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MAINTAINING AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION



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When I enrolled at Central in 1989, the price was a very important factor in my decision. The scholarships I received allowed me to graduate without student loans and start preaching at a small church. Now that my son attends Central, college affordability has a different level of importance to me. Almost every time I meet parents visiting campus with their teenager, I hear how thankful they are to have an affordable Christian college option. I feel the same way!

If someone wants to serve Christ vocationally, financial circumstances shouldn't restrict access to biblical and ministry training. That's why we intentionally pursue the core value of **affordability**. God wants to use those without worldly resources to serve Him in a special way. James 2:5 says, "Did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom He promised?" Many of our students come from families with very few resources and options for their education. Our Full-Tuition Scholarship and affordable prices allow them to receive training that would be otherwise unavailable, growing their faith and serving the kingdom. Maintaining an affordable education requires us to bring three components together.

First, we keep our costs as low as possible. Our charges for housing, meals, and student fees make the total cost of education lower than comparable prices among other area universities and Christian colleges. Our employees minimize costs by avoiding unnecessary expenses, using resources creatively, and trusting God to provide what we don't have. Their hard work helps us remain affordable.

Second, we help students and their families make good decisions to limit debt. Our fees are low enough that a student can afford to attend with financial aid and a part-time job. This teaches an important lesson about work that Paul described in 1 Thessalonians 2:9: "You remember our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God." Our low cost helps families use savings, scholarships, and student wages to get the most education for their money.

Finally, we ask churches and Christians to make gifts that support our work and the Full-Tuition Scholarship. We want students to graduate without the burden of educational debt, thus keeping their options open to do God's work. Maintaining an affordable education is good not only for the students, but also for our donors and their churches. Their generosity allows us to benefit future workers with an affordable education now.

Join us in celebrating Central's affordable education as you read this edition of *theTORCH*. The work of our graduates brings joy to many.

Cover: Central student Victor Dean prays with a teenager while serving on a mission trip to Jamaica in March.

THE INTENTIONAL JOURNEY OF DISCIPLESHIP

When I think of discipleship, I think of the word, “journey.” In fact, when I teach *Christian Discipleship* class each semester, that is how I introduce the topic to my students; that we are all on a journey to know Christ intimately as we navigate through the ups and downs of living in a fallen world. I think “journey” resonates with me because I know that spiritual maturity (sanctification) is a lifelong process. We don’t leap into spiritual maturity precisely at the moment we accept Christ as our Lord and Savior. Being a disciple is about the spiritual transformation that occurs as we surrender more of ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. And “discipleship” is about helping one another in this process.

Here at Central, we take our role seriously; that, for a season of our student’s lives, we get to speak into their hearts and minds about what it means to walk with Christ. What a grand privilege and responsibility!

And one of the basic truths about discipleship is that it must be intentional. Unfortunately, few people become mature followers of Jesus by accident. Because of this, we are constantly brainstorming about ways to be more intentional in helping our students on their spiritual journeys. Here are a few of the ways we reach out to disciple our students:

- **Christian Discipleship Class**: We require all students to explore the spiritual journey.
- **Discipleship program**: We connect incoming students with upperclassmen in a mentoring format.
- **Kingdom Counselors**: We offer free counseling to all of our students and pair them with a counseling intern, under the supervision of our counseling professors.
- **Chapel**: Twice a week we gather corporately to worship Christ and hear God’s Word.
- **Dorm devotions**: Our residents share and pray together in smaller groups weekly.
- **Day-to-day**: Students and employees interact informally in campus and on trips.

To conclude, I still value the words of a professor I heard years ago. He said that every Christian needs three people in his/her life. He said we all need someone to mentor us (Paul), someone to encourage us often (Barnabas), and someone that we ourselves can mentor (Timothy). I don’t know who originally came up with this concept, but I love it in terms of discipleship. Discipleship really is a difficult journey as we face the hardship and trials of this present world. But we must never forget that we are on the road together, and that discipleship is about helping each other along the way.

Aaron Welch teaches Christian counseling courses on Central’s faculty. One of his courses is *Christian Discipleship*, which is required of first-year students. Aaron is a graduate of Cincinnati Christian University. He and his wife Michelle have three children: Eddy, Joshua, and Emmalie. Aaron also serves as the Women’s Basketball Coach and Dean of Men. You may contact him by email (aaronwelch@ccc.edu).



MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

Chris Reynolds (Class of 1994) was appointed to Central's Board of Directors on April 4, 2016.

Chris currently serves as the preaching minister at the Ninth Street Christian Church in Eldon, Missouri. In addition to preaching on a weekly basis, Chris teaches Sunday school classes periodically during the year, teaches a Middle school class on Wednesday nights, serves as dean at the area church camp, volunteers at the food pantry each month, and is the director of the Upward Basketball program at their church.



On June 18, he will celebrate his 22nd anniversary of marriage to Bobbi Jo (Class of 1994), and they have five children. Lucas, their oldest, just completed his freshman year at Central (see his story featured on page 14). Their other children are Benjamin, Nicole, Emilie, and Nathan. Before beginning his current ministry in 2007, Chris served churches in Illinois and pursued graduate education through Lincoln Christian University.

Chris Reynolds . . . in his own words:

Longevity in Ministry – I have served my last two churches with nine-year or longer ministries, shepherding and walking with the local churches through many challenges and opportunities. This faithfulness has created stability and consistency. This has not always been easy but very much worth it.

Worked with Leadership – Through relationship building, I have attempted to build an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual respect that have allowed us to face challenges. I enjoy joining with others for the sake of accomplishing a goal.

Compassionate Leader – In each ministry I've served in, my gifts of compassion and mercy have grown and allowed me to connect with people in hurts and struggles and be a help to them through those times.

A Love for Kingdom Growth – I take great joy in seeing the kingdom of heaven expand in its reach. I love to enable this by using my gifts and resources to work to this goal personally or to enable others to do this in other parts of the world.

A Heart to Serve Others – Through the Upward Basketball program, various mission trips to Guatemala or Taiwan, or acts of service in our church body, I have enjoyed doing things for others. I am energized by helping someone else achieve or experience something better in their life.

RYAN CRAWFORD

Hometown: Unionville, Missouri

Years Attended CCCB: 1991-1996

*Degrees Earned: Bachelor of Arts &
Bachelor of Theology*



What were your favorite classes and why?

I can't remember any of my classes that I didn't love at the time. If I had to pick a few of my favorites, I would say that my language classes (Greek & Hebrew) would be at the top of my list. However, no list at Central would be complete without Acts class with Mr. Reese!

Who was your most influential teacher and why?

This is a really tough question. It is kind of like asking who is your favorite basketball player of all time: Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, or Magic Johnson. How do you pick a favorite among names like Reese, Pelfrey, Walton, Pechawer, Koffarnus, Schantz, and Koutz? I learned so much from each of them; I dare not pick a favorite...

What activities were you involved in as a student?

I was involved in EVERYTHING! I have great memories of late night "Capture the Flag" games, summer camp teams, Chorale tours, and outreach teams. I even think I ran a campus taxi service with my blue Chevy Corsica.

Tell us about your family.

I have been married for 17 years to my amazing wife, Christy. We have 2 kids, Kylee (12) and Gavin (9). The most recent addition to our family was our first family pet, an adorable Maltese named Max. After moves to Nashville, Chicago, Minneapolis, and Cincinnati, we have called Gallatin, Tennessee, home for the past 6 years. Christy is a dedicated 6th grade teacher at a local middle school in Sumner County. Our kids are active in our local travel soccer club, which keeps us extremely busy. We have had quite the journey over these past 17 years— 4 states, 7 cities, 8 moves, and 9 different houses, but there has never been a dull moment.

Current Ministry:

A little over 3 years ago, I joined forces with John Wirtz, a talented and acclaimed music engineer and producer who had just moved to the Nashville area to launch a small record label. We set out to launch a company that serves the local church by providing a simple and turnkey platform to capture (record), archive, and distribute their sermons with no expensive equipment or the need for paid technology staff. With that goal in mind, we launched **SermonCapio** (sermoncapio.com) in April 2016.

Key Responsibilities:

My main focus is sales and marketing, but in a start-up, you wear a lot of hats. I handle everything from social media to basic accounting work. It is really amazing to see how God prepares one in life for adventures that we never even thought possible. All of my education, ministry experience, and my tenure in the business world are being put to use in this new venture. The same can be said for my business partner. We are both amazed how God is blessing this venture.

How have you changed since being at Central?

I have gotten much OLDER! On a more serious note, the most significant and rewarding changes that I have incurred since being at Central have been becoming a husband and father. Being a husband and father has its mountaintops and valleys, but it is my favorite thing in the world. Christy and I have two really amazing kids. Seeing them grow up and have a love for God is the most rewarding thing in life.

What final message would you like to give to other alumni?

Never be afraid to walk through open doors! You just never know where God wants to take you. Also, there are times when God closes doors for you so that you can see the open doors that He has in store for you!

THREE ALUMNI RECOGNIZED FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Each year, our faculty awards three alumni honorary membership in Delta Epsilon Chi—the Honor Society of the Association for Biblical Higher Education. Selection is based upon having graduated at least 10 years ago, having demonstrated approved Christian character, and displaying leadership ability in Christian work. The recipients are chosen from the anniversary graduates of 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 years prior. The following three graduates were recognized by our faculty and announced during the 2016 Commencement ceremony.

Daniel Schantz (Class of 1966)



Following his graduation from Central in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts in Bible, Dan took on a full-time ministry in Hannibal, Missouri. In 1968, he was asked to come back to Central and teach Christian Education courses, which he did until his retirement in 2011, when he was named Professor Emeritus. During the years, he also enjoyed teaching Bible classes, with Proverbs and Ecclesiastes being his favorites. Mr. Schantz is widely known as an author of over 20 books and numerous articles in magazines and newspapers. He still has articles regularly published, many of which include his reflections on his teaching career at Central. Dan's faithful service to the kingdom of God as a teacher, preacher, and writer for the past 50 years led the faculty to award him this honor.

Jonathan Ralls (Class of 1996)



After serving in the Navy during Desert Storm, Jon enrolled at Central in the Fall of 1992, earning a Bachelor of Arts in 1996. He ministered in Missouri, Arizona, and Iowa before returning to Central as Admissions Director and Men's Basketball Coach. After earning a Master's degree from the University of Missouri, he became Professor of Communication and Ministry. In addition to serving in many roles at Central, Jon served as a missionary to Taiwan and at the Christian Campus House in Warrensburg, Missouri. Jon currently is Vice-President of Communication & Mobilization at Team Expansion in Louisville, Kentucky. Jon's kingdom service as a teacher, missionary, and recruiter of servants for the past 20 years led the faculty to award him this honor.

Walt Harper (Class of 2006)



Hailing from New London, Iowa, Walt Harper began attending Central in the Fall of 2002. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Research in 2006, Walt left Moberly to preach and attend seminary in Illinois. While later serving as a youth minister in West Virginia, he accepted an offer to become Professor of Bible and Ministry with oversight of our Youth & Family Ministry program. In his first two years on our faculty, Walt has taught several different classes, and the students have responded favorably to his leadership in the classroom, as well as his availability outside of the classroom. Walt's service to the church and the cause of Christian higher education in the 10 years since graduation led the faculty of Central to recognize Walt Harper with this honor.

We congratulate each of these men for their years of service and commitment to Christian leadership that emerged from their education at Central Christian College of the Bible. More information about the Delta Epsilon Chi program can be found on the website of the Association of Biblical Higher Education:

www.abhe.org/leadership-development/honor-society/

IRA + QCD + CCCB = YOUR OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROSITY

When a single gentleman in his mid-seventies was looking for a way to be more generous, he discovered an opportunity to make a significant gift each year from his Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Those gifts decreased his income tax liability and provided a substantial investment in our ministry at Central. You or someone you know may be able to use an IRA to benefit Central Christian College of the Bible or other ministries.

If you have diligently saved for retirement in an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you know the benefit of growing funds tax-free. During the tax year you turn 70 ½ years old, you must withdraw a required minimum distribution (RMD). If one or both spouses receive sufficient income, your RMD may not be needed for living expenses, but is still subject to income tax. To encourage generosity to charities in the United States, Congress in 2015 permanently approved an opportunity for older adults to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from their IRA. ([IRS.gov/pub/590b](https://www.irs.gov/pub/590b))

You qualify to make a QCD gift from your IRA if you are over 70 ½ years of age. Keep in mind these benefits:



- You will avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to CCCB.
- Your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year is satisfied by your gift to CCCB.
- You reduce your taxable income with a QCD gift, even if you do not itemize deductions.
- Your QCD gift is not subject to the normal 50% deduction limits on charitable gifts.
- Your QCD gift helps further Central's work of developing servant-leaders for the church.

Should you consider making a QCD gift, keep these rules in mind:

- You must be at least 70 ½ at the time of the transfer.
- Married couples must each transfer from their own accounts.
- Your gift must be a direct transfer, not through a foundation, donor-advised fund, or charitable gift annuity.
- These gifts only apply to pre-tax amounts in personal IRAs, Roth IRAs, and inactive SEP and SIMPLE IRAs.
- The gift can be any size from \$100-\$100,000.
- A gift can be made every tax year to satisfy the RMD withdrawal.

To learn more about how you can use your IRA to make a gift to Central Christian College of the Bible, please contact our Vice-President of Business & Finance, Lara Lawrence (laralawrence@cccb.edu). She will be happy to assist you and answer any questions you might have.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES - FO

JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					InFocus Friday	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Summer Online Session Begins					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

JULY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					In Focus Friday	
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NYR Sedalia, Colorado						
Summer Online Session Ends	Nationwide Youth Roundup Sedalia, Colorado	Nationwide Youth Roundup Sedalia, Colorado	Nationwide Youth Roundup Sedalia, Colorado	Nationwide Youth Roundup Sedalia, Colorado		

OUR MONTHS AT A GLANCE

AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>InFocus</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>New Students Move In</i>
21	22 <i>Fall Online Classes Begin</i> <i>Registration and Orientation</i>	23 <i>Registration and Orientation</i>	24 <i>Registration and Orientation</i>	25 <i>First Day of Classes</i>	26	27 <i>Christian Service Fair</i>
28	29	30	31			

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <i>Central Day</i>	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Fall Student Leadership Retreat</i>	10 <i>Fall Student Leadership Retreat</i>
11	12	13	14	15 <i>Saints In Action Day</i>	16 <i>InFocus Friday</i>	17
18	19	20	21	22 <i>Day of Prayer and Service</i>	23	24
25	26 <i>Mission Emphasis Week</i>	27 <i>Mission Emphasis Week</i>	28 <i>Mission Emphasis Week</i>	29 <i>Mission Emphasis Week</i>	30 <i>Mission Emphasis Week</i>	

JOIN US AT OUR EVENTS

InFocus Fridays

June 3

July 1

August 1

September 16

October 14

November 11

December 9

January 20, 2017

Each month, we invite prospective students to visit campus on an "InFocus Friday." Families come from around the country to learn more about how Central can provide the educational opportunities they are looking for. To schedule your InFocus Friday visit, call the admissions department at 1-888-263-3900 ext. 144 or register online at cccb.edu/visit.

You are invited to join us as we celebrate

Central Day

with our students and staff on

Friday, September 2, 2016

Central Day Schedule:

9:30 am	Welcome and campus tours
10:30 am	Attend Chapel (alumni speaker)
11:40 am	Visit Hebrews Class with Mr. Reese
12:30 pm	Special lunch in the Pioneer Room

No charge if pre-registered by Friday, August 26.

More activities for the day will be announced during the summer at www.cccb.edu/events.

As we prepare to celebrate Central's 60th anniversary in 2017, we are designating September 2 this year as **Central Day**. This date commemorates the College's first academic activity, the Convocation service held in early September 1957. Alumni, friends, donors, and the community will be invited to participate in each year's activities.

Visit
cccb.edu/events
to find more
information and register
for these events.

Saints In Action Day

Thursday, September 15

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Honest Answers



Aaron Welch



Steve Lang



Richard Koffarnus

MEET AN ONLINE STUDENT

Steven Kennemore

Southside Christian Church (Mexico, Missouri)

Sergeant Steven Kennemore, a deputy sheriff in Audrain County, Missouri, was taking classes at another college when he heard about Central's online degree program. Here is how he decided to enroll at Central:



Steven Kennemore is recognized for receiving his Bachelor of Religious Studies degree at 2016 Commencement, pictured between President Fincher and Darryl Ammon.

"I found out about Central during Nationwide Youth Roundup. The youth minister at my home church at the time was going to Central. I began to ask him about Central's online classes. I chose Central's online program because I knew it was a solid school where I could pursue a degree and grow closer to God at the same time."

Even though he only lives 40 minutes from campus, online education worked well for Steven's family because of his work hours. He was also able to step away from the computer and spend time with his family and then get back to his school work. He admits some days were harder than others. Steven commented, "Most of my program was Bible courses, so that made things a lot easier because I was encouraged by God's word as I had to balance everything."

He described the online experience like this:

"Each class has provided me with new ideas and approaches. The classes have helped with my own personal studies as well as telling others about God. Although the online setting did not provide the same type of relationship with the professors, they all did a very good job during this online experience. Some even went out of their way before class started to call, get to know me, and explain the class. They also made themselves available for questions by email or phone call. The online experience at Central is a very good choice. I would encourage someone right out of high school to look at the campus environment. At the same time, the online experience is very good."

Steven and his wife Sarah have two daughters, and their family attends Southside Christian Church in Mexico, Missouri. His wife, who also earned an online degree from Central, is the youth minister there. He assists in her ministry as a volunteer at the church, using his education at Central "to help point youth in the right direction."

More information about our online degree programs can be found here:
www.CCCB.edu/online

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

Academic Awards for the Class of 2016



Jonathan Totty, Kirk Schlabaugh and Renda Olson were awarded the Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society Award during Honors Chapel on Thursday, May 12.

Shaila Costandi and Kirk Schlabaugh were named the co-salutatorians of the Class of 2016.



The Servant-Leader Award recipients are nominated by the student body and employees and chosen by the student body. **Maria Sowers and Kirk Schlabaugh** received the Servant-Leader Awards for the Class of 2016.

Shaila Costandi, Megan Kenyon and Jonathan Totty were the graduates who completed the Honors Program, which provides a scholarly experience for students of high academic aptitude.



Shahe Gergian was this year's valedictorian with a perfect 4.0 GPA. He preaches at the Rice Road Church of Christ in Columbia, Missouri, and is pictured with his wife and son.

Jared Delagrang was voted by the faculty as Class Orator. He preached a senior sermon and gave the devotion at Honors Chapel. Jared is pictured with Dr. Fincher and Darryl Ammon, Executive Director of Student Development.

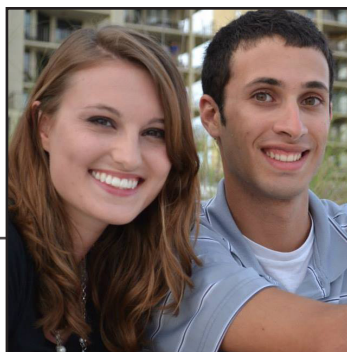


Visit CCCB.edu/events/commencement to watch the ceremony and make an Honorary Gift to recognize the Class of 2016.

SEEing Ministry in Arizona

Kevin Lanzone (Class of 2014)

The time I spent in the Residency program at Christ's Church of the Valley in Phoenix totally changed the way that I look at ministry. While everything I learned at Central was valuable, so much of it was just theory and discussion. At CCV, you could SEE what church growth and leadership looked like; what impact it could have on a community.



Kevin Lanzone is pictured with his wife Kristen. Kevin currently serves as the Faith Formation Coordinator at Morning Star Church in Dardenne Prairie, Missouri.

My eyes were opened as I experienced the multi-site model that all Residents participate in, the leadership training from both those in the church and those connected to the corporate world, and the actual opportunities to manage volunteers, reach out to first time guests and make pastoral decisions. I learned to dream bigger about what the church can do. My experience taught me that the church isn't a place only for the churched, which, unfortunately, it has become all too often.

SEEing Ministry in Indianapolis

David Olson (Class of 2016)

This summer, David Olson and his wife Renda, will be moving to Greenfield, Indiana to pursue a Master of Strategic Ministry through Johnson University. David will be completing online coursework before beginning a nine-month residency in discipleship at Park Chapel Christian Church in Greenfield. He chose this program because he is interested in adult ministry in a discipleship role and he could find no other schools offering this type of degree. He says he is most looking forward to the hands-on experience. David and Renda will seek a ministry after he completes his residency.



David Olson is pictured with his wife Renda. While enrolled at Central, they worked in various positions on campus and cheered energetically for the Saints!

We call the program Kevin and David described a “Specialized Educational Experience” (SEE). When participating in a SEE program, students learn from organizations that provide located training experiences. At the same time, they have the opportunity to receive academic credit towards their bachelor's degree from Central or a master's degree from a partner institution.

MY JOURNEY TO CENTRAL

by Lucas Reynolds, Freshman

How did you learn about Central?

I have known about CCCB for about as long as I have been alive! My parents are alumni from here and they spoke highly of it!

Why did you choose Central?

I chose CCCB for three reasons.

1. I loved the affordability of the college.
2. I already knew many of the students and faculty who go/work here, and I felt a genuine love from them.
3. Ultimately I wanted to learn more about God in an environment where I would be able to grow and use the Bible more effectively.



What is your major?

Right now I am in the Youth and Family major.

What are you currently planning to do after college?

After college I plan to find a job working for a church and see where God takes me from there!

Tell us about your family.

My parents graduated from CCCB in '94. Both my parents and my Grandparents have attended CCCB, so it only felt right that I attend! I have four younger brothers and sisters. My father has been a preacher at two churches in my life, one in Burnside, IL, and currently in Eldon, MO!

Are you involved with a ministry at CCCB or at home?

At CCCB I have been engaged at a local church by helping with their Jr. High Sunday and Wednesday services. Serving at home is fun, because I get to give back to my community through helping at my home church.

What are your summer plans?

This summer I am going out with 3 other students to tour the Midwest on camp teams! We will be traveling to about 10 camps, so I would appreciate your prayers!

Other Comments:

Central has been a huge blessing for me this year. What CCCB does best is lead people closer to Jesus. I have seen myself grow spiritually so much this year, and it's only my freshman year! I know that the future is not going to be one that is easy, especially growing up in a world where Christianity is becoming more and more persecuted, but I believe that God is using CCCB to ready me for whatever it is that He has planned for me!

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MY CENTRAL STORY

by Abby Carrow (Class of 2016)

I grew up in Southeast Indiana with my parents and three siblings. We attended Oak Forest Church of Christ whenever the doors were open, and I loved every minute of it. I wanted to attend Bible college, but my parents were unable to help me pay for school.



My church camp invited Central camp teams for our high school week twice during my high school years. They had a big impact on me, and I decided to attend CCCB. When I arrived at Central, I felt at home right away. I was challenged in my classes and learned a lot more than I expected. Outside of the classroom, I was growing just as much. I had meaningful friendships with fellow Christians that shared my same goals.



I applied for camp team my freshman year for two reasons. I enjoyed traveling for Admissions during the school year and wanted that to continue in the summer. My second reason was a little more personal. I came to Central because of a camp team and hoped that by doing the same, I might help someone see God's call on their life. Around that same time, Student Development was taking applications for residence assistants, and I decided to apply for that as well. Being an RA has developed me as both a servant and a leader in a way that few other roles can.

In May, I graduated with a degree in Christian Education. Last summer I did a children's ministry internship at Central Church of Christ in Streator, Illinois. In December, the church approved a year-long Christian Education internship for me upon graduation in May. I can't wait to return and work once again with the church I grew to love last summer.



If not for the Full-Tuition Scholarship, I know my options would be more limited. I am grateful to not be crippled by the burden of debt that many students have because of your generous support to help students like me.



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