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University ranks first in value

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John Brown University grabbed the top spot for “Best Value” in the U.S. News and World Report 2013 Best Colleges Edition for the southern region. Additionally, it took home No. 2 Best College among 107 regional colleges in the South. The University has placed in one of the top two spots for four consecutive years. It has occupied the top 10 for nine consecutive years. Jim Krall, vice president for advancement, said providing a high quality education at an affordable cost reflects one of the University’s core values. He also thanked

the alumni and friends who donated money to help create affordable tuition. “We’re gratified to see U.S. News recognize the exceptional value of a JBU education,” he said. Ed Ericson, vice president for academic affairs, attributes the continuous high rankings to the University’s high graduate rate, smaller class size and high-ranking incoming freshmen. Ericson commended the University’s faculty for the quality education they provide students. “I am proud of the work they do, and the high ranking on the U.S. News Best College list is well deserved,” he said. “More importantly, our students continue to impress us with their successes.”

Senior Megan Stoll described the new ranking as “awesome.” “It’s really reaffirming to know — not only because of paying things and stuff — but it’s really cool to know the quality professors that we have here are nationally recognized because we have great people teaching us,” she said. Taking the overall top spot for regional colleges in the South is High Point University (N.C.). Other Arkansas schools to make the list were University of the Ozarks ranked 9th, Williams Baptist college ranked 55th, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff ranked 72nd, Philander Smith College ranked 79th and Arkansas Fort Smith ranked 82nd.

Donors deliver fourth highest amount

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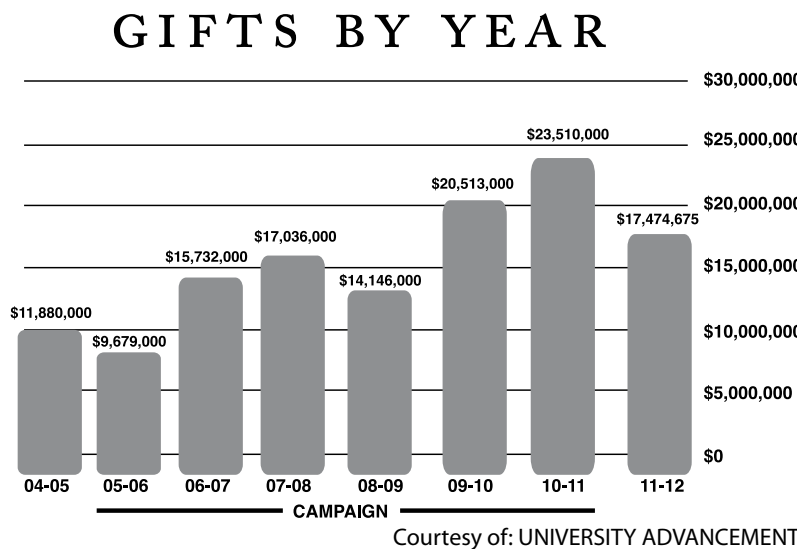
Donors gave John Brown University \$17.4 million this past year, despite a lingering economic recession. The 2011-2012 fiscal year ended in June with the fourth highest amount given ever. “It really is remarkable,” said April Moreton, director of development. “Often schools go way down in donations after a campaign ends.” Jim Krall, vice president of university advancement, thinks

there are several reasons why this is the case. The University has very few outstanding pledges left from the Keeping Faith campaign, which ended a year early at \$118 million in 2011. “Many schools will have up to \$5 million left in outstanding pledges, but JBU only has a half of a million. It is a huge blessing that most of our pledges have already been fulfilled during the campaign season,” Krall said. “Secondly, we have very generous supporters that continue to donate to the school.” Moreton agrees. “We have

donors interested in several of our big projects, like endowed scholarships or building projects, and they want to support JBU’s mission,” she said. “People give to a strong mission and a good place,” said Krall. “That’s why people continue to support the students at JBU.” To receive such a high amount after finishing a campaign is remarkable. To do the same task in the middle of a recession is even more so. “We have asked ourselves about [the donations during the recession] as well,” Moreton said. “It is completely God’s blessing on JBU.” “We’re more aware of what families face to send a child to a private school,” she continued. “Although our enrollment hasn’t been affected, we realize some parents are getting laid off. So we have increased our emphasis on scholarships.” Krall said in 2008, when the recession first hit, the advancement team made an intentional decision to continue to ask for gifts because they believed the University is a great place. “We did, however, delay publicizing the Keeping the Faith campaign for another year due to

the economy,” he explained. The campaign was publically announced in 2009 rather than 2008, as the original plan stated. Looking back over the past four years though, Krall said he is grateful the team continued to ask for donations because people did

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Assessment yields positive results

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Head, heart, and hand: a motto John Brown University remains loyal to, according to the latest assessment provided by the Higher Learning Commission. Responsible for conducting the assessment once every 10 years, the HLC, a commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, sent a team to conduct a comprehensive visit evaluating the institution for the purposes of continued accreditation. Richard Ellis, dean of graduate studies, said the results came back positive as the institution received its reaccreditation for the next decade without any commission follow-ups. The only circumstance under which the group would revisit before its set time is if something drastic happened, such as a financial crisis. The comprehensive visit that occurs at the end of every 10 years is not performed by a government auditor, but by a group of certified staff and faculty from other colleges in the region. Criteria determining accredi-

tation include graduation rates, student loan deficit and the high debt ratio. Ellis said aside from all the criteria, the number one thing that stood out to the committee was how devoted the University was to the head, heart and hand motto. “The [Commission] said the statement continued to come up in conversations, not only by students but also faculty and staff,” he said. “They definitely know who we are and why we are here.” However, there is always room for improvement. The assessment advised the school to keep better track of how they measure student learning. Robert Norwood, dean of undergraduate studies, said during this next self-study period the University will find the right system that will allow them to keep a better record. “It’s like receiving a graded paper with red marks,” he said. “We have to go back and correct and see how we can improve it to create a balance.” Ellis agreed the need for documentation not only lets the audience know that they are doing right as an institution, but also informs the students that the school

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Late night roll



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Senior Brian Franz glides underneath the limbo pole during Late Skate early Saturday morning. Senior Braden Paterson attempted the same feat dressed as Captian America for the event’s Heroes vs. Villains theme.

University promotes positive first-year experience

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Business professor Mandy Moore returns this semester from a year-long sabbatical with not only a doctoral degree but also a new position as the director of first year experience.

The job description states Moore “will provide leadership and coordination for the development and implementation of programs, curriculum, activities and events that support the holistic development and academic and personal success of our first-year students.”

Moore described the position as a bridge connecting all the University’s current efforts.

“The way I see this position is let’s bring all of us together from ERP all the way until students come back their sophomore year,” she said. “Let’s bring all the key people to the table and let’s talk about the first year experience and how we can make sure [it is] effective for students.”

One way Moore accomplishes this goal is by coordinating the Gateway program. She will be in charge of selecting and training faculty to teach the courses, evaluating the program’s mission, goals and course design, and providing faculty feedback on student course evaluations.

Moore is already looking for ways to improve the program through an assessment program, smaller classes and changes in student mentoring.

The job also means coordinating first year advising.



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Mandy Moore, director of first year experience, recently returned to the University with a doctoral degree and renewed enthusiasm for her job.

Moore will determine a mission for university advising as well as what students need from it, specifically first year students trying to set up schedules and take responsibility for their courses.

However, Moore said this first year of the job will mostly be exploring and learning what first-year students need from the University. Already, Moore has picked up on trends from first generation students, or students whose parents did not graduate from college.

Moore plans on piloting a mentoring program this year that connects incoming first

generation students with faculty and staff who were first generation students and completed their degree.

“Based on the information from the counseling center, talking to students who were first-generation, and listening to the students in my Gateway, I saw their family members didn’t really understand the stress of it,” Moore said. “One student told me their parent was encouraging them to take 20 credit hours, and it was because they had never been to college so they didn’t understand that it was incredibly overwhelming.”

Administration created the

director of first year experience position as a response to certain goals from the University’s strategic plan.

Ed Ericson, vice president of academic affairs, said one of the major goals was to increase the six-year graduation rate to 70 percent.

“The graduation rate is pretty much baked in after the first year,” he said. “The percentage of the students who drop out is greatest in that first year. Then they tend to stay in higher percentages after that. If you are looking to improve that graduation rate, the key thing to improve is the freshman retention rate.”

As a consequence of that strategic decision, the institution planned to start a more intentional and explicit first year experience project. It also helped that the University already had an employee perfect for the job.

“Dr. Moore is obviously very talented and has a real heart for these sort of things,” Ericson said. “She has been studying these sorts of things as part of her graduate work, and as a consequence she seemed to be just a natural fit to move into that role.”

Both Moore’s personal experience and doctoral research all help make her this “natural fit.”

Moore attended the school her freshman year, but ended up telling her parents she wanted to leave during her spring semester. During that year Moore changed her major five times. She said she struggled finding her place in an academic sense and never formed relationships with professors. After two years at community

college, Moore returned to the University as a transfer student.

“So I’ve been a freshman, but I’ve also been a transfer to JBU,” Moore said. “I feel like I know what that’s like.”

On top of her personal experience, almost all of Moore’s doctoral research focused on the first year student.

“Because it is very project-intensive when you are working on your coursework, I often picked things that related to the first year student and their learning, to kind of bridge that gap between high school and college learning,” she said.

For one of her major projects, Moore taught her professors and classmates how to design an effective first-year seminar, much like Gateway. She taught them about student expectations, challenges and processes for selecting and training faculty to teach these courses—which is exactly what her job requires now.

When it came to her dissertation, Moore knew she wanted to focus on the first year student again. She looked for a gap in the research and decided to look at the effects of participating in an honors program in the first year of college.

In April, Moore’s dissertation earned her Outstanding Doctoral Student of the Year for her program.

“All my research and coursework really did focus on first-year students because that is the point at which a successful college career starts,” Moore said. “It’s the foundation, and often if they start out well they will end well. And I want to help students navigate that transition the best I can.”

Former University students manage Lakeside

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Say hello to the two new women in town—in Belfast, that is.

John Brown University has been fostering a relationship with Ireland for many years, providing a place of education, service, mission work and much more.

Students who study abroad in Ireland live in the University’s own Lakeside Manor.

According to the University website, Lakeside sits only four blocks outside of Belfast proper.

This year there are two additions to the manor. Former University student Lindsay Butler and graduate Katelyn

Banks have taken on the roles of house manager and cook for the current semester.

Only two weeks before the date of departure, Butler was referred for the job by a friend.

“I laughed and didn’t think much of it until later that night. At that point the trip was just over two weeks away, so if I went I would have very little time to get ready, but I just couldn’t shake the thought,” Butler said. “So, I looked into it. I prayed some really specific prayers for signs since it was really short notice. God literally answered the last one about two hours before I was hired.”

For Banks, who heard about the job through Butler, it was also a quick decision. Within days of hearing about the position, Banks turned in her application, had her interview, and got the job.

“I love Europe and I love to cook,” said Banks. “I love to travel, and I have never lived in one spot for more than four years throughout my life, so I am 100 percent comfortable with moving and change and new things. In fact, I craved new experiences and being able to travel. So when the opportunity came up, I knew I wanted to go for it.”

Banks felt like she was not supposed to do anything right after graduation, so this summer she worked at Café on Broadway, which she feels really helped prepare her for this job.

“I was praying all summer for God to show me the next step, and I knew that this was part of that answer,” she stated.

Both Banks and Butler are not much older than the students in the Irish Studies

Program this semester, but they do not see that as a problem.

Banks stated that the respect level between the students and her is more like the relationship between resident assistants on campus and the students on their hall.

Butler had existing friendships with a number of the students are abroad this semester, so she was a little worried about her new leadership role.

“I was afraid that my leadership position could be a bit awkward. But so far it’s great. I think they knew me and respected me enough coming into this that they can respect me as a leader and still feel comfortable as a friend around me,” Butler said. “Most of the others knew me as a worship leader before coming here,” she said. “I think moving from one leadership position to the other helped, even though they are pretty different positions.”

The women’s days are filled with much work and connecting with the students. Their day begins before most of the students are even awake.

“Each day Katelyn and I wake up about 7:30 or 8, [and] set breakfast out,” Butler said. “Then we have a little break where we may make a dessert for tea that night or just relax before we set out lunch. After lunch we begin working on dinner. After dinner is served, the students clean up then we are free until tea time around 10. At that time we set out a dessert and tea.”

Both Butler and Banks are excited to take on this new role and are looking forward to seeing how God will be working in the lives of everyone living in the Manor this semester.

“My prayer is that God will use Katelyn and me to edify and encourage them in these next few months,” Butler said.



Submitted by: ALLISON HARPER

Lindsay Butler and Katelyn Banks welcome students to Lakeside Manor. The women will cook and manage the University’s Ireland center for students abroad.

Out of the Bubble

Cutting consumer debt
usatoday.com Sept. 11

For two months in a row, Americans cut their credit card use. Total consumer borrowing dipped \$3.3 billion in July, down from \$2.7 trillion.

Although spending increased in July, consumer debt went down. Economists believe this is due to concerns of high unemployment and slow growth.

Consumers have been using credit cards much less since 2008, cutting consumer debt 17 percent.

Turkey will not return Iraqi VP
bbc.com Sept. 11

Turkey refuses to send Iraqi Vice President al-Hashemi back to Iraq to receive his sentence.

On Sept. 9 the Iraqi courts found al-Hashemi guilty of running death squads during Sadaam Hussein’s reign and have sentenced him to death.

Hashemi and the Turkey government accuse the court of being politically motivated by Prime Minister al-Maliki.

In the Bubble

Freshman Fling

Freshmen may dance in the intramural fields at the University-sponsored event on Sept. 14. For more information, contact VIBE director Austin Harms at harmsa@jbu.edu

Breakaway 2012

Students can go on the University’s annual all-campus retreat on Sept. 21 6 p.m.-Sept. 22, 9 p.m. This year the event will be held at New Life Ranch and will feature Cary Balzer, Maxie Birch, and Laura Bailey as speaker.

Tickets are on sale in the caf and Walker Student Center.

Locally grown

FINDING FORTUNE IN THE FARMER’S MARKET

Eating locally is not a new idea; before the rise of the super-market in the early twentieth century, it was most likely the only option. But local produce has become somewhat of a trend in recent years. Farmers’ markets seem to be popping up everywhere, as do area restaurants publicizing their locally-made products.

This is a good thing. The Threefold Advocate is in full support of the Siloam Springs Farmers Market, in addition to businesses such as 28 Springs, which strive to buy ingredients from local vendors.

Call us old-fashioned, but we find comfort in knowing where our food comes from. Do away with the bothersome stickers found on produce at Wal-Mart that give no other information than a general country of origination. Brazil is a massive nation-- that orange could have come from anywhere within its 3,287,597 square miles.

When thousands of miles are eliminated from a product’s journey, money spent on gas and other means of transportation can be eliminated as well.

It’s also a heart-warming experience to meet the farmers who grow your food; whose money, time, sweat, tears and passion is invested into the soil just as much as any seed is.

Moreover, there’s the opportunity to ask questions. As curious and intentional learners, this is a fulfilling prospect that needs to be taken advantage of.

Ask the farmers if they use any pesticides or growth hormones in their practices. What is the best way to prepare this squash? Or simply, what is this? A wealth of knowledge lies at the tips of their sun-tanned, calloused fingertips.

Buying at local markets may limit your choice to what is in season, but that need not be a negative side effect. You are guaranteed a fresh, colorful, ripe, at-its-prime purchase. A product of love, not just labor.

It is worth the possible few extra cents to buy local and support not only the economy, but also the faces of those you see around town on any given weekday. That’s classic Americana.



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Goofy gateways

NEW IDEAS FOR A TRADITIONAL CLASS

As the years pass, freshmen Gateway Seminar topics become more creative and outrageous. In response, the Threefold Advocate has created a list of possible subjects for future consideration.

1. The Granola Life: A look at the worldview and practices of environmentally-aware people
2. The Caf and You: What you will really be eating for the next four years
3. Walmart: Exploring the inner workings of your wallet’s black hole
4. Navigating Blackboard: A tutorial for getting your homework in on time (Attention: This is a 3-hour class)
5. Singleness: How to survive without a ring by spring
6. Relationships: How to get your ring by spring
7. Accents and Dialects: When to use Thou or You
8. Dragon Ball: Learning interntional culture through anime
9. Slack-lining 101
10. Troll 2: Exploring classic B horror films
11. Creation, Fall, Redemption: An etymological, theological and historical study of the Evangelical college catchphrase of the 21st century
12. Puppy Eyes: How to get out of paying your parking fines
13. Scan and Skip: How to get your chapel credits without ever showing up
14. A Year without C.S. Lewis: Exploring other Christian Theologians
15. Interacting with Engineers and other Introverted majors

Exercise your right to vote



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James Kennedy

Friends, young people, students of John Brown University, I am here today with a message: go vote.

While you as a younger voter may not feel that your vote matters, I am here to say that you are wrong. For one thing, voting in itself is a right that we should take responsibility for. If we as the youth of this nation fail to stand up for our beliefs, then we will only feel the repercussions of our decisions later on.

Actress Scarlett Johansson urged young people to vote last week at the Democratic National Convention. “Whether we can get health care, afford college, be guaranteed equal pay – all of these things are at great, great risk,” she said.

In 2008, less than half of all eligible voters between the

ages of 18 and 24 voted – less than half. Young America, why are we speaking with half our voice when so many issues at stake here directly affect us?”

Now while many of us enjoyed her performance this past summer as Black Widow in “The Avengers,” she manages to bring up some very good points. Health care, college tuition prices, equal pay – these issues either already are or will affect us as college graduates.

RockTheVote states that “we are the most diverse group of young people in history we’re civically engaged in our communities, passionate about issues, and politically aware,” or at least half of us are. It is important to do your own research on different issues and to be fully aware of each partys’ stance on those.

Mary Lee Gibson, vice president of College Conservatives at the University of Tampa, registered to vote for the first time at the Republican National Convention.

Gibson says that “I’m more concerned about the economy right now, just that being a college student graduating soon, its a little nerve wracking.Im about to go out into the world – I don’t know if I’ll have a job. I personally am Pro-Life, so it’s hard for me to even justify being Pro Choice. My personal belief is that God put the child

there for a reason, and something great will happen to that child and its not a single persons decision to take that life away.”

Whether you are concerned with social issues such as immigration policies, or you are into the economic status of the country, research is a singular responsibility. There are thousands of political bloggers who will tell you what to believe, present one sided arguments, and hope to sway you to their way of belief. Take these people with a pinch of salt.

Better information comes from a variety of news sources (not just one channel or news paper), professional bloggers, and candidates themselves. If you only look into one source you’re limited to only a part of an issue. The website www.isidewith.com is a good starting place to see which party you would be more affiliated with.

I’m not telling you to vote for Barack Obama. I’m not telling you to vote for Mitt Romney. I’m only telling you to take one of your responsibilities. Vote on November 6th.

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OPINION

The Threefold Advocate



from the flames

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“Getting Evacuated” was not on my to-do list that Saturday morning. If it were, I might have worn something other than my swimsuit. Just like every other summer, I spent the warm months at my favorite place in the mountains, Eagle Lake Camp. We had just returned to the bus after a fun afternoon of whitewater rafting when both my co-counselors and campers were informed that our camp had been evacuated due to the Waldo Canyon Fire. We now, officially, were evacuees. I have spent my life in one category. The category of people that have a home, a place to live, a pillow to rest their head. And now within seconds I had been forced into a different group, one I was not ready to be apart of. Now all I owned were the clothes on my back and the backpack I left on the bus. The only place I had to lay my head were couches of kind families who took our group in. Any safety or security I once held onto burned up in a matter of seconds, just like the trees sitting on our mountain. Having the ability to hold everything I owned in one

hand was a strange feeling. Though it made getting dressed a little easier since there was only one option to pick, and I was already wearing it. “Give us this day our daily bread” was a line from the Lord’s prayer I had prayed in terms of strength or patience, but never regarding physical bread. I prayed that line fervently and often those days, and I meant it as literally as it was written. It is impossible to be evacuated, to live a life of such deep dependence, to realize the potential of loosing all earthly possessions and be unchanged. Suddenly the new H&M sale does not seem as satisfying as it used to. The prayers of thanks over each meal come from the soul. The closet brimming with clothes, for the first time in a long time, really looks full. A bed becomes something worth shouts of joy. The simple things become worthy of the gratitude they have been starved. The flames stole many things from me. They stole my summer, forcing camp to be cancelled for the remainder of the session. They stole my time I had left with my campers. They

stole my hopes, my dreams and plans for that season of my life. But the flames also gave me a few things in return, as though some sort of payment. The flames gave me a glimmer of what a life of dependence looks like. They invaded my heart with gratitude unlike I had ever experienced. Most importantly, the flames blessed us all with an unshakeable sense of community. The camp shirts this year read “community doesn’t burn” and that is what we discovered. Amidst the ashes we stood, shoulder to shoulder, taking on one another’s burdens. The flames shook something inside of me that became crustied over by comfort. It brought to life an appreciation that had died many years ago. The flames burned and destroyed many wonderful things, but they also burned some very ugly things inside of my soul, and for that I am eternally grateful.

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SGA: We’re here to help

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everything that was going on. Then last week, during their chapel on stress, Acts of Renewal said something that cut straight to my heart: “We are not alone. Jesus is there in the boat with us. We aren’t drowning.” I was floored. How did they know to say that? Was that a coincidence? And then it hit me... Wow, God is so awesome! I have continued to remind myself of that statement every day when I start to feel stressed. ‘Jesus is with me. I’m not drowning.’ Over and over I repeat it. It’s a little silly, but it helps. But why should you care about my spiritual epiphany? Or about the earlier reminder of how busy your life is right now? Because it means you aren’t alone. Student Government is made up of students too. We are going through the same things you are. And we can help. No...we won’t do your homework for you or call your mom and tell her you won’t be home for Thanksgiving. But do you have a problem with something on campus? Do you see a policy that should be changed? Let us know! SGA was the driving force behind getting dancing approved on campus, we worked with Facility Services

to get more outlets put in Walker Student Center last year and we are working on a solution to the laundry issue. We want to know your opinions of how we can help because we are here for You! Do you already have an idea? Great! Let us know!! Don’t know how to get in touch with SGA? There are Tons of ways! First, ‘Like’ us on Facebook at JBU Student Government Association. We update about projects we’re working on, events coming up, and it’s a great way to connect. Second, follow us on Twitter @JBUSGA, we just updated it and will be using it on a regular basis. And third, if you have any questions about what SGA does and how you can be involved email us at sga@jbu.edu! We really want to hear from you, because we don’t know what to change if you don’t let us know! But whatever you are doing, I pray you have an absolutely wonderful (and slightly restful) semester.

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Join the CAUSE

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Since coming to JBU, I’ve experienced tremendous encouragement in my spiritual walk. The main ways I’ve received this encouragement are through chapel services three times a week, the Passion groups I’ve been involved in the last two years, the church I’ve attended here in Siloam, and professors and friends who continually uplift me by their words and actions. However, the other principle source of my encouragement has come from my involvement in JBU’s student ministries program, Christian Ambassadors United for Service and Evangelism (CAUSE). During my freshman year, I joined a ministry called Chai Time. The focus of this ministry was praying for missionaries and hearing about the work that they are doing around the world. Although I am not a missionary kid and the farthest I’ve been out of the United States is Canada, I have a heart for missionaries and I thoroughly enjoy hearing stories of how God works in and through their lives. This is something that was instilled in me by my parents, who have supported several missionary families for many years and would frequently draw my attention to the work that our missionary friends were doing. In the fall of my sophomore year, there was no leader for Chai Time as the previous leaders had either graduated or were pursuing other opportunities. After thinking and praying, I contacted last year’s CAUSE director, Rebekah Henderson, about revis-

talizing this ministry which had encouraged me throughout my freshman year. Following a meeting with her and assistant director of discipleship, Lisa Corry, I received the blessing to start up this ministry again in the spring. Taking over this leadership position brought about a name change for the ministry as I wanted the title to be more reflective of what the ministry is all about. I eventually settled on Partners in Prayer, indicating that we are partnering with missionaries through our prayers. The ministry’s purpose is threefold: hearing stories from missionaries and missionary kids, praying for missionaries serving around the world, and opening our eyes to prayer needs in other countries. Each week a particular country is featured, utilizing Operation World’s prayer cards as well as connections with missionaries in order to make the meetings more personal. I cannot fully express how blessed I’ve been to be able to participate in, and now lead, this ministry. Though our group is small, I look forward to gathering in the Walker prayer room each Monday night at 8 p.m. and hearing and sharing about something outside of school. As JBU students and servants in God’s kingdom, I believe it is important to take the attention off ourselves and focus on pouring into others. Each of the 11 CAUSE ministries give students an opportunity to embody this servant-mindedness that God calls every one of us to possess. I encourage all JBU students to find a CAUSE ministry that they’re passionate about and become part of God’s kingdom work. I promise that you will be blessed through the experience!

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Cabbage, potatoes, folklore, castles, pubs, beauty, green, Guinness, sheep, rugby, music, rain, history. Ireland. The Ireland Study Abroad team has only been on the Emerald Island for a week, but in that short time we have already seen the beautiful northern shore and the curious Giant’s Causeway. We have tasted some heavenly fish-n-chips and strolled in Sir Thomas and Lady Dickson’s Rose Garden. Then, on a very sober note, we walked the Peace Wall that painfully divides the Catholics from the Protestants, and is a constant

reminder of the severe brokenness that flows in their country’s past. I have to say that my favorite part of the trip so far has been the Northern Shore. I could sit for hours attempting to describe the beauty with words and never reach the true beauty the Northern Shore offers. Magnificent cliffs, crashing waves hundreds of feet below, grazing sheep, salty breeze... all of it puts you in the perfect position to experience God’s manifested presence. I wouldn’t do this report justice if I did not tell you about one of the funniest things that we have done while here. Billy Stevenson, our team leader, took us to what he calls the “Perky Pool.” Now, depending on what gender you are, it could also be called the “Shrinky Pool” because you jump into the icy cold North Atlantic Ocean and things instantly begin to ‘perk’ or ‘shrink.’ Imagine about 20 of your fellow John Brown University students shivering on the edge of the Perky Pool and then, with behavior much like the penguins, one student falls in... then two more... then four

more... then all the remaining splash into the numbing salt water. The whole point of this nonsense was that if we stayed in the water for four minutes, then Billy would buy us dinner. I am proud to say that everyone who jumped in stayed in and will be receiving a well deserved dinner from our dear Mr. Billy. You can see the priceless video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9lcPCmzH0s. Finally, if you have not already been to Ireland, whether on the fall semester trip or the summer mission trip, then I strongly encourage you to so! You will not regret it. Also, if you would like to keep up with the happenings of the Irish Fall 2012 team then follow my blog at www.theirishshire.tumblr.com. Farwell from Belfast Ireland, Brandon Blackman.

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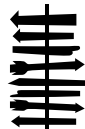
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God and Money



Writing From Faith

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Some aspects of life are just predictable. April showers bring May flowers. *Mayflowers* bring pilgrims. August brings new students. New John Brown University students take Gateway.

But these Gateway classes are far from predictable.

Jake Stratman, assistant professor of English, teaches one of the Gateway options for this fall, focusing on disability fiction.

Stratman's students will be reading a variety of books written by Schneider Family Book Award winners. His goal in this is to integrate not just faith and learning but whole-person learning through pedagogical strategies.

His students will be introduced to theories about disabilities, Stratman said. Students will struggle through questions such as "What is disability?" and "Who defines it?". Journaling assignments allow students to reflect on these questions, personal experience and biblical text through journaling assignments.

Lastly, students in Stratman's class will experience community engagement with the local foundation AbilityTree.

"There is a clear distinction here between engagement and service. This is not service," Stratman said. Rather, he wants this to be an opportunity for students to meet and get to know families with a disabled

member and interact with their kids through after school programs, art ability programs, and a monthly recess program.

Austin Robertson, director of retention, is taking a more experiential approach to Gateway with his class, "Every Tribe, Tongue, and Nation." Students will read "Kingdom Come" by Allen Wakabayashi and learning how to look for ways to heal the world both globally and locally.

Robertson recently participated in the World Race, an 11 month mission trip in eleven different countries. By combining this experience and the wisdom from Wakabayashi's book, Robertson plans to pass what he has learned on to his students.

"I want to help them see and better understand the continuous need for Christ-followers to be ministering on a local and global level, for the purpose of being a part of Christ's redemptive work in every part of creation," Robertson said.

One of their first assignments for the class is to go out into the community and find a person who is "not their type." This simply means approaching someone outside their religious, social, political realm and learning about their life. They will then write about their experience expanding their comfort zone. Additionally, as a class, they will choose a service project to do together, starting world healing on a local level.

Robertson's students also complete daily projects entitled "Put a Face to It." Even while reading Ostrander, students are

learning about world events, tragedies, and areas of injustice by putting a face to them and discussing them as a class.

Popular literature can also be a theme of a Gateway class, such as one on Harry Potter with Tracy Balzer, director of Christian formation. Balzer's class will be reading through "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," the first book of the series. Through their readings, they will be discussing the various theological themes of redemption portrayed by the different characters and familial structures.

As part of their curriculum, students will be choosing a character from the book to study. They will look at all aspects of his or her persona, how it affects other characters, and how it impacts the overall theme and plot, as well as any significance that particular character has to the subject of redemption.

"We clearly have enjoyable material to work with, but this is a class that I see a lot of spiritual 'aha' moments in my students. It's a really creative and beautiful experience to elevate a pop culture book in this way," Balzer said.

As a special activity, Balzer's Gateway students will be staging a Quiddich tournament on the quad at some point during the semester.

These Gateway classes, and many more, are the backbone of new student transition to the University and are a healthy and fun way to start out their journey here.



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Islamic Art



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Strategies of Success



"Next" Christians



Community Development in Central America



Harry Potter



Disability Fiction

Summer teams build structures and faith in Africa

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Construction Management and Engineering students chuckled at pictures of hand-cranked concrete machines and framing built with three-quarter inch plywood.

Four of their classmates and one professor, participants in summer mission trips to Africa, shared about their experiences at the division-wide welcome back dinner on Sept. 6. All five men discussed the people they met and the projects they worked on, often in less than ideal conditions and with outdated equipment.

Jim Caldwell, head of the construction management department, commended the students who completed overseas internships.

"I received feedback from both of the teams' supervisors that these four guys were head and shoulders over other interns," he said. "They praised our students for living out their faith in addition to completing good work."

Nigeria, Samaritan's Purse

Junior Moses Clark and seniors John Oswald and Chris Kinzer dedicated three months working to help revitalize a Christian hospital near the city of Egbe. Another intern joined them on the project, under the supervision of a missionary family.

Oswald focused on remodeling 12 of the 14 houses on the compound, including building cabinets. Kinzer and Clark completed a wide variety of other projects, particularly rebuilding a broken-down dam. They also helped by rewiring some of the electrical systems at the hospital and installing ceiling lights.

In one building, tearing up the floor revealed an old well underneath, which Clark and Kinzer had to deal with. At another building, an unexpected return of the hospital's power while Clark worked on the wiring created an "exciting moment."

This team faced a variety of issues, including a concrete mixer that constantly fell apart

and the necessity of carrying mortar and concrete by hand in five-gallon buckets to the work site.

The poor equipment often slowed down their work efforts, Kinzer said. It is up to the manager to figure out a way to make do with what a team has.

"A lot of times, the Nigerians make things by hand simply because they do not know how to use the tools," Clark said.

Both Clark and Kinzer plan to do long-term mission project management overseas in the future.

"We have lived in Africa before, so we're used to that. For us the important part was learning how to deal with construction issues that arise in the type of conditions we faced," Kinzer said.

Clark said his favorite part was helping people and the interactions with the Nigerian workers at the job sites. Kinzer said he most enjoyed visiting a nearby orphanage and hearing the people's stories.

Niger, Service in Mission

Senior Kaleb Bledsoe spent a month of his summer at a hospital compound in the neighboring country of Niger. There he helped create a new hazardous material incinerator, since the hospital had filled up the old one. He also built stairs for the first time in his life, out of concrete.

For Bledsoe, interacting with the people around him trumped the construction projects as the best part of the trip. He shared stories about a few of those people. An older man laughed at him because he was not married yet, an African cultural expectation.

A young Christian man told Bledsoe that he goes out to share the gospel in his 99 percent Muslim country even though people beat him sometimes. A missionary family loads a sofa onto their truck and camps out in the bush, living in community with the people they seek to reach.

"To Christians, God is here and relevant," Bledsoe said. "Muslims don't have that, and that is heartbreaking."

The missionary who served as his boss, Chad Winzer, is over his head with construction work needs, Bledsoe said. He encouraged his fel-



Submitted by: JIM CALDWELL

Rwandan natives form a human conveyer belt, passing concrete from the mixer to the pour site. The team created a patio for a restaurant with the help of Jim Caldwell, head of the construction management department, who spent time in Rwanda on a missions trip.

low students to consider going over next summer to work.

Bledsoe wants to work with long-term missions in some capacity in the future. God taught him a lot during his time in Africa this summer, he said.

"I learned that I need to become more mature and get ready for something like that," he said. "It's God's work, but I want to be a good tool."

Rwanda, Musanze Opportunity Center

Jim Caldwell spent part of his summer in the small African country of Rwanda working at the Musanze Opportunity Center. The Center opened earlier this year with the mis-

sion of "Helping Rwandans build a stronger Rwanda."

Four schools on the center's campus offer training to Rwandans in the areas of English, construction, hospitality services and discipleship. Caldwell taught the first construction class during the summer, in addition to helping with some projects around the campus.

The Center desires to bring in some technology where it makes sense in the African context and then to hire Rwandan labor to do the work, Caldwell said.

For example, during his time there the Center laid a concrete patio which will provide a place for a restaurant. Although they used an up-to-date mixer, they also utilized 100 Rwan-

dans to form a human conveyer belt, passing the concrete from the machine to the pour site.

Teaching construction meets a great need in Rwanda, Caldwell said. In the capital Kigali, people need 30,000 new houses built each year. But there are only enough contractors to build 1,000. The rest are just put together by neighbors and friends who do not necessarily know how to build.

The Center's four-fold values include launching job-creating entrepreneurs and doing everything with quality and integrity. The construction school aims to use an apprenticeship model of equipping people with skills so that they can go out and not only work but also train other people, according to the Center's website.

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Saturday began with a breezy, perfect bike ride to our hometown Farmers’ Market with my two good friends Joey and Clark. We rolled up to Bob Henry Park with a goal: to scour the market for the best the place had to offer. We parked the bikes in a tidy row and began fraternizing with the farmers, bakers, soap maker and the rep from Mainstreet Siloam, who was out of coffee, but I’m trying to get over it. I had to be as excited as any of the wide-eyed kids present, though my eyes swelled with the sight of fresh spinach, prickly okra, dirt-clad sweet potatoes, caramelly local honey and yeasty pastries. I perched my sunglasses atop

my head and commenced chatting it up with a friendly farmer from Laos, but more recently, from Westville, Okla. His table, covered with a thin red plastic tablecloth, boasted okra, a variety of spinach which included the stems, young royal purple eggplant, and gobs of yellow squash. I think I would have bought the goods without the conversation, but he sure made me feel good about my purchase of spinach and okra—sharing with me that, in Laos, the spinach is often prepared during postnatal care due to its high iron content, combating a woman’s blood loss. I picked one of the two remaining bags of spinach and Joey grabbed the heapingest basket of okra. Our bag was now filled to the brim with perky green vegetables. The pastries were not such an easy sell. Mrs. Skopp had

so many kinds of baked goods, including honey wheat bread, carrot-pineapple bread, ready-made pizza crusts, chocolate chip cookies, jellies and preserves ranging from jalapeno to nectarine-lime. And kolaches. Joey and Clark both have Czech heritage and I remember the bready, semi-sweet pastries from my early childhood in Texas, where Mrs. Skopp grew to love, then bake, kolaches as well. After deliberating for quite a while, we settled on the carrot-pineapple bread, which was suggested to us by a passerby who noted our distress, and two kolaches, one filled with nectarine and the other, blackberry. As we tallied up the total, she threw in a sleeve of her thin, slightly crispy, chocolate chip cookies. It seemed like this was a gift of sympathy,

condolences for our suffering through the decision process. Also, I think she really wanted us to try them. The gift was well received, and the three of us soon tore into the carrot-pineapple bread followed by the cookies and kolaches. It was then that my comrades showed me that these kolaches were not what they knew by this name. I don’t think that either of them were, however, disappointed with our Texan versions. These were soft and had a thin crust, a sugar doily on top. We had a simple dinner, eating what we had gathered earlier in the day. Together, the three of us and Joey’s sister Erin cooked. The spinach was wilted in hot olive oil with loads of fresh, halved garlic cloves and salt. We cooked them un-

til the greens had a glistening, deep color and fell limp. For the okra, we sliced them from just below the stem through the tip, tossed in olive oil and salt, then grilled them until charred in places and mostly tender. For the okra, we felt it necessary to have a dipping sauce: mayonnaise with curry powder I bought in the old city of Jerusalem. This ended up being my favorite dish. After standing over these three dishes to prepare them, we sat down to them, served one another, and ate slowly. The spinach was minerally and soft with an occasional sweet garlic clove. The okra, a little slimy and comforting. The sauce with the warm, velvety taste of curry. The beef, simple and tender. The day, successful.

Thrifty furnishings discovered in off-campus homes

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For college students, money is usually limited. With a little creativity, many off-campus seniors have found ways to decorate frugally. Megan Toney, a senior living in a local duplex, advocates thriftiness in the midst of decorating. “I’m a college student, money is tight,” Toney said. “I am a big believer in the idea that you don’t have to sacrifice what you want it to look like, you just have to work a little bit harder.” Toney and her two roommates, seniors Jessica Owens and Tina Harder, found a stool and two bookshelves just thrown away on the side of the road. A new coat of paint transformed these pieces of trash into treasures that furnish their new home. Toney explained, “Trash cans would not be my first option, but when you do not have the money to spend, you find ways to get the look you want with the cost you can afford.” To be economical does not always call for dump-

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- **Megan Toney**

ster diving. Taylor Wood, senior sports medicine major, took a hands-on approach to furnishing his place. His experience in carpentry gave him the ability to build not only one, but two bunk beds. The first bunk bed he crafted for himself and his roommate. The second set he created for seniors

Cassie Kelley and Lori Franz. Kelley said she was “very grateful to not have to purchase a bed frame.” Owens did not have the ability to craft her own furniture like Wood, but that did not stop her from keeping the costs low. She got creative and picked up her furniture at a thrift store that is connected to a nursing home. While this particular type of thrift store is not one that many students frequent, Owens found great success in purchasing a dresser and a mirror for only \$30. Also, most college seniors experience the need for furniture when moving off campus, so many who graduate have been gracious to pass down their collected items. Toney was third in line for an antique looking bed that first belonged to Kristie Neff, who graduated from John Brown in 2010. When Neff graduated, she passed her bed to Gretchen Gunter, now a 2012 graduate. When Gunter packed up and moved away, Toney got the bed. Toney and Owens refer to their home as the “patchwork house” and enjoy the atmosphere that the mix of

furnishings brings to it. “Each item has character,” Toney said. “Every desk, chair, bed and dresser has its own story. They each had lives before they came to our home, but now they make up our house. We kind of like it. I personally think it is more exciting than simply clicking ‘buy’ online.”



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Seniors shop at local businesses such as 2 Gal’s Junk or Salvation Army to buy furniture and other household items needed to fill their homes off campus. These finds often result in an eclectic style, but one that students such as Megan Toney are willing to embrace.

Men plough through injuries



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Senior defender Chris Soenksen fights for a header against Union Saturday.

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The Golden Eagles Men’s Soccer team will face a pair of Kansas universities this week.

On Saturday the Eagles will play Benedictine (Kan.) in their third straight home game.

They will then travel to Olathe, Kan. on Tuesday to face MidAmerica Nazarene.

A win against the 2-1-1 Benedictine Ravens will give JBU one victory in three home games after going winless in the Quality Inn Fall Classic.

In the Fall Classic, the Eagles were trailing 2-0 to Northwestern (Iowa) in a contest called due to rain last Friday and tied 2-2 against Union (Tenn.) last Saturday.

According to John Miglarese, head coach, winning at home is a goal this season after their undefeated record in road conference games last year was offset by a 2-4-1 record at home against conference opponents.

“That’s something we are definitely trying to remedy,” said

Migliarese. “This year we put a big focus on how we prepare for games at home.”

The teams 3-0-1 performance at this point this season is an improvement over last season, when the Eagles lost their first five games to open the season.

Since that losing streak ended on Sept. 17, 2011, at Friends University, the Golden Eagles have not lost in six straight road contests, going 5-0-1 during that stretch.

On Tuesday, JBU will look to bring that early-season success on the road as they face off against MidAmerica Nazarene.

The Pioneers, who are also undefeated as of press time at 2-0-3 will be led by senior forward Trent Remmich, who leads the team in goals (4), and senior forward Gyer Vierthaler, who leads in assists (4).

The Golden Eagles will be without junior Luke Theimer, who was the teams leading scorer with three goals before suffering multiple fractures in his left cheekbone.

Theimer sustained the injury in a match against Harding on Sept. 3.

He had surgery on Monday and will be out at least until late in the season and may be red-shirted.

In addition to Theimer, senior midfielder Misha Kolemasov, senior defenseman Noah Archibald, and sophomore defenseman Aaron Estrada are out with injuries.

Freshman forward Zari Prescod is questionable for Saturday’s game after he separated his shoulder.

These mounting injuries will make keeping their winning streak alive more difficult.

“Not only are we losing their talent, we’re losing some guys who really know how to compete and inspire the guys around them,” said Miglarese. “The guys that haven’t had to step into that role in the past now have to and lead the team.”

According to Miglarese, the team can still continue to succeed and accomplish their goals for this season with their remaining roster.

JBU will host Benedictine at Alumni Field Saturday at 2 p.m.

Men’s Soccer Injury Report

				
AARON ESTRADA Sophomore Defenseman	NOAH ARCHIBALD Senior Defenseman	LUKE THEIMER Junior Defenseman	ZARI PRESCOD Freshman Forward	MISHA KOLEMASOV Senior Midfielder
Tore ACL training in July	Injured hand and back in preseason	Facial tripod fracture on 9/3 Had surgery on Monday	Seperated shoulder on Saturday vs Union (Tenn.)	Broke foot in preseason
Out for season Redshirted	Return in 2-3 weeks	May return late season May be redshirted	Back by end of week	Out for year Redshirted
Estrada won a starting job with his performance in off-season workouts last spring after sitting out his freshman season with a torn ACL in his other leg.	Archibald transferred along with fellow senior defenseman Chris Soenksen from Iowa Western Community College last year.	This is Theimer's second straight year as team captain. He led the team with three goals before his injury.	Prescod had two goals before his injury and most likely will not miss the Eagles’ next game on Saturday.	Kolmasov is one of the only players currently on the team who was here when Miglarese began coaching JBU and was part of the coach’s “more gritty” team vision last year.

Rugby players get pretty ugly



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Members of the Rugby club get in touch with their feminine side at the Women’s Volleyball game against College of the Ozarks on Sept. 9. The Rugby team’s unique way of showing support for the Lady Eagles at the first home volleyball game at is a yearly tradition for new and returning players.

{Athlete of the Week}



Becca Young
Volleyball

Sophomore Libero Becca Young had a career-high 23 digs in a 3-1 victory over Baker (Kan.) on Sept. 8. She was named the Sooner Athletic Conference’s Libero of the Week for Sept. 3-9.

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Senior Erin Didier is set to kill against College of the Ozarks (Ark.) last Monday evening. The Lady Eagles swept both of their games on Monday in their first time playing at home this season.

Freshman forward Whitney Brannan scores one of her three goals on Saturday against University of the Ozarks (Mo.), an NCAA Division III school. The Lady Eagles won the match with a final score of 8-0. Along with Brannan's hat trick, junior Laura Garcia scored two goals while sophomore Casey O'Brien, freshman Madi Susmilch and fellow freshman Alex Fahr each added a goal. The Lady Eagles will return home this weekend for thei Invitational.

The Friday game against Bacone and the Saturday game versus MNU will both be played at 4 p.m. at Alumni Field.



SPOTLIGHT

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What cities were you in?

Guatemala City and Antigua, Guatemala. I traveled with Buckner International, a missions organization dedicated to providing care for the orphans and elderly.

Most interesting experience?

Definitely working at the orphanage with the special needs children. Most of them were abandoned because their parents did not want them or could not afford to take care of them. They were very receptive and grateful that you were actually touching them, hugging them, and loving on them.

Lesson Learned?

Humility



Cristy Saucedo Junior

What cities were you in?

We were in Jinja, Uganda for two and a half weeks as well as Kamuli, a poorer rural community, for one week. I was able to teach students and also do some work in the hospitals trying to make kids laugh and smile.

Most interesting experience?

It is really hard to narrow it down! I was really caught off guard with how much we were encouraged and served on the trip. We went there expecting to pour into the people and bless them through the Lord. But we were equally if not more blessed and served! The people there have such contagious joy and strength in the Lord. They are some of the hardest working people I have ever met and they have such faith in the Father. They are a people who are so thirsty for him and it is incredibly humbling and inspiring.

Lesson Learned?

Humility. Nothing we do in the world is in vain.



Adam Hodge Junior

What city were you in?

We worked in the small town of Killyleagh, and stayed in some cottages in the Irish countryside about ten minutes away. It was everything that you might imagine Ireland to be, and then like eight times more wonderful.

Most interesting experience?

Walking in the local parade celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We passed out American flag tattoos and everyone seemed excited to see us.

Lesson Learned?

Being genuine with people



Allie Miller Junior

SUMMER MISSIONS SNAPSHOTS



Anna Lane Senior

What cities were you in?

We stayed in Jinja, Uganda for the majority of our time. We lived in a house that had a small courtyard and guest quarters, all surrounded by a six foot brick wall. A guard was always present on this compound. For one week, we stayed on a large, beautiful farm. This farm had no electricity, and running water was only available in one of the buildings. "Bucket showers" were our means of getting clean.

Most interesting experience?

My most interesting experience was aiding in surgical procedures at the hospital in Kamuli. As a pre-med student, I was honored to be allowed to perform all of the tasks given to me, such as taking and testing blood in the HIV clinic, administering immunizations, witnessing births and cutting and suturing during surgeries.

Lesson Learned?

I learned God has indeed placed a passion within me for the medical profession.

