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Student Service: Showcasing How Our Students Are Even More

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Scott Boyer, Dean of Students, and Kathee Clark, Director of Student Success, enjoying a meeting with two of our students.

THE FIRE OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP

The Kindling of Giving Back Begins

“This was the greatest day of my life” beamed a freshman student, reflecting on a day of serving during Day of Prayer this past October. Seeing these real life reactions to service is what makes Scott Boyer, Dean of Students, and Kathee Clark, Director of Student Success, excited about what is happening at Lancaster Bible College. They both get front row seats to the ways students are serving other students, the community, and the world. With a contagious warmth and evident care, Kathee explains how **the goal of student service opportunities is so that service becomes a rhythm of life for every student**, not just an activity done around a holiday.

As student’s experience at Lancaster Bible progresses through the years, students are given ample opportunities to **catch the fire of servant leadership**. From the first semester at LBC, the kindling of giving back starts to spark. In their second year, lighter fluid is added in the form of 30 hours of Christian service at various agencies around the county. Scott expands on Christian service by explaining that if students can explain how that service opportunity intersects with the Gospel, they can serve pretty much anywhere. Finally, students’ flames arise while being launched into practicums and internships that create an inextinguishable passion within their hearts for loving others just as Christ did.

Service opportunities help students move head knowledge from the classroom into practical experiences. Both Kathee

and Scott believe that **service is a natural outpouring of learning and the example of Christ**. The mission statement of LBC says it best, “To educate Christian students to think and live a biblical world-view and to proclaim Christ by serving Him in the Church and society.” Students’ experience in the classroom shapes their biblical world-view and service ushers them into proclaiming Christ in the Church and society. The giving of our generous donors helps our students receive the education they need and gives them the flexibility to give back.

“How is the Gospel intersecting your life and everything that you do?”

Scott feels the impact of students serving, musing with a smile on his face, **“I wouldn’t have nearly the impact on students without students coming along side and serving with me. How students give freely of their time and abilities is truly humbling.”** Similarly, Kathee reacts to hearing stories of students serving by reflecting on her own life and how living biblically is paramount. Kathee is constantly challenged by students to consider, “How is the Gospel intersecting your life and everything that you do?” May we all be an act of service for the glory of God. ➤



Heather Martin doing one of her many jobs that pours love back into the community through her job at Cross Connection Ministries.



A STUDENT'S LOVE FOR SERVICE TURNS INTO A CAREER

A lost teenager, Heather stumbled into Cross Connections just looking for a place to hang out with her friends. The persistent love of director Meredith, coupled with her countless hours of listening and working through Heather's questions about faith, forever impacted Heather's life. God then led Heather to LBC, the same place where her mentor received training.

The servant attitude exhibited and taught to every LBC student is even more than the servant's towel they receive at graduation. **As LBC alumni reach the world for Christ, the impact continues to multiply.** The ministry of Cross Connection and the relentless love of Meredith Dahl brought high school student Heather Martin into God's family. Now Heather uses her 2016 LBC Social Work degree to continue to pour out the love she received back into the place where she was loved so well.

The faith Heather cultivated at Cross Connection expanded during her time as a student at LBC. She was first taught how to share the Gospel with people in her Bible classes. **She then learned in her social work classes how to love people better and how to show Jesus' love to people through her actions.**

Heather feels forever indebted to LBC for the leaders who poured into her life and who enabled her to pour into the lives of others. As Heather hears stories of broken homes, poverty, and neglect, she is able to love people because she was loved so well by servant leaders who were trained at LBC.

Heather's biblical and social work training help her change the lives of Lancaster County teenagers and families - all in the name of Christ. Without her LBC training, she would not be able to give back with the effectiveness she does. Heather joins the ranks of other LBC graduates including Meredith Dahl, Carl Edwards ('10), Abby Witherell ('16), and former LBC employee Lisa Kerstetter; all serve at Cross Connection Ministries. The LBC connections grow in strength as current students continue to volunteer and intern at Cross Connection.

Heather feels that her life has truly come full circle. She was impacted by the ministry at Cross Connection. She built her skills in ministry while at LBC. Now she is able to be the same loving, caring, consistent presence in the life of teenagers, just like Meredith was for her. The legacy of service continues. >

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SMF:

The SMF leadership team.



Pastors training in Uganda receive teaching materials to better equip them to pastors in their communities.

Following The Great Commission, Impacting the World



Helping fund

a project to get Bibles into the hands of Christians in Malawi, hearing from missionaries about their experiences, and working with a team of people passionate about The Great Commission are just a few of President Caleb Brussel's and Vice

President Nica Infante's favorite things about being a part of Student Missionary Fellowship (SMF). **The giving spirit of SMF, both financially and through service, stems from the legacy of people giving and serving Lancaster Bible College.** Missions work is not possible without the faithful giving of many. Similarly, SMF would not be possible if not for those who faithfully contribute to LBC.

Besides hosting weekly meetings for LBC students, organizing a prayer retreat each semester, and fundraising for a missions project every year, SMF leadership facilitates LBC's Mission's Conference every year. This three-and-a-half-day event replaces regular classes for students and gives them an opportunity to slow down and hear about what God is doing around the world and how God might want to use them to expand His Kingdom. Nica beams as she talks about her love for the missions conference and what it does for students, "What I love about the Mission's Conference is an

opportunity for students to take a break and hear what God has for them, whatever facet that is." The financial stability of LBC allows the conference to offer free attendance. Because of this, students have the freedom from classes to focus on the missionaries and ultimately take time to hear what God might have them do in the role of missions. Along with impacting the students through the Mission's Conference, SMF also intentionally focuses its energies and resources out towards the world. Every year they choose a "project of the year" and spend the academic year raising money and praying for the project. Last year they raised money for Harvest Bible Network to give Bibles to our brothers and sisters in Christ living in Malawi.

This year they follow the work of LBC and Pastors Discipleship Network in Uganda by supporting the African pastors to go back to their communities and train others in the name of Christ. **Despite the tight budget of a college student, SMF is looking to raise \$6,000 to help purchase laptops for these Ugandan pastors in LBC's Master's Program.** As she reflects on this, Nica affirms the significance of the work, "Our footprint extends to more than just LBC's campus; that's only a God thing." As countless gifts, great and small, have been given to LBC, our students continue to give to God's work around the world through SMF. ➤

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YOU ARE THERE

How Your Donations to the Scholarship Fund are Multiplied

Dear Friend,

Why does a donation to the Scholarship Fund matter? Why should you, the donor or potential donor, send a gift to help a student with tuition costs? Do students even notice your gift? Does your small gift even help them?

As Senior Vice President of Student Experience, I work with my team to ensure our students regardless of level, resident or commuter, have an authentic, God-centered experience at LBC. The Admissions Team and I are on the frontline with prospective students as they ponder coming to LBC. For many, finances play a large part in their decision. **Every time you donate to the Scholarship Fund, you help bring more students to campus.** You help to keep them here so they can earn their degrees.

As the Student Life Team journeys with our students, we know their stories, their hopes and dreams, as well as their worries. When you donate to the Scholarship Fund, you make dreams come true. You help release the students from their financial worries. Some of our students get little support from their families for their college education. Your gifts never go unnoticed!

Gifts to the Scholarship Fund do not just help students pay for their courses. Your gifts are *even more* important than that. They are important to even more than just our students. As part of the LBC Student Experience, we encourage and require service beyond campus. **When our students go out to help our community, your donation is multiplied.** Every time an LBC student tutors an inner-city child, *you are there.*

Every time an LBC student brings a smile to a resident at a retirement home, *you are there.* Every time an LBC student prays with a teen who doesn't understand why life seems so dark, *you are there.*

Donations to the Scholarship Fund give students the opportunity to serve others. Donations to the Scholarship Fund are multiplied by the service our students give to the community. All for God's glory!

Your gifts make a difference! To our students. To our community. For God's Kingdom.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous gift!

Privileged to serve,

Josh Beers
Senior Vice President for Student Experience

When you donate to the Scholarship Fund, you are there when our students serve.



Josh Beers joins the student section during a Men's Basketball game.



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G2G:

God's Faithfulness Displayed through All Generations

Generation to Generation (G2G) allows students to see God's faithfulness through all generations. LBC student and Calvary Homes resident pairings allow for both students and residents to grow together. Whether it is their group events, which involve the students and residents studying the Bible together, or the key one-on-one times together, students get to learn about relational service.

G2G Secretary Steph Blest praises her involvement in this student service group, exclaiming, "I love it." Although different circumstances have not made it possible for Steph to continue with the same couple all her years of involvement, Steph still clearly sees the value of her time with each couple. Steph reflected, "Every one of my partners has encouraged me: don't waste the moments you have, don't take for granted the opportunities you're given." **Steph will take these lessons with her for the rest of her life** as she studies to be an elementary school teacher through LBC's Education Department.

G2G Vice President Rachael Harrell could not help but smile as she recollected memories she experienced with Dan and Lois Sauder her Calvary Homes partners of two years. The Sauders took Rachael on a tour around Lancaster County to

key places from different stages of their lives. As they shared their lives with Rachael, they also genuinely cared about Rachael's life. Experiencing the value of relationships, the Sauders modeled to Rachael how to share in each other's struggles and love one another.

Kim Miller, President of G2G, has been involved with the ministry since its beginning. With a twinkle in her eye, Kim connects the ministry of G2G to Hebrews 11, explaining that hearing the residents' stories reminds her of the cloud of witnesses displayed in Hebrews 11. **Kim is learning that service "sometimes is just being with people and doing life with them walking alongside other people and helping them walk with Jesus."** Although service through work projects remains important, serving through displaying love to others stands as of equal importance in the life of a Christian.

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Serving with G2G teaches Kim, Rachael, Steph, and all the students involved to live out Christ's example of service. The students in G2G see their future through the residents; they see the result of years of living faithfully in daily life. In return, the residents get to interact with the future leaders of the Church. Both sides learn to appreciate cross-generational ministry within the Church of the present. In the end, Rachael hopes everyone involved learns "the value of service is not just something to be completed but something to enjoy."

Life-on-Life experiences are part of what makes LBC special. The relationships students have with their professors and with each other bring an extra dimension to education that cannot be found in the classroom.

Sometimes the education brought through relationship does not happen on campus. Sometimes service doesn't mean serving a meal or building a house. Sometimes we serve Christ best by being in relationship with those outside our normal circle. We learn to act on the love of Christ. >



LBC students pray with their resident partners after a Christmas event.

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At LBC we believe that God is doing

BIG THINGS!

So this year we set a **BIG** goal for the Scholarship Fund,

\$2,650,000.

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