



STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION

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Dear SGA President's Cabinet of 2034-2035,

If you're reading this, Messiah College is now 125 years old. Right now we are in our Centennial year and it is amazing to see how much has happened in the last 100 years. We are excited to see all that is going to happen in the next 25 years until you read this letter.

Our theme for the 2009-2010 school year is "Connecting People, Influencing Action". We feel that accurately represents our goal this year of encouraging people on campus to work together, and it reminds us to initiate conversations about making Messiah a better place as we go throughout our year. One way we are trying to achieve that goal of collaboration is by holding a competition among clubs to see who can plan the best event with the most clubs involved. Our reasoning for this is the amount of over programming on campus. We feel that a few worthwhile things on campus are greater than too many smaller activities. Attached is a copy of the Fall 2009 budget which shows the current clubs that we have as well as the amount of money we work with. We hope you enjoy seeing how it has changed over the last 25 years.

There are some exciting things that have been happening on campus recently that we have played a part in. In an effort to create a more "green" campus, we have begun turning off all the computers on campus overnight to save energy. We have also distributed compact fluorescent light bulbs to all students on campus. Aside from becoming environmentally friendly, we initiated the improvement of cell phone reception on campus.

Although we are only a few weeks into this academic year, we have high hopes for the rest of the year. One thing we hope to accomplish is more openly recognizing students for academic achievement that places them on the Dean's List. Another thing is helping the college to evaluate the Encountering the Bible courses and the way they impact students' beliefs. There are many smaller things that we are individually working on, but our main purpose is to serve the needs of the student body.

Since we can relate to the challenges of being a student leader, we would like to offer you some words of wisdom. As you perform your duties this year, remember to present a unified front. We encourage you to use each other as resources and support as you face your individual challenges. Develop close relationships among yourselves as well as among the administration, as they will be a great help to you in your endeavors. Above all, remember you are here to serve and represent your fellow students and to honor the Lord in all you do.

In Christ,

The 2009-2010 SGA President's Cabinet

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"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

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