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'God's fingerprints'



Anna Joyce, senior, battles Lyme disease.



Brooklyn Veenstra, junior, suffers from chronic migraines.



Karissa Oberman, sophomore, struggles with fibromyalgia. All Photos: Abby Anglea

Physical limitations provide platform for students to share struggles, faith in trials

CHRISTINA LAIRD
Staff Writer

"God's fingerprints are all over our stories—if only we would open our eyes to see them."

Brooklyn Veenstra, a junior health sciences major, said this after telling her story of how God took painful circumstances in her life and turned them into blessings.

Chronic illnesses are a

serious struggle for many people, including several students at BJU.

But these students say they've learned that God can use their struggles to glorify Him and help them grow.

Three students at BJU shared how they are affected by their illnesses and how God uses them for good in their lives.

As a sophomore in high school, Veenstra had severe, constant migraines.

Thirty-nine doctors later, one doctor discovered a rapidly-growing tumor on her

brain—one that would have eventually compressed her brain.

After two brain surgeries, Veenstra made the hard choice to take a whole year off school.

This meant that, while her class went on to enjoy their senior year and graduate high school together, she had to

take the year off to recover from brain surgery.

"It was stretching," she said. "I didn't want to watch my class graduate without me."

Even through this, Veenstra saw God's hands in the details.

"We can see so clearly See **FINGERPRINTS** p. 4 »

Community opportunities allow students to minister

TABITHA LEAMAN
Staff Writer

Every week, BJU students serve the Lord and their community by participating in unique ministries all around the greater Greenville area.

Students become a part of these ministries through various channels on and off campus.

Jesse Unruh, a junior business administration major, ministers to teens through his church, Gateway Baptist, which is located in Travelers Rest.

Unruh said a little over a month ago he was approached by his pastor, Dr. Greg Stiekes, who asked if he would be interested in leading Gateway's teen discipleship group.

Unruh told his pastor he was interested in the opportunity, and he started ministering a few weeks later.

The youth group meets at the church on Sunday mornings and eight teens, ranging from seventh grade to 12th grade, attend.

Unruh also said this is the first teen group Gateway has ever had.

"My pastor gave me the liberty to run this in the way I see fit," he said.

Unruh said he plans his lessons every week to focus on themes relevant to teenagers.

"Instead of something too deep, I want to do things that will apply to everyday life," he said.

"I want to ask them 'What do you face at this age?' and

let them choose some topics."

He said every time he speaks to the teens he wants to speak from the heart.

Three other BJU students, Rachel, Ashley and Zeb Anderson, help Unruh with the ministry.

These three family members have been excited to get involved in this ministry opportunity.

Ashley and Zeb, siblings, have enjoyed working with Rachel, their cousin, in the youth program so far.

Unruh said he is a little intimidated by the responsibility but also excited about what the Lord will do with this ministry.

Rachel Ervin, a junior communication disorders

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Elisa Chodan teaches Sunday school at Cornerstone Baptist Church. Photo: Kayla Pierce/BJU MARKETING

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SETH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

According to the Business Insider, being a reader has its advantages: better attention span, better ability to empathize with others, less stress and reduced risk of mental disease.

So, congratulations. By reading *The Collegian* every week, you are decreasing stress and increasing some mental capabilities.

However, taken too far, reading can also hurt you; too much strain can affect your eyesight, like Clym Yeobright in *The Return of the Native*.

Reading to escape reality can also end poorly if taken too far.

Most things in life, like reading, require balance.

Take coffee as an example. According to the Harvard Medical School, coffee can help protect against Type 2 diabetes, Parkinson's disease, liver cancer and liver cirrhosis.

But coffee can also exacerbate ulcers and interfere with sleep, according to livestrong.com.

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COMIC: MAX BURAK

The Collegian Editorial

The starving baker: serving others effectively by equipping yourself first

Imagine that a baker moves into town and opens a bread-and-bagel shop. A couple of weeks after the shop's grand opening, you decide to check it out since you keep hearing amazing reviews from your friends.

You walk into the busy bakery. While you wait in line to buy a chocolate chip bagel, you observe the shop with its products—hundreds upon hundreds of breads, muffins, bagels, rolls and doughnuts.

Your eyes fall on the owner, who is busy filling orders and fetching loaves from the ovens. He does everything himself. He makes the dough, puts it in the oven, takes it out and sells it to his customers.

However, you notice that the baker is thin—dangerously thin. Even though he's busy supplying members of

the town with good food, he's clearly not eating enough himself.

This is the story of the starving baker. Tim Elmore, president and founder of Growing Leaders, a non-profit organization dedicated to preparing young adults for leadership, uses this story to demonstrate the importance of balanced priorities.

"This is a common hazard for leaders," he said. "We're like the baker who spends so much time baking bread for others. We forget to eat ourselves. Leaders must feed themselves for personal growth."

Maybe you're one of many starving bakers on campus. Many of us spend our days going to class, singing in a choir, leading society meetings, ministering to peers in the res-

idence halls, helping a friend study for a test, taking another friend to Walmart or working a job on or off campus.

We're students—busy ones. And, for many of us, that means sometimes we don't get to start our own homework until 11 p.m. Sometimes we forget to eat because we're simply too busy with other responsibilities. Maybe we're too busy serving others to take care of ourselves.

It's no secret that BJU is serious about leadership. As our tagline states, we're committed to a lifelong pursuit of learning, loving and leading.

And while we must model Christ's example of servant leadership, it's also important to take care of ourselves so that we may serve others, and ultimately Christ, most

effectively. It's that "put your oxygen mask on first" idea.

Don't starve yourself of basic needs—rest, friendship, nourishment, a simple change of pace. And, above all, prioritize your relationship with your Creator, the One who gave you the opportunities to serve in the first place.

Matthew 11:28 says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Truly, Christ is our Source of energy, and He enables us to serve others.

Therefore, let's be well-fed bakers. Let's be students known for running to our Father in this season of busyness. Let's depend fully on Him for strength, trusting Him to equip us with the energy to serve others for His glory.

U-TALK BACK

WHAT ONE QUESTION WOULD YOU ASK A POLITICAL CANDIDATE?



junior
KATIE TAYLOR

"How would you contribute to the country's future?"



sophomore
MORGAN MATTISH

"What are your views on tax exemption and churches?"



sophomore
STEVEN PLATT

"What motivates you to advocate for the issues you address?"



senior
JOHN SCHWARTZ

"How are you going to use my tax dollars efficiently?"



freshman
LOGAN SIPE

"Where do you get your beliefs from?"

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Delegates return from Columbia after student legislature

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Last week, BJU's South Carolina Student Legislature sent nine students to present their bills during a three-day mock legislature held at the S.C. State House in Columbia.

Delegation members included Tori Sanders, Rebekah Anderson, Carter Henderson, Nathan Swaim, Bradley Shepard, Joey Kauffman, Josh Casillas, Michael Pettit and Judah Smith.

Savvy Seiber, another delegate for the University, was unable to attend this semester's session.

BJU's medium-sized delegation performed very well, and several of the delegates' bills passed both the House and the Senate.

Particularly notable is the controversial bill that was presented by Tori Sanders, a senior journalism and mass communication major.

Her bill prohibited abortions which are performed after a fetal heartbeat is detectable during a pregnancy.

To the surprise of the delegation, Sanders' bill passed the House after much debate. Later, it failed in the Senate.

Sanders is pleased with the performance of the bill, however, and she views her

attempt as a success since she was able to get several of the delegates from other universities thinking about abortion and approaching the subject in a very new way.

One delegate from another university told members of the BJU delegation that, prior to Sanders' bill, she'd been okay with abortions.

But after considering the argument from the perspective of a separate heartbeat, she changed her mind and now thinks abortions are completely unethical.

"It was such an encouragement to me to see Sanders' bill pass in the House—in the midst of some difficult debate,"



Tori Sanders presents a bill to the mock legislature prohibiting abortions. Photo: Carter Henderson

said Randy Page, BJU's SCLC adviser and chief of staff at the university. "Our entire delegation worked well together, advanced key legislation and was recognized by their peers for their leadership."

Bradley Shepard, a senior business administration student, led the entire student legislature as governor during this semester's session.

Shepard said the leadership experience has strengthened his faith and has increased his ability to relate with peers.

"As governor, I have enjoyed leading a diverse organization that is fully committed to engaging students in the legislative process," he said. "I'm so grateful for this opportunity."

On the last day of session, Shepard was given the Carlisle Award—the highest award of SCSL, which is given annually in honor of the organization's founder, Dr. Douglas Carlisle.

According to the SCSL constitution, "The Carlisle Award is awarded to the delegate or officer who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, best represents the ideals of the South Carolina Student Legislature."

Shepard said he is pleased to have received the honor.

"In my time with SCSL, I have tried to encourage open, passionate debate about the hard issues and I'm grateful to be recognized with the Carlisle Award," he said. "It is my hope and prayer that future

leaders in SCSL continue to foster an environment where students can engage in meaningful conversations about important issues."

The BJU delegation also secured some leadership positions for the spring and fall SCSL sessions of 2019.

Josh Casillas, a senior business administration major, was elected speaker of the house, and Nathan Swaim, a sophomore accounting major, was appointed to the office of treasurer.

Eight other universities attended this year's fall session: University of South Carolina, Clemson, The Citadel, Francis Marion, College of Charleston, Erskine College, Coastal Carolina and Charleston Southern.



The SCSL fall session was held in the State House in Columbia, SC. Photo: Carter Henderson

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And Brown University says it can raise blood pressure and cholesterol.

I'm not trying to argue that you should cut back on coffee—or even that you should drink more.

Instead, I want to show how the principle of balance is necessary in our lives.

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Balance applies to all types of situations, not just college.

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We need a balanced diet to keep us healthy and a balanced social life to keep from spending too much time either studying or relaxing.

As Euripides said, "The best and safest thing is to keep a balance in your life."

A more modern rendition

says, "All work and no play makes Johnny a dull boy."

Most of life isn't as easy to balance as our diet though. Juggling spiritual, social and academic priorities makes college difficult.

I've found that I can focus so much on an upcoming test that I'll completely neglect everything else in my life.

the day.

However, balance applies to all types of situations, not just college life.

In Media and Society, a class I am taking this semester, we watched a TED talk about the danger of a single story.

A single story is essentially an unbalanced view of a person, place or thing.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, the speaker, tells of how she had been told many times that a boy she knew came from a very poor family.

Because she had only been told this one fact about the boy's family, Chimamanda didn't imagine his family as anything but poor.

With this unbalanced view, she couldn't picture that the boy's family was also hard-working and very creative as the case happened to be.

The more I examine my life, the more I think balance is a missing part.

Whether in how I manage my time or how I view the world around me, I seem to

constantly be off-balance.

Even our culture keeps us off balance. Companies try to keep our attention as long as possible, our eyes glued to screens for an unhealthy amount of time.

Or we are constantly presented with a one-sided look at an issue.

After all, how many news headlines were there that promoted a balanced viewpoint on any political issue in the last month?

Or what about a political ad that showed what both parties thought about the candidate?

It's important for us to stay balanced not only in the different areas of our lives—academic, social, spiritual, career—but also in how we view the world.

We need to view people not as just poor or just rich and not from a single perspective.

When we take time to balance our viewpoints and our lives, we can see life a little more clearly and in perspective.

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Stewart Custer Lecture Series to address adversity

SAMANTHA VIERA
Staff Writer

Bob Jones Seminary will be hosting Dr. Doug McLachlan, former president and now chancellor of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, for the Custer Lecture Series on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

This year's lecture theme, *In the Heart of the Storm: Glorifying God*, will focus on Psalm 2. It will be held in Stratton Hall from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The first lecture will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the second will begin at 10 a.m.

The final lecture will take place during chapel at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a lunch in the dining common at 11:45 a.m.

The Stewart Custer Lecture Series was created to give seminary students exposure to respected biblical scholars.

Typically, these types of

lectures are named in honor of a scholar who represents the seminary's ideals and values.

Dr. Greg Stiekes, a faculty member in the seminary, said that part of the inspiration for the event was that the seminary faculty wanted to have an event that showcased the type of scholar that Dr. Custer was.

"When I asked the faculty who we should honor, every single person said Dr. Custer should be the one that we honor," he said.

This particular series was named in honor of Stewart Custer, a faculty member for 45 years.

Besides serving in the Seminary, Custer was chairman of the Division of Bible, an author, a pastor, a teacher, a scholar and an astronomer.

The lecture is the seminary's main fall event. This will be the third year that the series has been held, but it

also marks the first year since Dr. Custer died in December 2017.

For this year's event, speaker Doug McLachlan will focus on glorifying God even in the face of hardship.

Dr. Neal Cushman, associate dean of the seminary, is excited to host McLachlan, and he said he is looking forward to the event.

"It's going to be a really nice mixture of excellent scholarship and warm, devotional, applicational preaching," he said.

"I'm looking forward to hearing him take passages of Scripture and explain them in the detail that he always gives to a passage so that, when we come away from there, our lives have been deeply impacted by the word."

Both Stiekes and Cushman have worked with McLachlan previously.

Stiekes called him a great

role model for the students and an excellent communicator.

Cushman said, "[McLachlan's] going to minister to our hearts in a warm kind of way, but we're going to understand things about the Bible that we probably didn't know before."

McLachlan will be able to share his inspiring testimony with the students.

Clara Bruck, a biblical counseling major in the seminary, said she is excited about this lecture series.

She is particularly looking forward to the sessions

because they will address the issue of adversity.

"It will be very applicable especially for all the people who are in ministry," she said.

Bruck also said that the lecture will give the students who attend the series a very realistic view of ministry.



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God's fingerprints through every surgery and every timing," she said.

During Veenstra's senior year, her dad was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer that took him to heaven within a year.

"I would have been away at school," she said. "Instead, I was right by his side."

Now, in college, Veenstra still struggles with the chronic migraines.

"Maybe I won't be healed on this side of glory, but I've learned that's okay," she said.

Veenstra described how chronic migraines are a kind of invisible suffering—something that people cannot see when just looking at her.

Her struggles with migraines have taught her to be aware of other people's invisible sufferings.

For her, being transparent and knowing her own limitations are important in helping her deal with the migraines.

Veenstra saw the love of

fellow Christians around her through this.

"I never realized how understanding [the] faculty is," she said.

She said one faculty member in particular, Dr. Robert Lee from the department of chemistry and physics, makes it a point to always ask how she is doing.

Her roommate last year was such an encouragement to her.

"I just have to praise God for my roommate last year," she said. "I was so spoiled! She is incredible."

She said all of her friends have been a huge support system for her.

But ultimately, she finds her strength in Christ.

"Just remember [He] is our anchor," Veenstra said. "And we can be rooted in that."

Anna Joyce, a senior international studies major, said she's learned to lean on God and not her own abilities through her two bouts with Lyme disease.

As a college sophomore,

Joyce contracted Lyme from a mosquito bite.

"It was a different kind of exhaustion," she said.

Constant tiredness, joint pain and brain fog plagued her year as she struggled to fight it off.

"I had to read a paragraph five or six times just to comprehend what it was saying," she said.

Her junior year, she got a second round of Lyme.

"I wasn't super worried

“God totally broke that facade.”

about it because I've had it before," Joyce said.

But this time, her Lyme disease caused not just physical struggles but also anxiety and depression.

"Before I had Lyme I was incredibly self-sufficient," Joyce said. "I didn't like to get help from people."

Through her two bouts with Lyme, she had to lean on others to take care of her physically and mentally.

"When I had a lot of anxiety, I didn't want to share that with people," she said. "God totally broke that facade."

Joyce said one of the biggest blessings has been having Anna Campbell, who also

has Lyme, as her roommate for the past two years.

"Having two people [with Lyme] in the same room turned out to be a blessing because her good days were my bad days, and vice versa," Joyce said.

Joyce and her fiancé plan to go into a business of homeopathic medicine and treating people's problems naturally since this approach helped Joyce treat her Lyme disease.

"I saw the value in natural treatment," she said.

Joyce knew she wanted to have her own business one day, but through her struggles with Lyme, God directed her to have a passion specifically

for helping people in this way.

Karissa Oberman, a sophomore special education major, said the past several years have been life-changing.

However, these years have served as a constant reminder to ask God for help.

Oberman's trials began in junior high when she became extremely lethargic and developed fibromyalgia.

Since then, it has been one struggle after another—vocal cord dysfunction, rheumatoid arthritis, a ruptured cyst, endometriosis and more recently familial hemiplegic migraines.

"Looking back, I'm thankful, because each one prepared me for the next," she said.

Familial hemiplegic migraines cause one side of Oberman's brain to either communicate too fast or to cut off communication completely.

This results in either heart problems from her heart beating too fast or seizures and strokes leaving her whole left side paralyzed.

"Basically, my neurological system is very messed up," she said.

Oberman took a break from school halfway through her first semester sophomore year and was out of school for about two and a half years.

She said even throughout this time, people from school continued to encourage her.

Her society, the Dragons, prayed for her and sent her birthday gifts.

"They are my family," Oberman said.

Recently she came back to BJU to finish her degree.

"Coming back to school was a huge step," Oberman said.

Soon after starting school again, she had to get a pacemaker, she had a seizure and she got kidney stones.

"I wondered if this was really the Lord's will for me," she said.

But Oberman said God provided the funds for her to stay in the residence halls and He placed a burden on her heart for special education.

A faculty member once told her that God is the only one who opens and closes doors. If the door isn't closed, then keep trusting God.

"That's what I'm doing," Oberman said. "By God's grace, I'm going to keep walking through the door and [keep] going to school."

Since then, God has shown her that she is on the right track.

She absolutely loves working at the Learning Resource Center at Bob Jones Academy.

The students have told Oberman that she's an amazing teacher.

"[This] was really validation that I was doing the right thing," she said.

Oberman admitted that she still struggles. "But I [ask myself], 'Can God handle five minutes? Is God's grace good enough for five minutes?' Yes! So focus on those five minutes. Then trust God for the next five minutes. And just keep going and going."



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MIDPOINT EVALUATION

BY SETH JOHNSON

Many university students must complete a midpoint evaluation during the second semester of their sophomore year in order to proceed in their major.

In fact, 33 majors require these evaluation platforms. These majors include physics, chemistry, interdisciplinary studies, nursing, communication disorders, fashion design, graphic design, early childhood education and Spanish education, to name a few.

Another major that has an evaluation is cinema production. For the evaluation, sophomores create a three- to five-minute video without sync sound. This means that the story must not include any natural sounds. Instead, the story must be told using only visuals and sound effects. Students write the story for the film and get it approved the first semester of their sophomore year. Then they begin filming second semester.

Once the video has been created, the cinema faculty watch the films in a

blind showing, without knowing who produced the films. Students will receive a pass, fail or pass with reservation.

Ethan Reagan, a senior cinema student, said the best way for freshmen to prepare for the evaluation is to help on a crew for a current sophomore or senior who is in the middle of a project. He said the project can be stressful but that it's not impossible.

All art and design majors—fashion design, graphic design, studio art and interior architecture and design—have a midpoint evaluation. Students in these majors must pass an exam, sub-

mit a portfolio and develop a personal statement. Faculty make comments on their work and give advice about how to continue.

Jay Bopp, chair of the Division of Art and Design, said, "Students can expect good feedback on their body of work to this point in their major, along with clear direction for their future."

Brandon Buchanan, a junior graphic design major, said, "It's really good if you can put some of your own design work in [the portfolio] that you do outside of class. That shows that you have interest in it beyond the classroom setting."



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Communication, journalism and mass communication and communication disorders majors also have a midpoint evaluation. Communication majors have four levels that they are evaluated on: grades in major classes; written communication, which is assessed through a writing sample; oral communication, which is assessed through a class called Public Speaking; and interpersonal communication, which is assessed through an interview with faculty.

Anna DeMott, a junior communication major, said, "I was terrified initially, but I enjoyed it so much because it gave me a chance to interact with professors and get to know them and ask them questions. It felt more like a 'how can we help you' [session] than an actual test."

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major, is involved in ministry through her church, Grace Baptist Fellowship in downtown Greenville.

She plays the violin in an orchestra that accompanies the congregational singing in both the morning and evening services.

Ervin got involved in the ministry her freshman year and has enjoyed it ever since.

She said she is involved in the music ministry at her church back home and being a part of a church music ministry here was very important to her.

She said there are many reasons for students to be involved in their churches.

“To get plugged in to a ministry like this is a great way to get to know your church family,” she said. “The reason we are getting involved in ministries in our churches is so that we can serve. Not so we can just sit in a pew and take in, but so we can give back.”

Ervin encourages other students with musical abilities to get involved in their churches.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

Students also discover ministry opportunities through on-campus channels. Joshmarie Antolin, a se-

nior biblical counseling major, first learned about her ministry through BJU’s outreach fair that is held at the beginning of every academic year.

The ministry was once a part of Antolin’s society ministry but is now overseen by the Center for Global Opportunities.

Antolin and other BJU students visit the Greenville Juvenile Detention Facility every week.

The student volunteers are separated into groups by the way they minister to the teens at the facility.

Some students minister through science, others through the creative arts, and Antolin’s group does Bible study and music with the teens.

The groups visit at various times during the week. Antolin’s group goes on Sunday afternoons.

She said she has been going on this ministry since her freshman year and she teaches the teens to sing gospel songs.

“While teaching them how to sing the song, I get to teach them the truth in the song,” she said. “That is my little gospel presentation.”

For her, the high point of the ministry is when she gets a chance to interact with the teens personally.

“A lot of them grew up in churches,” she said. “They heard just enough gospel to be inoculated against it, but not enough to realize Jesus’ beauty and what it means to know Him.”

She said the personal interaction can be a very effective way to present the Gos-

pel to them.

Antolin said the cultural differences that exist can sometimes be difficult.

“You have BJU students and then you have urban youths from broken families who sometimes don’t even know what its like to have a real father,” she said. “That’s all the more reason to share the Gospel with them and point them to the Father.”

She encouraged students to look up the ministry at the CGO and consider becoming involved.

“It’s a challenging ministry, but a rewarding one,” she said. “It’s well worth the effort and time.”

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH SOCIETIES

Many students become involved in ministry by going on outreaches with their society.

Seirra Martinez, a freshman early child care and development major, went on her first outreach through her society, the Tri Epsilon Pirates.

Martinez and some of her friends in society earlier in the semester brought meals to two homeless families.

The girls worked with United Ministries, a local organization that specializes in assisting the homeless.

“It was a really good experience,” Martinez said. “I had a lot of fun.”

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“[Our] being able to go there and do this for them was a really big help,” she said. “We are probably going to continue to help with this ministry.”

For Martinez, ministering to the homeless has always been important.

She said back home in Washington state she would make homemade meals with her friends and give them to the homeless in her area.

“I have had some experience doing this,” she said.

She said serving with her society was just as fun and enriching as serving back home.

“We get to grow as sisters in Christ,” she said. “We also get to know each other better.”

Martinez said she would encourage any student to get involved in their society ministries.

“Being able to get out there and do outreaches is a huge thing especially in society,” she said. “You get to grow together.”

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH WORD-OF-MOUTH

Another way students become involved with ministries is from hearing about them from other students.

Andrew Leaman, a senior Christian ministries major, heard about his ministry from friends.

He is the student leader of an outreach for blind and deaf children.

He has been a part of the ministry since his freshman year, but just started to lead it last year.

Leaman said his role as the leader is to communicate between the students and the volunteer leader of the ministry at Grace Baptist Church in Campobello.

Every Wednesday night BJU students travel to Grace Baptist and meet with children from the South Carolina Boarding School for the Deaf and Blind.

At the church, BJU students play games with the children and then separate them into groups by age and teach them Bible lessons.

Leaman ministers mainly to the deaf children by helping teach the lessons and organizing games for them to play.

He said one of his favorite parts of the ministry is playing games with the children.

“I like to see the kids running around, laughing, and smiling,” he said. “I love to see them have fun.”

He said ministering to deaf children is very important to him because he is deaf himself.

Leaman signs to the children in American Sign Language but can communicate very well verbally himself.

“I am able to communicate with them on a deeper level than others can,” he said. “I think that’s a real blessing and something very special to me.”

Abby Leaman, Andrew’s younger sister and a sopho-

more communication disorders major, also participates in the ministry but she is involved with the blind children.

Leaman became involved in the ministry through her brother and has been teaching the blind children since last semester.

She said ministering to blind children can be very different.

“When you are with the blind children, you have to be talking with them the whole time,” she said. “They need to know what’s going on and where you are and where they are.”

She said the ministry is very individually oriented. She also said teaching Bible lessons can be difficult at times.

“It can be challenging to not use words that have connotations to seeing,” she said. “You can’t explain the Gospel to them like you would any other person. You have to be really creative.”

Abby Leaman said any student from any major can come and easily become a part of the ministry.

“I think it’s extremely beneficial for any person to have contact with and understand people with disabilities because they are all around us,” she said. “You are the one who will benefit from coming to this ministry.”

Andrew Leaman said students should consider joining the ministry.

“The CGO motto is ‘Reach Beyond Yourself,’” he said. “This is definitely a ministry where you can reach beyond yourself.”

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Golf team members receive scholar-athlete awards

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Two members of BJU's golf teams were recognized last week during the NCCAA tournament and received an award for their academic achievement as well as for their athletic abilities.

Both Chloe Jefferson, a junior communication disorders major, and Tyler Smith, a senior business adminis-

tration major, received the scholar-athlete award.

This award is given to students who maintain at least a 3.40 GPA and are classified as an upperclassman or as a graduate student.

Jefferson and Smith have been strong athletes for the Bruins golf teams, and their commitment to success both on and off the course seems to be a consistent representation of their teammates as well.

Smith said, "[Receiving the award] was a career goal that was finally accomplished." Jefferson said, "It helps having coaches who know and value the importance of a liberal arts education."

Members of the BJU golf teams keep up with a rigorous schedule of practices and exercises in addition to other academic responsibilities.

Team members typically play an 18-hole game three times a week.

Players also participate five days a week in Volt Athletics, a workout program sponsored by Gatorade.

This program is specifically designed to aid athletes in completing golf-focused workouts.

In addition to Volt Athletics, BJU golfers also do their own self-regulated individual practice and exercise on a daily basis.

Smith, captain of the men's golf team, said these workout disciplines are extremely valuable for the golf teams.

He shared some of the goals the golf teams has.

"[We want] to glorify God through our attitudes on the course, be a witness to other players and enjoy the great game God has blessed us with," he said.

The Bruins golf team is typically involved in five to six golf tournaments during the course of a season.



Since a round of golf can last five hours, the golf teams have had unique opportunities to build relationships. Photo: Submitted

The team also participates in charity golf tournaments held by the Alumni Association and the BJU Scholarship Fund.

The golf teams' involvement with the Alumni Association has been extremely valuable, and the team's sport has given them a valuable platform for networking with alumni and keeping these former graduates up to date with university news and events.

The regular travel to country clubs around the country also allows the golf team to represent the University to business professionals nationwide.

Dr. Dennis Scott, coach for the golf teams, prioritizes

the team's spiritual growth by holding weekly team discipleship meetings.

At these meetings, the team fellowships and prays together, often discussing Bible verses that relate to the season's theme.

Coach Scott said golf offers relational opportunities in a way that most other sports do not.

"A round of golf can last between four and five hours," he said. "During that time, much conversation is had while walking between shots. Relationships are built and camaraderie is established, even among opponents."

Scott also pointed out that

golf is a unique sport in that it can span generations.

"In golf, a 60-year old person can still compete with a 20-year old college athlete who is in peak condition," he said.

His desire as coach is to lead his team to victory when they compete, but ultimately, their goal is to give glory to God for their performance.

"We strive to give our best to the glory of God," Scott said. "Sometimes that is good enough to win on the scoreboard. Other times we fall short of first place, but always seek to honor God with our efforts to pursue excellence and reach our full potential."



The BJU Golf team represents the university all around the USA. Photo: Submitted

University Language Association celebrates culture

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The University Language Association is a campus organization providing language opportunities and cultural experiences to students outside of the classroom setting.

According to Dr. Jeremy Patterson, ULA faculty sponsor and chair of the Division of Modern Language and Literature, the ULA was newly restructured to reflect a more effective style of leadership group.

The new structure is actually quite similar to the university's language program itself.

Several offices exist within the ULA. This year's leadership group includes Steve Choi, president, and Drew Bond, vice president, as well as several other representatives.

These members represent each language offered in the University: Kendall Deas represents German, Anna Grace

Casillas represents Spanish, Lauren Heilman represents French and Madi Landry represents Chinese.

According to ULA president Choi, the ULA gives students an opportunity to practice the languages they are learning and exposes them to other cultures.

Choi believes an ability to speak a language is more important than being able to read or write in that language, so he places a high priority in exposing students to native speakers.

According to Chinese representative, Landry, it is impossible to communicate in another language without a foundational knowledge of the culture attached to that language.

"The ULA is completely centered around cultures not just languages," Landry said. "When I speak Chinese, I'm communicating an entire culture."

Landry views the ULA as an opportunity to escape from the notion some language students hold who merely take a language for the credits or due to requirement.

According to Deas, German representative, the ULA tries to foster a love of culture and language.

This priority has encouraged many ULA members to become active in learning a new culture.

French language representative, Heilman, encourages students to come and experience the ULA.

"This is going to be totally different from your class, no pressure, no homework," she said. "It's just a chance to hang out with friends and learn together."

According to Heilman, the ULA helps students get the most out of their language classes.

Anyone taking a language course is automatically in-

cluded in the mailing list, and according to Choi, the ULA is available to anyone.

Choi encourages students of all speaking levels to participate and grow their skills while having fun with others

who share their passion.

"If you want those credits to be worth it, then get something out of it," Landry said.

According to Landry, the ULA fulfills one of BJU's goals, which, as articulated

by the Center for Global Opportunities, is to *reach beyond yourself* by using your gifts—speaking someone's native language—to serve others.

According to Casillas, See **LANGUAGE** p. 8 >>



Steve Choi and Kendall Deas discuss ways they can further language learning at a ULA meeting. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

'Choral Festival' offers combined choir tour de force

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All five BJU choirs will perform a combined concert, titled "A Choral Festival," on Nov. 9, at 7 p.m., showcasing a group piece and individual pieces by the separate choirs.

The festival will be held in Stratton Hall.

As the concert finale, Dr. Eliezer Yanson, conductor for the Concert and Lyric choirs, will conduct all the choirs in the traditional piece "Skip to my Lou."

"It will be a massive finale because close to 300 singers will be participating," Yanson said.

Yanson said the piece, which features eight vocal parts, will be a good way to

end the concert.

Because of the number of collaborative events this semester, including the performance of *Requiem for the Living* during homecoming and the Concert, Opera & Drama Series: *A Very Merry Christmas!* to be performed on Dec. 6, most choirs were not able to have their own individual concerts.

University Singers and Lyric Choir are the exceptions. University Singers performed their concert last Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 5 p.m. in Stratton Hall.

Lyric Choir's individual concert performance is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 5 p.m. in the War Memorial Chapel.

The Choral Festival will

allow choirs to perform a brief individual concert as a segment of the program.

"It will be an opportunity for each choir to showcase their own individual pieces that they've worked hard over this semester for this concert," Yanson said. "It's going to be a great program."

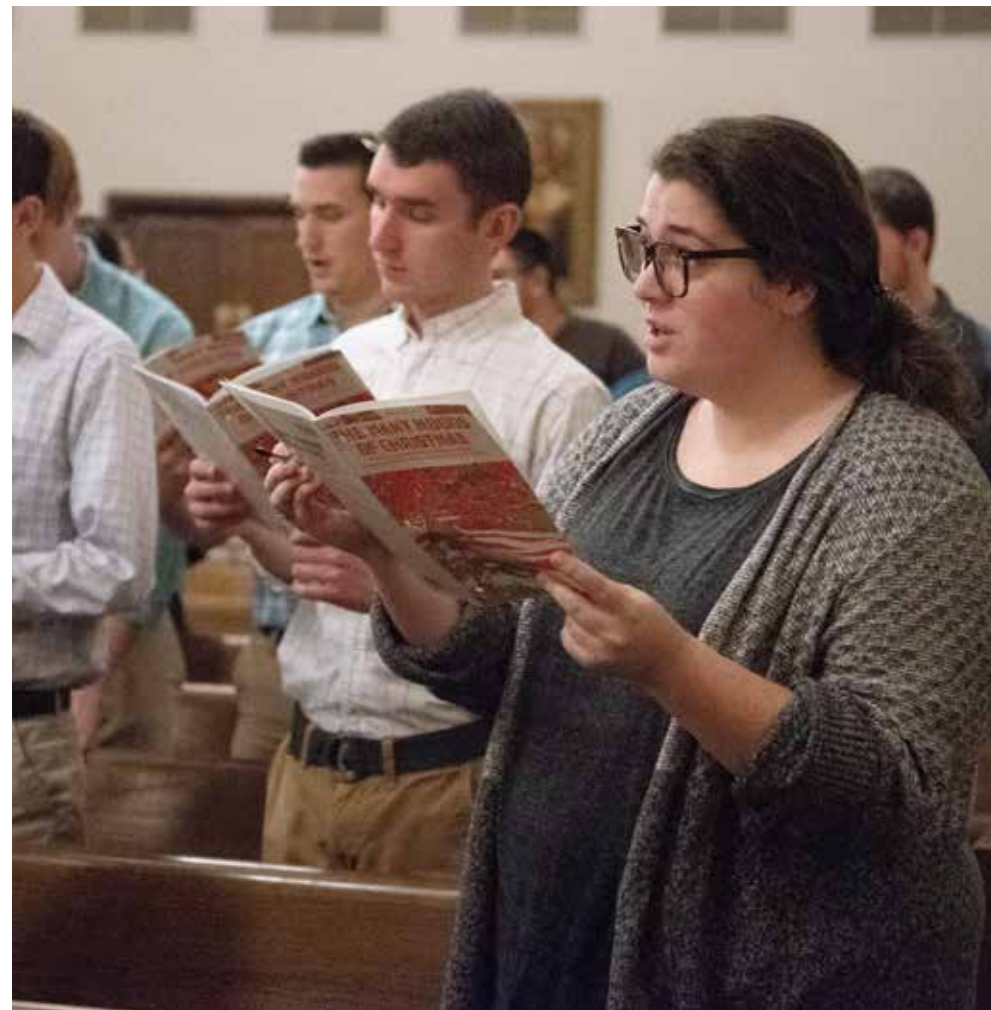
By participating in a combined choir event, students get to experience new opportunities for choral growth—opportunities they would not otherwise get in an individual choir setting.

Joy Kamibayashiyama, senior communication major and a member of BJU's Chorale, said the collaborative choral experience is stretching.

"It helps me learn how to help others in a choir," Ka-



Chorale, Concert Choir, Collegiate Choir, Lyric Choir and University Singers practice separate pieces. Photo: Rebecca Snyder



The finale of the choral festival, "Skip to my Lou," will feature 300 voices from the BJU choirs. Photo: Rebecca Snyder

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the ULA provides many involvement opportunities for students, including a weekly Tuesday night language dinner where students can meet other speakers of their languages.

The ULA creates a platform for students to form connections, build relationships and even complete required conversation time for their language classes.

According to Patterson, the ULA also provides film screenings—two films a semester for a total of four in a year—and singspirations where attendants sing together in all of the languages.

Choi and Patterson hope to expand the ULA's reach in the near future, encouraging

involvement and partnership between the ULA and other campus organizations, such as the International Student Organization or the University Business Association.

They hope that these collaborations could provide even more opportunities for students to practice their respective languages.

On Thursday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m., the ULA will participate in its first joint endeavor with the University Business Association.

This event, called "Language and the Professions," will be a time for members of the organizations to come and hear several speakers from various businesses share how they have been able to use various languages in their

fields.

Choi has seen people who have come out to events and told him that they are helped beyond what they could have learned in their textbooks by actually applying what they're learning in a real-life context.

Choi stressed that the association is open to anyone who is interested—participants can range anywhere on the language scale, from native speaker to someone who is merely interested in learning another language.

According to Choi, anyone interested in the ULA can email him, Heilman or Patterson for more information or they can request to be added to the email distribution list.

mibayashiyama said. "Now we actually have to be the [ones] who point things out [and] encourage the other choir members."

Kamibayashiyama, who sang under Yanson as a member of the Concert Choir last year, enjoys performing under his leadership again.

"It's actually really great to come back and be under Dr. Yanson for a little bit," she said.

Kamibayashiyama enjoys the two pieces Chorale will be performing in the festival.

One piece, "Sicut Cervus," is in Latin.

She said the other piece is a bit challenging to memorize because of its length.

"It's fourteen, sixteen pages of vocal sounds and [the word] 'alleluia,'" Kamibayashiyama said.

Jen Naas, sophomore pia-

no pedagogy major and member of the Collegiate Choir, said she is learning much from her choir experience.

"As someone just getting out of USingers, it's nice to be with the more experienced choirs like Chorale and Concert who have done this for a while," Naas said.

Typically, choirs meet three days a week: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

But this semester, because of the collaborative events, the choirs have used their Thursday practice slots for extra rehearsals.

Because of these added rehearsals, Naas said she's finding her schedule busier than originally expected.

"The time commitment is a little more than I was originally thinking coming into this semester," Naas said. "But go-

ing to choir rehearsal has never been something I dread."

She said she has enjoyed having rehearsals in War Memorial Chapel because of the acoustics.

After the choirs have performed in November's choral festival, they will direct their attention towards preparing for December's Artist Series, *A Very Merry Christmas!*

This Concert, Opera & Drama Series will be performed in the Founders Memorial Amphitheater at 8 p.m. on Dec. 6.

The choirs, under the direction of Dr. Warren Cook, will be collaborating with the BJU Symphony Orchestra, which is directed by Dr. Michael Moore, chair of the division of music.

The repertoire for this concert includes solo opportunities.

Don't forget!

Daylight savings time ends this Sunday, Nov. 4th

Clocks "fall back" giving you an extra hour—use it wisely.

