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Thank You

50th Anniversary Matching Scholarship Campaign exceeds Initial Goal By 58%

by Russ Sorrow, Vice President, Institutional Advancement

Thank you to everyone who took part in the 50th Anniversary Matching Scholarship Campaign!

By God's grace, it was the most successful campaign in Luther Rice history!

Think of the students whose lives will be impacted by the scholarships — and the lives they will further impact when they enter ministry! What a difference you've made for so many.

The campaign began in 2011 with a goal of \$200,000 for scholarships — and ended last December with a total of \$315,713. This is an amazing answer to prayer and testament to the generous hearts of our Luther Rice family.

The campaign included a \$100,000 matching challenge made possible by the efforts of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and other key contributors — this fund also played a key role in the tremendous results.

It is truly astounding to consider the fact that the campaign was accomplished during one of the most

challenging economic times in recent American history.

May God bless everyone who made sacrificial gifts to Luther Rice to assist students in their study of the Word of God.

Right now, we are providing 122 students with over \$145,000 in scholarship funds. That's about 10% of the total student body.

Thankfully God has also provided friends we call "Support Partners," who pledge to give regularly for scholarship funding.

If you'd like to know more about becoming a Support Partner, please contact me, Russ Sorrow, at Russ@LRU.edu or 678.990.5279. If you're already a Support Partner, special thanks to you!

During the 50th Anniversary Matching Scholarship Campaign, 274 different Support Partners gave a total of 468 gifts. As a Support Partner of Luther Rice you can rest assured that your gifts are managed sensibly and will have a direct impact on the lives of students.

Thank you again to everyone who made this campaign an extraordinary success!



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A Personal Word



from **DR. FLANAGAN**

During our 50th Anniversary Year, there has been an outpouring of remembrance of how God has used Luther Rice in the lives of many of our graduates. I thank God for the thousands of students and graduates who have received their theological education at Luther Rice to equip them to go forth into Kingdom Work.

Investing in the preparation of these God-called servants is of utmost importance. Many of them do not have the financial resources to pay for all of their education. We actually provide approximately double in scholarships than we receive in donations. We are launching a Legacy Campaign for the next five years to increase our Scholarship Fund through Annuities, Wills, and Trusts. My prayer is that many of our friends and alumni will join us in leaving a legacy (def. Money or property bequeathed to another by will; something handed down from the past).

Luther Rice, the preacher, educator, and missionary statesman said, "How can we remain indifferent when immortal souls hang in the balance?" We at Luther Rice still believe that Jesus Christ is the only hope of salvation and that God is calling out His servants to accomplish the Great Commission both here and around the world.

With students in 47 states and 23 foreign countries, we have been given a great opportunity and responsibility to make a difference for the cause of Jesus Christ. Please pray about leaving a legacy to Luther Rice so that many will receive the support they need to obtain a Christ-centered theological education based on God's inerrant Word.

Help provide scholarships — And receive income for life!

In these financially challenging days, you can increase your cash flow ... and still give generously to train the next generation of godly leaders at Luther Rice University and Seminary.

When you make a significant gift to Luther Rice in the form of a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA), the money is invested, and you're guaranteed a regular income for life from the interest.

The chart shows you the rate of return you might expect on the CGA (monthly, quarterly or annually, you decide) based on your age when you establish the annuity.

You can even establish a charitable gift annuity using cash, stocks or other investments. In the year you make your gift, you'll receive a charitable giving tax deduction, and then regular income from the interest, for your entire lifetime. Luther Rice has never missed a payment — so you can give with confidence.

Find out more about how a CGA can work for you. Call your financial advisor or Russ Sorrow, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, at 1.800.442.1577.

Annuity Rates Gift Table*

Age	Rate of Return*
62	4.5%
63	4.5%
64	4.6%
65	4.7%
70	5.1%
75	5.8%
80	6.8%
85	7.8%
90+	9.0%

*Individual Rates
Source : www.acga-web.org
Current as of January 1, 2013

James Flanagan
President



You asked — and we delivered! Students and alumni let us know that job placement services are critically needed, and now we have created the office of Career Development Services.

Its mission is to collaborate with students, alumni, and employers to create a ministry direction for students lives that aligns with their God-shaped strengths, calling, goals, and academic interests. It will do this through fostering intentional God-honoring partnerships with:

- Churches
- Employers
- Students
- Alumni
- Faculty
- Staff, Administrators, and
- The greater community.

We want to foster awareness of career development as a dynamic, lifelong process.

To help make it happen, Luther Rice is providing opportunities for personal coaching and offering a professional career manual for occupational exploration, complete with personalized profile, resume and portfolio creation on the new www.LRU.edu/careernetwork. Check it out today!

Among our other services:

- Opportunities for Churches/Community Partners/Employers for on-campus interviews and recruitment.
- Online career assessments to measure vocational interests and skills, and match skills with possible careers
- Promotions via the LRU website and social media channels.
- Pursuit and posting of job opportunities throughout our network of churches, denominational offices, and conservative evangelical organizations.
- Partnering with conservative evangelical organizations in their employment and recruitment services and programs.
- And more.

We're excited about this new office on campus. Your support in this new effort will make a great difference in the lives of our students and alumni. For more information about the NEW Career Development Services at LRU, call 678.990.5276 or contact John Roland by email: careers@lru.edu. Contact John Roland if you have any open positions to fill.

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Career Development Services



Passing the faith along ... Three generations of Luther Rice

By John Roland, Director of



Jared and Eddie Bumpers are a father and son team pursuing their Doctorate degrees in Ministry right here at LRU.

Road Baptist Church in Jacksonville, where he has been the pastor for 40 years!

Harper's son, Eddie was nine years old when his family moved to Jacksonville.

Like his father, he attended Luther Rice for his Bachelor's degree, later earning his Master of Arts degree.

And, Harper's wife, Tess, even served as Dr. Flanagan's secretary while Eddie attended school.

When Eddie became a pastor in Missouri at Broadway Baptist Church, he realized he needed more education — but this time distance learning was the best answer. He pursued his M.Div. online with Luther Rice, and graduated in 2010.

Not surprisingly, Eddie's son Jared also sensed a calling to ministry — and although he attended Baptist Bible College for his Bachelor's degree, God laid on his heart to pursue a M.Div. degree at Luther Rice. He graduated with his Master's at the same time his father did, in 2010.

Today, both Jared and Eddie are now pursuing their Doctorate in Ministry degrees from Luther Rice.

"This study has tremendously enhanced my expository preaching," Eddie says.

"It has given me the confidence that comes with

The Bible makes it clear — a father's faithfulness can bless his family line for generations!

This has certainly happened for Harper Bumpers and his family. He became a born again Christian in 1970, at the age of 35 ... and actually moved his family to Jacksonville, Florida in 1971 so he could attend Luther Rice Seminary (when the institution was still in Jacksonville).

Harper earned a Bachelor's degree, a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree, and a Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) degree, all from Luther Rice.

Today, he still leads the congregation of St. Augustine

ce alumni!

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learning and excitement to apply what I've learned," Jared says.

Father and son will graduate together in May 2013 with their D. Min. degrees.

Today, Eddie and Jared serve at the same church, Crossway Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri, formerly called Broadway Baptist Church. Eddie has served as the senior pastor for the last 12 years while Jared has served as Student Minister for five years.

The church built a brand-new facility at a different location last year — and has already had to expand to two Sunday services. By God's grace, the church has grown from 150 people to 1600 members during Eddie's pastorate.

The Bumpers family story is an inspiring and God-honoring legacy. It is a blessing to see how God can completely transform a family line for His Kingdom when one father comes to Christ. This family story is an excellent example of how Luther Rice students reach out with the Gospel for generations to come. To God be the Glory!

Contact John Roland with your ministry updates and blessings.



Alumni & Friends Luncheon — Coming soon to a venue near you!

Our 2013 Alumni & Friends Luncheon is on tour this spring and summer. Check the listings and see when and where you can attend.

Enjoy a catered luncheon and hear special guest speakers.

Dr. Flanagan will update you on news and progress regarding the institution, plus everyone who attends will receive a free gift!

All events are free of charge except for the Houston luncheon. Just RSVP at least 10 days prior to the event online through the registration page listed below. Venues are as follows:

April 11 — Dalton, Georgia at Red Lobster

901 West Bridge Rd, Dalton, GA 30720

11:30 am-1:00 pm

To RSVP & for details:

www.LRU.edu/luncheon13dalton

April 18 — Macon, Georgia at Golden Corral

4704 Presidential Pkwy, Macon, GA 31206

11:30 am-1:00 pm

To RSVP & for details:

www.LRU.edu/luncheon13macon

June 11 — Houston, TX at George R. Brown Convention Center*

1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010

11:30 am-1:00 pm

*\$10.00 charge

For details & tickets:

www.LRU.edu/luncheon13houston

If further details are needed please contact John Roland, Director of Alumni Services, at jroland@LRU.edu or 678-990-9276.



Meet John Roland — new Director of Alumni Services and Student Success

Dear Alumni and Friends of Luther Rice,
Greetings from the beautiful campus of Luther Rice!

My name is John Roland, and I am the new Director of Alumni Services and Student Success. My job is to serve and partner with you.

I've spent the past six years in leadership positions at Kennesaw State University and the Boy Scouts of America. My Master of Divinity is from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and I have a deep love of theological education.

My wife's name is Amy and we have three children, Lauryn, JD, and Emma Katherine. My hometown is Tallahassee, Florida, where I was born and raised, but we presently reside in Newnan, Georgia.

The future of Alumni Services at Luther Rice is very exciting. We have launched a career website at www.lru.edu/careernetwork for resume posting, job placement, and for an alumni network to assist students and alumni across the world in partnering together to advance in their God-given calling and career. Please feel free to visit the site and register.

We've also implemented the Ministry Preparatory Plan to assist all undergraduates — it's focused on teaching students practical ministry job placement skills.

And we welcome your feedback! We are beginning a monthly conference call for alumni and interested parties to connect with me directly by phone. For current students, there are online chat room opportunities through Blackboard 10.

In addition, I will post regular open-ended questions requesting feedback on the LRU Social Media channels including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Google+ discussion groups. Please be sure to join in the conversation.

I want to connect with as many alumni and friends as possible. Please feel free to contact me any time through Social Media, on the phone at 678.990.5276, or by email at jroland@LRU.edu.

Thanks for your help and input!

In Him,
John Roland
Director, Alumni Services and Student Success

Luther Rice University and Seminary

Training Christian leaders for today and tomorrow

Yes, Dr. Flanagan, I want to help pursue our mission of training Christian ministers and leaders to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ across America and around the world.

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Don't miss it!

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WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE

This year's Missions Conference has the dynamic theme of "Mobilizing the Church for Action" — what a powerful vision for missions!

The services will be held March 19 and 21 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel with free lunch following on both days.

Dr. Gary Colboch, Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Hartsville, South Carolina,

will inspire us on March 19, and Dr. Dan Yaw, Pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Lakeland, Florida, will speak March 21.

There will also be displays in the Chapel and missionaries giving their testimonies in classes on Tuesday and Thursday.

If you're in town, please be sure to join us! Services are open to the public.

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