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## Seniors reflect on BJU journey

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Four years ago, when the current graduating class of 2019 posed for their freshman year group

photo, they didn't all know where God would lead them in the next four years. But as the semester ends and graduation nears, these now seniors

have been reflecting on how God has used BJU to influence them and what He has for them in their futures.

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Photo: Hal Cook

## Students elect new Student Leadership Council

JO ELLEN WALKER  
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The students who will fill the leadership positions on the Intersociety Council and the Student Leadership Council next year have already held a variety of leadership roles throughout their years at BJU.

The process for filling these positions began with Matthew Weathers, BJU's Student Leadership Coordinator.

Weathers said the election process began with society presidents, vice presidents and chaplains nominating fellow students who have demonstrated superior leadership skills.

The nominees showed

their leadership skills through work on society officer crews and positions in other University

organizations.

Those with the most nominations were asked if they wanted to be placed

on the ballot.

The SLC men and women's presidents were then voted on by the entire

student body.

During last year's elections, the whole student body voted on other positions such as event coordinator and communications director, but those positions were filled this year through appointment by the SLC men and women's presidents because many students were nominated for multiple positions this year.

The men and women's senior class representatives were nominated and voted on by this year's junior class only.

Weathers said the election process works itself out with little help from him. "It's a very objective process," Weathers said. "That's on purpose.

I don't want to interject myself into the election process."

Throughout the year, Weathers works with each of the student leaders as a mentor and adviser.

"My job is to make them successful," Weathers said.

Weathers works with the student leaders to reserve venues, grant approval for various activities and communicate with other decision-makers.

Jeriel Ontoy, a senior communication major, was elected as next year's SLC men's student body president.

Ontoy served as secretary for the Epsilon Zeta Chi Tornados both semesters his sophomore year, See **ELECTIONS** p.4 >>



Katarina Shafer and Jeriel Ontoy will serve as student body presidents for the 2019-2020 academic year. Photo: Charles Billu



## COLUMN



DANIEL QUIGLEY  
Staff Writer

This is my last article this semester, so, naturally, I don't really feel like writing it. Or doing my homework. Or doing anything, really.

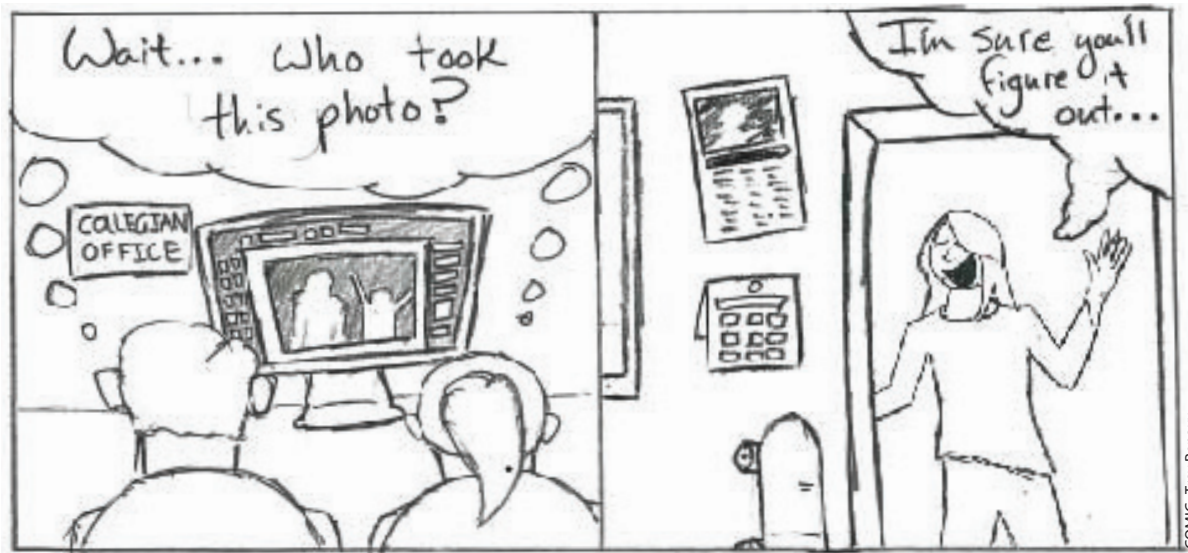
Practically all college students can relate to this feeling, especially at the end of a semester. This phenomenon goes by many names: Procrastination. Senioritis, for those about to graduate. And, most seriously and pejoratively, laziness.

I say, "pejoratively," because I think I sometimes kick myself too hard over "laziness," and I don't think I'm alone.

I expect the best of myself and my work. I don't try to just make good grades, write good articles or make good video projects for my cinema classes. I don't just want good work; I want to be the best at that work.

But there are times, like pretty much every-

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### The Collegian Editorial

## Stuck in a rut? Summer is the perfect time to escape habits.

Without a second, or even first, thought, you did it again.

You bit your nails, cracked your knuckles, or snoozed your alarm . . . for the twelfth time.

Habits like these form a larger part of our life than what we may think. Our brain is hard-wired to create neuro shortcuts based previous activities. Unfortunately, we don't always choose the best activities to form into habits.

Some habits, like cracking your joints, don't really affect our lives in either a positive or negative manner while others need to be eliminated or improved.

So as we head into the summer, now is the time to work on dropping the habits you'd like to stop and develop-

ing good habits in their place.

While there is some controversy over how long it takes to break a habit, summer provides a four month jump-start on erasing the habit regardless of which expert you believe.

But research also shows that breaking a old habit is extremely difficult if you aren't forming a new habit.

The old wiring in our brain doesn't just go dormant; it must be reshaped into new pathways (habits) for us to follow. Thus, getting rid of an old habit is usually accompanied by forming a new one.

Stories of men and women getting saved and quitting their old habits are common. And many times, these stories can be de-

pressing to hear for those in the middle of a great struggle to change their habits.

However, kicking a smoking habit after conversion doesn't just bring puffing on a Marlboro to an end.

Instead, it usually brings new habits and a new reward system: reading God's Word, fellowshiping and worshiping with the Church and ministering to those in need. The habit of smoking was both erased and replaced.

But the majority of habits aren't removed, or gained, overnight. It takes time. So this summer, take the time to form a productive habit and, in the process, work to curb or eliminate an old one.

Instead of habitually playing video games for

hours on end, set a limit and then use that extra time to form an hour reading habit.

Instead of watching Netflix for hours on end by default, start a week without television and try to learn a new skill, like carving wood or drawing, that could become a more profitable habit.

Instead of falling for Satan's snare again, set aside this summer and dedicate yourself to living in a habitual, God-honoring way. Don't platonically live the same life as yesterday out of habit or ease.

This summer create a new habit that is productive and curb, or eliminate, those that aren't useful long-term.

'Cause let's be honest, no one needs the ability to quote whole episodes of *The Office*.

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## TALKBACK

Which was your favorite artist series?  
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"Titanic: seeing people I know in the play."



junior  
JONATHAN VALADEZ

"American Spiritual: my friends made it great."



sophomore  
BRYAN JACQUOT

"Titanic because I took my sister."



senior  
ROSIE ZAKES

"A Very Merry Christmas because we got to wear jeans."



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one, that I save my homework for the next day and binge-watch YouTube for an hour or two. Sometimes I hang out with friends longer than I plan or hang out with friends I run into rather than plan to meet.

After these completely normal activities, I can feel a sense of guilt.

As much as God wants me to work hard with the

resources and tasks He gives me, He also commands rest. The fourth commandment, concerning the Sabbath, teaches the principle that we should refresh ourselves—personally, socially and spiritually.

So why am I so quick to call our procrastination laziness? I think there are a couple of reasons.

The first reason is that laziness is a problem

that must be confronted. There are times when we wait too long to start assignments and don't finish them. I find myself tempted to turn in my *Collegian* articles late because I know there won't be any major repercussions for myself. But that wouldn't be loving or kind to those waiting for my articles. We need to be careful to still do the duties God gives us.

The second reason simple procrastination gets confused for laziness is the environment we live in as college students. Since I reside in the dormitories, I can treat college life as separate from regular life. Since life then revolves around classes, the homework I receive becomes my main duty. Doing something besides my main goal, then, feels odd, foreign and must be

laziness.

Finally, rest gets called laziness because we realize we need to fight laziness. The easiest way to fight temptation is to say "no" the moment it arrives. A simple break can seem like the start of a laziness attack, causing me to lash out at it or berate myself after taking one.

I may be speaking only to a small audience. More than likely, col-

lege students struggle with actual laziness. But for those of you like me, remember that as much as we need to make sure laziness does not control us, we can't beat ourselves up over taking a break. Breaks are natural, normal and can even be a gift from God.

So, why not procrastinate a little more and read the next article? Don't worry, it's okay.

## BJU's Timothy Program and WORLD Fund provide financial support for students from around the world

ANDREW SCHMIDT  
Staff Writer

Bob Jones University's WORLD Fund and Timothy Program provide funds to allow a small number of students from evangelistically unreached countries to enroll at BJU.

Dr. Bob Jones III created both programs. The programs are not intended to offer general financial aid to any students in third-world countries but help a select few students with a missions focus.

The intention of the Timothy Program is not to bring hundreds of students but a handful of very needy ones who will return to minister in their

countries.

The fund pays their entire school bill minus whatever they can work to pay by working on campus.

Mark Vowels, chair of the Division of Ministries, said, "[The WORLD Fund and Timothy Program] offer a BJU education for the goal of promoting biblical Christianity in other parts of the world."

The programs are administered primarily through the BJU Admission office, but Vowels serves as a mentor and counselor to students in the programs.

The programs are intended to equip students

from foreign countries, particularly countries relatively closed to missionaries, to receive a Christian education and return home equipped to spread the Gospel.

These programs are not typical scholarship programs.

Vowels said students from many countries can find scholarship programs in one area or another.

"These programs are pretty inclusive, so they're reserved for people who probably are otherwise completely destitute," Vowels said.

The WORLD fund aids students in pursuit of any degree that will

help them spread the Gospel back home, while the Timothy Program is available exclusively to those in missions.

The WORLD in WORLD Fund is an acronym for Workers Of Righteousness Lending Dollars.

This fund initially focused on alumni, encouraging former students to donate a dollar amount matching their birthday for each birthday.

Currently the WORLD Fund is supported by donors who have heard of the fund and who volunteer to give.

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Ratiranjana Debbarma of India (left) and Collins Barnor of Ghana (right) are Timothy Program scholarship recipients. Photo: Charles Billiu

## A Week at a Glance

### Saturday

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#### Senior Film Premiere

Senior cinema production majors will premiere their senior film projects tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Stratton Hall. Tickets are available through the QR code below.



### Wednesday

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#### Last Society Meeting

Instead of chapel, students will meet with their societies at 11 a.m. in their usual meeting rooms. This is the last time societies meet officially for the semester, and it is also the last time societies meet under the current format for societies.

### Thursday

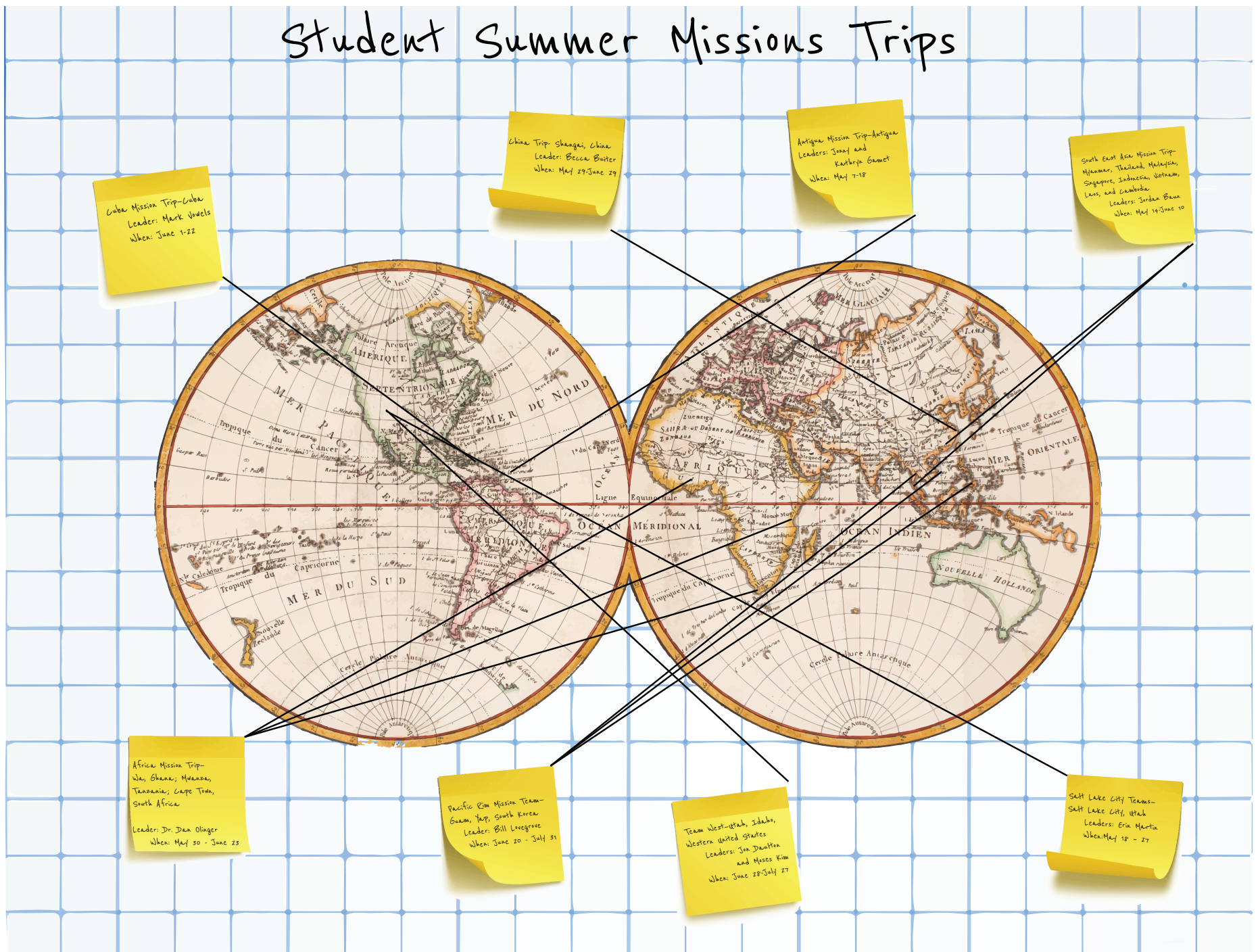
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#### Graduation Activities

After exams end Thursday morning, graduation activities begin. The Nurses Pinning Ceremony will take place in Stratton Hall at 2 p.m. The Criminal Justice Challenge Coin Ceremony will take place in Levinson Hall at 4 p.m. The Baccalaureate Service, required for students, is at 7 p.m. in FMA. The Alumni Legacy Ceremony & Reception is right after the Baccalaureate Service in Rodeheaver Auditorium at 8:30 p.m.



## Student Summer Missions Trips



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which gave him the opportunity to see firsthand the responsibilities that come with leadership.

Ontoy served as vice president of the Tornadoes this year and as part of Natalie Larsen's event coordinator team.

Being part of Larsen's team gave Ontoy opportunities to make announcements in chapel and send emails to both students and administrators.

Ontoy said all these positions have strengthened his skills in communication, event planning, delegation and working out details. He is excited

to bring the details into the bigger picture of campus life and analyze how he can make the greatest positive impact on the student body.

Ontoy said he is looking forward to bonding with the support team on the SLC because they are great leaders with a passionate vision to invest in the student body.

"I think we have a great variety of people on there," he said.

Katarina Shafer, a junior health sciences major, will serve as next year's SLC women's student body president.

She said serving as

a student ambassador since her second semester freshman year has provided her with the ability to converse comfortably with people she has never met before.

Shafer said being nominated for this position was humbling and overwhelming at first, but she is looking forward to working off strong, already-existing relationships to lead and serve the student body.

Serving as the assistant women's director on the Community Service Council gave Shafer an inside look at how student leaders think, so she will know how to better serve

them next year.

Shafer said she is excited to be the voice for such a passionate student body, empowering them through different events and initiatives like *BEYOND* and representing their desires before the University's administration.

"It's exciting to be in a place where I get to use what I'm hearing from the student body to actually make a tangible effort in bringing those things to pass," Shafer said.

Daniel Smitley, a junior cross-cultural service major who will be serving as next year's ISC Men's Director, served as the Epsilon Zeta Chi Tornado's chaplain for one semester his sophomore year and assisted their CSC representative the next semester in planning society outreaches and events. This year, Smitley served on the officer crew for the School of Religion.

Smitley said he is looking forward to building personal relationships with society leaders next year, encouraging them and helping them succeed and improve.

"Society has been such a big part for me through



The 2019-2020 SLC staff traveled to North Carolina for a retreat. Photo: Submitted

the years," Smitley said. "It's probably been the most influential aspect of school. Now, the opportunity to be involved in these different societies and help societies succeed is exciting."

Because of the society changes going into effect next year, Smitley said it will be even more challenging to adjust to the new role.

ISC directors from previous years can't give him detailed advice, because things won't be the same as in the past.

"It will be growing and stretching," Smitley said. "But I'm excited."

Anna DeMott, a junior communication major, will serve as the ISC Women's Director next year.

Previously, she's served

as the Tau Delta Chi Kanga's chaplain both semesters this year, served as a discipleship group leader in the Nell Sunday Residence Hall and will be a resident assistant next year.

DeMott said she is looking forward to developing personal relationships with society leaders and impacting them for eternity with her words and her daily life.

She is excited to be a voice for student leaders to the University's administration.

DeMott said she is not good at working out the details for planning events, so she is thankful to have such a great council supporting her, balancing their strengths to create a strong, successful team.

—Katarina Shafer

It's exciting to be in a place where I get to use what I'm hearing from the student body to actually make a tangible effort in bringing those things to pass.



# 5 Executive Book Recommendations



## John Matthews

*Sticking Points* by Haydn Shaw

This book identifies 12 points where the Traditionalist, Baby Boomer, Gen X and Millennial generations disconnect and teaches how to bridge those gaps. *Sticking Points* says that if we can understand each other, we can work together as a productive team. “This is a great book to help [all ages] know how to better interact with and understand individuals of differing generations,” Matthews said. Especially as Christians, good communication between generations is essential for a good testimony. “We will be working side by side in America’s workplaces and attending church together,” Matthews said.



## Dr. Gary Weier

*Just Do Something: A Liberating Approach to Finding God’s Will* by Kevin DeYoung

This book shows Christians how to break out of the paralyzing indecision that comes with not having clear life direction from God. Either this fear of accidentally missing God’s plan leaves us sedentary, having buried our talents, or it makes us swim in circles within the same fruitless arenas. Pastor DeYoung says that God has already given us simple, precise direction in His Word, and it is our responsibility to stop waiting for a voice from Heaven and “just do something.” “[*Just Do Something*] presents a practical and theologically sound guide to decision-making,” Weier said.



## Dr. Steve Pettit

*Knowing God* by J.I. Packer

Published in 1973, this book has since sold over 1 million copies. J. I. Packer wrote, “The conviction behind the book is that ignorance of God—ignorance both of his ways and of the practice of communion with him—lies at the root of much of the church’s weakness today.” Packer warns that disregarding the study of God avoids being sentenced to blunder through life blindfolded, wasting your life and losing your soul. “*Knowing God* is a foundation work for developing a right theological mind for a solid Christian walk,” Pettit said.



## Alan Benson

*Counsel from the Cross: Connecting Broken People to the Love of Christ* by Elyse M. Fitzpatrick

Benson said this book brings a Gospel perspective to sanctification. It explains the principle of preaching the Gospel to ourselves to see our worth as God does: on one hand, sinners to whom He extended grace; on the other hand, His children adopted through the sacrifice of Christ. This principle encourages counselors to turn hearts back to the Gospel with every struggle. “This book shows how much counsel tends toward self-effort and futility, and offers constructive advice for how to correct that,” Benson said. “This book has helped to shape much of my current practice in counseling.”



## Dr. Sam Horn

*Habitudes* by Tim Elmore

*Habitudes* is a series challenging teenagers and young adults to develop their leadership abilities in the midst of their current environment. “It’s about the attitudes and habits you should be cultivating as a college student,” Horn said. “During a time of life that is setting the direction for the rest of your life, it’s important to be setting the right habits now.” This goal of this series is to teach young adults to break the tendency to follow the crowd and instead to take initiative for both their personal life and career.



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Olivia Gray, a theatre major, said she loved her major and all the opportunities she was given through it.

During her four years at BJU, she has tried her hand at directing, producing, designing and stage managing.

"I love getting to learn new roles and the challenge to meet the responsibilities of the various positions," she said.

She said her biggest influence in her major were her professors. "They have shaped my mind and my heart when it comes to how I now approach theatre," she said. "They consistently pour their intellect and passion for the arts into every conversation both in

Ryan Munn, an accounting major, said he was influenced by several important principles he learned from his major.

"Integrity and diligence . . . were consistently taught and displayed in the classroom," he said. "Testimonies of accountants are what people use when making their investment decisions, so it is very important to be truthful and diligent during the audit process."

He joined in the praise of BJU faculty. "The excellent faculty . . . have made it their goal to not only teach well but to display an example of Christlikeness," he said.

Munn also shared that daily chapel has been the biggest influence in his

vacation in the Bahamas on a week-long cruise.

Rahel Villiger, an early childhood education major, was most influenced by the hands-on experience she gained through student teaching and practicums. "Those were definitely stressful times, but I grew so much as a teacher by putting theory into practice step by step," she said.

She also said her major informed her perspective of childhood education.

"I learned how desperately children need good influences in their lives who can show the love of God to them," she said. "As I was working with children during the course of my major, I realized how big of an influence I can be to them and how seriously I need to take that responsibility."

Villiger said her professors have been her favorite part of BJU. "They take time to answer any questions, and most importantly, they take the time to pray with and for their students," she said.

Villiger said her plans for after graduation include teaching in Poland for a year. She said that after Poland, she is open to go wherever God leads her. She is looking forward to seeing her family and her home in Switzerland again.

"I also have some friends from BJU visiting me this summer," she said. "I am very much looking forward to showing them the Swiss Alps and other parts of my home country."

Jessica Billet, a history major, said the biggest thing she has learned from her major is how to put the big picture together.

"History [is] taking lots of little stories and putting them together into one big story," she said. "It's helped me see the importance of really paying attention to the context surrounding situations in the modern world—political, social and interpersonal."

Billet said she enjoyed the blending of her minor in communication with her major. "History feels like understanding context for your own benefit, whereas communication feels like understanding context for the benefit of others," she said.

She said she didn't grow up around many

other people her age who were trying to follow God.

"The first time I heard the entire student body sing in chapel, I cried," she said. "I'd never heard that many voices my age praising God together. It challenged me in a lot of ways to stretch beyond my comfort zone and be bold in my own dedication to Him. I'll probably miss the singing the most; it still gives me chills sometimes."

Billet plans to return to her home in Ohio and work as a naturalist for Cleveland Metroparks.

"I'll be interpreting natural and social histories like a park ranger," Billet said.

Getting married and apartment hunting are also on her postgraduation list. "There are a lot of new, exciting and terrifying things on the horizon," she said.

Andrew Peterson, a Christian ministries major, agreed with his fellow seniors and said his professors have been very influential in his life at BJU.

"The Bible faculty that have helped me in my understanding of the Bible and also in the function of the church," he said. "I have sat down numerous times with my professors to talk about life decisions I have to make and to seek their counsel."

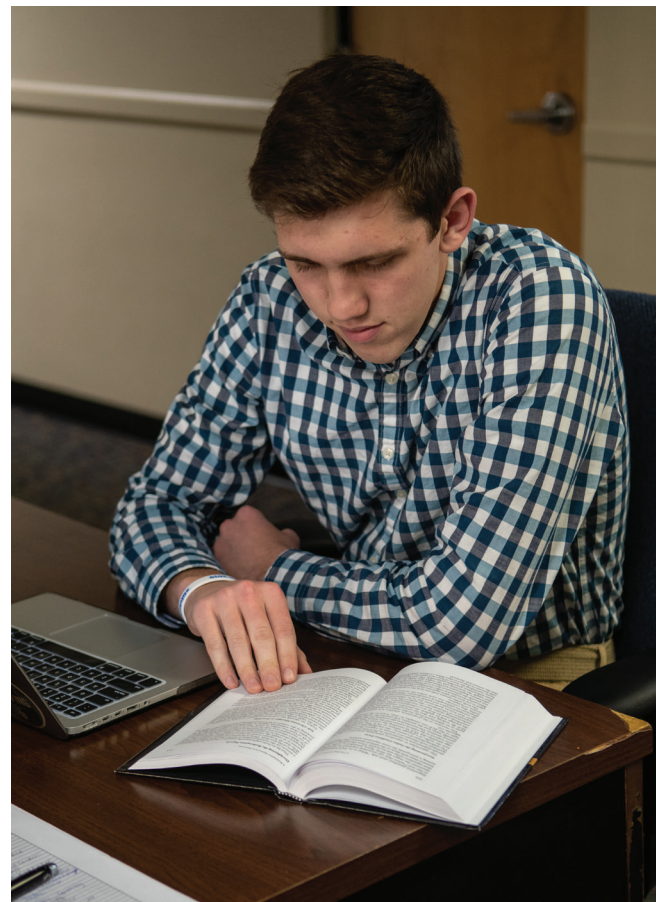
He said his major has taught him never to be complacent in his knowledge of the Bible and how to better communicate what he learned from it to people.

Through his time at BJU, Peterson has learned about intentionality with those around him.

"I have been given the opportunity to be in several different leadership roles around campus, and each one has forced me to grow in being intentional to reach out to those around me," he said.

Peterson's plans after graduation are to get married in August and then pastor at Kaysville Bible Church in Utah. "I will be doing an apprenticeship with the two pastors there, [and] I will also be pursuing seminary online," he said.

Joe Cepeda, an exercise science major, said he learned that his major promotes being servant-minded. "I love the idea of being able to use my major as a platform to serve God



Andrew Peterson is graduating with a Christian ministries degree. Photo: Charles Billiu

by serving others," he said. "Whenever I serve and interact with others, it helps to me focus little on myself and to focus more on the well-being of others."

He said he learned a lot about critical thinking in his major. "I was placed in multiple situations and given case studies where I needed to use critical thinking," he said. "My teachers and supervisors helped me learn how to reason through things involving exercise routines and how it relates to action of the musculoskeletal system."

Cepeda said he loved studying how God created the human body.

"It astonishes me how fearfully and wonderfully made we are as human beings," he said.

He also said he appre-

ciated BJU's dedication to educating students in many areas besides their chosen majors.

"I thank BJU for allowing students to pursue excellence in one's desired field but to also allow students to develop better interpersonal skills, to better understand the world and the Bible," he said.

He said he truly enjoyed learning from his BJU professors academically and spiritually.

Cepeda hopes to work as an emergency medical technician for a year and then pursue a doctorate in physical therapy.

"I look forward to increasing my knowledge in the realm of medicine and exercise plus applying God's Word to all areas of my life," he said.



Rahel Villiger is graduating with an early childhood education degree. Photo: Charles Billiu

and out of class."

Gray also talked about her overall influences at BJU. "The community here has been my favorite part of BJU," she said. "We are all here working toward a common goal, struggling with various but similar trials, and there is always someone around to lend a hand."

She also shared her plans after graduation. Gray wants to pursue a graduate degree in Community and Economic Development.

After that, she would like to work in a non-profit or as an assistant director in a community theatre.

When asked what she is looking forward to the most post-graduation, Gray said that self-care was a high priority. "Sleeping. Duh," she said.

overall BJU experience.

"Being under godly preaching every day has given me the opportunity to meet with my Savior and challenge the obstacles of stubbornness that are in my heart," he said. "I am grateful for all the wonderful messages I have been able to hear and grow thereby."

Post-graduation, Munn plans to pursue an opportunity to work and minister in a foreign country for nine months.

"During that time, I will have the chances to create relationships that can lead to sharing the Gospel," he said.

Before that opportunity though, Munn says he is planning a little time for relaxation. He has saved up enough to be able to



Joe Cepeda will graduate with an exercise science degree. Photo: Charles Billiu



# Women's volleyball team to travel to Costa Rica to share the Gospel this summer

KAYLA ROMEISER  
Sports Editor

The Bob Jones University Bruins women's volleyball team is traveling in August to San Jose, Costa Rica, with SCORE International, the short-term missions group the team has partnered with, to minister in a short-term mission setting.

Erin Jarvis, junior Bruins volleyball player, once lived in the sunny country of Costa Rica for a year because of her dad's job when she was in grade school.

Since returning to the states, Jarvis misses the Costa Ricans' appreciation of the small things in life. Even a simple gesture like a hug will make the locals happy. This summer, Jarvis has the opportunity to return to Costa Rica with her team to make an impact on peoples' lives.

The team has been given many different opportunities to impact the lives of the local people. According to Jarvis, the team intends to use the platform of volleyball to reach the people they interact with.

"Volleyball is our common language here since not everybody on the team knows Spanish," Jarvis said. "So really getting involved with the girls on the court can lead to even more important conversations on the bench."

The Bruins will be holding volleyball clinics at public schools, one of which Jarvis attended, where they will teach the students fundamental volleyball skills as they present the Gospel.

The team will also compete against a national-level Costa Rican volleyball team.

After playing, the Gospel will be shared with the players.

The players will minister in different ways as well. SCORE International sponsors an orphanage in the city, and the Bruins team plans to visit the orphans and minister by spending time with them.

Senior Saleena Walker believes visiting the orphanage will have the biggest impact on the team as they see how the children live. She thinks the experience will open her teammates' perspective to how other cultures live.

For one day, the team plans to go out into the city to pass out tracts and give the Gospel to those living in the city. The Bruins are prepared to help SCORE in any other outreach ministries the SCORE gives them.

Dr. Vickie Denny, head coach, said the goal of the trip is to share the Gospel, encourage believers and experience a different culture.

Junior Lauren Muenks is excited for the opportunity to use her God-given talents to wit-

ness. "I'm hoping that this trip will help me broaden my views about what missions can be," Muenks said.

The mission trip provides the team an opportunity to grow together as well as to minister to others. Serving as a team will allow the players to form a stronger bond together as a team and in Christ. They will return to the states

and begin their preseason training.

The team's goal for the trip is to spread God's word through the platform of volleyball and service.

"That's what our goal is every day we play," Jarvis said, "and should be for the rest of our lives, through whatever platform God provides us with."



BJU's womens volleyball team won first place during the 2018-2019 season. Photo: Hal Cook

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or anyone on the Bruin Volleyball team  
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The volleyball team held a fundraiser on April 20 to raise money for their trip to Costa Rica

### Sunny D? For real?

No, not the sugary orange beverage! We're talking Vitamin D—the sunshine vitamin. Summertime provides a boost of Vitamin D.

The sun's rays are more direct; hence your production of this important nutrient goes up.

If you can safely get 10-15 minutes of exposure on your arms and face without sunscreen, your D values will be enhanced.

Sadly, sunscreen above SPF6 will block most vitamin D production.

If you prefer to get your D from food, remember that fortified dairy products are some of the best! These foods give you calcium and vitamin D together—the perfect combo for strong, dense bones.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS TIP

By Melanie Schell





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students become eligible for the programs only through recommendation by people the University is familiar with, primarily missionaries.

A process involving recommendation, application and review by committee determines which individuals will be included in the programs.



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BJU currently hosts one WORLD Fund student and five Timothy Program students.

These numbers vary over the years but are typically relatively low due to few applications and financial limitations of the programs.

The Timothy Program was established in 1977, and the WORLD Fund was founded in the decade following.

According to Vowels, both programs have since enabled hundreds of students to receive a Bob Jones University education who would otherwise never have the opportunity and enabled them to further the spread of the Gospel around the world.

BJU faculty and staff take a Timothy offering once a month to take this mission on as a special project.

## BJU hosts growing summer EDUcamps

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Bob Jones University's EDUcamps hope to see nearly doubled attendance this year due to the creation of EDUcamp Junior and the addition of new high school camps.

The University's new EDUcamp program, EDUcamp Junior, will begin this summer and will focus on ministry through academics. EDUcamp Junior will be assisted by a smaller group of BJU education students.

The original EDUcamp features over 40 individual camps. These include camps focusing on education, criminal justice, media, computer science, the fine arts, aviation and more. The University's music and art camps have run the longest and typically attract the highest numbers.

Last summer, over 1,700 campers attended EDUcamp, according to Steve Kopp, director of the program.

With the creation of new high school camps and EDUcamp Junior, this year's camps are projected to draw between 2,500

and 3,000 children.

EDUcamp Junior will replace the Bob Jones Academy day camp for elementary and middle schoolers. While EDUcamp Junior may not be as in-depth as the high school camps, Kopp said EDUcamp Junior will copy the focus on exploring talents and unearthing interests seen in the high school camps. These camps are open to any interested children in elementary or middle school or both.

The original EDUcamp is what Kopp referred to as a "career exploration

camp." From culinary arts to media, from criminal justice to nursing, campers can experience what a career in those areas might be like. "Its goal is to expose high school students to possible career pathways that they are considering," Kopp said.

EDUcamps, Kopp said, help campers answer the question, "What do I want to be when I grow up?" and save them time and money in the future by providing answers before college.

Highlights of the program include the health science camp and nursing

camps. This year also sees the addition of a new culinary arts camp focused specifically on baking.

The University also offers Bruins camps that emphasize specific disciplines of various sports including soccer, shooting, golf, volleyball and basketball. Junior Bruins Camps on soccer, volleyball, basketball and golf will be available for elementary kids.

In addition to the faculty who teach at the camps, a group of 40 BJU students will also be assisting with the programs. The student workers for the high school camps typically do not teach in any capacity but help to monitor and guide the high schoolers during their time at camp.

"They'll be assisting, but it's more about building relationships and showing high schoolers what Bob Jones [University] is all about," Kopp said.

The various camps will go on for 15 weeks of the summer. EDUcamp Junior starts on May 13 and run until August 16. The high school EDUcamp starts July 7 and runs to July 26.



Caralise Roach, a member of the women's soccer team, talks with kids at an EDUcamp last summer. Photo: Chad Ratje

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