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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE EDITOR



There are some wonderful things taking place at Providence, and I'm thrilled to be able to share small vignettes with you in this fall 2021 issue. Overseeing this issue has intensified my firm conviction that Providence is a special and unique place, with an amazing one-of-a-kind education. But when I think of boasting about our academic excellence, I'm often reminded of the courtroom scene from the classic movie, *My Cousin Vinny*. In the movie, Joe Pesci, playing a gritty, Italian, New York attorney (Gambini) cross-examines a thickly Southern man (Mr. Tipton) about how fast he cooks grits in his kitchen:

Gambini: ...Did you say you're a fast cook? That's it? Are we to believe that boiling water soaks into a grit faster in your kitchen than in any place on the face of the earth?

Mr. Tipton: I don't know. I'm a fast cook, I guess.

Gambini: Well perhaps the laws of physics cease to exist on your stove! Were these magic grits? I mean, did you buy them from the same guy who sold Jack his beanstalk beans?

The dialogue helps illustrate a humble reality. I know that many Christian colleges have caring faculty that strive for excellence in academics. Our education at Providence wasn't sold to us by the guy who sold Jack his magic beans.

Nonetheless, there is something that's exceptional and rare about Providence that is difficult to find elsewhere in the world of Christian colleges today. My dear friend, the Rev. Dr. Jon Payne, delivered an important commencement address at Providence a few months ago titled, "Live Not By Lies." His address underscores a significant part of the uniqueness of Providence in a time when our country, our culture, and most of our colleges seem adrift. I invite you to read the transcript of Dr. Payne's speech along with the rest of the marvelous things God is doing at Providence.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't also direct your attention to our new Chief Academic Officer, Dr. David Alexander's charge to faculty and staff at the beginning of this academic year, centered on our vision and mission.

Blessings to you in Christ,

Michael Kiledjian, Executive Editor

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Registration Day

This fall, Providence welcomed 55 new students from all across the United States, including California, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, Florida, Oregon, Texas, and Wisconsin. The student population continues to demonstrate ethnic diversity, with nearly half of the student body being of unique and vibrant cultural heritages. In the spirit of a true liberal arts education in the community, over 90 percent of the student population is residential.



Downtown Los Angeles Tour

New and returning students were treated to a tour of Los Angeles' historic downtown, exploring Union Station and the culturally iconic Pershing Square. In addition, students visited The Last Bookstore, a staple of LA's thriving literary arts scene.



Dwayne Johansen Retirement

After nine faithful years of service, Dwayne Thomas Johansen, Providence's beloved Business Manager, retired on July 16, 2021. While his presence on campus is missed, the Providence community rejoices as Johansen enjoys retirement, which has provided more time with his family, and in particular, his grandchildren.



Sea Beggar Weekend

In late October, Providence celebrated its annual Sea Beggar Weekend. Students, staff, faculty, and alumni partook in a block party filled with food trucks, carnival games, and fellowship. Students participated in a Resurgam kick-off assembly in which all four cohorts competed in a game of "Smugglers vs. Mercenaries", building camaraderie and friendships within the Providence community.

Reformation Day

In honor of the anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, Rev. Daniel R. Hyde of Oceanside United Reformed Church and author of *Grace Worth Fighting For: Recapturing the Vision of God's Grace in the Canons of Dort*, spoke to Providence students during a special chapel message in which he challenged students to think of the Reformation in terms of its catholicity and a recovery of the faith once for all delivered to and through the Apostles.



DEAN'S LIST

Spring 2021

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 2021 dean's list includes:**

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Hannah Shenk
Tyler Stauffer
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Isaiah Torres
Stephen Truxal

FACULTY UPDATES

DR. DAVID E.

ALEXANDER, Dean of Academics and Associate Professor of Philosophy, was recently a featured participant in the Liberty Fund conference entitled, *Reformed and Unreformed Liberty: Turretin, Spinoza, and Locke*, which contrasted Francis Turretin's theology with that of Baruch Spinoza and John Locke.



DR. LAWRENCE

MUMFORD, Visiting Lecturer in Music, recently composed a new orchestral piece entitled, *Adagio: Of Times and Seasons*. The song was performed by the Janáček Philharmonic Orchestra in the Czech Republic and conducted by Stanislav Vavřínek. Mumford's piece is the first piece on a CD entitled *Prisma Five* by Navona Records.



DR. ISAIAH LIN,

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, successfully defended his dissertation and received his Ph.D in Philosophy from Syracuse University in October 2020.



DR. BENJAMIN M.

AUSTIN, Preceptor in Biblical Studies, published a paper titled "The Ironical Syllogism: A Rhetorical Use of Unmarked Questions" in the *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, a peer-reviewed publication that offers the best scholarship across a range of critical methodologies.



REV. DR. TIMOTHY R.

SCHEUERS, Lecturer in History, successfully defended his dissertation and was awarded his Ph.D in Historical Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California in June 2021.



ALAN ARMES

Lecturer in Film and Video Production, completed a two-year run as an editor for NBC's long-running weekday show, *Access Hollywood*. Armes spent the summer editing the entertainment news program *Daily Pop* for E! Network, and is currently editing two new Game Show Network shows: *Tug of Words* and *In the USA Today*.



BRANDON ADDISON,

Assistant Professor of Business Administration, delivered the keynote address titled, "Salt and Light" at The Center for Faith + Work Los Angeles Framework Fellow Commencement Ceremony in June 2021.



LANCE CROY,

Assistant Professor of Communication and Media Arts, recently published a paper titled, "Charles Spurgeon and Followership" in the *Theology of Leadership Journal*.



In July 2021, FLORA

KROOK, Writing Center Director and Assistant Professor of English and Literature, facilitated a Classical Conversations Parent Practicum in Hesperia, California.



Lance Croy

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION & MEDIA ARTS

Lance Croy joins the Providence community after most recently serving as an adjunct professor at Concordia University Wisconsin, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership and his Master's of Business Administration in Communications. In addition to teaching, Croy is a SAG-AFTRA member who has produced and performed in theatrical, commercial, and industrial film projects. Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Croy and his wife, Tara, are excited about living in Pasadena and eager make a positive impact on the student body within the Providence community.



Flora Krook

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH AND LITERATURE
& WRITING CENTER DIRECTOR

Flora Krook joins the English Department at Providence Christian College and will also serve as the Director of the Writing Center. Krook received her Bachelor's of Arts in English from Westmont College, and her Master's degree in English from Claremont Graduate University, where she is currently pursuing her doctorate, focusing on English literature with an emphasis on the intersections of faith, history and literature. Krook has been blessed and encouraged by the students, faculty and staff she has been able to interact with thus far, and is excited to see the work that God is doing through Providence.



Kyle Kortenhoeven

RESIDENT DIRECTOR AND CHAPEL COORDINATOR

Kyle Kortenhoeven rejoins Providence as a Resident Director and Chapel Coordinator after receiving his master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Colorado Christian University. As a 2017 alum, Kortenhoeven is uniquely poised to co-manage resident life on campus, oversee chapel operations, and serve as the advisor to the Student Senate. In his free time, he enjoys reading, watching movies, and exploring Pasadena.



Geoffrey Kwok

STAFF ACCOUNTANT AND STUDENT ACCOUNTS MANAGER

Geoffrey Kwok joins Providence as the Staff Accountant and Students Account Manager. He received a Bachelor of Arts in economics and accounting from University of California, Santa Barbara and is currently pursuing a Master's of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy at Fuller Seminary's School of Psychology & Marriage and Family Therapy. When he is not working with financial data or studying about the relational nature of humans, he enjoys cycling, hiking, and being a tourist in his hometown, Los Angeles.



PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE:

Building on a Firm Foundation

COMMENCEMENT TRANSCRIPT - MAY 15TH, 2021

by Rev. Dr. Jon D. Payne, Executive Coordinator of the Gospel Reformation Network and Pastor of Christ Presbyterian in Charleston SC

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, faculty, staff, family members, friends, and students of the graduating class of 2021 — It's a tremendous honor to be with you today, and a privilege to speak to you on such a momentous occasion. As a native Californian, a blood-bought Christian, and a Reformed Minister, I am especially delighted to share in this day with you — for it deeply encourages me to know that a Christ-centered institution like *Providence Christian College* is here in my home state equipping students to be firmly grounded in biblical truth. It heartens me that Providence is here on the west coast teaching classical liberal arts from a Christian world-view, and cultivating a Reformed perspective in the next generation. And it greatly encourages me that Providence is training young Christian men and women to understand that their *telos* or ultimate aim in life is not for worldly status, cultural notoriety, or material gain, but to glorify God in all things, and to fully enjoy Him forever.

I want to commend you, the students, for having made Providence Christian College your place

of study. It shows no small measure of maturity, wisdom, and foresight to decide upon a college devoted to the unshakable truth of God's

Word— that Word above all earthly powers which, by the Spirit, is breaking into this present evil age and saving sinners for whom Christ died. You've chosen a college that not only cares about your intellectual formation, but also your spiritual growth— not only the development of your mind, but the strengthening of your soul in Christ.

Abraham Kuyper once said, "He is your friend who pushes you nearer to God." If Kuyper is right (and he is!), then Providence Christian College has been a good and faithful friend to you these past four years.

In addition to having chosen an excellent college, I commend you today for persevering in your academic studies. Indeed, it's no small achievement that you are among the graduates in the year 2021; for this has been one of the most challenging seasons in our nation's

history. No one could have predicted the unfolding events of the past eighteen months. The pandemic, the general election, and the racial tensions together formed a perfect and devastating storm of confusion and dissension in our culture. You've been required to mask-up, separate, and Zoom-in to what is normally a time of embodied fellowship and face to face interaction. The obstacles during your course of study have been immense. Nevertheless, dear graduate, even with all of these obstacles, you persevered. By God's grace, you carried on and you finished. And everyone here today is proud of you for showing such dogged determination in the face of these unprecedented challenges. Well done, dear graduate, well done!

In preparation for my remarks today, I asked myself, "How can I encourage newly minted college graduates in such a time as this?"

In good Presbyterian fashion, I came up with three exhortations.

1. Live Not By Lies
2. Live Only by Truth
3. Live Always with Courage

LIVE NOT BY LIES

It doesn't take a PhD in history or sociology to recognize that we are experiencing a cultural revolution. Perhaps it's more accurate to say "cultural revolutions", for what is unfolding before our very eyes is not one revolution, but many. The most prominent are the sexual and woke revolutions— two powerful movements that are transforming our society and untethering Christians from the truth.

The sexual revolution finds its roots in the 1960's. It mostly found expression in the Rock and Roll culture, and in the seedy shadows of urban city centers. Disordered sexualities were not always mainstream. Indeed, until recently, most

of western civilization would have affirmed a biblical view of sexuality. But things have changed, especially since the Obergefell decision in 2015. What was lurking in the shadows in the 1960's has quickly become the ethical consensus of our day.

Deviant sexualities that were generally condemned in our culture are now supported and celebrated, and the biblical sexuality that was generally respected and celebrated is now condemned. The real triumph of the sexual revolution is that it has made sex into more than just an activity. It's now an identity. Gender is no longer defined by indisputable, verifiable, biological facts, but by subjective feelings. This expressive individualism believes not only that we can *do* whatever we want to do, but we can also *be* whatever we want to *be*. The normalization of transgenderism is the ultimate conquest of the sexual revolution, and everyone is expected to attend the victory parade and throw confetti.

But the cultural or moral revolution doesn't stop with the assault on human sexuality. A radical ideology called Critical Race Theory has given birth to the new woke revolution. In the 1740's there was a Great Awakening, grounded in the gospel. Today there is a Great "Awakening", rooted in cultural marxism.

The woke revolution teaches that western civilization, especially American society, is (and always has been) inherently and systemically racist. Consequently, the woke revolution is deeply divisive, instructing people, as one writer states: "to think of good and evil as a matter of power dynamics" among various groups and ethnicities. He adds that "a utopian vision ... compels them to seek to rewrite history and reinvent language to reflect their ideals of social justice." [1]

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Cody & Carissa (Berger) Walter

CODY WALTER '16 IS CURRENTLY THE HEAD BASEBALL COACH AT PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, a position he took over in May 2019 after serving as the Assistant Coach for three years under the Athletic Director at that time, the late Dr. Chuck Ryor.

For Walter, Providence is quite a special place: it's where he works, where he transferred after two years in junior college, and where he played baseball and was a founding member of the baseball program in 2014. On top of all of that, it's also where he met his wife Carissa.

Walter chose to attend Providence in the summer of 2014 when his junior college coach called and told him about a small Christian college in Pasadena, California that was

starting a baseball program. "My coach knew I was a Christian and wanted to pursue a career in ministry. So my parents and I visited in the summer and I immediately knew it was a place that would be a fit spiritually, academically, and athletically."

Walter loved the smaller class sizes, going from 100 students in a lecture hall and not knowing his professors to having personal relationships with them. Studying Business, he was challenged to apply what he learned in the classroom and turn it into real world application.

"I was given the opportunity to experience the business world through internships at a local sports agency and at the Rose Bowl. Christ was present in every class whether it was business, sociology or art."

"Providence changed my life," said Walter. "Being in community with other believers challenged me to critically think about questions I didn't think about before and forced me to get outside of my comfort zone. It truly was a place where people would come alongside you in the valleys and celebrate with you on the mountain tops."





Walter met his future wife Carissa, who enrolled at Providence in 2014 after hearing about the school on a TV episode in Canada. Carissa studied childhood education during her time at Providence and now serves as a Registered Dental Assistant. “My first year at Providence was an incredibly formative year,” said Carissa. “It’s where I met Cody; where my faith became my own and where I met some of my best friends who are still in my life to this day. I loved the community at Providence, the fact that my professors knew me, and that I got to learn about history, psychology, and English all from a Christian perspective.”

His senior year at Providence, Dr. Ryor opened Walter’s eyes to the fact that he could blend his two passions together: ministry and baseball.

“I knew going into coaching was a real ministry opportunity for me. I learned a lot about my faith during my time in college and I wanted to give the same to college baseball players.” So immediately after graduation in 2016, he started off serving in a multi-faceted role as the Assistant Baseball Coach, Sports Information Director, and Compliance Officer.

Walter and Carissa officially tied the knot in 2017, and both of them love to spend time exploring all LA has to offer. Their favorite beach is Will Rogers State Beach near Santa Monica, as it was one of the first beaches they went to when they started dating and it’s where he proposed to Carissa. They also love time in San Diego, visiting the zoo or watching the sun set over the ocean at Sunset Cliffs.

FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW YORK CITY:

A Quick Study

LEOCCIANO CALLAO, FROM MALAYBALAY CITY, PHILIPPINES, WILL BE GRADUATING FROM PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IN DECEMBER

2021. After graduation, he hopes to join the workforce working as a sports journalist in New York City. That seems like a world away from Los Angeles and Providence, but he is currently in a partnership program with The King's College where he has seamlessly integrated his final semester at Providence while studying and

interning in New York.

Callao chose to attend Providence primarily because of its location: a central hub of media, culture and arts in the city of Los Angeles. "Providence was the perfect place to call home," said Callao. "Students have such a great sense of community and togetherness. Being such a small school, it gave me plenty of opportunities to get to know people from different backgrounds and serve those around me."

Callao also had the opportunity to be part of the Men's Soccer program while at Providence, and had a lot of pride for his time representing the Sea Beggars on the field. His senior year, he recalls the team scraping out a 3-2 win against the heavily favored University of Antelope Valley in Lancaster, CA, which was one of his fondest memories, along with time with his teammates and the camaraderie they shared.

Now in his final semester and on the other side of the United States, Callao shared a little insight into his current experience in New York and what a typical day might look like:

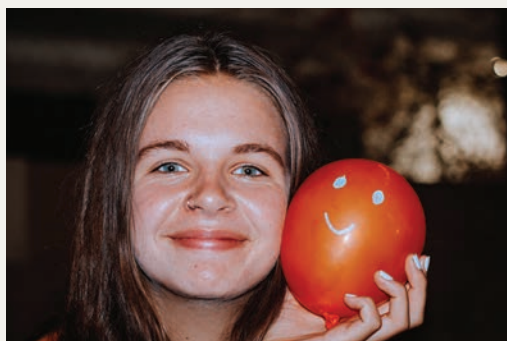
"Life in New York City is a movie— you just don't know what genre each day is going to be. I wake up every morning wondering what I will see as I go about my day. I live in an apartment in Downtown Brooklyn with three other students. Being the eldest in the room, they call me pops and I refer to them as my sons. Every day, I take the train to Manhattan whether it's for my barista job in Midtown, right by Madison square garden, or for classes which are in the financial district. I am currently interning for Brooklyn Paper. While my internship is currently remote, I spend two to three days a week going to events, conducting interviews and writing stories for them -- normally I find a coffee shop to work and get the creative juices flowing. As part of his internship, Callao also gets to attend Brooklyn Nets basketball games as a reporter, and was able to attend the world premier for the Netflix film *Night Teeth*. The King's College has a business casual dress code, so when I attend

classes, I walk through Wall Street dressed to impress. It gives me a great sense of what it's like to be in a professional business setting and an opportunity to get creative with outfits. I also go out and explore new spots as much as I can while shying away from tourists — you never run out of things to do in New York!"

While Callao decided to go for a semester in New York for his career and growth as a person, he does miss his friends and community at Providence. His roommates Caleb and Leland, fellow Resident Assistants Esteban and Carl, and lots of others who are life-long friends. And of course, Callao misses the LA weather, the sunny beach, and other hobbies he has, like playing and writing music, cooking, and working out.

"There are so many things to be excited about for my future. I cannot wait to do the things I have been praying for since I was young — not just to report games but to tell stories around the world of sports. I hope that my story inspires others and that I end up in a position where I can not only pursue my passions, but also help and give back to my family and community."

FALL 2021 SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS





A Bold Mission

In July 2021, Dr. David E. Alexander was appointed to the role of Dean of Academics at Providence Christian College. The following is an excerpt from the transcript of his address.

DEAR PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY,

This past year I spoke to a large number of potential students as they were considering enrollment at Providence Christian College for the Fall 2021 semester.

Since I too had considered Providence for my future not long before them, I shared with them the reasons I decided to leave a tenured professorship at a well-established and much larger institution for a non-tenured professorship at a young, much smaller college.

Over the years, I have become disillusioned with the direction of many colleges across the nation. In recent days, countless universities have not only neglected their faith in God and scripture, but have also abandoned their liberal arts focus.

I believe that the liberal arts, when grounded and structured by a biblical worldview, are the best foundation for pre-professional and related studies. Indeed, without such a liberal-arts focus, saturating pre-professional and related disciplines with

a biblical worldview becomes either practically impossible or at the very least, highly unlikely.

By moving away from a Christian liberal arts focus, many colleges now offer a “Christian” education that is hardly distinguishable from a secular one.

Providence Christian College is not alone in saying that it is committed to educating students to be firmly grounded in biblical truth, thoroughly educated in the liberal arts, and fully engaged in the church and the wider communities to which they belong.

However, as I examined Providence in more detail, I was struck by something that seems to separate this place from just about every other Christian college. Providence truly believes in, and follows through with their mission.

As colleges all over the country “zig” towards either perverting the liberal arts in various ways or dramatically cutting them, Providence is “zagging.” I love the boldness of this place. I love that Providence

is attempting to be what I think a genuine liberal arts college must be—built upon and shaped by God’s holy Word.

As we become the premier Christian liberal arts college in California, we will continue to saturate every academic class and extracurricular activity in the biblical worldview. I do not know of another college that is seriously attempting to do that. But as the world and culture around us continues to fragment and decay, Providence continues to stand out by refusing to allow

empty, worldly philosophies and godless divisions to crop up amongst us or in us.

The vision of this place is worth working for, and in that light my prayer is that Providence will continue to prayerfully, diligently, and faithfully fulfill His calling as a Reformed Christian institution.

In Christ,

Dr. David E. Alexander
Dean of Academics &
Associate Professor of Philosophy



New Athletic Hires

The start of the Fall 2021 athletic year brought the addition of several new faces to the Providence Christian Athletic Department.



Women's Soccer welcomed veteran coach **TODD ELKINS**, whose coaching resume includes 15 years at Biola University where he had a combined record of 131-90-29. Elkins brings more than

his soccer acumen to Providence, as his focus has always remained on the spiritual development and personal growth of his players. As the coach for the Southern California Seahorses, Elkins has co-led annual trips to orphanages in Mexico to introduce sports ministry principles to his teams and those they served, and helped organize a trip for his team to travel to Japan for an international experience and to grow a sports ministry partnership with Japanese churches.



Men's Soccer moved former assistant **FRANKLYN JOSEPH** to the head coach role. Joseph has been coaching at various levels including youth, high school, and college. Most recently, he

served as an assistant coach for the Men's Soccer program at Azusa Pacific University after serving as the assistant for the Providence Men's team in 2018 and 2020.



Men's and Women's Golf hired **TODD BOWERS** to join the Providence family for the 2021-2022 season. After several successful years of working in both management and regional

sales, Bowers felt called to make a career change where he could impact lives for Christ through the

vehicle of athletics. In 2018, Bowers was hired as the Head Golf Coach at Seminole State College in Seminole, OK where he produced three national championship qualifiers in the NJCAA, and led a student-athlete to the men's regional championship runner-up. Bowers made a move to Corban University in the fall of 2019, leading the Warriors through the difficult Covid-19 season, and, despite the inevitable challenges, he was still able to prepare his team for a top 25 ranking and a 2nd place finish in conference play.



Providence took another step forward in the continued growth of the athletic department with the hiring of **EDDIE ARNETT** as the Assistant Director of Athletics. He has been a leader in Christian

athletics for the past 22 years, most recently serving at Maranatha High School. Arnett's primary responsibilities will be focused on game day operations and sports information. Brian DeHaan, Director of Athletics, had this to say about Arnett: "To find people with the character and integrity Eddie has displayed throughout his career is rare, and it's even more rare to find them available for hire. Eddie is committed to the ministry of Christian athletics, and he shares the desire to fulfill a mission that uses the vehicle of athletics to nurture, equip, and build young men and women who serve Christ in all they do. Providence will be blessed by Eddie's leadership and his impact will surely extend beyond game day operations and his work in our sports information department."



Par Excellence

BY EDDIE ARNETT

Hearing “Fore” on the golf course usually means an errant shot may be heading your way, but the word four at Providence refers to the fourth team in program history, and their shots have been on target throughout the 2021-2022 season. Team four has emerged and produced historic program firsts while taking great strides that have produced stability and optimism for both the present and the future.

The Providence Christian golf team was formed in 2017 under the leadership of coach Josh Ault, with the inaugural team competing in the 2018-2019 season. The program has progressed steadily over the previous four years and the men’s team has two of its founding recruits wrapping up their college careers. The current team is composed of nine men and three women; the men led by Nicholas Chavez ’22 and Marc Lengtat ’22, and the women led by Kiara Paul ’23 and Kaitlyn Robinson ’23.

The Fall 2021 Men’s campaign began in Frankston, Texas, with the team competing in the Pine Dunes Invitational, where the team finished fourth. Chavez led the Sea Beggars in scoring with a 226, taking it under par for his final round of 70 and an individual finish of 5th place. Only a few strokes behind were Lengtat with 230 and Trey Kirschner ’25 with 232.

The men followed the Pine Dunes Invitational with a second-place finish at the Warrior Invitational in Rocklin, California. Chavez again rose to the occasion, this time capturing the individual title by finishing three strokes ahead of his nearest competitor with a total three round score of 219. Three other Sea Beggars finished in the top 10 for the tournament, with Lengtat finishing in sixth, Kirschner in seventh, and Hayden Hughs ’24 in ninth.

The teams concluded the fall season in Carmel, CA, where they played at the Quail Lodge and Golf Club. Overall, the men finished fourth place, with Chavez again close to the top of the leaderboard coming in second by merely four strokes. On the women’s side, Denise Litonjua ’24 had the top round for the women, shooting a 77 on day two and finishing eighth overall, and Robinson ’23 finishing in tenth place.

A strong foundation has been established and the future is bright for both the men’s and women’s golf teams. A strong recruiting class for current head coach Todd Bowers will help cement the future and continue the Sea Beggar success. Follow all Sea Beggar action at www.seabeggars.com.

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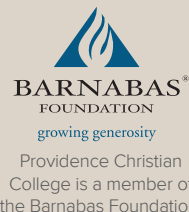
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ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2020-21:

Summary and Highlights

DEAR FRIENDS: In a year that saw us all embattled with wildly disruptive pandemic circumstances and uncertainties, God was immensely gracious to Providence, both in overall enrollment and financially. We finished fiscal year 2020-2021 on what may be our best fiscal year in history. Between record donations, tuition income, and Covid education stimulus, we finished the fiscal year with significantly reduced debt. In addition, our students were eager to return to Providence during Covid, helping us raise our retention to healthy stable levels. Finally, to top it off, we had a miraculously great recruiting year despite covid limitations (closed schools, no college fairs and restricted travel) that has produced one of our best recruiting years on record with 55 new students this fall. We especially owe you, our supporters, a big "Thank You!" Because of your generosity, we are almost debt free.

Yet, we know things can go from great to poor very quickly. To retain our healthy financial strength and continue to grow enrollment this year, we need your help once again. Consider a year-end gift to Providence. Here are three tax-wise options that allow you to give in a substantial way, without affecting your cash flow:

3 BIG GIFTS THAT WON'T BREAK THE BANK

Considering a year-end gift to *Providence Christian College*. Here are three tax-wise options that allow you to give in a substantial way, without affecting your cash flow:

1. Gifts of Stock. If you have appreciated stock or other securities you've owned for at least a year, you can receive a double benefit by donating it to ministry. Not only will you receive a charitable tax deduction for the fair market value, but you'll also avoid paying capital gains tax.

2. Gifts of Real Estate. Many people are able to give more than they ever thought possible by giving a vacation home, rental property, farmland or other real estate to Providence Christian College. It's a smart way to redirect property you no longer need or care to manage for the benefit of God's Kingdom.

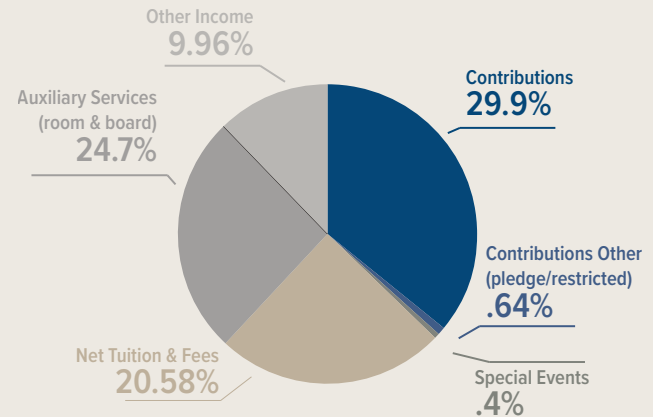
3. Gifts from Your IRA. If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a substantial gift to Providence Christian College directly from your IRA. Not only will this gift meet your required minimum distributions, but it also reduces your taxable income.

Ready to learn more? I would love to help you identify smart and powerful giving solutions that fit your goals and situation. Call me directly at (626) 696-4058 or email me at mkiledjian@providencecc.edu.

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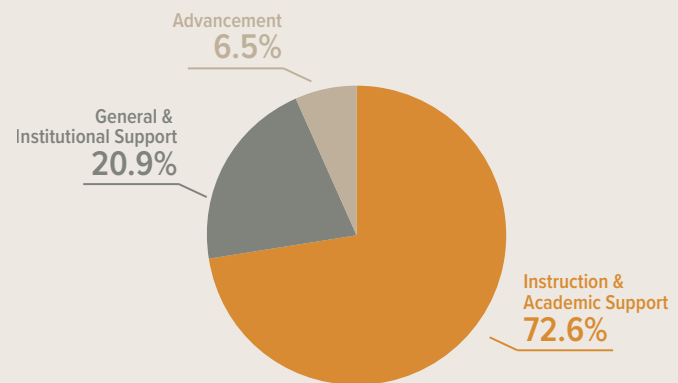
INCOME 2020-2021

Contributions	\$2,138,924	29.90%
Contributions Other (Pledge/restricted)	\$46,000	0.64%
Special Events	\$21,296	0.30%
Net Tuition & Fees	\$1,472,257	20.58%
Auxiliary Services (room & board)	\$1,527,304	21.35%
Gov't Grants & Contracts	\$1,235,606	17.27%
Interest Income	\$0	0.00%
Other Income	\$712,683	9.96%
Total Income	\$7,154,070	



EXPENDITURES 2020-2021

Instruction & Academic Support	\$4,793,307	72.6%
General & Institutional Support	\$1,379,836	20.9%
Advancement	\$430,568	6.5%
Total Expenses	\$6,606,711	



Fall 2021 Enrollment & Academics

GENERAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Total Student Body	124
Percentage Gain (vs. '18)	3%
Residential Students	90%
Commuter Students	9%
Student/Faculty Ratio	10 to 1

GENDER

Male	61%
Female	39%

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN

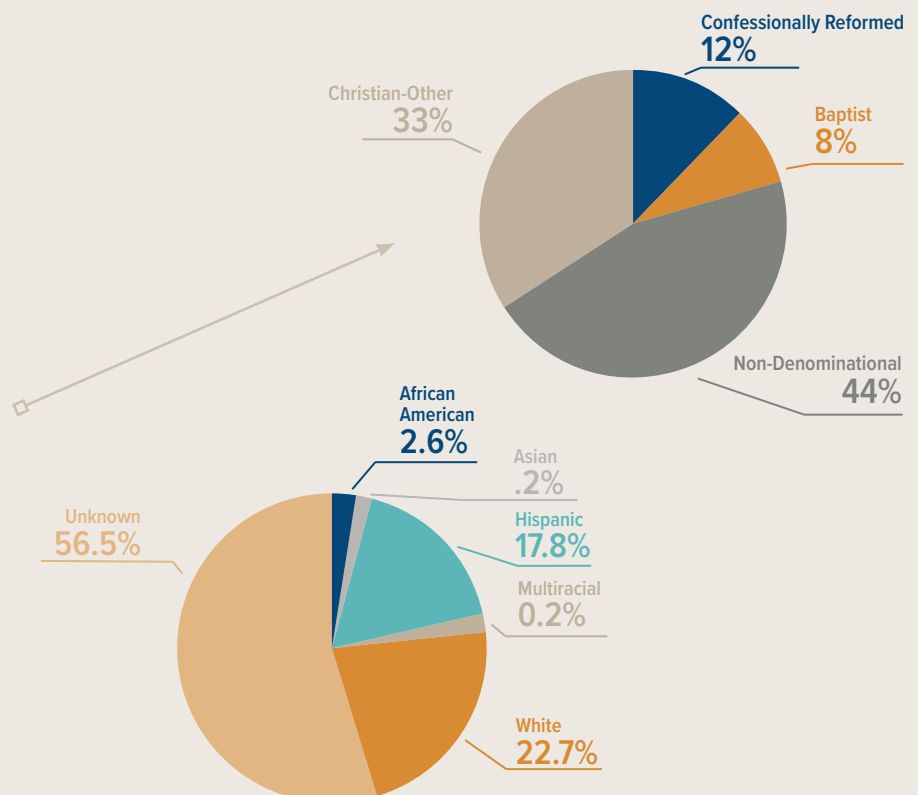
U.S. (15 States, 78% from CA)	100%
International (0 countries)	0%

DENOMINATIONAL PROFILE

Confessionally Reformed	12%
Baptist	8%
Non-Denominational	44%
Christian Other	33%

RACE/ETHNICITY

African American	2.6%
Asian	0.2%
Hispanic	17.8%
Multi-Race	0.2%
Native American/Alaskan	0.0%
Native Hwn/Pas Isl.	0.0%
White	22.7%
Non-Resident Alien	0.0%
unknown	56.5%



ALUMNI UPDATES



BRANDON ADDISON '09 and his wife, Gina, welcomed their second child, Ava Grace Addison, on September 26, 2021. Ava was born weighing 8 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 20.5" long. She joins her big brother, Luke, who is now 3 years old.



ELIJAH VILLAFANA '09 and **CANDACE (JANZEN) VILLAFANA '13** welcomed their first child, Fenwick Archer Villafaña on January 14, 2021. He was born weighing 7 lbs., 2 oz., and measuring 20" long.



EMILY (VAN DYKE) BELZ '13 and her husband, Max, welcomed their fourth child, Frances Joanne Belz on April 15, 2020. Frances was born weighing 7 lbs., 20 oz



SHELLI (CAMMENGA) LUNDGREN '13 earned her Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling from Westminster Theological Seminary Philadelphia in June 2021. She was also appointed to the Providence Christian College Board of Trustees, making her the second Providence alum to become a board member.



IAN HARRIMAN '15 and his wife, Brianna, welcomed their second child, Hazel Beihozhon Harriman on June 12, 2021. Hazel was born weighing 7lbs., 7 oz. She joins her big sister, Neela, who is now 6 years old.



MICAELA (BROWN) GRIMES '16 and **CALEB GRIMES '17** were married on May 8, 2021 in Downtown Los Angeles, California.



MADELINE "MADDIE" SILVA '17 was engaged to Robert Docter, a Los Angeles-based history teacher, on July 10, 2021. They will be married in June 2022. In October 2021, Maddie was promoted to Feature Lit Coordinator at Caryl Entertainment, a full-service Production and Management Company.



SHANE BECKER '19 was married to Ashley Boomsma on July 24, 2021 in Pasadena, California.



JOSIAH VANDERVEEN '19 and his wife, Braelyn, welcomed their first child, Lyle Thaddeus Peter Vanderveen on March 23, 2021. He was born weighing 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measuring 21.5" long. Josiah recently began a new job overseeing college ministry at Tenth Presbyterian Church.



PRESTON KILEDJIAN '19 was married to Ariana Albano on September 25, 2021 in Santa Clarita, California.



CHRISTINE (EATON) SCHUMACHER '21 was married to Kyle Schumacher on October 16, 2021 in Artesia, California.



REUBEN SHENENI '21 began his studies at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in July 2021. He is currently earning his Master of Divinity, and also serves as an Administrative Assistant to the Director of Advancement and Admissions at Greenville.

IN MEMORY OF Dr. Chuck Ryor

1965 – 2021



HE LOVED HIS FAMILY DEARLY. He loved his friends. He loved his students. He loved the Dodgers. And he loved the Mountaineers. Above all, Chuck loved nothing more than Jesus, and in that love dedicated his life to sharing the gospel with others.

Chuck was a pastor, professor, and a friend to so many in the Providence Christian College community for over the past 12 years. Chuck was uniquely honest and revealing about his own shortcomings, and felt a particular calling towards others who were facing struggles. In his last chapel talk titled “Comfort in Suffering”, he concluded by meditating on Psalm 34 with the following message:

[If you want to hear God’s voice], “Get close to somebody who is broken-hearted. The Lord is with them. Be a light in someone’s darkness. If you want to be where the Lord is, start doing for the Proverbial least of these, because you will be doing it for Him. Be a proactive servant of those who are broken-hearted, and I am confident that Scripture is true, you’re going to bump into the Lord’s presence there, and you’re going to hear him speak to your Heart as he speaks through you.”

Chuck is survived by his wife Carolyn and children Nick and Holly. He leaves us with the legacy of hope centered in the community, humility, and clarity of Christ coming into this world out of His love for us to conquer death. In memory of Chuck, may we all aim to love one another with the same vibrancy exhibited in Chuck’s life and take courage and hope in the everlasting life won by His victory.



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Rather than foster unity between neighbors, breaking down the walls of hostility, the new woke revolution provides everyone with materials to build those walls higher. The racially charged movement fosters suspicion and fear. It fuels hatred. It's an exhausting movement that cancels and condemns those who fail to comply to the tyrannical revolutionary demands. As with the sexual revolution, to withhold approval is to be on the wrong side of history.

But dear graduates, as you go into the world, you must remember that it's better to be on the wrong side of history and the right side of God, than to be on the so-called right side of history and on the wrong side of God and his unchanging truth.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, a Russian Novelist, philosopher, and committed Christian, spent eight years in the gulag as a political prisoner. What was his crime? Speaking out against the lies, propaganda, and anti-religion campaigns of the Soviet regime. Solzhenitsyn was eventually expelled from Russia, but not before writing an essay entitled, "Live Not By Lies."

The famous essay was a parting word to his fellow countrymen to "never knowingly support [the] lies" of the totalitarian communist regime. You may not always have the boldness to speak out against their lies, says the Russian dissident, but you certainly don't have to believe or live by their lies.

Dear graduating class of 2021, live not by the lies and falsehoods of our culture. And heed the words of the Apostle Paul from Colossians 2:8 — "See to it that no one takes you captive by *philosophy and empty deceit*, according to human tradition, according to the elemental

spirits of the world, and not according to Christ."

In other words, refuse to allow the world to colonize the landscape of your mind and heart with their secular ideologies. Guard your minds and hearts in Christ Jesus. Take every thought captive in obedience to Christ. Live not by lies. Live only by the truth.

LIVE ONLY BY TRUTH

Many of you graduating today grew up in Christian homes. Your earliest memories include Bible reading, catechism, praying around the dinner table, and attending Lord's Day worship. God and His gospel were at the very center of your home life. I, too, grew up in a Christian home in Silicon Valley, and as the years roll on, I'm increasingly aware of how blessed I am to have been raised with the objective truth of God's Word.

Dear graduates, knowing and living by God's truth will bring ballast to your life. It's what you have learned here at Providence, that God's Word is the norming norm, the standard and measure of all truth. The Bible does not just contain the Word of God, it is the Word of God. It is the inspired, inerrant, infallible, and life-transforming rule of faith and practice. Dear graduate, this is vital to remember as Satan's lies become more pervasive in our culture, and seek to capsize your faith. We must remember where to turn when modern Pontus Pilates ask derisively "What is truth?" We turn to the Word, we turn to Christ who is himself "The way, *the truth*, and the life" and who, through his perfect obedience, atoning death, and hell-conquering resurrection, purchased our redemption in full.

As you go out into the world, therefore, live not by lies. Live *only* by the truth.

The Word of God, says the Psalmist, “is a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path” (Ps. 119:105). It’s a fountain of wisdom from your heavenly Father who loves you, a means to communion with Christ who gave His life for you, and a source of strength and comfort from the Holy Spirit who applies it to you. It’s that which guides and instructs the Christian believer for a lifetime. The great Dutch second reformation pastor Wilhemus a’ Brakel writes that:

The Word of God is necessary and profitable not only for beginners and little ones but also for the most advanced and spiritual believers here upon earth. It is a brook from which a lamb may drink and an ocean in which an elephant can drown. [2]

The Apostle Paul exhorts young Timothy and all of you today to:

Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” (2 Tim. 3:14-15).

Dear graduates, you have completed your degree, and we celebrate with you. But in many ways your education has just begun. During your course of study at Providence you have learned what you are going to learn for the rest of your lives. So build on that wonderful foundation that you’ve received. Grow in your hunger to learn and grow.

Churchill was right when he said: “The most important thing about education is appetite.”

Therefore, continue to sharpen your intellect and Christian worldview by the reading of good literature. Love God with your mind. Be countercultural. Go against the cultural flow. Refuse to let the glow of your televisions and

the notifications of your phones distract you from that which is most meaningful. Read good books and foster relationships that will expand your horizons and animate your dreams for service to God in the future. Great books lead us to consider great people and great ideas, and inspire us to attempt great things for God. They are also silent conversation partners, reminding us that while all truth is God’s truth, the world is a broken and complicated place. Recognizing this helps us to engage more peaceably with others with whom we disagree, rather than joining the cacophonous yelling matches of our current cultural moment. My final exhortation is to live always with courage.

LIVE ALWAYS WITH COURAGE

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego attended King Nebuchadnezzar’s grand assembly in Babylon they must’ve had a measure of fear in their hearts. After all, it was an occasion for all the Babylonian cultural elites to pay homage to the newly constructed golden image. They were told that if they chose not to bow down to the golden monstrosity when the musicians began to play, they would be cast into the fiery furnace. The pressure on these young Hebrews to bow must’ve been great.

In Daniel 3:7 we learn that as soon as the people heard the sound of the instruments, the entire assembly “fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up”; that is, all but three courageous young men who lived with the courage of their holy convictions. They refused to live by lies and bow to the idol.

Their devotion to God and commitment to the truth was blood-earnest, not unlike the 16th century Sea Beggars who fought against the tyranny of Spain and the imposition of false religion. It’s this kind of courage and conviction

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that we need more of in our own day, to demonstrate to one another and to the world that we have a faith worth fighting for, a faith worth living for, and a faith worth dying for. By God's grace, dear graduate, live always with courage.

It was the great English statesmen Winston Churchill who once said: "Without courage all other virtues lose their meaning." He was right, for without courage all other virtues are veiled by fear, selfishness, and compromise. But with Christian courage, all other virtues stand out, not least those rarely-seen virtues of integrity, humility, purity, and love.

We need more Joshuas in the world today, those who will say, "You may choose to live by lies, and worship the idols of our culture, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Therefore, dear graduate, live not by lies, live only by the truth, and live always with courage.

FINAL THOUGHTS

During my years of postgraduate study in Edinburgh, Scotland, my wife and I lived in the city center, just off Princes Street. In addition to the dramatic landscape and historic architecture, there are monuments everywhere you turn—impressive statues and obelisks dedicated to notable Scottish figures like John Knox, David Hume, Sir Walter Scott, and Thomas Chalmers.

Just up from our flat, on Calton Hill, is an imposing structure called the National Monument. Designed by the notable architect, William Playfair, the monument was intended to be a national memorial to the Scottish soldiers and sailors who fought in the Napoleonic Wars. It's a massive structure that is modeled after

the Parthenon in Athens, and can be seen from most points in the city. But there's a problem with this monument. It was never finished. It was started in 1826 but never completed due to poor planning and insufficient funds. The situation has given rise to many nicknames for the memorial such as "Edinburgh's Folly" and "the Pride and Poverty of Scotland."

Dear graduate, the National Monument is a visible reminder to carry on, to continue to build on the strong biblical foundation that has been laid for you by your parents, pastors, and the faculty and staff at Providence Christian College. A strong foundation has been laid. Now, in God's grace, strength, and wisdom take up the tools you've been given and continue to build. And while you are working out what God is sovereignly working within you by His Holy Spirit, rejoice in the truth that "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:8).

Dear graduate, the *terminus* of your undergraduate studies is the *principium* [the beginning] of a lifetime of faithful Christian witness and service. So go forth in grace. Go forth with the support, encouragement, and hearty congratulations of your parents, family, friends, church, college, and all who have invested in you over the years. Go forth knowing that Christ is with you always, the One who is not only a conquering Savior, but a faithful friend. Go forth with a holy resolve to

Live *not* by lies.

Live *only* by the truth.

Live *always* with courage.

[1] Rod Dreher, *Live Not By Lies: A Manual for Christian Dissidents*, xi.

[2] Wilhelmus a Brakel, *The Christian's Reasonable Service*, vol. I, 73.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

At Providence Christian College

WHAT IS DUAL ENROLLMENT?

Dual enrollment is a way for high school students to satisfy high school requirements while simultaneously gaining college credit. Providence is an accredited institution with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and can send you course syllabi to ensure that courses meet your high school requirements.

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT?

Providence requires its dual enrollment students to be professing Christians who are juniors or seniors in high school. Applicants should have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.

WHAT IS YOUR MODE OF DELIVERY?

Dual enrollment students are given access to online lectures through our student portal, but are also afforded the opportunity to participate in a weekly Zoom discussion with other students taking the class, guided by a facilitating professor.

HOW MUCH DOES DUAL ENROLLMENT COST?

Each course is being offered for \$400.

This is real value as it's only \$100 per college credit for a four credit course!

WHAT IS THE DUAL ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTION PERIOD?

For the current 2021-2022 academic year the following eight week course periods are being offered.

SPRING TERM I

Jan. 10th to Mar. 4th, 2022

SPRING TERM II

Mar. 14th to May 13th, 2022

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES OFFERED*

American Civilization & Culture (HUM 115)

Instructor: Dr. C. David Corbin

This course unfolds the history of the American regime through a careful study of key public documents, speeches, literary works, films, and other cultural artifacts. Special attention is given to the colonial antecedents of the American republic, the principles and practice of the founding generation, controversies among the second and third generations of American statesmen over slavery, and the democratization and the reconceptualization of the American regime that paved the way for the introduction of Pragmatism, Pluralism, Progressivism, Imperialism, and the growth of the American administrative state. The course closes with a discussion of the nature and trajectory of the twenty-first century American regime.

The Christian Life (LBS 101)

Instructor: Dr. David E. Alexander

This course is designed to introduce students to the great writers and thinkers of the Reformed tradition. Students will consider and apply key philosophical and theological terms, and will engage in discussions that help them form a comprehensive and cohesive worldview that guides their Christian life. Topics will include the importance of faith for learning, a proper understanding of creation-fall-redemption in redemptive history, the Kingdom of God, the Lordship of Christ, and the relationship between Christ and culture.

*Additional courses coming, including English Composition, studies in the Old and New Testaments, and Psychology of Lifespan Development.



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