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“Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Henry Henegar”
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Dear Alumni, Friends, and Family of Richmont,

Author Shannon Alder has written: “Carve your name on hearts, not tombstones. A legacy is etched into the minds of others and the stories they share about you.” I know of no finer words to describe the influence that Henry Henegar has had on my life. However, this is a man whose legacy and influence permeate far more: his family, his church, his community, the larger philanthropic community, and the city of Chattanooga itself.

My first encounter with Henry came when he was Executive Director of the Chattanooga Bible Institute. CBI had graciously invited PSI to offer courses on their campus and provided a good deal of funding to support the work. Henry was a paragon of integrity and had earned the love and appreciation of the CBI board, which trusted him implicitly. Without Henry’s leadership, there never would have been a merger, and I suspect Richmont Graduate University would never have existed.

I learned many leadership lessons from Henry. He particularly excelled at compassion, commitment, loyalty, perseverance, and humility. I hope to one day be the leader that Henry is.

Henry’s legacy will include hundreds of thousands of people impacted by graduates of this institution. This of course includes counselors who offer hope, comfort, support and challenge. With the new School of Ministry, it also includes pastors who can speak authentically to the culture without compromising what it means to be a disciple. It encompasses the tens of thousands every year who are impacted by the CBI Counseling Center, the Richmont Community Counseling Center, or the Hope Counseling Centers. It involves all of those whose lives are enriched by Conversations, or by the video series and books produced by our faculty.

It is a great privilege and a rare opportunity that we have on November 1, 2012. On that evening, the city of Chattanooga (and significant parts of Atlanta!) will join me in honoring Dr. Henry Henegar’s life and in particular his impact on this university. I hope you’ll be able to join us in honoring a giant of a man, who is also a model of Godly humility.

God Bless,

C. Jeffrey Terrell, Ph.D.
President

Richmont Statement of Purpose:
Richmont Graduate University provides Christ-centered education and research that advances God's work of healing, restoration, and transformation in the lives of individuals, churches, and communities.

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INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS

Ani Hernandez Johnson
Richmont Community Counseling Center

Ani Hernandez Johnson feels privileged to serve as a marriage and family therapist at the Richmont Community Counseling Center. Ani had the opportunity to continue on as a staff counselor after completing a one year grant funded term. Ani provides counseling services to individuals, couples, and families. As a specialization, she offers bilingual counseling to the Latino community in the greater Chattanooga area. Ani has been able to coordinate with other non-profit organizations in the area to provide groups and resources for the Latino community. She also offers Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) to the community. Ani is very passionate about being a part of the RCCC team and offering high quality mental health services to the underserved. She feels grateful to serve and represent RGU as a therapist in the community.

Christianna M. Luy
Director of Grants

Christianna M. Luy joins RGU as the Director of Grants in order to further develop Richmont’s growing portfolio of corporate and foundation giving. Ms. Luy joins Richmont’s advancement team having spent the past three years serving in development roles at Taylor University, Operation Mobilization and the Georgia Center for Nonprofits. A graduate of Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, Ms. Luy is currently pursuing an Executive Master’s degree in Philanthropic Studies and a certificate in Nonprofit Management at The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis. This year, she is a Kresge Foundation Fellow at IUPUI and a chapter author for Giving U.S.A. 2013. When she’s not studying, Ms. Luy is an active figure skater, tennis player and world traveler.

Anna E. Turnipseed
Admissions Counselor

Constantly repeating the words of 1 Timothy 4:12 in her head, Anna Turnipseed joined the Richmont Admissions team as its newest Admissions Counselor. A Memphis native, Anna received her Bachelor of Arts in Religious studies from Rhodes College, and feels so blessed to have found a position in which she will be able to use her degree in a Christian setting. When she is not zooming around the country recruiting students for Richmont, Anna enjoys exploring her new home city of Atlanta, experimenting in the kitchen, and making bad jokes. She is also training for her first 10k race.

George Dempsey
Vice President of Advancement

George Dempsey joins RGU as the Vice President of Advancement in order to lead Richmont’s financial development efforts and university relations. Mr. Dempsey joins RGU after serving as the Senior Vice President of Programs and Operations at Aurora Strategies, Inc. Previously, Mr. Dempsey oversaw the development and operation of educational and extra-curricular programs for Kings Ridge Christian School and was the owner, program director, and principle ministry speaker at Look-Up Lodge Christian Retreat. Mr. Dempsey completed his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees at the University of West Georgia and has actively coached football, basketball and golf. He enjoys spending his free time with his wife and two children at home in Roswell, Georgia. Dempsey had this to say about his new role, “It has always been my passion to create environments for students to achieve success: spiritually, academically and socially. Now, I’m blessed to be able to help Richmont Graduate University create and maintain such environments for their students. This is especially an honor because I know that these students will reach the world with Biblically based hope and healing through their service as counselors, therapist and ministers.”

Tracy McKay
CBI Counseling Center

Tracy is very excited to join the staff at CBI Counseling Center. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Wake Forest University where she double majored in Psychology and Religion. Desiring to combine her faith with an emphasis on a relational ministry, Tracy worked for Young Life in North Carolina following graduation. She later completed her Master’s in Clinical Psychology from Wheaton College in 2008, and joined a Christian counseling center in Wheaton, IL, where she pursued professional licensure and sought specialized training in working to help treat trauma. Tracy and her husband, Jess, recently moved to Chattanooga from IL for her husband’s work, at which time she happily joined the wonderful staff at CBI. She truly feels blessed to be part of a group of people who are committed to serving others through the thoughtful integration of psychology and theology. Tracy and Jess are relishing the transition back south to warmer weather, and are enjoying all of the new adventures to be found in Chattanooga.
Congratulations to our 2012-2013 scholarship recipients! The following students have been selected for the 2012-2013 school year based on academic eligibility, financial need, application essays, and interviews with the scholarship committee:

- **Baird McClure Memorial Scholarship**
  - Liz Norris
  - Victoria Yates
  - Rebecca Freeman
  - Travis Hill
  - Joni Sealer
  - Dara Miller

- **Harrison Griffith DeKay Scholarship**
  - Victoria Maynez
  - Rebecca Hall
  - Courtney Bradshaw
  - Reuben Lawrence
  - Kristin Court
  - Kristina Tucker

- **Braund Scholarship**
  - David Mueller

- **Willingham Scholarship**
  - Connie Popa

- **Caldwell Scholarship**
  - Kellie Kent Currin

We are so grateful for the individuals and families that have established scholarships for Richmont students. If you would like to learn more about how to set up an endowed scholarship, please contact Jeff Terrell, President, at 404-835-6117.

Applications, scholarship criteria, and additional information for the 2013-2014 academic year can be found on our website, richmont.edu/prospective-students. Scholarship applications must be received by May 1, 2013. Please contact Novell Blain, Senior Admissions Counselor, for more information, 404-835-6111.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2012-2013 SGA REPRESENTATIVES!**

**Melissa Freas,** Atlanta SGA President

Being chosen as the Atlanta SGA President is a very exciting endeavor for me! My time at Richmont has been marked by so many blessings and much needed personal growth, and this is just one of those moments which exemplifies both of those. The other great thing about this position is the team of officers which make up our SGA. It is such a blessing and an honor to work alongside them for the coming academic year. We are hoping for an exciting fall semester with a couple of student body events in the works – Movie Night and Taste of Home. I look forward to sharing more details about those events soon! We also look forward to begin our plans for the spring semester. We have already discussed the possibility of planning an Atlanta/Chattanooga event. We all think that the Genesis Picnic is a wonderful event, giving the two campuses an opportunity to fellowship together, and we hope to provide a similar opportunity in the spring. We feel that more opportunities should be provided with the hope of making the campuses not feel so far apart. We look forward to working with David and his team to make that happen!

**David Re,** Chattanooga SGA President

I’m very honored and excited to serve this year as your Richmont SGA President of the Chattanooga campus. Our SGA team in Chattanooga has been diligently coordinating activities for the new school year, and we would love for you to be actively involved in our Richmont community. The members of SGA in Chattanooga have a desire to serve the students not only in Chattanooga, but also for those who join us from Atlanta. I’m excited to see what this new school year will bring, and I look forward to developing great friendships with those who are a part of our Richmont family!
School Recognitions

SCHOOL OF COUNSELING

As we begin the 2012-2013 academic year, I'm delighted to welcome not only new students in the School of Counseling, but also those making history as the first cohort in the School of Ministry under the direction of my colleague, Dr. Leland Eliason, founding Dean of the School of Ministry.

Students in both schools are joining an institution whose mission is clear and relevant in today's ever-changing society: "to provide Christ-centered education and research that advances God's work of healing, restoration and transformation in the lives of individuals, churches and communities."

When I think of the countless challenges that individuals and families around us face throughout the life course, the need for compassionate, well-equipped servants to make a difference is great. I'm confident that our new students, like those who have gone before them, will respond to the brokenness in our world with the love and hope that we find in Jesus Christ . . . I'm already looking forward to graduation in 2014.

A Grand Celebration

This past spring we witnessed one of Richmont’s largest graduations ever as 73 students received the Master of Arts in Professional Counseling or Marriage and Family Therapy or the Master of Science in Christian Psychological Studies. It was a grand celebration and the culmination of diligent work, prayers, and the overwhelming support of family and friends.

It was indeed a historic moment for members of the Class of 2012—one they will look back upon with fond memories. While graduation may represent an end, the beautiful story is that for graduates, it is the beginning of a new season in their journey with God as they seek to live and serve in the world around them.

Bonjou! - Ministry in Haiti

For four of our May graduates, serving literally involved boarding a plane bound for Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, a week after graduation. Joining by two other Richmont students, one alumnus, and two faculty members, they participated in Richmont’s first mission trip to Haiti.

Team members included 2012 graduates Barbara Jarratt, Shana Campbell, Karen Simmons and Ashley Harris; current students Bethany Christine Blanco and Laura Scarcy Patterson; 2009 graduate Craig Torell; and Dean of Students Dr. DeAnne Terrell and me.

The team, which partnered with Torch of Hope Foundation, Inc., presented seminars and lectures on healthy relationships, marriage and family issues, personal development, basics of Christian counseling, and coping with trauma, loss and grief. The various sites included American University of the Caribbean, a private university in Les Cayes located in southwest Haiti, as well as churches in Les Cayes and Port-Au-Prince, the capital. We also held VBS-like sessions at three Christian schools, sharing the gospel message through stories and engaging the students through music, recreation, and arts and crafts activities. Through the various sessions over the eight-day trip, including Sunday morning and evening services, we ministered to and learned from over 600 of our Haitian brothers and sisters, including children and adults.

We are currently in the planning stages of a return visit to Haiti in spring 2013. Many students and alumni have already expressed a desire to serve and learn from our brothers and sisters there. While details may be forthcoming, what is certain is whether here or abroad, our mission remains the same: advancing God’s work of healing, restoration and transformation in the lives of individuals, churches and communities.

Welcome to Richmont. I love this place.

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

The new School of Ministry launched its first ever class with 38 students enrolled!

Many highlights come to mind as I reflect upon the beginnings of the program. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dr. Gary Moon, former Provost of RGU, led a spiritual formation retreat held on campus. As would be expected, he did an outstanding job interspersing his own presentations with solid content, great humor, and video clips from Dallas Willard, John Ortberg Jr., and Larry Crabb. Following the orientation and light dinner Monday afternoon, we spent the rest of the evening introducing the degree and its goal of integration.

Dr. ‘s Jeannine Brown, who will teach Hermeneutics, and Marty Goehring, who will teach two of the four spiritual formation segments, partnered with me in raising the possibility, the benefits, and the challenges of integrating what is learned in Bible, History and Theology with Spiritual Formation and Leadership/Ministry Skills.

You would have to have been there to grasp the level of energy, enthusiasm, anticipation and commitment that flowed through the discussions. Had you been, you would have noted:

• The high quality of students who make up the class.
• The rich diversity that arises out of students coming from 14 different churches and ministry agencies.
• Ages that range from some who are recent college graduates to seasoned professionals with 30 or more years of experience.

We know that you will join us in a celebration of this remarkable beginning for this expansion Richmont’s mission to develop and equip those who lead and serve the big movement of God in our world today.
McCall Garner
Assistant to the Dean of the School of Ministry

After recruiting for Richmont for two years, McCall has the exciting opportunity to join Dr. Leland Eliason in launching the first-ever Masters of Ministry program within Richmont’s School of Ministry. She will be able to use the skills acquired in her former position to strengthen and grow the program over time, and she is looking forward to taking on a more interactive role with Ministry faculty and students to help them accomplish the goals set by the department. McCall holds a particular passion for the Masters of Ministry program because of her own experience in ministry leadership, and her prayer is that the Lord will use this degree to fully equip students to cultivate Christ-centered transformation in their churches and communities.

Autumn Stephenson
Director of Alumni and Career Services

Autumn has served in the Department of Alumni Relations for the past 3 years, and upon her graduation, she was invited to join the full-time staff at Richmont to continue her work with alumni and develop a Career Services program. Richmont is excited to announce the launch of their first Career Services program this fall. This program is specifically designed to assist upcoming graduates and alumni in the career search process. Focus areas for the first year will include assistance with resume writing, developing interview skills, career networking, and a mentor program for the upcoming graduating class. Autumn’s ultimate goal is to establish connections within the community that will assist upcoming graduates step right into their first position upon graduation. As alumni and friends of Richmont, we hope that you will join her in the development of this new and exciting program!

Shawn Dunn
IT Associate

After completing his degree in Marriage and Family Therapy in May of this year, Shawn steps into a full-time position at Richmont as an IT Associate. Shawn is quite familiar with Richmont’s IT needs as he has served in this department since his time as a student. Shawn had this to say regarding his work in the IT Department, “As an IT Associate, it has been amazing to realize how much I can utilize my counseling skills. For example, I often use active listening skills when dealing with various technological crisis situations. I never would have imagined that I would use my skills as an IT professional and counselor together. I am excited to be able to hear each of your stories as it makes up the uniqueness of those who are called to learn and serve at Richmont. I look forward to serving as an IT associate at Richmont and will strive to provide personal support to the Atlanta and Chattanooga campuses. Please do not hesitate to ask for help if you see me.”

Mary Plicosco, Ph.D.
Institutional Effectiveness Director

As Institutional Effectiveness Director, I am excited to represent the university’s commitment to continuous quality improvement. I am looking forward to working with all departments in celebrating achievements, setting goals for improvements of programs and services, and gathering feedback from all of our university’s stakeholders. I am dedicated to ensuring that the institution as a whole is carrying out the mission of the university.

JOIN THE DAILY CONVERSATION

Are you longing for MORE in your quest for spiritual formation? Do you want to hear from REAL people dialoging about how REAL transformation can happen, and why it doesn’t? If you’re in need of an AUTHENTIC community, then join The Daily Conversation, a blog featuring thoughtful conversation on issue themes, current events, and spiritual formation topics. In celebration of the 10th anniversary of Conversations Journal this year, we are giving away books and resources by some of your favorite writers!

Come join us, there’s a place at the table for you!

Please add us to your bookmarks and plan to visit often.

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RICHMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY PRESENTS THE ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD

Richmont is proud to announce the formation of an Alumni Advisory Council. This council has been established to keep alumni engaged in the life of the institution by generating new ideas and programs for our alums to best stay connected. Initial goals include:

• Promoting Richmont’s vision and mission
• Re-establishing connections among alumni
• Increasing alumni contributions to Richmont
• Networking and mutual support

We are excited about this new endeavor and are confident that it will assist in contributing to the mission of Alumni Relations:

The Richmont Graduate University Alumni Relations proudly fosters a network of professional and spiritual support for our alumni base by creating opportunities for enhanced connection and clinical training.

Please join me in welcoming the following council members:

David Aycock ‘79 (Council Chair)                    Ushirika Johnson ‘11
Autumn Stephenson ‘12 (Staff Representative)       Judy Keappler ‘09
Lee Ballenger ‘87                                    Linda Merrion ‘89
Vilda Brannen ‘03                                    Lavinia Myers ‘07
Ron Braund ‘78                                       Christie Petitt ‘05
Lisa Byrd ‘03                                        Martin Seitz ‘81
Mark Carpenter ‘03                                   Randy Smith ‘10
Elizabeth Dial ‘07                                   Joyce Webb ‘78
Gigi Hammond ‘05                                     Arthurine Wright ‘05

Thank you for your participation in this Council and your commitment to this university!

RICHMONT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Richmont Alumni Association helps graduates stay connected to the Richmont family. Its aim is to help each alumnus foster a network of both professional and spiritual support; one way we do this is to offer alumni affordable ways to obtain continuing education hours throughout the year. To establish or renew your membership to the Richmont Alumni Association or to read about membership benefits, please visit our website at: www.richmont.edu. You can now renew your membership online! If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Alumni and Career Services, Autumn Stephenson at astephenson@richmont.edu.

Alumni Update e-Newsletter

The Office of Alumni Relations sends out a monthly Alumni Update e-newsletter to all Richmont alumni with up-to-date email addresses. The Alumni Update features CE opportunities, an Alumni Spotlight, and other important Richmont information. If you would like to receive this and do not think we have your current email address, please contact Autumn Stephenson at astephenson@richmont.edu.

CE Clock Hours in Your Pajamas: GenesisCE.org

Dr. Mike Atwater, 1979 Richmont Alumnus, is the director of GenesisCE.org Continuing Education Group, a service that provides Christian-based, online CE clock hours at discounted rates. Choose from 60 courses to obtain your CE clock hours from the comfort of your own home without the high fees and travel costs. It is as easy as reading a book and taking an online test, and as alumni, it is likely that you already have some of the required books. Visit the website, www.GenesisCE.org, for details and board approvals.

*Use the code: RGUPSI, to receive a 25% discount and a matching 25% contribution will be made in your name to Richmont.*
“AVOIDING THE TOP TEN ETHICAL PITFALLS: A COMMON SENSE APPROACH TO ETHICS”
PRESENTED BY WILLIAM F. DOVERSPIKE, PH.D.

Friday, November 9, 2012
The Great Hall at Mt. Paran Church of God, 2055 Mt. Paran Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30327
Heavy hors d'oeuvres reception beginning at 4:30 pm • Three-hour continuing education seminar from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

SPEAKER INFORMATION
WILLIAM F. DOVERSPIKE, PH.D.

William F. Doverspike, Ph.D. is the author of Ethical Risk Management (2012) and Risk Management (2008), resource books that evolved out of his 12 years of experience as a member of the Ethics Committee of the Georgia Psychological Association (GPA). Dr. Doverspike is a former President of GPA and he is currently a member of the state licensing board for psychologists. He holds board certification Diplomates in Clinical Psychology (ABPP) and Neuropsychology (ABPN). He teaches Ethical, Legal, and Professional Standards as an Adjunct Instructor at Emory University and Richmont Graduate University in Atlanta.

Topic
Avoiding the Top Ten Ethical Pitfalls: A Common Sense Approach to Ethics

Dr. Doverspike will discuss 10 of the most frequently encountered ethical pitfalls that are faced by practitioners in clinical practice. He will discuss ways of avoiding these pitfalls when possible and successfully navigating them when they are unavoidable. He will present a simple decision making model based on managing risk factors through the use of basic ethical principles and a philosophy of striving for excellence. He will discuss some of the most common questions that arise in ethics consultations with private practitioners. He will share practical experiences and a common sense approach to ethics acquired from providing advisory consultations and adjudicating ethics complaints on a state ethics committee.

Objectives: This workshop is designed to help you:
1. Identify 10 common areas of ethical pitfalls frequently encountered in clinical practice.
2. Distinguish between enforceable Ethical Standards and aspirational Ethical Principles.
3. Explain how to prevent problems before they arise by applying the Golden Rule of informed consent.
4. Apply a five-step Conflicts Checklist when evaluating actual, apparent, or potential conflicts of interest.
5. Discuss some of the most common questions that are asked in ethics consultations.
6. Apply a seven step Ethical Decision Making model to specific clinical situations.
7. Distinguish between mandatory and discretionary reporting requirements, including distinctions among the terms duty-to-report, duty-to-protect, and duty-to-warn.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
Continuing Education: Three (3) NBCC-approved Ethics clock hours awarded. Three (3) approved Ethics clock hours for psychologists awarded. Three (3) GAMFT-approved Ethics contact hours awarded.

Fees: • Richmont students, faculty, clinical supervisors, and Alumni Association members - FREE
• Nonmembers/friends of alumni: $25.00

To reserve your space: Please visit our website, www.richmont.edu, for online registration or contact Autumn Stephenson at astephenson@richmont.edu or 423-648-2679. Include your name, year of graduation, and preferred method of contact. Payments may be made the evening of the event or mailed to Richmont Graduate University, Attn: Autumn Stephenson, 1815 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404.

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About 20 years ago, when I was on a weekend retreat at a monastery out in the middle of nowhere, I took an afternoon walk and was approached by a stranger. With some excitement in her voice, she told me that she had just seen the face of Jesus in the bark of a tree in a nearby forest. With some cynicism, I told her that I couldn’t even see the face of Jesus in the people with whom I worked each week—much less on the side of a pine tree. Later that afternoon, however, I did see the face of Christ in a stained glass window of the abbey where I was staying. It was just a coincidence—God’s way of remaining anonymous. I later learned that the artist, who just happened to be a close friend of my spiritual advisor at the time, had designed the window so that the face was discernible only at a certain distance. If one were too far away—or too close—the image couldn’t be seen at all.

Ten years later, back in the real world where I was practicing psychotherapy and teaching ethics seminars, I accepted an offer to teach my first class in a Christian counselor training program. I came to Richmont because I thought I would enjoy the challenge of teaching ethics in a Christian counseling program. I have stayed at Richmont because my life has been transformed by you. When I think of the relationship I’ve had with you, I am reminded of all the pieces of the mosaic that comprised the stained glass window depicting the face of Christ that I saw at that monastery 20 years ago. Each one of you is like a brightly colored piece of an intricate design. Yet, the image of Christ becomes clear only when I stand back in contemplation and see the picture as a whole. From this perspective, I see not only the image of the face of Christ, but through that image I see the faces of the people whose lives are transforming others.

Some of you are the eyes of Christ, seeing in others what they can be, and you help them become what they are capable of being.

Counseling Tip #1: See in others what they can be, and you help them become what they are capable of being.

Some of you are the ears of Christ, listening in measured silence, not only to what is said, but also to how it is said. You listen to the music as well as the lyrics of the song. In other words, you listen not only to what is said, but also to what is not said. And in doing so, you help others hear what is in between the lines—helping them hear what they do not hear themselves saying. Let God use your ears to listen to others, because it is in your listening to the sacred spaces of silence that healing occurs.

Counseling Tip #2: When you don’t know what to say, count to 100. When you do know what to say, count to 1,000.

Some of you are the mouth of Christ, speaking not only the right word at the right time with the right balance of mercy and justice, but also knowing when not to speak. You speak the real as well as the ideal. In other words, you know when to say something; you know when to say nothing. And in doing so, you help others hear the hidden voice that resides within—helping them learn not only what they may be doing wrong, but—more importantly—what they are doing right. Let God use your words to touch others, because it is in the compassionate, caring reflection that transformations occur.

Counseling Tip #3: Remember that most people will not care how much you know so much as they will know how much you care. I encourage you to base your treatment plans on scientific empiricism and evidenced-based practices. At the same time, I encourage you to envision goals that are attainable only through Divine intervention. Expect miracles—because you will be witnesses to transformations that are beyond what others expect for themselves at the time of their first meeting with you. Miracles rarely happen instantaneously; they usually take time—and time is God’s way of keeping everything from happening at once.

That last statement is often attributed to Albert Einstein, although the quote is actually taken from science fiction writer Ray Cummings, who wrote the 1921 novel, The Time Professor. Albert Einstein did say, however, that the significant problems we face cannot be solved by the same type of thinking that created them.

Counseling Tip #4: Don’t try to change others; strive to change yourself. Don’t try to judge others; strive to accept them—and they will become changed.

In my charge to you, professional counselors, I have found you to be fully charged, completely electrifying, powerful transformers of human lives. In my charge to you, Christian counselors, I encourage you to see the face of Christ in those you serve. In other words, I challenge you to be who you already are:

You are visionaries. You are the eyes of Christ, as you see in your clients the unlimited potential that they do not see in themselves.

You are witnesses. You are the ears of Christ, as your clients’ confessions of themselves as broken beings are transformed beyond any vision they can imagine when they first begin their journeys with you.

You are role models. You are the mouth of Christ, not a critical frown, but a loving smile—nurturing, supporting, and encouraging the transformation of others into whom they were created to be.

Finally—and most importantly—I challenge you to let others experience with you the transformation that I have experienced with you. Let others see in you what I have seen in you—the Face of Christ—a window through which we gain a glimpse of God.

Adapted from Dr. Doverspike’s Charge to the graduating Class of 2012.

1. Original text: “Wenn wir Mann behandeln, während er ist, bilden wir ihn schlechter, wenn wir ihn behandeln, wenn er zum Sein fähig ist [Translation: “When we treat man as he is, we make him worse than he is. But when we treat a man as he ought to be, we make him better than he is.”] Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832)


3. Although often attributed to Albert Einstein, the quote is actually from Ray Cummings, a science fiction writer who in 1922 wrote “Time... is after all the hidden nature of everything happening at once.” Cummings, R. K. (1922). The Gall in the Golden Atom. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press. p. 46. Cummings repeated this intensity in several of his novels. Some sources attribute the quote to his author work, The Time Professor in 1921.


5. Adapted from Dr. Doverspike’s Charge to the graduating Class of 2012.

6. University Press. Alice Calaprice reports that she could not find sources for two quotes often attributed to Albert Einstein in 1946. “The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we used when we created them” and “The world we have created is a refection of our thinking that far bad problems which cannot be solved by thinking the way we thought when we created them.” It is possible that both may be paraphrases of Einstein’s statement made in 1946: “A new type of thinking is essential if mankind is to survive and move toward higher levels.” From “Science, Education Urged by Einstein.” in New York Times (Mar. 25, 1946), and later quoted in the article “The Bad Problem is in the Heart of Man” by Michael Amrine, from the New York Times Magazine (June 23, 1946).
Into the Consulting Room:

Five Approaches to Counseling and Christianity

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10 Continuing Education clock hours will be awarded.

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Annual Fund Update

Hats off to the Richmont Graduate University Alumni who stepped up in a big way! The RGU Alumni were challenged to donate $10,000 this past summer. We are pleased to report that there was a record amount given by the RGU Alumni. To God be the glory for your giving heart.

Please know that you can greatly help promote RGU by simply telling others your RGU success story. This will help engage others in the RGU mission. Engagement can range from advice, product services, referrals, gifts and more. Based on the strategy of engagement, we have been busy meeting and telling the RGU story to many persons.

RGU GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Richmont Community Counseling Center (RCCC) continues to focus on providing quality counseling services to underserved clients in the Chattanooga area. We feel humbled and privileged to offer reduced fee and Spanish speaking counseling services to those in need and thank God for his continual favor in allowing us to be a part of this work. In September, we began offering an exciting new training for educators, daycare workers, preschool workers, and other adults who work closely with children. C.A.R.E. (Child-Adult Relationship Enhancement) workshops will be offered several evenings during the year. This training will help adults connect better with children, give more effective directions that children are more likely to obey, increase positive appropriate behaviors, and manage problematic behaviors in the classroom more effectively. This 3-hour training has been recognized by DHS’s Child Care Licensing Department. Certificates will be given to all participants with all the required documentation included. The next available training dates are January 29, April 30, and June 25th from 5:30-8:30pm. Session locations are yet to be determined. As the training dates approach, please check our website at www.richmontccc.com for updated location information and pricing. If you are interested in learning more about this training or would like to host a training at your workplace, please contact Michelle Shelley at 423-648-2436 or mshelley@richmont.edu.

Hope Counseling Atlanta

Through the diligent efforts of Richmont student, Darelene Henderson, we are pleased to announce the establishment of a new Hope Center west of the city at Elizabeth Baptist Church (Hope Counseling Center at Cascade). Pastor Craig Oliver and staff have been most gracious and supportive. Their invitation to our coordinator, Simone Alexander, to introduce the ministry to their Sunday morning congregation resulted in a wonderful response, so much so that we added an additional intern to that site for a total of five. There are now seven centers ministering in churches around the metro area.

As a part of Richmont’s mission to serve the church, our interns offer education to the community on topics related to mental health and spirituality. In the late spring and early summer, eight students were blessed to fulfill a request from Cathedral of Faith Church of God in Christ in Atlanta, to speak to a Bible class of married couples on a variety of topics with the goal of strengthening marriages. More recently, six interns assisted Atlanta’s Central United Methodist Church in the church’s first Anti-Bullying Workshop. One of the organizers, Wilhmenia Bailey, expressed gratitude and offered these observations. “Their presence and contributions to the program were remarkable. They all were genuine and candid with their comments and they performed an excellent skit that the children were still talking about this morning in my Sunday School class. They were professional and reflected the high quality and standard of education that they have received from Richmont.”

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul . . .
Hebrews 6:19

CBI Counseling Center

CBI Counseling Center continues its ministry to the greater Chattanooga community as its 14 counselors and several interns provide an assortment of counseling and evaluation services to all ages and income brackets. Most recently, CBICC entered into a contract with Alexian Brothers’ Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program and several counselors are providing services at their nearby program, opening up counseling to older adults who would be in nursing homes if not for this program. CBICC continues to explore new and better ways to offer Christian counseling ministries in a variety of settings.
MISSIONS UPDATE

This past summer Richmont students, alumni, faculty, and staff responded to the call to missions in many different ways. Below is an opportunity to read about how several members of the Richmont community used their summer to serve God’s kingdom:

Richmont had the opportunity to send a mission trip of students and alumni to Haiti in May of 2012. This trip was led by Dr. Keny Felix and Dr. DeAnne Terrell. Team members included Craig Torell ’09, Barbara Jarratt ’12, Karen Simmons ’12, Shana Campbell ’12, Ashley Harris ’12, Rabeslia Byrd ’12, Laura Patterson, and Bethany Blanco. You can read about some of their experiences below.

Barbara Jarratt, 2012 Richmont Alumna
Mission Trip: Haiti, May 2012
“The Haiti trip was like a culmination of all my Richmont classes in action. Social and Cultural, Family Systems, Theodicy and Trauma, Counseling Systems, Assessment - every day we saw the need for everything we have been learning over the past few years. Most importantly, we saw and met the extended members of the Body of Christ in the faces and voices of the sweet Haitian people. God took the perfect mix of Richmont personalities and allowed us the privilege of going forth in His name for His glory.”

Shana Campbell, 2012 Richmont Alumna
Mission Trip: Haiti, May 2012
“This was my first mission trip and I didn’t know what to expect. The trip to Haiti was a memorable experience, and I was glad to be with people I knew. I really enjoyed the school children and students from a university that we visited. It was encouraging to see the students so eager and grateful to learn. At times, the children's singing still lingers with me. I will cherish the great memories I had in Haiti.”

Bethany Blanco, Richmont Student
Mission Trip: Haiti, May 2012
“I think the thing that impacted me most on the trip to Haiti was seeing the ways in which some aspects of our humanity transcend all boundaries that culture might otherwise construct. I wasn’t able to speak creole or "counsel" in the ways that I would have in the U.S., but fortunately smiles, hugs, and a warm presence are universal ways of saying, "you matter." It was awesome to care for people and be cared for by those we met in God's sometimes-unspoken language of love.”

Craig Torell, 2009 Richmont Alumna
Mission Trip: Haiti, May 2012
“Since graduating from Richmont in 2009, my wife Deb ('08) and I have had the opportunity to teach Christian Marriage and Family classes at a Haitian seminary. I wanted to be a part of Richmont's first Haiti trip because I know the huge need for counseling and counselor education in the country, and I hope to work with Richmont to help establish and support the first school of counseling there. The trip greatly expanded my exposure to the Haitian people and culture, getting us onto mountain paths, lean-to schoolhouses, city and country churches, a beautiful university, and even a private tour of a national botanical garden! Team members also had a great time getting to know one another as we enjoyed a simpler — yet richer — form of living that many of us had ever experienced (not to mention the incredible variety of native foods!). We saw God move in precious and exciting ways, and each of us left a small part of our hearts behind, calling us to return.”

We also had other members of the Richmont community visit different parts of the world for His glory. Read about their experiences below.

Adam Dark, Senior Admissions Counselor
Mission Trip: Romania, Summer 2012
“I was blessed with the opportunity to once again serve God in Europe this past summer working with children in Romania. As a bachelor, I have not had a wealth of experience with kids, and this trip definitely challenged and stretched me in that regard! Working with these kids (none of which had fathers active in their lives and some without mothers too) was demanding emotionally, physically, and spiritually. We did crafts, played Bible games, and took them to the park; however our team's greatest impact was being a Godly example in the kids' lives for a week. I can truly say that I have returned from Romania with a greater appreciation and heart for children.”

DeAnne Terrell, Dean of Students and 1986 Alumna
Mission Trip: Thailand, July 2012
“In July, I was blessed to be a part of a mission trip to Thailand with a group from a local church. Truly, the Lord went before us and allowed us to be a part of an amazing ministry. We were allowed to visit a youth detention center (where we saw 7 young girls accept Christ), a women's prison, an orphanage, and markets where we were able to give the vendors some materials to help them with their English — while also sharing with them about the Lord. The last night, we visited the young girls who work in the red light districts and talked with them and invited them to English lessons at a local church. It was a busy trip — but one that is life-changing and gives us a glimpse of the ways that we can share the Good News with those who are so in need of grace.”
Class of 1996
Kathryn Larey, MS, LPC, is in private practice at the Biltmore in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a Candidate with the Inter Regional Society of Jungian Analysts and continues to specialize in Jungian psychotherapy.

Class of 1998
Shea Lasiter, LPC, is starting her 7th year as a School Counselor at Newnan High School. Her husband and two girls, Kara (4) and Emlyn (2) keep her busy!

Class of 2005
Danny Dieringer, MAPC, completed a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology and Human Systems from Florida State University in April of 2012. He has recently started a Forensic Psychology Fellowship at West Central Georgia Regional Hospital in Columbus, GA. Rachel currently works as a therapist with Georgia HOPE in Dalton, GA. She and husband, Ryan, welcomed their first daughter, Lilian Rae, in May 2011.

Phillip Cost, MAPC, LAPC, is in private practice at StressCare Counseling in Athens, Georgia, and in January 2011, he took an additional position at a recovery program that serves chronically homeless males that have a substance abuse and mental health diagnoses where he provides counseling and supervision to staff. This August 2012 the LPC forms will be submitted, and his daughter, Grace Laura Costa, will be one year old. He and his wife, Rebecca, are expecting their second child in February 2013.

Lorrie Slater, MAPCFT, married in July of 2009. She began work on her Ph.D. in June of 2011. She is currently anticipating the completion of paperwork to receive her LPC in August of 2012.

Lindsay Taylor, MAPCFT, started a satellite location of a non-profit counseling center, Dayspring Center for Christian Counseling, in Owens Cross Roads, Alabama.

Class of 2007
Teresa Johnston, MA, LPC, is the Founding Director of the Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery at Kennesaw State University. Teresa has successfully implemented a program for students in recovery from addiction and has expanded their services to include Addiction Education and research in young adult addiction recovery.

Class of 2008

Brandy (Nobles) Hall, MAPC, just received confirmation that all of her licensing requirements have been met for the state of TN, and she is officially an LPC!

Jessica Ringsmuth, MAPC, LPC, began a two year term with Mission to the World in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in May of 2012. She is counseling children and families and also helping to develop an internship program for people interested in learning about mercy ministry.

Class of 2009
Rachel Cobb, MAPCFT, recently achieved licensure as an LMFT, LPC, and NCC. Rachel currently works as a therapist with Georgia HOPE in Dalton, and marketplace leaders at The SoulCare Project as their Director of Counseling & Care. Hayne would like to thank the Richmont faculty and generous partners for not only investing and forming him but also the many people he now will come into contact with on a daily basis.

Erin Rayburn, MAPCFT, is currently in private practice as a marriage and family therapist treating people with eating disorders and a myriad of other issues. Erin works alongside an intensive outpatient program for Eating Disorders in the greater Chattanooga area, offering DBT therapy, family therapy, and Equine Therapy. She also runs an Equine Assisted Psychotherapy Program on Lookout Mountain, GA at Rock Bluff Stables.

Amanda Eskridge, LAPC, serves as a therapist in private practice at the New Vision Counseling Center, LLC.

Herb Flanders, MSPC, began a new appointment in June of this year as Pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Thomaston, Georgia.

Class of 2012
Jody Buttrum, MAPCFT, is currently doing some adjunct teaching for Bryan College’s Adult and Graduate Studies program. Additionally, Jody teaches the Cooperative Parenting classes at the The Transformation and Lighthouse Counseling Center where she was also recently hired to counsel part-time. Jody is excited about the opportunities that have been presented since graduation.

Hillary Greene Ely, MAPC, recently married on June 23 of this year and is currently living in Roswell, GA. Hillary works at Peachford Hospital and her husband, Justin, is the Community Life pastor at Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church.

Megan Hobby, MAPCFT, completed her Richmont degree in the spring of 2012 and is currently seeing clients at The Relationship Therapy Center as an independent practitioner in Chattanooga.

Stan Hoover, MA, is in private practice at Tapestry Psychological Association in Marietta, GA while also pursuing a doctoral degree in counselor education and supervision at Mercer University.

Haley Gage, MA, LAPC, is currently working with [Simplified] Life Solutions as an adolescent and young adult counselor.

Ben Merrill, MAPCFT, has been blessed with two awesome jobs. Ben has been hired as a therapist at Laurel Heights Hospital and joined Trillium Springs Counseling private practice.

Lori Seyfried, MAPCFT, started a private practice out of her family physician husband’s office, allowing for great coordination of care- and rental rates! Her first grandchild, Lily, is due October 12th.

Class of 2011
Kim McMillan is celebrating 2 years at Trillium Springs Counseling, where she specializes in Mood Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, Healing of the Inner Child, and Christian Counseling with spiritual formation/direction. She also facilitates a NO COST Bipolar Disorder Support Group each week at Trillium Springs, which is open to those in the community who need a safe place to connect with others diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder.

Kelli Willard, MAPCFT, is happy to announce that she became a mother on July 19, 2012 (a month early) to Jarett Xavier Willard, who weighed 5lbs 3.6oz and measured 18 inches long at birth. Mommy and Daddy feel humbled and blessed to welcome their son into the world.

Hayne Steen, MAPCFT, believes Richmont has prepared him for a lifetime of ministry with families in private practice at Elbow Tree Counseling and has tenderly equipped him for the quiet work of spiritual formation with ministry leaders at The SoulCare Project as their Director of Counseling & Care. Hayne would like to thank the Richmont faculty and generous partners for not only investing and forming him but also the many people he now will come into contact with on a daily basis.
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Why do you serve...? This section of Connecting is an ongoing column that highlights various individuals that serve Richmont. Consider what capacity the Lord might be calling you to serve.

**Shonda Foublasse, Richmont Student, Chattanooga Campus**

As a kid, I was always drawn to reading stories that showed the progression of people's lives. The tales of heroism and cowardice, privilege and poverty, hope and despair, love and hate, and joy and sadness drew me in for reasons I could not understand at the time. I found myself wondering how the lives could have been different if just the right person had been there, if only the characters knew the love of Jesus. As I got older, I realized that I was that person for many of my friends and at age sixteen God gave me a vision for my life. I'm overwhelmed with joy that He would see fit to use me as a vessel to help bring healing, peace, and an abundance of love to the biographies of His precious children. I’m so blessed to have Richmont equip me to bring this vision to life!

**Joel Harris, SGA Chaplain, Chattanooga Campus**

For as long as I can remember, I have felt the weight and importance of story - both the telling and the listening. Over time, I have come to see God as both author and observer - but actively, like a gardener, tending to the process of growth. I discovered my own therapeutic need to be heard, and sought for a safe place to piece together the narrative in my own life. Richmont is my next chapter, where I am seeking the skills and insight to be a guide, or fellow traveler with those who are on a journey to reclaim their own story.

**Moose Lutes, Director of Financial Aid**

Why do I serve? I have no choice, as I am fulfilling God’s plan for me. After flying as my co-pilot in and out of Viet-Nam for four trips, God steered me into the field of higher education for the privilege and joy of helping students achieve their goals. I think in each of our lives we all search for a position, or calling, in life, and when we find it, we have a JOB. If we then take pleasure in our position and it fulfills our needs the job becomes a JOY. When we go beyond our needs and take the extra effort to help others, you now have created Passion for yourself and others. Richmont is my Job, Joy and Passion, and why I serve.