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What is EVEN MORE?

EVEN MORE is Lancaster Bible College.

As we have grown, we have become **EVEN MORE** than an evening institute.

We are **EVEN MORE** than a college for preachers and teachers.

We are **EVEN MORE** than a former farm on Eden Road.

LBC is growing in depth and breadth of locations, academic programs, artistic performances and athletic events.

We want you to have a deeper understanding of how God is shaping LBC, and how we are shaping our students to become **EVEN MORE** for God's Kingdom.

Join us on the Journey to Discover how LBC is EVEN MORE.





Students like Shelby are the best return on any investment you can find. She and her classmates will multiply the investment you make in their lives, and it will pay dividends for eternity. To give today, call **717.560.8211**, visit **LBCGIVE.com** or use the return envelope. Thank you for your gift to Scholarshare and your support of the true reason behind everything we do: our students.

Cordially in Christ,

Peter W. Teague, EdD
President

Your gift to **SCHOLARSHARE** funds a student:

\$600 \$50/month

A student's first Bible credit

\$1,000 \$84/month The books a student needs to excel

\$2,152 \$180/month Average scholarship received

God Put All the Pieces Together

Countless testimonies of God's faithfulness fill every corner of Lancaster Bible College. Shelby Geraci's incredible story of how God's plans are much bigger than our own is just one of them.

Equally passionate about both writing and speaking, and desiring to use her gifts to glorify God, Shelby decided early on to major in English. After meeting LBC representatives at a college fair, Shelby began praying about her options after high school. "I wanted a place where I could grow not only academically, but spiritually as well." At the same time, our LBC admissions team members were praying that God would open the right doors to the right students for LBC. This included prayers specifically focused on Shelby's possible future at LBC.

After a follow-up call from the admissions office, Shelby couldn't shake the feeling that God was leading her to LBC. During her first campus visit, she felt confused by God's calling to a school that didn't offer the English major that she planned to pursue. While meeting with Dr. Michael Freeman,

director of our Communication major, Shelby heard him "describe all of the courses I would be taking and the experiences that I would have in writing, photography, and web design. This was exactly what I was passionate about...I just didn't realize it was called Communication."

Shelby's decision to attend LBC in the fall of 2013 was made, but now she faced a new hurdle; financing her college career. This burden was lessened greatly due to scholarships that she received. These scholarships were made possible by donors who felt God leading them to take an active role in the education of future leaders in our country by providing this crucial financial assistance.

As expected, she excelled in her freshman year, and was asked to assist with various projects in the developing communication department. Dr. Freeman commented, "I can count on one hand the number of 'Shelbys' I have had the privilege to teach." She then applied for a corporate communications internship with US Silica, a mining

company headquartered in Maryland. She nervously gathered her best LBC writing pieces for the application. She realized the risk in sending all written works that reflected her faith, but was advised to, "send in your best and if it's God's will, it will happen."

Shelby excelled in her internship, too. Increased responsibilities had her writing articles, conducting interviews, and updating the public website. By the end of the summer, she was offered a part time job while continuing as a full-time student at LBC.

Later that fall, Shelby had a meeting that would change everything. The Director of Corporate Communications called her into his office to tell her that he had visited the Director of Human Resources. "I told him, 'I want a Shelby; hire me a Shelby'.... It hit me that afternoon—why don't we just hire Shelby?"

The same company who had told Shelby that she was a "controversial hire" and one that made them think "through the ramifications of hiring a Christian to do continued on page 5

Shelby Geraci

Dear Scholarshare Supporter:

I wanted to personally thank you for taking the time to read my story and for caring about LBC students like me. I am so incredibly blessed by the opportunities that God has opened to me, and I am thankful for people like you, who God works through to accomplish even more. Your prayers and support are very much felt and appreciated, and have made a huge difference in my life.

I am so excited about the journey that God has me on, and your generous donations to Scholarshare have helped to make this a reality for me. So thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for supporting me as I pursue my passion of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and being a Christian communicator in a secular world. Thank you for helping me, my classmates, and my brothers and sisters in Christ to become EVEN MORE.

Shelby

Communication Major, Class of 2017



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Randy Stubbs was a loving and caring father and husband. He was also dedicated to improving his local community

as well as impacting the global community for Christ. As a member and leader at Pine Grove Church, a local business owner, Emergency Medical Technician and 49 year member of the Bowmansville Fire Company, Randy touched the lives of thousands in his local community. A member of Lancaster Bible College's Corporation for over 20 years, he also played a part in the lives of students who will impact lives around the world.

Randy played in our Church Challenge Golf Tournament for decades. This year, we will honor Randy's memory by funding an endowed scholarship in his name. Just as he touched so many lives, students receiving scholarships will go on to impact many more for years to come. Thank you for honoring Randy's life with us!

If you cannot attend this year's tournament but would like to give in Randy's name, please go to LBCGIVE.COM

REGISTER FOR THE TOURNAMENT: lbc.edu/golf

Tournament sponsorship available call 717 560 821

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God Put All the Pieces Together

our writing, editing, and proofing" not only offered her a full time job but also promised financial assistance allowing her to finish her Bible College education at LBC. God is truly amazing.

Shelby now studies through our Online Education department to complete her Communication degree. She said, "God put all the pieces together in a really incredible way.... Not only am I learning about Communication in my classes here at LBC, but I'm also taking that knowledge and directly applying to the work that I'm doing right now."

Shelby is obviously EVEN MORE than a Bible College student. She uses her God-given talents daily as an "embedded missionary" in a non-Christian communication field. Shelby is a beautiful example of a strong Christian with a firm Bible College foundation, influencing other secular professionals with her faith. We are excited to see how God will continue to work through Shelby to grow His kingdom.

"The possibilities for Communication majors are endless. As LBC prepares Christian men and women to impact society, our students are standing out and becoming EVEN MORE than they imagined."



Communication Program Provides Endless Opportunities

Tolerance—we hear it everywhere. Movies, sitcoms, and news programs all seem to push an agenda of tolerating everyone and everything. Ironically, Christians are often left out of that seemingly all-encompassing tolerance. Misleading Christian stereotypes are commonplace. The media is typically apathetic, distrustful or intolerant of the Christian worldview. In light of this fact, our responses to the mainstream media are often not well received. Our message is distorted and frequently misrepresented.

At LBC, we are actively fighting this trend with one of our newest major-Communication. Shelby's story is incredible, and it is an example of how God is growing LBC. Our mission is for our students to boldly proclaim Christ in the church AND society. Our students are reaching beyond the pulpit to impact an entire new group of people for Christ. We train missionaries to plant churches. Now LBC can train "embedded missionaries" to serve in secular professional fields. People who would never set foot in a church can now work shoulder to shoulder with deeply rooted Christians. This is the vision of the Communication major at LBC and why it is so important and rapidly growing.

As Shelby says, "At LBC, we learn what it means to be a Christian communicator. It's one thing to be a great professional communicator but it's an another thing entirely to be a professional Christian communicator. That one little word in there makes a huge difference. For me, working out in the secular world, in a non-Christian company, to be a Christian communicator really means a lot. I want to stand out. I want my writing, my work ethic, and anything I do to stand out and point back to God and bring glory to Him. My studies at LBC have really helped me learn how to do that."

We are equipping students to be skilled Communication professionals and arming them with the ability to clearly share their faith with non-believers. LBC still requires 42 credits of Bible courses, more than our biblical higher education accrediting agency requires. We know that with this strong foundation, our Communications students will be able to speak intelligently about what they believe and why. Having logical, well-spoken conversations about their faith stories with non-believers

can be more impactful than simply reciting a few Bible verses.

Every field—healthcare, education, small business, and even our governmentemploys Communication professionals to deliver their messages to today's fast-paced society. Our adjunct professors represent a wide variety of communication fieldstelevision, publishing, marketing, and web design just to name a few. They bring stories from the trenches of what it's like being a Christian in a mostly-secular profession. Their experiences and wisdom are priceless. Yes, some of our Communication majors are now working for churches and faith-based non-profits, helping them sharpen their messages, but other students are working with sports teams, mainstream magazines, even on Capitol Hill. The possibilities for Communication majors are endless. As LBC prepares Christian men and women to impact society, our students are standing out and becoming EVEN MORE than they imagined.

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LBC Basketball **Charging Ahead**

It's safe to assume that most people would love to see winter come to an end, but two Lancaster Bible teams actually extended their own winter season on purpose. The Lancaster Bible men's and women's basketball teams each won the North Eastern Athletic Conference South Division championship for the second straight season and will once again play basketball into March.

The men's basketball team had the best regular season in program history as the Chargers went 23-2 overall and earned the top seed for the NEAC playoffs. During the regular season, the Chargers had a 15-game winning streak and completed the regular season with a perfect 12-0 record at Horst Athletic Center.

The women's basketball team defended its NEAC South Division crown by going 21-4 and was led by a talented group of juniors as Aubrey Folger, Shanice Smith and Katy Stover formed a perfect trifecta for the Chargers. Folger scored the 1,000th point of her collegiate career during Lancaster Bible's first game of the season in November, while Stover cracked the 1,000-point mark for her career in Lancaster Bible's last game of the regular season.

While the basketball teams were extending their seasons, the spring sport teams (baseball, women's lacrosse, softball and men's and women's tennis) spent their February indoors as they practiced in the gym and off-campus due to their fields being unplayable. Despite being indoors, each team is ready for the spring season and will look to continue the amazing run the Lancaster Bible teams have had this season.

Through the end of February, each team sport (men's soccer, women's soccer, women's volleyball, men's basketball and women's basketball) that has competed during the 2014-15 academic year has advanced to the conference playoffs.





Here We GROW Again

Turkey Hill Dairies entrepreneur and LBC Corporation member, Charles Frey gave \$2 million to launch our latest campus expansion project. The Good Shepherd Chapel serves as our spiritual heart of campus. The Teague Learning Commons is our academic head of campus. The new Charles Frey Academic Center will be our worldwide headquarters-the center of our online courses and our international education initiatives. It will also serve as the hub for our six core academic departments.

The Communication majors will have a wing specifically designed to provide hands-on experience. Radio and television studios will provide real-world training for our students. "The Charles Frey

Center will be a game changer for the Communication major," says program director, Dr. Michael Freeman. LBC will have state-of-theart production studios that will match many professional facilities. Our students will have a competitive advantage that will launch them into a variety of communication fields.

Partner with us at LBCGive.com for more information about the Charles Frey Academic Center. Your gift could launch the career of another student like Shelby.

Follow the progress of the center at lbc.edu/construction.



Rendering of the lobby enterance to the Charles Frey Academic Center.

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How one student landed a full-time job before graduation



Here We Grow Again: Frey Center construction underway



Charger's basketball has its best season in program history

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