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TODAY NEWSLETTER

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alumni and friends of
Central Christian College



IT STARTS TODAY



"Each year I have the opportunity to share with the incoming class and returning students during our annual Academic Convocation. This year was no exception. While making speeches is just 'part of the job' for me, I realize that making a speech during the first week of school is a totally different experience for students. So, I am always interested to hear the words brought to the student body by the Student Body President.

This year, Ms. Marleigh Strickling is serving as SGA President, and might I say, she did a fabulous job. So, I happily sit back this month and give center stage to President Strickling and the words she shared with the campus during Academic Convocation." – **President Favara**

Good morning! I am extremely honored to share a charge with the Student Body today. It truly is my desire and my prayer that the words that have been prepared for you this morning, from one student to another, would be an encouragement to you.

As college students we have the opportunity to take a number of different classes designed to shape and prepare us for God's unique desire for our lives – and while all are required there may be times that some seem pointless. Some we may even dread want to flat out drop. However, from time to time, you will also have a chance to take courses that truly challenge you and changes your entire perspective.

For me that class was Leadership Development – taught, at the time, by our very own, President Favara.

Now, there were several concepts and tips that I took away from that class – but the one thing that Dr. Favara continuously said and guided us towards was this concept that, "It starts today." It was through this mantra that Dr. Favara tried to help us see that everything we do, every decision we make,

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and every step we take will affect not only that moment, but that it also affects tomorrow, and the next day, and ultimately our future.

As a class, we literally broke down every decision we make and evaluated how those decisions made today could eventually lead us either towards our callings or further away. It was a powerful activity but at first I honestly thought it was kind of strange. I didn't want to believe that my decision to eat "lucky charms" or "fruity pebbles" for breakfast was actually going to matter five, ten years down the road. And while a decision like that may seem so small and insignificant, this concept of "it starts today" really began to settle in, and it began to change the way I looked at the calling specifically placed on my life.

What Dr. Favara was desperately asking for us to grasp and to understand was that because "it starts today," that means it doesn't start tomorrow or down the road. It doesn't start after graduation or once you get your dream job. It doesn't start after you get your masters or complete a dissertation. It starts right now!

I remember thinking as a young kid that high schoolers had it all together. That they were cool and could conquer the world. Obviously when I got to high school, I realized that ideal was false and I began looking ahead to college. I thought that when I eventually got to college I could start making something of my life. I could start pursuing a career and become successful.

I am sure you're shocked to hear that once I got to college I found myself looking in the mirror kind of disappointed and hopeless because when on earth was I supposed to "make it?" When was I supposed to become successful and start doing what I was created to do?

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College was supposed to be the place I confirmed my purpose in life so I could patiently anticipate the day I could walk across the stage, get my degree, and start a job that would launch me into my calling. One day I would make it, one day I could be successful, and one day I would find myself living in the moments I was created for.

What I learned was that if I kept waiting for that moment of arrival, I would never make it. I'll never make it because my calling doesn't start tomorrow – it starts today!

I understand that if you are going to be a surgeon you will eventually arrive at the day when you can actually perform a surgery – please don't go and start operating on people tomorrow. As a surgeon, the way that you invest into individuals and their stories doesn't have to wait. Your dedication and drive to perform your best doesn't wait until the day you scrub into surgery. Your heart and desire to do everything you can to help your patient does not need to be put on pause. Your drive to finish and finish well doesn't need to begin when a life is left in your hands.

I think of Jesus and his ministry here on earth and I think we would have to be crazy to assume that Jesus just woke up one day and said, "Okay, I think I will start doing what I was sent here to do." While there was a definite shift in the life of Jesus in regards to his ministry, I believe that if we encountered Jesus before his life of ministry we would encounter the same Jesus the Samaritan women encountered at Jacob's well.

I believe Jesus understood the concept that, "its starts today," I think Jesus knew that what he was created to do and why he was sent to earth didn't have a start date – I don't think Jesus waited to engage in the calling placed on his life by the father.

When we wait for the day we arrive somewhere we miss out on a lifetime of



servicing the Creator in the specific ways we were created.

What would it look like to go all in from the moment our callings were revealed to us? What would it look like to fully embrace what God has created us to do rather than waiting for when we're "good enough" or when we have arrived? As college students it is so easy for us to wait for the moment we finally get to say, "I made it." And I mean, who can blame us? When I look at the real world I see myself as so insignificant and totally unprepared. How can I do what God has created me to do when I can't even compare to what else is out there.

But let me be the first to tell you that you've already made it. As believers, as Children of God, the moment Jesus said, "it is finished," that is where it started. So what are we waiting for? Why are we waiting for a degree when the opportunity to dive in starts today?

Don't get me wrong, our education is very important. It is one of the amazing tools that can be used towards our callings. But don't miss out on how God wants to use you now. Don't miss out on the fact that you are already living your calling, so engage it - today

What would it look like if this year was full of us who woke up every morning and acknowledged that our callings

start today. That we didn't have to wait for anything or anyone to be who Christ has called us to be.

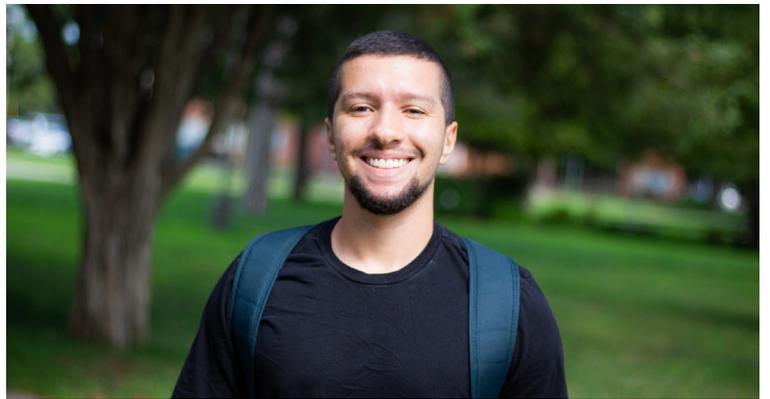
I don't care if you're pursuing business or education. Ministry or sports management. Your gifts and your talents can be used today – matter of fact The Lord wants to use you today. But you can't be limited by your desire to arrive at a place of success. Go all in because it does start today. Begin making decisions that reflect your purpose today.

That statement, "it starts today," eliminated my ability to sit back and wait for the day I "arrived" somewhere. Realizing that what I do today affects way more than just "this moment" added more weight to my decisions. Furthermore, acknowledging the fact that my calling starts today pushed me deeper towards Christ and made me more aware of the places He wants me now in these moments.

So don't let college be a place you tread water and wait for the day you get to actually swim. Let college be a place where you dive in a ride the currents of His good grace.

Marleigh Strickling
Marleigh Strickling
SGA President | CC '20

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!



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HC 2019
OCT. 4-6

YOUR 2019 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE!

Homecoming is just under one month away now. We at Central Christian College of Kansas eagerly look forward to seeing alumni all across campus during the October 4-6 weekend!

On the following pages, you will find a schedule of the events taking place on campus. This year will be slightly different than the past years in that we will be celebrating

the Inauguration of President Leonard Favara as part of the weekend's festivities. Other events include the Central Music Spotlight & Coronation, a 5K Color Run, a Homecoming Family Cookout, and more.

You can make sure you are registered for this event and find further information and a more detailed schedule of Homecoming at www.ccckfoundation.org/homecoming.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 am	Registration & Alumni Hospitality Room	Alumni Dining Room
11:30 am	Alumni and Student Lunch	Upper Dining Room
3:30 pm	Inauguration of the 14th President	Free Methodist Church
5:30 pm	President's Inaugural Celebration Dinner	M.B. Miller Heritage Plaza
6:00 pm	Women's Volleyball vs. Tabor	South Gym
7:00 pm	President's Meeting with President's Circle	Alumni Dining Room
8:00 pm	Central Music Spotlight & Coronation	Greer Auditorium
9:30 pm	Men's and Women's Basketball Showcase	South Gym

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:30 am	Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament	Turkey Creek Golf Course
8:00 am	Registration & Alumni Hospitality Room	Alumni Dining Room
8:00 am	5K Color Run	M.B. Miller Heritage Plaza

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 (CTD.)

8:00 am	KidZone (This session open until 12:00 pm)	Free Methodist Church
8:30 am	Alumni Softball Game	Softball Field
9:30 am	Alumni Women's Soccer	Soccer Field
9:30 am	Alumni Men's Soccer	Soccer Field
9:30 am	Campus Tours	Self-Guided
9:30 am	Women's Volleyball vs. Haskell	South Gym
11:30 am	Homecoming Family Cookout & FunZone	M.B. Miller Heritage Plaza
1:00 pm	Women's Volleyball vs. John Brown	South Gym
1:00 pm	Decade Reunions	Art Building
3:00 pm	KidZone (This session open until 6:30 pm)	Free Methodist Church
3:30 pm	Women's Soccer vs. Mid America Christ.	Soccer Field
5:00 pm	Grab & Go Dinner for Students	Alumni Dining Room
5:00 pm	Alumni Dinner & Young Alumni Award	Upper Dining Room
5:30 pm	Men's Soccer vs. Mid America Christian	Soccer Field
6:30 pm	Pie on the Plaza with the President	M.B. Miller Heritage Plaza

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 am	Coffee with the President	Free Methodist Church
10:30 am	Worship Service	Free Methodist Church

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A NEW RIDE —

Central Christian College of Kansas has been approved by Rusty Eck Ford to participate along with select other educational institutions in the "Adopt a School Program". This means you have the chance to win a brand new Ford Mustang, or truck of your choice valued at \$25,000!

The vehicle pictured or one similar will be on display at Homecoming 2019, so come and inspect your next new car!

Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$10 each, and 100% of the proceeds will benefit the Central Christian College of Kansas Student Scholarships program. There is no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase.

Purchases may be made by cash or check at the Central Christian College Foundation office at 100 W. Kansas Ave, Suite 201; McPherson, KS, 67460 or at the registration table at this year's Homecoming. Tickets are available



NOW and must be purchased on or before December 1, 2019.

Any US citizen, eighteen (18) years of age or older is eligible to participate. The winner will be personally respon-

sible for paying any and all taxes. Five (5) finalists will be randomly selected on December 11th, 2019, and a winner will be randomly selected from the five (5) finalists on December 18, 2019.

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Inauguration OF CENTRAL'S FOURTEENTH PRESIDENT

REV. DR. LEONARD F. FAVARA JR.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019

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FALL FUND DRIVE KICKS OFF

The Foundation of Central Christian College is pleased to announce the formal launch of the fall fund drive. The theme this year is INVESTED, which represents the invitation to all who have an affinity to Central Christian College of Kansas – to be invested. The drive is a major part of the College’s effort to support its mission to offer a Christ-Centered Education for Character. The goal this year is to raise in excess of \$100,000 through the INVESTED campaign while also promoting the great work being done on-ground and online.

Dr. David Ferrell, Executive Director of the Foundation is proud to announce the procurement of a \$50,000 matching fund. These matching funds will multiply the level of investment you make into this year’s drive. So, why not double your investment – get INVESTED!



Each time you refer a student – you are INVESTED. Each time you tell the story of CCKC – you are INVESTED. Each time you give a gift – you are INVESTED. Each time you say a prayer – you are INVESTED. Each time you interact with one of our social media posts – you are INVESTED. So, you see, there are so many ways to be INVESTED.

Gifts to INVESTED go where the needs and opportunities are the greatest, or to support specific programs and scholarships based on donor designation. By giving to the drive you become INVESTED in the future of our students, the future of the College, and the future of God’s mission to touch the lives of others with the Gospel of Christ.

MATCHING GIFT | DOUBLE YOUR INVESTMENT

\$50,000 has been made available as a matching gift! If you would like to double your investment into the mission of Central – a Christ-Centered Education for Character – go to www.cckcfoundation.org to make a donation or call 620.504.3000 ext. 104!

NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS



KAUFMAN TO HEAD UP ACADEMICS



Dr. Jacob Kaufman has been a staple of the Central Christian College family for 20 years now. Having graduated from Central in 2003 and now working on his 15th year as a faculty/staff member, Dr. Kaufman bleeds Tiger blue and gold. That is why we

are thrilled to announce that this past summer Dr. Kaufman accepted the position of Dean of Academics. He has an extensive education and vocational background and is the perfect fit for this position. The school is sure to benefit from his expertise and experience as he works to head up the academics on ground and online.

In order to help you get to know Dr. Kaufman a bit more, we have included the following descriptions of items found in his office that mean a lot to him and in his own words:

1. I Graduated from CCCC 2003 (Major: Liberal Studies Music/Ministry), Bethel Seminary 2009 (Masters of Arts in Christian Thought), and Robert E Webber Institute for Worship Studies 2014 (Doctorate of Worship Studies). I loved being a student! I am very humbled and honored to work at CCCC with students and faculty as the Dean of Academics.

2. About twelve years ago I was given this potted pothos plant from Dr. Jerry (AW '62) and Marie Alexander, former Academic Dean and Registrar of CCCC, respectively (CS '67 & CS '89). For me, this plant is proof that wisdom and life passes from one generation to the next. I am so grateful to Dr. Jerry Alexander for offering me my first job in higher education as Contemporary Music Director here fifteen years ago. I am still amazed that he gave me the job. I cherish all his advice he granted to me as a young instructor and he will always be remembered as one of my mentors. Marie's kindness, gentleness, and grace are shared with whomever she encounters. She is one of my favorite people, a true blessing and now, a wonderful friend.

3. Music making has always been a part of my life. While at CCCC in 2002-03, I was

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in a band titled *In Light of Ezel* with some friends. While we only made a dent in the local music scene, those friendships and the comradery have shaped me into who I am today. The album is a reminder that sharing my soul and being accountable to others is who I should be. Little did I know that I would come back to CCCK and oversee countless bands and songwriters. *Fairview Residential* is a jazz band I have been a part of for the last five years. This group has reminded me that music can be fun, spontaneous, and unifying. Both bands included lifelong friends whom I cherish.

4. As an ordained Deacon through the Communion of Evangelical Episcopal Churches, I am committed to my local church, *Countryside Covenant*, and belong to the Order of St. Anthony.

5. The French Press Community is an all-inclusive group of CCCK faculty, staff, and students that meet for coffee using a French press during lunch on Thursdays, a tradition that has lasted over ten years in

the cafeteria. I have loved the fellowship experienced during these meals.

6. I enjoy the folk genre, and I had the privilege of going to see Bob Dylan live with my wife, Bobbie (CC '05) and Justin (CC '09) and Clair Klooz in 2009. If you ask any of my songwriting students they would tell you that I tend to always end up playing a Dylan song in class. While we may not always align with Dylan's conclusions, his lyrics are challenging, apocalyptic, honest, and witty.

7. This shelf is my "Need to Read" list. Currently, my list includes books on movie theology, faith and learning, worship arts, and mentorship.

8. My 70's ALTEC speakers along with a record collection was given to me by my dad when I was a kid. I am thankful for parents who were willing to invest time and money into me and my education: piano lessons, a guitar, private education, and lots of encouragement and support.

9. I always am looking at pictures of my kids: Saige 10, Violet 8, Jett 5, and Steele 2.

Pictures always remind me that they grow up way too fast. As a family, we love fishing, singing together, gardening, eating ice cream, and going on walks together. So thankful for a wonderful wife and kids – my heart is full.

10. I am a proud member of the Multi-cultural Student Association that was established in 2017. One of the best things about working at a college is encountering diversity and learning from people who are much different from me.

11. Humbled to be in the office of legendary CCCK administrators such as our current President, Dr. Lenny Favara and former Vice President of Advancement, Dr. Calvin Hawkins (CC '65).

12. I have fond memories of listening to the Kansas City Royals games with my grandparents. I have always had an old radio in my office to remind me of my grandpa Huffman and Kaufman. They passed down a love for KC Royals Baseball.

NEW FACES AT CENTRAL



**ADRIANE
CARR**

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**TRICIA
SONDERGARD**

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**CALEB
KOERPERICH**

CC '19, Manager of
Academic Services



**KATRINA
STEINER**

Head Athletic Trainer



**STEVEN
SMITH**

Education Instructor



**AMY
TOLLE**

Director of Choral
and Vocal Music



TIGERS WIN IT ALL

The day couldn't have been sweeter for the Central Christian Men & Women golf teams. The Tigers made the roadtrip to Hesston Golf Course on Saturday, August 31 and competed in the first ever Clash of Conferences Tournament. The Tournament consisted of two SAC teams going against two KCAC teams. The morning round would consist of 18 holes of stroke play that would seed each of the teams for the match play during the afternoon round.

The men and women both found success in the morning round as they both would lead the pack in the tournament. For the women they played with Friends, Tabor, and OPSU. The women shot a round of 340 to find themselves ahead of 2nd place Friends by 23 strokes. The Lady Tigers were paced by senior Kari Kirl who shot the low round of the tournament 81. Kendra Jellison another senior shot 85, Vanessa Warner and Baily Bowman both came in with 87's. Alyssa Ramirez came in with a 97 and Grace Little who played as a individual shot 95. Coach Moody was pleased to see that the ladies hadn't lost their steam from their last year success.

The Ladies wouldn't slow down for the afternoon round, as they went on to win all their matches, winning 5 points for the Sooner Athletic Conference. The OPSU women did their

job to win two of their matches which would guarantee that the Sooner Athletic Conference would win the Cup.

For the men, they came out firing on all cylinders as well and found themselves with the lowest round in the tournament with a score of 293. They were ahead of conference competitor OPSU who shot a 300. The Tigers were paced by Fisher Kautsch who shot his first ever under par round in his collegiate career. Tied for second were freshman Cristian Cardiel & junior Nathan Segler both who shot 74. Senior Matt Rettinger was right behind them with a score of 75 and Tyler Swanson rounded them out with a 76. The Tigers also had 4 individuals who played. Trehern McGill shot 79, Mark Ostruske, shot 81, Connor Stephenson shot 82, and Kyle Bovee shot 103. Coach Kyle Moody was pleased with their performance with a relatively new look at the top 5.

The men also dominated the afternoon matches as they took on Bethel College. They would take 4 of 5 matches to help the Sooner Athletic Conference to a 8-2 win over the KCAC to get the cup. In all, the Tigers won 13 of 15 of their matches and both teams dominated the stroke play portion. Needless to say, Tiger golf is off to a great start to their season. To see when their next matches are, visit www.ccctigers.com.



SEPTEMBER 2019 SPORTS SCHEDULE

^{RV} Reserve Team * Conference Event

Home Games in Bold

- 3 MGolf @ UC Ferguson (Day 1)
MSoc @ Manhattan Christian
- 4 MGolf @ UC Ferguson (Day 2)
WSoc vs Bethel College
- 6 **VB vs SW Assemblies of God^{RV*}**
MSoc vs Sterling College
- 7 **VB vs Texas Wesleyan***
MSoc^{RV} vs Murray State College
- 9 Golf @ MVC Invitational (Day 1)
- 10 Golf @ MVC Invitational (Day 2)
VB @ Bethel College
- 11 **WSoc vs McPherson College**
- 13 **VB vs Panhandle State***
- 14 **VB vs Wayland Baptist***
WSoc vs Hastings College
VB vs Sterling College
MSoc vs Tabor College
- 16 **Golf Central Christian Classic (Day 1)**
- 17 **Golf Central Christian Classic (Day 2)**
VB @ Union College
- 18 **WSoc @ Southwestern College**
VB @ Sterling College
MSoc @ Southwestern College
- 20 VB @ Univ of Sci & Arts of OK*
- 21 **WSoc @ Sterling College**
VB @ Mid America Christian*
MSoc vs Bethany College
- 23 Golf @ Lake Hefner Inv. (Day 1)
- 24 Golf @ Lake Hefner Inv. (Day 2)
- 27 **MSoc vs Kansas Christian**
VB @ Oklahoma City^{RV*}
- 28 VB @ Southwestern Christian*
WSoc vs Randall University

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