



**EXPANDING OUR REACH**



# 2015 YEAR IN

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.

**298**

STUDENTS *currently*  
ENROLLED

**98%**

STUDENTS PASSED  
*National Counselor Exam  
on the first attempt*

**71**

STUDENTS *participated in*  
GRADUATION

**82**

YEARS  
*in existence*

**24,000+**

COUNSELING SESSIONS  
*provided to residents near a  
Richmont campus*

**4,000+**

SUBSCRIBERS & ADVERTISERS  
*to Conversations Journal*

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# REVIEW



A N N U A L

## PERSPECTIVES

2015

They are like trees planted along  
the riverbank,  
bearing fruit each season.

Their leaves never wither,  
and they prosper in all they do.

PSALM 1:3



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**FOR MORE THAN 80 YEARS, RICHMONT HAS SERVED IN CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE AND ATLANTA, GEORGIA,** as an academic institution and Christian counseling service provider. Formalized in 2000, Richmond is a product of the Chattanooga Bible Institute merging with the Psychological Studies Institute. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), Richmond equips men and women to facilitate psychological health and relational healing from a biblical perspective. The university is therefore providing professional training and local counseling services that address current mental health needs evidenced by children, adults and families in distress throughout the Southeast.

**1933**

**CHATTANOOGA BIBLE INSTITUTE (CBI)**  
*is established to support local churches and their ministries*

**2000**

**PSI AND CBI**  
*merge*

**2008**

**RICHMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY**  
*is named as a result of the PSI and CBI merger*

**2014**

*Richmont purchases and renovates its*  
**NEW CAMPUS IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA**

**2014**

**CERTIFICATE IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**  
*is added to the university's offerings. The School of Counseling begins pursuing CACREP accreditation*

**2003**

**PSI RECEIVES ACCREDITATION**  
*through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)*

**1973**

**PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES INSTITUTE (PSI)**  
*is established to explore the Christian faith and professional counseling*

**2012**

**SCHOOL OF MINISTRY**  
*receives SACSCOC accreditation and enrolls the first cohort of the Master of Arts in Ministry*

**2015**

**FIRST FULL ONLINE**  
*School of Ministry cohort is enrolled.*  
**THE MASTER OF ARTS IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND DIRECTION**  
*is approved by SACSCOC*

# SERVING WITH EXCELLENCE AND COMPASSION

No matter when you first step into the doors at Richmond, you will find a single, enduring focus: the hope of Christ. Our timeless sense of community is spurred to life by laughter ringing in the halls and Godly instruction pouring out of classrooms. It's hard to not feel the unity our campuses share – two locations deriving one group of faculty, staff and students. We have moved, updated programs, welcomed new students, said good bye to beloved faculty, and brought new instructors into our fold. Despite the forward progress and natural seasons of life, we remain proudly rooted in the Christian tradition and our commitment to excellence in education.

As image bearers of Christ, we hold service as a deep value. For 82 years we have enjoyed our home in Chattanooga and for over four decades we have been committed to Atlanta. Maintaining our legacy of offering uncomplicated access to local counseling services, we provided over 24,000 counseling sessions this year! Our clinicians, many of whom are also professors, regularly sit with clients who are battling a wide range of struggles, such as substance abuse, anxiety, depression, addiction, eating disorders, and sexual abuse. As an organization, we answer the call of Christ every day to serve those in distress. We are committed to the ministry of “being there.”

We also believe in the highest academic preparation possible. Our counseling psychology students excelled once again with a first-time passing rate of 98 percent on the National Counselor Exam. Our pursuit of accreditation through CACREP remains underway with encouraging milestones happening regularly. We also proudly increased our continuing education programming, most notably by offering the highly respected Gottman Level One training.

In the School of Ministry, the Master of Arts in Ministry launched in a fully online format welcoming students nationwide! The Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation and Direction was also approved by our accrediting body and the Certificate in Spiritual Direction graduated their first class. We are proud to raise up a cheer for each of these fantastic accomplishments!

Overall, it is important to note that your steadfast support is not lost on us. Your prayers and generous giving enable us to prepare counselors and ministers who will share the redemptive love of Christ with those who are hurting and ripe for a seasoned word of truth. We will continue to need you as we work together toward greater earthly impact! Thank you for your longstanding involvement and future commitment to our mission.

Joyfully,



Robert G. “Bob” Rodgers  
President



It is estimated the average professional counselor positively impacts 8,000 lives over the course of his or her career. Many ministers reach hundreds of individuals each week. Richmond cultivates both. Like ripples in a pond, every single Richmond graduate represents thousands of changed lives. As we answer the call of Christ our reach expands exponentially – *healing, restoring, transforming.*



# SCHOOLS OF COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGY

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another counselor to help you and be with you forever – the Spirit of truth.

The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

JOHN 14: 16-17



*The Schools of Counseling and Psychology are rooted in academic rigor and framed by sound Christian principles. Our established community partnerships and continued success on the National Counselor Exam reflect our passion for helping others, as we continue Richmond's tradition of excellence.*

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**RICHMONT PSYCHOTHERAPY OUTCOMES PROJECT (RPOP).** RPOP, no longer a mere “project,” is now an important part of Richmond’s distinguished clinical training process. Focusing on the therapeutic alliance, students are able to track the growth of the clinical skills they are mastering. From a counseling perspective, effectiveness of treatment is also measured, allowing RPOP to be utilized as a therapeutic tool. RPOP not only gives quantifiable help to students in training – and thus to their clients – but also generates other important information. For example, clients at the Henegar Counseling Center report a .92 effect size for counseling (where .65 is average and .8 is excellent). Additionally, data from RPOP has fueled an estimated 10 theses so far, leading to student presentations from Miami to Los Angeles.


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**DR. STEVE BRADSHAW NAMED DEAN OF THE SCHOOLS OF COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGY.** In January 2016, Dr. Steve Bradshaw (pictured, left) will be named Dean of the Schools of Counseling and Psychology. An alumnus of the Richmond program, Dr. Bradshaw has served for 18 years as a clinical professor on the Chattanooga campus. Dr. Bradshaw will maintain teaching responsibilities on both campuses in his new role.

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## SCHOOLS OF COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

 **79%**  
FEMALE

 **21%**  
MALE

**54%**  
pursuing the  
MA in CLINICAL MENTAL  
HEALTH COUNSELING



**46%**  
pursuing the  
MA in MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
COUNSELING

**53%**  
of our students  
are pursuing an  
ADDITIONAL  
CERTIFICATE in ...



### MESHAI NEVER THOUGHT SHE WOULD PURSUE A MASTER'S DEGREE IN COUNSELING.

She was enjoying her work at a shelter for victims of domestic abuse, empowering women from all over the world to live stronger, more competent lives. So when God began whispering to her about shifting gears, she did not feel ready to take the leap of faith into graduate school. When she simply could not get counseling out of her mind, she headed straight to Richmond. Today she is pursuing a Master of Arts in Marriage & Family Therapy with a certificate in Trauma Counseling.



READ MORE OF MESHAI'S STORY  
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# SCHOOLS OF COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGY



One thing I love about Richmond is the culture. The faculty and staff have not only built a strong academic community, but they have also cultivated an environment for students to grow personally and spiritually. Richmond has shaped me into a better counselor and man the last two years.

— REESE ARMSTRONG

GRADUATES FROM THE SCHOOL OF COUNSELING GARNERED A 98% FIRST-TIME PASS RATE ON THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR EXAM FOR THE THIRD YEAR in a row. Not only is this impressive, but Richmond has also, for the third consecutive year, outperformed the averages of CACREP and non-CACREP accredited schools in every category. Repeating this high level of academic excellence is remarkable. It is truly a testament to the strength and quality of our faculty as well as the devotion of our students. The first-rate training reflected in their test scores will translate to increased success in the counseling office for years to come.

## **BLAKE HAS ALWAYS LOVED WORKING WITH ADOLESCENTS.**

*His own teenage years proved particularly difficult, and he has channeled those challenges into an intense desire to help young people as they begin to navigate the world differently than ever before. Blake is currently interning at Lee University, an opportunity that has allowed him to work closely with his favorite demographic. Richmond, he says, is showing him how to “be that kind of healer who works with the power of the Holy Spirit.”*



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# SAMPLE COURSES

## M.A. IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

### CORE COUNSELING AND CLINICAL INTERVENTION

Introduction to Counseling  
Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor  
Helping Relationships  
Ethical, Legal, and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Counseling  
Counseling Systems and Interventions  
Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders  
Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marital, and Family Counseling  
Clinical Appraisal and Diagnostic Evaluation in Counseling  
Family Systems Theory  
Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy  
Psychodynamic Theories and Counseling  
Addictions Counseling: An Integrative Approach to Assessment and Treatment  
Group Counseling Theory and Practice  
Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling  
Human Growth and Development  
Theodicy and Trauma Counseling  
Lifestyle and Career Development  
Counseling and Spirituality  
Methods of Research  
Professional Seminar

### COUNSELING AND SPIRITUALITY INTEGRATION

Applications of Christian Disciplines and Mental Health for Counselors  
Dynamics of Spiritual Direction  
Traditions of Christian Spiritual Formation  
Spiritual Direction: Practice and Application  
Church-Based Counseling

### COUNSELING AND THEOLOGY INTEGRATION

Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling  
Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling  
Hermeneutics and Application  
Integrative Theology for Counselors

### APPLIED CLINICAL TRAINING

Applied Practicum & Treatment Planning Lab  
Clinical Practicum  
Counseling Internship I  
Counseling Internship II

## M.A. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

### CORE COUNSELING CURRICULUM

Introduction to Counseling  
Interpersonal Skills in Helping Relationships  
Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders  
Clinical Appraisal and Diagnostic Evaluation in Counseling  
Addictions Counseling: An Integrative Approach to Assessment and Treatment  
Group Counseling Theory and Practice  
Theodicy and Trauma Counseling  
Vocational Counseling  
Counseling and Spirituality

### PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY AND ETHICS

Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor  
Ethical, Legal, and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Counseling  
Professional Seminar

### INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY RELATIONS

Human Sexuality: A Therapeutic Integration  
Human Growth and Development

### THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE

Counseling Systems and Interventions  
Family Systems Theory  
Healthy Family Functioning  
Psychodynamic Theories and Counseling

### CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE

Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marital, and Family Counseling  
Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy  
Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling  
Brief, Solution-Focused, Communication Approaches to Marital & Family Therapy  
Structural and Behavioral Marriage and Family Therapy  
Contextual, Narrative, and Interpersonal Modes of Counseling  
Psychodynamic Theories and Counseling

### RESEARCH

Methods of Research

### INTEGRATION

Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling  
Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling  
Integrative Theology for Counselors  
Counseling and Spirituality

### APPLIED CLINICAL TRAINING

Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab  
Clinical Practicum  
Counseling Internship I  
Counseling Internship II

## M.S. CHRISTIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES

### CORE INTEGRATION CURRICULUM

Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling  
Counseling and Spirituality  
Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor  
Hermeneutics and Application  
Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling  
Integrative Theology for Counselors

### CLINICAL CURRICULUM

Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders  
Psychodynamic Theories and Counseling  
Cognitive-Behavioral Counseling  
Counseling Systems and Interventions  
Structural and Behavioral Marriage & Family Therapy  
Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marital, and Family Counseling



# SCHOOLS OF COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGY

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Cultivating each student is the unified goal of my professors at Richmond. We're challenged to grow personally, a process framed by the Gospel and by academic rigor. We're being taught to provide opportunities for our future clients to flourish in the same way. Even if I left Richmond right now, just one semester in, I'd leave a better husband, father, friend, son, and brother than when I came.

— JOEL KOONTZ



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**ACCREDITATION PROCESS WITH THE COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF COUNSELING AND RELATED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS (CACREP).** CACREP is currently reviewing Richmond's application and self-study for accreditation of the Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. A decision from CACREP's board regarding accreditation is expected in July 2016. So far, the process has gone extremely well, and we anticipate a positive outcome next summer.

We are grateful to Dr. Keny Felix for spearheading this project, and as he transitions into full-time ministry this winter, we look forward to continued success with Dr. Steve Bradshaw.

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**RICHMONT TRAUMA CENTER IN CHATTANOOGA.** In addition to our current subsidized counseling services, we anticipate opening the Chattanooga Trauma Center in the spring. The center will provide focused, specialized care to individuals, couples, and families who have experienced complex trauma. This type of trauma refers to repetitive, prolonged harm or abandonment that occurs during vulnerable times in development. It can cause extreme stress and often results in dissociation, emotional dysregulation, and relational and spiritual alienation. By embarking on this initiative, we pray more individuals will be able to find healing and restoration from this complicated condition. The center will initially operate out of the Henegar Counseling Center facilities; however, we will expand into a separate building within three years.

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**DR. VANESSA SNYDER NAMED DEAN OF CLINICAL AFFAIRS.** Earlier this year, Dr. Evalin Rhodes Hanshaw announced her retirement. Richmond has named Dr. Vanessa Snyder (*pictured, left*) her successor as Dean of Clinical Affairs. President Bob Rodgers says Dr. Snyder's name "repeatedly came up during the selection process." After much prayer and discussion with Dr. Snyder, the Administrative Council unanimously elected her as Dean.

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**SOCIETY FOR THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF RELIGION.** Dr. Tim Sisemore and thesis student Nathan Harris presented a paper at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion meeting on October 23 in Newport Beach, California. The paper, “The Roles and Relationships of Negative Religious Coping to Outcomes in Psychotherapy with Believing Clients,” explored the necessity of addressing spirituality in counseling. At the same event, Dr. Sisemore was honored at a reception for the publication of his new book, *The Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*. Dr. Sisemore has numerous publications, and this is his eighth book.

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Students from Richmont are an asset to the treatment team at the Atlanta Center for Eating Disorders, due to their high level of compassion, competence, and desire to treat the whole person – physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We enjoy partnering with Richmont!

– ANGELA SCHAFFNER, ATLANTA CENTER FOR EATING DISORDERS



All the therapists who work at the Children’s Center for Hope and Healing enjoy mentoring Richmont interns because the students are motivated, driven, and open to learning new therapeutic skills.

– SUSAN COLLINS,  
CHILDREN’S CENTER FOR HOPE AND HEALING

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## HE’S OPENED FOR THE TEMPTATIONS, PERFORMED ON BROADWAY, WORKED AT THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY,

*built a successful career in advertising, and opened a pediatric care office with his wife – what hasn’t Vincent Poole done? Pursing a graduate degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling is not just another feather in Vincent’s cap; rather, it is a direct and purposeful complement to his work as a Practice Manager. Thanks to Richmont, he is looking forward to offering a full slate of Christian care to children and adolescents.*



READ MORE OF VINCENT’S STORY  
AT [RICHMONT.EDU/PERSPECTIVES](http://RICHMONT.EDU/PERSPECTIVES)

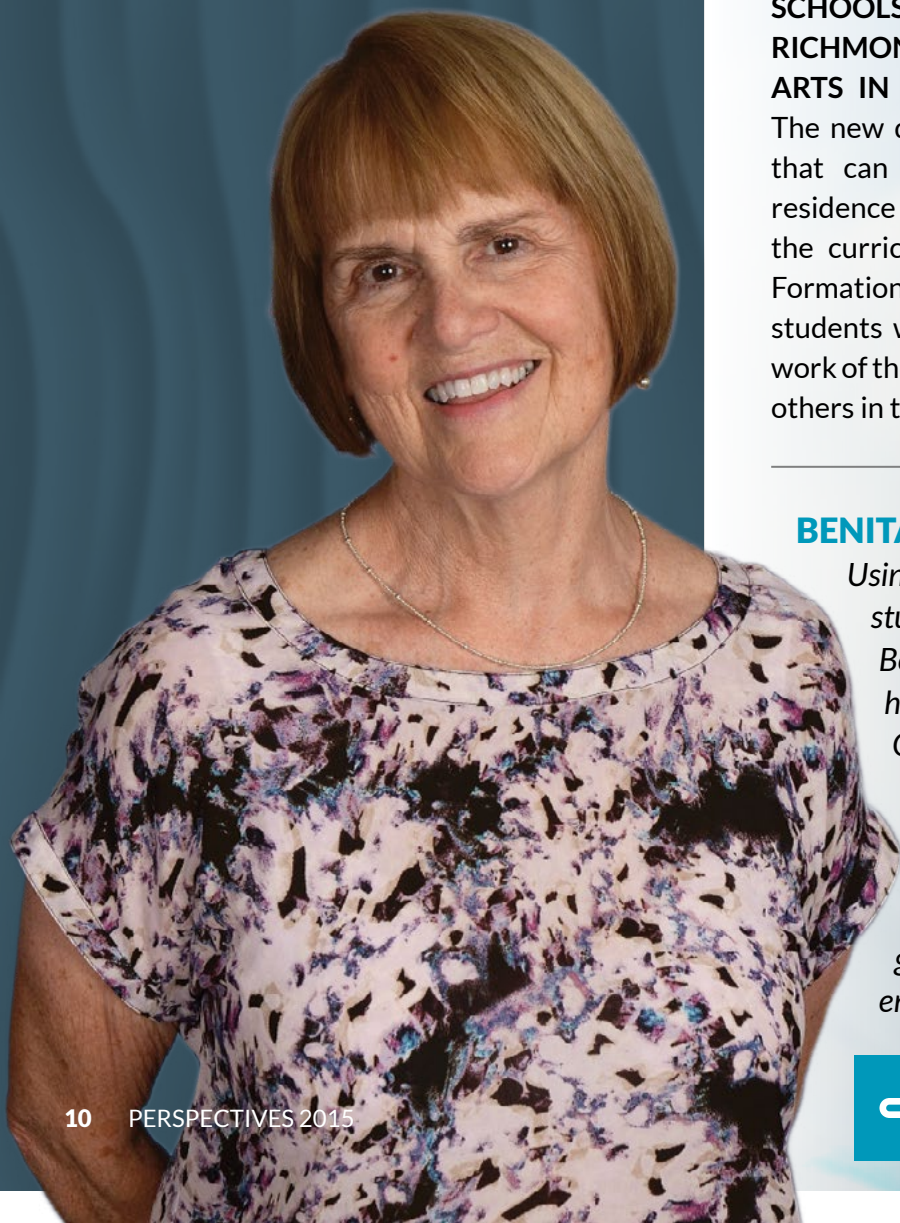




# SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ...

COLOSSIANS 4:2-3



*The growth experienced by the School of Ministry is a direct reflection of God's goodness. Pressing on in the tasks the Lord has given us, the School remains grateful for a fantastic year!*



NorthStar is honored to partner with Richmond because of their passion to create a healthy learning environment for men and women to be trained in the things of ministry that will help them last and be all that they were created to be!"

— MIKE LINCH, NORTHSTAR CHURCH

## THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS COMMISSION ON COLLEGES APPROVED RICHMONT'S PROPOSAL TO OFFER THE MASTER OF ARTS IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND DIRECTION.

The new degree will consist of 40 hours of coursework that can be flexibly completed with online and in-residence components. Three concentrations enhance the curriculum: Bible, History, and Theology; Spiritual Formation; and Spiritual Direction. Upon completion, students will experience a heightened sensitivity to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives and the ability to assist others in their own spiritual development.

## BENITA'S HEART IS FULL OF COMPASSION.

Using her nursing degree to care for bodies, and her studies in ministry at Richmond to care for souls, Benita sees the world as a mission field. She had spent 35 years as a nurse when she heard God call her heart toward full-time ministry. "I thought it was a wrong number, so I hung up for several years!" she jokes. Currently serving as full-time pastor of Asbury United Methodist in Salisbury, Maryland, Benita is grateful for how the Lord is using Richmond to enrich her ministry.



READ MORE OF BENITA'S STORY AT  
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## SAMPLE COURSES

### MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

#### BIBLE HISTORY AND THEOLOGY

Hermeneutics and Exegesis  
Church History  
Biblical Themes  
The Trinity

#### MINISTRY SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP

Authentic Leadership  
Pastoral Care  
Practical Aspects of Ministry  
Communication in Ministry

#### SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Essentials of Spiritual Formation  
Practices of Spiritual Formation  
Traditions of Spiritual Formation  
Applications of Spiritual Formation  
Personal Growth Spiritual Formation Retreat  
Mentored Growth and Development  
Final Integrative Project

### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Perceiving a Holy Invitation  
Preparing an Available Self  
Developing a Listening Ear

Discerning and Knowing God  
Arranging a Sacred Space



Richmont is preparing me to be the best pastor possible. Its rich instruction and the reading assignments and projects are having a profound impact on my ministerial development. *I am growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ* (2 Peter 3:18). I love Richmont!

– TODD RAINWATER

## SCHOOL OF MINISTRY STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



56%  
FEMALE



44%  
MALE

67%  
pursuing a  
MASTER OF ARTS  
degree

17 FEMALE  
15 MALE



33%  
pursuing the  
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE  
in SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

11 FEMALE  
5 MALE



23  
youngest student

50.5  
average student age

68  
oldest student



# SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

We proclaim Him,  
admonishing every man and  
teaching every man with all  
wisdom, so that we may present  
every man complete  
in Christ.

COLOSSIANS 1: 28



I love Richmond Graduate University! I have learned more this semester than I ever imagined. Thank you so much, Richmond, for taking me further in my education and in my spiritual journey. I'm grateful.

— SHAWN RICHENDOLLAR

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**THE FULLY ONLINE MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY LAUNCHED ITS FIRST COHORT THIS YEAR**, comprised of students hailing from all corners of the U.S. and Europe. This degree remains academically rigorous while maximally convenient, even for those outside the United States. The M.A. in Ministry is Richmond's first online program, designed to accommodate working professionals, individuals serving in ministry roles, people who are looking toward a career change, and life-long learners who desire to deepen their personal and spiritual journey. Students pursuing the online degree enter ministry equipped for the calling God has placed on their lives - whether serving in a church setting, faith-based organization, or the traditional marketplace. While Richmond continues to offer the M.A. in Ministry in a fully on-campus format, it is exciting to bring the program to a brand new demographic.

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**THE INAUGURAL CLASS OF THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FINISHED IN NOVEMBER.** The four-semester program prepared students to walk alongside others on their spiritual journey and become increasingly aware of the presence of God in their lives. As such, it is a natural extension of both ministry roles and counseling, perfectly aligning with Richmond's mission. The Certificate is offered in a hybrid format with coursework completed online and in weekend intensive settings, which are heavily focused on experiential learning.





## PARTNER CHURCHES



We are grateful for the faithful witness of Richmond. They are embracing the call to train the next generation of pastors and counselors - and this is a noble calling indeed! We are excited to refer folks to Richmond who are looking to advance their knowledge and experience in ministry. The learning is relevant and applicable for real life ministry. Well done, Richmond!

— KRIS MCDANIEL,  
TRINITY ANGLICAN MISSION

### AFTER PLAYING COLLEGE BASKETBALL FOR A HALL OF FAME COACH, PRISCILLA SUDDENLY FOUND HERSELF FACING LIFE AS A SINGLE PARENT. Scared, alone, and feeling

ashamed, she turned to her friends for support. With the support of her coach, Kay Yow, Priscilla began to notice something inside herself, something that was powerful to inspire change in other people. Today, after hearing the Lord's call on her life to minister to hurting women and help them understand Christ's love for them, she is pursuing her Master of Arts in Ministry.



READ MORE OF PRICILLA'S STORY AT  
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# RGU LIBRARIES

*The libraries at Richmond play a crucial role by building and maintaining collections, providing reference and instruction services, and participating in scholarly and service oriented activities.*

927

NEW RESOURCES  
ADDED

5,697

INDIVIDUAL  
CONSULTATIONS

11,168

PRINT/AV RESOURCES  
CIRCULATED

272,474

UNIQUE DATABASE  
SEARCHES

## LOOKING AHEAD

The Richmond Library is engaged in a large project to begin providing more information online in the areas relating to the institution's foci of service, curriculum, and research. This educational effort is currently being developed and will serve the university's community, as well as the general public.

The Chattanooga library is conducting a re-barcoding process of their collection to coordinate the collections of both Richmond libraries.

## COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT

The libraries continued to build for the counseling and ministry programs. Collections in the Atlanta and Chattanooga libraries are consistently evaluated for relevance and space. As part of collection management, the libraries added 927 number of relevant monographic and DVD resources.

## REFERENCE SERVICES

The libraries fielded 5,697 reference questions and lengthier consultations during the year. These included face-to-face, telephone, email, web form, and text consultations. In addition to the typical reference and research consultations, library faculty also provided writing and editorial assistance for student assignments.

## DATABASE SEARCHES

More than 272,474 index searches and full-text article searches were conducted via the university's three main psychological databases: PsycInfo, PsycArticles, and the Psychological and Behavioral Sciences set.

## LIBRARIANS IN THE CLASSROOM AND COMMUNITY

A total of seven Information Literacy sessions were performed by library faculty in Atlanta and Chattanooga during orientation sessions as well as in classroom settings. Alison Mead taught the Introduction to Graduate Research and Writing course. She also presented an introduction to Myers-Briggs for all four sections of Applied Lab on the Atlanta campus.

Together, Alison Mead, and John Hughes presented in a community time on utilizing APA style citations.

John Hughes conducted centering prayer groups throughout the year. He also presented on mindfulness, prayer, and gratitude for a special community time and conducted a guided gratitude meditation. Additionally, John provided a lecture in the Christian Traditions course on Eastern Orthodoxy and the Great Schism while also serving as a thesis reader.

## LIBRARY NEWS

As part of the larger move of Richmond to its new Atlanta campus, the library faculty oversaw and accomplished the move, with minimal disruption of service. By the beginning of the spring semester, the Atlanta Library was fully operational.



## THIS YEAR WAS ONE OF STEADY PROGRESS FOR THE RICHMONT COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER.

Rooted in the Chattanooga community as the foremost provider of reduced-fee and Spanish language counseling services, the RCCC engaged more than 1,700 counseling sessions throughout the year. The full-time staff of two and intern staff of six were pleased that more than half of these sessions were serving individuals without insurance while the other half had an income of under \$15,000.



Michelle Shelley, RCCC Director

Pursuing relationships and collaborative partnerships among the Latino community remained a high priority for the RCCC. The Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga (CFGCC) was once again a leading partner allowing the RCCC's full-time Spanish-speaking therapist, Rebeca Durand, to devote the majority of her time to serving Latino individuals and families. Continuing to grow the RCCC's long-standing partnership with La Paz, Rebeca built a new partnership with Clinica Medicos as well as with Catholic churches throughout the city. These growing connections have increased the number of referrals, specifically among couples, who are seeking therapy. This was a fast and very celebrated change from years past.

Additionally, thanks to community partnerships, group therapy options throughout the city increased. The RCCC clinicians offered sessions in areas such as art therapy, relaxation therapy, and team building/partnership development. These regular meeting times offered participants the opportunity to realize they are not alone, build community, receive accountability, and hear thoughts on growing in healthy directions.

This year marked the second in which the RCCC therapists were able to utilize their advanced certifications to continue training interns in Parent-Child Interaction Therapy. This highly specialized training is not standard in all counseling programs, let alone in all internship experiences, so the RCCC was thrilled to complete one class and quickly begin another in May. The interns who pursue this training will have the opportunity to, under supervision, practice an evidence based therapy with children ages 2-7.

Despite the Affordable Care Act, the RCCC continues to receive referrals from a wide variety of sources. It remains an immense privilege for Richmond to offer access to services that many people could otherwise not afford. Thanks to many individual donors, clients are regularly surprised at how the RCCC is able to extend grace regarding payments for services.

# COMMUNITY SERVICES RICHMONT COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER

RICHMONTCCC.COM

1,786

COUNSELING  
SESSIONS

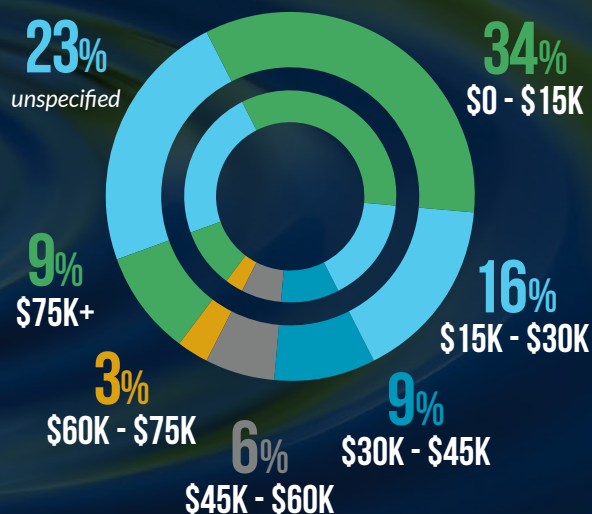
during the year

13%

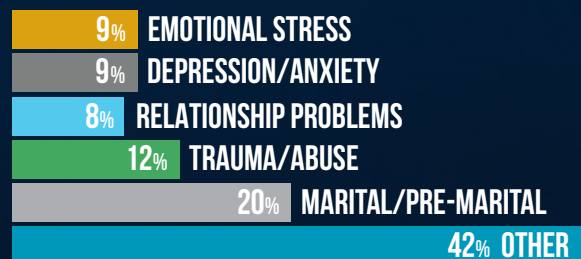
OF CLIENTS

specify English as  
their second language

## CLIENT INCOME BREAKDOWN



## TOP 5 PRESENTING PROBLEMS/CONCERNS





## COMMUNITY SERVICES

# HOPE COUNSELING CENTER

HOPECOUNSELINGATLANTA.COM

## HOPE CENTER SERVICES

Over the course of the year, Hope Center counselors applied their knowledge of psychology, theology and counseling to such issues as:

- Alcohol/Substance Abuse
- Anxiety
- Attention deficit/hyperactivity
- Career
- Codependency
- Depression
- Eating Disorders
- Grief and loss
- Marriage, family, and parenting
- Self-esteem
- Sexual abuse/addiction

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

# HENEGAR COUNSELING CENTER

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He leads me beside quiet waters,  
He refreshes my soul.

PSALM 23: 2-3

## AS AN EXTENSION OF RICHMONT'S GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

and Marriage and Family Therapy, the university operates a network of six Hope Counseling Centers in the metropolitan Atlanta area. This ministry enables students to hone their clinical skills while providing the community access to high-quality, low-cost counseling from a Christian perspective.

In 2014-2015, the Hope Counseling Centers provided services to the communities surrounding metropolitan Atlanta. A total of 46 interns were involved, and six alumni counselors brought the total number of clinicians to 52.

In all, interns delivered 3,152 counseling sessions and alumni reported 237 sessions conducted in the Hope Center building. Additionally, clinicians practicing within Richmond's classroom buildings provided hundreds more counseling sessions in the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Students also participate in community education efforts as they present topics relevant to mental health and spiritual well-being to churches and agencies throughout the area. They continue to provide prayer support on site for attendees of the business prayer breakfasts offered at Cobb Galleria. They also gathered in the fall to pray for attendees at the High Tech Ministry (HTM) breakfast. These activities are evidence of Richmond's continuing commitment to serve the body of Christ.



Jeff Eckert, HCC Director

## THE HENEGAR COUNSELING CENTER (HCC) EXPERIENCED 2014-15 AS A YEAR OF GROWTH IN NUMEROUS WAYS.

The staff grew to meet demands as the center received thousands of referrals for counseling services during the year, translating to just under 17,000 sessions, which was a record high. The counseling center also crossed the million-dollar mark in revenue for the first time. This was a record-breaking year!

Several new and highly qualified staff members were added to the team. They included: Dr. Jay Spalding, Dr. Rebecca Green, and Amy Coxwell, which brought the number of therapists to 22. The counseling center interns, who are all students at Richmond Graduate University, provided 950 sessions over the course of the



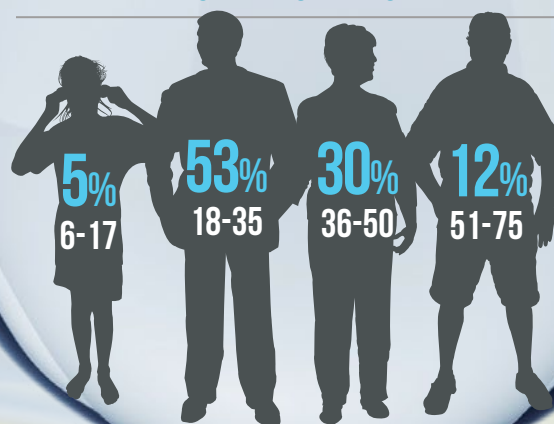
## HOPE COUNSELING CENTER LOCATIONS

- ① **Hope Counseling Center at Mt. Paran**  
Building Four, Suite 100  
4200 Northside Parkway  
Atlanta, Georgia 30327
- ② **Hope Counseling Center at West Cobb**  
West Cobb Church  
1245 Villa Rica Road, SW  
Marietta, Georgia 30064
- ③ **Hope Counseling Center at Centerville**  
Hope and Life Fellowship Church  
3594 Centerville Hwy.  
Snellville, Georgia 30039
- ④ **Hope Counseling Center at West Ridge**  
West Ridge Church  
3522 Hiram Acworth Highway  
Dallas, Georgia 30157
- ⑤ **Hope Counseling Center, Riverside at Six Flags**  
Word of Faith Church (WOF)  
212 Riverside Parkway  
Austell, Georgia 30168
- ⑥ **Hope at Cascade**  
Elizabeth Baptist Church  
4145 Cascade Road, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30331-7245

**46**  
**INTERNS PROVIDED**  
more than **3,100**  
counseling sessions

**6**  
**ALUMNI PROVIDED**  
more than **275**  
counseling sessions

### CLIENTS BY AGE



Many of the doctoral-level therapists also served as clinical faculty, teaching a wide array of classes at Richmond and exposing students to a diversity of perspectives.

For HCC, providing high-quality care for clients is fundamental to the center's mission. Because of this, referral sources continue to broaden. From doctor's offices and schools to local churches, HCC serves individuals from all over the greater Chattanooga/North Georgia area. This reputation has been built by providing ethical and professional care from a distinctively faith-based perspective.

HCC provides services to clients of all ages and across the spectrum of diagnoses. The center's therapists also walk with individuals through life transition issues and spiritual problems. There are also several group therapy options for varying issues from adolescent struggles to addictions offered at HCC. A number of HCC psychologists provide both personality and educational evaluations. Overall, there has been much intentionality in developing a staff that varies in therapeutic approach and Christian tradition so that they

retain flexibility in meeting the individual needs of clients. In fact, many referrals come from recommendations of clients that have already been to HCC.

Over the course of the year, HCC began to develop more of a presence in the local media. Staff members participated in an eight part radio series on Talk Radio 102.3 with local broadcaster Jed Mescon. Topics from addiction to dealing with grief and loss were addressed during this series, which has historically been an award-winning broadcast. Several therapists have been invited to do television spots coming out of this series. Presently, plans for ongoing television and radio exposure in the Chattanooga market are being considered.

Overall, 2014-15 saw both growth in HCC, as well as increased opportunities for the center to impact the Chattanooga/North Georgia area. The Lord has used each counselor to enter into the pain of countless lives in a humbling fashion. We pray that the Lord continues to use HCC in the coming year in mighty ways to bring healing to individuals, families and groups alike.



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## MOVED INTO NEW BUILDING — RIBBON CUTTING

In March, Richmond welcomed alumni, current students, friends, and the greater Southeastern community to celebrate the opening of the new Atlanta campus. The Cobb County Chamber of Commerce administered a ribbon cutting ceremony and later in the evening a dedication ceremony and open house was attended by more than 250 people. We are especially grateful to our trustees for playing a vital role in the event, showering us with their support and serving our institution with such joyful hearts. It was a beautiful evening of celebration and sincere thankfulness.



## BOBBY BOWDEN TAILGATE PARTY

In August, Richmond hosted Bobby Bowden, one of the winningest coaches in college football history, to speak at a special fundraising event for student scholarships. Held at the College Football Hall of Fame in downtown Atlanta, attendees enjoyed an evening of fellowship, all-access passes to tour the Hall of Fame, a meet-and-greet with Coach Bowden, the chance to participate in the Chick-Fil-A Fan experience, and the opportunity to support five unique scholarships that will benefit students on both campuses. Our Board of Trustees went beyond the call of duty, remaining active in each step of the evening's planning and execution. Their support and involvement made the event possible.



*The Board of Trustees plays an integral role in Richmond's success and vitality. Their generosity takes the form of time, service, and financial gifts, and we are grateful for their support of our mission.*



## GRADUATION 2015

In May, 55 students participated in the Richmond's spring graduation ceremony. The university awarded degrees in Marriage and Family Therapy, Christian Psychological Studies, and Professional Counseling. This year also marked the second class to graduate from Richmond's School of Ministry.

In addition to honoring this year's graduates, several administrators and one alumna were honored. This year, Richmond named Teresa Johnston as 2015's Distinguished Alumnus. A 2007 Richmond graduate, Teresa is the founding director of Kennesaw State University's Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery in Kennesaw, Georgia. She specializes in substance use disorders and related process addictions and holds an academic appointment through the psychology department as adjunct faculty. She is also the founding president of the Association of Recovery in Higher Education, a national organization that addresses collegiate recovery in higher education.

Similarly, Cheryl Snead, Assistant to the Dean of Clinical Affairs, received this year's Peterson Award for the commitment and service she has shown to the university that has consistently exceeded her job demands and institutional expectations. Cheryl loves working with students as well as callers seeking appointments at the Hope Counseling Center. She considers it an honor to listen to their needs and direct them to proper counsel.

The university was also pleased to welcome Dr. David Cooper, Lead Pastor of Mount Paran Church in Atlanta, as this year's commencement speaker. He is the author of several books, including: *Seven Stepping Stones to Success*, *Unfinished Business*, and *I'm Spiritual Not Religious*. He is a licensed professional counselor and an adjunct professor at Richmond.



# 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

## TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE CONFERENCE SERIES

In June, approximately 100 people gathered in Atlanta for Trauma Informed Care, a series of conference workshops addressing trauma concerns often seen with victims of human trafficking. The event was hosted by Richmont in partnership with the International Christian Alliance on Prostitution (ICAP) and NightLight. Throughout the three-day conference, attendees heard about the need for societal awareness on issues of human trafficking as well as treating sexual trauma from Dr. Dan Sartor, a Richmont adjunct professor, Director of Trinity Counseling Services, and Associate Professor of Psychology at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Illinois. Attendees also had the opportunity to earn 7.5 Continuing Education credit hours.

## THE GREATER RACE

Richmont proudly sent Joel Koontz, Jane Neall, David Neall, and Tom Sanders to participate in the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga's "GeoCASH Adventure" race. The race had a total of 25 teams of 4 racers and required the participants to find hidden objects by means of GPS coordinates. The event celebrated the non-profit organizations that make up the Community Foundation and a total of \$20,000 was given to local organizations and charities at the event.



## HANSHEW RETIREMENT

For nearly three decades, Dr. Evalin Rhodes Hanshew directed the university's clinical affairs, encouraging students, managing professional supervisors, leading the Hope Center initiatives, and so much more. In June, after prayerful thought, she left her 45-mile (one way) commute and transitioned into retirement.

At her April retirement party her colleagues and various alumni described her service to Richmont as being integral to the university's fiber. Thanks to her passion for building the "whole person," pursuing excellence, and offering a quiet, steady presence, she epitomized the ideals that have made Richmont a leader in training and equipping clinical therapists. While she is greatly missed, her legacy will certainly remain. To remember Evalin's years of service, a private group counseling room on the university's Atlanta campus was named in her honor.

## GOTTMAN UNIVERSITY OUTREACH PROGRAM TRAINING

In August, Richmont hosted a Gottman University Outreach Program training program presented by Drs. John and Julie Gottman. The training combined video lecture footage from a live Level 1 Training, actual video from Dr. John Gottman's research with couples, and film clips from the Gottmans' clinical practice. Attendees learned tools to help couples manage conflict; skills to empower partners to dialogue through gridlocked issues; and techniques for couples to deepen their intimacy and minimize relapse. The training concluded with a Q&A session led by a Certified Gottman Therapist master trainer. All attendees also were awarded with the Gottman Level 1 Clinical Training, which is the first step toward becoming a Certified Gottman Therapist.



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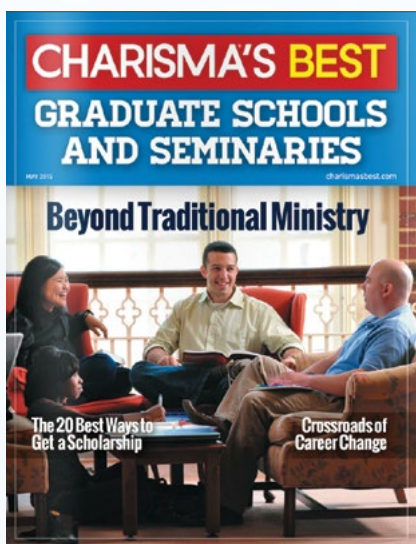
## **“THINKING OUT LOUD” RICHMONT TAKES TO THE RADIO!**

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President Bob Rodgers hosted “Thinking Out Loud” on Fridays at noon on NewsTalk 1160 in Atlanta. Rodgers and his guests take a “thoroughly conversational tone,” he says. “I go in each week with a list of questions, but the conversation inevitably leads elsewhere because we’re discussing education, politics, and societal issues,” said Rodgers. In addition to providing the metro Atlanta area with exposure to diverse figures, the show has brought potential students to Richmond’s Preview Days and even led some to enroll at the university. Notable guests in 2015 included Sandra Deal, wife of Georgia Governor Nathan Deal; Bobby Bowden, former coach of the Florida State Seminoles; and Norman Fletcher, retired Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice.



*Sandra Deal, writer, historian, and wife of Georgia Governor Nathan Deal, joined Bob Rodgers for a delightful conversation about her book entitled, *Memories of the Mansion: The Story of the Georgia Governor’s Mansion*. The title was released October 1, 2015.*



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## **RICHMONT FEATURED ON CHARISMA MAGAZINE’S “BEST SCHOOLS” LIST**

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In May, Richmond Graduate University was listed by Charisma Magazine as one of the “Best Graduate Schools, Seminaries and Online Education” providers. This marked the university’s second time being featured on this list. Starting with a list of more than 200 schools that offer master’s and Ph.D. degrees, Charisma Magazine created a comprehensive list to aid potential graduate students in their search for the best advanced degree program in their area of interest. This year’s list featured Richmond alongside institutions such as Cedarville University, Seattle Pacific University, Grand Canyon University, and Trinity International University. Specifically, the university’s Professional Counseling program was highlighted as the nation’s third oldest fully accredited and integrated program. Similarly, the university’s degree specialization options were of particular note alongside the opportunity for students to work within Richmond’s 37 year-old network of counseling centers.

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## **2015 ALUMNI REUNION FEATURED DR. MARK MCMINN**

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Richmont was thrilled to feature Dr. Mark McMinn at the 2015 Alumni Reunion on October 30. Alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends of the university met at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta for a world-class event with a highly respected figure in the field of psychotherapy. The highlight, of course, was McMinn’s presentation. Along with Clark Campbell, McMinn designed Integrative Psychotherapy, a three-domain approach to counseling intervention that focuses on symptom alleviation, structural interventions, and relational work. Additionally, the class of 2005 was honored, as it was their ten-year anniversary of graduating from Richmont. Just under 200 people attended the reunion, making it an enormous success.





# PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS

As each has received a gift, use it  
to serve one another, as  
good stewards of God's varied grace.

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## POSTERS

Lawrence, S., & **Plisco, M. K.** (2015, May). *Family mealtime conversations*. Poster session presented at the Georgia Marriage and Family Therapy Conference. Savannah, GA.

**Sisemore, T. A.** (Chair) (2015, April). *Using outcome data to determine factors influencing psychotherapy of anxiety and depression*. Group poster symposium presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America Conference. Miami, FL.

**Snyder, V.** & Baker, N. (2015, April). *The Impact of Trauma-Informed Care Education and Training on Aftercare Providers of Sex Trafficking Survivors*. Presented at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies Annual Conference. Denver, CO.

**White, J., Blackburn, A.M., & Plisco, M.** (2015, April). *Rest as a virtue: Theological foundations and application to personal and professional life*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Christian Association of Psychological Studies. Denver, CO.

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**Gladson, J. A.** (2015, March). [Review of the book *From whom no secrets are hid: Introducing the Psalms* by Brueggeman, W. (2004). Louisville, KY: John Knox Press.] *Sharing the Practice*, 38, 20.

**Gladson, J. A.** (2015, March). [Review of the book *The pastoral caregiver's casebook*, Vol. 2, by Gleason, J. J. (2015). King of Prussia, PA: Judson Press.]

**Gladson, J. A.** (2015, March). [Review of the book *The touch of the sacred: The practice, theology, and tradition of Christian worship* by Immink, G. (2014). Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans.] *Sharing the Practice*, 38, 20-21.

**Gladson, J. A.** (2015). Vanitas: Dare we preach from the book of Ecclesiastes? *Sharing the Practice*, 38, 6-9.

**Gladson, J. A.** (2014). Coming to terms with retirement. *Sharing the Practice*, 37, 3-5.

**Pearce, M. D.** (2014). *Misfit to masterpiece: Uncover the secrets to changing your legacy*. Kennesaw, GA: Legacy Strategy Incorporated.

**Pressley, J. D., & Spinazzola, J.** (2015). Beyond survival: Application of a complex trauma treatment model in a Christian context. *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, 43(1), 8-22.

**Rice, J.** (2015). Pentecostal Babel. *Journal for Preachers*, 38, 3-7.



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- White, J. L., Blackburn, A. M., & Plisco, M. K.** (2015). Rest as a virtue: Theological foundations and application to personal and professional life. *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, 32, 98-120.

## PRESENTATIONS

- Childerston, J., **Goehring, M.**, Sanders, R., Price, R., & Peterson, T. (2015, April). *Current challenges facing clinical practice: The perspective from five practice settings*. Symposium conducted at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies International Conference. Denver, CO.
- Cochran, C.** (2015, April). *Ethical foundations of clinical supervision*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, National Conference. Denver, CO.
- Cochran, C.** (2014, October 28). *Institutional effectiveness in the context of community*. Annual conference of the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools. Orlando, FL.
- Cochran, C.** (2014, October 14). *Professional ethics and social media*. Continuing education presentation at Richmond Graduate University. Chattanooga, TN.
- Cooper-Nurse, J., Faison, E., Maynard, D., **Sutherland, S.** (2014, September). *Supervision innovation: Advocating for effective and responsible distance supervision competencies*. Seminar presented at the National Conference, Southern Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors (SACES). Birmingham, AL.
- Doverspike, W. F.** (2015, April). *DSM-5 and ICD-10 for mental health professionals*. Workshop presented at Dekalb County Community Service Board. Decatur, GA.
- Doverspike, W. F.** (2015, March). *DSM-5 and ICD-10 for mental health professionals*. Workshop presented at Ridgeview Institute. Smyrna, GA.
- Doverspike, W. F.** (2015, January). *Ethical decision making for mental health professionals*. Workshop presented at Clayton County Public Schools. Jonesboro, GA.
- Doverspike, W.F.** (2014, December). *DSM-5 coding and crosswalking to ICD-10*. Workshop presented at the Counseling and Psychological Services Center, Emory University. Atlanta, GA.
- Doverspike, W. F.** (2014, November). *Ethics for mental health professionals: Avoiding the top ten ethical pitfalls*. Workshop presented at Clayton County Public Schools. Jonesboro, GA.
- Doverspike, W. F.** (2014, August). *Ethical decision making: Putting ethics into practice*. Workshop presented at the Department of Psychology, Emory University. Atlanta, GA.
- Felix, K., & Sutherland, S.** (2015, May). *The role of spirituality and religion in counseling and clinical supervision*. Seminar presented at the State Conference of the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia (LPCAGA). Savannah, GA.
- Gladson, J. A.** (2014, October). *Job and the suffering of the world*. Symposium conducted at the annual Christmount Week. Black Mountain, NC.
- Pressley, J. D.** (2015, April). *Sacred dissonance: Attending to client spirituality and religiosity in complex trauma treatment*. Invited workshop at the Trauma Center Training Institute, Brookline, MA.
- McMinn, M., Goetsch, B., **Pressley, J.**, Strawn, B., Kim, C., & Jennings, J. (2015, April). *Spiritual formation as a dimension of culture and training in Christian doctoral psychology programs*. Pre-conference workshop at the 2015 Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) annual international conference. Denver, CO.
- Rosenau, D. & Sytsma, M.** (2014). *The disciplines of intimacy: Experiencing passionate lovemaking*. Post-conference workshop at the Christian Association of Psychological Studies international conference. Atlanta, GA.
- Rosenau, D., & Taylor, D.** (2014). *Hot monogamy: Enriching marital lovemaking*. Presented at the American Association of Christian Counselors Marriage & Family Summit. San Diego, CA.
- Rosenau, D. & Sytsma, M.** (2014). *Sexual communication: The heart of passionate intimacy*. Presented at the American Association of Christian Counselors national conference. Branson, MO.
- Rowland, S.** (2015). *The with-God life*. Presented at St. John's Episcopal Church. Naples, FL.
- Sisemore, T.A.** (2015, April). *Acceptance and commitment therapy: A Christian introduction to application*. Invited seminar at the annual meeting of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies Convention. Denver, CO.
- Sisemore, T. A.** (2014, August). *Acceptance and commitment therapy: An introduction*. Seminar presented to Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselors Association. Chattanooga, TN.

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# PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS

## CONVERSATIONS JOURNAL



Joanna Sadler, Editor,  
Conversations Journal

**Sisemore, T. A.**, Emmons, R., & Bufford, R. K. (2014, August). *Investigating grace as a religious construct: Initial data and directions for research and application*. Presented at Div. 36 Hospitality Suite, American Psychological Association Convention. Washington, DC.

**Smith, J. D.** (2014). *How far the West was won*. Lecture series delivered at Bethel Seminary. San Diego, CA.

**Snyder, V.** & Keyes, B. (2015, April). *The impact of spirituality on healing and wellness of sex trafficking survivors*. Workshop presented at the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation (ISSTD) Annual Conference. Orlando, FL.

**Snyder, V.** & Keyes, B. (2014, October). *Heart trauma model research trends*. Workshop presented at the Hope for Justice Professional Conference. Nashville, TN.

**Snyder, V.** & Keyes, B. (2014, October). *Healing emotional effective responses to trauma: A model for working with trafficking survivors*. Workshop presented at the Hope for Justice Professional Conference. Nashville, TN.

**Sutherland, S.** (2014, September). *Effective and ethical supervision: Development, maintenance and evaluation of clinicians*. Presented at Uganda Christian University. Mokono Town, Uganda.

**Sutherland, S.** (2015, April). *Effective and ethical supervision: Development, maintenance and evaluation of clinicians*. Seminar presented at Richmond Graduate University. Atlanta, GA.

**Sutherland, S.** (2014, November). *Issues and ethics in the helping profession*. Seminar presented for Legacy Changers. Atlanta, GA.





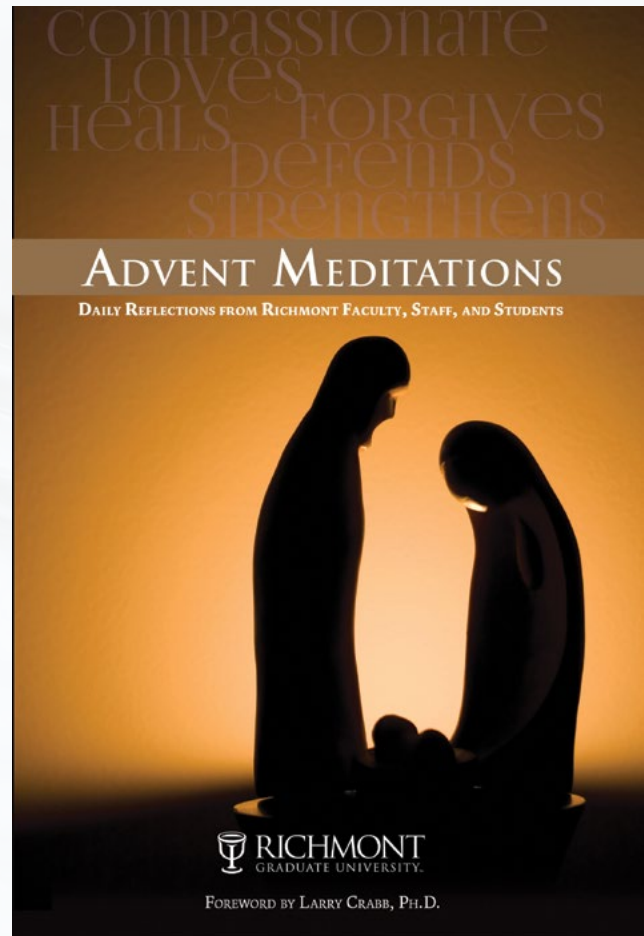
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## ADVENT MEDITATIONS

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In November 2015, Richmond students, staff, and faculty came together to create a devotional to celebrate the Advent season. We believe in worshiping our God in creative, heartfelt ways, even as our culture moves away from the sacredness of the season. Celebrating the true gift of our Savior, each daily writing captures a short reflection, story, or meditation about the awe-inspiring God we serve. Selections include titles such as, “Jesus Delights in Us,” “Jesus Cries with Us,” “Jesus Frees Us,” and “Jesus Is Ours Forever.”

We were truly blessed for Dr. Larry Crabb, Distinguished Professor of Counseling and Psychology, to write the foreword, which asks the question, “What if Jesus Never Came?” Concluding that He chose the path of incarnation so as to display His love in the fullest form possible, the rest of the book considers how His love is reflected throughout Scripture in myriad ways. At Richmond, Jesus is our reason for existing, and we were so excited to celebrate Him in this way.



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**THE SPRING AND FALL 2015 ISSUES WERE “COMMUNITY” AND “MILLENNIALS.”** For the fall issue we were honored to welcome several young writers and artists to join the conversation on Millennials and Spiritual Formation.

After much research and reader surveys, **CONVERSATIONS LAUNCHED A MORE ROBUST AND INTERACTIVE DIGITAL EDITION OF THE MAGAZINE** in late 2014. The e-version is available for download in the App and GooglePlay stores. It was a privilege to cater to the desires of Journal subscribers by offering both print and digital formats.

**VARIOUS PROMOTIONS AND GIVE-AWAYS TOOK PLACE** monthly via the website and through the Journal’s Facebook group. The Journal enjoys a very involved community of online participants and social media has offered a strong forum for continued discussion.

**THE MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER, “CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION” INCREASED SUBSCRIBERS AND ADVERTISERS TO MORE THAN 4,000!** All 12 months of the year were sponsored for Conversations Journal by a generous advertiser or ministry partner. Thanks to the commitment of many, readers receive thoughtful content and are connected with meaningful organizations or upcoming events.

**THE ANNUAL EDITORS MEETING WAS HOSTED IN JULY IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.** The team discussed future themes, new writers, and editors. Laura Ortberg Turner was introduced as the newest Section Editor for the “Classical Spiritual Exercises” section. The Journal team also had the opportunity to meet with designer, Matt Rhodes of Fox Fire Creative. The meeting concluded with a guided walk through Garden of the Gods.



# STUDENT LIFE

Ask Richmond students what they love most about campus life and the answer is always  
"Community!" At Richmond, we are intentional about building a community that lasts a lifetime. Here are some of the events students love most.



Chattanooga Lookouts Game



Faith & Family Night at the Riverbend Festival



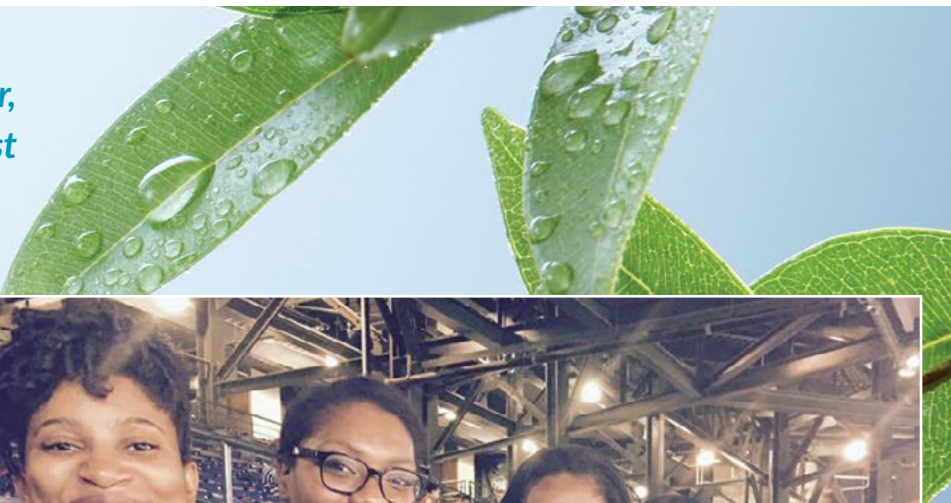
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Halloween Block Party



about the university and you're likely to hear,  
all about building relationships that will last  
years enjoyed this year.



Halloween Block Party



Atlanta Braves Game



**OTHER  
EVENTS  
INCLUDED:**

**Fondue Party** February 12, Chattanooga  
**Graduation Party** May 3, Atlanta; May 7, Chattanooga  
**Riverbend's Faith and Family Night** June 10, Chattanooga  
**Movie Night** June 30, Chattanooga; July 6, Atlanta  
**Orientation** August 12, Atlanta; August 14, Chattanooga  
**New Student Dinner** August 19, Atlanta  
**Genesis Picnic** August 22

**Josh Levs, author of All In** October 26, Atlanta  
**Alumni Reunion** October 30  
**Thanksgiving Celebration** November 16, Atlanta;  
November 17, Chattanooga  
**Study Break Night** November 20, Atlanta  
**Christmas Party** December 3, Chattanooga;  
December 4, Atlanta



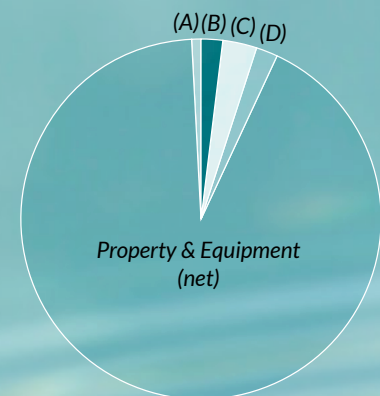
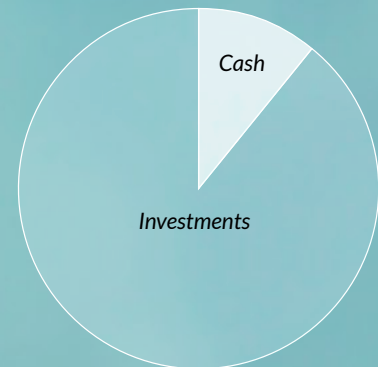
# FINANCIALS

The university engaged an independent accounting firm to conduct a full audit of its financial records according to generally accepted accounting principles. The university received a clean audit and complied with all government requirements pertaining to major federal loan programs.

The faculty, staff, and students of Richmond are grateful for every partner who financially invests in the university's mission of providing Christ-centered education and research that advances God's work of healing, restoration, and transformation.

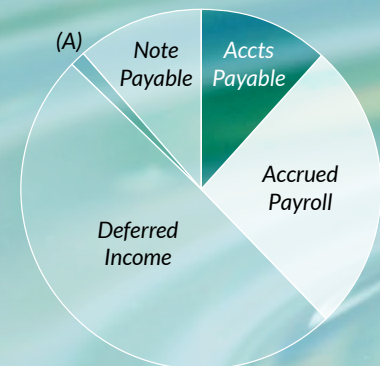
## ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	2015	2014
Cash	\$357,264	\$494,760
Investments	2,872,266	3,393,141
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>3,229,530</b>	<b>3,887,901</b>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Land Held for Investment (B)	112,273	112,273
Accounts Receivable - Net (C)	165,150	180,016
Prepaid Expenses (D)	116,484	108,643
Property and Equipment - Net	5,112,795	3,311,942
Other Assets (A)	31,678	35,975
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>5,538,380</b>	<b>3,748,849</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$8,767,910</b>	<b>\$7,636,750</b>



## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	2015	2014
Accounts Payable	\$84,378	\$202,100
Accrued Payroll	185,960	139,782
Deferred Income	354,401	436,567
Accrued Compensated Absences (A)	9,415	8,531
Note Payable	80,000	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>714,154</b>	<b>786,980</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	6,587,419	5,503,420
Temporarily Restricted	1,329,918	1,209,931
Permanently Restricted	136,419	136,419
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>8,053,756</b>	<b>6,849,770</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$8,767,910</b>	<b>\$7,636,750</b>







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