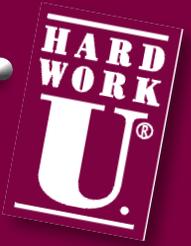


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An Inspiration to All—Mr. Louis Zamperini

PROMISES TO KEEP

Individuals Who Inspire



Jerry C. Davis, President

Inspiring individuals surround us—and, if we pay attention, can impact our lives, helping us grow more Christ-like. A perfect example is Mr. Louis Zamperini, a 1936 American Olympic long distance runner and Prisoner of War survivor. Students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to hear his inspiring story in April during the Spring Patriotic Forum.

Mr. Zamperini shared about the tremendous victories and obstacles he has faced during 95 years. As you would expect, anyone who has competed in the World Olympics and survived 47 days drifting at sea in a life raft with no food or water, followed by two years of imprisonment in a Japanese POW camp, has a story to tell (see pages 8-9).

What made Mr. Zamperini's story all the more inspiring was that he told it with humility, humor, and forgiveness. Students were astounded to learn from him that, after the war, he not only forgave the Japanese prison guards who tortured him, but also returned to Japan to extend his forgiveness and share the Gospel with them.

College of the Ozarks believes Mr. Zamperini is an inspiration and one of the world's greatest examples of bravery and perseverance. During the Forum, we presented Mr. Zamperini with a "Great American Award," bestowed to individuals who exemplify faith, hope, and hard work.

During the Forum, students also heard from other inspiring individuals, including Dr. Brad Crain, who went from a broken home and the poor part of town to attain two Harvard degrees, Missouri's only living Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Donald "Doc" Ballard, and Holocaust survivor Dr. Judita Hruza.

One doesn't have to look beyond the campus gates for inspiration, though. Numerous stories of overcoming adversity exist on the campus of *Hard Work U*. Student Madison Pixley has such a story. She was born with only a partial right arm. That has not been an impediment. Those attending Bobcat basketball games will witness her supporting her favorite team, and during half-time, performing amazing gymnastic back flips across the court. (Read her story on page 10.)

Inspirations abound. College of the Ozarks students can look to peers Christian Atkinson, Jacob Boswell, Darcy Bright, Caitlyn Farris, Heather Isringhausen, or Ashley Pack who are great examples of the College's "future leaders." You may read about their achievements and future goals on page 5.

College of the Ozarks recognizes the importance of inspiring future leaders who will serve as producers and influencers in our nation. For more than a century, the institution has "provided a quality, Christian education to youth of both sexes, especially those found worthy, but who are without sufficient means to procure such training." School of the Ozarks (the College's new college-preparatory laboratory school) will serve as an extension of that mission. It will offer deserving youth a chance for a quality, Christian secondary education without the burden of tuition cost. Instead, it will require them to invest a little sweat equity into their education. Please read an update about the School on the next page and enjoy this *Ozark Visitor*.

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SCHOOL OF THE OZARKS:

Curriculum, \$0 Tuition Cost, Activities Unveiled

Administrators of School of the Ozarks, a college preparatory lab school of College of the Ozarks, presented information about the School's mission and vision, curriculum, sports offerings, opportunities, \$0 tuition cost, and much more at a Town Hall meeting on April 16. More than 500 individuals representing interested families and community members attended the meeting.

College of the Ozarks has operated with a "work for education" philosophy since its founding in 1906. School of the Ozarks will closely mirror the College's mission and vision. "It will offer deserving youth a chance for a quality, Christian secondary education without the burden of tuition cost. Instead, it will require them to invest a little sweat equity into their education," said President Jerry C. Davis.

Dean of Character Education Dr. Sue Head (who has overseen the planning of the lab school) and the School's Headmaster, Mr. Brad Dolloff, provided an overview of the School's mission and vision, its integrated college preparatory curriculum and activities, and information pertaining to policies, uniforms, and applications.

"The School will adhere to the head, heart, and hands model, for which the College is nationally recognized."
—President Jerry C. Davis

The School's rigorous curriculum, modeled after a classic educational approach, will require students to take Christian worldview, Latin, grammar, rhetoric and composition, history, literature, mathematics, science, physical education, and fine arts.

School of the Ozarks embraces the College's five goals of promoting academic, vocational, Christian, cultural, and patriotic growth in students.



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"The environment and curriculum will help our students to become deeply-rooted Christians, who are tough-minded, and prepared for the collision points of faith and culture," said Mr. Dolloff. "I believe that many parents are yearning for this type of education for their children."

Each school day will begin with the raising of the American flag. Daily devotions will be held Monday through Thursday, and every Friday students will observe "Founders Friday." During the all-school chapel service, selected seniors will don military uniforms, conduct a formal presentation of the nation's colors, and hear a Biblically-based message.

Students also will attend a "Founders Friday" class during the last period on Fridays and learn about a different founder of the country each week.

"The School will adhere to the head, heart, and hands model for which the College is nationally recognized," said President Jerry C. Davis. "We want to do something special for the kids living in our area and develop leaders."

Students will have a daily

work requirement, better known as "chores," wherein they will be responsible for cleaning their own classrooms and helping with lunch. They will receive a grade for their work performance. Additionally, students will receive a grade for demonstrated character. Work, character, and academic grades will be included on their permanent high school transcript.



Annie Spears and Coby Dolloff model the S of O uniforms.

"The Reverend James Forsythe [who founded the institution in 1906] was one person, one influencer, and look at the thousands of lives he has touched," Dr. Head said. "That is our goal, our vision—to graduate producers and influencers rather than simply tax payers and consumers."

A question and answer session followed the meeting, and parents and their students had the opportunity to pick up an application form. "I know it [S of O] will be hard work, but I'm willing to put forth that effort," said Ashley Sides, a local ninth grader who was in line for an application. "I am most excited about the opportunities of how the educational experiences will tie in God and my walk with Him."

The first day of classes of School of the Ozarks will be held August 16, 2012.

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FUTURE LEADERS

The leadership displayed on campus and in the community is only a foreshadowing of these students becoming the future leaders of society. This ongoing series includes a brief biographical sketch of each successful student.

CHRISTIAN ATKINSON

Major(s): Culinary Arts and Business Administration, Graduated May 2012

Workstation: Keeter Center Kitchen

Achievements: President's List, Beulah Winfrey Business Award, Sigma Beta Delta (National Honor Society in Business Administration), and Eta Sigma Delta (International Honors Society in Hospitality Management)

Associate Professor Jerry Shackette says: "Christian has tackled the very tough road of a double major, but his success can be measured by his cumulative GPA of 3.99."

Future Plans: After graduation, Christian will work in a restaurant where he can utilize and improve his culinary skills. He desires to attend graduate school to earn his master's degree in business.



JACOB BOSWELL

Major(s): Criminal Justice—Corrections & Law Enforcement, Graduated May 2012

Minor: Psychology

Workstation: Warehouse

Achievements: Post certification in Standardized Field Sobriety Training, Effective and Ethical Leadership Training, and Psi Chi (National Honor Society in Psychology)

Associate Professor Schan Weisman says: "Jacob is a determined individual with strong leadership qualities who has exemplified the C of O hard work ethic."

Future Plans: Upon graduation, Jacob will finish the training process to become an Arkansas State Trooper.



DARCY BRIGHT

Major: Hotel/Restaurant Management, Graduated May 2012

Workstation: Student Senate Office

Achievements: 2010 Missouri Traveler and Tourism Council Scholarship, 2010 Big Cedar Lodge Professional Development Award, 2010 College of the Ozarks Sylvester Doggett Award, College of the Ozarks Student Senate President, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Dean's List, Eta Sigma Delta (International Honors Society in Hospitality Management)

Associate Professor Jerry Shackette says: "While Darcy has certainly found success in the classroom, she also has excelled in all of her other activities on campus. The secrets to her success are her self-directedness and self-reliance."

Future Plans: Darcy plans on serving people through hospitality in either a foodservice or hotel setting. She would like to attend graduate school for dietetics and acquire her certification as a registered dietitian.



CAITLYN FARRIS

Major: Biology—Human, Graduated May 2012

Workstation: Biology Department

Achievements: Dean's List, National Enzyme Work Award, Awarded Grant for Biology Senior Research Project from the Missouri Native Plant Society, Biology Club President, C of O Student Supreme Court Justice

Professor Jeff Rettig says: "Caitlyn has matured into a very confident (yet, humble) young lady who is a leader among students. I have seen hundreds of students come through our department. Caitlyn is one of the best."

Future Plans: Caitlyn plans to attend dental school and earn a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree, so that she can become a dentist.



HEATHER ISRINGHAUSEN

Major: Journalism, Graduated May 2012

Minor: Speech

Workstation: *OUTLOOK* Student Newspaper

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“SIMPLY A MIRACLE”

Use of AED Saves Student’s Life

By Turner Brock

C of O student Gavin Harnstrom, who serves as the campus Point Lookout Fire Department Chief, received training on the use of the AED (automatic external defibrillator) three years in a row, but never thought he would have to use one on a fellow student. He thought wrong.

On Tuesday, February 7, at 10:49 a.m., C of O student Walter Watts checked into his workstation at the Psychology Lab of the Pfeiffer Science Building. Soon after clocking in, he collapsed and went into cardiac arrest. Nearby, Dr. Sheryl Haile, Associate Professor of Psychology, heard the loud crash of Walter collapsing. When she noticed that he was not breathing, she immediately called 911. Within three minutes of Dr. Haile making the call, four student firefighters—Gavin Harnstrom, Dakota Williams, Jessica Messer, and Dalton Trussell—arrived at the scene.

The student firefighters conducted a rapid three-minute resuscitation and then administered an AED. Soon after, the ambulance arrived and Walter was taken to the nearby hospital less than 15 minutes after



Point Lookout Firemen who responded to the call (from left): Gavin Harnstrom, Dakota Williams, Dalton Trussell, and Jessica Messer

the firefighters received the initial 911 call. After spending a week of recovery in two different hospitals, Walter is now recovering at home with his family in California, Missouri. He should be able to return to school next fall semester. Without the immediate response of the C of O Fire Department, Walter may never have been able to return to class.

“We train for the worst and hope

for the best,” said Harnstrom. “We never know when a disaster will strike, so we have to be ready at all times.”

To become a member of the fire station a student must train one semester in the fire station, while still maintaining his/her current work assignment. After the student has completed training, current firemen vote whether or not to add the student to the department. All firemen receive CPR training, and some of the team elect to become certified EMTs. The fire fighters are retrained on CPR, AED, and many other certifications each year.

Walter says he appreciates what his fellow students were able to do for him that day, but quickly points out that God orchestrated it all.

“If it hadn’t been for Dr. Haile being in her office just an extra minute or two... if it hadn’t been for the fire department being a block away... I just think everything was orchestrated so divinely that there is absolutely no way to justify a reason as to what happened that saved my life,” Walter said. “It was simply a miracle.”



C of O student Walter Watts (far right) and his parents and brother sent this message to the College.

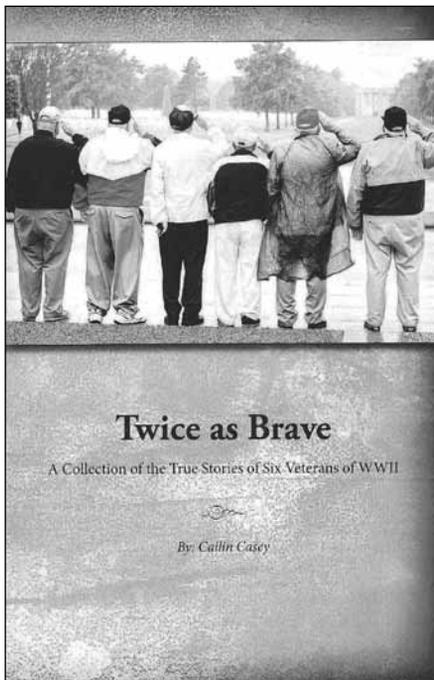
STUDENT'S DREAM

Becomes Reality

Senior Cailin Casey says that she has always wanted to be an author of fiction books. These days, all she wants to write about are real heroes. Last spring, Casey and 16 other College of the Ozarks students accompanied six WWII Veterans to battle sites in Europe as part of the College's Patriotic Education Travel Program, which is designed so that students learn about history and sacrifice from the men and women who lived it. During the trip she became inspired, so much, that upon her return, she wrote a short book about the stories the Veterans shared with her.

The book, *Twice as Brave*, is a collection of the true stories of six WWII Veterans, Andy Anderson (5th Engineers Special Brigade), Bill Kamsler (102nd Infantry Division), Ned Knapp (75th Infantry Division), John Primerano (101st Airborne), Lou Rabesa (Army Air Force), and Bryan Sperry (75th Infantry Division).

The following is an excerpt from



Book cover of *Twice as Brave* by Cailin Casey



Veteran John Primerano and student Cailin Casey traveled to Europe with other students and Veterans this past summer.

Twice as Brave (Casey, page 1): "Below John Primerano's dangling boots was 450 feet of nothing but air. All the guys had told him, 'You don't want to get hung up in the trees.' The distance between his feet and those tall poplars was becoming steadily shorter. Before the jump, he couldn't pass up the treat of a whole tin of peaches and sat with his buddies beneath the wing of the plane and ate every bite. Those peaches were more appetizing going down than coming back up all over his jumpsuit. Still, it seemed, he was headed right for those trees. In moments, he was sure his chute would be caught in them and he would be stuck like a feather in a barbed wire fence."

Individuals interested in obtaining a copy of the book may purchase one for \$9.99 at The Keeter Center Gift Shop at College of the Ozarks (417) 690-2110. Casey is donating all of the proceeds to the College's Patriotic Education Travel Program.

Twice as Brave may be small (less than 50 pages), but is the beginning of something much bigger for Casey. One of the Veterans, John Primerano, whom she accompanied on the trip, asked Casey if she would write his biography. She accepted his offer and will begin writing his memoir this summer, after she graduates from College of the Ozarks. "I always thought I would write fiction," Casey said, "but sometimes truth is more fascinating than fiction."

"Still it seemed he was headed right for those trees. In moments, he was sure his chute would be caught in them and he would be stuck like a feather in a barbed wire fence."

LOUIS ZAMPERINI: OVERCOMING ADVERSITY

By Elizabeth Hughes, Austin Plummer, Chelsea Kliethermes

Mr. Louis Zamperini, American Olympian and World War II Prisoner of War survivor, has had 95 years to practice his humor, which he perfectly demonstrated for College of the Ozarks students during the Spring Patriotic Forum on April 12. Listening to Zamperini, one would never guess he went through more than two years of torture in a Japanese POW camp or that he drifted at sea on a life raft for 47 days starving to death. His words are not bitter but that of a man whose heart and life are filled with love, mercy, and forgiveness, with wit that further seasons his sweetness.

He told students that giving up when faced with adversity is not an option, at least not for him. "Giving up to me," Mr. Zamperini said, "is cowardly. So I would never give up on anything. Isn't one minute of pain worth a lifetime of glory? The secret is to never give up if you're going in the right direction."

College of the Ozarks recognizes Mr. Zamperini as a great American and bestowed on him the "Great American Award," which is presented to individuals who exemplify hope, faith, and hard work. "Mr. Louis Zamperini is one of the world's greatest living examples of bravery and perseverance," College of the Ozarks President Jerry C. Davis said.

Best-selling books *Devil at My Heels* (an autobiography) and most recently *Unbroken* (by Laura Hillenbrand, best-selling author of *Seabiscuit*) recounts the tremendous victories and obstacles Mr. Zamperini has seen during his life.

Raised in Torrance, California, in an Italian family, Zamperini characterized himself as a "rocky kid" who often got entangled in mischief and found himself running from the local police. That is how he learned to run he said. As a young adult, his brother encouraged him to channel that energy and ability into a formal running career. Zamperini embraced

the idea, awing his spectators who called him the "Torrance Tornado." In 1935, at age 19, he qualified for the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

After competing in the 1936 Olympics and earning 8th in the 5000 meter race, Mr. Zamperini returned to his hometown of Torrance, and in 1941, enlisted in the United States Army Air Forces. During a search mission, "The Green Hornet" plane experienced mechanical failures and crashed in the Pacific; eight of 11 crewmembers died. Mr. Zamperini, along with pilot Russel Allen "Phil" Phillips and tail-gunner Francis McNamara, with little food and no water, subsisted on captured rainwater and small fish eaten raw. After nearly being swallowed by a storm, fending off constant shark attacks, and strafing by a Japanese bomber that punctured their life raft, they continued to drift at sea. McNamara died after 33 days.

On the 47th day, Zamperini and Phillips finally reached the Marshall Islands and were subsequently captured by the Japanese Navy. Both

men were held in captivity and severely tortured until the end of the war. Mr. Zamperini was especially tormented by sadistic prison guard Mutsuhiro Watanabe (nicknamed "The Bird"), who was later included in General Douglas MacArthur's list of the 40 most wanted war criminals in Japan.

During his imprisonment, he was declared killed in action a year and a day after his disappearance; when he eventually returned home, he received a hero's welcome. In 1946, Mr. Zamperini married his wife, Cynthia Applewhite, to whom he remained married until her death in 2001. After the war and suffering from severe Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Mr. Zamperini made a confession of faith at a Billy Graham revival. From that day, he said that the effects of the PTSD ceased, and he was able to move on.

After accepting Christ, Zamperini returned to Japan to visit the POW prison guards (now behind bars for their war crimes), so that he could let them know of his forgive-



Mr. Louis Zamperini receiving the "Great American Award" from President Davis



ness because of Jesus Christ. The former POW also received the honor of carrying the Olympic torch for the 1998 Olympics held in Japan. He ran, with torch in hand, past the Naoetsu POW camp, where he was once imprisoned and tortured.

Mr. Zamperini has inspired hundreds of thousands with his tremendous story of survival against unthinkable odds. He is also the founder of Victory Boys Camp, where he teaches juvenile delinquents the skills to succeed in life.

"The story that Mr. Zamperini shared was truly heartfelt," said C of O junior Sarah Unruh, who attended the Forum. "It was encouraging to listen to a Veteran who has faced much adversity in his life but never let the thought of giving up consume him."

During the Forum, students also listened to stories of overcoming adversity from three plenary speakers: former Lees-McRae College President and Distinguished Visiting Professor to College of the Ozarks Dr. Brad Crain, Missouri's only living Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Donald Ballard, and Holocaust survivor Dr. Judita Hruza.

The College of the Ozarks Keeter Center for Character Education hosts a forum each spring that features prominent leaders, discussing important issues. Forum themes rotate among the topics of character, citizenship, and the work ethic, which are core values of College of the Ozarks. C of O students, faculty, staff, and students from visiting colleges participate in the exchange of ideas during lectures and small group discussions.

Plenary Speakers

Dr. Judita Hruza

Dr. Judita Hruza is a Holocaust survivor born on September 26, 1924, in Czechoslovakia. She grew up in a small village near the Hungarian border. When the Nazi reign began to impact Czechoslovakia, her life began to change drastically. She was separated from her parents and forced to move to Budapest, where she was required to work in miserable conditions. She was involuntarily moved from camp to camp, and she escaped death many times. Her experiences have taught her to be thankful for every breath she is given. Dr. Hruza continues to share her story today as a docent at the Holocaust Museum & Learning Center in St. Louis.



Colonel Donald Ballard

Colonel Donald E. Ballard enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1965. From 1967 to 1968, Colonel Ballard served as a frontline medic in Vietnam. His life changed on May 16, 1968. Colonel "Doc" Ballard's unit was attacked by the North Vietnamese Army. He was treating Marines and moving them to a safer location when a grenade hit him in the helmet; he quickly threw it back. A second grenade then landed in the middle of the group. "Doc" Ballard dove on the grenade; however, it did not explode. He then reached under his stomach, threw the grenade toward the enemies, and it exploded in the air. No Americans were wounded. He then continued to treat and evacuate the Marines. On May 14, 1970, "Doc" Ballard received the Medal of Honor from President Nixon. In 1998, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel and retired in 2000. Colonel Ballard is the only living Medal of Honor recipient in the state of Missouri.



Dr. Brad Crain

Dr. Brad Crain graduated from Berea in 1965 and holds an M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University. Dr. Crain taught as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Freiburg, Germany (1975) and University of Tunis, Tunisia (1978). An English scholar and veteran higher education administrator, Dr. Crain was President of Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina, from 1985-1993 and led the largest fund-raising effort in the school's history. From 1983-1985, he was Vice President & Academic Dean and Professor of English at Lincoln Memorial University. At Berea, Dr. Crain served as instructor of English from 1968-1970, Assistant to the President for Institutional Advancement from 1994-1995, and Director of Major Gifts from 2000-2002. Dr. Crain recently retired as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Lincoln Memorial University. He is the 2003 recipient of the Appalachian Consortium's Laurel Leaves Award.



INSPIRING PERSON:

Madison Pixley

In high school, Madison Pixley excelled in volleyball, cheerleading, and track and field. If you had a list of her achievements, one would never know that any struggle existed. One might label her as a “natural” in sports. Madison, however, is unique. She was born without most of her right arm.

Two weeks before Madison’s birth, her parents, Aaron and Amy Pixley, saw their baby girl through ultra-sound with both hands waving for the camera. “Doctors couldn’t really explain what happened to my arm, but we still have the [ultra-sound] pictures of me in the womb, waving,” Madison said. Assumptions have been made that the umbilical cord wrapped around her arm, amputating it just below the elbow.

Methods to accomplish things like tying shoes, getting dressed, and fixing her hair differed from other children. “As a young girl, one of the hardest tasks to learn was putting my hair in a ponytail,” she said. “I think I wore a ponytail everyday for a couple of weeks.”

Madison’s parents, both educators, raised her with the mentality that she could do anything if she put her mind to it. Her father, a coach, introduced her to sports at an early age and encouraged her, as did her mother and peers. Some may find it nearly impossible for Madison to play sports like volleyball, but she welcomes the challenge.

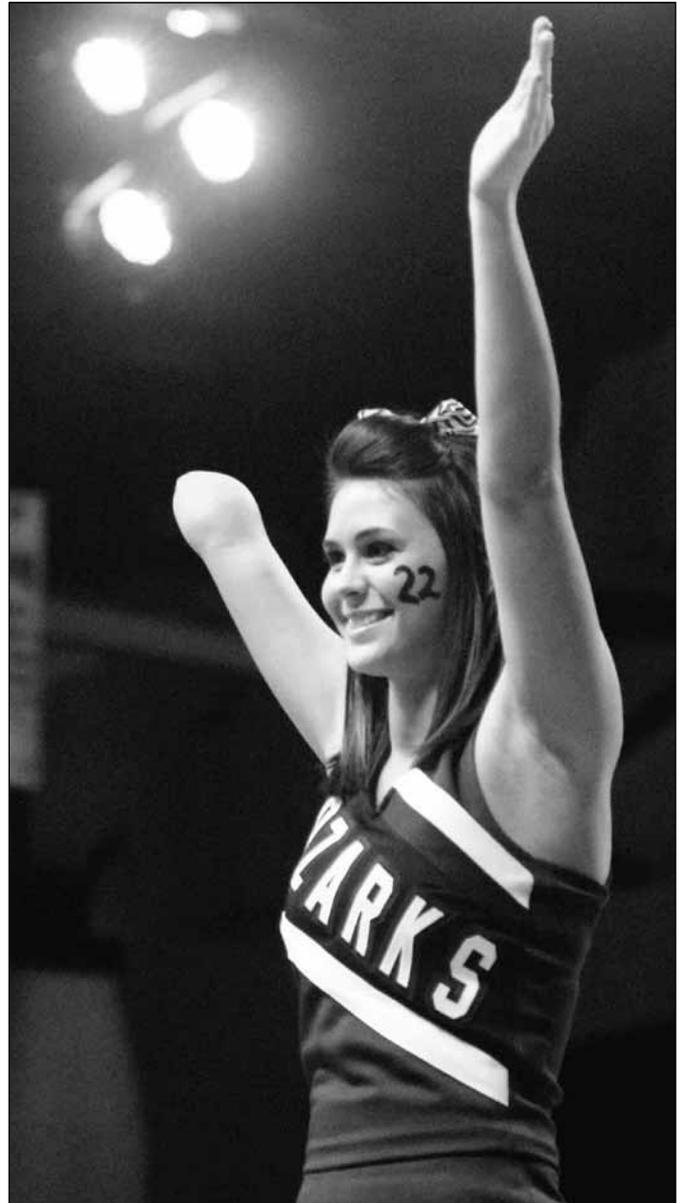
She joined the College of the Ozarks cheerleading team in 2011 and was paired with sophomore Brandon Ashbee. Together, they practiced hours on the most challenging stunt for them, the Purdue. “Typically, a Purdue is done by grabbing the girl’s hands and lifting her over your head, but we couldn’t do it that way with Madison,” explained Ashbee. “Instead, I must take her left hand and cup her right arm with my hand to lift her up.”

“I don’t believe I have a disability,” Madison said. “I may have to accomplish things in a different way, but I can still do them.” Her positive attitude and outlook is contagious to classmates, fellow cheerleaders, and faculty.

“Madison was enthusiastic when I first met her. She had a bubbly personality, one that anyone would like,” said Head Cheerleading Coach Marty Waller. “To be honest, I didn’t even realize she was missing a limb.”

“Once during a game, a referee stepped on Madison’s foot, untying her shoe,” Waller said. “My husband sat right beside me, and I said, ‘Watch her.’ He had never seen her tie her shoes before. When she finished, he just looked at me, shaking his head, and said, ‘That’s amazing.’”

During half-time shows and time-outs, Madison is



always a crowd pleaser. Her signature stunt consists of a series of back flips, performed consecutively. During her perfectly executed gymnastics, visitors to C of O catch a glimpse of the dedication, energy, and motivation that embodies Madison.

While Madison enjoys cheerleading, she also has a passion for helping children with similar disabilities. She has worked with Shriners Hospital for approximately three years, sharing her story with numerous families. Her experiences at Shriners sparked an interest to major in psychology. She plans to graduate in the spring semester of 2015 and would like to work at Shriners Hospital as a child’s life specialist afterward.

MORE THAN A GAME

“Champions of Character”

Outstanding sportsmanship, citizenship, servant leadership, character, and winning are descriptors most often used when talking about the College of the Ozarks Lady Bobcats this season. For the fourth time, the Lady Bobcats earned the National Runner-up title in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II (NAIA D-II) Women’s Basketball Championship. And while they did fall to their nemesis, the Red Raiders of Northwestern College (Iowa), the Lady Bobcats hold an impressive overall 33-4 win-loss record for the season.

Equally, if not more, important (than the team’s record), is the off-the-court activities that led to the Lady Bobcats receiving two of the most prestigious honors given by the NAIA and the Citizenship Through Sports Alliance (CSTA). Recently, the NAIA and CTSA named the Lady Cats as the recipient of the “All That’s Right in Sport” award, which the team will formally receive in the fall at the 13th Annual National Sportsmanship Awards (one of the most renowned sports awards events in the country) hosted by the St. Louis Commission and CSTA.

During the NAIA Women’s Championship tournament held in March, the Lady Bobcats again were recognized—this time with the “Buffalo Funds Five Star *Champions of Character*” award. At the end of each sport season, the NAIA recognizes only one college in every sport with the *Champions of Character* award. Teams are selected based on “exemplary character and sportsmanship displayed during practice, competition, on campus, and in the community.”

What caught the attention of the NAIA and CSTA, that team members or their coaches would never boast, is that the Lady Bobcats quickly responded to the needs of nearby Joplin High School, which was destroyed by an EF5 tornado May of last year. The Lady Bobcats would



Following a victory during the national tournament held in Sioux City, Iowa

not sit idly by as Joplin residents struggled to rebuild. Only a few weeks after the storm, with the help of Head Coach George Wilson and Assistant Coaches Becky Vest and Paul Voliva, the team organized a benefit game that raised \$10,000 for the Joplin High School girls’ basketball team that had lost everything to the tornado.

“We were very overwhelmed with College of the Ozarks, the women’s basketball team, and coaches in how they took it upon themselves to rescue our program,” said Joplin Lady Eagles Basketball Coach Vicki Spivy. “We will forever be thankful to Coach Wilson, his staff, and his girls for what they did for us. Not just material things were given; hope was restored. My girls realize that there are great people in this world, and it starts with the team from College of the Ozarks.”

That is just one of the reasons that the College of the Ozarks Lady Bobcats are “Champions of Character.”



Lady Bobcats 2011-12

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

College of the Ozarks Honored for Community Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) named College of the Ozarks to its 2012 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. This is the seventh consecutive year for C of O to be included on the Honor Roll.

The Honor Roll recognizes higher education institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful outcomes in their communities.

College of the Ozarks and its students take part in numerous community service projects, including Camp Lookout, a free summer camp for deserving area youth, and Bonner Community Service, a campus workstation where students fulfill their 15-hour work education requirement by going out into the community to serve as teachers' aides, deliver meals on wheels, and volunteer in local food pantries.

"Through service, these institutions are creating the next generation of leaders by challenging students to tackle tough issues and create positive impacts in the community,"



said Robert Velasco, acting CEO of CNCS. "Together, service and learning increase civic engagement while fostering social innovation among students, empowering them to solve challenges within their communities."

One outstanding example is College of the Ozarks Students in Free Enterprise's (COSIFE) innovative approach to tackle the tough, community issue of poverty. Last year, COSIFE and First PLACE's IMPACT (area high school students participating in the First PLACE! character initiative) began selling eco-friendly VAPUR® water bottles to raise

money for area homeless individuals interested in breaking the poverty cycle.

Since then, the groups collectively sold hundreds of bottles, and the proceeds have been accruing in a fund for individuals who successfully complete the "Getting Ahead" course as money for a deposit or rent on housing. Five individuals from the tri-lakes area have now completed the curriculum. This class of five that graduated in February is the first of many to come as COSIFE and IMPACT continue to raise money for this cause by selling VAPUR® bottles.

Meanwhile, C of O students have prepared for another successful Camp Lookout season, which began June 4. Camp Lookout serves children ages 8-12 from Stone and Taney County, whose families cannot fit the cost of summer camp into their budgets.

The College of the Ozarks vision is to develop citizens of Christ-like character who are well-educated, hard-working, and patriotic.

FUTURE LEADERS

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Achievements: Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, President's List, Patriotic Education Travel Participant, 2011 Forum Participant, Lambda Pi Eta (National Honor Society in Communication Arts), and Alumni Room and Board Scholarship Recipient

Professor Gary Hiebsch says: "Heather has done a great job of editing the *OUTLOOK*. She is also very focused on obtaining internships and achieving for the future."

Future Plans: Heather plans to eventually serve as an anchor for **FOX News**. She also plans to attend graduate school while working.

ASHLEY PACK

Major: Vocal Music Education K-12, Graduates December 2012

Workstation: Music Department Office

Achievements: Wayne Konga Scholarship, Music Alumni Scholarship, McKenzie Fund Scholarship, Muriel & Carl E. Bolte Room and Board Scholarship, Dean's List, Member of the Missouri All-Collegiate Honor Choir in 2011. Ashley performed for Springfield Symphony, the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, the New England Symphonic Ensemble at Carnegie Hall in New York City, and President George W. Bush



Associate Professor Lynda Jesse says: "I know that whatever Ashley decides to pursue, she will do so with great style, sincerity, and passion."

Future Plans: Ashley plans to teach elementary music and participate in musical theatre in her spare time. She eventually plans to obtain a Master's degree in vocal pathology or special education.

"THE IRON LADY"

Makes a Second Appearance at Hard Work U

By Turner Brock

Former Prime Minister of Britain Lady Margaret Thatcher, nicknamed "The Iron Lady," recently made her second appearance in the Ozarks—this time in the form of a movie. The real "Iron Lady" made her first appearance in 1997, visiting College of the Ozarks to speak to students and community members about "Free Enterprise and Work Ethic."

The movie, appropriately titled "The Iron Lady," depicts her life and how she became the first (and only) female British Prime Minister. The movie not only chronicles some of the conflicts and crises she faced in office (such as when the Irish Republic Army made an attempt on her life in 1984), but also provides one with a sense of her ambition and determination that made her a world leader.

To celebrate the life and tremendous character of Lady Thatcher, the College put together an exhibit that was on display while "The Iron Lady" movie was showing in theatres. The exhibit, showcased in the Branson Meadows Cinema lobby during the movie's premiere weekend and moved to The Keeter Center for the remaining months, included an array of pictures from her visit to *Hard Work U*. Also included in the display were personal letters of appreciation she sent to the Fruitcake and Jelly Kitchen (for the student-made fruitcakes she received), an autographed copy of her book *The Downing Street Years*, and many historical pictures of her life. The display additionally featured some of her most famous quotes, including "Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you aren't."



Lady Margaret Thatcher

C-SPAN FEATURES C OF O PROFESSOR

"Lectures in American History"

By Morgan Sowell

For the last 24 years, Professor of History Dr. David Dalton has dedicated his time to bring pages of history alive for students at College of the Ozarks. Recently, Dr. Dalton had the opportunity to reach students beyond the classroom and share a history lesson on Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network (C-SPAN).

C-SPAN provides the opportunity for authors, historians, and teachers to share ideas and lessons on history through the on-going series, "Lectures in American History." Upon recommendation, C-SPAN contacted Dr. Dalton to participate in the lecture series. Dr. Dalton was



Dr. David Dalton

one of 40 professors selected from across the country to participate.

Dr. Dalton's hour-long lecture on the Cold War aired in January. The term Cold War itself, popularized in a 1946 speech by Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Britain, describes the struggle between democracy and communism that began shortly after the end of World War II and lasted until 1991. In Dr. Dalton's class lecture for C-SPAN, which was delivered to his American Experience class, he focused on some of the nation's most significant events and tone of American culture that brought the Cold War to a boiling point.

In 2000, Dr. Dalton was awarded with the "Missouri Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching" and was awarded the "Eugene Charles Wittick Teaching Excellence Award" in 2009. In 2010, he was appointed to Missouri's Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee.

To receive a free copy of the lecture, please call (417) 690-2212.



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IN MEMORIAM

Emma Farrell Day

Emma Farrell Day, 94, of Branson, Missouri, passed away Thursday, March 15, at Cox Medical Center, after suffering a stroke.

She was born July 7, 1917, in Wellington, Oklahoma, the daughter of William and Martha Butler. She was the oldest of eight children. At the age of 15, Emma went to The School of the Ozarks to attend high school, because there was no high school in her hometown. There she met and later married Leon Farrell. They made their home just outside the S of O gates and lived there until 1956, when they moved to Branson, and Leon started the *Branson Beacon* newspaper.

Emma was a postmaster at Point Lookout and later a bookkeeper for Leon's business. She and Leon went to work at The School's Print Shop after selling the *Beacon*. After Leon's death in 1972, Emma remained at the Print Shop until she retired. She later married Wayne Day who preceded her in death.

Emma had many talents and interests. She loved to paint and was a member of many art groups. She enjoyed golf and bowling and participated in both into her 80s. Emma belonged to the Church of the Harvest in Branson.

During the College's Centennial Celebration kick-off in November 2006, Emma was selected to help blow out the candles on the centennial birthday cake.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 19, at the Greenlawn Funeral Home in Branson.



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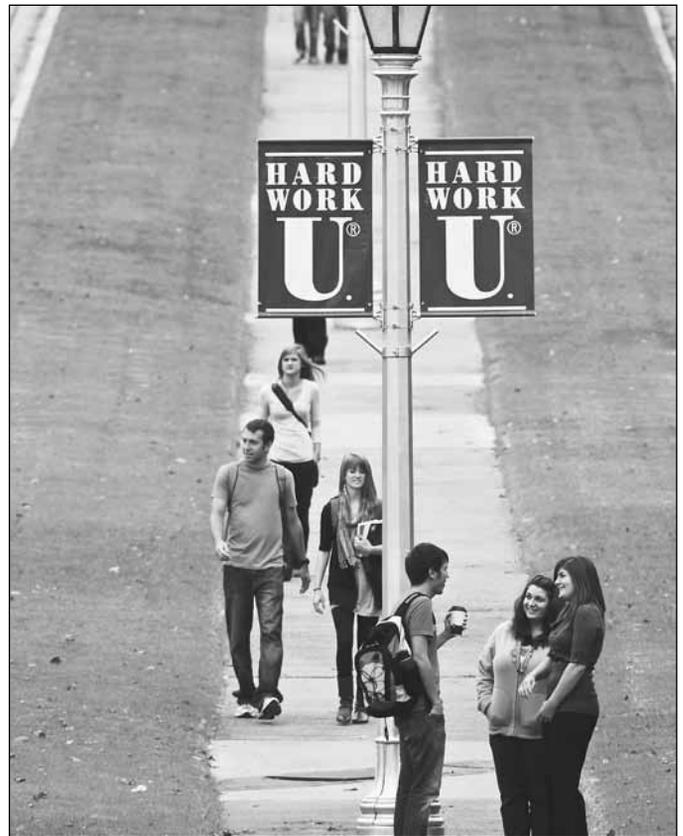
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The list also includes Christendom College, Franciscan University, Grove City College, Harding University, Hillsdale College, The King's College, Liberty University, Patrick Henry College, Regent University, Saint Vincent College, Thomas Aquinas College, Thomas More College, and Wisconsin Lutheran College.

According to the Young America's Foundation, "The 'Top Conservative College' list features institutions that proclaim, through their mission and programs, a dedication to discovering, maintaining, and strengthening the conservative values of their students."

College of the Ozarks is a unique Christian work college with about 1,400 students. Dubbed as "Hard Work U" by *The Wall Street Journal*, it offers a Work Education Program in which students work, instead of pay, for their college education.

In addition to the 41 majors, 38 minors, and eight pre-professional programs it offers, the College of the Ozarks has an extensive Character Education Program. As soon as students arrive for freshman orientation, called "Character Camp," they begin character education programs and abide by a dress code and an honor code.



"Overall, the College of the Ozarks offers a robust array of programs and excellent opportunities to receive a well-rounded education," writes YAF.

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