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# THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



The following are excerpts from President Favara's inaugural address. You may watch the full address and view pictures at [cckcfoundation.org/inauguration](http://cckcfoundation.org/inauguration).

As the newly installed president of this college, my job here today is to provide you with a visionary glimpse into the future of this college, to set the agenda, to pronounce prosperity, and boldly go where no one has gone before.

However, before I do that, you need to be aware this is Homecoming Weekend on the campus of Central Christian College of Kansas. Interestingly enough, this year's theme is "There's No Place Like Home".

Now, you need to understand that I have a bit of an infatuation with the Wizard of Oz. Not like a weird one or anything. My interest is purely academic in nature as it pertains to the socio-cultural aspects of the production. You could imagine my delight as it instantly gave me a platform to use the imagery of this story as a backdrop to my own understanding of the impact and future of this great institution.

There once was a time, much like Dorothy, that I stood dreaming of a great someday. And then BANG – I found myself in central Kansas at a little school called Central College.

Now, unlike Dorothy, I was not from Kansas. As a young child I grew up on

Long Island, New York. Later, as my family divided, I spent part of my year in Florida and the other part of the year trekking through the mountains of Colorado. So, you can imagine that my journey to the Great Plains was a tornadoic experience for me. Furthermore, the structure and mission of this college was not in my plans. Like Dorothy landing in Munchkin land, my entry into this place left me a little dazed and confused.

And that was where the journey began. Because it was in those moments that my search for a "home" began. It was the lessons that I learned on that journey, a journey that happened right here on this campus, that forever altered the direction and focus of my life.

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So, let's take a little journey.

## THE SCARECROW

The first key character that Dorothy encountered was the Scarecrow (who had no brain).

As you would expect, my journey here at CCKC has been a journey of learning. As I see it, this is an essential element of our missional existence. The pursuit of knowledge and the advancement of academic achievement will continue to play a key role in all we do.

However, there are many educational institutions, who at face value, might echo this dedication to pursue knowledge and truth. Yet, it is our assertion that any pursuit of truth that attempts to circumnavigate the reality and existence of our Creator is really chasing after the wind.

We recognize that to pursue truth is to pursue God. As we pursue knowledge and grow in our understanding of truth, we will invariably find ourselves on a crash course with God. Therefore, I believe we have a moral responsibility to ensure that our students are not just equipped to critically engage the science, but also to actively engage the One who brought it into being.

## THE TINMAN

What was his problem? No heart.

I cannot think of a more appropriate illustration to demonstrate the reality of what living without a heart looks like, other than to point to the current state of our good union. If there was ever a time that this nation, this world, needs men and women of integrity, honor, and civility – that time is now.

Nearly gone are the days that an individual was judged primarily by his or her character, rather than the level of success of his or her conquests. I think we all long for the day when virtue, courtesy, and respect were lauded over possessions, personality, and power.

Central's mission speaks directly to this need and is truly the distinctive of this College. Yes, we are unapologetically and unwaveringly Christ-Centered. That is a fundamental reality – our position for 135 years, and our perspective for the next 135. However, we are not the only institution to carry the banner of Christ. Therefore, it is not necessarily our distinction. Our distinguishing mark, the element that sets us apart, is our focus to touch both heart and mind. Luke 2:52 asks us to exhort our students, to help them grow in wisdom, while also increasing in stature and in favor with God and humanity.

Therefore, I say that it is time to bring the heart back into the hallowed halls of higher education.

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**THE LION**

Our next character is the Lion. He lacked courage.

Our world has a very real need for people who have the grit to see things through, who do not melt under the burden of great expectations. God needs people who are able to persevere in the face of hardship, to fight for the oppressed, to enter the breach and boldly proclaim truth.

Again, that is why I believe CCKK is unique in its ability to touch the heart. We have here a unique environment that allows students to test and tackle new skills, abilities, and achievements.

Our future will continue to be tied to providing an environment of exploration and discovery, characterized by people equipping and encouraging each individual to valiantly forge forward, to reach for higher ground, to fulfill the God-given potential knitted into every life.

**DOROTHY**

There is still one last character we need to address here – that is the character Dorothy, herself. Remember, the whole reason we were introduced to the scarecrow, the tinman and the lion was because of the deficit in her own life – the need for meaning; a home.

I think it is important that you understand the strategic model that informs the work of CCKK. Our mission is fleshed out by defining character through something we call the Core Four. The Core Four recognizes that true character is achieved through an appreciation for and development of heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Dorothy’s journey through Oz was defined by a quest to find home. However, in order to complete that quest she first had to deal with an internal journey of the soul, which challenged her to wrestle with her priorities and discover her true identity. Her journey



forced her to grow in knowledge (the mind of the Scarecrow), character (the heart of the Tinman), and tenacity (the courage of the Lion). In doing so, she herself was transformed.

This brings me to the core element of our conversation here today. It all comes down to those ruby slippers. For, in the very moment that Dorothy’s feet were encapsulated in those shoes, she fell under the protection of a power that no evil could overcome. Every attempt to harm her was thwarted by the presence of those ruby slippers.

This is the exact same invitation given to each and every student who walks through the doors of this College – the chance to appropriate the ruby red blood of Christ to wash them, cleanse them, and purify them – to save them from the power of evil.

However, that is not where the story ends. Protection from evil and deliverance from the curse of death were only the starting point for Dorothy, as it is with us. It was the first stage of grace, which justified and protected her. As Dorothy journeyed, safe in the vindicating work of those ruby slippers; as she had opportunity to grow in mind, in heart, and in strength; the evolution of her soul allowed her to appropriate the power afforded to her through those shoes. While the shoes covered her externally, there was an internal transformation that also needed to oc-

cur – a soul that needed to fully grasp the potential provided to her.

Those shoes remind me that the core element of both our past and our future is wrapped up in the all sufficient, sustaining blood of Christ. Those shoes represent the ruby red blood of Christ that allows our feet to be shod with the ready power that comes from the gospel of peace; both justifying us and sanctifying us, protecting us and empowering us.

This is what excites me about the future of Central, because this journey – the journey of mind, heart, soul, and strength – is a journey that has been going on in the lives of Central students for over 135 years. That is why we call this place home.

So for us, each time we step back on campus, we reminisce, celebrate, and rekindle the quest we once embarked upon. Perhaps even taking up the journey, yet again. And so, before God and this good company, I commit to ensuring that we shall never lose sight of the foundational truths that have shaped our journey so far.

Because there simply is no place like Central. There is no place like home.

  
**Dr. Lenny F. Favara**  
 President | CC '89, '91

# THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION: A TIMELINE



## 2:45 PM

Beginning at Science Hall, the president, dignitaries, faculty, staff, and the choir line up to prepare for the processional.

## 3:10 PM

The processional begins to make its way around Science Hall, through M.B. Miller Heritage Plaza, and towards McPherson Free Methodist Church.



## 3:15 PM

Leading the processional is the Central Choir, Una Voce. At the president's request, they sang several hymns on the way to the church.



## 3:20 PM

Several dignitaries were present for the Inauguration, including former Central presidents Hal Hoxie, Don Mason, and Harvey Ludwick (pictured).



## 3:25 PM

The processional makes its way into the church with the faculty and staff being led by Natural Science Professor, Mr. Michael Craig.



# THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION: A TIMELINE



## 3:30 PM

To begin the Inauguration Ceremony, Free Methodist Superintendent Rev. Dr. Bruce Cromwell delivers the Invocation.

## 3:33 PM

Dean of Academics, Dr. Jacob Kaufman, welcomes everyone to the Inauguration and leads the singing of the Central Alma Mater.



## 3:38 PM

Several greetings are given to the president, including greetings from the city of McPherson, with Mayor Tom Brown presenting.



## 3:58 PM

The Central Choir performs a musical interlude: *Over the Rainbow*. The choir is directed by Mrs. Amy Tolle and accompanied by Dr. Brett Janssen.



## 4:04 PM

Following the musical interlude, Free Methodist Bishop, Rev. Dr. Linda Adams, presents the Inaugural Address.



# THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION: A TIMELINE



## 4:25 PM

Dr. David Ferrell, Director of the CCCK Foundation and Chair of the Business Department, introduces President Favara.

## 4:30 PM

Dr. Gary Anderson, Chair of the Board of Trustees, installs the president and presents the Presidential Medallion with the aid of Dr. Mary Oehlert.



## 4:40 PM

Following the Prayer of Consecration and presentation of the Presidential Bible by Dr. Linda Adams, the President delivers the Presidential Response.



## 5:05 PM

To close out the Inauguration Ceremony, the choir provides the Choral Benediction with a Central traditional, *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*.



## 5:15 PM

Following the Ceremony, the president meets attendees back on campus for a celebration and dinner, featuring the Central Jazz Band.



# MORE PICS FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION



# HOMECOMING 2019 – NO PLACE LIKE HOME

## ALUMNI HOSPITALITY ROOM



## CORONATION



## BASKETBALL SHOWCASE



## CCCK FAMILY COOKOUT





# HOMECOMING 2019 – NO PLACE LIKE HOME

## ART DEMONSTRATION



## 1969 50TH REUNION



## ALUMNI DINNER



# HOMECOMING 2019 – NO PLACE LIKE HOME



# OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI 2019

During the various Homecoming festivities, one very important, annual event is the awarding of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. This award is designated for any alumni who graduated within the last 15 years who embodies and possesses Christ-like character, demonstrates civic involvement, and exhibits a self-sacrificing lifestyle. This year's recipient of the award is 2010 graduate, Mr. C.J. Luckey.

C.J. Luckey is a national touring Hip-Hop Artist, Youth Pastor and Motivational Speaker who invests his talents, effort and energy into edifying the younger generation.

As a Youth Pastor, C.J. serves at Freedom Fellowship Church in San Angelo, TX. He is also heavily involved in his community serving in many capacities with the goal of making a difference and improving the lives of others, while improving himself and serving as a role model to those around him.

While attending Central Christian College of Kansas, he played basketball from 2006-2010. In addition to making contributions on the court, C.J. met his beautiful wife Samantha of 7 years. They now have two beautiful daughters, Olivia Joy (3 yrs old) and Harper Love (9 months).

C.J. is the CEO and founder of C.A.P.S. which is an acronym for Celebrating All Persevering Students. C.A.P.S. is a non-profit organization with the goal of changing the culture and mindset of students around the world. Over the past two years he has traveled around the country to numerous elementary schools promoting the growth mindset through hip-hop and motivational speaking. Through the C.A.P.S. movement C.J. presents a powerful message of perseverance and hope that encourages, empowers and inspires students and educators inside and outside of the classroom.



C.J. Luckey and Dr. Dean Kroeker, V.P. of Advancement



C.J. speaks to alumni in attendance



C.J.'s wife, Samantha

As a Christian, C.J.'s relationship with Jesus Christ permeates everything he does inside and outside of the church. He has always proclaimed that "when you have a gift or something that can change or impact the lives of many people, you have a responsibility to bring it to life. God is the giver of all good and perfect gifts. I want to steward the gifts He has given me well and point the people I encounter to Him".

We're proud to have alumni like C.J. out in the world making a difference for Christ! We believe C.J. embodies the character and lifestyle that pertains to

the Outstanding Young Alumni Award and congratulate him on receiving this achievement.

*Any member of the Central community, alumnus, staff, student, or friend can submit an alumni for nomination of this award. Nominations are accepted on a rolling basis and are reviewed by the Alumni Association Board every April for presentation the following October. To nominate a worthy alumni please fill out the nomination form at [cckcfoundation.org](http://cckcfoundation.org).*

# GIVING DAY 2019

December 3, 2019

Keep your Tiger Blue and Gold spirit high by participating in our Alumni Giving Day Challenge. Your timed generosity will be honored by the student body, faculty and staff as together we raise funds to install a nine hole disc golf course on campus. The purpose of this project is to enhance the campus environment and to encourage students to develop different aspects of the Core Four - fit heart, fit soul, fit mind, and fit strength.

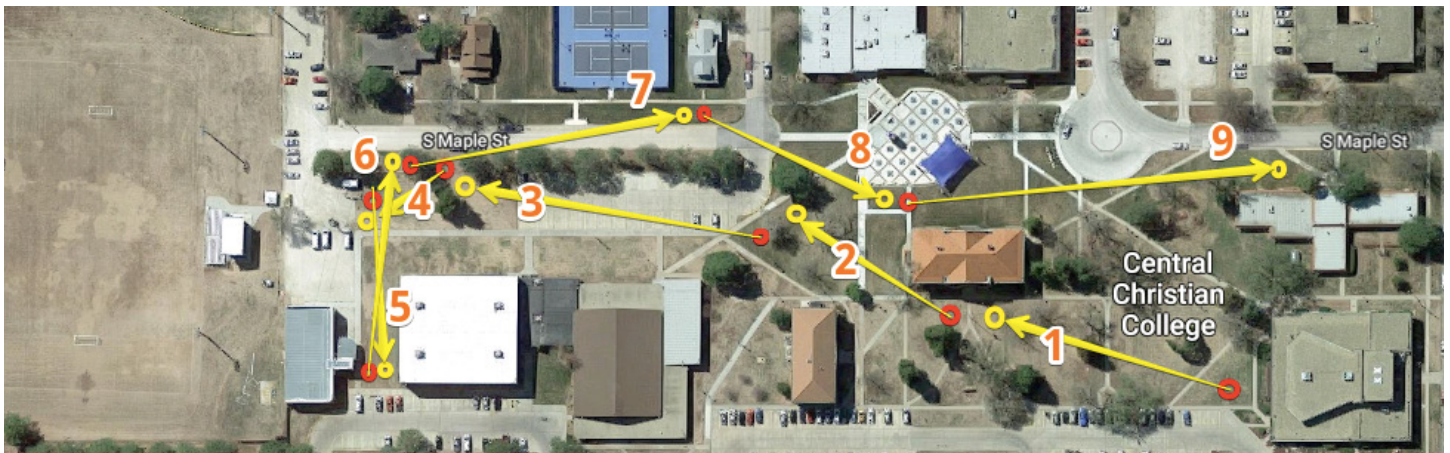
A 9-hole disc golf course will help promote campus community and camaraderie through relaxed and friendly competition. As Central Christian College of Kansas desires to continually improve its campus and add to a positive experience, this is one area that will improve the campus culture and environment. Many current and potential students play disc golf, and this could be a great campus activity for all individuals.

The total amount needed to fund this project is just over \$3000. One way you can help this project is by sponsoring a disc golf basket or a tee-box pad. For just \$190.00, you will be able to sponsor one of these items.

Thank you for your consideration of giving to this campaign. The students, faculty, staff, and any individuals that play the disc golf course will be truly grateful for your generosity!

If you would like to give to this campaign, go to [ccckfoundation.org](http://ccckfoundation.org) or call 620.504.3000 ext. 104 today!

## THE PROPOSED COURSE



## REFER A STUDENT TODAY

... THEIR FUTURE BEGINS AT CENTRAL! ...

Know someone – family member, friend, co-worker – looking to get their college degree? Refer them to Central Christian College of Kansas today! They can email us at [admissions@centralchristian.edu](mailto:admissions@centralchristian.edu) or text us at **620.241.0723** to find out more information. Thanks for your help!

## JANSSEN PRESENTS AT KMTA



Dr. Brett Janssen, CC '01

Music Department Chair, Dr. Brett Janssen, presented at the Kansas Music Teachers Association conference on September 27, which was hosted by Tabor College in Hillsboro, KS. His presentation, titled "Incorporating Audiation Techniques of Gordon's Music Learning Theory into Beginning Piano Lessons," was well-received by about sixty collegiate and independent piano teachers from around the state.

When asked about the presentation, Dr. Janssen responded "I am thankful

for this opportunity to share my experiences and research with other music teachers and I am excited for what opportunities the Lord provides in the future."

The umbrella organization of the Kansas Music Teachers is the Music Teachers National Association, and Mrs. Amy Tolle, Director of Choral and Vocal Music at CCKK, also attended the conference.

## KAUFMAN HOSTS HOUSE SHOW

On November 2, students from Central's music program performed at a house show. The house show was hosted by Dr. Jacob Kaufman, CC '03.

Two solo artists, seniors Charis Ball and Emily Widiger, performed covers and original pieces. Following, the lab band Lemongrass performed a set of their own. Lemongrass is a new lab band this semester and consists of seniors Emily Widiger and Kayla Ouderkirk, junior Luke Koerperich, and sophomore Jordan Summers.



Senior, Charis Ball



Senior, Emily Widiger



Background | Senior Kayla Ouderkirk  
Foreground | Sophomore Jordan Summers

# UPCOMING FINE ARTS EVENTS

**NOV. 19 CCM SEMINAR – JOEY LEMON LECTURE**  
4 PM | THE WAREHOUSE

**NOV. 19 CCM SEMINAR – JOEY LEMON CONCERT**  
7 PM | THE WAREHOUSE

**NOV. 20 APPLIED LESSON RECITAL**  
4 PM | GREER AUDITORIUM

**DEC. 01 GUEST – MCPHERSON BRASS**  
7 PM | GREER AUDITORIUM

**DEC. 04 APPLIED LESSON RECITAL**  
4 PM | GREER AUDITORIUM

**DEC. 05 A JAZZY CHRISTMAS**  
7 PM | THE WAREHOUSE

**DEC. 08 CENTRAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM**  
3 PM | GREER AUDITORIUM

**DEC. 09 SONGWRITERS/LAB BAND CONCERT**  
7 PM | THE WAREHOUSE

# TIGERS PLAY IN MAYOR'S CUP

The Central Christian Men's and Women's Basketball team battled crosstown rival McPherson College in the 2nd Annual Mayor's Cup. The Women, who lost last year, had their sights set on taking the trophy back to Central. The Men on the other hand had the order of defending their trophy after a dominating win last year.

The Women got things started and the first quarter was an even, slow start offensively for both teams. McPherson led 14-11 after the first quarter. Defense was a big presence in the first half of the game and it showed no signs of stopping. The second quarter was the same as the first, neither team could generate the offense to breakout to a huge lead. After the first half, McPherson College led 29-22 and Central would look to make adjustments to have a strong 3rd quarter and get back in the game.

The third quarter began with the offensive production that each team was looking for. Trading buckets, McPherson led 50-42 after 3 quarters. In the 4th quarter, Central forced some key turnovers and were able to battle back to make it a game. After a back and forth last quarter, the Tigers would end up falling to McPherson 76-65. Jordan Dixon led the way offensively for the Tigers with 11 points. The Tigers fall to 1-3 on the season and they will turn things around when they play Manhattan Christian College on Nov. 15th.

On the Men's side, they had the opportunity to win the Mayor's Cup for the 2nd year in a row and take the Cup back to Central. The first half was an offensive explosion from both teams, but Central found themselves on top 37-35 after the first half.

The Tigers were looking to build on their lead in the second half, and that would be exactly what they did. Central forced multiple turnovers within a few minutes and found themselves up by over 10 points with 5 minutes to play. The Tigers would go on to win the game 77-70 to retain the Mayor's Cup. TJ Williams stole the show offensively as he produced 22 points and was a force on both sides of the ball all night.



## NOVEMBER 2019 SPORTS SCHEDULE

<sup>RV</sup> Reserve Team \* Conference Event # Exhibition

**Home Games in Bold**

- 1 MBball<sup>RV</sup> @ Sterling College  
WBball @ Park University  
**VB vs. Oklahoma City University\***  
MBball @ Sterling College
- 2 **MSoc vs. Bacone College**  
**WSoc vs. Bacone College**  
VB @ Haskell University
- 4 **MSoc vs. SW Assemblies of God\***  
**WSoc vs. SW Assemblies of God\***  
**MBball<sup>RV</sup> @ Oral Roberts University**
- 5 WBball @ Oral Roberts University#  
**VB vs. Langston University\***
- 6 MBball<sup>RV</sup> @ McPherson College  
WBball @ McPherson College (Mayor's Cup)  
MBball @ McPherson College (Mayor's Cup)
- 8 VB @ John Brown University\*  
**MBball vs. Dallas Christian College**
- 9 MWres – OCU Open  
**XC Sooner Athletic Conference Meet**  
**MBball vs. Nebraska Christian**  
WSoc @ Univ. of Sci. and Arts of OK
- 11 **MBball<sup>RV</sup> vs. Sterling College**
- 13 **MBball vs. Haskell University**
- 15 **MBball vs. Manhattan Christian**
- 16 MWres – Bethany Open  
WBball @ Pittsburg State University#
- 19 WBball @ Barclay College
- 20 **MSoc vs. TBA (semifinals)**  
**MWres – Wayland Duel**
- 21 WBball @ Univ. of Sci. and Arts of OK<sup>RV\*</sup>  
MBball @ Univ. of Sci. and Arts of OK
- 22 **MSoc vs. TBA (finals)**
- 23 MWres – Nebraska-Kearney Open  
**WBball vs. Mid America Christian<sup>RV\*</sup>**  
**MBball vs. Mid America Christian\***
- 26 WBball @ University of Nebraska-Kearney#  
MBball @ Barclay College

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