterans and visit the final resting place of the fallen soldiers. The Veteran I accompanied, Mr. Andy Anderson, made a trip to visit the grave of Private Albert Soto who was killed by a land mine on Omaha Beach during the invasion. Mr. Anderson placed flowers at the base of Mr. Soto's marble cross and told us stories of Private Soto. We also re-visited the Normandy American Cemetery on June 6, for the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of France ceremony. This was a very special ceremony because it very well could be the last for many of the aging heroes.

A number of things about the American Cemetery at Normandy amazed me. First, how beautiful it was. The white marble crosses aligned perfectly, and the green grass was cut to perfection. The Cemetery, located upon a bluff, overlooked Omaha Beach and the beautiful Eng-



The group visiting the American cemetery at Omaha Beach

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About the 70th Anniversary of D-Day and Battle of the Bulge – Patriotic Education Trip

By Matt Fender

June 6, 2014, marked the 70th Anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge. College of the Ozarks commemorated these historic occasions by sending 15 of its students with eight World War II Veterans to France, Belgium, and Luxembourg.

The Veterans who embarked on the trip were Corporal Herbert “Andy” Anderson, 348th Engineer Combat Battalion; Seaman First Class William Brannan; Private First Class John Cipolla, 101st Airborne; Seaman First Class Milton Dierker; Colonel John Gaynor, 82nd Airborne; Quarter Master Elmer Ward, 90th Infantry Division; Seaman First Class Irvin “Buck” Price; and Sergeant Bill Ryan, First Infantry Division.

Accompanying the Veterans were C of O students Alyssa Bane, Timothy Banowetz, Tyler Campbell, Luke Elfrink, Matt Fender, Whitney Garrison, Trey Graham, Rebekah Green, Jacob Howdeshell, Brody Huff, Becca Mallette, Elizabeth Martin, Ethan Meeks, Leah Rungaitis, and Sadie Wilson.

The group began its 11-day trip on Monday, June 2, when students and Veterans met at the Atlanta

Airport before boarding the plane. Bound for the Normandy region of France, they visited Port-en-Bessin, a crucial sea port that was reclaimed by the Allied forces. On Thursday, the group traveled to the Normandy American Cemetery at Omaha Beach and the following day, June 6, the group attended the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day invasions.

On June 7, they drove to the small town of Saint-Mere-Eglise, where the 82nd Airborne troops parachuted on D-Day. This was the first time Veteran John Gaynor, a paratrooper in the 82nd, had been back to this town since he had landed there 70 years prior. On Sunday, the day began with an excursion to Pointe du Hoc where Army Rangers scaled 100-foot vertical cliffs on D-Day.

The next day, the group left the Normandy region and headed to Paris to tour the beautiful and historic city. On Tuesday, the group traveled to Bastogne, Belgium, where the Siege of Bastogne took place during the Battle of the Bulge. Veterans and students walked down a trail in the Ardennes Forest to view the original foxholes of the 101st Airborne. The group stopped at the American Cemetery in Lux-

embourg on Wednesday, June 11, where General George S. Patton is buried. The next day the group participated in a memorial service at the Henri Chapelle American Cemetery and visited the Remember Museum to view artifacts from the War. On the final day of the trip, the group boarded a plane at the Brussels Airport for the journey back to Atlanta, where a trip of a lifetime, filled with first-hand history lessons from men who sacrificed so much began.

In 2009, College of the Ozarks began the Patriotic Education Travel Program, designed to provide once-in-a-lifetime experiences for students and Veterans from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, and soon the Vietnam War. The program pairs College of the Ozarks students with Veterans, taking them back to the battlefields where they fought. This program honors Veterans and helps educate the younger generation, instilling an appreciation for the sacrifices of American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines.

The Patriotic Education Travel Program allows students and Veterans to travel at no personal cost. To read the trip blog, go to <http://cofo-normandy2014.wordpress.com/>.



lish Channel. It was difficult to imagine that this place was the nightmare that our Veterans found themselves in 70 years ago.

The second memorable aspect of Normandy American Cemetery was a remark one of the Veterans made about the white, marble crosses and the names etched into them. "You see names, we see faces." This really put into perspective what they sacrificed. When you look at a field with more than 9,000 crosses, you begin to consider how each one of these men might have gone home, married, had families, a successful career and retired, just like our Veterans did. Those men gave up so much, and in return, all we have to offer is a simple thank you.

During our travels we also visited the famous town of Bastogne, where Allied troops under command of General Anthony McAuliffe were surrounded by the Nazi's 5th Panzer Division in the middle of December, yet refused to surrender when given an ultimatum. The Siege of Bastogne was extremely critical during the Battle of the Bulge, because all seven main roads in the Ardennes mountain range converge in the town of Bastogne. Control of the crossroads would have allowed the Nazis to regain a foothold in the area.

The town was heavily damaged throughout the siege but was rebuilt after the War. It is now filled with monuments dedicated to our soldiers. We drove to the outskirts



Elizabeth Martin and Ethan Meeks spend time with their Veteran, William "Bill" Brannan.

of Bastogne to the Peace Woods. The Peace Woods is comprised of around 4,000 trees that were planted in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge. The living monument was dedicated to all those who fought in the area. One Veteran who was accompanying us on our trip had a tree dedicated to him. That same day we also went to a patch of woods where foxholes that the 101st Airborne took cover in still exist today. The foxholes had filled in somewhat over the past 70 years due

to the rain, but it was still moving to see them throughout the forest.

It was an honor to stand there and imagine who was standing on that same ground 70 years ago. You cannot escape the significance of what occurred there.

We know now what would have happened had our young men not stepped up to stop the Nazi war machine. The world would be a completely different place. But those soldiers didn't get the big picture back then. They were "just following orders," or "just trying to survive." They didn't realize the magnitude of their sacrifice. Countless times on the trip we were stopped by people eager to thank the Veterans for their liberty. The Veterans never acted like those they liberated owed them anything. They are proud of their service, but remain humble, as true heroes do.

For more information about the Patriotic Education Travel Program, please visit www.cofe.edu and click on Character Education.



Luke Elfrink and Veteran Bill Ryan at Port-en-Bessin

Often the College has the privilege to welcome military reunion groups to campus. One of those reunion groups, comprised of the Vietnam Veterans Reconnaissance Platoon of the 3rd Battalion of the First Infantry Regiment of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade of the Americal Division of the United States Army, held a brief ceremony at the College's Veterans Grove and Flag Plaza. Below is the speech delivered by one of the Veterans. No one can say it better and more meaningful than a soldier that was there.

The Men of Recon-411

Speech written and delivered to the men of the Recon-411 by Mr. Bill Brumley

Once upon a time during the Vietnam War, there was a small band of soldiers known as the Reconnaissance Platoon of the 3rd Battalion of the First Infantry Regiment of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade of the Americal Division of the United States Army.

These were the men of Recon. When the Battalion Commander called, they answered and stood tall and all alone. When the helicopters came and carried them into the unknown, they went to serve and survive on their own.

They tread to places where few

have been. They climbed the jungled mountains.

They walked among the booby traps and ever-present dangers of the lowlands. They pushed through the tall grasses. They lay among the snakes, centipedes, and leeches. They guarded each other in the mud and rain, the tropical sun, and the darkness of night. Like the tigers and leopards, they lurked in the deep shadows of the jungle.

Regardless of how the cards were dealt, they fought their foes to win or die. Some left their blood and body parts at the unforgiving places of battle. Some gave the ultimate sacrifice for their brothers in arms and the United States of America.

Some survived to carry on and to remember.

Their legend may only be in their own minds, and it may pass as they go to be dust in the winds of time, but they know exactly where they stand to a man.

Who would venture into the bowels of hell and war in so few numbers to hunt and be hunted?

Yea. Yea. Yea.

They did walk through the valley of the shadow of death. A few heavily armed men in floppy bush hats and camouflaged jungle fatigues, under the load of heavy packs.

These were the men of Recon.



2014 COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS COMMENCEMENT AND BACCALAUREATE CEREMONIES

At the 2014 Commencement, 320 College of the Ozarks students received their bachelor's degrees in diverse majors ranging from agriculture to nursing. These deserving young people had the opportunity to work for their college education, allowing them the opportunity to graduate debt-free. In previous years, 90 percent of graduates find jobs in their field of study post-graduation. A degree from "Hard Work U" is one important resumé item that sets them apart from others.



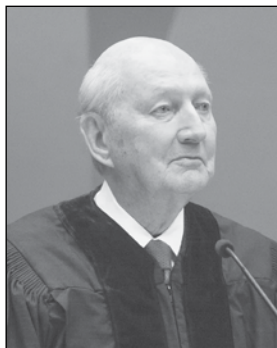
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER 2014

Colonel Quincy Collins

From opening the new Air Force Academy in 1955, as an Air Training Officer to serving as the Aide to the Four-Star Commander-in-Chief of U. S. Air Forces in Europe to being shot down by the North Vietnamese and imprisoned for seven-and-a-half years as a POW at the "Hanoi Hilton," Colonel Quincy Collins experienced an inspiring military career.

Interestingly, Colonel Quincy Collins was born on the Fourth of July, 1931. He was raised in Concord, NC, and graduated from Concord High School. Col. Collins went on to attend The Citadel, the military college of South Carolina, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in commerce in 1953. Following graduation, he immediately entered the Air Force as a Second Lieutenant and began pilot training. Within 24 years, Col. Collins had accumulated more than 3,000 hours of jet time with a Command Pilot rating. He earned his Jump Wings at Ft. Benning, GA, while serving as a Flight Commander in an F-104 unit at George Air Force Base, CA.

Col. Collins retired from the Air Force in 1974. Since that time, he has been involved in numerous work responsibilities, including the business of insurance, General

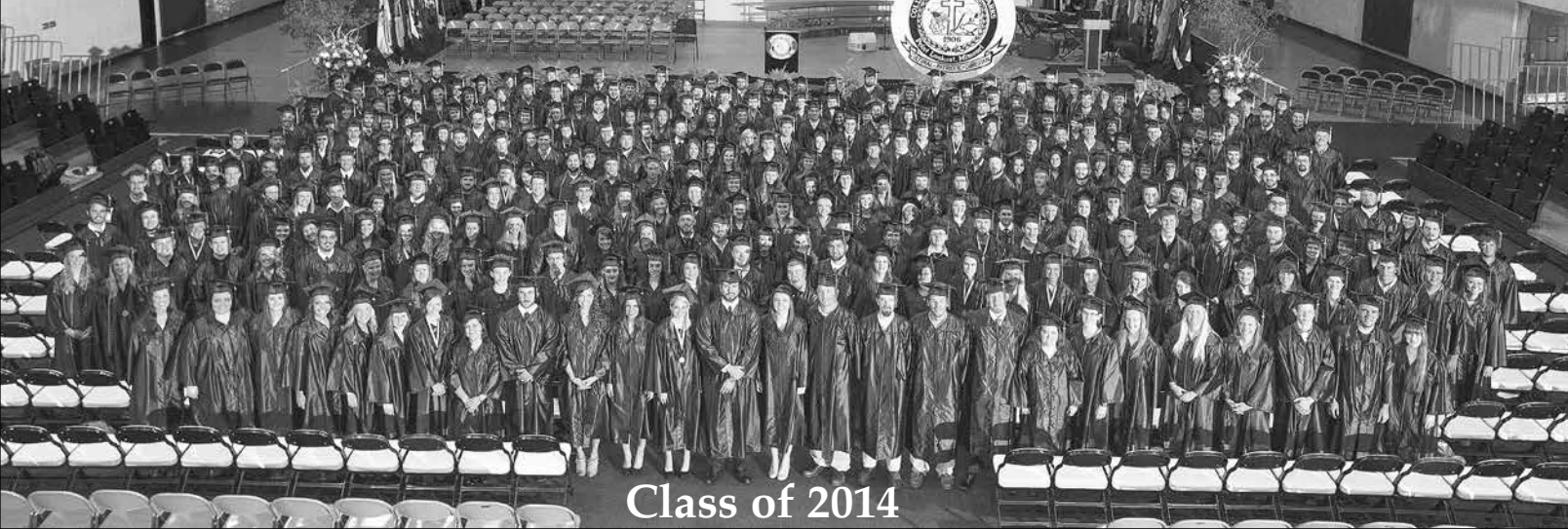


Sales Manager of Arnold Palmer Cadillac for four-and-a-half years, and President of his own marketing firm in Charlotte, NC. For 23 years, he has served as a commercial and industrial real estate broker and is now the Senior Vice President of Southern Real Estate in Charlotte.

His military honors include: two Silver Stars, two Purple Hearts, two Air Medals, the POW Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Longevity Service Award.

The Citadel recently designated Col. Collins as a "Distinguished Graduate." He currently serves on the Board of the USO and Operation Homefront for North Carolina. Col. Collins founded The Carolinas Freedom Foundation, dedicated to promoting patriotism and honoring Veterans. He and the Foundation received the World Citizen Award by the World Affairs Council of Charlotte in 2009.

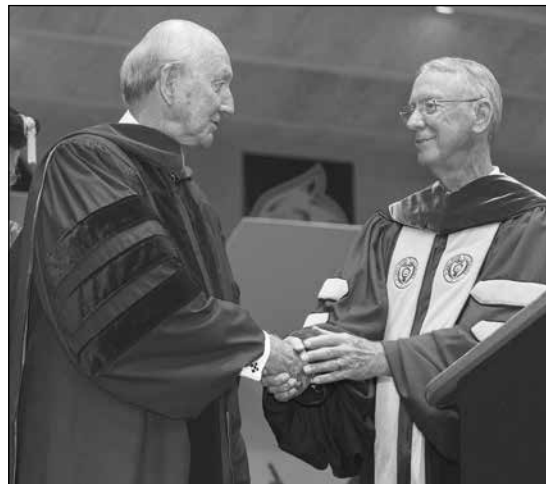
Col. Collins has been married to his lovely wife, Catherine, for 31 years.



Class of 2014



The senior class surprised Col. Collins by singing the "POW Hymn," which he penned.



The College presented Col. Collins with an honorary doctorate for his dedication to his family and nation.

BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER 2014

Chaplain (Colonel) Paul L. Vicalvi, U. S. Army, Ret.

Chaplain (Colonel) Paul L. Vicalvi entered active duty in 1977, initially serving as a battalion chaplain in the 1/504th Battalion (ABN), 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. Subsequent assignments include the 3rd Armor Division (Friedberg, FRG) 1-509th Airborne Battalion Combat Team (Vicenza, Italy), Division Chaplain for the 24th Infantry and 3rd Infantry Divisions (MECH) at Ft. Stewart, GA; United States Army Special Operations Command (Command Chaplain), Commandant, United States Army Chaplain Center and School, and many more.

He has been awarded the Legion of Merit (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (nine), the Army Commendation Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, Overseas Ribbon (two), the Master Parachutist Badge, the German Parachutist Badge, and most recently, the 2014 Centurion Award. This award is presented each year to an individual who has demonstrated support of



chaplaincy and its work, among the men and women of our nation's armed forces and civil institutions. For this prestigious recognition, nominees include civilian and military leaders from around the world who recognize and champion the work of chaplains in the lives of the people they serve alongside.

Chaplain (Col.) Vicalvi received his Bachelor of Arts from Houghton College, Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, and Master in National Strategic Studies from the National Defense University. He also graduated from the National War College.

After retiring from the Army, Chaplain (Col.) Vicalvi moved to southwest Missouri with his wife Pamela. He currently serves as the Patriotic Education Instructor at the School of the Ozarks High School, the laboratory school operated by College of the Ozarks.

FARMERS MARKET GROWS

By Bo Desmond

In the summer of 2013, College of the Ozarks started a farmers market, selling student-made and grown products to members of the community. "Dr. Davis was instrumental in starting it with the leadership of Dan Swearengen, C of O Farm Manager, David Ray, Landscaping Supervisor, and Nathan Bell, Greenhouses Supervisor," said Eric Bright, Farmers Market Manager.

The College began the Market to provide shoppers with locally-grown, fresh produce and to share the College's vocational goal, which allows students to work for their education. The Market also serves as an excellent way for students to gain experience in their respective fields.

"There are nine other departments involved," said Bright, "the Processing Plant, the Student Dietetics Association (which provides fresh bread), the Fruitcake and Jelly



Kitchen, Stained Glass Department, Edwards Mill, Landscaping, W. Alton Jones Dairy, The Keeter Center, and the Bookstore."

The reaction from the commu-

nity was positive last year, and that continues this season. "(Customers) are greeted by our students on a first-name basis, because they get to know them as they return virtually every week," Bright said.

Now in its second year, the Market has grown and continues to expand. In the first season, the Market averaged 300 people each week. This year, it has averaged over 610 customers weekly.

There are also many new features to this year's Market. Each week, Joy Hunt, a senior culinary student, provides a culinary demonstration, showing how to create a dish using the products sold at the Market. New products are available, too. This year, the Market is selling sweet corn, fresh baked bread, fish batter mix, and white corn meal.

There are already plans for next year's Market. "We plan to offer more fruit, including but not limited to apples, peaches, blueberries, strawberries, and blackberries. We also anticipate new products from other on-campus departments," said Bright.

The Farmers Market is located in the Sale Barn and is open Fridays from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It will continue until October 31.

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Customers perusing the freshly-picked vegetables at the Farmers Market



Memorial Gifts

MARCH MEMORIAL SCROLLS

Mr. & Mrs. Everett Best from John Moll
LYLE JESSE FROM **LYNDA JESSE**
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Donald Fournier from Joan Baggech
Mike McGinnis from Mr. & Mrs. Dan Swearengen
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Carol Ann Tinsley from Mr. & Mrs. F. Russell Zartler

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Faculty Honored

By Matt Fender

Professor of Art Dr. Anne Allman received The Eugene Charles Wittick Teaching Excellence Award at the 107th Commencement held at College of the Ozarks on May 11.

"She is known on campus as a dependable and wise leader and as a highly effective teacher," said Dean of the College Dr. Eric Bolger. "Her enthusiasm for training students to grow as artists and teachers has never wavered."

The Eugene Charles Wittick Teaching Excellence Award honors



professors who have demonstrated outstanding teaching ability and had a significant impact on the lives and careers of their students.

Dr. Allman is completing her 33rd year of teaching in the College's Art Department and has served on numerous committees, including, most recently, the committee that facilitated positive changes in the College's core curriculum.

Associate Professor of Physical Education and Head Athletic Trainer Gary Turbak received The Mildred Letton Wittick Professional Achievement Award.

"Dr. Turbak has published articles in the field of athletic training and is recognized by his peers as one of the finest trainers in the NAIA," said Dean of the College Dr. Eric Bolger. "His athletic training skills have benefited the College's athletes and students training for careers in allied health."

The Mildred Letton Wittick Professional Achievement Award honors faculty members for their outstanding professional accom-



plishments, which may include research, publications, performance, creative productions, and various kinds of service.

Dr. Turbak has been the Head Athletic Trainer for 19 years and serves as Associate Professor of Physical Education. He just completed a two-year term as President of the National Board of Directors of the NAIA Trainers Association, on which he also served as Vice President for four years. The NAIA recently presented him with a Meritorious Service Award for his contributions to athletic trainers.

The Keeter Report

School of the Ozarks Update: S. Truett Cathy Lower School Almost Ready for Pupils

The process of adding grades kindergarten through sixth grade to School of the Ozarks has taken several months but is nearing completion as this issue goes to print. Grades 7 and 8 will be added next year. The new S. Truett Cathy Lower School, named in honor of the Chick-fil-A® Founder and longtime friend of the College, will provide a classical, Christian education to 136 pupils its first year, which begins August 21.

Following a Town Hall Meeting that unveiled the Lower School offerings, School of the Ozarks received 320 applications. Of those applicants, 230 were interviewed.

“The review of the application packets, the placement test, and subsequent interviews left the committee to make some tough decisions. We wish we could have accepted them all, but space limitations prevented us from doing so,” said Sue Head, Dean of Character Education.

The Lower School mirrors the same mission and values of the School of the Ozarks High School and the College. Families do not pay tuition, but students have an age-appropriate chore assignment. For the very young, tasks include taking care of and keeping their own space tidy. Older grades (5-6) will clean the School hallway, common area, and wipe down tables after lunch time.

“It is a blessing to offer this type of education tuition-free while instilling the values of a Christian education and hard work,” said Scott McElvain, Assistant to the Dean of the Lab School who oversees the Lower School.

Although this school will provide academic rigor for students, it won’t be all work and no fun. Students will enjoy three recesses each day at a playground located adjacent to the Lower School. Additionally, students will have the opportunity for numerous onsite field trips to



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the Ralph Foster Museum, W. Alton Jones Dairy, Point Lookout Fire Department, and more.

Experiential learning is only part of the equation of the classical, Christian curriculum, which is broken down in to three phases. Students in grades K-5 grade complete school work that addresses the “Grammar Stage.” This stage includes using songs, rhymes, and chants to master repetition and memorization techniques and meshes well with the natural developmental stage for students of this age. School

work for students in grades 6-8 focuses on the “Logic Phase” and includes many opportunities for inquiry and learning to formulate, as well as support a logical argument as students learn to think critically. The final phase of the curriculum, the “Rhetoric Phase,” is accomplished by students in grades 9-12. During this phase, students will learn to communicate their logic using both the written and spoken word while continuing to develop critical thinking skills.

School of the Ozarks, including the S. Truett Cathy Lower School, is a department of the College. The School provides a unique venue for learning. College faculty and staff view the High School and Lower School as opportunities to share their gifts and talents with students. In fact, numerous faculty and staff members stepped forward to provide workshops ranging from the science of color, music, and sound to painting Christmas ornaments that will be given to local residents of retirement homes.

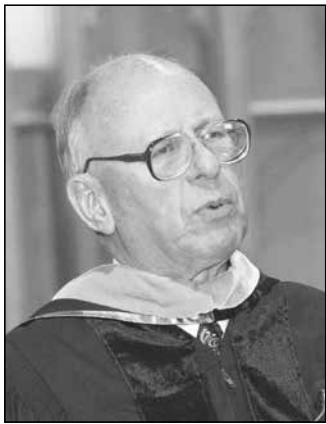
“What a blessing it is to be a part of an institution that has been educating the head, heart, and hands since 1906. I’m excited to see how God will continue to transform lives through this school,” said Dean of the Lab School Brad Dolloff.

S of O Graduation: Bright Futures

Emerging from The School of the Ozarks, the College has benefited from the good will and generosity of many people, but a few individuals in particular have made significant contributions. Thanks largely to the vision of five men, C of O has grown from its simple beginnings in 1906 to become a nationally-recognized institution of higher learning, now with a laboratory school, that has not forgotten and will never forget its original mission.

Those visionaries include: the Reverend James Forsythe, a young missionary who founded The School; Mr. L. W. Hyer, who established the Hyer Trust which continues to benefit students; Dr. R. M. Good, a long-time President of The School, who prepared it for greater opportunities as a college; Dr. M. Graham Clark, who was responsible for establishing the College program; and Dr. Jerry C. Davis, who was instrumental in establishing the School of the Ozarks Laboratory School.

The second graduation of the School of the Ozarks



Senator Doyle Childers

Laboratory School took place on May 16. At the ceremony, 19 seniors received their high school diploma. The valedictory address was given by Nathaniel Polley, and the commencement address was delivered by College of the Ozarks Board of Trustees Chairman Senator Doyle Childers.



"This institution has a long list of distinguished alumni who have been prepared here to go on and accomplish great things," said Dean of the Lab School Brad Dolloff. "It was a privilege to hear from one of those, The Honorable Mr. Childers. I'm excited to see how God uses the graduating class of 2014 to impact the world."

Graduates of the class of 2014 were accepted into various colleges: Belmont University, College of the Ozarks, Columbia College, Culver Stockton College, Houghton College, Illinois Institute of Technology, John Brown University, Kansas City Art Institute, Missouri State University, Newman University, Ozark Christian College, Purdue University, Queens University, Southern Illinois University, University of Arkansas, University of Central Missouri, University of Denver, University of Missouri, and William Woods University.

2014 School of the Ozarks Graduates

Megan D. Brix, College of the Ozarks
Lansing J. Brown, College of the Ozarks
Benjamin S. Creech, College of the Ozarks
Melissa A. Davis, College of the Ozarks
Kyle J. Duncan, College of the Ozarks
Kendall R. Evans, College of the Ozarks
Linda E. Fritz, College of the Ozarks
Emma J. Forker, College of the Ozarks
Hailey M. Gaar, College of the Ozarks
Mariah K. Gaar, College of the Ozarks
Dalyn D. Hazell, College of the Ozarks
Matthew D. C. Junck, University of Arkansas
Christian W. Lingner, College of the Ozarks
Nathaniel C. Polley, College of the Ozarks



Amy E. Robinson, College of the Ozarks
Halie L. Smith, Houghton College
Tawner E. Stefan, University of Central Missouri
Alexus D. Strohm, Army National Guard
Tanner J. Tillack, College of the Ozarks

First Purple Heart Schools

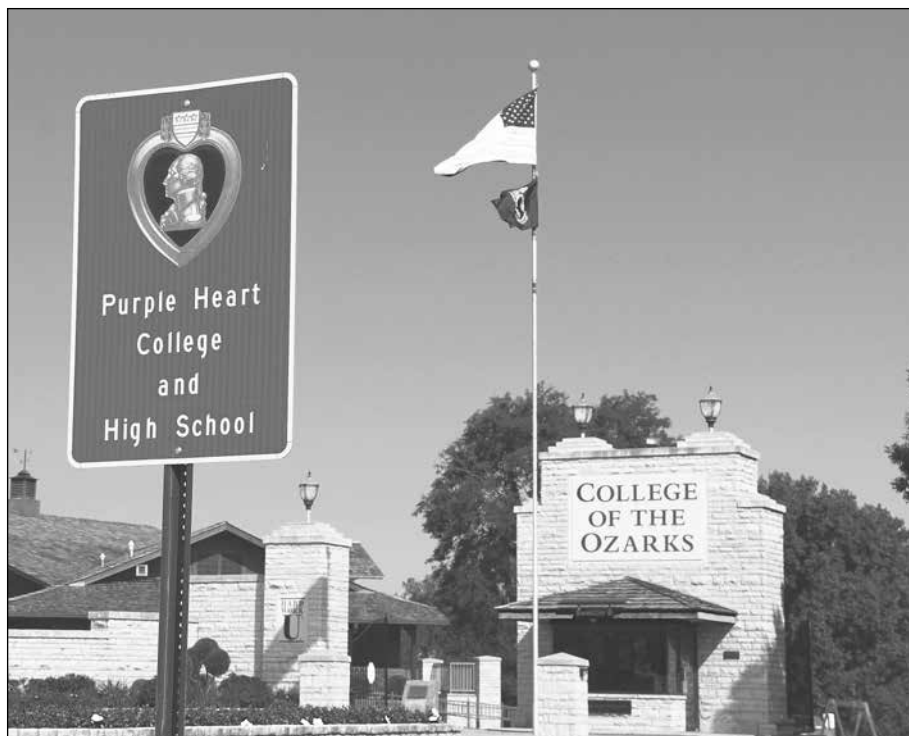
By Gary J. Groman, guest writer

During the Opening Ceremonies for the 6th Annual “Branson.com Honors Purple Heart Recipients,” held at The Keeter Center on April 24, 2014, a special presentation was made to the College of the Ozarks and the School of the Ozarks by the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) designating them as a “Purple Heart College” and a “Purple Heart School.”

Mr. Everett Kelly, the State Commander for the Department of Missouri Military Order of the Purple Heart, said that College of the Ozarks was the first college in Missouri to receive the recognition and that the School of the Ozarks was the first high school in the nation to be recognized as such.

Mr. Kelly, assisted by Mr. John Dismer, the Missouri State Adjutant of MOPH, presented individual plaques and Purple Heart flags to the College of the Ozarks and the School of the Ozarks in honor of the occasion.

“It’s an honor to recognize the College of the Ozarks and School of the Ozarks as ‘Purple Heart Schools’ in recognition of their long-time support of the combat wounded and America’s Veterans,” Mr. Kelly said during the presentation.

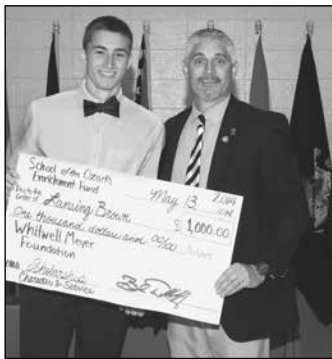
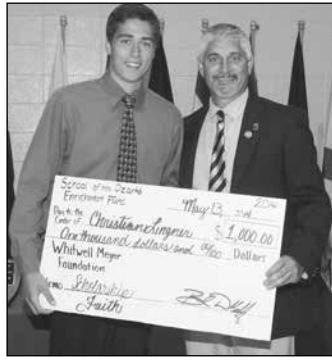


The awards were accepted by Dr. Fred Mullinax, College of the Ozarks Executive Vice President, and Mr. Brad Dolloff, Dean of the Lab School.

The proclamation on the plaques read that the schools have “the utmost respect, gratitude, and admiration for all the men and women who have, and are, selflessly serving the United States of America in its Armed Forces.” It also reads that “the College of the Ozarks and School of the Ozarks seek to recognize and remember those who have received the Purple Heart Medal.”

“We could not be more honored than to be recognized by the Military Order of the Purple Heart for our long-time support of not only America’s combat wounded, but all of America’s Veterans,” said Dr. Mullinax. “College of the Ozarks and School of the Ozarks becoming Purple Heart Schools fits perfectly into our Patriotic Education programs, will be an inspiration to our students, and is particularly meaningful because it comes from an organization representing the combat wounded who have received the Purple Heart.”

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The Beta Club inducted Shay Ahrends, Dillon Collins, Evan Collins, Alex Shafer, Madeline Sparks.

School of the Ozarks Honors

By Grace Donaldson

The five goals of College of the Ozarks are developed in students from their first day on campus. These College goals are mirrored at School of the Ozarks. On May 13, five graduating seniors from School of the Ozarks were awarded for demonstrating each of these goals. The following students were awarded for their dedication in each area:

Beulah Winfrey Academic Award – Nathaniel Polley

S. Truett Cathy Faith Award – Christian Lingner

Terrence R. Dake Outstanding Senior Patriot Award –

Alexus Strohm

Gary H. Hughey Hard Work and Dedication Award –

Halie Smith

Robert M. Good Character and Service Award – Lansing Brown

Each was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship provided by the Whitwell Meyer Foundation.

S of O Student Receives RYLA Scholarship

By Jerry McDonald, Assistant Editor

The Branson Daybreakers Rotary Club awarded School of the Ozarks freshman Madeline Sparks with a scholarship to attend the 2014 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) at William Woods University located at Fulton, MO, June 22-25.

Past President of the Branson Daybreakers Rotary Club, Inez Gibbs, Assistant District Governor of Rotary, Shawn Pingleton, and College of the Ozarks Rotaract Co-Sponsor Tom Debo took part in the presentation.

"It is such an honor to award this scholarship to a fine young lady," said Pingleton. "The applications we received from the S of O students were so impressive."

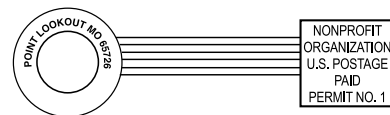
The scholarship covered expenses associated with attending the summer RYLA academy, Rotary's leadership training program for young people. The Branson Daybreakers Rotary club selected Madeline based on her demonstrated service to the community.



From left: College of the Ozarks Rotaract Club Co-Sponsor Tom Debo, Assistant District Governor of Rotary Shawn Pingleton, S of O Freshman Madeline Sparks, and Past President of the Branson Daybreakers Rotary Club Inez Gibbs



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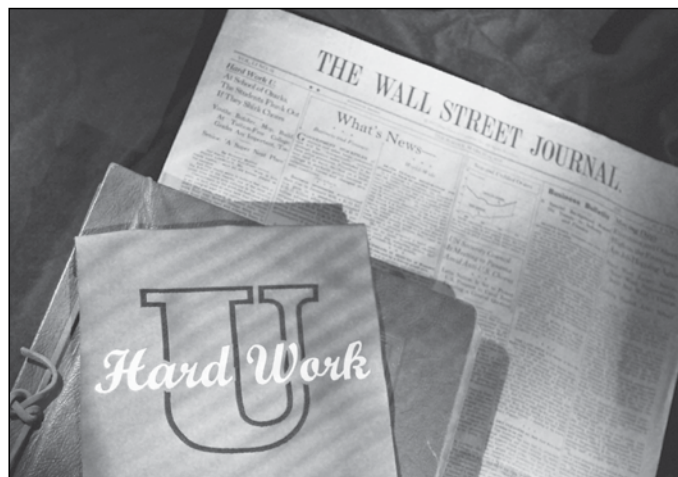
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Hard Work U® Makes Headline News

By Matt Fender

This spring College of the Ozarks made its way into the national spotlight with an article published in *The Wall Street Journal* and an interview broadcasted on the FOX News show, "FOX and Friends." The publicity highlighted the no-debt approach of Hard Work U and how other colleges and universities around the country could greatly benefit by adopting some of the same policies.

In 1973, *The Wall Street Journal* dubbed College of the Ozarks as Hard Work U. The recent article "What 'Hard Work U' Can Teach Elite Schools" was written by Mr. Stephen Moore, Chief Economist of the Heritage Foundation. Mr. Moore visited the College in early April and became inspired by the work-for-your-education concept.



"Looking for the biggest bargain in higher education? I think I found it in this rural Missouri town, 40 miles south of Springfield, nestled in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains," wrote Mr. Moore. "The school is College of the Ozarks, and it operates on an education model that could overturn the perverse method of financing college education that is turning this generation of young adults into a permanent debtor class."

In addition to being impressed by the way the school

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functions, Mr. Moore admired the quality of students he met. "As one who has lectured at many universities I can attest that many students I met on the campus are refreshingly respectful, inquisitive, and grateful for the opportunity to learn," wrote Mr. Moore.

After the editorial ran in *The Wall Street Journal*, President Dr. Jerry C. Davis and C of O student Laura Lingner appeared on "FOX and Friends." The two were interviewed by host Steve Doocy. Mr. Doocy started the segment by informing the viewers that the average student loan for college graduates is about \$33,000, and stated that there is an alternative to going into debt. "There is a college known as Hard Work U which is offering students the chance to get a four-year degree and graduate for free," Mr. Doocy explained. "No debt—it doesn't cost you anything, and it's all done the old-fashioned way. You got to work for it."

"We have friends across the United States that believe in the same things we do, such as self-help. They believe in giving students a hand-up, not a hand-out. We think our way teaches responsibility and things that are important in the culture," said Dr. Davis.

During the interview they discussed topics such as how the tuition-free school operates, the admissions process, and job placement for students after graduation.

"I started out as a freshman in the 'dish pit' at The Keeter Center...and now I work at the high school," said Miss Lingner, "It's been a great experience for me."

To view the FOX News broadcast visit www.foxnews.com and search "'Hard Work U' offers students a chance to graduate debt-free." To read *The Wall Street Journal* editorial, go to <http://online.wsj.com> and search for "What 'Hard Work U' Can Teach Elite Schools."