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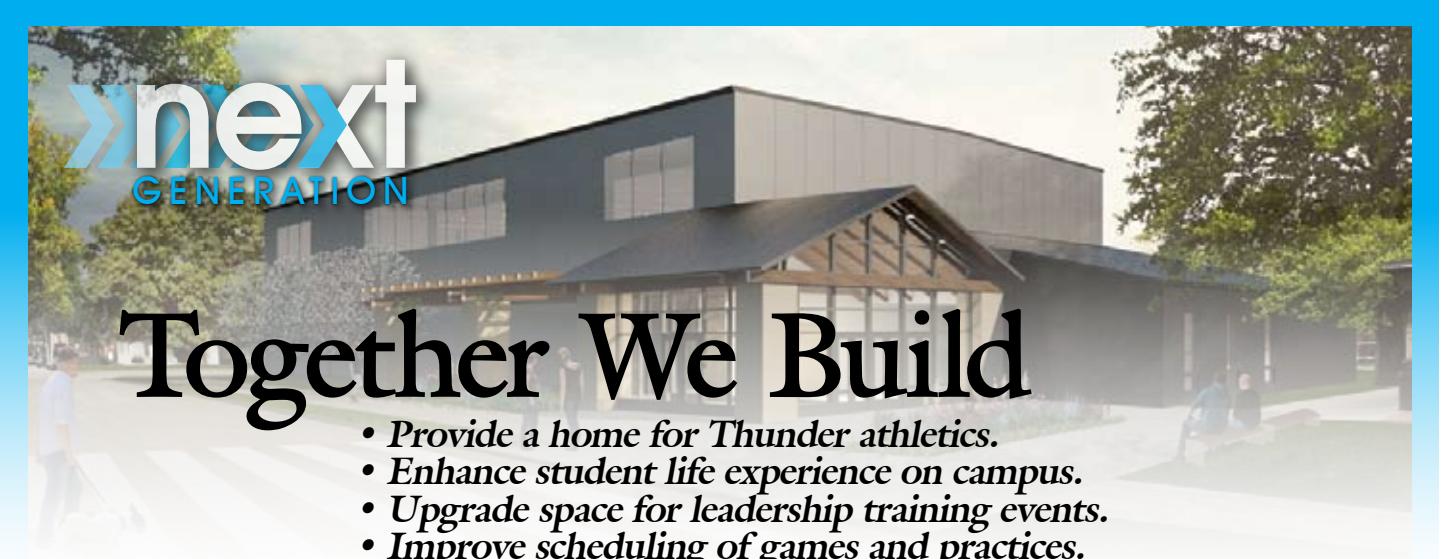
Manhattan Christian College

Fall 2015



*Class
of 2019*

Christian Leaders Worthy of Investment



Together We Build

- Provide a home for Thunder athletics.
- Enhance student life experience on campus.
- Upgrade space for leadership training events.
- Improve scheduling of games and practices.



By J. Kevin Ingram
'86, President

I was recently asked a unique question by a new friend of MCC: "What is the biggest opportunity in the immediate future for Manhattan Christian College?"

My answer was, 'I know the Activity Center we have in the plans is a building, but I do believe with the excitement it is generating on campus, among the many friends of the college, and in and around the community of Manhattan that this facility represents a huge opportunity for MCC. This would be a much needed tool on campus that will allow us to further enhance the fulfillment of our mission and vision of raising up the next generation of Christian leaders.'

The more we have worked on bringing this project to reality, the more deeply I believe that answer to be true. We are beginning an unprecedented journey to provide a space on campus that we've never had before. The Activity Center will benefit our students as well as provide a larger space for the many events we host every year. It will also serve as a home for our athletic teams and eliminate our need to rent space from the city, which is something we've done since 1947. What's exciting is that we've made great progress in turning this dream into a reality.

The first important step of the process was receiving city approval. The Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board gave us final approval on Thursday, September 10. Although this important step took a little longer than we originally thought, we are thankful the entire approval process went so smoothly. Bottom line, we have received positive comments from many people in the City of Manhattan about this much-needed project.

Another important step to bring this project to reality is fund-raising. Board policy wisely requires that we have the funds either raised or committed to begin construction of this type of facility. Praise the Lord we have also made some very exciting progress on reaching our goal of \$3,000,000. Here's an outline of the progress that has been made:

- When we announced the Next Generation Campaign on April 17 at our 2nd Annual Vision 360 Banquet, we kicked it off with a lead gift of \$750,000. That was a great start!
- When we published the details of the campaign in our summer 2015 edition of the Synergy we gave the update of having raised a total of \$928,325.
- Praise God that as of the writing of this article, we have now raised a total of \$1,633,301!

Not only have we received city approval and made progress in raising the necessary funds, we've also taken steps

toward each of the goals identified in the Next Generation Campaign!

Goal 1 - An Improved First Impression

During the week of October 12, three hard-working volunteers helped us clear the land so that we would be ready to move forward. Howard Wilson, Elias Tolentino '84, and Nick Sheffield volunteered their time and talent to cut down and remove more than half-dozen trees. The best wood was set aside to be milled and repurposed into benches and other things that will be used across campus.

We have also recently finalized our design for the north half of the campus which includes a new parking lot, an improved sidewalk system, lighting, and landscaping. Bids were received and we selected Trinium Contractors for the construction. An initial meeting was held Tuesday, October 20 and construction on the north side of campus began November 2. Weather obviously will play a key role, but the goal is to complete the new courtyard and parking area by mid-January and the start of the spring semester.

Goal 2 - Building a Multi-Purpose Activity Center

To keep this goal moving forward, we have signed a contract to begin

developing the final construction documents for the Activity Center. Let me reiterate that construction cannot begin until the funds are raised, but since the development of these documents takes 3-4 months, having them ready will help speed up construction once the funding is completed. In addition, this important step will also allow us to pursue gift-in-kind donations for the project. Potential vendors need the final documents to know the specifications of what is needed before they can commit to donate.

Goal 3 - Enhancing Technology and Campus Security

This goal involves providing computers in the library, projectors in the classrooms, and an I.D. card system which will help keep MCC user-friendly and safe. I'm happy to report progress has been made in each aspect of this goal.

We've purchased some computers for the library, not all that are needed, but we had to replace a few this year and that has been done. We've also replaced a classroom video projector that was having too many technical problems to be reliable. Additionally, a team of



Measurable Progress: The facelift of the center courtyard and parking lot began with lots of equipment and expertise.

Gift Scenario

1 Gift of \$1,000,000
2 Gifts of \$500,000
5 Gifts of \$50,000
10 Gifts of \$25,000
15 Gifts of \$10,000
30 Gifts of \$5,000
200 Gifts of \$1,000
\$3,000,000

Cumulative gifts of \$1,000+ will have name recognition in the Activity Center.

Goal:
\$3,000,000

Received:
\$1,633,301

on raising the funds needed to add each building into the overall system. There is a separate, additional cost to connect each building to the hub and as the funds become available we will add them according to their priority order.

I hope you can sense why I am so excited about our progress in the Next Generation Campaign. I do believe it is an incredible opportunity for MCC to be ready and relevant to reach more students, and therefore prepare more future leaders for the Kingdom.

This is an exciting time in the history of MCC and I encourage you to prayerfully consider what you can do to help. We would love to have you as a partner who is helping to provide the next generation of tools for the next generation of Christian leaders.

If you already give to MCC's annual fund, thank you, you are so important to this daily ministry. Gifts to the Next Generation campaign need to be above and beyond regular contributions. And know this beyond a shadow of a doubt: We will be very careful to give God all the praise. **MCC**

"For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God."

— 2 Corinthians 9:12

MCC FACTS

Founded:

1927 as a four-year undergraduate institution

Mission:

To educate, equip, and enrich Christian leaders

Vision:

Every student and graduate will be prepared and motivated to penetrate the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ regardless of chosen profession.

Affiliation:

Non-denominational, Independent Christian Church/Churches of Christ

Dual-Accreditation:

The Higher Learning Commission - North Central Association of College and Schools
Association for Biblical Higher Education

Core Values:

- Lordship of Christ
- Excellence
- Applying God's Word
- Discipleship
- Evangelism
- Relationships
- Stewardship
- Heart for learning
- Integrity
- Prayer

Average Class Size: 22

Student-Faculty Ratio: 17:1

CHARTING THE PATH TO MINISTRY

By Jeff Sagstetter

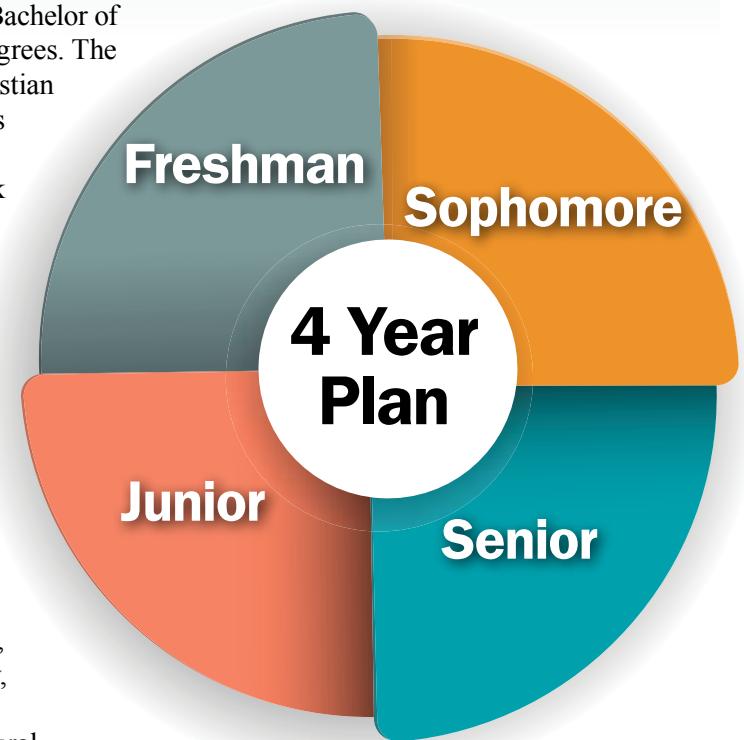
The mission of Manhattan Christian College is to educate, equip, and enrich Christian leaders. Our academic programs are designed to accomplish this mission, regardless of the student's chosen profession.

The student programs feature double majors in Bible & Leadership and Christian Ministry or Bible & Leadership with a dual-degree. These programs lead to Bachelor of Science or Arts degrees. The student in the Christian Ministry major has a wide variety of emphasis and track options that will allow them to tailor their education, matching spiritual gifts and ministry calling.

Combinations are nearly unlimited and emphasis options include chaplaincy, children's ministry, counseling, family ministry, intercultural

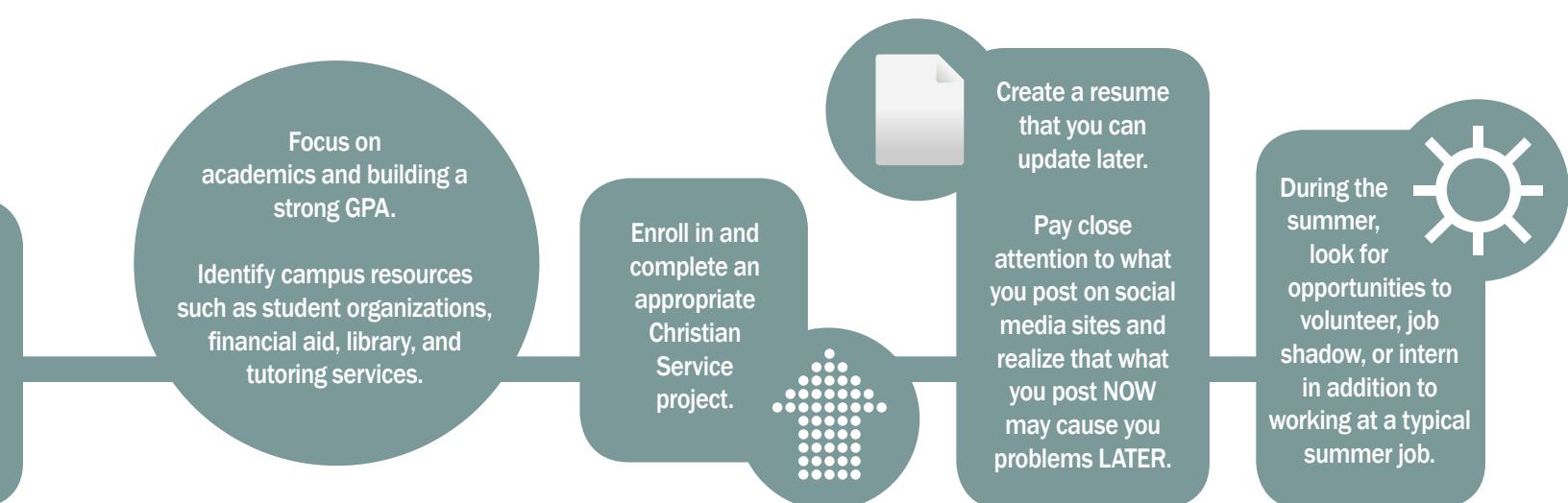
studies, pastoral ministry, spiritual formation, worship, and youth ministry.

Additionally, MCC has a long-standing relationship with our next-door neighbor, Kansas State University as well as special academic arrangements with Manhattan Area Technical College and the local Bellus Academy.



At A Glance —

Four year scholastic plan leads students in a variety of developmental steps, including:



FRESHMEN ...

Christian Service

A freshman student is provided multiple opportunities to engage in community: participating in local church ministries, non-profit organizations, or on-campus ministries.

During the freshman year, each student will experience occasions to give as well as receive.

General Education

The freshman year consists of general education courses, building

an important learning foundation in the areas of public speech, written composition, general psychology, college algebra, and a specific course on navigating the MCC community life.

Biblical Studies

Contributing to the student's Christian world view is essential to the MCC academic life and is immediately present in courses such as Old Testament History and Poets & Prophets.

Leadership

A freshman student will encounter the importance and necessity of understanding leadership from a servant perspective. The Biblical Foundations of Leadership course is an introduction to developing the self as a leader based on understanding biblical principles, implementing spiritual practices, and appreciating each person's uniqueness and giftedness.

Freshmen and sophomores are required to live on campus in one of the residence halls.



Welcome Weekend: New Student Orientation Groups helped to make the first few days on campus go smoothly as well as introduce new friendships and the BELONG theme for the 2015-16 academic year. The Biblical Foundations of Leadership class experienced teamwork on the low ropes course at Kansas State University.

MCC FACULTY



Brody Bliss
History



Nancy Blockcolsky
Music



Donald Brax
Math



Greg Delort, Ph.D.
Family Studies, Counseling, Chaplaincy



Julie Delort
General Education



Gary Griffith, Ph.D.
Science

SOPHOMORES ...



Pulpit Supply: Collin Nitcher is just one of the pastoral students who preach for small area churches that request help when have an opening. On average, the college fills 8 pulpits each weekend. This yearly outreach of more than 400 services provides the students valuable experience in a wide variety of churches.

As a sophomore, the student begins to establish campus identity, navigating both the campus social life and college academic expectations. What seemed to be foreign last year has now become familiar territory such as dorm life, study habits, the city of Manhattan, and personal discovery of self all contribute to the student's college journey.

Christian Service & Biblical Studies

The student continues to develop relationships with local congregations,

non-profit organizations, and MCC ministry opportunities. These community relationships allow the student to begin managing individual gifts and interests.

Additionally, each student will continue to increase appreciation

Leadership is a process whereby an individual influences another individual or a group of individuals to achieve a common goal.



Determine your major with a realistic understanding of how it relates to career opportunities. If Christian Ministry, choose your emphasis and tracks.

Join campus organizations that will connect you with students who have similar interests.

Sophomore Year:

Find and participate in an activity related to your career goals.

for the Scripture's use in daily life, whether through direct in-class instruction or through the use of God's word during daily social life.

Leadership

As a sophomore, the student will encounter leadership from a group perspective. Emphasis is on developing the leader in group situations, providing understanding of purpose, roles, interpersonal relations, organizational behavior, and spiritual community.

Christian Ministry Foundational Core

In addition, the sophomore student embarks upon their initial core ministry classes. As a ministry major, the sophomore year will include such courses as Evangelism & Church Growth Strategies and Introduction to Preaching & Teaching.

Dual-Degree Students

Generally, those students choosing to obtain both a Bible & Leadership Degree from Manhattan Christian College, as well as pursue a degree from a secondary institution such as Kansas State, will begin separating academic time between both campuses during the sophomore year. The "best of both worlds" is the finest setting for the student choosing to exercise the idea of the "Priesthood of all believers" in their chosen profession.

Degree Intention

Toward the end of the student's sophomore year, consideration for developing a focused career plan becomes important since the junior year course schedule includes several vocational options.

Dual Degree

- Bible & Leadership
- Secondary Degree

Christian Ministry Degree

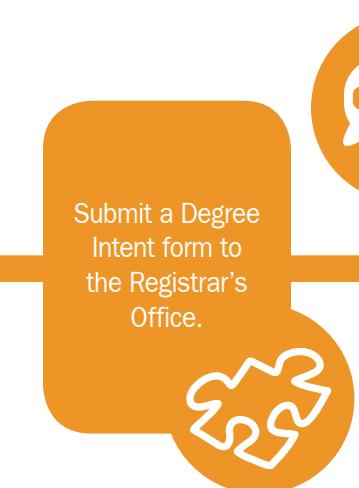
- Emphasis (12 hours)
- Tracks (6 hours)



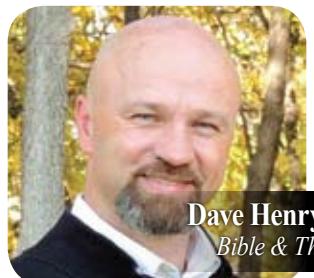
Student-Led Chapel Services: The campus family comes together for praise and worship on Thursday mornings from 11:00-12:00.



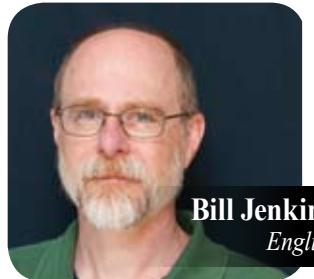
Talented MCC Students: Rebecca Zwink, Eli Karst, Jessie Pearson, Joel Rice, Jenna Alton, Natalie Alton, and Collin Schlotfeldt helped the KSU Marching Band bring home the Sudler Trophy for the first time. This yearly award recognizes a band that exhibits the highest musical standards, innovative marching routines, and has helped advance the performance standards of college marching bands over a period of time.



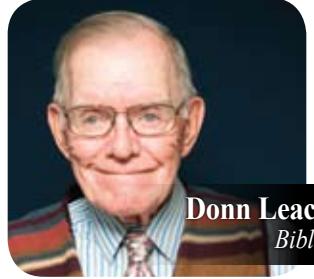
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Dave Henry, D.W.S.
Bible & Theology



Bill Jenkins, Ph.D.
English



Donn Leach, Th.D.
Bible



Genilyn McCaffrey, D.W.S.
Worship



Brent McCrary
Theology



Brian Medaris, D.Min.
Spiritual Formation

JUNIORS ...



Short-Term Mission Trips: Amy Tippin put her classroom training into action in Thailand over the summer where she worked at an orphanage teaching English and VBS. She will use her dual-degree in Kinesiology (KSU) and Bible and Christian Leadership (MCC) to work with children and physical activity.

Directed Field Experience

A Directed Field Experience (DFE) is required in every ministry degree program at Manhattan Christian College. It is a practical experience directed by a qualified person in the student's major field. Four hundred hours of work experience is needed. The major professor and student prepare together before the DFE. On site, the DFE involves mentoring, guiding, observing, and reporting by the field supervisor. The student keeps a journal and completes self-evaluations. Evaluations are also completed by the field supervisor.

Leadership

As a junior, the student will begin working through multiple theories, critiques, and conflict resolution approaches. Interaction with case studies and peer projects bring the theoretical ideas to life and personify real-life leadership scenarios.

Christian Ministry Majors

The student begins selecting specific courses which are designed to the specific ministry degree intent, courses which begin to develop explicit competencies required to pilot the junior vocational choices.

Christian Ministry Options

During their junior year, students come into contact with course options which lead toward their degree intent fulfillment. The continued support and encouragement offered by the advisor facilitates and affirms the student's career choices and academic paths. Each of the following ministry areas are offered as an Emphasis (12 hour major) and as a Track (6 hour option).

Each ministry major selects 2 emphases for a total of 24 hours or 1 emphasis (12 hours) and 2 tracks (12 hours total) toward the ministry degree fulfillment. In almost all cases, the student can select any of the following programs as either an emphasis or track toward their degree fulfillment.



Called to Africa: Grant Foard served as a summer intern with Pioneer Bible Translators. He is planning to translate for an unreached people group in Niger after attending graduate and language school.

Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy is designed to help the MCC student be on the leading edge in knowledge, skills, and intrapersonal understanding as he enters graduate school or occupations in the field. This emphasis includes real-time residency experience in conjunction with KU Medical Center.

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry prepares students for an entry level position as a children's minister or a worker in a church in a parachurch organization.

Counseling

Counseling prepares students to help others process various issues in their lives so they can pursue healing and restoration.

Family

Family prepares students to help people build stronger families, both inside and outside the church. The family is a foundational unit in every person's life, making it a vital area of study.

Intercultural

Intercultural emphasizes the need to minister to all people. Students are equipped to live and interact with a variety of cultures, both nationally and internationally.

Students develop confidence through hands-on practical experience. The classroom together with leadership training helps to pinpoint ministry direction.

Pastoral Ministry

Pastoral Ministry teaches the student how to manage and grow a church ministry in a manner rooted in Scripture.

Spiritual Formation

Spiritual Formation prepares students for ministry positions in areas related to small groups, discipleship, adult education, spiritual formation, and curriculum development.

Residency

This on-location learning ministry affords the student both classroom and on-the-job training with supervisory staff; the student will select a ministry focus to include in the residency.

Worship

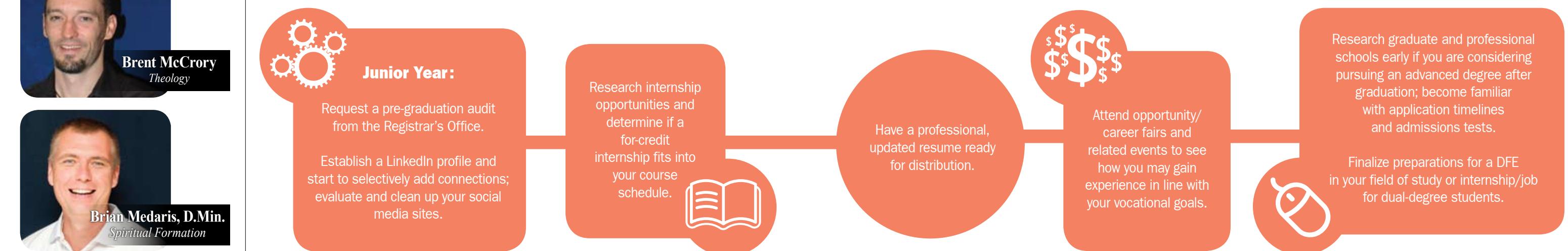
Worship Music prepares the student to become worship pastors in the midst of this uncertain, ever-changing landscape. The program is unique in the fact that the student develops into a pastor and theologian as well as an artist.

Youth

Youth prepares the student to lead a ministry program that emphasizes outreach, community, and faith development among adolescents and their families.

Research graduate and professional schools early if you are considering pursuing an advanced degree after graduation; become familiar with application timelines and admissions tests.

Finalize preparations for a DFE in your field of study or internship/job for dual-degree students.





Alisha Paddock
Bible



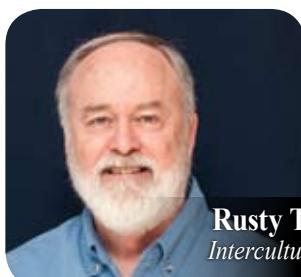
Wes Paddock, D.Min.
Old Testament



Jeff Sagstetter
Youth Ministry



Larry Sullivan
History



Rusty Thornley
Intercultural Studies



Russ York, D. Min.
Pastoral Ministry

SENIORS ...



A Time to Celebrate: Commencement is held in the K-State Student Union inside Forum Hall. There are more than 2,100 MCC graduates serving throughout the world.

Christian Service

During the senior year of MCC academic life Christian Ministry students will concentrate on their chosen degree, selecting Christian Service credits that pertain directly to their selected degree emphasis.

Bible & Theology

As a senior, 300 and 400 level theology and Bible electives allow the student to select additional academic courses which appeal to the individual, as well as further prepare for ministry endeavors.

Leadership

Leadership Administration is the fourth and final course in the Leadership Core. Emphasis is placed on strategic

planning. Attention is given to identifying organizational culture, managing change, and developing and managing teams.

Career Opportunities

Vocational placement begins prior to graduation for many of our seniors. The MCC Institutional Advancement team, academic advisors, professors, and staff work in concert, providing career guidance and employment direction.

Life-long Learners ...

Manhattan Christian College has a long tradition of success stories, students who continue to have an impact on the world around them, transforming as alumni from in-class students to life-long learners. **MCC**

Senior Year:

Prepare for graduation: develop a job-search action plan and timetable.

Submit a petition for graduation to the Registrar's office. Be sure to do this at the beginning of the semester in which you plan to graduate.

Complete all the requirements for a DFE in your field of study.

Google yourself to find out what potential employers can see online.

Polish your resume and create targeted cover letters. Be aware that you will need to tweak both documents for each opportunity.



Join the LinkedIn Manhattan Christian College Alumni group and "like" the Facebook page.



Maximize the power of connecting with people who may be helpful as you transition out of college and into the next phase of your journey.



Continue to pursue all possible networking opportunities.



Apply to graduate school if that is your path. Pay close attention to all deadlines.



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"We are so glad that we can say with utter honesty that in all our dealings we have been pure and sincere, quietly depending upon the Lord for His help, and not on our own skills."

-2 Corinthians 1:12 TLB

Pleasant Ridge Christian Church 1903-Present

Twenty-eight miles south of Manhattan, on a hilltop along Highway 177, there stands a small white church that serves their rural community while also making an impact for Christ around the world. For 112 years, the faithful congregation of Pleasant Ridge Christian Church, with an average weekly attendance of 30, has done everything they could to spread the Good News.

Their priorities are simple: love God above all else, share what you have, and tell others about the plan of salvation by way of word and action. Known for its hospitality, it is a place where families worship together and grow in their knowledge of the Lord.

Since 1927, when MCC opened her doors, this church has supported the college prayerfully, financially, and in so many other ways. As a true ministry partner they have sent students as well as provided an opportunity for practical training for students who are pursuing full-time Christian service. In its history, 77% of all the

preaching ministers have been MCC students or alumni and since 1963 MCC leadership of this flock has been continuous.

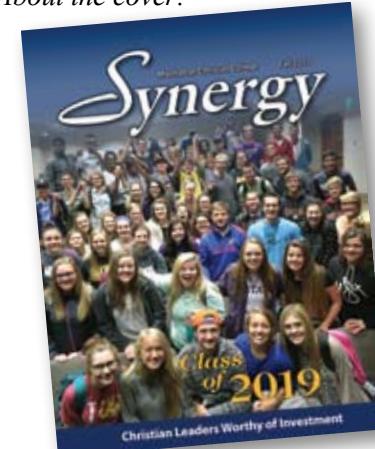
The state is widening the highway soon and the project will take most of the building. Although the next step for this church family is unclear, the seeds of faith that have been sown here will continue to be harvested and multiplied around the world until the Lord returns.

The legacy of Pleasant Ridge Christian Church is a beacon to churches of all sizes. May we all make the most of every opportunity we have to use our gifts to build up the body of Christ and to invest in future Christian leaders. **MCC**



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2016 Dates of Interest

- January 12.....Just Lead! Seminar
January 19.....Classes Begin
February 7-8.....Timothy Days
Scholarship Event
February 26-27Woman's World
Conference
March 16-18.....Alumni Mission Trip
March 20.....Timothy Days
Scholarship Event
April 22Vision 360 Banquet
May 7Commencement

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Dr. Gary Johnson, Indian Creek Christian Church
Dr. David Roadcup, Cincinnati Christian University

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