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*FOX News Anchor Harris Faulkner
Shares On Work Ethic*

PROMISES TO KEEP

Right on Time



**Jerry C. Davis,
President**

America has a debt problem. This comes as no surprise because, unfortunately, young people are encouraged to take on student loan debt in order to pay for college. College of the Ozarks is different, however, and does not want to be part of the debt problem but part of the solution. For many years, the College has discouraged student debt by not participating in any government loan programs and by offering students multiple opportunities to work for the cost of their education and room and board fees.

Recently, the College took that effort one step further and announced more cost saving opportunities for students. No longer will the College participate in private student loans—making it the *first* college in the nation to not participate in student loans of *any* kind.

The nation took note of this bold approach, as news of the unique policy was spread across the nation by the media (see next page). The truth is the answer to America's debt problem is simple. We simply need to live within our means, avoid loans, and look for alternative ways (work!) to pay for expenses. The difficult part comes with doing it, but the College has taken a leadership role in tackling the debt trap to serve as a guiding light for other colleges and universities.

FOX News Anchor Harris Faulkner visited campus to serve as the keynote speaker of the 2013 Spring Work Ethic Forum. Upon learning about the College's approach to graduating students debt-free, touring the College's many workstations, and visiting with students, she realized the timeliness of our mission. "The nation is watching as we are all focused on how we do this thing without debt," she said. "Right on time—the story of *Hard Work U.*"

She also encouraged students to embrace hard work and allow it to form and perfect them. Work Ethic plenary speakers Former Deputy Commander at USTRANSCOM Lieutenant General Gary Hughey (USMC, ret.), Executive Vice President of Convoy of Hope James Batten, and **KY3 News** Anchor/Reporter and Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran Jerry Jacob (U.S. Army, ret.) echoed that sentiment in their talks with students. You may read more about the Forum on pages 8-9.

Students at College of the Ozarks and School of the Ozarks (the College's lab school for grades 9-12) have the advantage of taking part in numerous learning experiences. Some of these experiences deal with the head and allow students to soak up history, information, and culture (see back cover). Some deal with the heart, providing situations to minister and exemplify Christ (pg. 11). Almost all of their learning opportunities incorporate the hands, teaching them that the giving of work, time, and talents accomplishes mighty tasks for the glory of God.

We recently published a book entitled *The Four Generals of Hard Work U: Extraordinary Lives of Ordinary Americans* (learn more on page 5). The book shares the stories of four alumni who came from humble beginnings and rose to the upper echelons in the United States military. As I conducted research for the book, it became apparent that within the stories of each of these extraordinary men exist common threads—work ethic, patriotism, and a conviction to serve Christ. These threads woven together form the foundation for great leaders.

The vision of College of the Ozarks is to develop citizens of Christ-like character who are well-educated, hard-working, and patriotic, and every aspect of a student's time on campus plays a role in achieving this vision. Thank you for believing in College of the Ozarks and God bless.

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Further Discouraging Debt

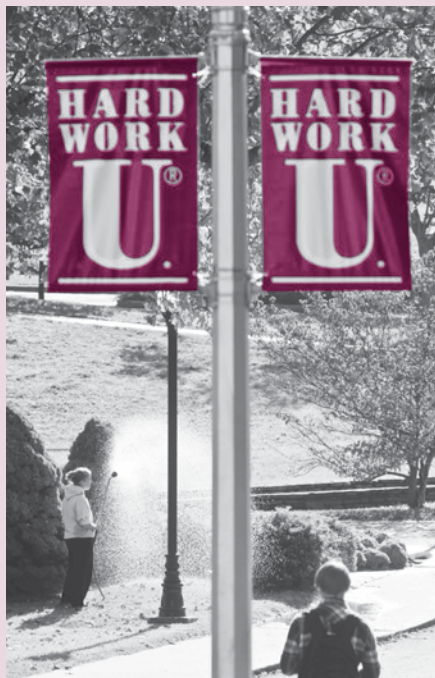
For years, College of the Ozarks has openly discouraged student debt by allowing students the opportunity to work a campus job to cover their college education and, in the summer, for the upcoming year's room and board. The College also discourages debt by not participating in any state or federal loan programs. While these efforts have curbed student debt, the College, in response to the stagnant economy, has added even more cost-saving opportunities for students.

"The College views discouraging debt as a priority and will continue to seek ways to help students avoid it," said College of the Ozarks President Jerry C. Davis.

As such, the College will no longer participate in private student bank loans.

Also, in the upcoming 2013-14 year, the College will not increase the current room and board fee of \$5,900, which is the lowest room and board fee of any private, four-year Missouri college.

During the summer months, the College offers financially-deserving



students the opportunity to participate in the Summer Work Program, consisting of 12, 40-hour work weeks at a campus job, to earn a scholarship for the upcoming year's room and board. In previous years, the College has capped the number of students admitted into the Summer

Work Program at approximately 490. This summer, that number will be increased to 550.

In past years, vacant rooms in residence halls have been available for students to rent in the summer. This summer, the College will waive the fee for renting a residence hall room so that students may save all earnings from their off-campus summer jobs.

"It is not enough to stand idly by and allow America's future to become ensnared in the debt trap," President Davis said. "We hope that others will follow our lead in discouraging debt."

College of the Ozarks is consistently commended by *U. S. News & World Report* and *Forbes* for graduating students with the least debt in the nation, as well as being one of the best college buys.

Nationally, outstanding student loan debt totals \$956 billion, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Quarterly Report on Household Debt and Credit released November 26, 2012.

Making National Headlines

Recently, the College made national headlines for its new policy of not participating in private student loans, but instead, encouraging students to take advantage of work opportunities to cover the cost of their room and board fee.

On March 21, "FOX & Friends" featured a live interview with C of O President Jerry C. Davis, during which Dr. Davis explained how the College didn't want to be part of the nation's debt problem, rather the solution. Two days later, "Forbes on FOX," a FOX News Channel program that offers commentary by a panel of financial experts including Steve Forbes, featured a discussion on the College's unique approach to helping students attain a college education without the encumbrances of student loan debt.

"Other schools can come up with ways to do the same thing," said Mr. Forbes. "One of the things that has happened with government subsidies is that they have bloated administrative costs in universities, which is why the sticker price for tuition is going up four times the rate of inflation. So that has got to be stopped, and this [actively



discouraging student loan debt] is one way to do that. Bless them."

Other outlets to cover the College's elimination of private student loans included **Reuters** and **ABC Radio**. Individuals interested in obtaining free copies of the FOX segments, ABC Radio news piece, or Reuters article, may contact the Public Relations Office at (417) 690-2212 or pr@cofo.edu.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Nursing Graduates Exceed NCLEX Pass Rates

Before a nursing graduate can practice as a Registered Nurse (RN) in a clinical setting in the United States, he/she must pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses or NCLEX-RN. According to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, this rigorous test “measures the competencies needed to perform safely and effectively as newly-licensed, entry-level nurse.”

To date, three graduating classes from the College of the Ozarks Armstrong McDonald School of Nursing, which launched in the fall of 2007, have taken the NCLEX-RN, achieving an average pass rate of 94 percent. This pass rate exceeds the national average of 90 percent and Missouri average of 93 percent. Notably, the 2012 graduating BSN class reached a 100 percent pass rate.

Armstrong McDonald School of Nursing Director Dr. Janice Williams believes the challenging nature of the College’s nursing program puts students in a favorable position for success on the NCLEX-RN.

“Students are taught by faculty content experts an intentional process of critical thinking and analyze sample exam questions throughout the program,” she says. “They are taught how to reason ‘why’ regarding safe, quality patient care. Additionally, all students take Assessment Technology, Inc., standardized exams each semester, and must meet each of the required program benchmarks in order to continue in the program.”

The success of Armstrong McDonald School of Nursing graduates demonstrates the effectiveness of the program. A post-graduation survey shows that 94 percent find employment within the first six months following



graduation, with 74 percent of those guaranteed employment prior to their graduation. Two percent immediately enter graduate school after receiving their BSN degree from College of the Ozarks.

The School’s first nurse cadet graduate, First Lieutenant Brent Turpin (class of 2011), is serving in the U.S. Army as a Clinical Staff Nurse on the surgical floor at William Beaumont Army Medical Center.

Senior nursing major Kristen Cato said that she feels prepared for success on the NCLEX-RN, as well as in the nursing field. “Since beginning the program we have been challenged every way possible—from course work to the clinical setting,” she said. “The program promotes you to be the best person and the best nurse you can be to provide the best patient care.”

Nursing Professor Receives Nursing Educator Certification

After meeting strict eligibility criteria and successfully completing a rigorous certification examination developed and administered by the National League for Nursing, College of the Ozarks Assistant Professor of Nursing Diane Smith received her Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) designation.

“We are very pleased that Mrs. Smith has demonstrated this distinguished standard in nursing educa-



tion,” said Dr. Janice Williams, College of the Ozarks Nursing Program Director. “Mrs. Smith is our third nursing faculty to receive the CNE distinction.” Williams describes the completion as a “mark of excellence.”

For nursing educators, a CNE demonstrates expertise and communicates to students, peers, and the academic and health care communities that the highest standards are being met.

Goals of the CNE certification include, distinguishing aca-

demically nursing education as a specialty area of practice and an advanced practice role within professional nursing and recognizing the academic nurse educator’s specialized knowledge, skills, abilities, and an advanced practice role within professional nursing.

College of the Ozarks launched its Bachelor of Science Nursing Program in 2007. It holds national accreditation from CCNE and approval from the Missouri State Board of Nursing. Currently, eight full-time faculty members teach in the program.

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THE FOUR GENERALS OF HARD WORK U.

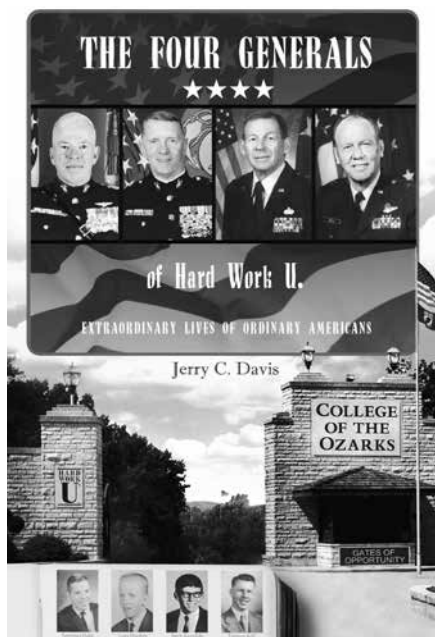
C of O President Publishes Second Book

College of the Ozarks President Jerry C. Davis knows a good story when he hears one. In fact, upon learning the inspirational stories of School of the Ozarks alumni Terrence R. Dake, Gary H. Hughey, Jerry W. Ragsdale, and Tommy I. Bell, he set out to write the book *The Four Generals of Hard Work U.: Extraordinary Lives of Ordinary Men*.

Recounting each man's journey from humble beginnings as teenagers attending the work school located in Point Lookout, MO, to the rank of general in the United States Military, *The Four Generals of Hard Work U.*, as General Peter Pace describes in the book's foreword, "reveals how the same values led four alumni to the very pinnacle of their success." General Pace, the 16th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, served in the U.S. Marine Corps with two of the four general officers, General Dake and General Hughey, profiled in the book.

"The fact that such an Ozarks school provided the gateway to prominence for such a level of leadership has always been intriguing," explains Davis. "It has been an especially meaningful experience to trace the lives and accomplishments and service of four alumni who rose to such high ranks."

Generals Dake, Hughey, Ragsdale, and Bell assumed heavy leadership responsibilities. General Dake rose to the position of Assistant Com-



mandant of the U.S. Marine Corps in 1998. Lieutenant General Gary H. Hughey served as Deputy Commander, United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Major General Jerry W. Ragsdale was named Commander of the Texas Air National Guard, Hensley Field in Dallas, Texas, 1987. The late Brigadier General Tommy I. Bell, who was buried with full military honors at the Arlington National Cemetery in August 2011, started out as a fighter pilot with the 71st Fighter-Inceptor Squadron and eventually served his country in the Headquarters of the U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Davis tells each general's life story through either their own words or those of individuals who know them well. "The purpose of this book is to relate the extraordinary lives of a few leaders," he said. "Indeed, one does not have to be a general in the U.S. military to serve with honor. In fact, the four generals of *Hard Work U.*, would be the first to point this out, for they know the sacrifice of alumni such as Roy Hopper (former POW), Earl Woodard (Army Air Corps), Kaney Willbanks (former Japanese POW), and countless others who gave their lives in service to America."

The 234-page book does more than simply tell a story. It is dedicated to Veterans of the Vietnam Era who answered their country's call and served with honor. All proceeds from the book will go toward the College's Patriotic Education Travel Program, wherein the College sends students to accompany Veterans back to their fields of battle in order to learn about history and sacrifice from the men and women who lived it.

To purchase a copy of the *The Four Generals of Hard Work U.: Extraordinary Lives of Ordinary Men* priced at \$17.95, including tax and shipping, please go to www.cofo.edu or call (417) 690-3395.

About the Author:

Jerry C. Davis is President of College of the Ozarks. After graduating from The Berry Schools in Mount Berry, GA, he attended Truett McConnell College in Cleveland, GA, before receiving his B.S. degree from Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC; an M.S. degree from the University of Tennessee; and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University. Prior to coming to College of the Ozarks, Dr. Davis served as President of Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, KY.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

President's Honor Roll for Community Service

College of the Ozarks has been named to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual Honor Roll award, recognized more than 700 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice. On campuses across the country, thousands of students joined their faculty to develop innovative programs and projects to meet local needs

using the skills gained in their classrooms. Business students served as consultants to budget-strapped nonprofits and businesses, law students volunteered at legal clinics, and dozens of others organized anti-hunger campaigns.



"The Christian and Patriotic aims of the College combine to create students of Christ-like character who are community minded," said Elizabeth Hughes, C of O public relations director. "Many on campus take a leadership role in coordinating service efforts such as Operation Christmas Child and Camp Lookout, a free summer camp for disadvantaged area children."



A cabin of 2012 Camp Lookout campers stand next to the sign that welcomes campers..

Events Planned to Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

College of the Ozarks publicly announced its plan to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War on Saturday, March 30, National Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. More than 200 area residents, many of them Vietnam Veterans, attended the kickoff event that featured the unveiling of a commemorative events calendar, remarks by College of the Ozarks President Jerry C. Davis and Executive Vice President Fred Mullinax, and a performance by the C of O Chapel Choir. The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 913 of Branson provided the color guard for the event.

During his remarks Dr. Davis shared a letter that his younger brother, the late Dan Davis, who served in the Vietnam War, had sent him 50 years ago from Vietnam. He also read one that his brother had written 25 years after the war, following a convocation he attended featuring Colonel Oliver North. In that letter, Dan Davis wrote that "the war produced three kinds of people: heroes, victims, and survivors." Dan continued to explain that the true heroes' names are recorded on the "Wall," and that he carried in his wallet for 26 years a picture of a Vietnamese child who did his and other soldiers' laundry at their base camp and was his friend. She perished in a mortar attack; she is a victim. Dan ended his letter saying that "I am a fortunate survivor."



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 913 Color Guard

After sharing this poignant letter, President Davis said that he thought "the country owed a special effort to right a wrong and that the College would like to be a part of that."

Scheduled during the next 18 months are numerous events that will honor Vietnam Veterans and their families and recognize the accomplishments and contributions they made to our nation and world. For more information on the College's Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, please contact the Public Relations Office at (417) 690-2212 or visit www.cofo.edu.

WORK ETHIC FORUM

FOX News Anchor Harris Faulkner



By Chelsea Kliethermes

On April 11, 2013, FOX News Channel Anchor Mrs. Harris Faulkner served as the keynote speaker of the 2013 Spring Work Ethic Forum. The six-time Emmy Award winner of journalism and author shared on work ethic, as well as wisdom her father passed down to her.

Mrs. Faulkner authored *Breaking News: God Has a Plan*, which tells a story that most would deem unimaginable. In her book, Mrs. Faulkner shares of her journey as a public figure with a deadly secret: a dangerous man was stalking her and wanted her dead. She teaches readers how to turn their worst circumstances into opportunities. Having gone through this traumatic experience, Mrs. Faulkner now travels as a motivational speaker, sharing her story and how her faith in God saved her.

During her day on the College of the Ozarks campus, she visited the Fruitcake and Jelly Kitchen (where she became a big fan of the C of O apple butter), the Stained Glass department, and a journalism class, where she spent time giving journalistic career advice to the budding reporters. The students enjoyed her

discussion, as well as the opportunity to interface with a national reporter. "She was inspiring!" said journalism major Sarah Karnes, who was present in the class. "Mrs. Faulkner asked us to introduce ourselves and took the time to speak to each one of us. That was incredible!"

After touring a few workstations and visiting with students, Mrs. Faulkner better understood the value of students working for their college education in order to gradu-

ate debt-free. "The nation is watching! As we are all focused on how do we do this thing without debt? Right on time, the story of *Hard Work U*," she exclaimed.

Later that day, Mrs. Faulkner spoke to the students and an intrigued audience about her life testimony. She didn't focus on her experience of being stalked; instead, she provided powerful truths and wisdom about life and work. Mrs. Faulkner shared about her father who kept a diary in the cockpit of the plane he flew during the Vietnam War. While in the cockpit, he wrote life lessons he wanted his daughter to know.

He wrote, "Do the right things even though it is not a gain. Your integrity is not real-estate, it cannot be bought, it cannot be sold, but it can be lost by you." His lesson is that doing the right thing and doing for others, even if you don't get anything back, builds integrity.

Love for our country was engraved in her from a young age because of her father's service in the Vietnam War. "Patriotism is very important to who I am," said Mrs. Faulkner. She continued to share two



Mrs. Faulkner took questions from Forum participants following her speech.



more tidbits of advice her father wrote for her. "Weigh everything you have to every opportunity. Hold nothing back except the boasting. It is not necessary to ever brag when you win; it is just a distraction."

Mrs. Faulkner has adopted this life lesson by giving all the glory to God. She is currently the only African American anchor in prime time news and realizes her blessings and trials are what got her to where she is today.

The last lesson she shared from her dad was, "When faced with the impossible, consider not barging in, but circle around for a surprised point of entry. Then with all of your talent and passion, make known you are there." Mrs. Faulkner has been blessed with a great example, her father, and the students were blessed by her sharing his wisdom with them.

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PLENARY SPEAKERS

Lieutenant General Gary H. Hughey, a 1965 alumnus of The School of the Ozarks, was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1970, and attended Basic School in Quantico, VA, where he was designated a supply officer. He has held several positions as commander and in joint assignments. Prior to his assignment as Deputy Commander at USTRANSCOM, General Hughey was Deputy Commander, Headquarters for U.S. forces, Japan. He retired on November 18, 2004.

General Hughey shared with Forum participants about his time as an S of O student working on the farm, which provided him with life skills that enabled him to pursue his military career. He emphasized the importance of hard work and that no honest work is demeaning.



James R. Batten, CPA, is the Executive Vice President of Convoy of Hope, an international nonprofit relief organization. Mr. Batten served as Chief



Operations Officer and Executive Vice President of AG Financial Solutions from September 2007 through March 2009, and served as the Executive Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., from January 1993 through March 2007. He has also served on a number of other professional and civic boards, including the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks, and New Covenant Academy.

Mr. Batten gave students three points of advice regarding hard work: first, to learn something from everyone you work with and every job you do; second, to understand everything that comes across your desk or crosses your path; lastly, to never stop caring that it's [life is] all about people.

Jerry Jacob, is a television anchor and reporter for KY3 News in Springfield, MO. A graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, he has more than 20 years of experience reporting on events from across the nation. From 2007-2012, Mr. Jacob was stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC, as a Sergeant with the United States Army. He is a Combat Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He also served as a medic in Operation Unified Response in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake in the Republic of Haiti. Mr. Jacob rejoined KY3 News in February 2012. He now covers politics and other topics, as well as special projects for the station.



Mr. Jacob spoke of how his time in the service made him realize the importance of life and how blessed Americans are. He also shared how service can change your perspective on work and the habit of work.

MAKING HISTORY

Patriotic Education Travel to Guadalcanal

On December 2, seven College of the Ozarks students and six WWII Veteran survivors of the Battle of Guadalcanal traveled to the Solomon Islands in the Pacific to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the campaign, which began August 7, 1942, and lasted until February 9, 1943.

The Battle of Guadalcanal, the first major offensive by Allied forces against Japan, resulted in nearly 40,000 Allied and Japanese deaths. Five of the students who traveled with Veterans on this historic journey have direct family ties to the battle. Veterans participating in the trip, Charles Monroe, John Christiansen, Chester Thomason, Theron MacKay, Elmer Hawkins, and Paul Castiglione, all served in the campaign.



C of O student Hillary Wilson reads a scripture during a memorial to those who perished in the U.S.S. LST 342, which Veteran Theron MacKay (pictured) was aboard when it sank.

During the trip, the contingent traveled by ship to the various islands, such as Guadalcanal and Gizo, which comprise the Solomon chain. They toured what were hospitals and airstrips, once vital components to the campaign and placed wreaths in waters littered with wreckage where hundreds perished in battle.

Students had the opportunity to learn about personal experiences, such as the time Charles Monroe, a



fighter pilot, crash landed on the Japanese side of Guadalcanal, received help from the island natives, and was able to return to his chore of flying in torpedo runs. They also heard about Paul Castiglione's account of how one ham sandwich made the difference between life and death for him, as taking an extra few minutes to enjoy the treat spared him from a shelling attack.

This trip was part of the College of the Ozarks Patriotic Education Travel Program, wherein students accompany Veterans to their fields of battle to learn about history and sacrifice from the individuals who lived it. Student participants relish the opportunity to learn from the

Veterans and understand that they are in a unique position to learn and pass on precious historical accounts.

The rich educational journey provides a life-changing experience for College of the Ozarks students, who not only learn volumes of history from participants, but grow to love and appreciate them as well. Since the inaugural trip in 2009, 13 trips have been taken with approximately 200 students and 100 Veterans participating. For more information on the Patriotic Education Travel Program, please visit www.cofo.edu. To learn more about the students and Veterans journey to the Solomon Islands, go to www.cofopacific.blogspot.com.



The students and Veterans visited the Island of Karumolun, where the native tribe performed for the group and served them fresh fruit and juice.

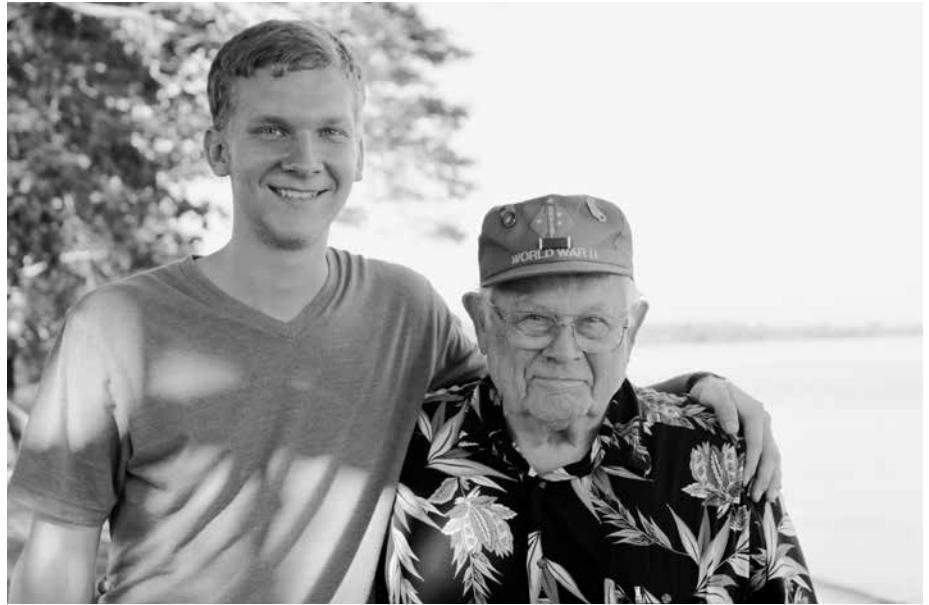
First Person Reflection

By Bo Desmond,
Patriotic Education Travel participant

When I received the news that College of the Ozarks chose me to go on the Patriotic Education Travel Trip to the Solomon Islands, I could hardly believe it. There were so many other candidates who also wanted to go on the trip, students who had applied several times before. I am extremely thankful that I got to go on this memorable trip.

We met our Veterans en route to the Solomon Islands. There were six: Paul Castiglione, John Christiansen, Elmer Hawkins, Theron "Mac" MacKay, Charles Monroe, and Chester "Chet" Thomason. While in Los Angeles International Airport, we got to talk to each of our Veterans. Several of them had met before, and they all got along well. Even though it had been awhile since they had last met, they all treated one another like old friends; and the ones who had never met any of the others felt included and comfortable hearing and telling their stories from the war. They loved making friendly, harmless jokes with one another. It was great to see the life and charisma of these men who have already lived through so much. We were all excited for the days ahead and couldn't wait to learn about both the Veterans and the war they fought in.

The Veterans were able to go to many places they had been stationed at during their service in the Solomon Islands. We went to the waters surrounding Savo Island, where Chet Thomason's ship sank. There, Mr. Thomason tossed a wreath into the water to commemorate his lost shipmates. We went to Pavuvu, where John Christiansen and Elmer Hawkins were stationed. It was neat to see what little remained of the base that was there only 70 years before. We got to see the type of planes that Paul Castiglione worked on. We also went to Henderson Field where Mr. Castiglione was stationed during the war.



C of O student Bo Desmond and his Veteran John Christiansen

Dr. Monroe loved meeting the natives because when his plane crashed on the Japanese side of Guadalcanal, natives rescued him. Every chance we got to meet with natives, Dr. Monroe would talk with them and tell them his story. We got to see Mac MacKay's sunken LST in the Florida Islands, where it was dragged after being hit by a torpedo. There, Mr. MacKay tossed a wreath onto the deck of the old ship to pay tribute to his lost shipmates.

The day before our departure, we went to the Guadalcanal memorial, which honors Veterans from every branch of the military who fought in the Battle. We could all tell that the Veterans felt the importance and impact of their sacrifice when they stood before the flags at the memorial. All of the students on the trip made a point to focus on the Veterans and make them feel special. I think that through our constant interest in and praise for what they did, the Veterans who went on our trip felt that what they fought for was important. I think they were all touched by the fact that a younger generation understands and respects the sacrifice they made.

On our last day, just before we left, we made one more stop. Outside the Honiara International Airport,

there is a grove of trees dedicated to the Veterans who fought in the Guadalcanal Campaign. College of the Ozarks arranged for trees to be dedicated to each of the Veterans who went on our trip. We got a chance to walk through the grove and see the trees, and I could tell that the Veterans truly loved that they left something at Guadalcanal to be remembered by. For most of our Veterans, this was the last time they will return to Guadalcanal, and I think that each of the students did our very best to make it a meaningful trip. None of us will forget our trip with these men, nor will we forget the sacrifice they and many others from their generation made for both our country and for the world.



Bo listens to Veteran Paul Castiglione.

NOTEWORTHY

Dairy Herd Deemed “Cream of the Crop”

By Jerry McDonald

In the January 2013 issue of *Holstein World*, the College of the Ozarks dairy was ranked 6th out of the top 18 college dairy herds in the nation in the category of “Leading Breed Age Average Herds.”

“The success of our program is due to better breed



College of the Ozarks student dairy worker and herdsman Haley Hines shows one of the Holsteins at the FFA Day held on campus.

genetics and good herd management practices,” said Assistant Farm Manager Bryan Cizek. “The majority of our herd is rated as ‘good plus to very good,’ which we will only build upon in the future.”

An impartial American Holstein Association official evaluates milking cows once per year to determine a cow’s “classification score.” The official rates the cows on how they compare to the “ideal cow,” as defined by the Holstein Association.

Based on the classification score each animal receives, the Breed Age Average (BAA) is calculated with adjustments for the cow’s age and stage of her lactation cycle. College of the Ozarks BAA score is 104.80. The top college, SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology, Cobleskill, NY, had a score of 109.20.

“College of the Ozarks is considered one of the top college Holstein herds in the United States,” said Assistant Dairy Manager Tamara Holder. “This has allowed agricultural students to have the experience of participating in the Oklahoma State Holstein Sale, Missouri State Holstein Sale, the Missouri University Sale, and the National Holstein Sale.”

1,000 Fruitcakes for 1,000 Wins

How did College of the Ozarks celebrate Lady Bobcats Head Coach George Wilson’s 1000th career win—confetti, balloons, a parade? The answer is College of the Ozarks fruitcake, of course. As of February 5, Coach Wilson had coached various teams to 998 wins; 439 of those wins belong to the College of the Ozarks Lady Bobcats. On February 9, at 3 p.m., they faced off with York College, vying for Coach Wilson’s 1000th victory.

Under his direction the Lady Bobcats have made it to the NAIA Division II Championship eight times and have earned the title of National Runner-up four times.

Wilson has coached his Lady Bobcats to value more than winning games. His leadership in their off-the-court activities merited the team the Buffalo Funds Champions of Character Award and the What’s Right in Sports Award.

Before coming to College of the Ozarks, Wilson coached high school boys’ basketball for 31 years in the southwest Missouri area, compiling a 559-284 record. In 1992, he was honored with enshrinement into the Missouri Sports Basketball Hall of Fame for his contribution to the game of basketball in the area. In March dur-

ing the NAIA National Tournament, Wilson was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame.

Immediately after the buzzer sounded for Coach Wilson’s 1000th victory, College of the Ozarks gave away 1,000 fruitcakes and had a special ceremony that included many of his former Lady Bobcat players.



THE SCOOP ON: The College Creamery

By Tyler Lopez

In the early spring semester, the College added something new for the public to enjoy at The Keeter Center—The College Creamery. The Creamery, located in the lobby, features Nettie Marie's Homemade Ice Cream, made with fresh milk from the campus dairy. "One of our reasons for doing this is to highlight the agricultural program and the College dairy," said Tom Healey, General Manager of The Keeter Center. "What better way is there to do that than with ice cream?" Not only does the new Creamery bring light to the College's agricultural heritage, but it addresses the increased demand created from customers at the bakery.

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In the past, C of O ice cream could be purchased at the bakery counter, but the line created congestion at the entrance to the restaurant. "We really took a problem and made it an opportunity to highlight the College's dairy operation," said Healey.

Students, staff, and faculty members look forward to the opportunity to educate visitors. "Any time you can connect the public with the source of their food, and perhaps, educate them on the farmer's role in all of it, then it is worth doing," said General Farm Manager Dan Swearengen. Though milk production will need to increase, the dairy staff realizes the gains to be had from their addition of labor. "We look forward to doing our part at the dairy to help ensure that it will be the freshest and tastiest ice cream around," said Swearengen.

The process of making ice cream for the Creamery is like any other activity on campus—students and staff working side-by-side to come up with an outstanding finished product. From milking the cows, to creating signature flavors such as "Bobcat Crunch," to making the fresh, handmade vanilla waffle cones, students are involved every step of the way. The process starts early in the morning when the C of O dairy student workers milk the cows. The students then process, pasteurize, bottle, and deliver the milk to The Keeter Center where another group of students turn it into homemade ice cream. "We use the milk and cream from our dairy and add sugar and all natural flavoring such as cocoa, vanilla beans, berries, and nuts," said Keeter Center Executive Chef Robert



Stricklin. "Then it is all poured into one of our state-of-the-art industrial ice cream machines and churned into velvety goodness."

Justice Knight, a biblical theology major assigned as student leader over ice cream production, couldn't be happier. "I would never think that [making ice cream] would be something I would do daily and love doing, but I feel blessed that I was chosen for this job," Knight said. She was responsible for coming up with the basic idea of the "Bobcat Crunch" recipe, which features oatmeal cookies, toasted almonds, pecans, and white chocolate chips.

The College Creamery offers 12 flavors ranging from Blueberry Basil, to classics such as chocolate and old-fashioned vanilla, that are sure to meet the constant demand for delicious, student-made ice cream. "I think it will give the guests just one more reason to come and experience what it's like at College of the Ozarks and The Keeter Center," said Healey. "Everybody loves ice cream!"



Memorial Gifts

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William Cameron from Katie White
Charlie Cherry from Mr. & Mrs. Joe Griffin
Delbert & Sue Compton from James Compton
DON COOPER FROM CONRAD MARTIN
Harold Davis from Lavenia Davis
Jimmy Davis from Yazoo County Fair Association
Allene Dueringer from Mr. & Mrs. James Beltz
Margaret Lee Ferrill from Dorothy Miley
Barbara Fix from Mr. & Mrs. Reece Jones
Paul Fritzemeyer, Sr. & Jr. from Ruth Schroeder
The Furkin Family from Lavenia Davis
Dr. & Mrs. R.M. Good from Lorraine Whitesides
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Robert Hendrick from Mary Mosier
Colonel Gary Herchenroeder from Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Ruth & Brian Middleton
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MARIETTA HOLLAND FROM KATHLEEN RUTTEN
Ana Owen Humphreys from Dorothy Miley & Louise Miley Guffing
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Madelyn Grace Johnson from Mr. & Mrs. Mike Adams
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Edward Mansfield from Mr. & Mrs. James Swearengen
William MacDonald from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Park
Richard Matthews from Ruth Rauch
Richard Moll from John Moll

Ralph Morgan from Mary Morgan
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Max Oliver from Marjorie Miller
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Anton & Susan Rozmiarek from Cecilia Rozmiarek
Mary Simpkins from Mr. & Mrs. Keith Thomas
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ANITA TEASLEY FROM CONRAD MARTIN
Evelyn Tomajcik from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Springer
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Cathy Creed from Pamela Clare

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Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Davis from Dolores Gentsch
SSGT. A. M. De La Fuente from Martin Keene
Peggy Elliott from Kathryn Pile
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ATYPICAL Spring Break

By Turner Brock

What do most college students dream of doing over their spring break—tanning on the beach, taking a cruise, or hanging out with friends? The students at *Hard Work U* used their break as a time to give back to others. Over break College of the Ozarks students accomplished diverse missions and took advantage of learning opportunities across the globe. Students from the Chapel Choir traveled to England, ministering with music in many famous cathedrals. The Men's Basketball Team traveled overseas on a mission trip, while another group of students took part in the U.S. Coast Guard Ethics Forum.

The Chapel Choir left for a nine-day musical tour of England on March 15. The group of 62 students performed at Evensong Cathedral at King's College, located in Cambridge; Ely Cathedral, located at Ely; and a special concert at Saint George's Chapel in Windsor Castle. "This was one of the most memorable trips I have ever been on in my entire life," said student accompanist Hannah Mahan. "We heard boys choirs, partook of the Lord's supper, listened



College of the Ozarks Chapel Choir in Great Britain

to the scriptures and prayed. It was just so awe-inspiring, holy, and reverent."

The College of the Ozarks Men's Basketball Team embarked on a journey overseas to Guatemala and El Salvador in Central America. Working with an evangelist from Guatemala, the team spread the news of Jesus Christ through hosting basketball clinics and visiting local schools. Over 500 men, women, and children accepted Christ as their Savior on the trip.

Twenty-five students served on a domestic mission trip to Memphis. The Memphis team partnered with the Christian organization, Service Over Self, and worked in inner-city

Memphis. Throughout the week, students helped to roof houses, install drywall, and paint. They were also able to share the Gospel and pray with the members of the community.

Another group of students traveled to New London, CT, to participate in the United States Coast Guard Academy's 24th Annual Ethics Forum. During the forum themed "Practical Ethics: A Discussion of Traits, which Produce and Cultivate Leaders of Character," the students learned about ethics in the military, business world, academia, and civil and humanitarian services. College of the Ozarks students didn't have a "typical" spring break, but enjoyed making the world a better place.

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Woody Wright, Jr. from Woodven Wright

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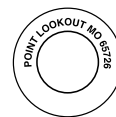
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S of O Students Tour Colonial America

During the week of March 15-23, School of the Ozarks students enjoyed spring break by taking a tour of what was colonial America. With the purpose of offering students an enriching opportunity to learn about American history, the entire junior and senior classes visited Washington, D.C.; Arlington, Mount Vernon, Alexandria, Williamsburg, Yorktown and Jamestown, VA; and Gettysburg and Philadelphia, PA.

"School of the Ozarks students earnestly seek to understand and appreciate the Christian heritage of the United States of America," said S of O Headmaster Brad Dolloff. "These cities and the landmarks they hold represent the cradle of our Republic, and our students were inspired to rededicate themselves to patriotic ideals."

While visiting Washington, D.C., students toured the Library of Congress, Capitol, National Archives, U.S. Supreme Court, Holocaust Museum and the National Memorials. They witnessed the changing of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arlington National Cemetery and walked the



The White House canceled the group's pre-scheduled tour. However, the students were able to make a stop to have their picture made.

grounds of President George Washington's homestead at Mount Vernon, just to name a few highlights.

"I am so grateful for this opportunity that the School of the Ozarks has given me to go on this trip," said S of O senior John Ashbee. "I don't

think I ever would be able to afford a trip like this on my own. I was impacted greatly by the memorials to those who have fought in foreign conflicts. It underscored for me the fact that freedom is not free."

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

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