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Graduates of the 2015 class stand outside as they wait for the commencement ceremony to begin. Photo: Hal Cook

## Baccalaureate service to challenge grads

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Staff Writer

On May 5, the evening before Commencement, BJU will hold its baccalaureate service honoring the graduates of 2016.

Although scheduling has changed over the years, the baccalaureate service continues to be a bookend to the opening ceremony at the beginning of each school year.

Commencement is the ultimate conclusion of the school year, but the baccalaureate service is a time for everyone to come together and reflect over the year, said Kyle Wilcox, special assistant to the president.

The baccalaureate service is a tradition of the University just as it is for many other colleges. Many colleges hold baccalaureate services, in which a speaker will give a sermon, but

BJU's service differs slightly.

By being more focused on corporate worship of God than a typical college's baccalaureate, BJU seeks to impress upon students and grads the importance looking back at God's grace and making him the central focus of their lives outside of campus.

The baccalaureate service does differ from regular chapel services students attend and church sermons they've heard.

"It serves to really set the capstone of what, for us, is central — God's Word," Wilcox said.

"We're ending the year with a service that highlights the preaching and teaching. It's a worship service, so we gather to give God reverence and praise for all He's done in the past four years for the graduating class."

At the request of President Pettit, Dr. Dan Anderson,

president of Appalachian Bible College in southeastern West Virginia, will be speaking.

His charge to the graduates will be taken from a text in Ezekiel and titled, "Do You Have the Ohhh Factor?" according to Wilcox.

Anderson has served at Appalachian Bible College since 1978 and has been president since 1983.

During his career as second president of Appalachian

Bible College, Anderson has successfully developed the college campus with renovations and additions, has grown enrollment, has greatly influenced the direction of the college and has authored a book titled *Biblical Slave Leadership*.

The service starts at 7 p.m. and will be held in Founder's Memorial Amphitheater.

Attendance is required for all students, and the service is open to the public.

## Criminal justice challenge coin to honor criminal justice students

ANDREW BUDGICK  
Staff Writer

The criminal justice department will host its annual challenge coin ceremony May 5 at 4 p.m. in Levinson Hall.

Typically issued by the military and law enforcement, challenge coins are issued to distinguish and give honor.

"Law enforcement agencies throughout the country produce challenge coins as tokens of the professionalism and pride of their respective organizations," said Dr. Mike Wilkie of the BJU criminal justice department.

"We give [a coin] to the seniors as a recognition of their achieving their degree. It is similar in nature to the nurse's pinning ceremony in that regard."

Challenge coins usually contain the organization's insignia and are designed to reflect certain characteristics that are important to an organization.

The 21 coins that will be given to each member of this year's senior criminal justice class will hold a variety of meanings, Wilkie said.

Wilkie said the front of the coin is edged in gold, the tra-

ditional symbol of purity. The gold will remind the seniors of their need to both represent Christ and act with integrity, Wilkie said.

Visually, the coins are emblazoned with the words "criminal justice," a banner with Romans 13:4, and a pair of crossed swords.

Wilkie said the reverse serves as a reminder of the biblical calling for justice: "For he is the minister of God to thee for good."

"But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a reveng-



Jacob Chisom is given the challenge coin in last year's ceremony. Photo: Derek Eckenroth

er to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." (Rom. 13:4)

Wilkie explained the significance of the ceremony, since the event is not well known.

"The challenge coin presented to our seniors will be, in most cases, the first such coin they ever receive. It should serve as a reminder to them

not only of the law enforcement profession, but also as a reminder to represent the Lord and the University with a faithful testimony."



## COLUMN



BRIDGET NEE  
Copy Editor

Some people are born with a dream job. They always had an answer to the “What do you want to be when you grow up?” question.

The rest of us answered with whatever happened to be piquing our interest at the time.

Sometimes changing your dream job is a good thing. As a kid, I wanted to help make a difference in my community.

Unfortunately, this dream translated oddly, and when my mom asked what I wanted to be, I responded with “someone who picks up trash on the side of the highway.”

She didn’t have the heart to tell me those people were prison inmates until I was 10.

Thankfully, my career aspirations eventually moved up a bit (although I’ve still always wanted one of those cool, grabby-stick things).

But after four years of undergrad, I’ve figured out that knowing what you want to major in is not the same as having a dream job.

And I’ve come to a conclusion: dream jobs are a dumb idea.

Don’t get me wrong—having a job in mind that gets you

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## -The Collegian Staff Graduating Seniors-

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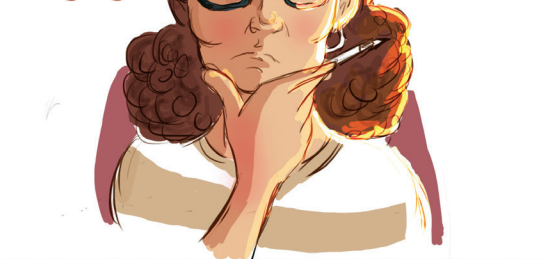
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## TALKBACK

WHAT UNIQUE THING ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?



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WALTER  
BALLARD  
“cruise to the Caribbean”



freshman  
JESSICA  
CARPENTER  
“Air Force training camp”



senior  
DANIEL  
BRANDICK  
“moving to South Carolina”



freshman  
REGAN  
SMITH  
“leader for daycare”



freshman  
YUNONG  
CUI  
“working in the U.S.”

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“After graduation, I’m moving to Oregon and working as a writer for an ad agency. I’ve learned how to think critically about different aspects of the job and how to apply ethics to advertising because you have to know how to approach that from a biblical worldview. I also understand that you have to take a high caliber of excellence into a job and doing a quality job.

I’ve learned a lot about trying new things that you’re interested in and investigating each different way you can take your career. Through researching a company for OCP that I was really interested in, I actually landed a job there out of it.”

JESSICA PEREZ // SENIOR // ENGLISH



PHOTO: HOLLY DILLER

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excitedandgivesyouthedrive  
to push through long nights  
and hard classes is great. I am  
a firm believer in having an  
end goal.

However, I believe the  
idea of a specific dream job  
has actually put an incredible  
amount of pressure on high  
school and college students.

According to the 2015  
American Psychological As-  
sociation’s annual (yes, an-

nual) “Stress in America” sur-  
vey, millennials are the most  
stressed out generation, with  
moneyandworkbeingthetop  
two stressors.

The idea of stressing over  
work is introduced early on.

Whether it’s from hearing  
parents talk about work stress  
or trying to find summer jobs,  
students these days are think-  
ing about employment and  
money early in life.

Also, it seemed like every

collegescholarshipessaylever  
wrote had to be about what I  
wanted to do or what I was  
passionate about spending my  
life doing. And even though I  
knew what I wanted to major  
in, I was still left with an in-  
credibly broad job field.

Once you hit college, hav-  
ing a dream job is almost as  
expected as having good hy-  
giene. Without it, you’re held  
at a distance, usually judged  
and not expected to make it

“in the real world.”

And if you don’t land that  
one job you’ve built your life  
around, then what?

You feel like you’ve missed  
out, are settling for less or pos-  
sibly are just an overall failure.

Really, what seems like an  
innocent question to get stu-  
dents to think can actually set  
them up for disappointment  
and pressure.

I think instead, we need to  
focus on who we want to be,

not what we want to be. Who  
puts the emphasis on the per-  
son as a human rather than  
using an occupation to define  
them.

We need to realize that who  
we are exists outside of what  
we get paid for.

As Christians, our goal is  
to use our lives to serve God,  
but even that can seem to get  
in the way of things if a “dream  
job” isn’t in line with His Will  
at the time.

So don’t be too discour-  
aged if you don’t have an in-  
credibly specific job you just  
can’t imagine life without. In-  
stead, branch out.

Take advantage of some  
free credits, and take a class  
that will add to you as a per-  
son and not just your resume.

Ultimately, remember even  
if the dream is good, God’s  
will is what we need to pursue  
more intensely than a dream  
job.

# Student Voice: What does your college dash look like?



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2012-2016  
Four years.

And yet all of that is rep-  
resented by one single symbol  
—one dash.

That’s how long I’ve been  
learning, growing and laugh-  
ing on this campus. I’ve taken  
49 classes, worked four jobs,  
traveled on a mission trip and  
made countless memories.

I’ve worked on The Colle-  
gian staff six semesters in three  
different positions, and I’ve  
completed three internships.

I made friends on day one  
who I’ve stuck it out with un-  
til the end, and I’ve also made  
some pretty phenomenal  
friends in the last month who I  
wish I’ve known for years (and  
it already feels like I have, too).

I can keep on going, but  
you get the point.

So many important things  
are summed up in this one,  
tiny line.

My dash is full of lessons  
learned and blessings received.  
God has been immensely gra-  
cious and merciful to me time  
and time again when I haven’t  
deserved it in the slightest.

He was constant while  
everything else was chang-  
ing in this crazy chapter of life

we call college. Through the  
storms, He was there. Up the  
hills, He was there.

But no dash is the same.  
Your dash more likely than not  
has the same outline, but with  
different pieces.

You have your own story to  
tell, whether you’re finishing  
your fourth or fifth chapter or

just starting a new book.

The numbers on the ends  
aren’t what matter, but how  
you lived between them.

Don’t let your college  
years go to waste. Use them  
to grow academically, socially  
and spiritually. Academically,  
push yourself. Always be fight-  
ing to beat what you think is

your best. Socially, reach out  
to people. Make connections  
and put time and effort into  
people. Spiritually, always aim  
to glorify God in all you do.  
Constantly pursue Him, and  
He will never fail you.

So, what does your dash  
look like?

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## Senior cinema film premiere to showcase senior films

PAIGE BAGBY  
Staff Writer

Bob Jones University's cinema department will host the annual senior cinema movie premiere April 30 in Stratton Hall.

The event will feature six films produced by six senior cinema production majors: Ryan Holmes, Craig Vietti, Rachel Madeira, Andrew Uibel, Danielle Wunker and John Reese.

The films, which range from eight to 12 minutes in length, are the end result of hundreds of hours of work.

"It's really a two-year process for this final project," said

Sharyn Roberston, the head of the cinema department.

Work on the film begins during their junior year when the cinema production majors start writing their scripts and recruiting actors.

During the first semester of senior year, the many hours of recording begin.

Finally, the seniors spend their second semester editing and polishing their filmed material to create the movies they will be presenting to the student body.

The project may not officially start until senior year, but for most cinema production majors, senior projects influence most of their time

here at BJU.

"We've been preparing for this for the last four years," Ryan Holmes said.

Students enter the major already thinking ahead to their own senior film, so when the time finally comes for them to begin their work, they're excited and ready to go.

Students spanning all classifications within the cinema major have the opportunity to help each other with the senior film project.

Junior cinema major Brian French, who is acting as the director of photography for Rachel Madeira's film, said, "From freshman year on, we're always encouraged to work on

[other people's] senior projects."

French added, "That turns into a lot of hands-on experience."

Students aren't the only ones working on these projects. In addition, the seniors have all the cinema professors to help them perfect their cinematic creations.

Professor Christopher Zydowicz, affectionately called Mr. Z, acts as the producer for all the senior films, guiding the students through their projects as they learn the struggles of film production.

Speaking of Zydowicz, Holmes said, "He [is] the perfect teacher and producer for

all these films."

Zydowicz encourages and guides the seniors as they work, but he also pushes them to do their best.

"He demands excellence," Holmes said.

Zydowicz's high expectations align with the cinema department's goal of developing skilled artists who can go out and minister with their abilities.

"These senior projects go out to represent the University and the accomplishment of their senior year," Zydowicz said.

He went on to say, "We're sharing this common experience with one another, but

[these films are] going off into film festivals and winning awards and being seen and spreading the Gospel that way."

So take an hour or so from your busy night of studying before finals to see the work that this year's seniors have put into their final projects.

The movies are set to play starting at 7 p.m. on April 30.

Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased in the dining common lobby, at Programs and Productions, and at [bju.universitytickets.com](http://bju.universitytickets.com)

Proceeds help fund the department and future senior cinema majors in making films to present to the student body.



Preparing scripts for the film is a detailed process. Photo: Roman Denisenko



Craig Vietti directs an actor. Photo: Ryan Holmes



Ryan Holmes concentrates on the perfect shot. Photo: Roman Denisenko

## 2016 COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

### Thursday, May 5

2 p.m.

The **Nurses Pinning Ceremony** will take place in Rodeheaver Auditorium. This ceremony will be webcast live for friends and family who are unable to attend. The link to the webcast can be found at BJU's home page under the *Events* tab and under *Commencement*.

4 p.m.

The **Criminal Justice Recognition Ceremony** will take place in Levinson Hall. Seating is limited so you may want to arrive early.

7 p.m.

The **Baccalaureate Service** will take place in Founder's Memorial Amphitheater (FMA).

8:30 p.m.

The **Alumni Legacy Ceremony & Reception** will take place in Stratton Hall.

### Friday, May 6

8:30 a.m.

The **Student Awards Program** will take place in Founder's Memorial Amphitheater (FMA).

9:45 a.m.

The **Commencement Rehearsal** will take place in the FMA. *Prospective graduates are required to attend.*

2 p.m.

The **Commencement Ceremony** will take place in FMA. The doors will open at 1 p.m. and tickets will be honored until 1:30 p.m. to ensure seating on the main floor or reserved seating in the balcony. Visitors and students should be seated by 1:45 p.m. The academic procession will begin at 1:55 p.m.

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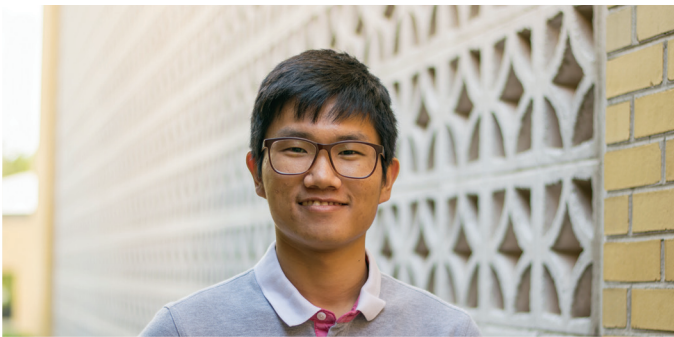
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# GRAD TESTIMONIES

## COMMENCEMENT 2016



Moses Kim has seen God provide financially for him every semester of his past four years at BJU. Kim said he did not know how God would provide the money for his education when he originally applied.

The summer before his freshman year, Kim and his family prayed the funds would be provided. Shortly before the start of the semester, a business friend of Kim's dad offered to pay for Kim's entire first year at BJU.

The following year presented the same challenge. This time, two weeks before coming back, a relative offered to pay for Kim's next semester.

God has provided every semester in much the same way. Kim and his family have always prayed for God's provision before every semester, and God always has provided the funds.

This has been the first semester that Kim's entire bill was not paid by midterms. However, he just recently received a scholarship that almost completely covered the rest of his bill.

One of the biggest lessons Kim has learned is to trust that God will accomplish His will to bring honor and glory to His name.

"[God] promised me that He is going to use me for His glory," Kim said. "God has a perfect plan for me, and His will is going to be done."



Kenny Infante's biggest trial during school was the loss of his dad to a heart attack in the summer of 2013. Although his dad's death was extremely difficult, Infante said the first verse that came to his mind at his father's viewing was Job 1:21 which says, "...the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

"Somehow the Lord laid that verse on my heart and there was peace about it, even though it did really hurt to not have my dad there anymore," Infante said.

After his dad's death, Infante had a hard time deciding if he should return to school in the fall or if he should stay home with his family. At his mom's urging, Infante decided to continue with his studies.

Infante has been able to use the trial numerous times to connect with others who have also lost relatives.

The book *Trusting God* by Jerry Bridges has helped Infante understand that no trial is too big or too insignificant for God to handle and that trials are for God's glory and our good.

"You have your own plan for life; you want your parents to live long, you want to live long yourself, you want to have a family, but that may not be what God has planned for you, and that's okay," Infante said.

The loss of his dad has taught him the importance of investing in people and making the most of every opportunity.

"Do everything you can to make the most of every single opportunity because you just don't know when God will take you home," Infante said.



Rachel Hilton's years at BJU have not gone as smoothly as she originally planned.

Her freshman year brought some unexpected health issues that made school more stressful.

"Trying to trust that everything was going to be okay and that I'd get everything done was difficult," Hilton said.

Despite the difficulty Hilton's health problems created, she's thankful for the help she received from her parents and her doctors through that challenging time.

Another unexpected roadblock came her sophomore year when she had to switch her major from nursing to health sciences.

Hilton said having to stop her nursing studies was especially difficult for her because she had dreamed of becoming a nurse since elementary school.

"At the time it was really devastating for me to switch, but now I can see it was the best thing for me to do," Hilton said. "I've seen so many positives come from switching my major."

Although her college years have not gone as expected, she can see that God has worked everything out perfectly.

"It's okay to not have everything planned out," Hilton said. "Even though your path might change, God can still use that and you have to trust that He will bring you joy."



Abby Hughes has seen God work through many trials during her years at BJU.

A year before she came to BJU, Hughes' dad was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Then, over Christmas break after Hughes' first semester freshman year,

her mom was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"It seemed like it couldn't get much worse, and then it did," Hughes said.

Because both her parents were going through chemo, Hughes had to pay her tuition on her own.

Due to lack of funds, Hughes didn't plan on returning for her sophomore year. However, three days after the start of the 2014 fall semester, Hughes received a call from the financial aid office because she never closed out her registration. When Hughes explained her situation, financial aid worked with her to find enough scholarship money for her to come to school.

Hughes' mother was in remission by this time, but due to her father's worsening condition, she decided to stay home the second semester of her sophomore year. Her father passed away that March.

"I think it takes getting to that low point to realize just how much God means to you," Hughes said. "You realize that God is the only One [who] can really help you."

Hughes was not planning on coming back this year, but, with more help from the financial aid office, was able to return this semester to finish her degree in Culinary Arts.

"It's crazy the way that God has worked it all

out," Hughes said.

By going through the past few difficult years, Hughes has learned that God gives us trials to strengthen us and to teach us to rely on Him.

"When you feel like you can't take anymore, you realize that you can't do anything without God," Hughes said. "[Trials] help you get closer to God if you will let them, because you experience God in ways you never would have otherwise."



Some students, like Matt Wells, go through a series of small trials during their time at BJU.

During those years, Wells experienced a lot of disappointment from not receiving positions or not attaining goals that he wanted. His frustrations climaxed over a two-week period during his junior year when nothing seemed to be going well. Disappointment rose as society elections, his studies, and his outreach activities all did not go as he wished.

"Everything I wanted to do, God took away, and left me with nothing but Him," Wells said.

Looking back, Wells said his trust in God has grown by realizing just how faithful God is.

"I learned that God is a faithful God. It's a really simple concept, but it's life-altering," Wells said.

Wells said it's easy to get distracted and stressed during school, but it's important to take a step back and realize who God is, and simply trust Him.

"Though it looks like it won't work out, and it looks like God has kind of given up on you or is not giving you what you want, just trust God no matter what because He is faithful," Wells said. "The more we see God for who He is, the less we'll be so worried in these times of trials."



Colleen Fitzpatrick's years at BJU have not always been easy as she copes with Crohn's disease.

"Coming into my freshman year I knew I had a physical problem, but I didn't know how it would affect me over the next four years," Fitzpatrick said.

Fitzpatrick struggled with accepting she doesn't have as much energy as normal college students do

and is not able to take on as much as she would like.

"It's been a growing [experience] for me to realize and to embrace my limitations," Fitzpatrick said.

Fitzpatrick is thankful faculty have been gracious in understanding her occasional need for special allowances due to her condition.

"I've gotten to see a depth to their character that someone else might not have gotten to see," Fitzgerald said.

Having Crohn's has taught her God desires us to give Him glory through our weakness, Fitzpatrick said.

"God says to glory in our weakness, because then the power of Christ is demonstrated in our lives," Fitzpatrick said. "He always uses [our weakness] for good."



## [SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW]

## MEN'S SOCCER

8.27

The Bruins open up their regular season with a 7-0 win over Johnson University.

9.22

Senior captain Ryan McCarty scored in the 75th minute to give the Bruins a thrilling 3-2 victory over Reinhardt University.

10.24

Despite blowing a 2-0 halftime lead, the Bruins held on for a 3-2 win against Chowan University. A.J. Redlinger found the net from outside the box in the 80th minute for the game-winning goal.

11.21

Overcoming a 15-point second half deficit, the Bruins upset the University of South Carolina Upstate by a final score of 83-79. It was the first win over an NCAA DI school for the program.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

12.18-19

The team traveled to Puerto Rico over Christmas break and beat University Metropolitan 85-80 and the University of Puerto Rico Humacao 49-47.

1.15

BJU defeated rival Pensacola Christian College 92-62 at home. Shawn Lipscomb set a school record with 14 assists in front of over 3,000 fans in the Davis Field House.

3.5

The Bruins finished their regular season with a 104-82 win over College of Faith on Senior Night. It was the last true home game for five seniors, including Kyle Turner and Ray Holden—two members of the inaugural team in 2012.



## WOMEN'S SOCCER

10.19

The Bruins secured a late-season victory by beating Columbia International University 1-0. Mimi Lozano scored the lone goal late in the first half.

10.31

BJU defeated Toccoa Falls College in penalty kicks to send the Bruins to the NCCAA DII National Tournament.

11.14

The Bruins edged Maranatha Baptist University 1-0 in the National Championship. Abby Davis scored the lone goal, giving the program its second championship in three years.



9.19

BJU won the Hiwassee College Invitational in Loudon, Tennessee. Tyler Smith, a freshman, earned the medalist award for the tournament's lowest score at 70 (-2).



## Tornadoes advance over Alpha in volleyball playoffs, 3-0

BOBBY BISHOP  
Sports Writer

The Epsilon Zeta Chi Tornadoes beat the Alpha Theta Pi Razorbacks in four sets, facing off in the second round of the society volleyball playoffs.

Alpha struggled to find a foothold, and Z quickly jumped to a 5-1 lead. But a strong spike by Alpha's Ryan Mumey helped Alpha come back to make it 6-6. The teams fought back and forth throughout the set until Alpha's Andrew Netz smartly tapped the ball over an attempted block, starting a run to make it 16-13.

Mumey had an excellent block to give Alpha the 20-16 advantage, but Z's Josh Aker helped Z to come back to even the score at 21-21. But Alpha was able to pull away and win the set 25-23.

In the second set, Alpha's Zach Muken-schnabl started the game with a hard spike. Z, however, jumped to a 6-2 lead. Strong serves from Andrew Carter helped Z to

extend its lead to 12-5. Z's Josh Aker had a nice spike to make the score 14-7, and Alpha had a few mistakes down the stretch, allowing Z to go on a run to win 25-14.

In the third set, both teams were erratic and had several mistakes. But Z was finally able to pull ahead 21-16. Z continued its run, and Mark Osorio sealed the third set with a solid spike to win it 25-18.

In the fourth set, both teams increased their work rate, seeing the end in sight. Z and Alpha went back and forth, fighting for a lead.

With the score was tied 19-19, Aker earned three straight points to make the score 22-19, but Alpha was able to come back to even it up at 22-22. Z just edged Alpha, though, and was able to win the set 25-23 and the match 3-1.

"Our communication was a lot better than in our past games," Josh Aker said. "That was definitely a struggle for us early in the season. We still need to work on our overall organization though."

## Patriots sweep Lions 3-0

JEREMIAH JONES  
Sports Writer

The Beta Gamma Delta Patriots shut down the Alpha Omega Delta Lions in the men's intramural volleyball game quarterfinal on Tuesday night. The Patriots won the first three sets, advancing to the semi-final round.

In the first set, Beta's Lorin Pegram killed a strong spike to set the tone for the match. The Patriots' hitting and setting was fantastic, and they played well as a team. Kirtis Yurchak had a nice hit to the back corner, and Beta jumped out to an early 13-6 lead. Pegram had numerous hits that couldn't be returned. Brent Hanson had a nice block to end the first set, and Beta won 25-15.

The Lions looked to win the second set but were met by the Patriots' intense offense. Pegram had a spike for the first point, and Hanson had another great spike that the Lions couldn't handle. Beta's Ashton Goad continued to have flawless sets and made it easy for his teammates to spike the ball, and the Lions eventually fell to

the Patriots, 25-18.

In the third set, the Lions began serving, but the Patriots quickly took over, jumping out to an early 7-1 lead. The Patriots' Derek Doran served an ace as Beta continued to dominate. The Patriots played as a team and communicated well, and they took the last set 25-15.

"We are looking really good, and we played well tonight," Beta's coach Pegram said.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

1.29

The Bruins overcame the Allen University squad, winning 83–78 on their home court. Hannah Tompkins and Kendra Jeffcott each had over 20 points to boost the Bruins.

2.20

BJU finished a regular season sweep over rival Pensacola Christian College with a 59–49 win on the road in Florida. Kendra Jeffcott had 15 points and 15 rebounds.

WOMEN'S INTRAMURALS

10.31

The Theta Sigma Chi Colts and the Pi Delta Chi Classics went down to the wire, but the Colts prevailed, winning the intramural volleyball championship in five sets.

3.19

The Pi Delta Chi Classics ran the table to win the championship basketball game 46–36 over the Alpha Gamma Tau Eagles.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

8.20

The BJU athletic department announced the university is adding a volleyball program. Dr. Vickie Denny, who has won 14 NCCAA national championships, was named the head coach. The new team will begin competition in the fall of 2016.

9.14

BJU announced the addition of a shooting team under the supervision of Dr. Mike Wilkie. The team begins competing in the fall of 2016.

4.7

BJU hosted the inaugural Bruins Gala, a fundraising banquet that featured keynote speaker Bobby Bowden—the winningest coach in NCAA football history. The athletic department raised more than \$75,000.

CROSS COUNTRY

4.9

The Bruins hosted their first tournament in program history at Pebble Creek Golf Course here in Greenville. BJU placed second in the tournament.

9.5

The men placed first and the women took second at the Palmetto State Cross Country Festival in Columbia, South Carolina. It was their opening meet of the season.

11.14

Both teams competed in the NCCAA National Championship meet in Houghton, New York. The men came in 14th and the women came in 16th.

MEN'S INTRAMURALS

12.4

The Nu Delta Chi Vikings defeated the Chi Epsilon Delta Wolves 8–0 in the 7v7 Turkey Bowl.

3.19

The Alpha Theta Pi Razorbacks defeated the Pi Gamma Delta Royals 88–74 in the intramural basketball championship. Jadan Kashi led all scorers with 38 points.



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Wildcats blank Bruins 3–0

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The BJU Bruins volleyball team fell to the Johnson and Wales University Wildcats in the last scrimmage match of the Bruins' spring season.

The teams agreed to play three 30-minute matches, using rally points to keep score. The Wildcats won all three sets.

Even though the game was more of a scrimmage, the teams both played hard. But the Bruins had a hard time making their serves and running a smooth offense.

Kendra Jeffcott had 15 kills to help the Bruins stay in the game, but the talented Wildcats took the victory.

Two weeks ago, the teams played at BJU. In that game, the Bruins won four to one in five sets. However, that momentum did not carry over into Tuesday night.

The Bruins' coaches used this game as a final assessment of the Bruins' club team players. The coaches will pull the players for the pro-

gram's first fall season from this spring's club team, as well using new recruits.

Coach Vickie Denny said it was helpful to put the players into different combinations to see how they play.

"This was their last chance to show their performance level," Denny said.

Denny said all the players did their best to demonstrate their skill.

"This was a great start for our intercollegiate program," Denny said. "Unfortunately we can't keep all of our players from this club team, but I want to thank each one who came out and contributed to a great spring season."

The Bruins' coaches will soon start selecting the players for the fall.



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# Legacy Banquet honors the family tradition of BJU

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The annual Alumni Legacy Ceremony & Reception is a special occasion honoring graduating students who have at least one parent who has also graduated from BJU.

This year's ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 5, immediately following the baccalaureate service.

Students who attend the ceremony will receive a medallion to wear on the day of commencement.

This year there are 245 eligible seniors, including those who finished in December.

The ceremony will be held in Rodeheaver Auditorium to accommodate the large number of participants.

Last year, when it was still

being held in Stratton Hall, 680 people attended, leaving standing room only.

The location change will allow for fellowship in a more comfortable, less formal atmosphere.

It's a very different event from graduation. Most of the participants—parents and family members of graduating students—share the special commonality of being past BJU graduates.

During the ceremony, President Pettit will make a few brief remarks.

Following his remarks, each eligible student will receive a medallion, signifying the family history of BJU graduates.

The medallion, bearing a BJU emblem attached to a dark green ribbon, is given to

students by their parents.

Bette Uwarow, the membership coordinator for the Alumni Association, said it's a very special moment for parents of the graduating students. "They pass [on] the legacy," she said.

Following the ceremony, there is time for fellowship.

Jonathan Pait, manager of events and services for the Alumni Association, said, "It's an opportunity for some parents to meet again with fellow classmates for the first time since they graduated."

Although many students are eligible, only those who attend the ceremony will receive a medallion. But the focus isn't on the award; it's all about the BJU history families share.

"It's a momentous occasion," Uwarow said.

Besides honoring the student, the ceremony is a way to honor their parents for allowing their child to come to BJU and graduate.

The Alumni Legacy Ceremony & Reception focuses on the ceremony followed by a light reception afterward.

"When they shortened commencement activities and baccalaureate moved, we were able to rethink where we would place the ceremony," Pait said.

The ceremony moved to a more convenient date last year to accommodate scheduling changes.

The event began in 2005 under the leadership of Bud Bierman, then director of the Alumni Association.

"It's a very neat alumni experience," Uwarow said.



These legacy medals recognize second-generation students. Photo: Derek Eckenroth

Although the event usually includes only second or third generations, there have been as many as four generations in attendance.

The Alumni Legacy Ceremony & Reception is much more than a ceremony; it's also a way for students to appreciate the way BJU has influenced the lives of their

families. As Uwarow said, "They're standing where one of their parents stood."



## Student Body to end semester with laughs

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Do you like laughter? Do you like surprises? Do you like open seating?

If you answered yes to any or all of the above, you will love the upcoming Student Body program.

The Student Body program will be available for the BJU community's viewing pleasure on Friday, April 29, at 11 a.m. in FMA.

Margaret Stegall, the director of the Student Body program and a junior studying journalism and mass communication, said this year's program is unlike anything else that has been done on campus in recent years.

"It's based on campus stereotypes, and I think people will be able to relate to a lot of it and see themselves and people they know in the original characters," Stegall said.

Cameron Smith, the writer of the Student Body program and a senior JMC student, said the program follows the story of an average student's

day at college where some things go right and others go extremely wrong.

"We have a plot twist to our Student Body, so there's a catch, and I will say it will be a surprise for the student body and even some cast members on the day of [the program]," Smith said.

The secret plot twist was created by Colton Beach, a junior theatre arts major who assisted in directing and creating the music.

Beach introduced the crazy, mysterious idea to Stegall and Smith.

They, along with Chelsea Moss, also a JMC senior, started writing the basic script back in September.

In addition to producing the program, Stegall and Smith will also be acting in the program.

"It's been cool to see it come to life and adapt as we see things happen on campus or as our cast adds things to their characters," Stegall said.

Smith, who wrote a lot of the dialogue and specific scenes, said he is not the type

of writer who thinks the script is set in stone. "It's an ever-changing script," he said.

"I'm looking forward to the spontaneity of it," Smith said. "We can rehearse and we can run our lines as many times as we possibly can, but it isn't until you get on that stage in front of 1,500 to 2,000 other students, and you get to feed off their energy and their laughter—that's when it really comes alive."

"Once the lights go up, you don't know what's going to happen, and that's kind of the best part," Smith said.

The producers are striving for a funny program that is very relatable to the audience through timely jokes about current events and general student life experiences.

Stegall said she, Beach and Smith are constantly communicating through a group text to incorporate real, campus life happenings into the anticipated Student Body program.

"I hope going into it, the students can appreciate the attempted natural humor we're trying to create," Smith said.

## Language halls to encourage fluency

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Next semester, BJU's Division of Modern Language and Literature will be introducing language halls, a language immersion program.

Language halls are discipleship groups in which participating students may only speak the language they are studying.

Students will be placed in residence halls with other students and native speakers of their chosen language, and must communicate solely in that language within the physical space of their discipleship groups and with other members of the group(s).

Currently, the only languages offered for language halls are Spanish, French and Chinese for women students, and Spanish for men students, although more options may be available in the future following interest.

The language halls program is open to any BJU student who wishes to apply. Students do not have to be a language major or minor or be enrolled in a language course to participate; however, students are required to have completed at least two semesters of study in their foreign language before applying to the program. Participating students must commit for an entire year, except in the case of students graduating in December.

According to Dr. Jeremy Patterson, the chair of the Division of Modern Language and Literature, the main purpose of the BJU Language Halls program is "to promote daily practice and natural immersion in language taught at the University."

"My goal is for students to improve their proficiency in their language of study a lot more rapidly than if they were only taking our courses," Patterson said. "It's not a criticism

of our courses, but a recognition of how language acquisition works."

A secondary goal, Patterson said, is to develop more exposure for language in the University and more interest in languages and the related cultures.

In addition to improving their language proficiency, students will receive a certificate of participation after completion of one year in the program and a certificate of participation with merit after completing two or more years.

Patterson said that participation in the language halls could improve a person's resume and contribute to their being hired.

"If I write you a letter of recommendation saying you did participate, it puts you a notch above other people," he said. "It's a professional benefit that you can get out of it, beyond just improving your language skills."

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