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"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist." Colossians 1:17

FROM THE CHANCELLOR & PRESIDENT



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From the Chancellor



Michael Farris

Then Solomon penned the words of the last chapter of Ecclesiastes, his intent, I believe, was to help future generations see how quickly time passes and that, as we face the prospect of aging, it would

behoove us to remember and cherish and diligently seek our Lord. Now that we've begun celebrating Patrick Henry College's first decade,

this truth has hit home for me. It seems as if it were only yesterday that I stood among nearlycompleted dorms and buildings and thought aloud, "I suppose it is too late to say that we are not going to do this."

These past ten years have shown me God's faithfulness in ways I could have never imagined. As we worked to establish His work, we were blessed to receive some of the nation's brightest Christian students, who took a risk on an unknown and untested College near the nation's capital. Each passing day has shown me that Patrick Henry College is something that only God could build.

The evidence of His hand on this work is humbling, made only more so by the friendship and support of thousands of our friends across the nation. While God has raised this College from the ground up, it has been the many reliable supporters who caught the vision of PHC who made it possible. Our success moving forward, attempting to recreate the original American collegiate ideal, depends on God's mercy and on your continued prayers and financial help.

God willing, our second decade will be even more successful than our first. But we need your help. The needs as we move forward only grow greater. But the rewards, I truly believe, will impact both this nation and this world. Please partner with us today as we build a foundation that will flourish for many decades to come.

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From the President



ver the past decade God has done amazing things here at Patrick Henry College. A year ago we opened our new Barbara Hodel Center with a great celebration. And over the past year, that new addition

Graham Walker

has had a wonderful impact on campus life in many ways.

Now that we are a decade in and have close to 400 alumni serving in various capacities throughout the nation, we can say that our mission is beginning to pay off. I hope you enjoy the story (page 3) about one of our recent alumni, Lindsay See, who was not only accepted to Harvard Law School, but who was also last spring named one of six "executive editors" of the Harvard Law Review. While at PHC, Lindsay was a stellar student and top member of our championship moot court team, winning numerous individual and team trophies.

As you'll see, she has excelled in all aspects of her legal training at perhaps the nation's most elite law school, but, more importantly, Lindsay has made disciplined efforts to surround herself with believing brothers and sisters and has kept her focus on Christ. She is, I believe, a wonderful representative of so many PHC alumni who have studied and worked hard and equipped themselves to go out into the world and engage it for the sake of Christ and His Kingdom.

I hope you'll also see, as you read though this issue of *The Trumpet of Liberty*, that your investment in prayer and gifts is beginning to pay a return. I invite you to continue your generous support as we march forward together in this noble mission of equipping young Christian men and women who, we pray, will help lead our nation back toward Truth and righteousness.

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TOP STORIES

Lindsay See earns EXECUTIVE EDITORSHIP OF HARVARD LAW REVIEW



If there was one thing Lindsay See enjoyed about the ordeal that led to her selection as an executive editor of the Harvard Law Review, it was a quiet week spent at her parents' Michigan home. The fierce competition for Harvard's prestigious legal journal, which first-year law students undertake immediately following finals, puts contenders through a

grinding week of writing and editing drills.

"I went home to be with my family and spent all day in a room by myself," she recalls. "It was really intense but great for no other reason than my mom making me coffee through the day."

To the surprise of no one who knows her, See was named an editor of the Law Review that first summer. By the middle of her second year she had been voted by peers as one of six "executive editors"—an honor reserved for an exceedingly small pool of illustrious Harvard Law alumni, many of whom have become famous judges, jurists, politicians, and even presidents.

A standout scholar and former trophy-

winning moot court competitor on PHC's championship legal debate team, See (Government: Political Theory '07) had been accepted at other top law schools, but Harvard's tradition and mystique intrigued her.

> "I didn't think I'd get in," she recalls. "My impression of Harvard was that it would be a great place to attend for credentials' sake, but not necessarily the most enjoyable three years of my life."

What she found was "a very typical, very traditional Harvard Law, Socratic environment, with professors calling on you for the first time, putting you on the spot and engaging you in 20 minutes of dialogue. That can be really painful if you haven't done the reading."

Midway through her third and final year, See, (one of three PHC grads to attend Harvard Law) discovered Harvard to be "surprisingly more comfortable than I thought. My classes felt like an



Lindsay See

extension from PHC—a lot of reading, lots of class participation; not a big shock from finishing my senior year at PHC to transitioning to law school."

Harvard's spiritual climate also proved less threatening than expected.

"There is definitely the (secular) side," she noted of the school's liberal bent, "but most of the professors have been respectful. While Christians are definitely in the minority at Harvard, I have been blessed to tap into a strong Christian fellowship."

A greater challenge has been maintaining spiritual equilibrium amid often grandiose expectations of being a future Harvard Law School grad.

"It's been stretching spiritually because so many here find their identity in what they have or will achieve," she shared. "My identity is in Christ and where He is leading me, not in what I can push myself to do. I'm constantly humbled by the process of learning what it looks like to be disciplined and faithful with the opportunities I have."

With graduation in her sights and valuable internships with the International Justice Mission in India and with the D.C. Department of Justice behind her, See anticipates a post-graduation clerkship already secured with the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. She relishes the prospects of life as an attorney, providing research and support for a D.C. appeals court judge. Yet, ultimately, See's crystalline vision to do all for the glory of Christ dominates her thinking about the future.

"Serving God and His kingdom, and taking advantage of this amazing opportunity to be faithful to people, will always be my primary focus," she concludes. "I want to work hard for His glory and not just my own."

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CAMPUS UPDATE

PHC ADDS KEY POSITIONS TO CAMPUS ADMINISTRATION

Patrick Henry College has added two new key executives responsible for the College's fundraising and enrollment

initiatives. In late July, Colin A. Stewart was named PHC's new Vice President for Advancement. He will oversee the College's development and communications efforts.

William Kellaris, who arrived at PHC at the beginning of 2010 as its Director of Financial Aid, was in September promoted to the post of

Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, working under the leadership of Executive Vice President Carl Schreiber. His short-term mission is to attract 135 new degree-seeking students for the incoming class of Fall 2011.

Mr. Stewart brings to the College's Advancement Office a wealth of fundraising and marketing experience with national Christian, corporate, and public policy enterprises. He most recently served as Senior VP of Development & Marketing and Chief Operating Officer (COO) with the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Foundation at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. There he led the Bush Library's successful start-up fundraising campaign, which raised more than \$260 million in an 18-month period. Prior to this, Mr. Stewart served as Vice President of Development at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank in Washington, D.C., and before that as Vice President



Colin Stewart, Vice President for Advancement

of Development and COO at the Family Research Council in Washington. Before his years at conservative think

> tanks in Washington, Mr. Stewart worked as vice president of marketing and sales and as COO for a variety of organizations, such as New England Digital Corporation, Speer Communications, and Morgan Creek Productions, where he helped to successfully market major Hollywood

productions such as *Robin Hood: Prince* of *Thieves* (starring Kevin Costner) and *The Last of the Mohicans* (starring Daniel Day-Lewis).

"Once again, the Lord is bringing us leadership of a caliber that dramatically surpasses what a small, new college could normally expect," said PHC President Graham Walker. "Colin Stewart will deepen the Christian academic character of Patrick Henry College, even as his work strengthens the College's financial position."

Added Mr. Stewart: "The College's fundamental statements are infused with biblical truth, and my wife Katie and I are passionately committed to the principle of Christian education as an important vehicle for cultural transformation. Given the exciting inflexion point at which Patrick Henry College is now positioned, I'm blessed to be able to bring my skills and experience to bear in helping to execute PHC's bold

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> - PHC President Graham Walker

vision for the future. There is an opportunity here to make a significant difference."

Mr. Kellaris brings to the College more than 35 years of experience in Christian higher education, having

served previously at Cornerstone University, Bryan College, Liberty University, and Philadelphia Biblical University. At those institutions he has held a wide range of senior-level positions, including Registrar, Director of Financial Aid,

> Dean of Enrollment Management, and Director of Admissions and Alumni Relations.

"The experience Mr. Kellaris brings to this new role will wonderfully strengthen our recruitment and retention efforts," stated Carl Schreiber, PHC's Executive Vice President.

Noted Mr. Kellaris: "I've been deeply impressed by the very evident commitment to Christ and to the mission of Patrick Henry

College I've observed among the students, faculty, staff and administrators here. I count it an honor and a joy to serve in this new capacity."



Bill Kellaris, Asst. Vice President for Enrollment Management

Apologist Dr. John Warwick Montgomery Argues That THE WORLD'S FACTS POINT TO CHRIST

"We begin—and we shall end—with Sherlock Holmes," began Dr. John Warwick Montgomery during the Fall 2010 Faith and Reason lecture, entitled "Speculation vs. Factuality: An Analysis of Modern Unbelief and a Suggested Corrective."

"Facts, facts, facts, insisted the Great Detective. 'It is a capital mistake to theorize in advance of the facts. I can discover facts but I cannot change them.'" With this introduction, Dr. Montgomery, PHC's Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy and Christian Thought, launched a blistering critique of several fields of academic study, including law, literature, science, and more. He posited what he views as the central roadblock to genuine Christian faith—a prejudice in which "modern unbelief departs from factual reality in favour



Drs. Walker, Montgomery, Mitchell, Roberts and Guliuzza during Q&A panel discussion.

of unsupportable speculation, leaving its advocates in a never-never land without hope either in this world or in the next.

"The secularist," he cautioned, "the man without God —wants to create his own universe untrammeled by anything. Facts are a serious impediment to unbelief. The factual case for intelligent design is far better than the case for a godless, irrational universe. The evidence for the resurrection of Jesus

Christ from the dead, and thus the soundness of his claim to Deity, is far better than the speculative truth-claims of other religions and sects."

A lively question-and-answer session with students and PHC faculty followed in the afternoon, touching upon a diverse array of theological topics and moral concerns. Dr. Montgomery holds eleven earned degrees and is the author of more than fifty books in four languages on the issues of human rights and biblical apologetics. He lives in France and England and spends each fall semester teaching Principles of Biblical Reasoning, the core course in apologetics at Patrick Henry.

View full video of the Fall 2010 faith and reason lecture at www.phc.edu/faithreason.

"Real Hope" Speeches Showcase Visions of Leadership

Over two days in late March, 34 students competed in PHC's first annual "Real Hope for the Future" speech contest, Chancellor Michael Farris's brainchild for providing students a fresh forum in which to articulate their visions and desires for leading the country. Competitors presented their speeches to Dr. Farris and a panel of judges from the local community, with each student addressing a current political, legal, cultural, or spiritual issue.

Junior Aaron Kamakawiwoole won the contest and its \$1,000 first prize with his speech on the importance of defending parental rights in the United States. In it he described his lobbying efforts in his home state of Hawaii to pass the Parental Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

"The importance of the family unit is being universally devalued by the intelligentsia of our day," Kamakawiwoole observed. "The minds of our time decry the family as antiquated. Perhaps they honestly do not understand how critical the family unit is to a right understanding of obedience, service,

love, and stability. Whatever the reason, the family faces more oppression today than ever before."

Sophomore Alan Carrillo won second place and \$500 for his speech on hu-



Aaron Kamakawiwoole

man trafficking and sex slavery in the

United States, and sophomore Nicole Frazer won third place and \$250 with her cautionary speech on the polarizing tendencies of the conservative movement. Judge and Virginia businessman Oscar Walker said he was impressed by the competitors' ability to deftly interweave principles of faith and policy: "It's becoming evident that the only endur-

ing investment will be in the lives of young people who pursue God."

View the "Real Hope" videos and more at www.phc.edu/multimedia.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Emily & Kendell Asbenson: Hard at Work in History & Law

Husband and wife Kendell (Government) and Emily Asbenson (History) have walked a road of dedication and achievement since their 2008 PHC graduation. After Kendell worked a stint in the White House, ending with the change in administration, he and Emily moved to Michigan so that he could attend law school. Emily is working as Publication and Programming Assistant for the Historical Society of Michigan, where she recently became the first PHC graduate to publish a book—the Society's historical travel guide for the state of Michigan. Her duties also in-

Natalie & Will Glaser: Grads Thrive at Pepperdine School of Law

A shome to nearly 60 percent of the world's geysers, Yellowstone National Park attracts campers, hikers, and tourists from all over the world. What its three million annual visitors may not realize, however, is that among its bears, wolves, and natural wonders, this park also includes a contingent of lawyers. This past summer, Patrick Henry College alumnus Will Glaser ('08) served a legal "externship" with the U.S. Attorney in Yellowstone, while his wife, PHC Journalism alumna Natalie Glaser ('08), worked in the park's general store.

Along with taking full advantage of this incredible opportunity, Will Glaser is but one of four former PHC students at Pepperdine who received significant scholarships to attend. Each has already begun to validate the substantial schol-



Emily and Kendell Asbenson cluded serving as National History Day coordinator for the entire state.

The year he worked as an employee in the office of White House Management, which handles logistics, Kendell had freedom to give friends and former classmates special tours of the West

arship funds with significant achievements. Both Glaser and Kelsey Stapler ('08), for instance, serve on the Pepperdine Law Review, and have competed in moot court at a high level.

Glaser, Stapler, and Robert Kelly ('10) attend the law school on full scholarship as Faculty Scholars, Pepperdine's largest law scholarship, with full tuition and an additional stipend. Raija Churchill ('09) has dual enrolment at the School of Law and the School of Public Policy, with separate scholarships from each school.

At PHC, Will Glaser served for a year as student body president, along with his responsibilities as sergeant for oncampus security and as a Resident Assistant. When he graduated as a History major, he received both the Tim LaHaye Leadership Award for men and the Trustees' Academic Excellence Award for the highest GPA of his class—3.98.

At Pepperdine, notes Natalie proudly, Will has "maintained his class rank of #2 overall." The Glasers would like to move to Oregon, Will Glaser's home Wing, a privilege unavailable to the general public unless accompanied by a House staffer. On the Bush administration's last day, it was Kendell's team that remained to pack boxes, wipe hard drives, and ensure that offices were ready for the arrival of the newly-inaugurated president and his staff.

"No matter what the specific degree on my diploma says, my PHC education was much more than 'history.' It was an overall, intense education with a focus on history," Emily explains. "I can do publishing, event planning, and conferences—because we emphasized leadership qualities overall."

Together, the Asbensons look forward to their united future, which seems destined to be marked by hard work and exciting opportunities.



Will and Natalie Glaser

state, after graduation, where he has his sights on becoming a prosecutor. Their PHC education, Natalie Glaser says, prepared them both to "think critically and to hone skills as both writers and researchers." Her current job as an executive assistant at Pepperdine requires all those skills, she notes, and her employer benefits from the experience she gained watching a new Christian college grow through its first decade.

One Act of Compassion

By Cate Pilgrim and David Halbrook

The room was crowded with Iraqi aunts and cousins, all surrounding a whimpering child. She was cradled in her mother's lap, with her legs curled up beneath her. Lance Corporal Stockton was not sure what was wrong, until the girl's father grabbed her dress and pulled it up to her shoulders. Beneath her dress, the girl was covered with burns from



Stockton in Iraq

ankles to torso. Stockton could see she was in pain. He also could see that this father loved his daughter, loved her enough to expose her not only to a non-Muslim and a foreign soldier, but also to a male.

Stockton's next few minutes of gentle care for this little girl brought unforeseen consequences for his unit. She turned out to be the child of the local leader's bodyguard, and in coming weeks and months U.S. forces found the surrounding area to be significantly friendlier to the U.S. presence.

Altogether, Tyler Stockton served two tours in Iraq and then spent six months as a Marine combat instructor at Twenty-Nine Palms before he was honorably discharged. During that time, Stockton felt God's call to enroll as a freshman government major at PHC, having,



Tyler Stockton

he says, scoured every page of the College's website.

"I came here because I wanted a Christian education," he says. "And I came for the simple fact that I want to be prepared for whatever the Lord wants me to do. If I am a leader, I'm a leader. If I am a servant, I'm a servant.

"I loved the Marines, helping to bring freedom and safety and justice to (Iraq)," he added. "I've realized that I can do that in law or the political arena, too, fighting with other weapons. One of those is the education I'm getting here at PHC."

New Student President's "Interesting" Summer

Incapacitated on his couch, battling a raging case of the flu, journalism major Jonathan Carden stared at the daunting, 15-page brief from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. His task: summarize the detailed document on the Cuba embargo into a one-page press release within the hour. The results, said the director of interns, would determine Carden's shot at a coveted public and media relations internship at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, "the world's largest business federation



Jonathan Carden

representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions."

With wastebasket strategically perched nearby, he began drafting the press release and, with fifteen minutes to spare, emailed it back. The following Monday, the director called to inform him he had been chosen from a final field of Ivy Leaguers for the prestigious Chamber summer internship with an attractive hourly stipend. The next day, he recalled, "I learned that I'd been elected student body president." Shaking his head with a chuckle, he added: "My summer break suddenly became a lot more interesting."

A talented writer, Carden demonstrated wit and natural leadership qualities as editor of PHC's student magazine, *Source*, during his junior year, says Dr. Les Sillars, director of the College's journalism department. In one piece, entitled "Salt and Light," Carden exhorted his fellow high-achievers with humor: "Maybe we have taken the instruction to be 'salt and light' to actually mean 'take over the world by throwing salt in the world's eyes before hitting it over the head with a big flashlight." And with sober-minded realism: "When we enter the

'real world,' it will be our cumulative character rather than a cumulative GPA that defines us."

So far this school year, Carden has proved a calming source of leadership for the student body during minor disputes and a student senate election cycle. "I think Jon will do well as president of the student body, because he has lots of good ideas and is a 'can do' kind of guy," said Dean of Student Life Sandra Corbitt.

HOMECOMING 2010 - 100 Alumni Revisit Campus Community

Kicking off a year of reflection and gratitude to God for an exciting decade of growth and maturation at Patrick Henry College, Homecoming 2010 saw the return of more than 100 alumni, representing over a quarter of all the College's graduates. The weekend beautifully depicted unity in Christ as former students rejoined the campus community through the concerted efforts of the Office of Student Life, a student Homecoming committee and the PHC Alumni Association. Among other activities, an inaugural

class reunion remembered the dedication of PHC's pioneering inaugural classes. Among the nation's best, these students were visionary in their quest to "lead the nation" and "shape the culture," stepping out in faith to invest themselves in an unknown, untested College near the nation's capital. Their efforts helped to rebuild what had once been an American collegiate ideal: a classical Christian college that remained true to its mission to exalt Jesus Christ while embracing serious learning.



Homecoming students, past and present

Alumnus Martin Poses Question to Obama on Live MTV Town Hall

Recent Patrick Henry College alumnus Nathan Martin (Journal-

Nathan Martin

ism, 2009) appeared on national TV in October during a live MTV town hall meeting and asked President Barack Obama a pointed question about illegal immigration and drug trafficking along the nation's southern border. Martin, a producer for Bill Bennett's Morning in America radio show, wrote in National Review Online that he was grateful that a young conservative like himself was able to participate.

Observed PHC founder and Chancellor Dr. Michael Farris: "Nathan studied constitutional law at PHC, and his question reveals a very sound understanding of constitutional principles. Unfortunately, the President failed to address Nathan's direct concerns. It was, nonetheless, yet another excellent example of PHC students—past and present—continuing to engage the culture in unique and unexpected ways."

Watch video at www.phc.edu/multimedia

Teen Leadership Camps 2010

A heart of service and practical demonstrations of love characterized the care and mentorship of hundreds of high schoolers under the charge of a team of PHC camp counselors during the 2010 PHC Summer Teen Leadership Camps. The teen camp's theme: "Reflection," defined how the counselors hoped to inspire their young campers.

"We wanted to reflect Christ's love in the flesh," explained 2010 alumnus Jensen Near, now serving as PHC's Resident Director for men this 2010-2011 school year,

having completed his third summer as a teen camp counselor. "I don't think there was a camp people didn't enjoy," concluded Dominique Deming, camps director and Resident Director for women



this year and last.

This summer's round-up of camps included old favorites such as strategic intelligence, moot court, drama, and debate, as well as new camps for mock trial, leadership & vocation, ancient history, Shakespeare, and art.

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Celebrating Ten Years

Patrick Henry College's eventful first decade has served as an ongoing testimony of God's guidance and faithful provision. This special Tenth Anniversary booklet celebrates the College's pioneering inaugural classes, visionary students who believed in PHC and poured themselves into its success. To get your copy, fill out the attached order form, and we'll be glad to send you one.



