

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

THE FEATURE STORY

THE HEART OF LEARNING

by RYAN McILHENNY, Ph.D.

A STORY OF GRACE:
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

These are exciting times at Providence. In late August we welcomed our largest class of first-year students and have now doubled total student enrollment over the past two years. We have new professors, new athletic coaches, new resident and student life staff, and a renovated dorm and game room. Signs of growth are everywhere. We are excited about this growth because Providence has the opportunity to impact more young men and women. And as our community expands, we have more opportunities to create experiences that transform our students inside and outside the classroom. As one student recently told me, “I have grown more spiritually, academically, and athletically in just one semester at Providence than at any point in my life.”

Providence is about transformative experiences. It’s about learning for the whole person; it’s preparation for an entire life; it’s going deeper into our learning to live more faithfully for God; it’s gaining the skills to get a job and to live skillfully in our calling. We call this “deeper learning for greater wisdom.”

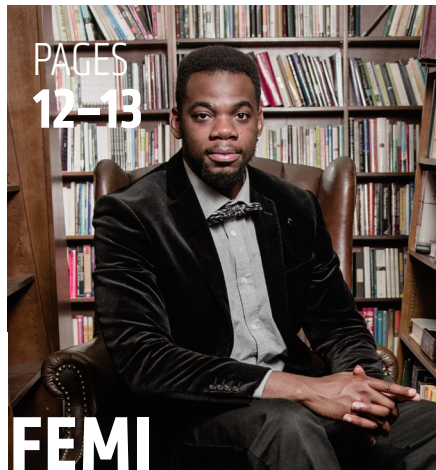
And it is a message we want to spread—to tell others about this unique learning community and invite them to join us. Last winter we decided to make marketing a top priority to sharpen our brand. We have revamped our marketing materials and built a new website so that more people could find out about Providence. Now, nine months later, we have a unified marketing voice and are already seeing it bear fruit in more inquiries and applications to Providence. We want to help grow and cultivate what God is already doing at the college.

Building a Christian residential liberal arts college is not easy. In fact, it is a herculean task. But we know that God is with us, strengthening us along the way and guiding us in the journey. Please continue to pray for Providence, support the college financially when you are able, and help spread the word about this amazing learning community and the work we are doing.

Blessings,

Dr. Jim Belcher, President

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The mission of Providence Christian College as a Reformed Christian institution is to equip students to be firmly grounded in biblical truth, thoroughly educated in the liberal arts, and fully engaged in their church, their community, and the world for the glory of God and for service to humanity.

2015 SPRING DEAN'S LIST

Students named to the Providence Christian College dean's list must be enrolled full-time and maintain a GPA of 3.50 or higher for the semester. The Spring 2015 dean's list includes:

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NEWS & EVENTS



ENROLLMENT GROWTH

Providence welcomed its largest incoming class in school history for the third consecutive year with more than 80 new students arriving for the fall semester. This year's incoming class is a 71 percent increase from 2014's incoming class and grew the total student body by roughly 61 percent. We rejoice in God's provision of new students and the continued growth of the college.



FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The new academic and student life spaces we've added this year are an excellent enhancement to the Providence experience. With the improved Academic Resource Center and classrooms in Latourette Library, the newly renovated residence space in Townsend Hall, and the beautiful auditorium space in Franson, students have a larger, more dynamic campus experience that creates opportunities for greater growth in learning.



WHITE HORSE INN CONFERENCE

This summer Providence Christian College hosted the annual "White Horse Inn Weekend" conference featuring the hosts of the White Horse Inn radio show. While on campus, host and Christian author Michael Horton interviewed Dr. Belcher for an episode that aired on national radio. A podcast of the show can be heard at www.whitehorseinn.org/component/content/article/1069.

FACULTY UPDATES

CHRISTINA BRISTOW, adjunct professor of music and performing arts, completed a successful summer Hollywood Bowl season with the Los Angeles Philharmonic as a member of the Los Angeles Master Chorale, performing Orff's *Carmina Burana* and Mendelssohn's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with Maestro Gustavo Dudamel. They also performed Verdi's beloved opera, *La Traviata*, and added live background vocals for a showing of the classic film *2001: A Space Odyssey*.



An essay by **PROFESSOR JULIETTE DE SOTO**, English instructor and accreditation liaison officer, will be published in the spring 2016 issue of *Nineteenth-Century Gender Studies*. The essay is titled "The Starving Feminine Body in George Gissing's *The Odd Women*."



DR. WHITNEY GAMBLE, assistant professor of Biblical and theological studies, participated in the month-long Advanced Theological Studies Research Fellowship at the Theological University of Kampen, the Netherlands, presenting a final paper titled "Seventeenth-century Debates over the Conditionality and Timing of Justifying Faith." Dr. Gamble also published "The Significance of English Antinomianism for Anna Trapnel" in *Reformation & Renaissance Review* 17, no. 2 (July 2015): 155-66.



DR. RYAN MCILHENNY, professor of history and humanities, wrote "Against Transformationalism" for the summer 2015 issue of *Pro*



Rege, the academic journal of Dordt College. His review essay of philosopher Esther Meek's book, *A Little Manual for Knowing*, recently appeared in *Modern Reformation*.

In early October, a national composers' conference (CFAMC) held at Malone University presented adjunct professor of music **DR. LARRY MUMFORD**'s choral work "Quietem" ("Hidden Source of Calm") with a 70-voice choir. In late October, the professional chamber orchestra ECLA premiered his symphonic piece "The Four Winds," inspired by Bible references, in an equity concert that also included Faure's Requiem in D Minor. A revised version of his Sonata Allegro for Piano will be performed in November by the professional pianist Jiayi Shi at a New Music concert in La Mirada.



DR. CHUCK RYOR, adjunct professor of communication, completed his Ph.D. from Florida State University's College of Communication and Information. In August, he defended his dissertation, "What Reagan Said to the Evangelicals: The Religious Rhetoric of Ronald Reagan," with distinction.



In November, **DR. SCOTT SWANSON**, professor of Biblical and theological studies, presented a paper for the Psalms and Hebrew Poetry Session at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in Atlanta, Georgia. The title of his paper was "Psalm 8 and the Victory of the Promised Seed through the Praise of the Name."



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NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

DR. JOHN CUNNINGHAM **DIRECTOR OF THE FIRST YEAR** **EXPERIENCE**

Dr. Cunningham comes to Providence after a long history of serving as a pastor and counselor and working for Fortune 500 companies. He received a B.F.A. in art from Bowling Green State University, an M.A. in Biblical counseling from Colorado Christian University, an M.A.R. in philosophical theology and philosophy of religion from Yale University, and a Ph.D. in theology, ethics, and culture from the University of Virginia.

Dr. Cunningham's research interests include historical and philosophical theology, particularly in theological aesthetics; Trinitarian theology; philosophical hermeneutics; the philosophy of friendship; and the thought of Augustine, Karl Barth, Hans Urs von Balthasar, and especially Jonathan Edwards. He sees his varied academic interests in art, aesthetics, counseling, philosophy, and theology as centering on the question of humanness in relation to God and the world.

When not working, John enjoys making sculpture and ceramics, watching films, riding his motorcycle, and hanging out with friends. John is married to Susan, a gifted poet and counselor. They have two delightful children, Evan and Elisabeth, and a golden retriever, Bono.



BETHANY GIOIELL **COMMUNITY DIRECTOR FOR** **STUDENT CARE**

Bethany is originally from the east coast and relocated to California in 2011 to pursue her master's degree. After receiving her B.A. in pre-counseling from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL, she completed a M.A. in spiritual formation in 2015 from Talbot School of Theology in La Mirada, CA.

Bethany has been passionate about student life since her years in undergrad and is excited to be part of what is going on at Providence. She is particularly interested in "walking alongside students in this pivotal time as they open up to who Christ has made them to be and how He will use them." She and her husband, Chris, have enjoyed transitioning to the west coast and love spending as much time as possible outside exploring the cities and beach towns.



JOHNATHAN KRUIS '15 **COMMUNITY DIRECTOR**

Johnathan hails from Tucson, AZ, and is a 2015 graduate of Providence with concentrations in Biblical & theological studies and visual arts. Johnathan joins the Providence staff as a community director. He is excited to continue to be part of Providence, specifically in the area of student life because of its integral role in aiding in the student's education outside the classroom. Johnathan says he is "excited to be used by God to develop critical, creative, and communal students that ultimately seek to follow God in all areas of life."



FACULTY UPDATES, CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

DR. JOHN CUNNINGHAM, First Year Experience director, was recently interviewed by Dan Allender for a couple podcasts on the subject of beauty. You can listen to the podcasts here: <http://theallendercenter.org/2015/07/john-cunningham-podcast-1/>
<http://theallendercenter.org/2015/07/john-cunningham-podcast-2/>



FALL ATHLETICS INTENSIFIES

by Max Belz The fall semester brought a burst of new sports and a full slate of games, tournaments, and meets for men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball, cross country, and cycling.

As a new and proud member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the California Pacific Conference (CalPac), Providence welcomed soccer and volleyball student athletes to campus several weeks before classes to begin practice and prepare for their inaugural season.

As the teams finish up their first year, they have already created a strong culture within each program, and a foundation for years to come. Volleyball and soccer programs have competed against NAIA schools triple the size of Providence, including Arizona Christian, UC Merced, and La Sierra University.

Because Providence is an associate member of the NAIA, the teams will not compete in post-season play this first year, but anticipate a full conference schedule and the opportunity for post-season play in fall 2016 as an active member.

The fall sports have successfully competed against top-level opponents in this inaugural season and eagerly look forward to the upcoming Cal Pac conference schedule next fall.

For more information on specific athletic teams or schedules, visit www.providencecc.edu/athletics. ■



THE HEART OF LEARNING

by RYAN McILHENNY, Ph.D.

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Religion is and will always be the expression of what is central in our lives. However degenerate and obscured a people's religion may be, you will always find expressed in it their fundamental ethos. In any given case this [religious] ethos will be bound up with a people's character and nature, with its history, even with the conditions of the soil on which it lives and the climate in which it breathes.”

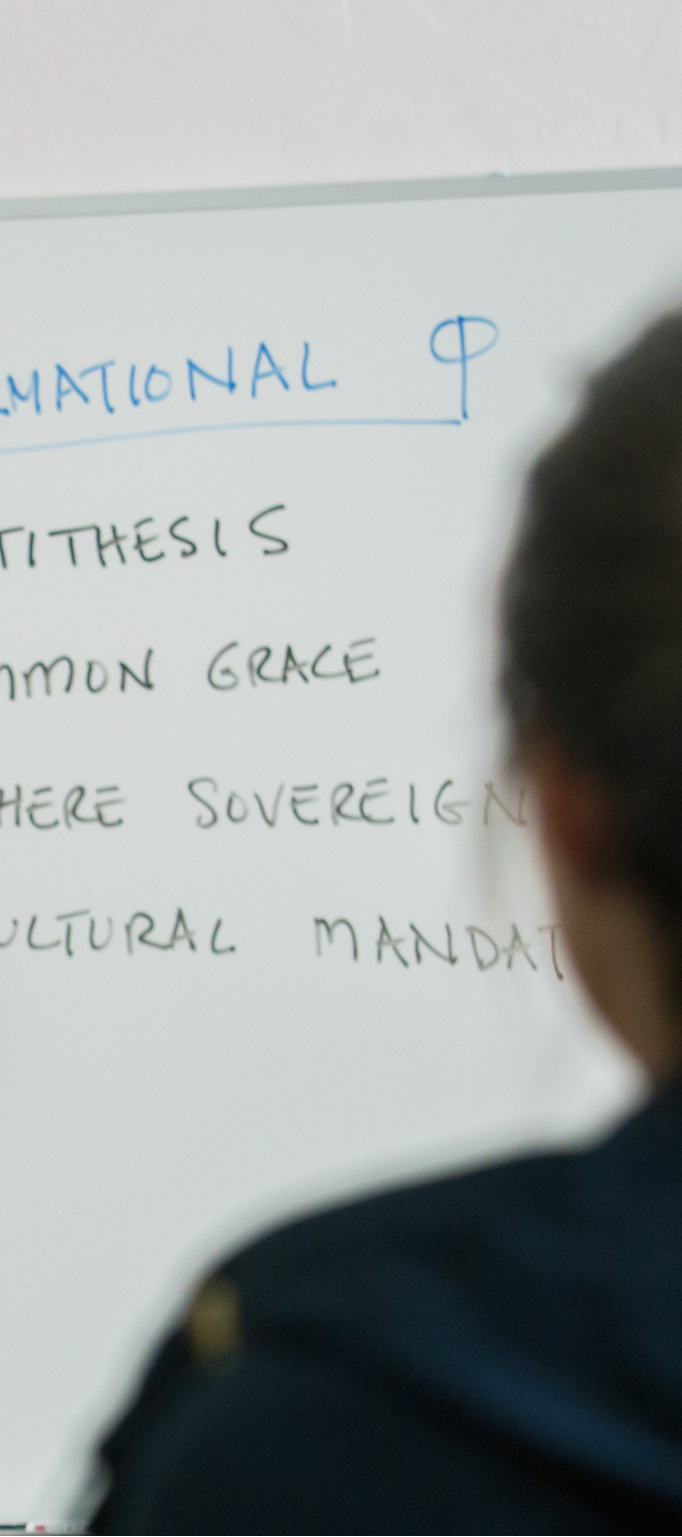
—Abraham Kuyper



A FEW MONTHS AGO, a professional marketing team was invited to the Providence Christian College campus to lead in the rebranding of the institution. When asked about the main distinctives of the college, members of the community zeroed in on the place of faith as the driving force behind higher learning. After a couple weeks, the consulting team returned to campus with a handful of potential slogans from which to choose. (You'll notice these on

our new website.) The one that seemed closest to a consistently biblical understanding of higher education—and Providence's central identity marker—was “Faith-Guided Learning.”

The majority of Christian colleges and universities have settled on an approach to education that seeks to integrate faith and learning. But what, in this instance, is meant by integration? The integrationist model assumes



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trusting on “something” (God, human reason, natural law, science, etc.) that allows humans to identify and communicate truth, beauty, and goodness, not for the purpose of revealing these realities for their own sake but to find a path toward redemption. With this in mind, the Providence community uses the term *integral* instead of *integration*: faith is integral (i.e., essential) to learning. To say it differently, there is no learning—of any kind—without faith.

Christian philosophers in the Reformed tradition have connected humanity’s faith root or “ground motive” to the *heart*—the dynamic core, summation, or concentration of being. The heart motivates us to articulate our highest or ultimate concerns; it yields a perspective on all of life. According to Romans 1, there are, in essence, only two hearts—two religions—in the world. The heart either submits to God and the order he has instituted in his creation, or it suppresses God’s revelation and his authorship of and direction for creation. The fallen heart, consequently, takes something from the created order and substitutes it for the true Creator, elevating to the status of divinity something that cannot be divine. How we critically read and creatively communicate the world rests on one of these two Archimedean starting points, without which life becomes unhinged. If the issues of life flow from the heart (Proverbs 4:23), then in order to understand life, which is the main task of a college or university, one must understand the heart. From a Biblical perspective, the Triune God is the author, sustainer, meaning-maker, and redeemer of the entire cosmos. Thus, the initial foray in properly understanding anything in the world begins with submission to God himself.

How is this idea of the heart communicated in the classroom? Providence’s core class—the core of the core, if you will—is Liberal Studies 101 (Christian

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that educators need to pull together, and hold together, two things—faith and learning, or faith and reason—that ostensibly repel one another by nature. This is a false assumption. Faith can never be divorced from learning.

Much more than a passive guide that accompanies or comes alongside learning, faith is the central engine that drives not just learning, but all of life. Faith is a resting and

Mind). First-year students examine from a Reformational perspective the historical, theological, and philosophical issues that arise from a rigorous liberal arts education, and then apply such a perspective to the core, the concentrations, and the experiential learning that is part of the Providence Christian College curriculum. LBS 101 familiarizes students with the terminology and meaning behind “Faith-Guided Learning.”

An important learning outcome of LBS 101 is to cultivate within students what I call “high critique.” Such an endeavor does not simply compare a variety of views against one another, nor does it seek only to identify the problems or contradictions within an existing system of thought, but rather to uncover the ultimate faith commitments that animate every part of an existing perspective. Students are encouraged to do exactly what Paul did in Romans 1-2 and Acts 17, when he exposed the religious root of his audience in order to declare the glorious gospel of redemption.

Does this mean that Christian education exists solely to point out the nakedness of secular thought or exercise dominion in a kind of triumphalist culture war? Not at all. (In fact, an institution with a belligerent countercultural posture will have a very short life span—unless, of course, it undergoes significant rebranding.) Identifying the faith-drive behind all of life is the exact means by which students will discover the most profound insights. It allows us to appreciate creation without turning it—or an aspect of it—into an idol. Critically engaging a variety of perspectives within a liberal arts setting in submission to God and his revelation results in an

honest study of creation as creation, not a false or truncated study of creation that ignores God. Furthermore, discovering the root of something brings delight—delight in God and the beauty of his creation, as well as delight in serving others. Readers should note that the heart of learning is not limited to the classroom. The Providence community strives daily to submit to Christ and his word in the cafeteria, the dorms, at student and faculty meetings, in the admissions office, in chapel, at the homes of faculty and staff members, and on the field or the court. This must be the case if we believe that God is sovereign redeemer over all. The lordship of Christ draws together the diversity of activities on the Christian college campus.

Marketing slogans have a tendency to be shallow and fleeting (not to mention cliché), producing either an arresting numbness over what constitutes reality or a kind of quiet cynicism about how reality is represented. What is more (and worse), when it comes to selling the transcendent, the eternal, or the spiritual, especially when consumer tastes are at the center, the value of such realities is threatened, and the soul of an attentive individual slumps as it stands between the irreconcilable forces of truth and the trickery endemic to marketing. But Providence stands as a counter-friction to such hollowness. We’re not in the business of furtively selling the truth by hiding it. A change in Providence’s identity is not a conforming to some sort of seeker-friendly consumerism but one that seeks ongoing conformity to God, his word, and the beauty of his world. This is the underlying faith-motive that drives—and defines—Providence Christian College. ■



ADRIAN CRUM '10 CLASS OF



Spouse: Rachel (Fleeman) '11 Crum

Daughter: Adelyn

Hometown: Tijuana, Baja
California, Mexico

Adrian Crum is in his final year at Westminster Seminary California, completing his master of divinity degree. Since graduating from Providence, he has worked at Haven Ministries, a radio program produced in Riverside, CA.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

How did the Providence liberal arts education serve you in your pursuit of a career?

The most obvious way I benefitted from a Providence education [is] having a theological context for the things I have written for the [Haven Ministries] radio program. I think if I hadn't gone to a liberal arts college, I wouldn't have known how to write and think carefully. I also studied with Christians from different backgrounds in college and that helped me relate to believers in a non-profit, broadly evangelical setting.

Has Providence made an impact in your pursuit of seminary?

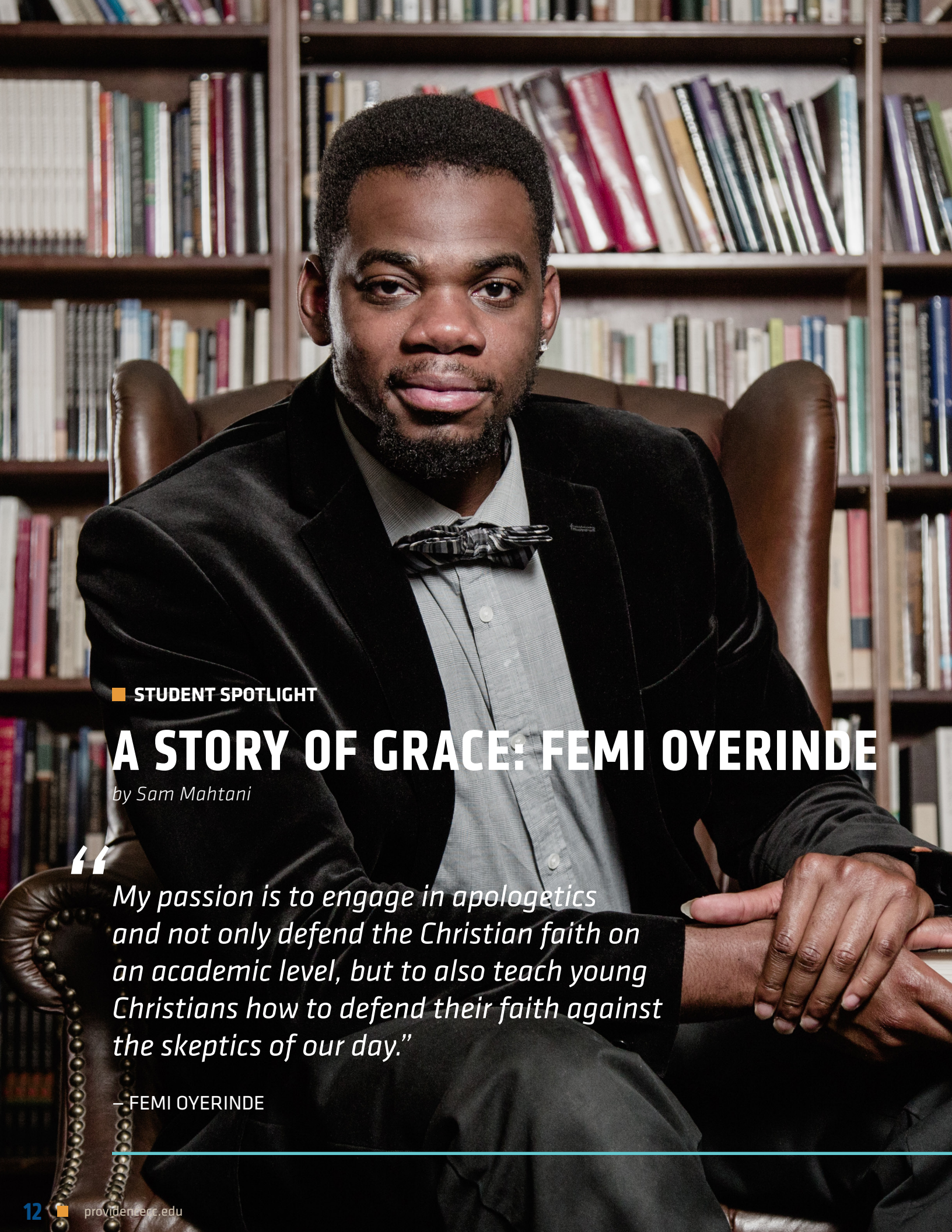
I think students who don't have a liberal arts degree can tend to think technically about theology and Scripture. Some come with a degree in engineering or math and think of seminary as a place to learn the precisely correct theological answer—which is certainly significant preparation for pastoral ministry, but it can be tempting to miss and not appreciate the way something is said or written. So I think my liberal arts degree helped me appreciate genres and types of stories, which helps me to see all the aspects and books of Scripture in a way that is different. Additionally, Providence helped me think within systems or a tradition. I had a sense of the contours of Reformed tradition, but now I have a framework I received at college.

Many people question the value of a liberal arts education. How do you value your Providence educational experience?

I have met a lot of people who tend to think of education as an investment with expectation that they would "make the money back." Although I think education can be that, it's much more than that. As I've looked back at my time at Providence, it opened up the world to me. I appreciated things I never loved before: poetry, history, writing, and good stories. My time at Providence transformed me. It's tough to put a dollar sign on that change. I wasn't the same person afterwards. I think it was less putting tools in my toolbox, and more as an entire reorientation towards the richness and beauty with which God designed the world.

In what way did the Providence education transform you?

I was changed by class lectures; but I was also changed by other people. Conversations started in class that continued outside of class, and the classroom spilled out into friendships. I think education happens in all sorts of places and I'm still learning from my Providence degree as I continue conversations with professors and alumni.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT


A STORY OF GRACE: FEMI OYERINDE

by Sam Mahtani

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My passion is to engage in apologetics and not only defend the Christian faith on an academic level, but to also teach young Christians how to defend their faith against the skeptics of our day.”

— FEMI OYERINDE



Olufemi Oyerinde, affectionately referred to as Femi, is a sophomore international student at Providence Christian College.

On your first interaction with this young man, you'll notice his London (England) accent and you'll discover his passion for apologetics and Reformed theology. However, there's much more to his story. Femi's story is about a life filled with sin and human depravity, but also a story of redemption and a powerful conversion to Christianity by God's grace.

Born in London in January of 1990, Femi grew up in a nominally Christian family, where attending church was more tradition than faith. At home, the family struggled to be cohesive, so he turned to find his identity in school. Instead, he found a lack of acceptance and was bullied. At the age of 11, his parents divorced, leaving Femi, the oldest of three, living at home with his mother. This pushed him to become envious of those around him and seek identity in others, and finally, in high school, he turned to a life of promiscuity and violence.

Femi looked everywhere in the world for acceptance, identity, and love, and found that nothing appeased his soul. At his breaking point, he looked to Islam as the answer, but found nothing. So he pushed on, arguing endlessly with a friend regarding the validity of Christianity.

Four days after his 18th birthday, in the solitude of his bedroom, Femi began to grasp God's grace, and he converted to Christianity as a real saving faith. And so this becomes a story of passion and zeal for

the grace given by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As Femi began to read and study Scripture, he wrestled with all the theological differences in the church and pushed to find answers in Reformed theology. In the spring of 2014, a simple Google search for undergraduate schools brought up Providence Christian College, and by fall 2014, he was a student on campus.

Fast forward a year later, and Femi is now a resident assistant (RA) for the college, mentoring students as they search for their identity as Christian college students. In his studies, he has come to see the liberal arts as a foundation for defending the faith and engaging in apologetics.

Regarding his education at Providence, he says, "The languages at Providence have benefitted me so much and have equipped me to utilize the original languages of the scriptures to better exegete the text. I have also enjoyed taking Dr. Swanson's Bible classes, which have added to my apologetic repertoire."

Femi is preparing to pursue seminary education with a master's in Biblical or systematic theology. "Most of all," he says, "I want to further my studies in theology and apologetics for the edification of the church and for Christ Jesus and his kingdom. My passion is to engage in apologetics and not only defend the Christian faith on an academic level, but to also teach young Christians how to defend their faith against the skeptics of our day."



SOUTH CENTRAL LA AN AVODAH

By Max Belz

PRECIOUS WARE '19 first heard about Providence in the fall of 2014 at a college fair near her home in San Francisco, where she met admissions counselor Elijah Villafana '09.

Fast forward to the fall of 2015, when Ware and 21 of her classmates visited South Central LA on October 3 as part of the Avodah program. Prior to the trip, students met to discuss the history of the neighborhood and analyzed recent lyrics of Compton native Kendrick Lamar's

song "Alright," which talks about the media's portrayal of African-American communities. "Coming from San Francisco, you see movies and hear all sorts of news about South Central LA, so I wanted to go and see it for myself," Ware said.

The excursion examined South Los Angeles's demographics, history, and racial tensions and consisted of three conversations.

The first was with Pastor Joseph Hamilton of One in Christ Baptist Church, who grew up on Adams Boulevard and suffered the chronic ailments of inner-city life in America—drugs, fatherlessness, high incarceration rates, and, in his words, "layers of despair."

In weaving his personal history with the history of his neighborhood, Pastor Hamilton encouraged the students to be true followers of Christ by pursuing peace and reconciliation with their neighbors.

The second stop landed students at World Impact, Incorporated, an inner-city church-



Precious Ware (front right) and her classmates stand in front of World Impact Incorporated.



planting organization on Vermont Avenue. Peter Watts, World Impact's LA city director, emphasized people coming together to work on expanding the kingdom through church planting and ministering to local youth. Students received a tour of the grounds, giving them a vision for urban ministry.

No Avodah would be complete without a good meal. The third and final stop was at Dulan's on Crenshaw Soul Food Restaurant, where students enjoyed fried chicken, black-eyed peas, collard greens, and peach cobbler, which was on the house. Owner Greg Dulan came out during the meal to welcome the students and talk about his restaurant's landmark status.

After seeing South Central LA for herself, Ware reflected on her Avodah experience. "Being a follower of Christ is very different," she said. "Followers of Christ recognize that everyone around them is part of the unified body of Christ." ■

■ SEMESTER SPOTLIGHTS





BARNABAS FOUNDATION – *THEY CAN HELP YOU*

*"Barnabas... sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet."
-Acts 4:36-37(ESV)*

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HOW BARNABAS FOUNDATION WORKS WITH DONORS – A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE

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- They do not sell or encourage any particular financial or investment products. Nor do they refer people or companies offering investment products.
- Their planning services are provided to individuals at no charge. They provide their services free of charge and with no obligation, thanks to the annual contributions made by the foundation's 200 Christian member organizations.
- They do not ask for any gifts. No gifts to Barnabas Foundation are either solicited or encouraged. You can be assured that they do no fundraising for themselves or other organizations as part of the planning process.

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- Estate planning expertise. Barnabas Foundation's experience and knowledge may help you save taxes, minimize family disputes, or protect elderly parents. It may help you provide for a disabled family member, transfer a family farm or business, or avoid probate expenses and delay.

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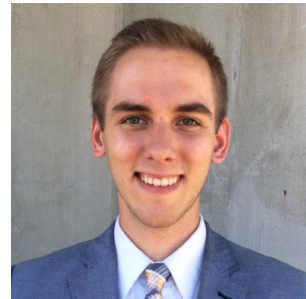
KELLIE (HOLLY) '10 LANGENHOP married Joel Langenhop in July. They are currently residing in Seattle, WA.



JAMES ROOSMA '11 officially passed ordination as a minister in the United Reformed Church.



EMILY (VAN DYKE) '12 BELZ and her husband Max welcomed baby Rudy to their family in June 2015.



BENJAMIN LENSCH '12 accepted a new job as a Customer Success Associate at Smartsheet, a software company.



KIM WELFING '13 is graduating with a bachelor of education degree from Simon Fraser University in early October. This past August she moved to Calgary, Alberta, in order to teach a combined grades 1 & 2 class in a small Christian school.



DANIELLE YETT '14 began study in the master's program in philosophy at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, ON, Canada.



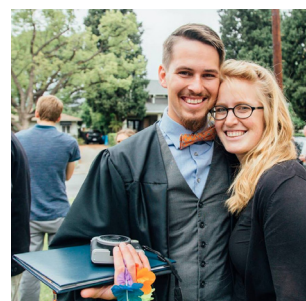
DANIELLE DIRKSEN '15 began study in the master's program in English literature at California State University, Long Beach.



LORISSA HAVEMAN '15 began work as an au pair in Germany, near Berlin.



RUBY JEFFERY '15 began study in the master of arts in Biblical studies program at Westminster Seminary in Escondido, CA.



JOHNATHAN KRUIS '15 began a new position at Providence as community director and **EVELYN (VANE) '13 KRUIS** is pursuing a master's degree in family studies at Fuller Seminary.



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If you have questions about Providence or would like to learn more about how you can support Providence, I invite you to contact me at 626.696.4058 or mkiledjian@providencecc.edu.

ANNUAL REPORT

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word." – 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Thank you to all of you who support Providence through your generous donations and your prayers. We have much to be thankful for to God, as evidenced by this year's annual report and enrollment results. The trends continue to demonstrate wonderful growth and prudent stewardship of the resources entrusted to us. Our fall 2015 enrollment grew a record 61 percent over last year! The growth in enrollment further aided our declining dependence on contributions as a percentage of the budget, down from 65 percent to 52 percent this year. Tight internal controls kept our expenditures within and below our income for the year.

This year we celebrate 10 years of God's faithfulness in establishing Providence. Your continuing partnership is more vital than ever before. This year we face a critical need for investment and improvements in our facilities, staffing, and services to ensure that we remain competitive and that the quality of the Christian education we provide is excellent and God honoring. Please remember us in prayer for our enrollment efforts and fundraising needs. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

FALL 2015 ENROLLMENT

GENERAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Total Student Body	147
Percentage Gain (vs. '14)	61%
Residential Students	94%
Commuter Students	6%
Student/Faculty Ratio	13.5 to 1

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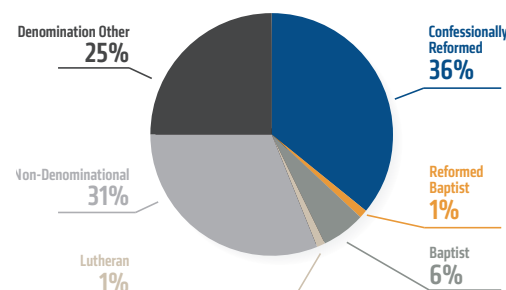
Male	51%
Female	49%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

U.S. (15 States)	92%
International (5 countries)	8%

DENOMINATIONAL PROFILE

Confessionally Reformed	36%
Reformed Baptist	1%
Baptist	6%
Lutheran	1%
Non-Denominational	31%
Denomination Other	25%



Complete enrollment information is available on our website:
<http://www.providencecc.edu/about-providence/at-a-glance>

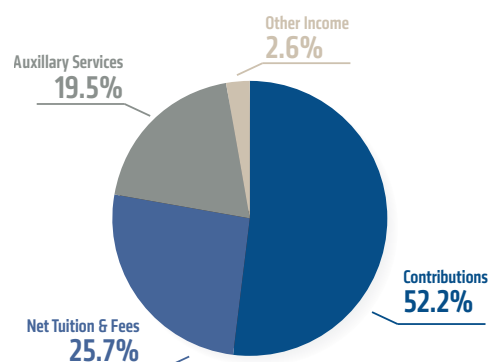
FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2015

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

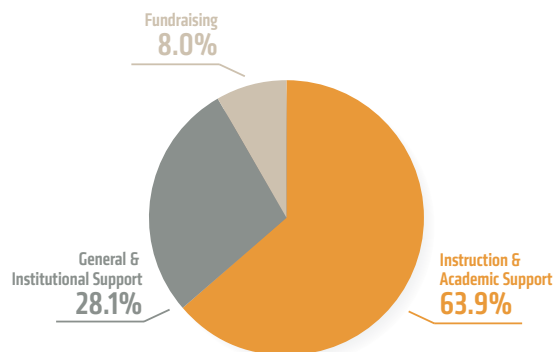
Income 2014-2015

Contributions	\$1,896,973
Net Tuition & Fees	\$935,163
Auxillary Services	\$707,463
Other Income	<u>\$93,700</u>
Total Income	\$3,633,299



Expenses 2014-2015

Instruction & Academic Support	\$2,294,936
General & Institutional Support	\$1,008,891
Fundraising	<u>\$289,733</u>
Total Expenses	\$3,593,560



Complete audited financials are available from the Office for Advancement upon request.

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