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Your generosity continues to positively impact students as they pursue their vocational calling. You influence not only students studying in Grantham, but also those studying around the world in our graduate programs. Here is just one of many stories where a graduate program—both its students and faculty—is making a positive difference in the world.

Lilian Schultz is an immigrant from Malaysia who worked for 30 years in various positions. As her place of employment was downsizing, she made a life-altering decision to change careers—a change that required her to attend graduate school. In 2014, Schultz enrolled in the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) track of Messiah's Master of Education program.

When asked what inspired her to choose this course of study, Schultz shared, “When I graduated with my B.A. in Canada, I did not have a good experience with my university. There was no support for myself as a non-native English speaker. I had a really hard time in my undergraduate years. After I returned to Malaysia, I decided I was going to teach English to help others who had interest in learning the language. I worked with students, adult learners and also Vietnamese refugees. My greatest satisfaction was working with refugees, especially when I went on missions to establish an English center in East Timor, just after the civil war. It was then that I knew I had a calling not just to teach English but to be a conduit for the gospel.”

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— *Lilian Schultz '16 M.Ed.*

During her studies at Messiah College, Schultz and Dr. Jan Dormer established the Heart of Harrisburg (HOH) English as a Second Language (ESL) program in collaboration with HOH Pastor Ricardo Volcy. In just a matter of months, the program grew to approximately 20 students. This ministry attracted not only those eager to learn English but also those seeking to teach.

Schultz's graduate program culminated with her thesis presentation entitled “English as a Foreign Language in Malaysia: Voices from



Malaysian English Teachers.” She discussed the findings of her qualitative research thesis that was gathered from interviews with Malaysian English teachers who have chosen to teach in public schools in Malaysia. They want to make a difference in the lives of the students there.

Schultz continues to want to make a difference in students' lives. She said, “Even though I had always taught English, I was never trained to teach the language. My master's program, especially with my track in TESOL, has rekindled my passion in this field.” In fall 2016, Schultz accepted the position of Director of International Students at a Christian PreK-3-12 school. She shared, “I am very excited with my new position; not only do I teach ESL and provide support to the international students, but I have an opportunity to teach the Bible to students who have come from around the world and most have not heard the Truth. In my short time here, I have seen how God is moving in the class and in the hearts of my non-believing students. My prayer

is that these precious souls will understand the love of Christ and will make the decision to profess Him as their Savior.”

Lilian Schultz does more than teach English; she is a conduit for the gospel.

In May, Lilian graduated with a master's degree in education with a TESOL concentration and is now working as the director of an English program in a large Christian School.



Top (L to R): Andrea Yong '16, B.A. Psychology; Lilian Schultz '16 M.Ed., TESOL; Bryan Leong '16 B.A. Politics, B.S. Psychology; Angeline Leong

Above: Mrs. Schultz facilitates team building exercises with the international students at West Shore Christian Academy.

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View our Honor Roll of Donors

We thank and honor those who so generously gave to Messiah College during the 2015-2016 academic year. In an effort to be good stewards, **the Honor Roll is located online at messiah.edu/development**. To request a hard copy of the list, please call 1-800-215-5344.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

When our daughters were young, they were far enough apart in age that they seldom attended the same school. For two years in elementary school and then for one year in high school, they were together. Our oldest



daughter is a senior at Messiah this year. In my mind, this would be the final year that they would share time at the same institution. However, our younger daughter had a different plan in mind and enrolled as a first-year student at another Christian college – sigh – not my plan at all!

We are certainly glad that she is thriving where she is, but her experience has made us all the more grateful for the unique high quality educational tradition at Messiah College. Part of that tradition includes offering students excellent facilities, including a new state-of-the-art fitness and wellness center that is currently under construction on our campus. We are grateful to everyone—over 250 parents, alumni and friends—who made generous donations in order for this new facility to open by fall of 2017.

Another part of that tradition is alumni, parents and friends creating scholarship endowments so that students who otherwise would not have the funding are able to attend Messiah College. In just the past two years alone, \$2 million has been raised in new scholarship endowment support generating 40 new funds. The total number of named scholarship endowments at Messiah now approaches 300. This level of generosity is a key part of the tradition at Messiah College.

Thirdly, there is a strong faith tradition at Messiah College, dating all the way back to its very founding as a Bible College and Missionary Training School. Please know that our Christian mission is an integral part of the ethos here at Messiah. Your ongoing support and heartfelt prayers ensure that our steadfast commitment to offering an environment where students are more clearly able to hear the call of God on their lives remains a vibrant aspect of a Messiah education.

Thank you. We are profoundly grateful for your faithful generosity.

Jon C. Stuckey, Ph.D.
Director of Development

PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENTS TAKE ON NON-PROFIT CLIENT

Bringing the “real world” into the classroom is one of the greatest concerns for college students today. Am I truly prepared to work in my field? How do I transfer my professors’ words to the workplace? Is my textbook communicating an accurate representation of my future employment?

Each of these questions can cause uneasiness among soon-to-be graduates. One class that brings learning to life is the Public Relations Campaign course. At Messiah College, students experience an immersive education, enabling graduates to enter the workforce with confidence and field expertise. This fall, public relations and communication majors have the opportunity to work with a real client in the development of a comprehensive marketing and communication plan to assist the organization Forgotten Voices.

Forgotten Voices is a nonprofit based out of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. The organization’s life-changing model for orphan care provides local churches in Africa with the resources to offer sustainable plans, providing silent scholarships, strengthening families and meeting their needs. According to the organization, 1,000 children are orphaned every day in Zimbabwe and Zambia alone, and 75 percent of households care for a child who is not their own. These statistics are shocking, calling for action, and Forgotten Voices is answering this call.

Messiah students have the incredible opportunity to work with this fantastic organization. “I’m really excited to see all of my textbook learning come to life in this class,” said Natalia Oommen ’17, public relations major. “I cannot wait to serve such an awesome organization and

gain experience in the process.” During the first few classes, the eight-person student team will engage in the brainstorming process of researching and planning. The class will then propose its findings to Forgotten Voices, seeking feedback, answers to questions and approval of a proposal. Moving forward, students will develop communication strategies, implementing these approaches and engaging in evaluation efforts.

Due to a smaller staff and limited resources, Forgotten Voices highly values and appreciates the class’ involvement. “Our students bring fresh perspective and different problem-solving skills that allow clients to view their challenges and opportunities in new ways,”

stated Dr. Nance McCown, professor of the course and co-chair of the Department of Communication. As McCown continues to lead the class through all essential

processes of campaign development, the students will be able to serve the ministry of Forgotten Voices. Stay tuned as we uncover the progress of the project in our next newsletter.

— Jenna McClain ’17

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AROMA student-athletes brought the sport of lacrosse to the African bush on this AROMA International trip to Macha, Zambia.

LACROSSE DOESN’T STAY IN GRANTHAM

In August, I traveled to Zambia with a group of student-athletes. God humbled me and I learned more from the Zambian people than they could have learned from me. They placed their full trust in God and were filled with an unexplainable love and joy, one that reflects Christ’s love for us. One moment impacted me in a way I will never forget. After we distributed water filters in

a village, a man who was my age said, “Finally, I will no longer be sick from water.” We take clean water for granted in America. It isn’t easily accessible around the world. Because of my experience, I plan to partner with missionaries and serve in some part of Africa.

— Zachary Luman ’17

AN OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

Donors make a difference. This statement seems so trite, yet stories like Lori Nowaczyk's '18 remind us that a donor's generosity does further the next generation of learners and in Lori's case, teachers.

Nowaczyk, a student pursuing a degree in music, recently shared her story. "I would like to tell you about a generous donor who made a lifelong impact on my future. In 2015, I had the honor of receiving The Dorothy J. Gish Women in Leadership Award. Her generous contribution allowed me to attend the Suzuki Guitar Institute of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where I obtained my teacher certification in the Suzuki guitar method.

"While attending the teacher training, I had the opportunity of a lifetime! My teacher-trainer was Bill Kossler, who studied in Japan directly under the leadership of Dr. Suzuki. He is the founder and teacher trainer of the Suzuki guitar



Lori Nowaczyk '18 (far left) and the 2015 Suzuki teacher trainees with instructor Bill Kossler

method. This educational experience was enhanced by the diversity of our small, six teacher trainees from Mexico, Canada, Portugal and the United States. Studying with Bill Kossler was an unforgettable experience because of his virtuosity and pedagogy skills.

"I am grateful to Dr. Dorothy Gish for the opportunity I had to attend the Suzuki Guitar Institute. Nurturing children through music education and developing fine and noble character within them were Dr. Suzuki's primary goals in life. We as teachers using the Suzuki method strive to carry out his legacy."

Nowaczyk feels a special calling to assist under-privileged Latino children. To better prepare her to pursue her calling, she traveled to Ecuador as part of Messiah's cross-cultural course in January 2016. Nowaczyk plans to use the combination of her Suzuki Method training and Spanish language skills to help Latino youth explore and preserve their musical heritage through the use of the guitar.

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SOWING SEEDS FOR ETERNITY: JACK AND MARY ANN MIHOK

When Jack Mihok grows a tomato plant, he does it from seed: nurturing it, cultivating it and lovingly watching it grow. Caring for those plants brings satisfaction and joy, especially when he can give a fledgling plant to a friend and follow its continued progress.

In much the same way, Mary Ann and Jack have nurtured, cultivated and lovingly invested in the lives of Messiah College students since the early 1980s, when Mary Ann was hired as a professor in the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics. Although retired from full-time teaching after 23 years of service, she continues to teach on an occasional basis as an emerita professor. She and her husband, a retired CPA, remain involved in the life of the College, faithfully cheering at women's basketball games and attending campus events.

Most recently, the Mihoks have invested in Messiah students by establishing the Mary Ann and John Mihok Endowed Scholarship Fund and plan to further their fund through a bequest in their will, which will benefit a senior nutrition and dietetics major who plans to

pursue a goal of becoming a registered dietician. The Mihoks especially wanted to assist students with financial need. "The idea of a well-qualified student not having the means to stay at Messiah breaks our heart. We have seen that happen, and we hope this award will help," Mary Ann says. Jack adds, "The Lord has been good to us, and this institution has a culture of the Lord's spirit that is reflected in the people. Messiah has influenced us to become better people, and we



just want to help a student in the same way."

For Jack and Mary Ann Mihok, their scholarship endowment is simply a way to honor the place that has meant so much to them. Jack concludes, "At Messiah College, Christ is Preeminent. That says it all. It's what we strive to live up to."

Looking for ways to engage with Messiah College no matter how far from campus you live? Fill out our brief alumni engagement survey and tell us how you would like to partner your alma mater! Alumni are an important resource to our campus and students—from serving as career mentors, networking, helping with class reunions, etc.—we value you and would love to have your assistance with college events and programming.

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THANK YOU! FOR MY MESSIAH COLLEGE EDUCATION



As a recipient of the Good Samaritan Fund, I am truly grateful for your investment in my education and for your creation of this

award. The financial aid awards at Messiah College play a great role in my ability to pursue further education, which would likely not be possible without the thoughtful and generous contributions of benefactors like you. I am currently studying philosophy, but I hope to add physics as a minor or second major. It is my hope that what I learn at Messiah College will be used

to enrich my life, as well as to help me enrich the lives of those around me.

Thank you again for your time and generosity in furthering my education.

— David P. Anderson, Jr. '19
philosophy



I am a sophomore middle education major. During my last year and a half at Messiah, I have been blessed to receive the Sarasota

Friends scholarship. I am not able to express just how thankful I am for your

generosity. Messiah is an incredible place where fellowship, learning and growth are cultivated. Sarasota is wonderful, and I love my home, but I could not be more thankful for the home Messiah College has become to me: a wholesome, uplifting, enjoyable and comfortable home that fosters healthy relationships and preparation for a life that honors God. **Thank you for helping to make it all possible.**

— Jillian Harvey '17
education



INSIDE:
AROMA Missions' international trips to Zambia and the Smara Refugee camp in Algeria.

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Words cannot express how grateful I am to you for providing my scholarship. It has allowed me to hold leadership positions that promote diversity, reconciliation and God's love for all people. I'm so blessed to be at Messiah College and thank you for your generosity and kindness.

— **Jocelyn Chavous '17**
sociology and anthropology



With my applied health science major, I hope to develop fitness and nutrition plans for people with disabilities. Messiah College has provided me endless opportunities to reach that goal as well as grow my faith tremendously. **Thank you for your generosity and encouragement in reaching my goals at Messiah.**

— **Jennifer Fairbanks '18**
applied health science