Prepared to Lead
College of the Ozarks students demonstrate excellence in their work ethic, academic pursuits, and character. They are held to, and gladly meet, a higher standard. That is why one will see students showing respect to the nation’s flag, conducting themselves in Christ-like behavior, and “giving their all” in their work and academic studies.

College of the Ozarks is not typical of most universities and colleges in the United States in the standards it sets for students. And many, including actor/author/economist Ben Stein, would say that the College “has gotten everything right.”

Students are expected to dress modestly, behave in a dignified manner, attend class, and arrive at their campus workstation on time. The College expects more of its students, and students do not disappoint.

On this page you will find a picture of students reacting to the capture and ultimate execution of terrorist Osama bin Laden. Instead of using the event as a reason to celebrate, they chose to honor and remember those Americans who perished in the terrorist attacks by raising the 9-11 Remembrance Flag.

As one can see, College of the Ozarks students are not typical of most college students.

Graduation time serves as a perfect opportunity to witness fruits of labor. This May, a record number of students received their diplomas, the second nursing class was pinned, and the first nursing cadet graduated. It was heartwarming to see so many graduates of Christ-like character leaving the “Gates of Opportunity” prepared to lead our communities, states, nation, and world.

Baccalaureate speaker Chaplain (Major) Andy Taylor encouraged the graduates to lead a life of faith under fire, and Commencement speaker Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson (Missouri, 8th District) offered sound advice to the class. Please read more about the 104th Commencement on pages 8-9.

The Ozark Visitor includes many stories of College of the Ozarks students demonstrating excellence. The fruits of their labor provide us with a confidence that they are prepared to lead.
Held Sunday, June 26, the 2011 Honor America Celebration welcomed thousands of attendees to celebrate our nation’s independence and honor the men and women who sacrificed for freedom’s sake. **Top left:** Uncle Sam meets two young Americans at the celebration. **Top right:** C of O President Jerry C. Davis presents an “Honor America Award” to C of O student and Enduring Freedom Veteran Bryan Cizek. **Left:** Many youngsters enjoyed making thank you cards for Veterans and current military. More than 300 thank you cards were created that night. **Bottom:** The patriotic program featured a tribute to all who served on behalf of the nation.
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For Clark D. Stewart, work began in 1945 when he was six years old. Living in a small Kansas town near Wichita, he worked at the general store where he swept the floor, emptied the trash, and visited with all the farmers and other customers. “By 1950, I started to work on the cars and appliances,” Mr. Stewart recalled. He drove tractors from sunrise to sunset, a Model T during wheat harvest a few times, and at age 12, wheat trucks to the elevator. As he learned more about the cars he worked on, he grew to love rebuilding engines.

These experiences taught Mr. Stewart the importance of character and work ethic. “We did most of the business at the store based upon a hand shake,” he explained. “I learned the value of honesty in all things from my parents and my experience in the store. I learned the importance of individual responsibility and the character needs for trust, integrity, and the spiritual need and comrade-ship that developed in the wars and during the Great Depression. This helped me develop a sense of teamwork, the need for truth in all things, the risks taken to keep our freedom in the U. S. and the need for spiritual guidance in our lives.”

Mr. Stewart began his service to the country in 1962 by joining the Air Force Reserves. His experience with the military taught him many important life lessons—“discipline, confidence, teamwork, the importance of acceptance of individual responsibility.” He served the military until 1972.

Mr. Stewart received his Bachelor of Science in industrial management and Master of Science in accounting from the University of Kansas. He is a certified public accountant, who has served in various executive positions at corporations such as RO Corporation, Tradewind Industries, Inc., and Arthur Anderson & Co. Industry. Mr. Stewart also has taught college courses on accounting and finance. Currently, he is President and CEO of Butler National Corporation, a Kansas-based company operating in the aerospace and services business segments.

He believes College of the Ozarks presents a unique opportunity to students. “Opportunity is the presentation of a situation that allows a person to learn, improve, guide, organize, assist others, work, and experience spiritual growth. College of the Ozarks provides situations for character development through real experiences with others and in the classroom. The unique opportunity provided by C of O is the incorporation of higher learning, productive work, discipline, and spiritual growth into the college years without the accumulation of debt.”

He explains life’s most important achievement as, “accepting the personal responsibility to provide my family, children, and grandchildren and everyone associated with me with an example to live by and follow.” Additionally, he said that it is imperative to live life as honest, responsible, truthful, disciplined, caring, and hardworking individuals with the continuous objective of passing character and desire for knowledge to future generations.

He and his wife, Sue Ann, have two grown children and seven grandchildren, ranging in age from 15 months to 14 years. They are listed by him as his number one accomplishment.

Mr. Stewart’s understanding and demonstration of work ethic, patriotic service, strong character, and spiritual growth qualifies him as a positive addition to the steering body of the College, whose fivefold mission aims at encouraging academic, Christian, vocational, patriotic, and cultural growth in students.
A child’s typical summer activities include playing outside, swimming with friends, and going to camp, but what happens when a child’s family cannot afford to send their child to camp? Camp Lookout provides that opportunity for deserving children (ages 8-12) who don’t have the means to attend camp. Each summer approximately 500 children attend Camp Lookout for free. Campers gain a camp experience and receive a chance to learn about Christ’s love.

This year’s theme of Camp Lookout is S. T. A. R., which stands for Seeking The Almighty Redeemer. “The kids learn that God is so big and created the universe, but took delight in creating us,” said Camp Director Nancy Finn. “The kids also see a skit of ‘Galaxy Garrick,’ the star-gazing geek who tries to build a rocket so he can visit God.” A worship service with the kids is held every evening. The theme of the camp changes from year to year, and all of the themes are biblically-centered. For example, a couple of years ago campers enjoyed “Bible Bonanza.” Nearly every detail from the official camp t-shirt design (featuring a cowboy’s rope) to Old West cabin names, enhanced the western theme.

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No Sweat

By Shelby Gray

Carrying irrigation pipes, picking vegetables, or milking cows is just part of a typical day for a summer C of O student working to pay for his/her room and board. While other college students spend their summer days sleeping in, C of O students are working at campus jobs. “College of the Ozarks students seek out opportunities like the Summer Work Program because they know when they find a great opportunity,” said Chris Larsen, Dean of Work Education. “They realize the value of a debt-free education.”

The Summer Work Program (SWP) is a room and board scholarship opportunity that provides students the option to work either a six- or 12-week session during the summer to pay room and board for the upcoming year. Students working six weeks can cover the room and board for the fall semester, and students working all 12 weeks can work off an entire year’s room and board. Additionally, by participating, students receive room and board during the summer program.

The scholarship is open to all C of O students, and applications must be completed by the end of February to be considered for the upcoming summer. The number of students working varies slightly each year. Each summer the College accepts roughly 500 students, about one third of its student body. Numbers are based on the College’s need for labor, so that all students involved will have a job. Students rank working as a server in The Keeter Center’s Dobyns Dining Room or as a camp counselor at Camp Lookout as the most popular summer jobs. “I love working at The Keeter Center during the summer,” said Dobyns student manager Chad Brewer. “It allows you to meet new people, offers networking opportunities, and valuable hospitality skills.” Although, there are some obvious advantages to working irrigation and setting up the water sprinklers on a sultry, summer day.

Fun aside, the SWP means serious financial relief for students who do not have the finances to cover room and board.

Students who demonstrate the most financial need, based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), receive first consideration for the scholarship that equates to roughly $2,800 dollars per six weeks. Since FAFSA is not always an accurate indicator of the family situation, students who are initially not admitted into the program have the opportunity to submit an appeal letter to the Dean of Work Education office. The Dean reads each letter and meets with individual students in order to make an accurate determination of need.

Junior Renay Renyer, a Camp Lookout counselor, is just one of the many students who rely on the program every year. One of six siblings, she is the third Renyer to make her way to College of the Ozarks. She and her younger sister are currently participating in the SWP. With such a large family, money for room and board would be hard to come by. “If it weren’t for the Summer Work Program, I would have to stay at home and work a summer job,” said Renyer. “I don’t know how I’d be able to pay the difference.”

Whether working six weeks, or the full 12, the Summer Work Program provides another opportunity for C of O students to graduate debt-free. It has helped many students throughout the years and will help many more in the years to come.
104TH COMMENCEMENT: PREPARED TO LEAD

At the 104th College of the Ozarks Commencement, held on May 8, a record number of 320 students received their bachelor’s degrees. The record number of graduates was not the only thing to make this commencement special. Among the nearly 4,000 attendees there to witness the conferring of degrees was alumnus Dr. Harry Basore, who served on the College’s Board of Trustees for 46 years, and graduated in 1935 from the institution. His presence made an already special commencement more memorable. Dr. Basore passed away on August 2.

Among the bachelor candidates was the second class to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the College’s nationally-accredited Armstrong McDonald School of Nursing. During the ceremony, two ROTC cadets, Austin Truelove and Brent Turpin, were commissioned as Second Lieutenants into the United States Army. Lt. Turpin is the first cadet to graduate from the School of Nursing’s Nursing Cadet Program.

Lt. Truelove said that he would like to serve the people of Haiti as missionary. Lt. Turpin plans to serve wounded soldiers in the United States and eventually wants to become the commanding general of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Upon their commissioning, the lieutenants received a standing ovation from their fellow graduates and attendees.

Congresswoman Emerson, the first Republican woman to represent Missouri in Congress, gave the Commencement address. She shared on the importance of preparation and hard work for leadership in the 21st century.

“Life is a preparation for a few key moments,” Congresswoman Emerson said. “And you’ll know them when you see them.”

Fifteen years ago, Emerson personally experienced one of those key moments. She lost her husband Bill Emerson, who had served as United States Representative of Missouri 8th District, to cancer. Following his death, she made the decision to run for the vacant seat. Emerson is currently serving her eighth term in the United States House of Representatives.

For her public service to Missouri and the nation, Congresswoman Emerson received an honorary Doctor of Public Service from College of the Ozarks during Commencement.

Emerson encouraged the graduates to be ever learning, ever preparing for future key moments.

“We have the ability to work as hard as we want,” Emerson said. “It’s funny how no one factors that into the pursuit of happiness, but the truth is that they’re inseparable.”

After quoting political thinker/historian Alexis de Tocqueville’s assertion that “the greatness of America lies not in being enlightened more than any other nation but rather in her ability to repair her faults,” she charged the graduating class with leading in the 21st century and changing the deficiencies that weigh on our nation and world. “You’ve received the foundation, tools, and the opportunity at Hard Work U., that have uniquely equipped you for the years ahead,” she concluded.

Second Lieutenants Austin Truelove (right) and Brent Turpin take the military oath of office.
Baccalaureate Speaker
Chaplain (Major) Andy Taylor

"FAITH UNDER FIRE"

Chaplain (Major) Andy Taylor provided the message for the baccalaureate service. Currently, Chaplain Taylor serves as the Brigade Chaplain of the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. As 4th Brigade Chaplain, he oversaw pastoral care of more than 5,000 soldiers operating in southern Afghanistan.

In his message “Faith Under Fire,” Chaplain Taylor told the graduates they were crossing a line of departure and taking a step from safe territory into enemy territory. He warned them that in life, in their careers, some days their faith and character would be attacked. He then asked them if they were ready for the battle and followed his question with the following advice.

“Don’t be mistaken. This is a fight,” Chaplain Taylor said. “A life of faith attracts a fight, so get ready.”

He called on them to reclaim “our nation’s right, which is our Christian values.”

“America, the church—we need you to cross the line of departure and act like men and women of God and share your convictions,” he said.

He explained that during his last deployment to Afghanistan, God reminded him of I Corinthians 16:13-14 (NIV): “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.”

Chaplain Taylor added that the greatest weapons we have in this fight are truth and love.

His military career began five days after he graduated from high school, when he enlisted in the Army Reserves. After serving in the 2nd Battalion, 12th Special Forces Group, Chaplain Taylor attended Oklahoma Baptist University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in religion. Following undergraduate school, he received a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1996 and recently obtained a graduate certificate in Christian apologetics from Biola University.

Chaplain Taylor served as Senior Pastor of Chapel Creek Fellowship in Fort Worth, Texas, for two years and Trinity Baptist Church in Chickasha, Oklahoma, for six years. In April 2001, he was sworn in as a Chaplain of the Oklahoma Army National Guard. Since that time, Chaplain Taylor has been an active duty Army Chaplain. Prior to serving in the 82nd Airborne Division, he was the Deputy Senior Army Chaplain of the Arlington National Cemetery.

He has been recognized with the Bronze Star Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Operation Iraqi Freedom Service Ribbon (with service star), Operation Enduring Freedom Service Ribbon, U. S. Army Ranger Tab, Basic Airborne Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.

College of the Ozarks Class of 2011
Nurse Pinning and Blessing Ceremony 2011

By Matt Farmer

The Armstrong McDonald School of Nursing pinned its second class of nurses on Saturday, May 7, in a traditional Pinning and Blessing Ceremony held in Williams Memorial Chapel. A total of 20 students received their C of O nursing pins during this ceremony.

The pinning ceremony is an honored tradition for graduates of nursing programs as a symbolic welcome into the profession around the world. Each nursing school designs its own pin to reflect its values. The Armstrong McDonald School of Nursing pin reflects the program’s five main pursuits of Truth, Character, Critical Thinking, the Tenets of Florence Nightingale, and Creating a Nourishing Environment.

Five students received awards for consistent demonstration of the aims of the Nursing Program. For demonstration of outstanding character, Andrea Fourtner was selected to receive the Character Award. Abbie Ruccio was honored for her knowledge and use of truth and Biblical worldview. Jessica Cottengim was recognized for her ability to create a nourishing environment for patients. For impeccable use of critical thinking, Melissa Kline was recognized with the Critical Thinking Award. Hannah Maupin Tope was honored for her use and implementation of Nightingale’s tenets. The recipients were nominated and voted on by their peers and approved by the nursing faculty.

The second pinning ceremony was monumental for College of the Ozarks and the Armstrong McDonald School of Nursing because it marked the completion of the first student, Brent Turpin, in the Army ROTC Nurse Cadet program. In 2010, Turpin was recognized by the Missouri State Board of Nursing and Springfield News-Leader as the Nursing Student of the Year.

The School of Nursing’s mission is to present a Christ-centered, biblically-based, character-driven nursing education program, while preparing qualified individuals for a spiritual role as a professional nurse, providing service to Christ and mankind.

During the Pinning Ceremony, each nursing graduate received a Bible courtesy of Board of Trustees member Dr. Laurie McDonald Bouchard and husband Mike.

C of O Nursing Student Named Finalist for “Nursing Student of the Year”

The Springfield News-Leader named College of the Ozarks nursing student Rebecca Anderson a finalist for “Nursing Student of the Year.” The Missouri State Board of Nursing reviewed the nominations from southwest Missouri before selecting the finalists.

The “Nursing Student of the Year” finalists were announced at the Southwest Missouri Salute to Nurses Luncheon on April 26.

Presently, Anderson attends the College of the Ozarks Armstrong McDonald School of Nursing and will graduate May 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. After graduation, she aspires to work in an area hospital in order to gain general experience as an RN.

Anderson then plans to pursue a Master of Science in nursing, studying to be either a nurse practitioner or nursing educator. She and her husband, Mark, have two boys, Nick (8) and Kyle (6).

Other nursing student finalists are Sarah Blaine (Ozarks Technical College) and Cole Bryant (Cox College). All student finalists received cash scholarships.

This is the third year for the Salute to Nurses event and the third year that a College of the Ozarks nursing student has been named a finalist.
In Recognition
Honorary Degrees Awarded

It is customary and proper for institutions of higher education to confer honorary degrees to recognize outstanding achievement, public service, and leadership.

During its 104th Commencement, the College presented honorary degrees to two long-time employees and also to Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson.

For his 40 years of dedicated service to College of the Ozarks Vice President Dr. Howell W. Keeter received an honorary Doctor of Laws.

Dr. Keeter began working for the College in 1970. Since that time, he has served as the Work Coordinator, Chancellor, Board of Trustees member, acting President, and currently Vice President.

He is an avid support of the College’s athletic program and was instrumental in helping the College become the host school of the annual NAIA Men’s Division II Basketball Championship.

This past fall, the College named its athletic complex in his honor.

Dr. Marilyn C. Graves received an honorary Doctor of Laws for her 40 years of dedicated service to College of the Ozarks.

Dr. Graves began working at the College in 1970. Since that time, she has been a professor, coach, division chair, Dean of the College, and now Special Assistant to the President of Athletics.

College of the Ozarks President Jerry C. Davis (R) and Board of Trustees Vice Chairman Doyle Childers (L) present Dr. Howell W. Keeter an honorary Doctor of Laws.

Dr. Graves started the women’s basketball and volleyball teams and served as their first coach. She also has been instrumental in the administration and organization of the annual NAIA Men’s Division II Basketball Championship hosted by the College annually.

This past fall, the College announced that the new practice gymnasium of the athletic complex would be named for her.
“Lest We Forget”

Pearl Harbor

By John Dye, guest student writer

As Jack Holman began the ascent to the bridge of the U S S Chung-Hoon, there was an extra spring in his step. Mr. Holman had spent his formative years on board the U S S Hobson, transporting troops for the Normandy invasion and sweeping for mines in the waters off Okinawa. Today he was getting the chance to board the 2004 version of his ship. He marveled at how the main deck was enclosed, the size of the bridge, and the upgraded restroom facilities. As we toured the ship, he even found a sailor who performed the same duties he had some 67 years earlier. As Jack and the sailor talked about how the duties of a fire control officer have changed, I couldn’t help but think, that although separated by nearly 70 years of time and technology, these men both sacrificed everything for the same thing—my freedom.

Jack Holman and I first met at the Veterans Grove Dedication at College of the Ozarks. The College was honoring the WWII Veterans who had traveled with students to WWII historic sites, when I had the opportunity to meet Mr. Holman. The fascinating part was that he was more willing to tell me about his 75 years in the Boy Scouts than his harrowing years in the Pacific. He was outgoing, talked a mile-a-minute, and loved to tell stories. I knew those three qualities would make for a great trip.

He couldn’t wait to get started, and his excitement carried over the rest of our trip. One of our first stops was at the Pacific Army Museum at Fort DeRussy. Colonel Joshua Moon, U. S. Army, graciously provided us with a guided tour and overview of the conflict with Japan. With him were his two boys, and no sooner had we met the boys, than Jack began talking with them about the Scouts.

Jack’s youthful exuberance carried over that night at the Hawaiian luau. When they asked for volunteers...
to do the hula on stage, Jack jumped up, grabbed me, and headed for the stage. In no time at all, we had hula certificates.

However, the mood quickly turned somber when we visited the Punchbowl Cemetery for the Pacific. As we made the climb up to the monument at the top of the hill, we were surrounded by thousands of gravestones, each marking a down payment made for freedom. When we reached the top, we looked out over the island. It was a surreal sight to see the beauty of the island in the distance and thousands of tombs of America's finest on the hillside. Inside the memorial, Jack found a mural of the conflict at Okinawa. He spent the next 45 minutes reliving his time at that crucial little island. He talked about the fear that swept over the ship while they performed minesweeping duties as he pointed out the different places around the island where his ship maneuvered. Jack couldn’t remember how many dead mines they hit, but he will never forget the feeling in the pit of his stomach when he heard the clank of a mine bouncing of the ship’s hull. After telling his story, Jack stopped in the chapel. Beneath the cross lay a floral arrangement with an attached card. The three short words on that card became my personal credo for the rest of the trip, “Lest We Forget.”

Perhaps the most memorable stop on our trip was the U S S Arizona Memorial. We had been to Pearl Harbor and seen the memorial from a distance already, but we finally took a barge to the memorial itself. On board the memorial, the normally energetic Jack became quiet and reserved. As we walked across the memorial, you could see the ship lying beneath the water, her “tears” of oil still rising to the surface. On one wall were the names of all those who went down with the ship. As Veteran Guy Piper read the names etched on the wall, a line started to form around him. Guy had worn his Pearl Harbor survivor hat, and the visitors on board the ship realized the significance of the moment. As people lined up to shake Guy’s hand, he pointed at the names on the wall as the true heroes of Pearl Harbor. As we made our way back across the memorial, Jack’s silence said more than words could have.

Throughout our trip to Pearl Harbor, I was honored to get the opportunity to travel with five extraordinary gentlemen. But, I was amazed at their reluctance to accept praise for their heroic actions. With each site we visited, I was more and more in awe at what these men, and thousands more from their generation, had done to secure my freedom. Each time I tried to express my gratitude to our Veterans, they would give me the name of someone they fought alongside whom they deemed more deserving of praise. Each of these five men viewed their service not as heroic action, but as their duty to their country, nothing more. The hindsight of history has shown us that the blood, sweat, and tears these men devoted to their country preserved the liberty our nation worked so hard to forge. The stories of Jack Holman and the rest of this generation must never be forgotten. The torch has been passed to younger generations to keep stories of their heroism and sacrifice alive.

WWII Veteran and Pearl Harbor Survivor Guy Piper of Springfield explains what happened at Pearl Harbor to C of O student Grace Goodrich.
MARCH MEMORIAL SCROLLS
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College of the Ozarks Receives National Recognition for Community Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service honored College of the Ozarks with a place on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America’s communities. This is the fifth year for the College to be named to the Honor Roll.

“Being named to this Honor Roll is something for an organization to be proud of, but more rewarding is knowing that students develop a servant’s heart at College of the Ozarks. The College fosters several service projects for students to participate in,” said Elizabeth Hughes, Public Relations Director. “Upon graduation, students return to their home towns with a greater sense of responsibility to their local communities and ready to make a difference. That’s the ultimate reward.”

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning.

Recent service projects in which College of the Ozarks students participated are the Outreach to the Delimina Woods Girls Facility, Camp Lookout, and 30-Hour Famine. These projects provided students the opportunity to give positive influence, time, basic needs, and stand for a greater cause to support people less fortunate.

“In this time of economic distress, we need volunteers more than ever. College students represent an enormous pool of idealism and energy to help tack some of our toughest challenges,” said Stephen Goldsmith, Vice Chair of the Board of Director of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees the Honor Roll. “We salute College of the Ozarks for making community service campus priority, and thank the millions of college students who are helping to renew America through service to others.”

At C of O, students are engaged in innovative projects to meet local continued, next page

THE OZARK VISITOR
Many people have contributed to the success of College of the Ozarks. According to C of O President Jerry C. Davis, one man, in particular, went far beyond what he was obligated to do. The late Reverend Dr. W. Morgan Patterson connected with College of the Ozarks through a long-standing friendship with President Davis. These two gentlemen met early in their careers when Dr. Davis presided over Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Kentucky, and Dr. Patterson presided over Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky.

Dr. Patterson spent most of his career at Georgetown College. Prior to his career and college, he served in the military. Following high school, Dr. Patterson served as a flight officer in the U. S. Army. He served his country during World War II. When the war ended, he entered schooling for Christian ministries. Dr. Patterson completed his undergraduate work at Stetson University in Deland, Florida. After receiving his degree, he continued at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and did postgraduate study at Oxford University, England. He taught church history at four different theological seminaries in Louisiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at Mill Valley, California, where he also served as Dean of the Faculty.

Motivated to help College of the Ozarks in any way possible, Dr. Patterson used his spare time to promote the College throughout the country. His formal title was Assistant to the President for the western United States.

He was dedicated to building solid relationships with donors, and Patterson and his wife, Ernestine, traveled the country to spend time with donors. The Pattersons treated people with genuine love, which exemplified their Christian faith as true followers of Christ. Dr. Patterson displayed his devotion in various ways. He thought of many ideas to bless the donors. One idea included leaving jars of jelly, a delightful sampling of student-made C of O products, on the doorstep of donors who were not home when he would visit.

Dr. Morgan Patterson passed away on November 19, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, two sons, and four grandchildren. Dr. Patterson truly was a great ambassador of Hard Work U. “Morgan will be extremely missed,” said Dr. Davis.
Are You a WWII Veteran Interested in Accompanying Students on a Patriotic Travel Trip?

If you or someone you know is a WWII Veteran and interested in applying to accompany College of the Ozarks students on a Patriotic Education Travel Program trip, please contact The Keeter Center for Character Education at (417) 690-2242. Veterans are selected based on health status, ability to travel, and involvement with the WWII effort.