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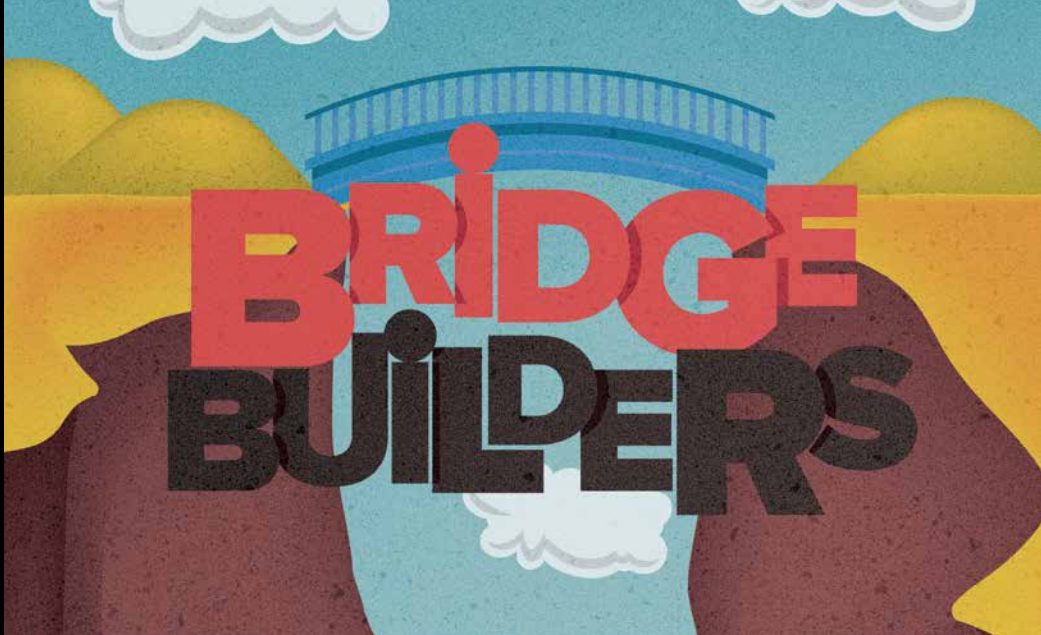
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of Southwestern Assemblies of God University is to prepare undergraduate and graduate students spiritually, academically, professionally and cross-culturally so as to successfully fill evangelistic, missionary and church ministry roles and to provide quality educational and professional Christian service wherever needed throughout the world.

ACCREDITATION

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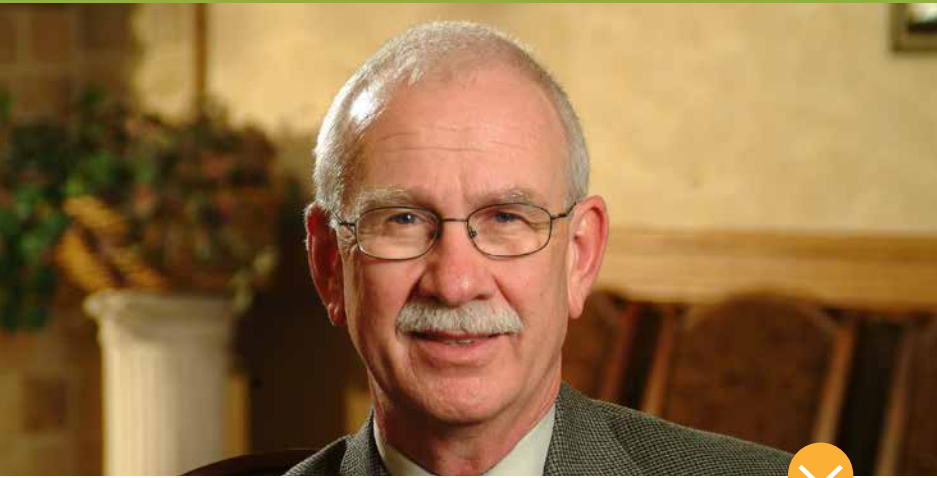
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Bartel: A Friend Forever

After 30 years of varied service to SAGU, Dr. LeRoy Bartel retired. As a professor Bartel served as Coordinator of Christian Education, Coordinator of Pastoral Ministries and Dean for the College of Bible and Church Ministries. As an administrator he served as Vice President for Student Life.

Many know Dr. Bartel for his service in the Assemblies of God as a denominational officer for five years. He held the position of National Director for the Division of Christian Education and the first Commissioner on Discipleship. As National Director he provided leadership for the Sunday School Department, Church School Literature, Children's Ministries Agency, Christian School Department and Single Adult Ministries Agency. As Commissioner on Discipleship, Dr. Bartel helped coordinate all of the discipleship initiatives, ministries and agencies of the Assemblies of God in a networking relationship.

He has written numerous articles, curriculum and chapters for a variety of books. Most recently he authored *The Prison Epistles: An Independent-Study Textbook* published by Global University and a part of the credentialing study series for Berean School of the Bible.

Dr. Bartel passes the torch as Dean of the College of Bible and Church Ministries to another revered Assemblies of God servant, Dr. Mike Clarensau. ■

Modern Trombone in the African-American Church

Dr. Tyrone Block completed his Doctorate of Music Arts at University of North Texas, with his doctoral project focusing on Modern Trombone in the African American Church. During his distinguished musical career, Dr. Block has also had the opportunity to perform for two U.S. presidents and recorded on the Disney Lion King soundtrack. ■



Bartel's Final Address

Dr. LeRoy Bartel leaves Spring 2015 graduates with a fist pump and call to continue in what they learned academically and spiritually. He explained that keeping God's word at the center of your message and ministry allows you to succeed at whatever you do. He said, "You are at your best when you are nothing but an echo of God."

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SAGU CINEMA



SAGU CINEMA EARNS 6 AWARDS IN 6 YEARS

SAGU Cinema is mounting a record of achievement. In addition to receiving airtime nationally and in Australia, SAGU Cinema has received numerous film competition awards.

WorldFest Film Festival (Houston, Texas)

- Gold Award (2nd place) for all Short Film Cinematography
- Platinum Award (1st place) for Short Film Editing
- Platinum Award (1st place) for Short Film Screening

National Religious Broadcasters Convention

- 3rd place for Student Productions

Minnesota's On the Edge Family Film Festival

- Best Short Feature

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2009

\$5,000
CAMERA

SHOT IN
720p

250
PRODUCTION
HOURS

10
LOCATIONS



2015

\$80,000
CAMERA

SHOT IN
4K

1,000+
PRODUCTION
HOURS

67
LOCATIONS

STUDENT DIRECTORS WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

DAVID TIMMES

2009, "BREAKING NEWS"

After graduation, Timmes began working as Media Director at Heartland Church in Carrollton, TX. He also works as a freelance producer, actor and stunt man. He served as associate producer for two faith-based films with Mike Norris (son of Chuck Norris) called "I am Gabriel" and "Mission Air." His latest project "Amerigeddon" is currently in post-production.



LANDON PERRY

2011, "MURDOCH"

After graduation, Landon worked for Paul Johnson Incorporated, a tradeshow presentation company specializing in corporate visual presentations and conferences. He later became Video Marketing Specialist at SAGU and is now Assistant Creative Director. He is earning his MBA and building a career in strategic marketing and creative communication.



KRYSTLE SONMORE

2013, "UNDER THE SUN"

After graduation, Krystle began working at KKCO 11 News and KJCT News 8 in Grand Junction, CO, as Sports Director/News Anchor. In 2014, she became an associate producer for Universal Sports Network (USN) in Denver, CO. USN covers Olympic sports and the process of qualifying.



RYAN WERMICH

2015, "DRAWING A BLANK"

After graduation, Ryan Wermich accepted a position as an account executive at a booking agency named Stonewood Entertainment in Dallas, Texas. He is building experience and establishing connections that will help him progress in his film career. He also owns a freelance company called Ryan Studios that is extremely active.





Alvarez competes on 7th season of “The Voice”

In the NBC reality television singing competition, Alumna Mayra (Parrales) Alvarez chose Gwen Stefani as her voice coach. She was eliminated on Episode 709 “Battle Rounds” Tuesday, October 21, 2014, by second-time visitor Anita Antoinette. ■



161

Visitors from 161 countries visited SAGU.edu, SAGUtv or ThoughtHub in the last year.

NEW

Master of Arts: Clinical Psychology

Beginning Fall 2015, SAGU adds a master’s degree in Clinical Psychology to complement existing master’s programs in Clinical Counseling Psychology and Non-clinical Human Services Counseling. ■

Professor receives grant to International Colloquium on Group Theoretical Methods in Physics

Professor Tom Ferguson, Ph.D., received a grant to attend the 30th International Colloquium on Group Theoretical Methods in Physics in Ghent, Belgium. Ferguson’s career work in software engineering has led to six patented inventions and other innovations in telephony. ■



Alumna Mary Beadles Takes Sewing Ministry to the Dominican Republic

Missionary work takes many forms. Alumna and former administrative assistant for Harrison Graduate School, Mary Beadles, traveled to the Dominican Republic last November to teach rescued prostitutes how to support themselves through sewing. ■

SAGU ON SOCIAL MEDIA

+134%



2012

2015

+95%



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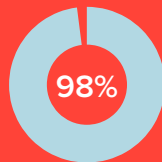


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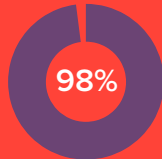
Students Remain Highly Satisfied



I feel safe on campus.



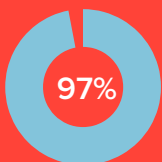
SAGU classrooms are adequate for my learning needs.



The Registrar's Office effectively responded to my needs.



Campus Security is courteous and helpful.

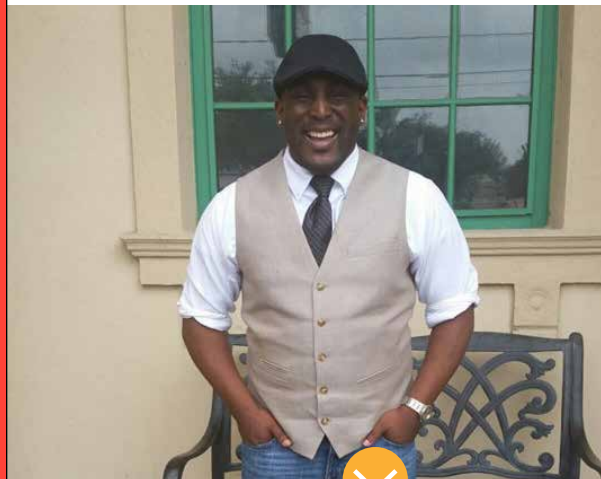


Information Technology is helpful and courteous.

NEW

SAGU Launches 3 new math programs

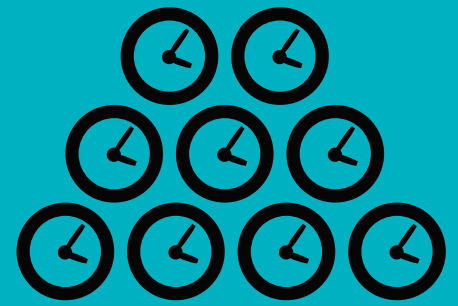
SAGU introduced two new mathematics degrees, General Mathematics and Math Education, which began Fall 2014 semester. A mathematics minor will be available beginning Fall 2015. ■



Gundling receives Foster Care Legacy Award

Alumnus Michael Gundling received the Light of Hope Foster Care Legacy Award at the Montgomery County Light Up the Night Gala on December 31, 2014, which benefited children in Child Protective Services.

Gundling, after graduating from SAGU in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in Church Ministries and an associate degree in Bible, is a youth and college minister at South Plains Church near Lubbock, Texas. His adoptive parents raised him in church, but he felt called into the ministry after going on a mission trip to Mexico. He received the Foster Care Legacy Award for the accomplishments that he has made since he left the foster care system. ■



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THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

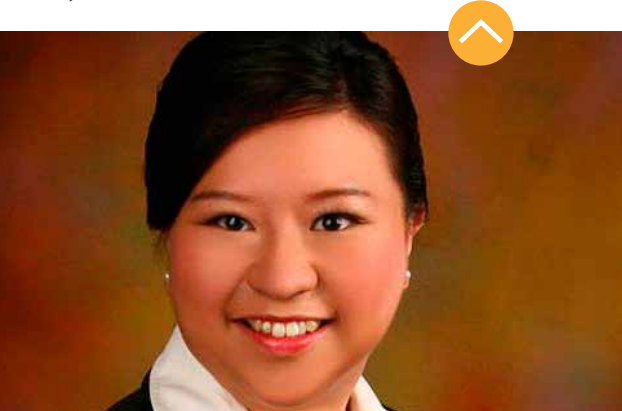
Gary McElhany, Ph.D.

During World War II an American military transport ship was torpedoed off the coast of Greenland. In the midst of the confusion, four chaplains demonstrated the ultimate example of sacrifice. In this video blog, Gary McElhany, Ph.D. recounts their heroic deeds. ■

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SAGU professor presents at the MTNA National Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada

Professor Amanda Lee Hing, D.M.A., presented strategies on “Building A Successful Collegiate Chapter of Music Teachers National Association (MTNA)” at the MTNA National Conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on March 24, 2015. ■



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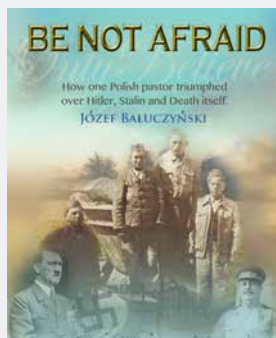


7 REASONS TO STUDY BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

Rob Starnier, Ph.D.

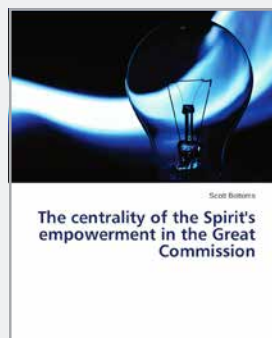
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LION AUTHORS



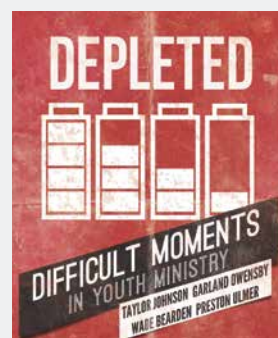
Be Not Afraid: How One Polish Pastor Triumphed over Hitler, Stalin, and Death Itself

Rob Starnier, Ph.D.
Professor



The Centrality of the Spirit's Empowerment in the Great Commission

Scott Bottoms, D.Min.
Alumnus



Depleted: Difficult Moments in Youth Ministry

Taylor Johnson,
Wade Bearden,
Preston Ulmer
Alumni

with

Garland Owensby, Ed.D.
Professor



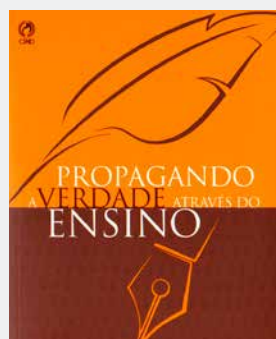
After the Honeymoon

Rod Loy
Alumnus



There Comes a Point in Being Dumb, That Only a Genius Can Do It

Wade Bearden
Alumnus



Propagando a Verdade Através do Ensino

Clancy Hayes, D.Min.
Professor



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LaSharnda Beckwith,
Ph.D.
Business Department
Chair



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AUTHORS

ATHLETIC AWARDS

SAC ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

Jessica Giese (Volleyball)
Faith Hardin (Volleyball)
Katie Ryan (Volleyball)
Courtney Tobolka (Volleyball)
Destiny Garza (Cross Country)
Jose Campos (Cross Country)
Luke Flattery (Cross Country)
Kaylie Cox (Soccer)
Emily Jones (Soccer)
Kristen Lambdin (Soccer)
Gloria Lozano (Soccer)
Juan Cardenas (Soccer)
Danny Castro (Soccer)
William Elliott (Soccer)
Cesar Espana Quintanilla (Soccer)
Jordan Salvato (Soccer)

NAIA SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

Emily Jones (Soccer)
William Elliott (Soccer)
Jessica Giese (Volleyball)
Katie Ryan (Volleyball)
Clayton O'Neill (Basketball)
Kassy Cox (Basketball)
Brittany Griffin (Basketball)
Taylor Hill (Basketball)

NCCAA SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

Kelly Cook (Cross Country)
Cesia Garcia (Cross Country)
Destiny Garza (Cross Country)
Alaina Jones (Cross Country)
Moet Monroe (Cross Country)
Jessica Giese (Volleyball)
Katie Ryan (Volleyball)
Clayton O'Neill (Basketball)
Kassy Cox (Basketball)
Brittany Griffin (Basketball)
Taylor Hill (Basketball)

CSFL ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Chadd Dearen (Football)
Zach Jackson (Football)
Ramsey Sanchez (Football)
Trevor Van Kempen (Football)



SAGU returns to NAIA National Tournament for the fourth time

Men's basketball received an at-large bid to the 2015 Buffalo Funds NAIA Division I National Championship regarded as "college basketball's toughest tournament." The single-elimination tournament consists of 32 teams. This marked SAGU's fourth invitation to the tournament, where they finished #2 in the nation in 2013. ■



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1 IN EVERY 4
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STUDENTS IS AN ATHLETE

SAGU soccer athlete plays in the WMF World Cup

Men's soccer junior goalkeeper Cesar Espana was selected by the Salvadoran Football Federation to play in the 2015 World Minifootball Federation (WMF) Arena Soccer World Cup for El Salvador.

Minifootball is 6 vs. 6 indoor soccer with amateur and professional players around the world. The 2015 WMF Arena Soccer World Cup was the first of its kind. ■



THE POWER OF SCHOLARSHIPS



ROBERT AMBROSIE, SPORTS MANAGEMENT Iasi, Romania

Born in Iasi, Romania, Robert grew up playing club soccer for his hometown C.S.M.S Iasi (formerly Politehnica Iasi) second team and played with the U16 Romanian National Team. In summer 2011 he came to the U.S. to train with FC Dallas and attend college soccer combines to build connections.

Returning to Romania in 2012, Robert furthered his soccer career by training and featuring in C.S.M.S Iasi friendly matches with the first team squad. Things looked bright, and a contract was in the works, until he suffered a knee injury and was cut from the team.

Robert was devastated. He felt that his professional and educational dreams had come to an end. Then, he received a call from SAGU men's soccer head coach Clem Oancea. After the encounter, Robert realized God was calling him to SAGU.



As an international student, loans and financial aid/assistance were limited. But, a SAGU soccer scholarship and a job as a student worker at the university paved the way for him to attend. ■



EMILY JONES, HUMAN SERVICES – COUNSELING Flagstaff, Arizona

When Emily was 15, she was invited to an Assemblies of God youth group where she accepted Christ. During high school, Emily interned with the children's minister at her church who was also a SAGU alumna. The children's minister frequently spoke about the wonderful experiences and environment at SAGU. These recommendations led Emily to consider SAGU as her college of choice. After visiting the campus, Emily fell in love with SAGU and made the decision to attend. However, financial hurdles made it seem impossible – until she discovered institutional scholarships made possible by districts, churches, alumni and friends. She was awarded a prized University Scholarship awarded only to new students who demonstrate a commitment to academics, community service and spiritual formation. ■



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MARKETING

Raton, New Mexico



KRISTEN FLAKE, ANCIENT STUDIES

Shreveport, Louisiana

Kristen Flake grew up in Louisiana participating in high school football games, crawfish boils, and watching the LSU Tigers play. The one thing Kristen loved more than these activities was the academic pursuit of biblical history. This passion, along with encouragement from local alumni, led her to SAGU. While Kristen was on a tour at SAGU she learned that the university offers Ancient Studies – a program that combines archaeology with a focus on biblical history. It was a perfect match. In her 3 years at SAGU, Kristen jumped at the opportunity to attend 2 archaeological digs in Israel. It was on these two trips that Kristen was able to work alongside professionals in her field, uncovering ancient cities from the time of the Judges. By unearthing artifacts and studying the evidence left by the ancient cultures mentioned in the Bible, Kristen and other students like her are revealing the truth of scripture. Kristen benefits from the Professor Academic Scholarship and a DYD Scholarship. ■





president's report



KERMIT S. BRIDGES, D.MIN.
President

Thank you for taking the time to read this special issue of SAGU Today. As you can see, there is much to be excited about. Students continue to come to SAGU from around the nation. We continue to add scholarship money to help our students. Meanwhile, we continue to seek key donors who are able to help us build bridges between our students and their God-given callings.

I take pride knowing that we continue to maintain the Pentecostal distinction for which we're known, even as we continue to grow and add new programs. Seventy-one percent of our students are Assemblies of God or affiliated with other Pentecostal fellowships.

I am also excited about the steps we are taking to expand our ministerial training across the country through 26 different extension sites.

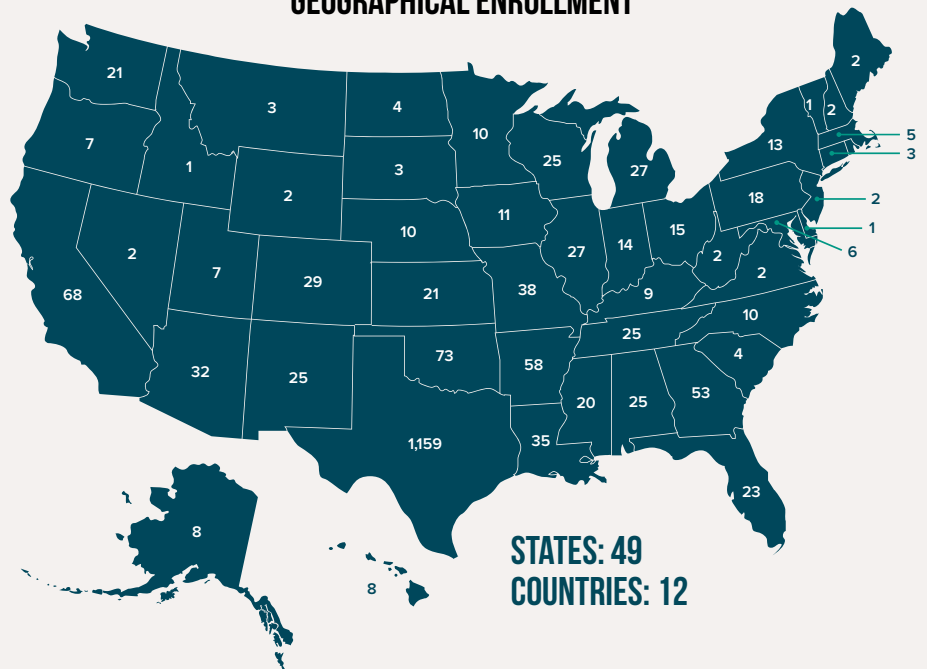
As you know, there are many areas where we continue to work to improve. Operational funds and student scholarships are specific key areas where you can help us make an impact. As you read this magazine, I ask you to do more than skim the pages. Consider how you can help be a bridge builder for our students and future leaders. ■

ONLINE EXTENSION SITES AROUND THE COUNTRY



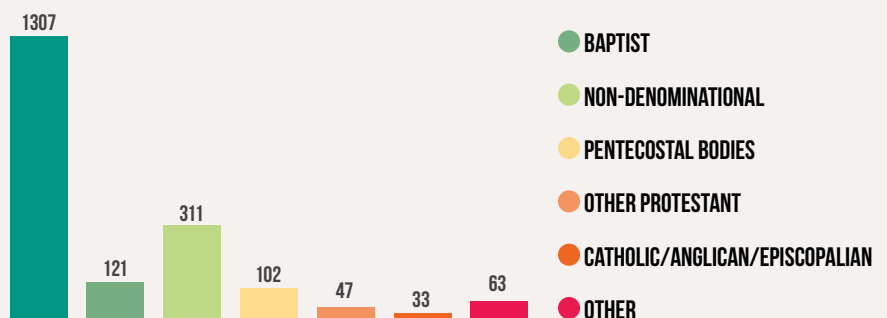
STUDENT BODY

GEOGRAPHICAL ENROLLMENT



STATES: 49
COUNTRIES: 12

DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION



27 ONLINE EXTENSION SITES

SAGU now provides ministry training through online extension sites coast-to-coast.

A.A. – BIBLE

Abundant Life Leadership College, Alton, IL
 Atlanta Leadership College, Atlanta, GA
 Battle Creek First Internship, Battle Creek, MI
 Bethesda School of Ministry, Fort Worth, TX
 Catalyst, Cape Girardeau, MO
 Christ Church Leadership Experience, Christ Church, TX
 Christian Center School of Leadership, Krum, TX
 Christ's Place Leadership, Lincoln, NE
 First NLR Ministry Training Center, North Little Rock, AR
 Freedom Leadership School, Carrollton, TX
 Fullcircle, Augusta, KS
 Impact Now School of Ministry, San Antonio, TX
 River City Leadership College, Lafayette, IN
 Roaring Springs Internship, Roaring Springs, TX

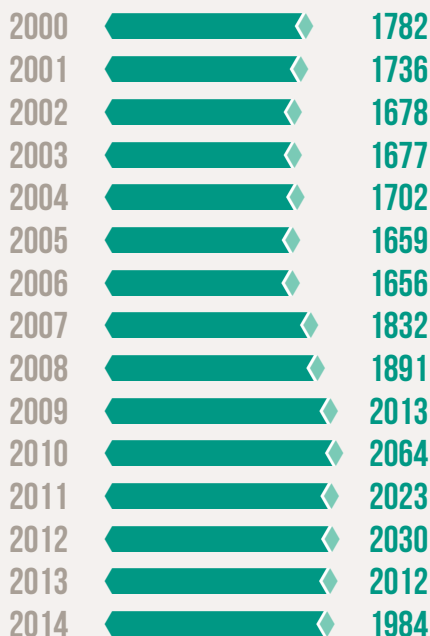
SAGU Wichita, Wichita, KS

San Diego School of Ministry, San Diego, CA
 Southern California Master's Commission, Carlsbad, CA
 South Hills Leadership School, Corona, CA
 Teen Challenge Adventure Ranch, Morrow, AR
 Teen Challenge Rehrrersberg, Rehrrersburg, PA
 Vibrant School of Leadership, Columbus, MS

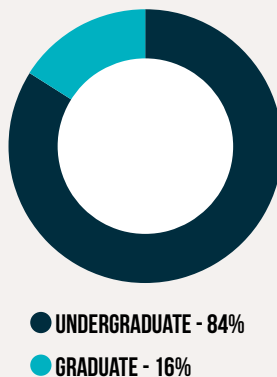
B.A. – CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Copper Pointe School of Leadership, Albuquerque, NM
 Kansas City School of Ministry, Kansas City, MO
 Life Church Leadership College, Roscoe, IL
 Life Leadership College, Germantown, WI
 Southern Cal Extension at Visalia, Visalia, CA
 Valor School of Leadership, Griffin, GA

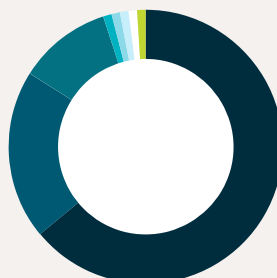
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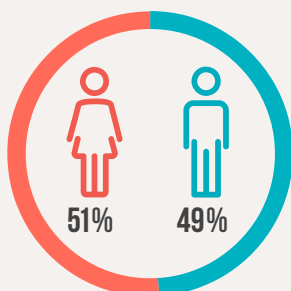
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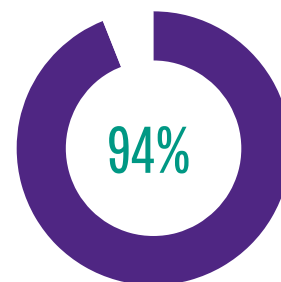


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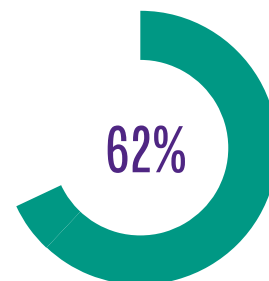


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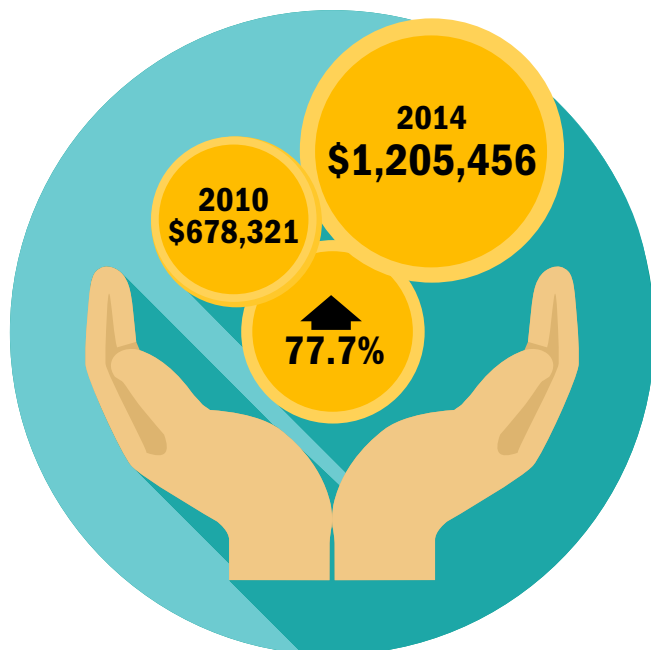
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GIVING AND AID

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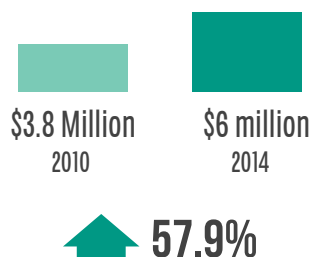


NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING SAGU SCHOLARSHIPS

2010: 1,105
2014: 1,218

10.2%

INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID DISTRIBUTED



DEVELOPMENT



55.7%

NEARLY 394,000 SQUARE FEET OF THE
707,000 DEVELOPED SQUARE FOOTAGE AT
SAGU WAS CONSTRUCTED AFTER 2000.



43.6%

OF STUDENTS ARE PURSUING DEGREES IN FULL-TIME MINISTRY

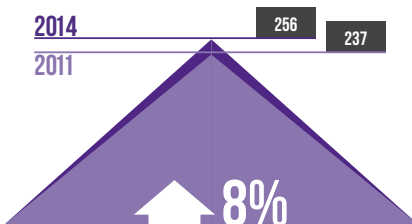
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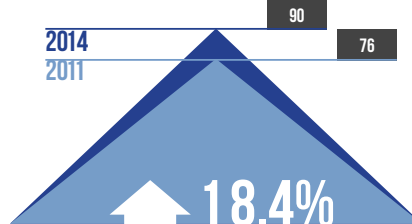
PROGRAM GROWTH

Academic programs see cyclical ups and downs. But, there are several academic programs that have seen notable growth in the last 5 years.

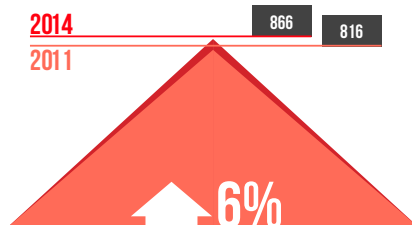
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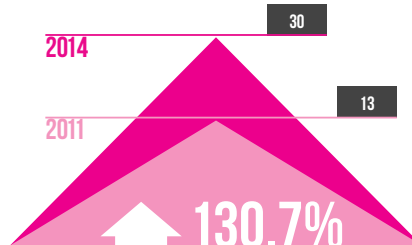
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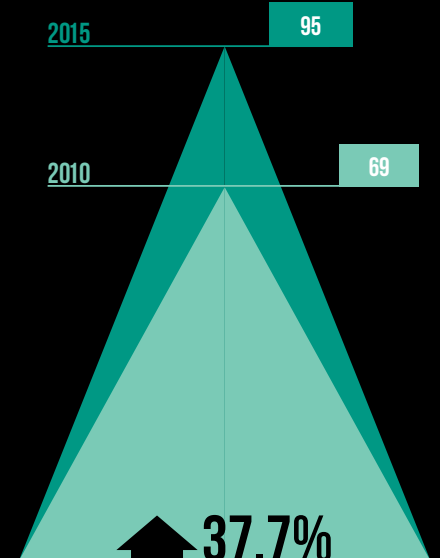
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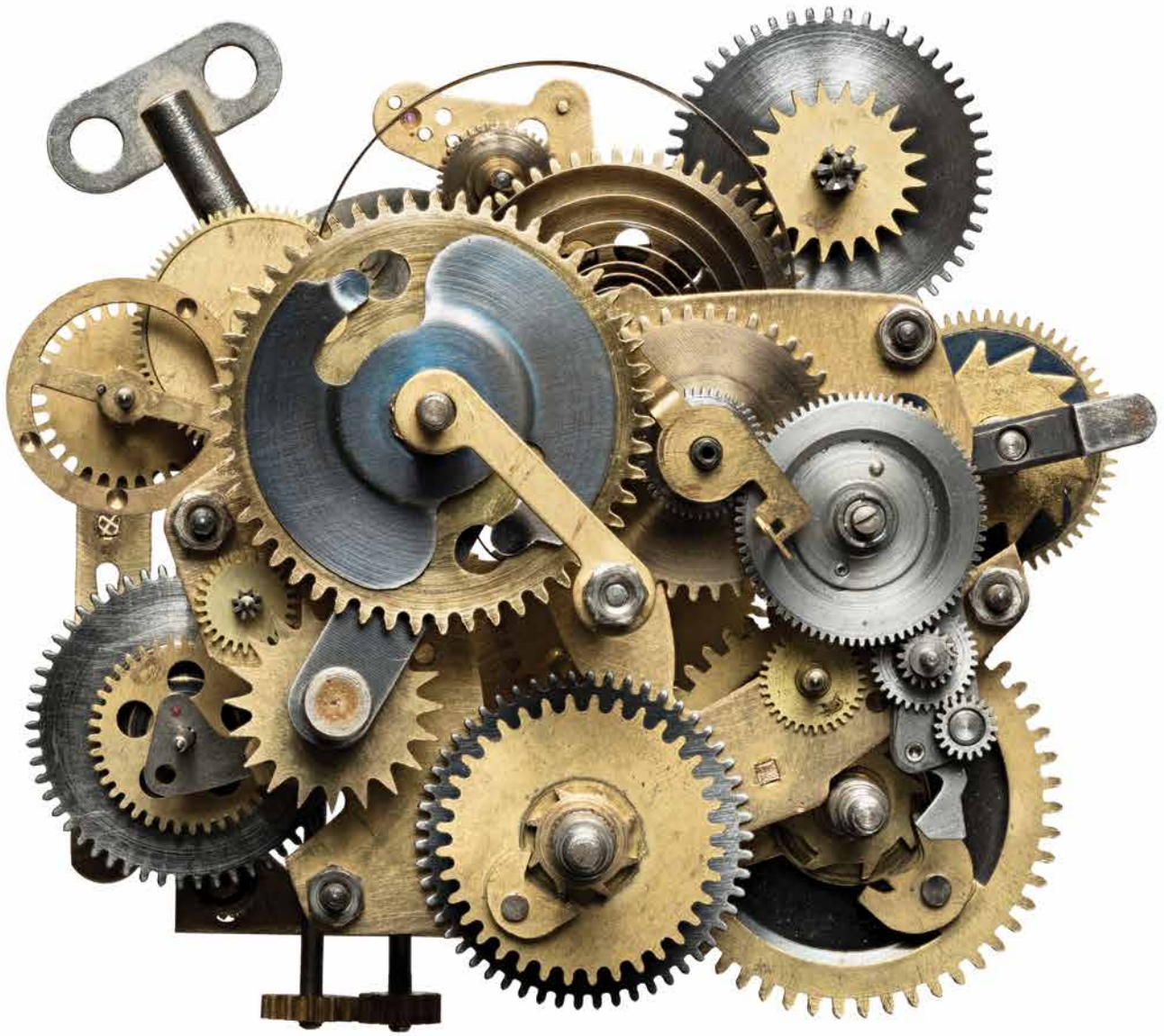


ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP



TOTAL MASTER'S DEGREES CONFERRED





HOW A COLLEGE *RUNS*

Much has been said in the media about the rising costs of higher education. Many do not understand how or why costs continue to rise. A look at SAGU's operational budget, small by comparison to our surrounding competitors, illustrates what it takes to meet the needs of students.

UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENTS

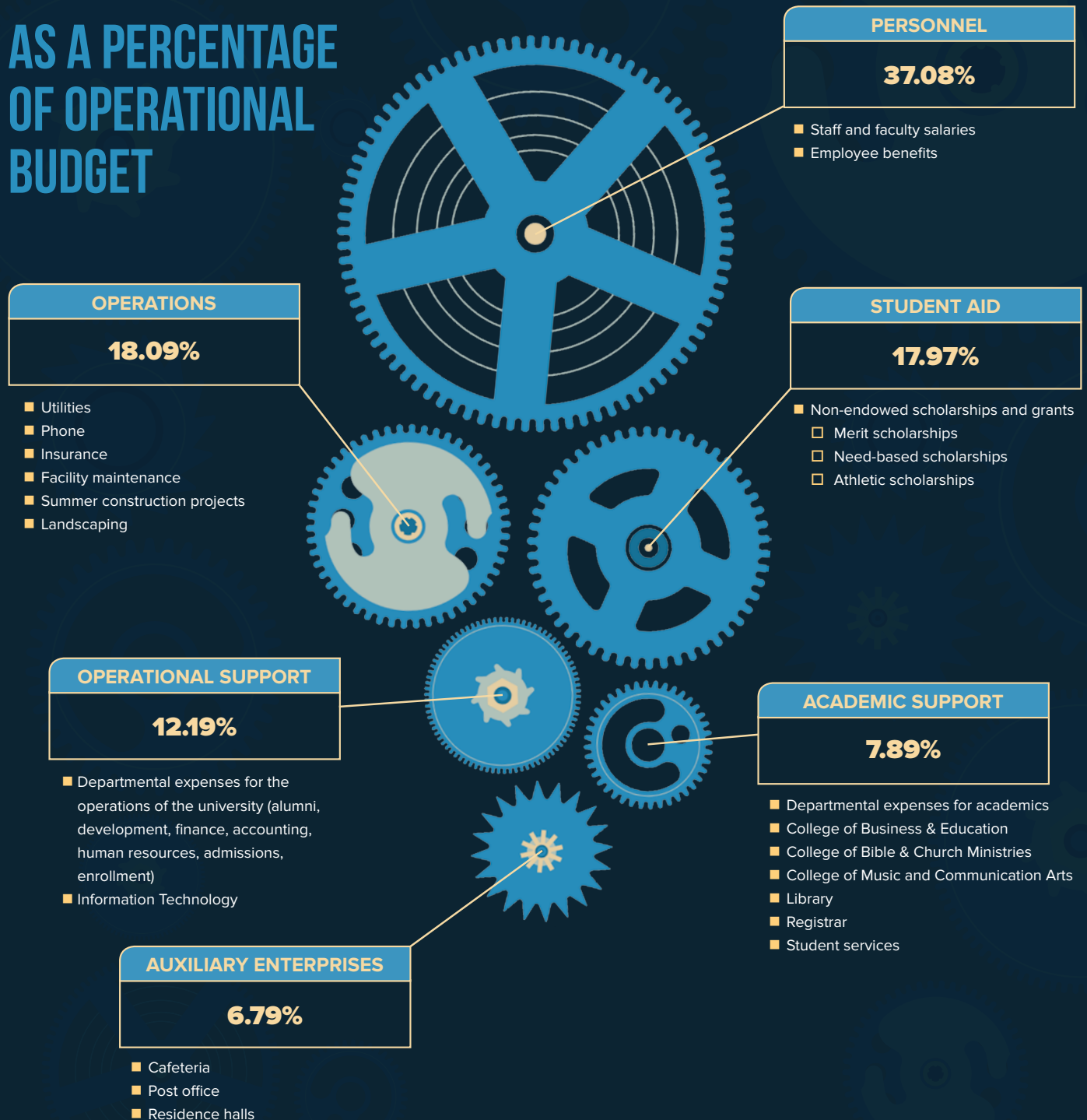
Many universities founded by a wealthy benefactor have large endowments earning interest to fund the essential operations of the institution. This enables them to choose whether to saddle students with those costs.

Other universities founded upon a mission rather than a large endowment rely upon tuition to operate and fulfill that purpose.

YOU CAN HELP

A responsible institution like SAGU works to grow an endowment from the ground up. Large contributions certainly make an impact. But, it is also possible to designate SAGU in life planning such as a personal will, leaving assets to fund the ministries of SAGU for future generations. ■

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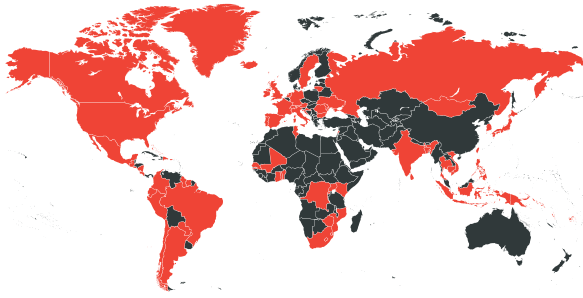


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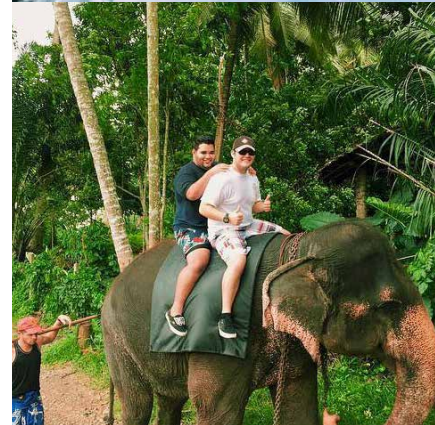
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DESTINATIONS REACHED
SINCE 2010

In 2010 SAGU launched a campaign to reach every country of the world, every Chinese province and every state of India by 2020. In total, the effort identified 261 destinations.

Most trips take place during the summer, but SAGU's process of training, preparing and sending mission workers is year-round.





DIVERSE SERVICE

Mission TEN service takes many forms as participants seek meaningful ways to invest in the lives of those in need.

- Agriculture
- Business training
- Coaching
- Coffee shop evangelism
- Construction projects
- Children's ministry
- Crusades
- English as a second language
- Jungle treks to remote villages
- Music ministry
- Prayer walks
- Radio broadcasting
- Safe houses for trafficked women
- School assemblies
- Street evangelism
- Teaching
- Vacation Bible school
- Volunteerism
- Youth ministry

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BUSINESS FOR MISSIONS

Missions-mindedness is one of SAGU's core values, which flows into each department on campus.

This summer the Business Department, along with Dr. Tara Peters from Northwood University, traveled to India and Sri Lanka to use their business knowledge to teach management to entrepreneurs and offer advice to established companies through the new SAGU Business for Missions program. They visited local businesses, churches, orphanages, and hospitals teaching business and faith through Crosstalk International's "Today with God" curriculum.

During the sessions, they separated into groups, dependent upon how many translators were available, and discussed topics covering leadership, goal setting, organizational structure, and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Beckwith, Chair of the Business Department, explained, "We believe there is an opportunity where we can go beyond our tithe and help the people who are in need and may not have resources that we have in America." She continued, "There is value in experiencing a different culture."

This was not just a missions trip, SAGU's Business For Missions is continually helping to advise and grow the businesses in India and Sri Lanka and are establishing a charity to assist small businesses.

SAGU Senior Bethany Krock said, "I learned so much on this trip. These experiences go beyond the classroom. Even though the knowledge I have gained helped me teach, the chance to practice what I have learned and gain so much more insight on a different culture is priceless." ■



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class notes

1960s

1 Herlin and Glenda (Freeman, 1967) **Summers** serve as lead pastors at River Pointe Assembly of God in Denison, TX.

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1970s

2 Ray Clemmons (1972), and wife Helen, reside in Palm Springs, CA. He works in the banking industry and with his church's music ministry.

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1980s

Richard Crowson (1989) lives in Clanton, AL, where he works as an Advanced Manufacturing Engineer. He is pursuing a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), which will enable him to plant K-12 Christian schools.

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1990s

3 Mel Masengale (1999) and wife **Kim (Franklin) Masengale (1999)** live in Indiana, PA, where Mel is lead pastor at The Summit Church.

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2000s

Caitlyn (Koczynski) Aizpiri (2012) lives in Conroe, TX, where she is a Lead Behavior Technician, performing ABA Therapy for young children with autism.

4 Andrew Alterman (2013) received a direct commission as a Chaplain (1Lt) with the Michigan Army National Guard on

March 30, 2015. He will be Chaplain for three batteries consisting of approximately 500 soldiers.

5 Brianne (Latham) Blakney (2001) has been married to Lee Blakney for 12 years and has 3 children. After being full-time Chi Alpha missionaries for 5 years at the University of Louisiana Lafayette, they moved to Colorado to help Amy and Shawn Reine start a church in Highlands Ranch, CO. She homeschools their children in addition to teaching in children's church at the church plant.

Ashley (Dennis) Bloom (2004) is a kindergarten teacher. Prior to obtaining her teacher certification through an alternative teaching certification program, she spent five years working as a mental health caseworker.

6 Melissa (Middleton) Carsey (2005) is an elementary school teacher in Arlington, TX.

7 Nicole (Shepard) Contreras (2009) is a 6th Grade English Language Arts and Reading teacher in Beaumont, TX.

8 Jeff Dunn (2006) and wife **Dianalee (Andrews) Dunn (2008)** live in Henderson, TX, where Jeff is Lead Pastor at Chalk Hill Assembly of God.

9 Alix Foster (2007) was given the Rookie of the Year Award by the Richardson Chamber of Commerce for outstanding leadership in service for 2014. In addition, Alix was chosen as 2015 chairman of the board for the Richardson Young Professionals.

10 Devan Guynes (2013) is working as Cabin Services Coordinator at Southwest Airlines.

Alisha Jonker (2006) is a 4th grade reading teacher and lives in Waxahachie, TX.

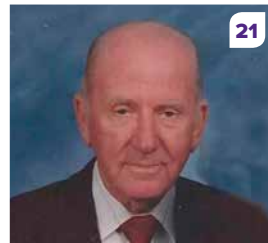
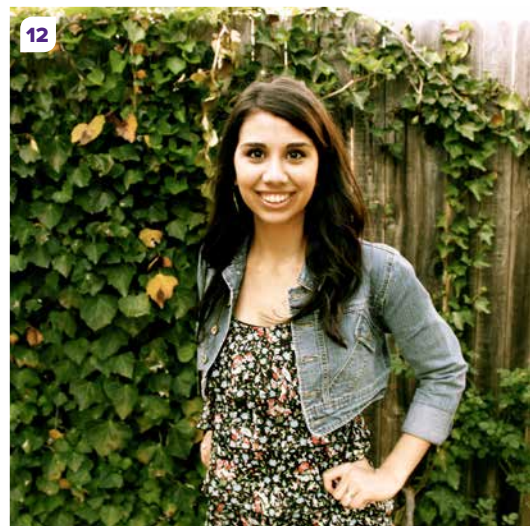
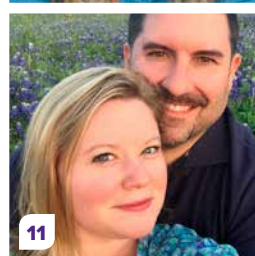
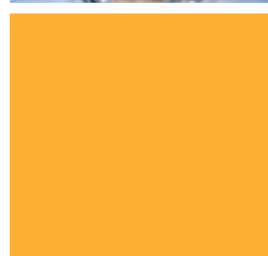
Chantel (Garza) Martinez (2009) is currently doing marketing and account management for a real estate company in San Antonio, TX.

11 Jordan May (2005) received an M.Div. and Th.M. from Princeton Seminary. After marrying Amanda Medhurst in 2013, he became an Adjunct Professor at Northwest University and Southeastern University. In addition, he is Supervisory Chaplain at the Federal Prison in Bryan-College Station, Texas.

Ryan Nicoletto (2005) is Director of Bands at Fort Worth Christian School. Through All-Region Auditions, they have initiated a marching band program. In addition, Ryan was named the recipient of The Lorene Cunningham Award, awarded to a faculty or staff who exemplify service and Christian leadership.

Karen Norton (2006) retired after 30 years on staff at Lufkin First Assembly. At the time of retirement, she was Associate Pastor over Pastoral Care and Biblical Counseling. This year she wrote and published her first book, "Connections," a daily devotional companion to the One Year Chronological Bible (NIV) 2011 edition. She is writing her second book, "Mom, God's Got This!" the biography of her daughter, Jamie Lund (1998), who was a missionary to Northern Asia and died of breast cancer on November 17, 2012, at the age of 36.

Corinne Perry (2004) received a master's degree in library science in December of 2013. She lives in Beaumont, TX, where she works as a library assistant at two local libraries: one academic and the other public.





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Jennifer Snow (2006) lives in Bentonville, AR, where she is Sports Sales Manager for Visit Bentonville.

12 Paulina (Pizarro-Salvador) Solis (2011), and husband Rene Solis, live in Austin, TX, where Paulina works as the Director of Youth Education at El Buen Pastor Assembly of God.

David Timmes (2009), and wife Kelsey, live in Carrollton, TX, where David worked as Media Director at Heartland Church from 2007-2014. He is now working as Associate Producer on his 4th feature film titled "Amerigeddon."

13 Cathy To (2010) is completing her master's degree in occupational therapy at Texas Woman's University. She looks forward to entering the global mission field with specializations in developmental disorders, traumatic brain injuries, and stroke rehabilitation.

CELEBRATIONS

Michelle Neumann (2012) and Nick Evans (2012) married on October 18, 2014, in Springfield, MO.

14 Tracy Rennie (2006) and Wayne Tate married on July 5, 2014.

15 Amanda (McCafferty) Wescott (2006) and Tyler Wescott welcomed their second daughter, Mikaela Payge Wescott, on July 18, 2014.

16 Anthony Zoucha (2014) and Lauren Zoucha welcomed their first daughter, Sophia Grace Zoucha, on January 28, 2015.

IN MEMORIAM

Franklin D. Blair, 84, went to his Heavenly reward on September 9, 2014. He became an ordained Assemblies of God minister on June 9, 1955, and received his 50-year pin in 2005.

17 Blake Bridges (2013), 27, passed away September 23, 2014, in Pasadena, TX. Blake was born February 8, 1987, in Berkeley, CA, to Dale Christopher Bridges and Cheri Howard Perches.

Dr. Paul James Broyles, Jr. (1961), founder of the International Broadcasting Network (IBN), went to be with the Lord January 2, 2015. Dr. Broyles founded IBN and launched the first Low Power TV station in Texas on February 24, 1982. He went on to launch nine more stations, all broadcasting Christian programming 24 hours a day. He also headed an orphanage and school in Honduras for 20 years before turning them over to another organization. He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Paulette, four children, and six grandchildren.

18 Clyde Wesley Burroughs (1950) passed away on November 3, 2014. He was ordained by the Assemblies of God. His ministry began at the early age of 20. He started a number of churches during his lifetime. In 1973, he began working at the Peoples Church Foundation as the Director of Planned Giving. Upon leaving Peoples, he served the Salvation Army in their Charitable Giving Department. He is survived by his wife, Annelle Burroughs; his son and wife, John and Judy Burroughs; his daughter and husband, Susan and Mike Williams; his four grandchildren, Jonathan and Jason Burroughs and Elizabeth and Christopher Williams.

Fern M. Buttram, 93, went home to her Lord on Monday, July 21, 2014. She

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received her education from North Texas State University, Texas Wesleyan and TCU. She taught at SAGU and another school in Texas. She is survived by her loving husband, Sims Buttram.

19 David Eugene Collins (1999) passed away April 28, 2013, in Lagos, Nigeria, while serving his country. The degree he earned at SAGU made it possible for him to join the U.S. State Department Foreign Service. He was honored in a ceremony at the State Department in Washington DC on May 1, 2015.

20 Karen Dunning passed away August 22, 2014, at the family ranch near Stoneham, CO. Karen was born June 29, 1934, to Bud and Norma Bartram. She and her husband John celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 29, 2014. She graduated from Stoneham High School in 1952 and attended Southwestern Bible College and University of Northern Colorado. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church of Stoneham, The Gideons, The Liberty Bible Study Club, Cherry Lot Club, and Royal Neighbors of America.

Keith Elder (1969) passed away on December 12, 2014. He met and married Marlys (Connell, 1967) on February 27, 1968. They entered full-time ministry in 1969 and served until the day of his death. He is survived by his wife Marlys, son Kent Elder (Elaina), daughter D'awn (Greg) Ledgerwood, six grandchildren and extended family.

Haskell Grant (1951) passed away September 19, 2014. He was born in Montgomery Country, AR, on December 15, 1924, and is survived by his wife of 68 years Dorothy Grant. He was ordained as an Assemblies of God minister in 1952, pastored ten churches, held numerous revivals across the county, and authored two books on sermons.

21 John G. Hall, age 97, passed away on August 10, 2014. He worked for many years as an instructor for the Thomas Staley Foundation at different Bible colleges throughout the U.S., England, Canada, and South Korea. The last 50 years of his ministry were spent on the evangelistic field teaching prophecy. He was the author of four books on prophecy and was known worldwide for his famous "Chart of Bible Prophecy."

22 Courtney Keen-Flores passed away on December 13, 2014. Her family was her greatest joy in life. Along with the challenges of raising a family, she built a successful floral business. She is survived by her husband Samuel; two children, Samuel E. & Catalina Flores; parents Don & Teena Keen; brother Jason Keen & wife Shae; nieces KayeLee & KynLee Keen; grandmothers Dorothy Keen & Phyllis Wilson.

23 Philip N. Mangum (1975), born on November 30, 1927, went to be with the Lord on September 30, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Patrick; and four siblings. He is survived by his wife, Mae Mangum; three sons; four daughters-in-law; eleven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; many other relatives and friends.

24 William "Bill" A. McCann (1933), 99, passed away December 30, 2014. He began preaching at the age of 16, held revival meetings, and served in multiple pastorates before his retirement in 1974. After retirement he served as a missionary evangelist in the West Indies, Central America, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, India, Hong Kong, Thailand, Canada, Peoples Republic of Red China, and South America. He served in leadership positions in multiple Districts of the Assemblies of God as well as on the boards of Evangel University and Southwestern Assemblies of God University.

25 Gary Middleton (1993) passed away on November 7, 2014. He was born on December 18, 1965 in Corsicana, TX, to Jay Hugh and Oleta Middleton. Gary was preceded in death by his father and two nieces. He is survived by his mother, siblings, and numerous family and friends.

Grace Moore (1958) went to meet her Lord and Savior on October 29, 2014. Grace retired from Kroger after 32 years of service. She was an ordained Assemblies of God minister for 50 years and an active member of the North Texas District Council.

26 William H. "Bill" Reimer (1960) went home to his heavenly father December 26, 2014. His passion was loving God, loving people and serving. He pastored in Texas and California and served on a number of missions trips.

June L. Shaw (1948), born June 6, 1923, passed away on August 25, 2014. She taught English at several high schools in Oklahoma and also taught at Evangel University in Springfield, MO.

27 Leatrice Thomas Stubbs, 88, went home to her Lord on Monday, October 6, 2014. She is survived by her loving husband, **E. Leslie Stubbs (1945);** extended family and dear friends.

Ricky Tait (2002) passed away September 14, 2014. He was born February 7, 1973, in San Antonio, TX. He was the CEO and President of Petra Roofing Co. He married Nicole Maxwell on June 3, 2000. Survivors include his wife, Nicole; sons, Brayden and Camero; mother, Carolyn Shaw and step-father Wayne; brother, Rodney Tait and wife LuLu; father and mother-in-law, Dan and Gayle Maxwell; sister and brother-in-law, Anthony and Ashley Wilson; and numerous other family.

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