

March of the DREAMers

Hundreds march in protest of DACA repeal

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. In a move considered controversial by Democrats and Republicans alike, President Donald Trump called to end the Consideration for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA. The program, established through executive order by President Barack Obama, allowed both deferred action and its renewal for undocumented immigrants in the United States for up to two years.

Immigration has always factored into political rhetoric in the . The U.S. was founded primarily by refugees fleeing religious persecution in post-Reformation Europe, and has adopted an image of being a nation of hosts. An inscription on the Statue of Liberty, perhaps the most persistent symbol of the U.S., famously sports the inscription, “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.”

As the title implies, DACA was structured for childhood arrivals to the U.S. Enacted on July 15, 2012, DACA required, among other things, for applicants to have spent at least five consistent years in the U.S., possess a high school education and be free of any felonies or major misdemeanors.

Trump has been an unpopular president, with a current approval rating of 40 percent, and his decision



Students, parents, youth pastors, politicians, and even nuns marched from Little Rock’s Central High School to the State capital in protest of DACA’s repeal.

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to repeal DACA only deepened the resentment many already felt towards him and his administration. This resentment was present at a protest march held in Little Rock on Sept. 16. The march moved from Little Rock Central High School memorial to the state capital, and ended in several addresses by state representatives and DACA recipients. Protesters held their march to call for a quick solution to replace DACA before DHS began taking action on those affected.

Among those speaking was Vivian Flowers, representative of Arkansas’s District 17. Flowers decried several criticisms against DACA, including the idea that DACA recipients, and undocumented immigrants in general, produce a harmful effect on the U.S. economy and a greater financial strain

on U.S. taxpayers. “This myth even has a name in economics. It’s called the ‘lump of labor’ fallacy.” Flowers said.

“First generation immigrants who enter the United States as children pay, on average, more in taxes than they receive over their lifetimes, regardless of their education level.” Flowers said. “DACA recipients end up contributing more than the average because they are not eligible for federal needs such as welfare, cash assistance, food stamps, Medicaid, healthcare, tax credits or anything else.”

This notion is largely true. The study Flowers references in her address, published by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, notes that immigrants, documented or otherwise, are necessary contributors to the health of the U.S. economy. “Immigration is integral to the nation’s economic growth. The inflow of labor supply has helped the United States avoid the problems facing other economies that have stagnated as a result of unfavorable demographics, particularly the effects of an aging workforce and reduced consumption by older residents,” the study states.

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Mexico earthquake claims lives and homes

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Thousands of Mexican citizens flood the shaken city streets of Mexico City, fleeing the destruction of a 7.1 magnitude earthquake which hit the center of Mexico, killing 333 persons and reducing 38 buildings in Mexico City to rubble. Mexican marines said they have rescued 115 people and recovered 102 bodies. Search and rescue efforts are still underway. Gina Condado, Mexico City resident and mother of John Brown University student, Karla Condado, shared her account of the events.

Condado was at her workplace during the time of the earthquake. She recalled that there was a general earthquake drill at 11 a.m., an exercise done every Sept. 19 in remembrance of the catastrophic 8.0 earthquake that killed 5,000 people in 1985.

“It was 1 p.m. when the earthquake started,” Condado recalled. “We were at the office, on the second floor of a building. We tried to go down the stairs, but the people started panicking and piling up at the stairwell. That made it impossible for us to leave the building. We had to seek cover by pressing against a wall.”

Condado described those minutes inside the building as “eternal.” She said that the situation inside the building got worst when they started hearing cracking noises and saw part of the



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The recent earthquake that shocked Mexico is not the first the country has experienced. This photo shows the 1985 decimation of the Ministry of Telecommunications and Transportation in Mexico City.

ceiling and glass fall down.

“Thankfully, after the earthquake stopped we were able to leave the building and move to a safe zone” Condado said.

Once the earthquake stopped, Condado’s first reaction was to call her children’s schools to make sure they were safe.

“Phone service was down, but I was able to communicate with their principal through WhatsApp [instant messaging application], and she told me everyone was safe,” Condado said.

After getting confirmation of the safety of her children, Condado drove through downtown Mexico City to pick up her children from school, and witnessed firsthand the earthquake’s devastation.

“Immediately, I realized all the disaster that this earthquake had left. The people were running on the street, the stoplights were not working, you could see people with open wounds in their heads, broken glass on the street, and broken water pipes throwing water into the street,” Condado recalled.

Condado said that she had to spend 6 hours on the streets of a city dominated by chaos, as many roads were closed due to the collapse of multiple buildings.

“There was a lot of desperation.

People were walking on the streets because public transportation stopped working. I opened my car to any person that needed help, because there were people with canes and in wheelchairs that were having trouble moving on the streets.”

While all of this was happening in Mexico, Juanky Lopez, sophomore engineering major, and Daniel Calderon, freshman digital cinema major, were forced to follow the events developing in their home country from afar.

Lopez, a native from Morelia, Mexico, a city about three hours away from Mexico City, said he

was in class when a classmate mentioned the news of new earthquake in Mexico.

“I thought it was a usual earthquake, since it is very common for my country to have earthquakes,” Lopez said.

Lopez recalled that after getting a phone call from a friend he decided to check social media to learn of the occurrences in Mexico. On Twitter, Lopez saw videos of buildings collapsing and started to realize the magnitude of the events taking place in his country.

“One of the most shocking things I saw was the news of an elementary school in Mexico City that collapsed with some children inside,” Lopez said, referring to the Enrique Rebsamen School, where 26 students and staff lost their lives.

Even though Morelia was not directly affected by the earthquake, Lopez called home to make sure his family in Morelia and in Mexico City were safe.

“I called my family in Morelia to ask them if they were okay. They said they were shocked but fine. After that, I called my relatives in Mexico City and, thank God, they said they were good. Then I called my best friend who also lives in Mexico City to check if he’s good. It took him a while to answer, but after a few tries he answered and he said he was good,” Lopez said.

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Arkansas rated sixth most dangerous state

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Arkansas is the sixth most dangerous state in 2017 in the U.S., according to Law Street Media. Law Street Media ranked each country according to the FBI's top four major crime categories: murder, aggravated assault, robbery and forcible rape.

In 2017, there were 521 violent crimes per 100,000 people in Arkansas: 141 more violent crimes than the state of New York (number 23 on the list) and only 19 fewer violent crimes than Louisiana, ranked fifth. Little Rock is one of Arkansas' most dangerous cities. In its population of roughly 200,000 residents, there were 16 murders and 1,018 aggravated assaults recorded in 2016 alone, according to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting.

"Situational awareness around us is key," Scott Wanzer, director of Campus Safety at John Brown University, said. Wanzer worked as a Police Officer in Tulsa, Oklahoma for 27 years before moving to JBU. "Up here in the corner in NWA, I think things are a little bit different," he said.

Wanzer said that crime in Tulsa was much more prevalent than crime in Siloam Springs, but cautions citizens against becoming complacent. "We're not lax. I mean, we talk about active shooters and we have active shooter training," Wanzer said. "We don't want to be naive or ignorant to the crime that could be present."

Captain Hart of the Tontitown Police Department said that

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although Tontitown has not seen an increase in violent crime in 2017, the town has seen an increase in property crimes.

"Probably the most reported crimes that we have are gonna be your burglaries," Hart said. "The majority of them are gonna be your B&Es, so thefts from vehicles. Then we've had a few commercial burglaries but nothing major. The majority of it is from the vehicles and from construction sites stealing lumber and copper."

While the largest reported crime on JBU campus is petty theft, Wanzer said that vigilance is necessary for students on

campus as well as off campus. "We encourage students not to walk alone at night, to take a friend with them," he said. "If you make a Walmart run at ten o'clock, yeah, it's a lighted parking lot, but there may not be a lot of activity. Maybe the one pedestrian that you see, maybe he's a bad guy."

Wanzer suggested that people walking late at night in the dark should have a way to attract attention to themselves. He said that people looking to commit violent crimes want to do it in secret and do not want attention drawn to themselves. Carrying a whistle, having a finger on the

panic button, carrying a personal alarm or screaming loudly are all ways to protect yourself from violent crime.

Campus Safety also offers self-defense classes at the beginning of every semester, led by martial arts enthusiast and Campus Safety Officer Jess Thompson, as well as rotating safety tips on the Here&Now newsletter.

"One of those tips is encouraging students, primarily of the female gender...it has nothing to do with a female's ability to protect herself, but in our society and in our culture the statistics are clear: females are

perceived as easier to victimize," Wanzer said. He suggested that students who must walk at night walk with a group of friends, or call Campus Safety for an escort back to their dorm room. To prevent theft, Wanzer said students should always lock their dorm rooms when they leave and not leave any valuables unprotected.

While the rate of violent crime in Arkansas may be high compared to other states, Wanzer said that Siloam Springs is a relatively safe community.

"We affectionately call Siloam Mayberry, or, for the younger generation, we call it the Shire," Wanzer said. "Not only do I think that Siloam Springs is a very safe community, but John Brown University is also as safe, or maybe safer."

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This particular study, however, refers to true first-generation immigrants, who often do not know English, and did not grow up in a Western culture such as the U.S. These immigrants often take low-end jobs, often in construction, food service or factories. Those primarily affected by DACA are children who came to the U.S. when they were very young, and grew up with the U.S. as their home culture. These are people who often know no home other than the U.S.

The other claim Flowers attacked, that DACA recipients were taking U.S. jobs, is also insubstantial. As Flowers said, it's called the "lump of labor" fallacy, and is well-known and debated in economics. "The myth assumes that the number of jobs in the economy is fixed, and that any increase in workers results in unemployment," Flowers said. "It ignores economic growth of a nation, it ignores job growth that comes from entrepreneurship, or that comes from people working and spending money."

The repeal of DACA has stirred the debate surrounding undocumented immigrants currently living in the U.S. While many senators have proposed different versions of a piece of legislation that would allow these immigrants a path to citizenship, the idea has never persisted through the senate or the house on either the state or federal level. These pieces



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Protesters gather at the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site to protest for a permanent solution to DACA and honor all Arkansas Dreamers.

of legislation are known as the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors, or DREAM act.

The addresses made at the September 17 protest touched on both DACA and the DREAM

Act, as both pieces of legislation address similar populations of undocumented citizens. The DREAM Act, however, typically casts a wider net, allowing those who entered the U.S. under the age

of 18 to begin the path to citizenship. The DREAM Act would not offer immediate citizenship to any undocumented immigrants already in the U.S., but would instead offer a conditional path to citizenship.

Juan Manuel Mendez, community leader, activist and advocate for DACA and the DREAM act, said that no one he knows is trying to shirk the responsibility of citizenship. "We need to take the approach to allowing those people who are here to go through the background checks, to go through the channels of becoming legal," Mendez said.

"A question that gets thrown at us a lot of times as Dreamers is 'why don't you just get in line?' Why don't you just do things the right way?" To those people, I say, hold my hand, take me to the line, and I'll get in. Unfortunately for us, that line doesn't exist," Mendez said.

Mendez left with a bald statement, reflecting one of the pillars of the debate surrounding immigration reform and legislation, and its effect on the U.S. economy: "We need to come to terms with the fact that deporting 11 million people is not something that is reasonable."



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Protester holds a sign with the word "dignity" on it. Protestors in the background hold a sign on top of an overpass to cars down below.

Protesters call to enact DREAM Act

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. Marchers protesting the repeal of DACA were not only calling to reinstate the deferred action set in place by the Obama administration, they were also calling for a bill that would directly address issues of immigration and citizenship. The DREAM Act, introduced in 2017, is a bipartisan bill that would help the citizenship process for undocumented DACA beneficiaries, high school and college graduates, current employees and those who have enlisted in the military.

Mireya Reith is the founding executive director of the Arkansas United Community Coalition. She is a second-generation immigrant born in Fayetteville Arkansas, and she is committed to helping the community.

Reith's family was one of the first families to arrive in Fayetteville. She moved from the state as soon as she had the opportunity, because she did not feel welcomed in Arkansas. When she came back, Arkansas had become the fourth fastest-growing immigrant population.

"My nickname in grade school

was 'Mexican monkey,' because, as I came to learn, that is how they identified our people from our countries. They saw us as less than human." Reith said.

Reith explained that she did not want to go back to Arkansas, but she returned as a volunteer. She helped excite the Latino vote in the state in 2010. This was one of the first times the Latino vote had been considered by the Arkansas' candidates running for office. Reith gathered many DREAMers and convinced them to support Blanche Lincoln, who had agreed to help the DREAMers. However, in the end, Lincoln did not vote to support DREAM.

"She said, 'Mireya, I'm sorry. I'm going to lose more white votes than I'm going to gain in Latino votes by supporting the DREAM Act. I can't do anything for you if I'm not in office,'" Reith explained.

Mireya decided to follow through with her job and support Lincoln, and she was surprised when she saw many DREAMers join her.

"They said to me, 'Mireya, we are not willing and we are not ready to give up on our future. We have to believe that eventually our politicians will eventually do the right thing. But if we don't show up, then nothing is going to happen,'" Mireya said.

From that day, Mireya has committed to help immigrants and specifically DREAMers in Arkansas. That is when she founded the AUCC.

"I refuse to believe this is Arkansas' legacy," Reith said. "Arkansas rejected me, and I will not stand to have Arkansas reject other kids like me and so many others in our state."

Reith explains that AUCC's mission is to empower Arkansas' immigrants in their communities through civic engagement and by helping immigrants become more integrated in Arkansas. They also try to avoid injustice by educating immigrants on their rights. They encourage the community to document any injustices in order to take action against them.

Reith explained that the community of Siloam Spring who could potentially be affected by the removal of DACA can be helped by the AUCC. They are providing free assistance on DACA renewals.

Senator Joyce Elliot, has been fighting since 2003 to pass the Arkansas DREAM act. "I will keep trying until the DREAM comes true," she said.



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Mireya Reith addressing the crowd in front of the capitol building.

Technology faces ethical dilemma with change

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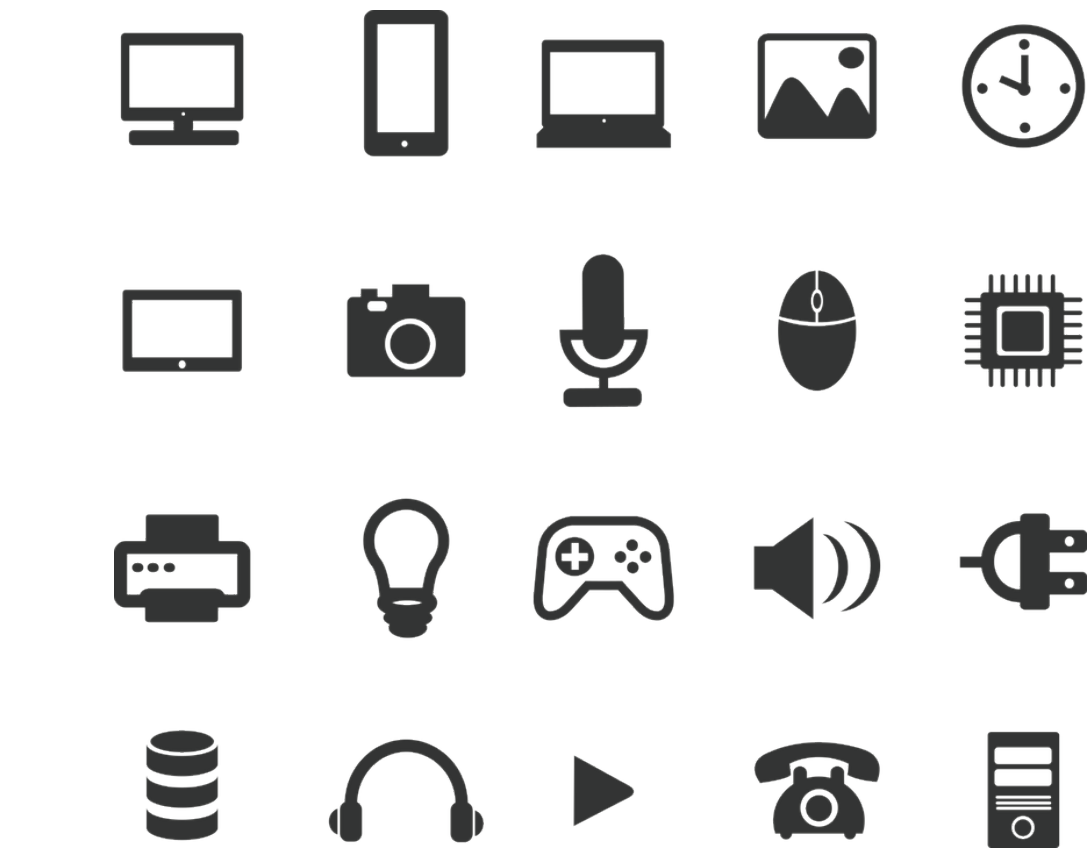
Peruse a tech magazine or browse Netflix for a new sci-fi series, and you'll see a slew of new inventions, discoveries and technologies being theorized, discussed, developed and incorporated into our world. Some might sound fairly harmless or convenient, like Facebook's new advertisement-sorting algorithm based on user preferences. Others, like quantum entanglement and metamaterials, can sound confusing or obscure. Still others, like cybernetic medical enhancements or genetic modification, might sound invasive, dangerous or downright frightening.

Scientists, technology developers and the entire world of business are asking a new set of questions concerning how far humans should take technology and how far humans should let technology take us. Larry Bland, John Brown University chair of the division of Engineering and Construction Management and Professor of Engineering, thinks it's wise to look at history in order to understand how to best approach the future.

"I build almost all my feelings toward the future from what I've seen over a 40-year career," Bland said. Bland recalls a time when experts predicted light-based holographic systems would replace silicon-based computers. "Things got smaller and faster, and we thought, 'physics has to stop somewhere.' But we still seem to figure out new ways to get faster."

What Bland describes is known in the computer theory world as Moore's law, which states that for every two years, the density of transistors in an integrated circuit doubles. In this way, the slimming flash drives we use today far exceed the storage capacities of the bulky hard drives we used ten years ago.

Chris McCoy, Chief Information Officer at University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas, has spent almost thirty years teaching technology and observing the same exponential effect. Mc-



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Coy recalls data transfer rates at the start of his career. "If we wanted to download a two-megabyte file, I might start the transaction before I walked out of work to go home, and when it finished, I was walking in the next morning," McCoy said. "Now we download that same file, or even a high definition movie, in the blink of an eye."

As technology accelerates our ability to process materials, understand information and automate labor, questions are raised about how this progression will impact the economy. A 2013 study by the Oxford Martin School estimated that 47 percent of jobs in the U.S. could be susceptible to computerization over the next two decades. Another study by the McKinsey Global Institute predicted that, by 2025, robots could jeopardize between 40 million and 75 million jobs worldwide.

Technology spans both the public and personal lives of people ranging from children to business executives. "The other day, I was teaching my students about the im-

pacts of technology on the workforce and society," McCoy said. "There's a new psychological condition noticed amongst children. They feel intense sadness when they recognize their parents are distracted with all kinds of gadgets and aren't paying attention. Technology is having an adverse impact on the family in this way."

Bland also sees social media as a source of the breakdown in social interactions in society and the family. "The pot-bellied stove gave a different family dynamic than the dynamic we see today," Bland said. "Do we want to go back to the pot-bellied stove? No. But do we want some of the conversation and relationships and long-term development that we had around it? I think so. But, we lost something in the process of technology."

However, McCoy observes many changes in the culture that suggest new social connections formed, especially among college students. "If you go back 10 to 15 years, when a student graduated from high school to univer-

sity, they encountered technology beyond anything they'd ever seen," McCoy said. "They were mesmerized, and they were hungry for more. Then, students started walking in with technology equivalent to what was on campus. Now, students bring in technology that far exceeds what we can provide, and they're using it to connect with each other and to engage with the world, cell phones, laptops, virtual reality headsets and everyday devices."

Bland acknowledges the human drive toward convenience and connectivity, but also recognizes the limiting factors to technology. "When I take technology in the dynamic of politics, society, litigation, it's all got to fit together in some way," Bland said. "We have made huge strides forward in many ways. It's going to continue, but are our dreams going to stay socially acceptable when they turn themselves into reality? Reality has unintended consequences, and we begin to say, 'I don't like that.'"

Within the past several years,

the Supreme Court has faced controversies that have stalled the progress of technology: issues slowing the development of self-driving cars, confining the airspace in which drones are allowed to fly or halting experimentation with CRISPR technology on humans, for example. In addition, the federal budget the United States allocates to NASA has steadily dropped since the Apollo program, and in 2012 it was estimated at 0.48 percent of the federal budget. Neil DeGrasse Tyson, well-known American Astrophysicist, responded by suggesting that by doubling NASA's budget, the U.S. economy would experience a marked improvement.

Visionaries like Neil deGrasse Tyson, futurist Ray Kurzweil, and business magnate Elon Musk all dream of a utopia in which technology ushers in a new age of humanity. Conversation over matters such as transhumanism and our eventual ability to become immortal is normal for these men.

Bland urges caution, citing our natural human limitations and our roles in a universe not our own. "If man wants to think he's God, he's made a mistake," Bland stated. "And God will never make the mistake of thinking He's human. There are people who believe that reason, knowledge, science, triumphs over a God. But I believe God is involved, so there are things I need to do toward honoring him."

Both Bland and McCoy cautiously view technology as a tool to be used with wisdom. "I think there is an imperative for us. You can't dismiss ethical questions in either technological or non-technological dimensions of life," McCoy said. "Technology is a tool, an accelerator. If you take technology and apply it to the good thing, you do the bad thing more and faster. If you take technology and apply it to the bad thing, you make that more and faster. What's good and what's bad is often where we get stuck. That's the human condition. We saw that 2000 years ago, and we see it today."



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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. Maria Meneses helped organize and announce the march she led, where she represented the Arkansas United Community Coalition. The AUCC, founded in 2010, is a non-profit organization that promotes and supports Arkansas' immigrant community. It helps immigrants apply for and renew their citizenship status and DACA.

Meneses was born in Guatemala and came to the U.S when she was two years old. Growing up, Meneses did not realize she was

undocumented. She reached high school before her mother started to admit it. During this time, the Obama administration devised solutions for undocumented children.

"Luckily, when that announcement came out, I was turning 16, so I was able to apply for DACA," Meneses said. "I was crying because there was a solution, and he is recognizing and acknowledging that there are people like me and he is trying."

As a student, she was very involved and held many leadership positions. Meneses graduated in the top ten percent of her high school. She was freshman and sophomore class president, Honors Society president, cap-

tain of the track and rugby teams and graduated with a 4.0 in pre-medical biology. She believed she would find a college that would accept her because of all her qualifications but soon realized not much help was given to undocumented students.

"We have to pay out-of-state tuition, and we can't receive any type of financial aid or anything, even though we pay taxes," Meneses said. "I thought that was pretty unfair."

Meneses said it was a struggle to find a university that would accept her. She was finally given a scholarship for University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff but days before moving, it was taken away from her.

"They pull my scholarship away telling me that it was not in their best interest to continue funding for my education, simply because of my DACA status," Meneses said.

Her scholarship was taken away from her in May, and she could not retrieve her transcripts from the university, but, after a chaotic phase of transition, she was awarded a full-tuition scholarship at Philander Smith College. The university supported Meneses and recognized her effort and perseverance.

"Their mission aligns with my values as well, being a part of social justice, serving the people," Meneses said.

White youth express spiritual homelessness

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Studies conducted by the Pew Research Center show that the future of religion in America will be comprised of a diverse set of youth with no roots in Christianity.

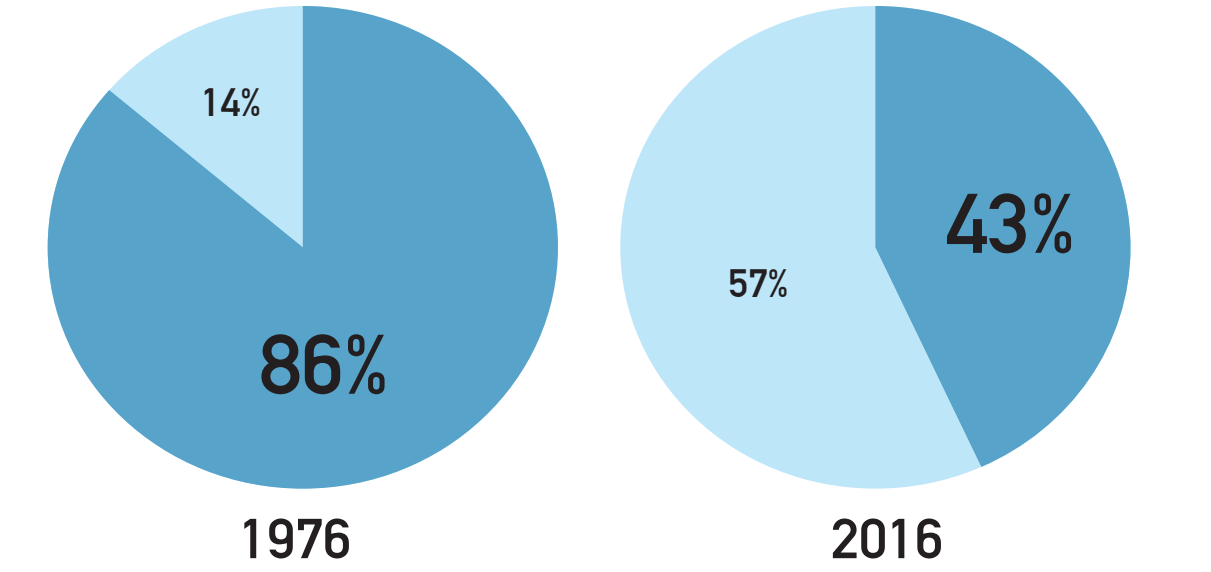
America is known for having people from of every race and ethnicity and background all over the world come, and pursue their passions, build a better life for themselves, and call this place their home. The American church, on the other hand, has a history of struggling to be an inviting place to all different races and ethnicities, leaving them to feel spiritually homeless.

In recent years, however, according the Religion News Service (RSN,) American churches have finally been opening their doors more and more to ethnic minority groups

On the other side, the recent participation and attendance of white, evangelical youths within the church has decreased.

In 1976, white evangelicals accounted for 86 percent of America’s population. However, as of 2016, a mere 43 percent of white evangelicals accounted for the population, according to RSN.

Percentage of white evangelicals who account for America’s population.



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When broken down, the decline is not among the older white people but young white people.

Jason Lanker, PhD., Professor of Biblical Studies, has a theory of his own as to why white youths are leaving the church. Lanker believes that the American church has applied the school model to their youth programs—they are very specialized programs that promote individualism and pragmatism over community

and connection. Thus youths leave the church because they never felt like they were a part of it in the first place.

“[The] Youth group is an orphaning structure, once you’re done, you’re done, and no longer have a larger communal structure in the church,” Lanker said. Additionally, Lanker said that youths in the church interact with each other and are taught all the right answers but they

have little to no interaction with the daily life of the church. They are not given the chance to discover why they believe what they believe.

Erika Regier, senior Christian ministry and formations major, said that white youth in the church may feel overlooked because the church is “overly-focused on diversity. Don’t get me wrong, diversity is a good thing, but I think we have taken it to another extreme of ‘if you’re not

a diverse population, then you’re not worth our time.” Often, the church assumes that white, evangelical kids are taken care of since many are in youth groups or have a solid, Christian adult presence in their lives.

This dangerous assumption however, does not lead to true salvation, it merely covers up the problems white youth may be facing and they feel like they have to deal with their problems on their own.

Regier believes that organizations like Young Life are a more effective model of youth ministry and will hopefully help win white evangelicals back to the church. Organizations like these focus less on diversity and more on glorifying God. They are able to meet all high schoolers—not just a specific demographic of high schoolers—in their struggles and truly answer their questions, allowing them to experience community.

Sharon Tatem, Senior Biblical Theology major, is one of the many young, white people who feel as if the youth group system failed them. Tatem said that, in order to keep white youth in the church, we need to start listening, pointing them to their value in the Lord—not just their value within a youth group setting.

Canada close in distance but not identity

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Canada and the United States, two countries with parallel beginnings, have marked differences. The United States famously fought for and won its independence with a clattering of cannon fire and complicated political maneuvers.

Canada, in contrast, negotiated its independence with the British crown, through a series of conferences that resulted in Confederacy for the colonies of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Canada. The nation of Canada was formed on July 1, 1867. Canada and the U.S. each gained their independence through contrasting means, leading to a complicated relationship between the sibling nations over the course of their 150-year history.

Canada’s closeness to the United States in language, proximity, history and culture may give many U.S. citizens the impression that the two countries are essentially the same. Unlike the United States, which has a diverse population in a more or less consistent pattern across its 48 continental states, Canada’s initial establishment under the French and British Crowns lead to populations descended from those same British and French colonists. Many French Canadians, or Quebecois, live in the French speaking province of Quebec. The diversity within Canada leads to the adoption of their two official



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languages: English and French.

While these two nations currently have a relatively functional relationship, it wasn’t always so. When the United States won its independence from Britain, Canada stayed loyal to the British Crown, and many loyalists fled across the Northern border after the revolutionary war. In addition,

when tensions began to warm once again between Britain and the United States in the events leading to the War of 1812, Britain fought the war from Canada, which led to natural resentment from Canada toward the United States. Over the years, however, the relationship eased between the two countries, an ease which has translated to trade

agreements and a near blending of cultures and ideologies, though the countries certainly retain their own national identities.

Russell Patterson, who holds a dual citizenship with both the United States and Canada, said as much. “There are definite cultural aspects that are different. A lot of that is the small-town vibe across a very large

landmass with relatively few people compared to the United States.” Though, ultimately, Patterson said the culture of the two countries could be classified not as Canadian or as from the United States, but as British North American. “To be clear, I’ve driven across the border many times, just going back and forth, because you’re crossing North American territory and you get into all these towns, and they bear a lot of similarity to the Northern states, even in regards to the people you come across, the occupations, all these things.”

Abigail Vining, the child of missionaries who lived in Canada for seven years, had more to say about the differences between the United States and French Canada, “A lot of the other provinces in Canada are pretty similar to America. They’re polite and nice, but in Quebec, they want French to be the main language and they don’t want English to be pervasive on that, and they actually tried to separate themselves from Canada.”

Vining refers to several votes for secession made by the French Canadian Parti Québécois. Since 1977, they have introduced many motions to secede Quebec from the rest of Canada, with the last motion failing by a slim margin of 50.6 percent against the secession. Canada remains a single nation, and one that works in careful cooperation with the rest of the North American continent to ensure the health and future of all.

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Calderon, a native of a town near Puebla, a city closer to the epicenter of the earthquake, said that his dad called him 20 minutes after he heard the news of the earthquake. Calderon learned that his family was safe, but that they were going aid a church friend whose house had been left uninhabitable by the earthquake.

Both Calderon and Lopez expressed their frustration at being away from home during a time of crisis.

“Watching the videos and pictures of places that I saw before coming here that now were partially destroyed was hard. It was even harder to know that my friends were needing help and I was unable to be there with them,” Calderon said.

Calderon described how hard it was for him to accomplish his schoolwork on that day.

“I was writing a paper, but it was hard to focus because I wanted to know what was



A building in Mexico crumbles from Thursday’s 7.1 magnitude earthquake

happening. I was searching for information on the everywhere—Facebook, YouTube and calling friends. It was to concentrate at all during that day,” Calderon said.

Calderon and Lopez said that watching the news and seeing thousands of people helping on

the streets brought comfort and relief.

“I am very proud of my country and of all the people that left everything behind to help those who were still trapped in the middle of the rubble or who were there to aid someone who had lost a home,”

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Lopez said. “I’m always proud of being from Mexico, but It is during this times that you see the unity and strength of the Mexican people”

Condado pointed out that, although there have a lot of immediate relief, the situation in Mexico is not going to be solved

in a few months. She said that this is a process that will take a lot of time and a lot of resources. She is currently working with the people of Tetela del Volcan, a small town in Morelos that was greatly affected by the earthquake.

Condado said she has learned a lot from the faith and courage of people that have lost everything in this earthquake, and that their example moves her into working hard and supports her. She is confident that God will help the people Mexico in these hard times, but also acknowledges it will take a lot of work and resources to rebuild everything that was lost.

“Even in the midst of all this hardship, I can acknowledge that God is good. He kept my family safe and I am so thankful for that. We have been working in Tetela and seeing how God is providing for us. I am convinced that God is good,” Condado concluded.

What to do with the statues?
Confederate statues are causing problems

On the foundation of the General Robert E. Lee statue in Emancipation Park in Charlottesville, Va., someone spray-painted the words “Black Lives Matter.” Although city workers scrubbed away at the paint, a faint outline of the words can still be read.

This is just one cry out of thousands of Americans who believe that the Confederate statues, among other things, are an ongoing symbol of white supremacy.

On the weekend of Aug. 11, white nationalist forcefully protested the Charlottesville city council’s decision to remove a statute of General Robert E. Lee. Counter-protestors were present, in favor of the statue’s removal. as well to protest the white nationalists. Protesters thronged around the statue of General Lee, shouting various hate-filled chants and slurs.

Since the tragic and bloody events unfolded in the past month in Charlottesville, many American have since demanded the removal of Confederate statues and memorabilia throughout the country.

This demands Americans to ask, “Should we remove or celebrate these statues?” This is a tricky subject which requires time, energy, research, and careful deliberation to address.

When deciding when to remove such statues, we the Threefold



Advocate believe there are several considerations to make. What is the history behind the statute? Was it constructed as a means to honor American heritage? Were any subliminal messages intended in the creation of the statute?

It is important to note that the history behind each Confederate statue remains unique. Many of the statues, were erected to memorialize the past, while others were constructed for less noble purposes.

A chart published by the Southern Poverty Law Center in 2016 shows large spikes in Confederate statue construction during two periods of civil right unrest: the early 1900s, then again in the 1950s and ‘60s. In the 1900s, the Jim Crow laws were established and in the 1950-60s, people fought against discrimination. It is these types of statues that support a dishonorable agenda. These monuments have isolated, inflicted fear, and subjected the lives of minorities to cruelty throughout the century.

Regardless of the purpose behind each statue, we believe they are a piece of American history, a part of the story of where we are today. While the ideals behind the statues created as a symbol of white power are despicable, we the Threefold believe that the Civil War, the Jim Crow laws, civil unrest in the 1950s, and the incident in Charlottesville are still pivotal pieces of American history that must not be ignored.

Thus, we the Threefold believe that recognizing our troubled past is the only way for us to secure a better future. If we ignore the struggles the statues represent, we ignore some of the biggest events in the history of our country. We the Threefold deem slavery and racism as heinous acts of prejudice and hate, and condemn any encouragement thereof, but it is just as important to educate people about the injustices and tragedies suffered during this time period.

Education is important so we can still recognize our history but strive for a more inclusive society in the future. Practically, one way to do this is to create a plaque to reside next to a Confederate statue condemning the actions of prejudice and hate of the past as part of the past and something to move beyond.

Another way may be to place any removed monument in a history museum, which would allow visitors to become educated on the crimes of the past and learn from those mistakes.

Know yourself to lead well
Fervent pursuit of Christ is key



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This summer, I learned a lot about how to lead with vulnerability through a process of recognizing my own imperfection. To lead others, we must first know how to lead ourselves. Only after we can identify our brokenness can we point others to Christ in leadership.

Introspection of this sort is hardly new. Today’s culture is obsessed with figuring people out. We take Myers-Briggs and Enneagram tests repeatedly, trying to figure out who we are and how to find success. Although personality types may give us some idea of who we are superficially, they fall short when it comes to self-actualization. Four letters might connect us, but our preoccupation with defining ourselves has left our culture stuck on external appearances.

In his book Adventure and the Way of Jesus, Dr. Greg Robinson discusses a cycle of learning, growing, and grief. This cycle has changed my perspective on how life and leadership work. Jesus is doing things in us that are

simultaneously exciting and difficult. This learning cycle is happening constantly, whether we recognize it or not. It happens on small scales and large scales. Sometimes it takes minutes, and sometimes it takes years. No matter the scale, we need to pay attention to the truths that God is teaching us through learning, growing, grieving, and eventually leading.

The first stage of this cycle is called homeostasis. Homeostasis is our place of comfort: a place where we feel safe. This is our neutral state, and it’s home. We like resting in homeostasis for as long as possible.

The next stage in the cycle is disruption. Here something changes. Suddenly, our safe place is gone. Disruption comes from anywhere: a change in location, a new friendship, a dynamic family situation, or a rough set of grades.

Next comes the stage of chaos. At this point, we no longer know what to do with ourselves or how to function the way we did before. We’re not comfortable, and all we can focus on is how much we want our comfort back. It hurts, and we don’t like it. Here, our human nature tries to short-circuit the system and go back to our old place of homeostasis, however broken it may be. It seems easier, but the problem is that our old habits don’t work anymore. Homeostasis isn’t best.

What must happen next is easily the hardest step of the process. Rather than staying stuck in chaos, we must choose to let go. Letting go means losing control, stepping back, and allowing God to work in

you before you aim at your own plans, hopes or dreams. Letting go means choosing vulnerability. It means being okay with moving on. It’s almost unbearably difficult, but this step changes everything. Here at our lowest and most broken point, our sweet Savior, Jesus, continues to shower us with grace upon grace, and His provision is wholly sufficient (John 1:16, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10).

When we let go we move towards the best phase: learning. This phase isn’t easy, but it is good. We learn the most in our brokenness. This is the kind of learning that sticks around.

Finally, we return to homeostasis. Once again, we’ve arrived at comfort. This time, however, we aren’t the same. We’ve stretched to reach this new homeostasis. We’ve been broken, but now we’re more like Jesus. We’ve walked by His grace. We are healed, but we’re still in a process of becoming.

I want to leave you with a challenge: Never stop learning. Choose to let go. Make Jesus your only place of refuge. Psalm 46 tells us that He is our refuge and strength, a very present help in the chaos. He doesn’t promise us ease, but He does promise that He will lead us through the darkest valleys into restoration for the sake of His glory (Psalm 23). Don’t lose hope. God is faithful.

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The church’s blind spot



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For a body that promotes love and acceptance of trials, the church seems to have a large blind spot centering around the LGBTQ+community. These individuals are not fully accepted within the church and are judged for the decisions they make. After landing in the spotlight when former president Barack Obama legalized gay marriage a few years ago, LGBTQ+ members have found themselves under deep persecution and hatred, especially from the church.

This topic is a sensitive one. I don’t want to attack the church, but I do want to say that we have struggled with acceptance and love of LGBTQ+ members. Our God loves and accepts us as his people no matter the sin. So why are we, as the church, so often unable to move past our prejudices and

grow together in communion?

Ephesians 4:2-3 says that we are to walk “with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” If we were called to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, there shouldn’t any hostility or division within the church. Christ created the body to live in fellowship and lift each other up for his name’s sake.

It is not our job to judge anyone based upon the decisions they make in their life. Matthew 7:1-5 says, “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your

brother’s eye.” In our society, many see homosexuality as a greater sin than divorce, glutton, idolatry, lying, or lust when it isn’t any different. Regardless of our beliefs on the LGBTQ +community’s lifestyles and emotional positions, we shouldn’t judge them. In Christian culture, we often downplay the sins of ourselves as if we are better than someone who is gay. We have all fallen short to God’s Glory (Romans 3:23). No one is better or holier than another.

As someone who does not identify with the LGBTQ+ community, but is an ally, I strongly encourage those outside it not to treat them as outcasts, but instead love them as the Christian community is called to love other people. They are made in the image of God just as you are, but too often are not treated as such by Christians. This is utterly disappointing. I urge the Christian community to open their hearts to others who are different from them, and to love them as Christ loves.

To those who identify with the LGBTQ+ community on this campus: please know that you are

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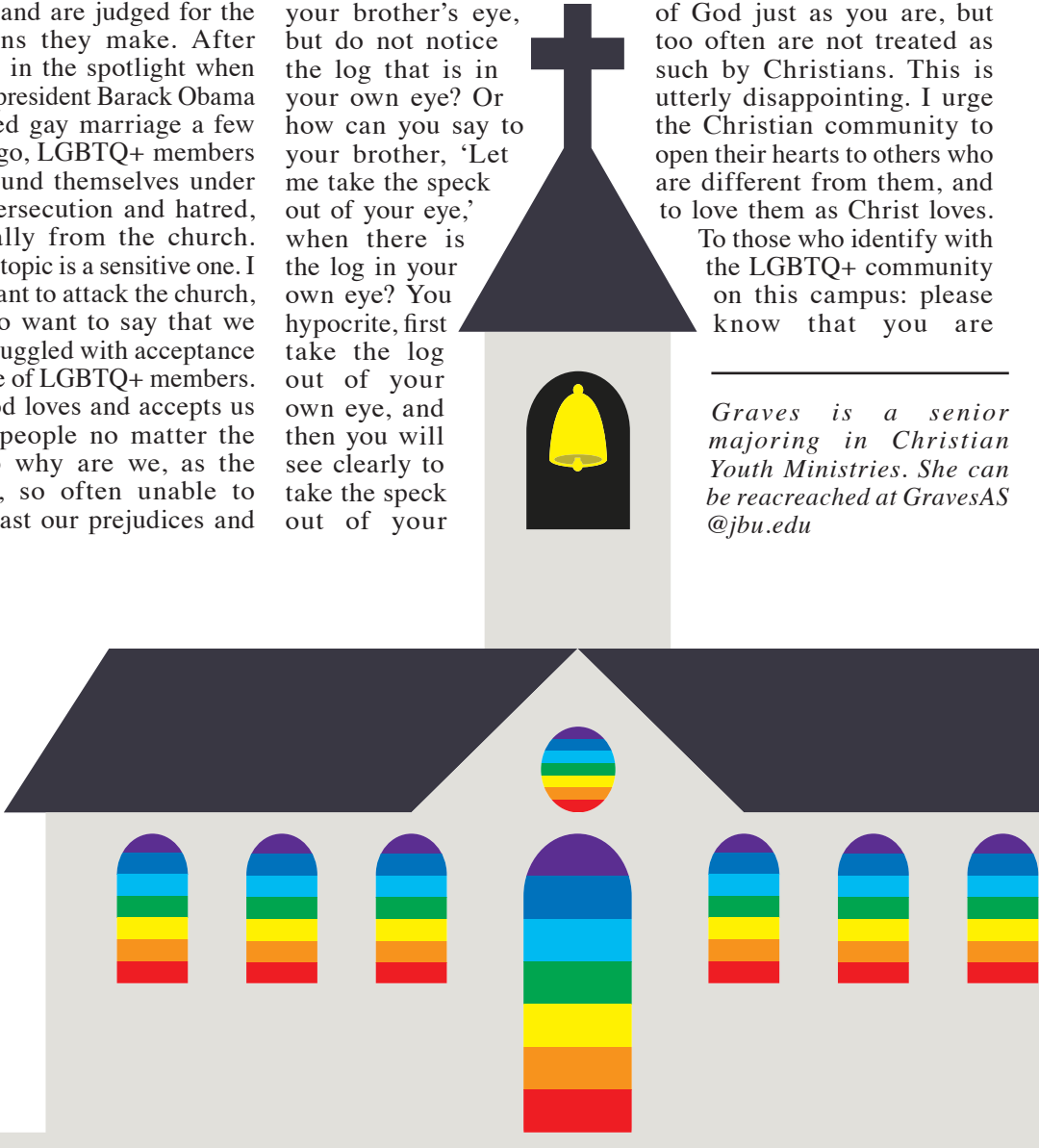
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Christians called to be a liasion



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What does it mean to be a liaison? Well, let’s talk about the language we are more familiar with. In 1 Peter 2:9, we, as believers, are called a “royal priesthood.” “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into marvelous light” (ESV). The New Living Translation states it this way, “as a result, you can show others the goodness of God,” and that is exactly what it means to be a liaison for the Kingdom of God.

Through my internship this summer with Potter’s House in Siloam Springs, I learned a little

bit about what it means to walk out this calling as our identity. Potter’s House is a non profit ministry organization that is often known for its thrift store. Although that is a huge part of how that connects us to those in need in our community, it is also so much more. If you have ever been to the store you may have noticed the phrase “a hope and a future” on the tags and logo — which are rooted in Jeremiah 29:11. From this they proclaim the statement as their purpose, “a ministry that is committed to providing families with a hope & a future.” I’ve seen and participated in this ministry first hand, but my point is to not elevate a specific organization or ministry. Instead, my purpose is to share how I’ve seen a true liaison at work and why I believe that it is something every believer is called to be.

John C. Maxwell has a quote that further describes the idea of a

liaison. He states that, “A liaison is someone who is a connector of people. They act as the link between where we are and where we need to be. Sometimes it is impossible to go where we need to go without a liaison acting as a bridge on our behalf.”



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Potter’s House is a thrift store located off of Highway 412 with a mission to keeping families in Northwest Arkansas with household items they may need.

While interning with Potter’s House, I began to see not just employees or those who were somehow involved with the ministry, but individuals from our community act as a connector to those who needed help to their greatest helper, our God. They did this in various ways. Some of those ways involved picking up groceries and dropping them

off, giving someone a ride, paying for gas, praying over someone, bringing them into their own communities of fellowship, opening their home for someone to stay at for as long as needed, helping someone find a job, and discipleship. In these cases, if people did not act out of their identity as a liaison, those individuals may not be at the stage they are now. You see, no matter the need, our deepest need is for family—the family of God. That is what we have to share with people. After all, we are a royal priesthood. Getting the honor to be a part of working through Potter’s House’s vision this summer, I learned so much about this idea not just being the calling of a specific organization, but every believer. Being a part of the Kingdom of God means that we are a part of countless connections. The vision statement came to this

ultimate goal: to be a ministry devoted to the life of a liaison as well as to empower and equip groups, individuals, businesses, schools, and overall The Church to find their identity as a liaison to those who are in need in everyday life. Remember there is no greater need than for us to pursue God together like the family we are. What does that mean for us as students? It could look exactly like one of the few ways mentioned already, but it also can look like stepping out of your comfort zone, opening your eyes to the people right around you, and maintain an open heart to share the love and truth of Jesus Christ. In no way is Potter’s House or any other non-profit organization the answer, but we can learn something from them in how we engage with the people we pass by every day. You have been called a royal priesthood—a liaison for the Kingdom of God. As the body of Christ let us walk in that identity.

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Care and listen to those around you



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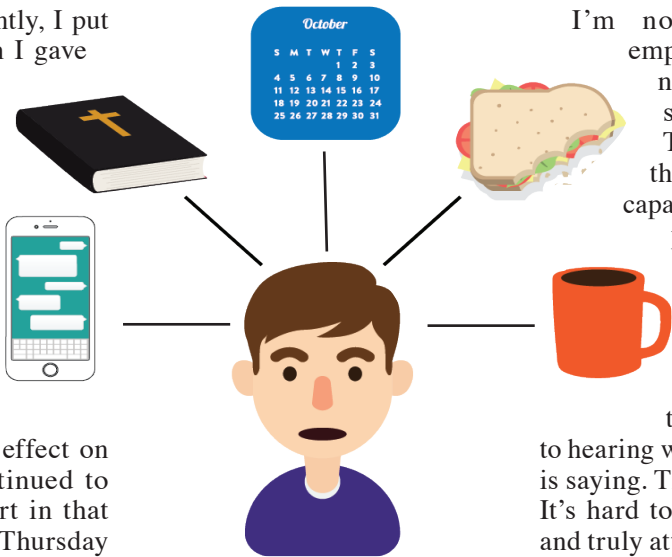
Busy. We love this word. We act like we hate being so busy. But if we’re honest, there’s a part of us that loves it. We wake up, cram homework and then go from thing to thing, class to class, lunch with this person, then coffee with that person and hopefully we’ll see our friends at some point. We’ll check our phone a thousand times. It tells us what’s next on the calendar, fills us in on the news and then, sometimes, we communicate with it. Going from thing to thing has a certain pace to it that allows us to ignore everything that’s not on our calendar. This is what my day so often looks like. I live like this.

I recently realized how big of an issue this lifestyle is. I was sitting in class, trying to finish an email, when the professor started asking for prayer requests. At first, I tried to continue finishing my email. Which, is ridiculous. My classmates are sharing their needs, and I’m writing an email. So, somewhat reluctantly, I put my phone away. Then I gave my attention to my classmate. I heard her asking for prayer because part of her family was effected by the earthquake in Mexico; she hadn’t heard from them.

My heart broke. And it continued to break as people shared more issues that sincerely has an effect on their lives. As I continued to process all of the hurt in that single classroom on a Thursday morning, I couldn’t help but think about all of the other pain that I know others are feeling. Earthquakes, hurricanes, wildfires and the unspoken things that so many of us struggle with. This all consumes our thoughts. But only when it affects us.

I have allowed myself to become so busy that I miss the pain of others. I miss seeing the

ways that they are hurting and needing support. I think a lot of us do this. Go from class to class and thing to thing without ever seeing those that we pass on the way. Sure, we might say hi. But we don’t see them. We don’t take the moment and wholeheartedly



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give our attention to that person. I wish this were different. I wish that we had the courage to stop the person that we might think is struggling; the courage to simply be there, if only for a moment, and feel their pain.

I’ve decided to make that wish come true. I don’t want to

miss out on the pain of another. I want them to feel cared for. To feel seen. But what does that look like? How do we go about reaching out to a person when we are on the way to our next thing? Honestly, I don’t have the answer. However, I do have two suggestions. I’m not an incredibly empathetic person. It’s never really been a strength of mine. That doesn’t mean that I entirely lack the capacity to feel another’s pain. Feeling another’s pain takes two things that all of us can do. First, we have to listen. We have to truly commit time to hearing what the other person is saying. This is difficult to do. It’s hard to shed our busyness and truly attend to what another person is going through. But we have to try. We need each other to try. Living in community means attempting to feel the pain of another by listening.

Second, we have to care. This one seems pretty obvious, and it’s arguably required to even be able to listen. But I think we miss it sometimes. I think that if we really cared, we’d

walk up to the person and ask them if they’re okay. I think if I really cared, I’d put my phone away. I’d walk to class with my head up, and look people in the eye as I passed them in the hall or on the sidewalk. I’d really try to see them. It’s an incredible joy to be able to truly care for another person. If we allow ourselves to listen and care, I believe that we’ll successfully feel the pain of those who need that. We’ll see how much need there is in our respective spheres of influence, and we’ll be able to attend to the hurt found there. My hope is that we can lay aside our busyness and commit to listening and caring for each other. That we become a student body that really sees and feels the pain of each other. If we do this, I truly believe that we will be known by our love for one another.

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It’s okay to let people go from the past



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People make me laugh. Or, sometimes, they make me cry. And a couple of people have made me feel this deep, unexplainable sense of belonging. I

think that’s called love. There’s been a lot of people over the last twenty years who have made me feel like somebody—somebody good or bad, but somebody, at least.

Do you remember your first friend—the very first person you can think of whom you decided to keep? If you were like me, your parents could do nothing to keep you out of trouble. You played together, you ate snacks together and you sat in timeout in opposite corners of the room together. Your friendship was a bond unlike anything you had ever experienced.

You probably don’t talk to your first friend anymore. You might not even remember their name. They’ve become, once again, complete strangers. It seems like our lives are a

perpetual cycle of recycling friends and people. But maybe that’s okay. The crazy games you played with your best friends, the secrets that you still haven’t told anyone, and that feeling that you’re going to be friends forever: these things play in the back of your mind when you miss how things used to be. No one else can understand those memories but those people who changed your life.

I keep those memories as if on a bookshelf, ready at any moment to be remembered. My memories represent who my friends were when I needed them the most. It’s funny how people in our lives, sometimes total strangers, step in at the right time in the right place as if something more than a coincidence is going on. I’ve

had friends who have helped me grow when I felt like there was no way to grow. I’ve had friends who have helped me love when I felt like I couldn’t. Some friends have helped me find myself when I didn’t know who I was. This is because we live our lives in seasons. In winter we need warm gloves, a fuzzy hat and a mug full of cocoa and marshmallows. Summer isn’t summer without shades and a tall glass of sweet tea. It would be crazy to sit by the pool while wearing gloves and a fuzzy hat. Just as is the case with the seasons of the year, we need what is right for the seasons of our lives. It’s okay to let people go. Sometimes we only need them for a short time. The thought of

winter can be hard when we’re soaking up the summer sun, but then we remember how we marvel at the snow as it falls from the sky. People change, we change, the seasons change; our worlds seem to shift the moment we begin to feel comfortable, but that does not mean things are falling apart. People may come and go, but their impact on our lives and the memories they have given us will remain.

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Giving Voice speaks to the soul

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For over 11 years, students at John Brown University have had the opportunity to engage with artists at the annual Giving Voice festival held each September. This year, however, Giving Voice coordinators Traci Manos, Rebecca Kelly and Jessica Hooten-Wilson focus on community engagement.

“We partnered with the local library and formed book clubs for upper elementary, middle school and high-school aged students,” Kelly said. “We familiarized them with the upcoming artists we were hosting this year. We had a great turnout.”

Other festival events connected not only community members, but faculty, staff and students as well.

“The thing I like most is that when people get the chance to meet these authors one-on-one and familiarize themselves with their works, it connects to something deep within them,” Kelly said.

This year’s Giving Voice artists were creative non-fiction writer Lisa Ohlen Harris, graphic novelist Gene Luen Yang and spoken word poet David Bowden.

“I loved the Giving Voice speakers because I think they were so diverse and each of them offered a different stance to writing and just the arts in general,” junior English Education major Tracie Sweetin said. “They’re all very personable people and wanted to be here and wanted to be involved in the community.”

This year’s festival began with a reading at the Siloam Springs Public Library by Lisa Ohlen Harris.

“Fortunately, the nice thing about writing non-fiction and reading non-fiction is that it’s your life,” Harris said. “Sure, I can read what I wrote and that’s interesting but I can also just tell people about my life and I really enjoy doing that when I

attend a reading.”

Yang and Bowden continued the festival during a chapel service on Thursday morning, followed by a panel luncheon for English majors with all three artists. Students were then invited to participate in master workshops led by the artists.

“It seems like it was a really significant time,” Harris said. “And, I loved hearing what a graphic artist, a performing artist, and a prose writer would have to say about the same things. Our panel discussion felt like a braid. Like the students were asking the questions and grabbing a strand and then another one of us would answer and strands would cross over and it forms this lovely braid of discussion.”

Over three hundred community members, faculty, staff, and students attended Thursday night’s performance by Yang and Bowden and participated in the contests and activities leading up to the event.

“They were incredibly excited to be able to meet and get books signed by these authors, people they were familiar with,” Kelly said. “I just feel like the entire community, I’m

talking elementary children all the way up to people in their sixties and seventies, had something to take away and had an element that they thoroughly enjoyed this year.”

Friday morning, over 200 high school students and teachers arrived on campus to attend workshops led by JBU faculty, Harris and local artists, according to Kelly.

“All the high schoolers seemed to enjoy being there [at the workshops] and it was just nice to see our campus filled with people and events other than JBU students and for JBU students,” Sweetin said. “I thought that was important to reach out to the community.”

Kelly hopes with next year’s Giving Voice line-up, yet to be released, community engagement with the event will only increase.

“Giving Voice is about giving voice to people of all ages because everyone has a story to tell. Everyone has something to share with the world around them through some sort of artistic means,” Kelly said. “And, I love that our festival inspires people to pursue that: those God-given gifts.”



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New faculty members enrich departments

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At the beginning of the 2017 fall semester, John Brown University welcomed several new faculty to its ranks. These fifteen new members range from undergraduate professors to graduate professors to cybersecurity. New to the staff are three graduate counselors, ten undergraduate professors of whom two are music, two are nursing, one is biblical studies, one is accounting, one is biology, one is English, one is psychology and one is communication. Additionally, there is one new director of the cybersecurity program.

Candy Gregor is the new assistant professor of Communications, joins the small communication department.

Gregor teaches several communications classes and coaches the forensics and debate teams. She enjoys working and interacting with her students.

“I love the students. They’re engaged, they’re polite,” Gregor said. “In my Faith, Media and Calling class, we had our first exam, and almost [every] person, when they handed me their exam, they said ‘thank you,’ which just blew me away. So, they’re great. I feed off their energy and I’m learning a lot from them.”

Gregor, a veteran journalist, has worked for newspapers in North Carolina, Florida, Washington, Illinois and Virginia as a reporter, editor, columnist and editorial writer. These positions prepared her for her time in the classroom here at JBU.

In 2016, Gregor quit working for newspapers and became the communications director of Louisburg College, a two-year college in Louisburg, North Carolina and moved to

Siloam Springs when Professor Marquita Smith, the JBU communication department head, invited her to teach at JBU. In the past, they worked together at a newspaper in Virginia.

Communication wasn’t the only department to introduce several faculty members. The nursing department welcomed two new professors, including Janet Gardner, a nurse with 18 years of experience, who previously taught a clinical course at the University of Arkansas.

For Gardner, being able to integrate her faith in her work was a huge attraction to JBU.

“I have really enjoyed being able to integrate my faith into teaching into the classroom, because as a nurse it is a really easy connection to make, so when I taught at a non-Christian university, I found myself kind of holding back sometime and being unable to say what we were all thinking,” Gardner said. “And here we have that freedom to really explore the spiritual part of it and how nursing is a

calling and our foundation of being nurses.”

Gardner teaches mainly seniors in her Professional Concepts III and Professional Leadership classes, while also leading a clinical group.

The nursing department is still in the developing stages, so Gardner believes the year will have challenges in program development and in assignment creations, but she is excited to teach.

The psychology department welcomed Michelle Satterlee, the new assistant professor of psychology, who teaches Intro to Psychology, Developmental Psychology and will be teaching in the graduate counseling program in the spring.

Hailing from urban lands like Portland, Kansas City and Richmond, Satterlee feels a bit challenged with the prospects of living in Siloam Springs.

“I like small town [environments], but it’s an adjustment,” Satterlee said.

Satterlee worked at multiple schools, both state and private, where she gained experience. However, JBU’s reputation stood out to her. “When I came for the interview it was just a really nice fit,” Satterlee said.

Satterlee is excited to teach a promising student body with colleagues eager to grow in their work and faith.

“I think there is a strong sense of the desire to be changed, like a desire for transformation,” Satterlee said. “I think people come to JBU to be encouraged and strengthened in their faith, but also to be prepared. And that’s going to necessarily include some change and I think there is an openness to that.”



Organizations use Gabbert’s graphical giftings

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As John Brown University students pour into the Cathedral, they buzz with excitement. They are gathering for Next Big Thing to hear their favorite bands perform. The stage glitters with neon lights.

The AVL team has only one short week to prepare for the event, and can only take a second to enjoy their creation before they grab their cameras to work the event.

Kevin Gabbert, video director and camera operator for the AVL team, is one of the main designers behind the big events on campus. Gabbert is a senior graphic design major, but enjoys stepping outside of the box to create layouts and structures for shows.

“My favorite experience has been applying my art to things outside of class, like student events,” Gabbert said. “Having complete creative liberty and making art for events that everyone will be interested in and looking at. Set design is taking a different approach to my art, making it bright and flashy.”

Bear Klenda, director of AVL services, has worked directly with Gabbert throughout his time at JBU. Klenda speaks highly of the work that the artist has done in his time on the crew.

“Kevin has a very imaginative mind and he is very ambitious. He always brings a creative flare each time that he brings an idea to the table,” Klenda said. “He has transformed the stage to make the shows unique, so it isn’t just another Mock Rock or Talent Show.”

In addition to AVL, Gabbert is also a member of Student Events and Activities (SEA), so he creates a lot of art to promote other events on campus as well. Many posters, announcements and chalk drawings around campus can be traced back to his creative hand.

“I love how good design makes things look better. People can benefit from having something

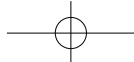
that is aesthetically pleasing as well as something that works to communicate a specific message,” Gabbert said.

On top of his other activities, Gabbert works at Pure Joy, a local ice cream shop in Siloam Springs, where he creates chalk drawings for advertisements. One day he hopes to use the business aspect of his degree to establish his own business and incorporate his art into the company.

As a student double-majoring in graphic design and business, Gabbert enjoys using his art to help businesses and organizations. Whether it’s on campus or throughout the community, he works to help groups communicate and advertise clearly and effectively.



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Volleyball searching for greatness

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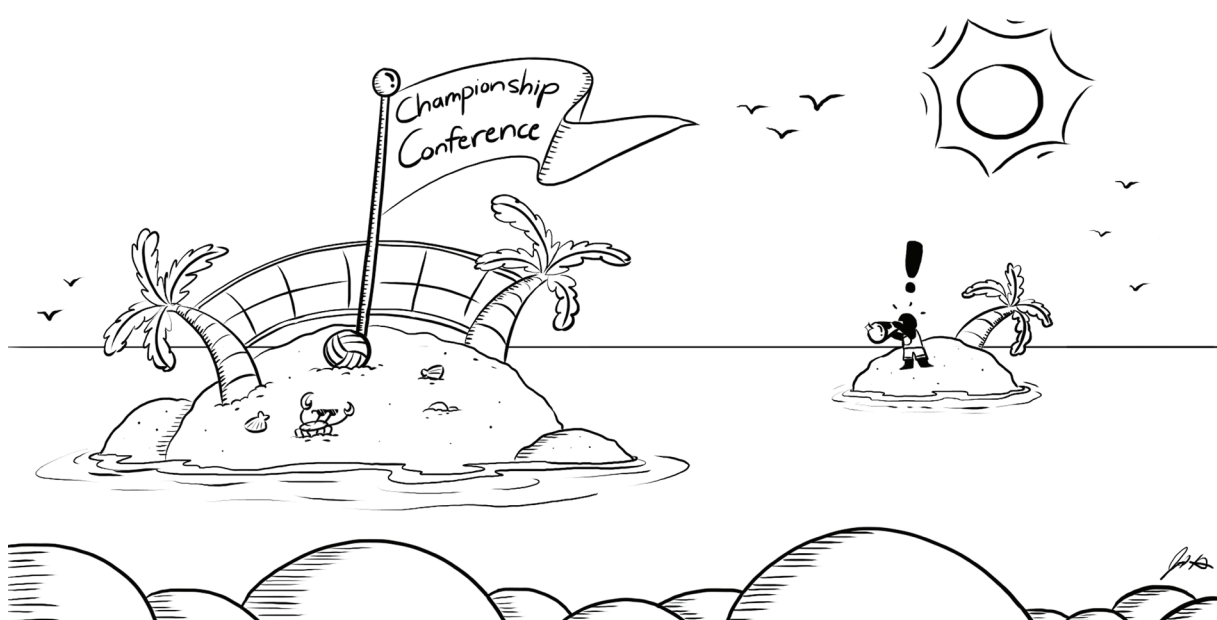
The Southern Athletic Conference saw the biggest upset of this semester on Sept. 15, when John Brown University beat Oklahoma City University for the first time since 2012.

Bayli Reagan, junior outside hitter, said she believes the win should be contributed to the mindset of the team.

"The chemistry on the team is insanely good," Reagan said. She went on to say that in past years the team occasionally needed to have team meetings to work out any "tiffs" between players. This year, however, the team is unified both on and off the court. "Everyone gets along and there's no drama," she said.

Beth Brankle, senior libero, agreed. "This group of girls is the best and most fun I've ever played with," said Brankle. This year the team also adopted a mentality of getting "one percent better" every day.

"The team's been working really, really hard," head coach



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Ken Carver said. He said his goal for the team this season is to continue to hone fundamentals and execute a quicker tempo offense.

"JBU has always been kind of one of those programs that has been good on the volleyball side of things," Carver said.

Carver said he hopes that instituting a new offense will

help them make the jump to a "great team." In the past, the team used a more structured offense with strict rules. This year, Carver hopes to build off that base and allow more creativity for the setters and other players to be more active in the offense. Carver said the new offense position takes a high knowledge of the game and the creativity

to know when and where a good opportunity to hit may be.

"This year there is a whole different type of focus and poise and mental discipline that I think was honed last year in season. We talked more about how to improve our team, and worked during our off-season last spring keeping our focus on being better during our season now," Carver said.

Carver said the two new additions to the team, sophomore outside and middle hitter Kinzee Mayo and freshman outside hitter Taylor Glover, have adjusted nicely to this new style of play.

"All of our kids are really bright and they do really well with that challenge," Carver said. He said Mayo brings lots of versatility to the team because she plays multiple positions on the court and said Glover is a natural athlete that will bring a lot to the team.

So far, the Golden Eagles are 11-2, 3-0 in conference play.

"Everyone's giving their best and everyone wants to play for the team not just for their own glory," Reagan said.

Reagan said the girls are trying not to focus on winning and losing, but rather on giving their best effort and honoring God with the gifts he's given them.

"We've got nothing to lose this year," she said.

Fresh start for the defending champs

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The defending champions of the Sooner Athletic Conference were up for a good start of their season. Of the eight games played so far, six ended up in victories with two losses on away games.

The women's soccer team opened their season with a 2-1 win against MidAmerica Nazarene at the Alumni Field in Siloam Springs, AR. The team debuted ten freshman players that incorporated the team in its efforts to defend its conference title. Aspen Carpenter, junior forward, said she is grateful for the ten freshman players who joined the team this year.

"They all bring great chemistry, and they are really great girls and

really good soccer players. They help our team a lot," Carpenter said.

Sarah Hughes, sophomore defender, agreed.

"It's been really cool incorporating them into the team. I think our team chemistry has been really good up this point and we have become more unified," Hughes said.

Early in September the Golden Eagles took off to the state of Tennessee, playing two away games that resulted in a 2-1 loss against Bethel University and a 4-2 win against Cumberland University.

"We've had good results. We've also had a few losses that allow us to see where we need to improve. It has been excited to see us coming together to practice and fix the problems for the future games," Hughes said.

The John Brown University Classic brought the satisfaction of

two wins at home, defeating Our Lady of the Lake 4-1 and taking a 3-0 win against Olivet Nazarene. The last two away games gave the Golden Eagles a 3-0 win against Ouachita Baptist and a 3-1 loss against Oklahoma Wesleyan.

"We don't like losing, but we are able to take a reality check and look at our time and know where we really are and where do we want to be, and it is a good thing that can help to push us to do better," Carpenter said.

Hughes believes that "playing together and getting games underneath our belts, plus practicing together every day" has contributed to the unity and good chemistry of this team.

"We care for each other as a team as people more than as soccer players," Hughes added.

The women's soccer team returned home last Thursday defeating the Texas A&M – Texarkana with a 5-0 score

favoring the JBU. Both Hughes and Carpenter agreed that part of the success of this team is due to the support and technical decision of head coach Kathleen Paulsen.

"Coach Kathleen is good at seeing where we need to improve and helping us recognize those areas for ourselves," Hughes said.

Carpenter believes that the system of a line-up rotation implemented by Paulsen is helping in the success of the team.

"It is a new dynamic that we haven't had in the past, because we haven't had enough players to do that. But at this point in the season we have no injuries and that is due to the rotation that we have," Carpenter said.

Carpenter also believes that the rotation has contributed to the unity of the team since "all players are playing a role in the game and in the bench" and the rotations allow them to enjoy the wins as "team wins."

Regarding the title of conference champion, Carpenter said that the team is aware that they are targets for competition.

"I think if we stay confident as a team and remain humble, we'll be good if we keep working hard," Carpenter said.

The Golden Eagles' first conference game is on Sept. 28. They will be visiting Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, Texas.

The next home game is on Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. against Texas Wesleyan.

"I hope we can go undefeated in conference and make it to the national conference" Carpenter concluded.

2017 WOMEN'S SOCCER



AUG 25	MIDAMERICA NAZARENE	H	W, 2-1
SEP 2	BETHEL	A	L, 2-1
SEP 4	CUMBERLAND	A	W, 4-2
SEP 7	OUR LADY OF THE LAKE	H	W, 4-1
SEP 9	OLIVET NAZARENE	H	W, 3-0
SEP 15	OUACHITA BAPTIST	A	W, 3-0
SEP 19	OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN	A	L, 3-1
SEP 21	TEXAS A&M-TEXARKANA	H	W, 5-0

SEP 28	SOUTHWESTERN A.G.	A	3:00 PM
SEP 30	TEXAS WESLEYAN	A	2:00 PM
OCT 5	WAYLAND BAPTIST	H	5:00 PM
OCT 7	MID-AMERICAN CHRISTIAN	H	1:00 PM
OCT 14	BACONE	H	4:00 PM



MVP Sports offers opportunity to disability community

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Ability Tree, a nonprofit center for children with disabilities, has recently started up a program to connect John Brown University sports teams with kids in Ability Tree. Children from families in the disabilities community have an opportunity to participate and learn how to play basketball and possibly other sports, through Ability Tree’s program MVP Sports.

Joe Butler, founder of Ability Tree, led the event.

“My wife and I founded ability tree as a nonprofit organization. Our son has multiple special needs and is basically the reason we founded ability tree. Growing up I played all kinds of sports, and there is nothing wrong with competition, but my son won’t fit into a typical competitive league as it’s not safe for him. He was in a sports league, but he couldn’t care less if he scored in his team’s goal or the other team’s goal. But, he loves sports and people,” Bulter said. “For parents who have a child with special needs that doesn’t allow them to be in a typical competitive league, this is a great league for them. [Parents] can come and sit on the sidelines and watch their child learn how to play the game and build relationships with others.”

Quinn Holman, senior family and human services major, works as a coach helping with sports leagues, trains new volunteers and works in



Courtesy of ABILITY TREE

the after-school program at Ability Tree in downtown Siloam Springs. “We seek to come alongside families who have kids with disabilities and part of that is seeking to create inclusive environments for our kids and for our families. Every kid loves sports,” Holman said. “When we saw this need for kids with disabilities who want to play sports but don’t have the opportunity, we can provide that. Partnering with the girls’ basketball team is great because they can come out and teach these guys how to play basketball. The most important

thing is that they are having fun.” Ages span from 5 to 19 in the room and laughter is everywhere as basketballs bounce in every direction. Holman said the kids get to build relationships with the same volunteer each week and over the course of the five-week program an inclusive environment is created through those relationships. Sports such as soccer and basketball are easy and fun to play with volunteers and kids and are easy sports to teach beginner players or community members. Ability Tree in the future is hoping to partner

further with JBU sports teams to move forward with MVP Sports.

Kendra Knoner, a special needs teacher in Siloam and an alumni basketball player for JBU, is deeply involved in Ability Tree. “I love Ability Tree because we get to have fun with the kids and we get to provide activities and things they wouldn’t normally get to do in everyday life such as participating in sports events.”

“I have seen the kids grow with the players and I have seen the players open up and build friendships with the students that are here. Overall, Ability Tree has brought a great atmosphere to the community of Siloam Springs. They brought more of an awareness to our community and opportunities for the kids to get involved with different community members so that there is no longer a fear but instead its more of a fun recreation for them to be involved in.”

Participating, learning to play the game and playing with others are some of the goals the leaders have for the kids associated with Ability Tree as the program continues partnering with sports teams on campus. Butler

is hoping that more sports teams at JBU will want to partner with Ability Tree in the future.

“Being around people with disabilities gives you a whole new perspective on a marginalized group in our community. The disabilities community is full of amazing people and amazing kids,” Holman said. “You just have to step out of your comfort zone and become a part of it.”



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KJ Roh and Jude Wilburn play at MVP camp.

Kinzee Mayo, volleyball player, looks to make an impact

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Kinzee Mayo is a transfer student from Butler Community College. A freshman from Anthony, Kansas, Mayo stands tall at 5’11. She is middle and outside hitter for JBU’s Lady Eagles volleyball team and has played in 4 games this season, all winning games. The current overall team record for the Eagles volleyball team is 9-2.

“I chose JBU because of the people and the aspects of the volleyball program. I was looking for a place to grow as an athlete, as a student and in my faith and JBU was a perfect fit,” Mayo said. Mayo’s experience at JBU so far is different than her experience at Bulter Community College. “The academics at JBU are definitely more demanding, and the people are honestly much nicer here. I really enjoy my life here at JBU,” Mayo said.

As the season progresses with only eight home games and 25 road games, the semester will be pretty busy for Mayo. “Season is going great. We as a team have a pretty solid record, and I love my teammates and coaching staff,” she said.

“Kinzee brings some extra experience to our team as she is a



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junior college transfer from Butler Community College,” said Ken Carver, JBU volleyball head coach.

Carver continued that Mayo played often at BCC during her freshman season and because of that was already acclimated to the strenuous demands and speed of collegiate volleyball at JBU. “Kinzee is a utility-type of player possessing the ability to play any

of the three front row positions for our team. Beyond that, however, she is extremely coachable and demonstrates a team-first attitude which makes her versatility even more special,” Carver said.

“Kinzee’s character, core values and personality all blend exceeding well with the players we already had on our team. She brings a strong work ethic to our team, but

definitely adds an element of fun to everything she does. Two of the things I am most impressed about Kinzee are her desire to grow and learn both on the court and off as well as her faith,” Carver added.

Mayo “gave up a returning starting position with her BCC team to come to a team where we weren’t sure where exactly she might fit. While Kinzee saw a lot of things

she wanted to experience and be a part of at JBU when she came and visited, it took her to lead out in faith that this was the right time and right opportunity that God was leading her to,” Carver said. “In coming here and being a part of our team and the JBU community, I believe Kinzee has found the environment she was wanting to be challenged to grow holistically as a young woman.”

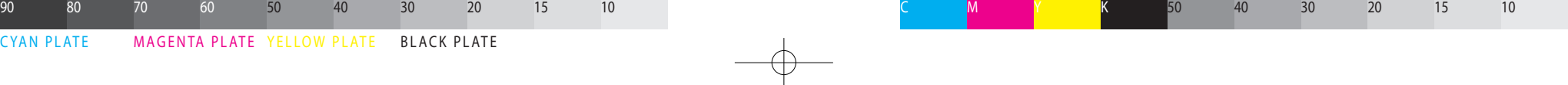
Carver continued, “It’s taken a bit for Kinzee to settle into our training system and expectations, but we’ve seen her begin to make some really good progress on the court. Kinzee’s impact with our team is still being revealed, but she is another example of God bringing the right young woman to JBU at the right time both in her life and in the life of our team. We’re excited to have Kinzee as a part of our team and to see how she will continue to grow as a person and as a player over the course of these next three years.”

Conference play starts September 15 against the Oklahoma City University Stars at Bill George Arena.

2017 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

UPCOMING GAMES

SEP 29	SOUTHWESTERN A.G.	A	7:00 PM
SEP 30	TEXAS WESLEYAN	A	1:00 PM
OCT 6	WAYLAND BAPTIST	H	7:00 PM
OCT 7	OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE	H	11:00 AM
OCT 13	SCIENCE AND ARTS	A	7:00 PM
OCT 14	MID-AMERICA CHRISTIAN	A	1:00 PM
OCT 18	BACONE	H	7:00 PM
OCT 27	OKLAHOMA CITY	A	6:00 PM
OCT 28	CENTRAL CHRISTIAN	A	1:00 PM
OCT 28	MCPHERSON	A	3:00 PM
OCT 31	ST. GREGORY'S	H	7:00 PM
NOV 2	SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN	H	7:00 PM



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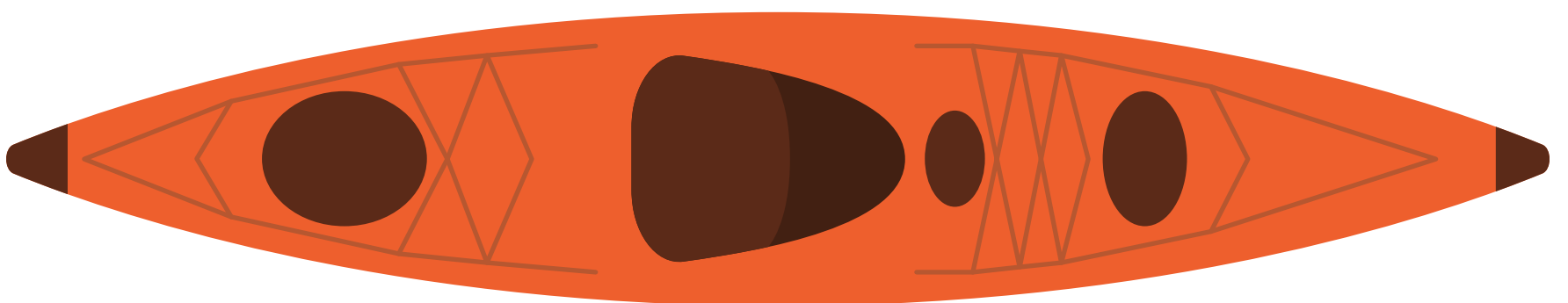
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