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Students and faculty gathered in the Morehouse College president's dining room.

Morehouse Celebrates History

VISION

As Morehouse celebrates 137 years of existence, it strives to meet the intellectual, moral and social needs of 3,000 black male students representing 40 states and 18 countries. Ranked twice as the No. 1 college in the nation for educating black students, Morehouse is the nation's largest private liberal arts college for African-American men.

HISTORY

In 1867, Augusta Institute was established in the Springfield Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., to prepare black men for the ministry and teaching. Rev. Dr. Joseph T. Robert was president.

In 1879, the institute changed its name to Atlanta Baptist Seminary and in 1885 relocated to its current 66-acre campus, a gift of John D. Rockefeller. In 1897, ABS became Atlanta Baptist College. In 1906, Dr. John Hope became the fourth president and the first African-American president.

In 1913, Atlanta Baptist College was named Morehouse College, and in 1940, Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays became the sixth president. A mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he was a graduate of Bates College and the University of Chicago.

In 1967, Dr. Hugh M. Gloster, became the seventh president. Under his leadership, Morehouse added the Martin Luther King Jr., International Chapel and the School of Medicine. In 1987, Dr. Leroy Keith, Jr., was named eighth president of Morehouse. Walter E. Massey is the current president of Morehouse College. □

African-American Journalists of Faith Attend WJI Conference

ATLANTA, GA.—Thirty eager student and professional journalists attended World Journalism Institute's first weekend conference specifically aimed at recruiting, training and placing African-American journalists of faith in the mainstream newsrooms of America.

This unique conference was held at Morehouse College. Students came from schools including Tuskegee University, Bennett College, University of Missouri and California Chico State University.

Professional journalists who gave instruction include V. Dion Haynes, formerly of the *Chicago Tribune*; Adrienne Gaines, *Charisma*; and James Patterson of the *Indianapolis Star*.

Marlene Johnson of the *Washington Times* was the conference mentor. Johnson said, "The conference was magnificent!"

The jam-packed conference began Friday evening with a reception, dinner and lecture by Anthony Bradley of the Acton Institute, who engaged the group with his lecture on journalism in a moral universe followed by a lively discussion.

Saturday began with a devotion by Byron Johnson of Campus Outreach, followed by a news-writing workshop with James Patterson.

Lunch was served in the Morehouse cafeteria, followed by a session with Adrienne Gaines who shared advice from practicing journalists.

Dion Haynes critiqued the students' work with the class and shared his own experiences reporting on stories such as the Columbine high school shootings and the Oklahoma City bombing.

Star Parker, of the Coalition on Urban Renewal and Education, spoke at the closing dinner held in the president's dining room at Morehouse. She delighted the students with her advice and experiences as an African-American woman of faith in the media.

The teaching and networking were a great encouragement and unique opportunity for African-American journalists of faith. Student Kanette Worlds said, "I learned more and connected with more people in one weekend through WJI than I did in a six-week summer course at NYU." □

WJI Host Colleges

Biola University

La Mirada, Calif.

JULY TERM

VISION

The mission of Biola University is biblically centered education, scholarship, and service—equipping men and women in mind and character to impact the world for the Lord Jesus Christ. Our quest is to graduate followers of the Lord Jesus Christ who are equipped with technical and relational skills to live and work with integrity, diligence, humility, and spiritual discernment.

HISTORY

Lyman Stewart (co-founder of the Union Oil Company) and T.C. Horton initiated the Bible Institute in 1908. In 1912, R.A. Torrey was called to be the first dean.

Under the leadership of Dr. Louis T. Talbot, president from 1932 to 1952, the Bible Institute program became a four-year college (1949), leading to degrees in theology, Christian education, sacred music and missionary medicine.

Dr. Samuel H. Sutherland became president in 1952, and the Talbot Theological Seminary was founded. In 1959 a 75-acre site in La Mirada was purchased.

In 1970, Dr. J. Richard Chase became Biola's sixth president. In the fall of 1981, the Rosemead School of Psychology was created. Biola College became Biola University in 1981. The University was composed of the School of Arts and Sciences, Talbot Theological Seminary and Rosemead School of Psychology.

In 1982, Dr. Clyde Cook became the seventh president of Biola. Under his leadership, the School of Intercultural Studies was created, Talbot Theological Seminary became Talbot School of Theology and the School of Business was established.

The Torrey Honors Institute is a program in the liberal arts and biblical studies for undergraduates at Biola University. Torrey students add a specialized major in any area available at Biola University to the solid grounding they have received in the classics. □

Covenant College

Chattanooga, Tenn.

AUGUST HIGH-SCHOOL WORKSHOP

VISION

The focus of Covenant College is found in its motto: "In all things Christ preeminent." The college strives to discern and to unfold the implications of His preeminence in all things. The college accepts as the Bible's most adequate and comprehensive interpretation the summary contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms.

HISTORY

The college was organized by the Bible Presbyterian Synod in 1955 and began operation as "Covenant" at the Pasadena City College in Pasadena, Calif.

In 1956, Covenant College moved to Creve Coeur near St. Louis, Mo. A number of professors from Faith Theological Seminary near Philadelphia came to St. Louis to teach at the new liberal arts college. Over the next eight years the college increased in size, and a Covenant supporter heard that a large resort hotel near Chattanooga, Tenn., was for sale.

The once-posh "Castle in the Clouds" on Lookout Mountain seemed an ideal location for the college. The Lookout Mountain Hotel was built in 1927 as a destination resort at a cost of \$1,450,000. The plans called for 200 guestrooms, the South's largest ballroom and a tower to stand ten stories high. The hotel opened in 1928 offering swimming, tennis, horseback riding, dancing, hiking, golf, and elegant meals. The Great Depression proved its downfall.

Covenant College purchased the old hotel in 1964. Dr. Robert G. Rayburn served as the founding president of the college. Dr. Niel Nielson, the current president, was inaugurated in 2002. Today the college campus contains a total of 300 acres. Covenant's total enrollment is over 1,000 with 40 states and 16 foreign countries represented. Covenant offers associate of arts, bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of music and master of education degrees. □

Regent University

Alexandria, Va.

MAY TERM

VISION

The mission of Regent is to provide exemplary education, from a biblical perspective, leading to bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees for aspiring servant-leaders in pivotal professions, and to be a leading center of Christian thought and action.

HISTORY

In 1978, Dr. M.G. "Pat" Robertson saw a vision materialize as 77 students entered leased classroom space to study for graduate degrees in communication. Regent now has nine separate programs of study with classes on two physical campuses and an online worldwide campus.

Most of the foundation for Regent's success was laid in the 1980s. The first class graduated in May 1980. The following October, the university opened its second graduate school, the School of Education, and dedicated the first building on the Virginia Beach campus. The University Library, the Graduate School of Business, the School of Divinity, the Robertson School of Government and the School of Law all opened by the mid-'80s. By the end of the decade Regent expanded into distance education.

In January 1990, the name Regent University replaced the school's original name, CBN University. In 1995, Regent initiated an outreach to educators in the Washington, D.C., area by what is known today as the Regent University Washington, D.C., Campus. The \$7.5 million facility is located in Old Town Alexandria.

Regent offers more than 20 graduate programs online and enrolls students from all 50 states and more than 50 countries.

Today, more than 3,000 students work on master's and doctoral degrees or complete their bachelor's degrees at Regent. □

WJI Host Colleges

The King's College

New York, N.Y.

JUNE TERM

VISION

The King's College vision is to graduate students who will go on to positions of leadership in the key institutions of society: government, law, business, education, media, the arts and the church. King's is an urban non-residential institution. The student body reflects the face of New York, a city whose first generation immigrants make up 40 percent of its population.

HISTORY

In 1938, approximately 70 young people from the Young People's Association for the Propagation of the Gospel enrolled in the first class of King's in the old Marconi Estate located at Belmar, N.J.

The founding president of King's was Percy B. Crawford.

In 1941, due to growth the college relocated to New Castle, Del.

Another move necessitated by growth saw the college move to Briarcliff in New York in 1955. During this time, Dr. Robert A. Cook became the second president of The King's College in 1962 and served until 1985.

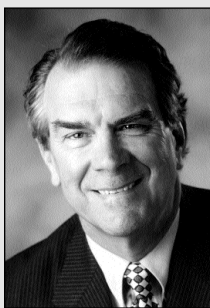
In 1985, Dr. Friedhelm Radandt became the third president of King's. He was a member of the University of Chicago faculty in the 1960s. In 1979 Dr. Radandt became the president of Northwestern College in Iowa. He served as chairman of the board of the Christian College Coalition. Dr. Radandt continued his service as president of King's through 2002.

The college closed its Briarcliff campus in 1994. In September 1999, The King's College opened its New York City campus on the 15th floor and Lower Lobby of the Empire State Building.

The current president of King's is Stan Oakes. Stan was founder and director of Christian Leadership Ministries before joining The King's College. □

Case in Point

A Note from the Director



Robert Case

As we send this spring newsletter to you, I want to remind you to note the initiatives in which the institute is engaged.

We have just finished our first weekend conference, which is focused on a major ethnic group in this country, and we are rejoicing in the positive responses from students and teachers.

Because of that we are pressing ahead with a similar conference for African-

American journalists of faith to be held in Philadelphia this fall and a conference for Hispanic Christian journalists in February.

All this takes faculty, books, students and facilities—all of which we have if we have the needed financial support. Many of you have been extremely faithful over the last five years of our existence.

I simply ask you to stay the course with us so that we might continue our mission of recruiting, training, placing and encouraging journalists of faith in the mainstream media.

Note as well the hospitable colleges that welcome our students to their campuses.

Finally, write us for your free monograph. □

WJI Luncheon Speakers

Fred Barnes

The Weekly Standard

Rosemary Clandos

writer

Gregg Easterbrook

The New Republic

Terry Eastland

The Weekly Standard

Tim Goeglein

The White House

V. Dion Haynes

formerly *Chicago Tribune*

John Lockwood

Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader

Herbert Lowe

Newsday

Rich Lowry

National Review

Joel Rosenberg

writer

Cal Thomas

syndicated columnist

WJI Monographs

“The Three Callings of a Christian in Journalism”

DAVID AIKMAN

“The Power of Words in an Age of Image”

RUSSELL CHANDLER

“Speaking the Truth Without Mentioning God”

ROBERT DRAKE

“A Christian Journalism”

BRYAN CHAPELL

“Journalistic Truth in a Postmodern Age”

CARL F.H. HENRY

“Faith in the Daily News Chase”

JOHN MCCANDLISH PHILLIPS

“Combating Culture Creep”

WILLIAM PROCTOR

“The Ethics of Writing”

LARRY WOIWODE

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2004 COURSE SCHEDULE

MAY TERM

Washington, D.C.
May 16-June 4

JUNE TERM

New York, N.Y.
June 13-July 2

JULY TERM

Los Angeles, Calif.
July 11-30

HIGH-SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Chattanooga, Tenn.
August 1-13

WJI Grads

Joy Laurent

Joy is a graduate of Bethel College (Mishawaka, Ind.) She attended the World Journalism Institute's June term course in 2003 at The King's College in New York City. Following WJI, while still at Bethel, she wrote for Leader Publications in southwestern Michigan, where the same articles were published in four small local newspapers. After graduation, she began working as a freelance writer for the *South Bend* (Ind.) *Tribune*, focusing on business stories covering local restaurants, catering companies, unique business owners and occupations. Joy was married to her college sweetheart on March 12, 2004. □



Abigail Reid

Abigail attended WJI in Manhattan in June '01. She is an intern at the *Asheville* (N.C.) *Citizen-Times*, where her duties include reporting for the community news and health sections, in addition to designing pages and copyediting. Abigail began reporting as a news editor for her high school paper, and during college rose through the ranks of *The Horizon*, the student newspaper, from reporter to news editor to editor-in-chief. She graduated summa cum laude from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, Calif., and married and moved with her husband to Asheville, N.C. In September, she will attend seminary with her husband to obtain skills for overseas mission work. She would like to continue to write while overseas. □



Jim Schenke

Jim was raised in the Washington, D.C., area. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1993. He has worked as a journalist for PGCTV, AFRTS, KTVL-TV, WLFI-TV, WASK-AM, and now the *Journal & Courier* in Lafayette, Ind., where he has resided since 1995. Originally hoping to enter politics, Jim decided on journalism after being told by a congressman that with the need to consistently raise campaign funds, it's hard to know you're always doing the right thing for the right reason. Attending WJI has allowed Jim to venture into print journalism. □

