

GENEROSITY FURTHERING GENERATIONS

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DEVELOPING STUDENT LEADERS

“Being in a leadership position has connected me with people across campus that I never would have had a chance to meet,” said Aaron Parenti, senior marketing major and senior representative of Eyas, the Student Alumni Council. “Being a student leader has helped me grow and mature throughout my college experience. It’s forced me to step outside my comfort zone, and I’ve also learned many transferable skills throughout my time. Despite being busy at times, I’ve learned the importance of taking time to put God first throughout my day. I wouldn’t be able to do any of this without Him.”

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Programs (SILP) is committed to developing Christ-like leaders like Aaron, and offers a plethora of opportunities for students to do so. Students hold positions of leadership within Residence Life, the Agape Center, the Collaboratory, College Ministries, the Multicultural Council, the Loft, the Pulse, Student Government Association, Eyas, the Student Activities Board and many more.

Like Parenti, students gain many benefits from tackling positions of leadership. Kevin Villegas '98, Director of SILP, discusses the direct correlation between students' extracurricular involvement and their academic success, and how students who are involved are more likely to earn better grades, graduate from college and have greater success in

landing a job and gaining admission to graduate school.

Furthermore, Villegas adds, “[Student leaders] learn to run team meetings, make important decisions regarding resources and management, and discover strong skills specific to their own personalities... They find their voice, discover their strengths and begin stepping into their own leadership style.”

However, leaders aren't expected to develop these skills all on their own. SILP has a training process that includes a leadership retreat. This academic year, more than 150 students participated. This retreat is designed to provide the College's student leaders with a significant shared experience and allow opportunity for student leaders to get to know

Student leaders impact campus through various roles such as executive organizations (Eyas), worship teams and orientation team leader positions during Welcome Week.

other student leaders. Additionally, this time offers common learning around leadership development model and strategies, the College's mission and values, and the key leadership dimensions of character, calling and competency.

At Messiah College, we encourage students to serve in these unique positions of leadership, allowing students to receive a very rich, deep level of learning, while simultaneously applying their own significant leadership skills in areas to better God's kingdom.

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We thank and honor those who so generously gave to Messiah College during the 2016-2017 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



Now is an exciting time in the history of Messiah College! We have opened the Charles Frey Commuter Lounge, so our growing population of commuter students has a dedicated and secure place to rest, study and refresh between classes. We have opened the state-of-the-art Falcon Fitness Center, which covers over 14,000 square feet and provides a myriad of cardio and strength training equipment and machines. We have opened Sawyer Products Gymnasium and Jordan Court, which offer expanded and upgraded facilities for indoor practice and all basketball and volleyball games. And, we have opened the Ralph S. Larsen Finance Lab, providing students in our new finance major opportunity to conduct stock trades as if they were on Wall Street.

However, it is more than facilities that have grown in recent years. Because of a series of scholarship endowment challenges approved by the Board of Trustees—as well as generous bequest and foundation gifts – Messiah College has raised over \$10 million in student scholarship aid and created over 60 new named endowed scholarships since 2013. The total number of named scholarship endowments is nearly 250. The purpose of the endowment challenges is to encourage donors to establish new scholarship funds for half of the fully vested dollar amount (i.e., a \$12,500 gift creates a fully funded \$25,000 named endowment because the matching challenge dollars make up the remaining half).

None of these resources and scholarships would be possible without people like you—people who believe in our Christ-centered educational mission and who are willing to invest in the lives of our students. Thank you. Because of your support, the generosity that is the legacy of Messiah College continues to further the current generation of students—students who represent the future of Messiah College and who will use their gifts and talents to further the love of the Gospel around the globe.

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



WALL STREET OR MESSIAH COLLEGE?

Imagine walking into the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on Wall Street—numbers running across the room, hundreds of computer terminals and professionals utilizing specialized financial software. Here at Messiah College, we're so excited to announce that our NYSE replica, the Ralph S. Larsen Finance Lab, is open and ready for student use.

We are deeply grateful for the Larsen family and donors who supported one of our most recent classroom additions on campus. This 2,600-square-foot, state-of-the-art lab provides wonderful opportunities for students, specifically those in accounting, business, marketing and the newly developed finance major. Through hands-on interaction with 26 computer terminals and 10 Bloomberg professional terminals, students will gain real-life, professional experience within the finance world.

After listening to Dwayne Safer, assistant professor of finance, it's evident students will learn far beyond the textbooks, as class material is brought to life in a whole new way: "It's one thing to talk about the material, but it's another for a student to ask a question and pull up his monitor on the main television screen."

Next time you're on campus, we hope you'll

stop by to see this remarkable new addition. While visiting, you'll likely run into a group of students voluntarily using the specialized software, even on sunny afternoons - training to pass stockbroker or financial exams, trading stocks for the investment club, or participating in nation-wide trading competitions.

Chair of the business department, Andy Babyak, sums it up well when he shared, "The finance lab and major

will provide more opportunities to develop faithful professionals in the marketplace. We are so thankful to have donors who invest in Messiah College and our business program."

— Anna Evaneck '18

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DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: MARK TEMPLETON

Mark is entering his fourth year in his role as Senior Advancement Representative at Messiah College. In this position, he believes he has the perfect opportunity to match his skills with the mission to keep a Messiah College education within financial reach for students.

Each day provides the privilege to build relationships with alumni, parents, grandparents and friends of the College. These special individuals are the heroes whose financial support impacts students in various ways through financial aid assistance, new campus projects and other meaningful campus initiatives that make for the beloved Messiah College experience.

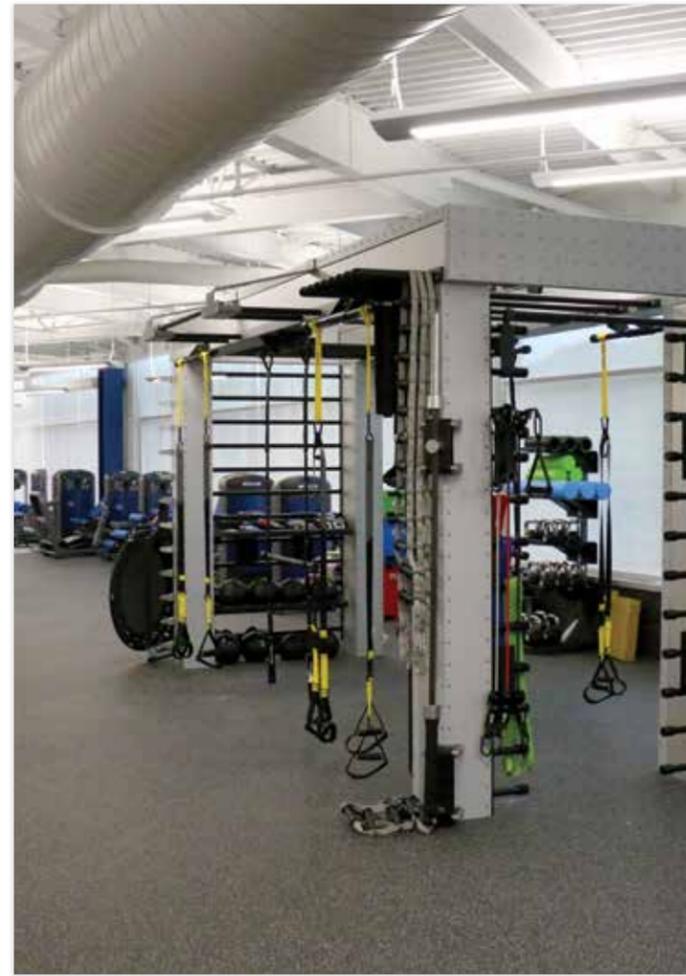
In addition, he oversees the Heritage Society, which is a program that provides opportunity for Messiah College community members to leave legacy gifts such as deferred gift arrangements, or endowed funds, all of which are foundational for the College to better serve its students.

Templeton is a 1991 Messiah College alum who highly values his undergraduate experience. He



was actively involved in student life as a resident assistant, an orientation team leader and a founder of Powerhouse, where he played bass guitar for its very first Thursday night worship in the fall of 1989.

While at Messiah, Templeton met his wife, Dawn. They've been married 26 years and have two college-aged daughters, one of whom currently attends Messiah. In addition, they both share a passion for music and frequently serve on their local church's worship team.



NEW FALCON FITNESS CENTER SERVES THE BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT

Over the past two years, the campus buzzed with the sound of construction equipment and enthusiastic conversations about the long-awaited fitness center. The new Falcon Fitness Center plans included a new group exercise classroom, cutting-edge cardiovascular and strength equipment along with innovative technology to track weekly personal workouts.

On opening day this fall, more than 1,400 people swiped into the fitness center to see the exciting, new campus addition for themselves. The 14,374-square-foot fitness center not only reached everyone's expectations, but it completely exceeded them!

The fitness center was designed to serve three main purposes, the first being that it would unite campus as one community through the stewardship of our physical bodies. Open 99 hours a week, the fitness center is available to all students and employees on campus regardless of one's

fitness level and experience.

"We recognize that we all need to be able to steward our bodies," says Kevin Ogden '14, director of the Falcon Fitness Center. "We tried to create a facility where everyone is able to get training in—a facility that is all-inclusive."

Additionally, the Falcon Fitness Center was designed to promote the emotional health of the campus. Ogden shares, "We have classes coming soon to help with relaxation and mindfulness, allowing for students to set aside distractions and step away from the busyness of life. The goal of those classes

is to trigger a time of peace and rest."

Finally, the new facility was created to serve the campus' spiritual health. Doug Miller, professor of health and exercise science, articulates, "Body, mind and spirit are wonderfully interrelated and inseparable... Ultimately, [the fitness center] is a facility that we hope improves the health of our campus. As that happens, we move closer to thriving in all aspects, with the ultimate goal, of course, to use our bodies to accomplish His will and to do the work He calls us to."

— Anna Evanek '18

FROM HIS BOUNTY

Whether you volunteer to host a student intern, mentor a student or help those with financial needs, you are supporting a culture of generosity, one of 'paying it forward'. We value the opportunities we have to hear what motivates you to support Christian higher education, specifically Messiah College. Your testimonies inspire us! In this particular story, we learn not only what compelled a family to give but also their commitment to the legacy of Generosity Furthering Generations.

While visiting their daughter, current parents learned of the financial needs many students encounter. They listened to student stories and the impact scholarships had on their education. These parents began to ask God how He might use them to bless others, as they had been blessed. As they prayed, they considered the financial difference they could make for current and future Messiah students and felt compelled to learn more about establishing a scholarship.

In late 2015, they contacted us and collected information about creating a scholarship at Messiah College. They decided they needed to wait before moving forward. The decision to develop a scholarship was one they did not want to make alone. They shared, "Over the holiday, we hope to discuss our family giving strategy, including a

scholarship." The "we" these parents referenced included their college-aged children. Desiring their children understand more than the impact of giving today, they believed involving them in establishing the scholarship was vital to building a legacy of philanthropy in their children.

This family chose to establish the From His Bounty Art Scholarship. They appreciated the financial generosity of their parents and grandparents, saw the opportunity they had to bless others, and above all, desired to recognize God as the source of their blessing. These parents exemplify both the financial and spiritual value of Generosity Furthering Generations.

Thank you, our faithful Messiah College supporters, for your commitment to Generosity Furthering Generations.



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— Leila Zeigler '18

Your gift is precious, and it is my intention to further this gift by blessing future undergrad students as you have blessed me.

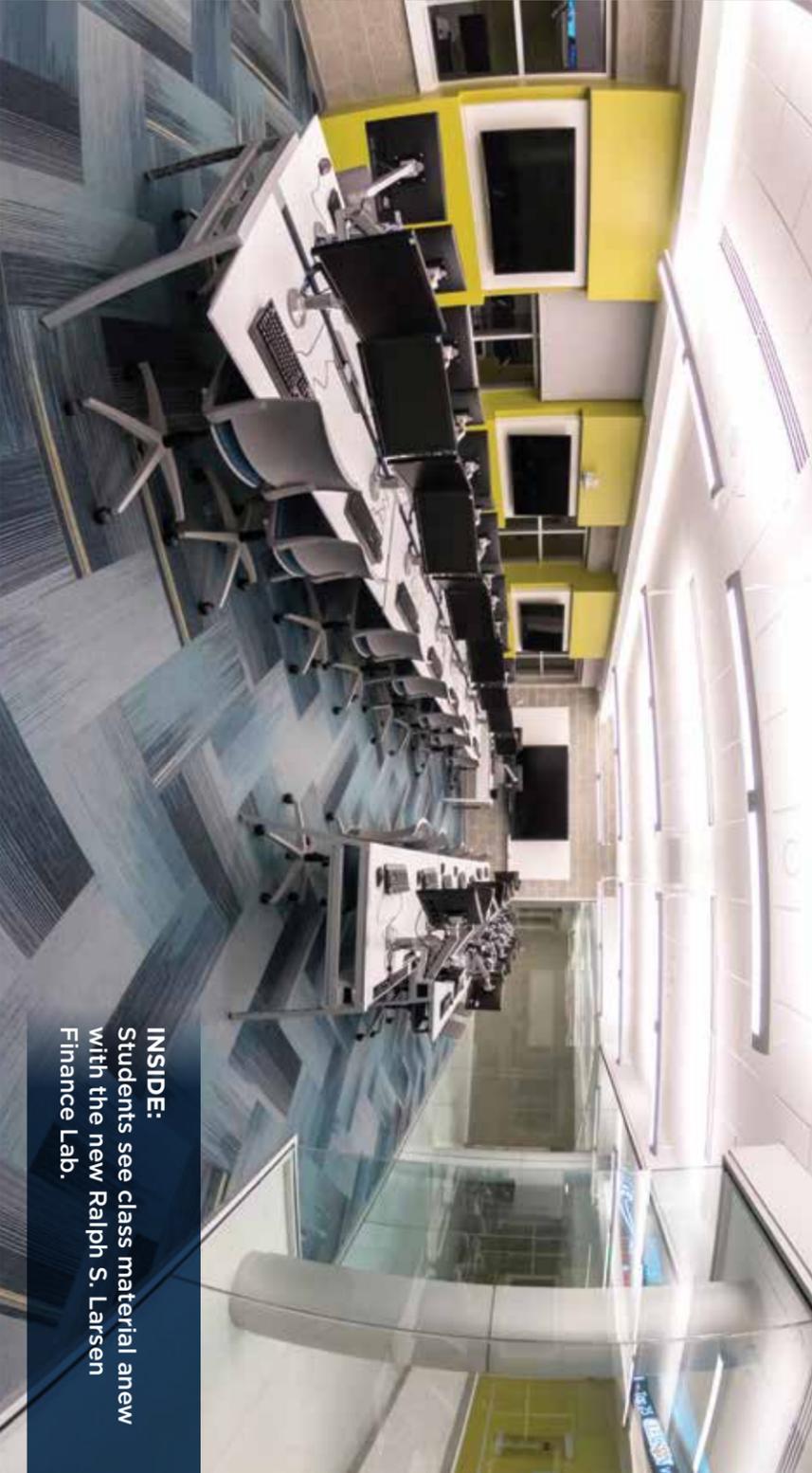


— Andrew Helwig '19

I am blessed by your heart for others and your generosity. Thank you again for this incredible opportunity to continue my education.

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INSIDE:
Students see class material anew with the new Ralph S. Larsen Finance Lab.

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