Academics

Beginning Fall 2015, Central Christian College will offer a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Music Education. The degree, recently approved by the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), will focus on the development of musicianship and teacher education while upholding the College’s unique mission to provide a “Christ-Centered Education for Character.” Brett Janssen (Music Professor) and Staci Horton (Chair of the Education Department) are eager to initiate the program and are looking forward to training a new generation of teachers prepared to instill an appreciation for music into the lives of the modern student. Unlike many other programs, this program was strategically designed to highlight the role of technology as it relates to music. This aspect of the program was specifically applauded by the Kansas State Department of Education and is a role that Central Christian College is uniquely designed to address with the resources of the Contemporary Christian Music program and recording studios already housed at the College.

Central Christian College was recently highlighted in a list of “50 Most Affordable Selective Colleges for Sports Management 2015”. This is the first time the college has appeared on this list, which can be found here.

“Refine Print”

Last year’s writing anthology, Refine Print 2, is now available for Kindle on Amazon. This anthology features student-written poetry and short stories produced during the Introduction to Creative Writing course in Fall 2014 and Forms of Narrative in Spring 2015. The anthology itself was produced by students in Literary Publication in Spring 2015. Refine Print 2 grew from the creativity, energy, and labor of several students, some first-time creative writers, and we’re proud of the result. Check out the finished product and share it with friends and family.

Click here to go to the product page for “Refine Print”. All proceeds go to the English Honors Club.
Academics continued...

Ceramics classes have begun in the newly remodeled art building located at 1111 S. Main, just north of the CCM Warehouse. The Windgate Foundation awarded the Art Dept. a grant for $60,000 last year for this project. We await the delivery of the final few pieces of equipment and materials to truly complete this project, but it looks great already.

New Mural in Briner Library

Come take a look at the new mural in Briner Library. This was a project of student Mayuko Shono, who says: “I always wanted to make history by using my art skills in a public setting. One year ago, I was talking with my librarian Mrs. Bev about the atmosphere and decorations in the library. She mentioned that I could design and paint a wall to make the room look more appealing. However, it didn’t happen during that year since we had no time and money to proceed. I asked my art professor, Mrs. Ullum if I could do a mural for our school library as a mural class project and she approved.”

PBL Achievements

A group of six students and three CCC staff members have returned from Chicago, Illinois after attending the PBL National Conference. The students are Josh Black, Liz Caron, Brady Sherman, Todd Nelson, Tara Kemp, and Grace Chaires. The advisors are Heath Whitehouse and David Ferrell. Rich Martin also accompanied the group as a quasi-advisor and tour guide. We returned with a SECOND in Marketing Concepts by Tara Kemp. This was an individual testing event. We also brought back a FOURTH in Local Annual Chapter Report. There were 2300 students attending the conference, with 35 or more competing in Marketing Concepts and 25-35 PBL local chapters submitting a chapter report. For us to place as high as we did is a testament to our students and to our program.

Upcoming Events

- September 4, 7:00 p.m. – Women's Volleyball vs. Saint Gregory
- September 5, 11:00 a.m. – Women’s Volleyball vs. McPherson College
- September 5, 3:00 p.m. – Women's Volleyball vs. College of the Ozarks
- September 5, 5:30 p.m. – Women’s Soccer vs. Grace University
- September 5, 8:00 p.m. – Men's Soccer vs. Grace University
- September 17, 9:30 a.m. – Music Department open house to celebrate the first phase of remodel/upgrade
- September 18-19 - Preview Weekend (click here to schedule a visit)
- September 27, 10:00 a.m. – Concert Choir at Community Christian Church in Great Bend, KS

October 2-4 - Homecoming Weekend (click here to register online)
Personnel

Carol Nelson - Education Instructor, K-12 Professional Development Coordinator
Kimberly Perrone - Elementary Education Instructor, Field Experience Director
Gail Greco - Presidents Opportunity Challenge Coordinator
Lynda Linder - Archive Director
Michelle Barreiro - Director of Development, Instructor for SPE program
Rebecca Payne - Enrollment & Records Clerk
Maggie Burnett - Athletic Trainer
Mary Beth Fogarty – Director of Counseling Services
Guy Gardner – RD for Gillespie
Jed Litwiller – RD for Parsons
Steve Reed – Athletic Director
Mark Ritchhart – Women’s Softball Coach
Renae Ritchhart – Executive Assistant to the President
Rebecca Williams – Writing Center Director, English Instructor
Janice Schroeder – Financial Aid
Lisa Seltzer – Admissions Office Coordinator

Fine Arts Remodel
Come see the upgrades in Mattson Studio A, made possible through a grant from the McPherson County Community Foundation.
In other news...

The President and First Lady have been on the road this summer connecting with donors, alumni, online students, faculty, and friends of the college across the country. It has been a great experience and very fruitful. Hal and Kathy have been touched by the relationships they are building and the enthusiasm they’ve encountered for Central’s mission. Areas visited so far are Colorado Springs, CO, Denver, CO, Ft Collins, CO, Caldwell, ID, Lagrande, OR, Bonners Ferry, ID, Spokane, WA, Rapid City, SD, Omaha, NE.

On August 25th at our Academic Convocation in Greer Auditorium, Al Henrion was presented with the Servant Leadership Award. Al has graciously driven from Michigan for interterm for the last 3 years to volunteer as the stained glass instructor. He donated much of the equipment and supplies to make the course successful, and also volunteered to do the bulk of the labor as a gift to the college in an effort to make the new art building across the street a reality. He continues to be a good example of a life of service to the Lord, the students, and the faculty. He is greatly appreciated and we enjoy his warm smile and creativity.

Study Tours 2016

Ireland: In January 2016, members of Candi Alexander’s interterm class, as well as friends of the college, will embark on an educational adventure with an EF Education Theatre and Literature 12-day Tour to England and Ireland. If you are interested in joining Candi, call 620-241-0723, x363 or email her at: candi.alexander@centralchristian.edu

Israel: Here is your last chance before our 1st deadline for applications, application fees etc. for the Israel, 2016 study tour during January. If you are interested, Larry Anderson would be excited to discuss the details and have any who can join them for this trip! He can be reached at: larry.anderson@centralchristian.edu

Notes

This concludes the September 2015 issue of First Friday from Central Christian College. If you know of someone who should be added to the FF mailing list or if you wish to be removed, let us know. If you are changing your email address, send us a note so you don’t miss a single issue. Contact Daniel Schwindt at the email address below.

First Friday is put together for you by the Development staff of Central Christian College at 1348 N. Main St. Feel free to contact us with any comments, questions, or ideas.

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