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Fletcher's Academy's large student body for the 2014-2015 pose for this photo on the night of the traditional "Handshake".

Watch Us GROW!

Record Enrollment at Fletcher this fall!

Kara Wait
Senior at
Fletcher
Academy

Amazing, awesome, powerful, and ready to go! Fletcher Academy is starting off with a big bang! God is blessing in so many ways this school of the mountains! We are growing! This newsletter is packed with evidence of what the Lord is doing on our campus and in the lives of our students.

Strawberry Hill has never looked so good. In the above photo stand the 194 students for the 2014-2015 school year. Fletcher Academy is drawing very close to its maximum capacity, and to breaking its personal enrollment record, which stands at 224. Increasing from last year's enrollment of 185 students, Fletcher has become the 2nd largest boarding academy east of the Rockies. This year's enrollment is

the highest it has been in over 30 years, states Principal Terry Pottle.

Fletcher has gained 76 newly enrolled students which is roughly 39% of the student body. Forty-nine of these new students are Freshmen, resulting in the biggest Freshmen class in over three decades. In the past 6 years, enrollment has steadily increased from year to year, without a single decrease.

With this steady increase, the dormitories have found themselves more and more full. There are 65 women lodging in the dorm, and 52 men, this leaves 77 village students—the highest number of village students in 6 years.

The administration and staff are thrilled with the enrollment. Classes are full. Denise Pettit, Choir Director, states, "The first week (cont. pg. 2)





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(from pg. 1) of school is never easy, especially when I have to say no to so many wonderful students auditioning for choir and 11th Hour, Fletcher Academy's select choir. I don't like turning kids away. However, I can't wait to start next week with my 73 member choir and my 28 member select choir." The 73 member choir had only 63 members last year, and only 50 the year before that." Teachers are very excited



to have such large groups and such talent.

This raises the question, why the sudden growth? What is it that has caused so many new students to transfer in the middle of their high school career or, in the case of freshmen, to choose Fletcher Academy to be their school for the next 4 years?

When asked why she chose this school, Darcee Christensen, Senior who has been at Fletcher for 2 years, replied, "Definitely because God led me. My mom heard about Fletcher several years before on 3ABN, and decided to check it out. When my parents came and visited they were really impressed with the school, and liked

everything. I was scared to leave my old school, because I had been there for a long time, but I finally decided that it was time to let go and trust God. And I'm so glad I did. I'm so much happier now and it's great to be in a place where God is talked about so openly."

When asked the same question, Freshman, Brie Boyle, answered, "It's where God wanted me to be, and He worked everything out so I could be. Also, their academic program is great, and they seemed really invested in their students."

Similar to this answer, Freshmen Carsyn Jupp stated, "They have a great educational standpoint, and they have a great athletics system. I like the Fletcher Academy Acroknights and everyone who comes here says they love it."

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Hannah Gallant, a 2-year-junior, replied without hesitation, saying, "My brother came here and loved it. I toured both Fletcher and another academy and I liked Fletcher way better. The overall feel of Fletcher is so much more accepting."

All in all, it is safe to say that Fletcher Academy has grown immensely over the years. From its original enrollment of 2 students to almost 200, Fletcher has grown in many aspects, providing their students with the perfect environment to develop spiritually, socially, and academically—and word is getting out. Thank you to our Lord for blessing and giving us such opportunities. Look for us to keep gaining more students. Watch us grow!



Welcome Jere Clayburn!

Hannah Lee
Senior at
Fletcher Academy

The 2014 school year started with welcoming not only new students, but also a new faculty leader. Jere Clayburn joined the Fletcher team this year as Vice Principal. He comes to us with 20 years of experience as an educator in the Adventist system and shares the vision for Fletcher Academy in "Educating for Eternity". With his qualifications, Fletcher is now able to offer an Anatomy & Physiology dual credit course as a part of the college prep diploma through Southern Adventist University. Jere recently moved here with his family from Portland, Tennessee where he was Principal and Business Manager at Highland Academy.

"I am very excited to be here. I feel the Lord has been instrumental in leading me and I'm looking forward to the adventure he has in store," he says.

Jere and his wife, Loretta, have been

happily married for 21 years and have two children. Their daughter, Jolene, is the eldest child who is currently a freshman at Southern Adventist University and their son, Tyler, is a junior at Fletcher Academy. When work or classes are not occupying his time, backpacking in God's nature is a preferred activity of his. He accompanied the annual senior survival camping trip and shared his knowledge of the outdoors and survival through fun, fellowship, and food. In addition to backpacking, he enjoys playing guitar and woodworking with his son. In fact, Jere and Tyler own ukulele that they made together with their personalized initials inlaid in the wood.

We are looking forward to another year with such great new additions to our Fletcher family. As we embark on yet another school year, it is incredibly exciting to see what God has in store with a unified student body and some wonderful new staff.





Boys Dean's Residence Complete

Terry Pottle
Principal at Fletcher Academy

Over the past eight months the students and community have watched as the new Boys Dean's Residence has been built. With the new residence, the old residence was converted to seven dorm rooms increasing the capacity by fourteen beds. The new dorm rooms have given the Boys Dorm their Chapel back which for the past two years has been used as extra dorm space housing up to ten seniors.

Mike Hagan, the builder overseeing the project, accomplished the formidable task of being able to construct the residence and remodel the old residence around the school's schedule. Hagan had to work with a 12 week period to move Dean Rahm out of the old residence and remodel it into the seven dorm rooms in order to be ready before school started. With literally hours to spare, the final inspections were complete and the rooms finished before the students began to arrive for the new school year.

The new residence and dorm remodeling is the culmination of a two year campaign. This project was funded through a partnership with alumni, friends of Fletcher and Fletcher Academy, Inc., Andrew Rahm, the Boys Dean, is very appreciative of the support that has been demonstrated for this project. The task of raising the funds for this size of a project appeared daunting, but with commitment and teamwork the stakeholders made this possible. On behalf of Fletcher Academy I want to thank each of our many supporters whose enthusiasm and funding has helped to improve student life here at Fletcher Academy.



Eileen States
Chaplain at
Fletcher Academy

ANCHORED, the theme chosen for the 2013-2014 school year at Fletcher Academy caused us to think seriously about what it means to be anchored in a strong love relationship with Jesus in order to share that love with those around us and our community at large.

Last year our Ambassador group intentionally planned and led Bible studies on Sabbath afternoons. A Friday afternoon prayer group was begun by our SA Pastor for students. We intentionally took the time to look inward and to evaluate ourselves spiritually to see whether we were anchored in Jesus or not.

For this coming 2014-2015 school year the theme is based around the verse found in Luke 12:49 which says, "I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning!" The theme STOKED will set the tone for our activities this year. Not forgetting to keep ourselves anchored we are planning to do many outreach activities to impact our campus and community for Christ. Jesus is coming soon! He wants this world on fire and ready for His soon return.

Campus Ministries is committed to being a place where our students can grow spiritually and use their talents to share Jesus with those around them. We are looking forward to a fun filled Christ centered year.

SPIRITUALLY ANCHORED

A New Gift Giving Option

Thanks to the Fletcher Academy IT Department and Marcella Sampayan; donations to Fletcher Academy can now be conducted online via credit card. The donation link is prominently displayed on the Fletcher Academy website at fletcheracademy.com. This new gift-giving tool will provide a convenient option for alumni and others to contribute to Fletcher's various needs.

Donors will be able to designate gifts for the following four categories:

- **Annual Fund**
(This fund is unrestricted and can be applied to areas of greatest need)
- **Fletcher Academy Student Scholarships**
- **Captain Gilmer Christian School Student Scholarships**
- **Capital Projects**
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Fletcher Academy is very grateful for the generosity of its alumni and friends. We hope these gift giving options will provide a convenient way to contribute toward the needs of Fletcher Academy.

Graduating Class of 2014

Rachel Cinquanto & Marcella Sampayan

Senior at Fletcher Academy

Staff at Fletcher Academy

During the 84th Annual Graduation Ceremony on May 18, 2014, Fletcher Academy proudly graduated forty-nine seniors, many of whom graduated with honors. Among them, Gideon Moyo was awarded the Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship, in which his education at any college or university of his choice is paid for from undergraduate studies through a doctoral program. In addition, Gideon was also a finalist of the National Achievement Award, and Robyn Marshall was a Commended National Merit Award winner. Two other graduates were also awarded a full scholarship to Southern Adventist University.

The graduating class of 2014 heralded four valedictorians, whose entwined valedictory speech during the commencement program brought both tears of joy as they reflected on their experiences at Fletcher Academy and tears of bittersweet as they shared unforgettable moments in time with the realization that this will be the last time they are all together with their fellow classmates as students of Fletcher Academy.

Congratulations class of 2014. We are proud to call you our newest alumni of Fletcher Academy.





Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2014

"Reflections"

PLAN ON JOINING US FOR THESE EXCITING EVENTS. BELOW ARE LISTED THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKEND. CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014

10:00 am

Fifth Annual Alumni Golf Classic Tournament

5:00 pm

Registration in the Main Lobby of the Lelia Patterson Center

6:00 pm

Reception in the Lelia Patterson Center

7:30 pm

Vespers in the Lelia Patterson Center - Hosted by 10 year class of 2004

Featured Speaker - Andy Carlson '04

SABBATH, OCTOBER 4, 2014

8:00 am

Prayer Breakfast in the Lelia Patterson Center

9:30 am

Sabbath School in the Lelia Patterson Center - Hosted by 25 year class of 1989

10:45 am

Divine Worship in the Lelia Patterson Center - Hosted by 50 year class of 1964

Featured Speaker- Richard Clyde Garey '64

12:30 pm

Potluck in the Lelia Patterson Center (Please remember to bring a favorite dish to share with all)

2:00 pm

Fletcher School of Nursing Meeting at the Fletcher Church Fellowship Hall

2:30 pm

Fletcher Academy Music Department Special Alumni Weekend Concert in LPC

4:00 pm

Dorm Life Reunion at the Dorms

4:00 pm

Heritage Room Open and Administration Building with Graduate Photo Gallery

6:30 pm

Traditional Candlelight Vespers at the Chapel - Hosted by 40 year class of 1974

8:00 pm

Traditional Alumni Sport Games on the Field & Basketball at the Lelia Patterson Center.

8:00 - 10:00 pm

Fletcher Valley Natural Foods and Strawberry Hill Yogurt Open Special for all Fletcher Academy Alumni

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014

9:00 am

Alumni Brunch and Business Meeting in the Lelia Patterson Center



Dorm Life Reunion

Special Alumni Weekend Feature

Shawn Collins

Alumni President

The majority of Fletcher Academy students have experienced Dormitory Life. We can recall the study halls, the worships, the camaraderie, the friendships, the practical jokes, and the responsibility of making our own choices without Mom or Dad around to help. This year's alumni weekend will focus on reflections, and for many of us a big part of that at Fletcher Academy was dorm life. Come see what the dorms look like now...including the most recent renovation of the boy's dorm! This event will be Sabbath at 4:00 pm at the dorms.



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Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2014

Reflections



October 3,4,5

Events and Highlights

- Annual Golf Tournament
- Friday Evening Reception and Refreshments
- Inspiring Vespers Program
- Traditional Prayer Breakfast
- Alumni of Year Award 2014
- Mission Features from Fletcher Academy Students
- Fabulous Performing Arts by Fletcher Academy
- Uplifting Church Service
- Fletcher School of Nursing Meeting
- Special Reunion and Reflections of "Dorm Life" of Fletcher Academy
- Candlelight Vespers at the Chapel
- Alumni Verses Students Saturday Night Games
- Sunday Morning Brunch and Business Meeting
-and more!

HONOR CLASSES

1954, 1964, 1974, 1989, 2004

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