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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **June 24**—Preview Day and Block Party, Mount Vernon Campus
- **July 4**—Independence Day, Administrative Offices Closed

For more BPC Calendar events go to:  
[www.bpc.edu/news\\_and\\_info/general\\_calendar](http://www.bpc.edu/news_and_info/general_calendar)

## BPC RECEIVES \$200,000 IN SUPPORT

### BPC receives \$100,000 gift from Holland-Underwood

**B**rewton-Parker College welcomed a substantial and timely donation Wednesday, June 8.

BPC Acting President Dr. Mike Simoneaux received a \$100,000 donation from the Holland-Underwood Foundation of Dublin, a longtime supporter of the College.

These funds were received at a critical time for the College, which has faced overwhelming financial challenges in the last year. Dr. Simoneaux expects a smoother fiscal future.

"God answers our prayers, always on time," said Simoneaux.

BPC was founded in 1904 to serve south Georgians in Christian higher education, and 107 years later it continues to reach the world for Christ in the heart of Georgia's Sweet Onion Country. Donations, like the one received this week, solidify the significance of the College in



the community, explains Dr. Simoneaux.

"This generous gift underscores the confidence that God will continue to bless the Christ-centered and Biblically-based educational ministry of Brewton-Parker College in partnership with the Georgia Baptist Convention," said Dr. Simoneaux. The mission of Brewton-Parker College, a Georgia Baptist college, is to develop the whole student through the application

of Biblically-centered truth to a liberal arts curriculum in a community of shared Christian values. BPC offers 17 majors and 27 minors and serves students on its main campus in Mount Vernon and at an external learning center in Newnan.

To learn more about how you can assist Brewton-Parker College with its mission, contact Jessica James, interim vice president for college advancement at 912-583-3265 or email [jjames@bpc.edu](mailto:jjames@bpc.edu).

### BPC receives \$100,000 from Development Authority

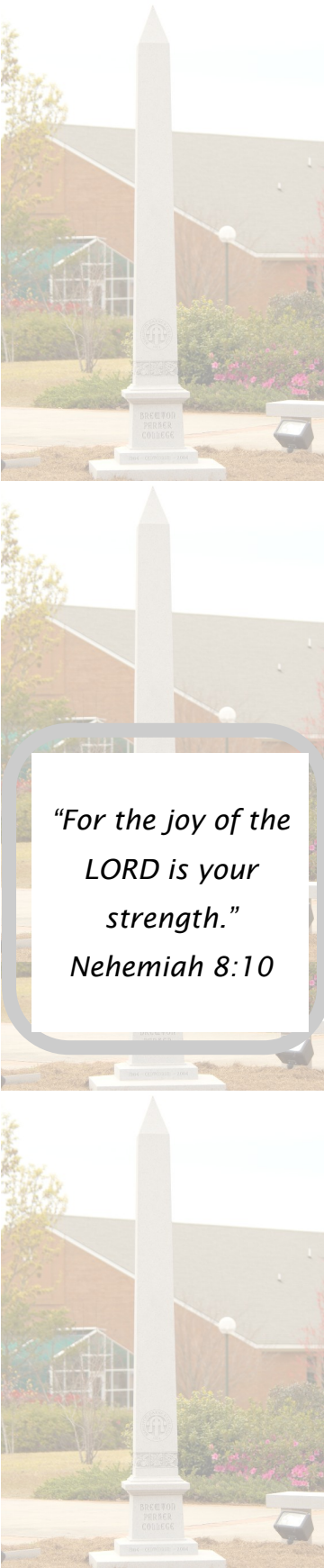
**M**ontgomery County Development Authority (MCDA) Executive Director Joe Filippone presented Brewton-Parker College Acting President Dr. Mike Simoneaux with a \$100,000 stimulus check Monday, June 20.

The monies are intended to "prime the pump" generating recurring revenue for the private, Christian college, said Filippone.

The funds were approved Thursday, June 15 by the nine-member board as a special project under the development authority. The board routinely assists new businesses in providing funding for start-up expenses such as real estate fees, surveys and topography maps but this is the first time the authority has assisted an existing business with stimulus funds.

"As the county's largest employer, Brewton-Parker College is critical to the economic prosperity of Montgomery County. Several local members of the College's Board of Trustees, including Gary Braddy and Colon Sammons, as well as Mayor Fountain of Mount Vernon, spoke to us about the importance of BPC and its continuing mission to serve the local community - not only by providing education to area students but in providing jobs for many in the community, and setting the economic barometer of the county," said Filippone.

"I wish to express the deep appreciation of the entire college family for this wonderful gift from the Montgomery County Development Authority. This gift underscores not only the generosity of the MCDA, but makes a crystal clear statement of confidence in Brewton-Parker College and its importance to Montgomery County," said Dr. Mike Simoneaux, BPC Acting President.



*“For the joy of the LORD is your strength.”  
Nehemiah 8:10*

## Academic Affairs announces opportunities

**B**rewton-Parker College Office of Academic Affairs announces new opportunities for students in Agribusiness and Music Participation.

Because Brewton-Parker College is located in the heart of Sweet Onion Country and was established as a high school to educate the children of rural families, it is continuing its tradition of supporting the needs of the community and future students by offering a new concentration in Agribusiness under the BBA degree. The program is available to students beginning next fall.

Students can begin enrolling now. Randy Minton, BPC Interim Chief Operating Officer and business division chair, lead the development of the program which will help students achieve a business-based degree with a significant Agribusiness component.

“Agribusiness management is more important than ever,” said Professor Minton. “The world’s demand for food is ever increasing as is the need for producers to make informed choices in the areas of product mix, distribution and logistics, retailing, and governmental regulation. Whether you want to work in a commod-

ity exchange, international agricultural exports, manage a large farming operation, or just better manage your small to medium farming business, a BBA with a concentration in Agribusiness will put you onto the road to success.”

Interim Provost Dr. Chris Jones wrote an encouraging message on the BPC Facebook wall June 9 about expanded Music Participation opportunities, including choir, wind ensemble and a new pep band. This effort was generated in order to create a buzz in the community, with new recruits and online.

According to Jones, “We are excited about what God continues to do at Brewton-Parker. Music will be a big part of BPC once again. We look forward to bringing back the traditions of the past in a new, revitalized fashion. Opportunities will be available in the new Basketball Pep Band, Choir, and Wind Ensemble. We plan to build the largest choir in the southeast. This fall slots will be limited, so you are encouraged to let us know of your interests right away.”

For more information about Agribusiness or Music Participation, contact the Office of Admissions at 912-583-3265.

## Attention BPC Alumni Choir!



Hildegard Stanley directs a 273-member BPC Alumni Reunion Choir during BPC’s 2011 Alumni Weekend April 9 in Saliba Chapel. (Photo by Ray Minks)

**P**rofessor Hildegard Stanley has announced the possibility of the Brewton-Parker College Alumni Choir singing at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

According to Stanley, “There is a chance that the Brewton-Parker Alumni Choir could sing at the GBC Nov. 15 or 16. Are you willing to take off work for a day to do this? A yes means you will be there! ‘Until we meet again. . .”

If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Professor Stanley as soon as possible by emailing her at [hstanley@bpc.edu](mailto:hstanley@bpc.edu).



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**BPC Centennial Monument**

## STUDENT TESTIMONY *COURTNEY HOWARD, A SOPHOMORE*

### **Why did you choose to attend BPC?**

My name is Courtney Howard, and I am from Hinesville, Ga. I am a freshman majoring in "whatever God has in store for me."

The decision to go to Brewton-Parker was totally a God thing. I was living in Oklahoma when BPC fell into my lap. I had an argument with a family member and submitted a volleyball recruitment out of anger, wanting to be far away from my family. The next thing I know, things started falling into place. Coach Bryant followed up with me about recruitment. I told God I was not going to attend BPC even if I did get a scholarship because it was too far away and not what He wanted me to do. When you challenge God, He will win.

BPC was the only school I ended up looking at because all the pieces fell perfectly into place. God made it evident that BPC was where He wanted me to be. Coach Bryant gave me a scholarship. God led my family to Georgia by leading my dad to a church in Glennville where he would pastor. I saw God's hand moving everything into place. When you know God



**Courtney Howard**

has specifically pieced everything together, how can you say no? And poof! BPC became my new home.

### **How have you matured as a Christian since attending BPC?**

BPC has refined my faith. Just as fire is used to remove impurities from metals and such, God has used situations and experiences at school to show me what a true walk with Christ looks like. I have truly become broken here. Trying to describe how I have grown spiritually is challenging because it is a process that is constantly changing. Every day I learn something new. God has opened my eyes to

all the hurt around me and has showed me that I myself cannot fix it. I have to allow Jesus to work in me to help others.

Humbleness is something He is teaching me now. Humbleness comes from following the sequence of steps that is required of a Christ-follower. First, I have to know who God truly is if I'm going to follow Him. Second, I have to deny myself, give up control, and let Him lead. Third, take up my cross and joyfully suffer with Christ. And last, I have to choose to follow. My faith is pointless unless I choose to put it into action and follow right after Christ. I am so undeserving of Jesus and the love He and my Father has for me. Events such as losing some of my best friends, getting involved with the wrong crowd, struggling through classes, feeling inferior to teammates, being homesick, being emotionally broken, and many other things, all have led to me being where I am right now and finally seeing what being a true Christ-follower means. God took all the things I saw as bad and used them for His glory.

## Softball players receive post-season SSAC accolades

**J**unior shortstop Sadie Mullins and freshman pitcher Myia Ashmore represented Brewton-Parker College on the SSAC All-Conference and All-Division teams for their efforts on the field this season.

Ashmore (FR-1I) was selected to the All-Eastern Division Team.

Mullins (JR-3I) was selected to the SSAC All-Conference Team for the second year in a row for her outstanding efforts on the field this season.

Coach Jason Bryant emphasized that these two young ladies are some of the reasons expectations are extremely high for next season. "With Myia anchoring the pitching position and Sadie steadfast in the middle infield, Brewton-Parker Softball can be expected to accomplish great things in seasons to come," Bryant said.



**Myia Ashmore delivers a pitch during the H1N1 Awareness game.**

**BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE.**

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# BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE BPC College Advancement Annual Fund Report



**Jessica James**

With six days left in this year's Annual Fund Campaign, a successful year of fundraising is coming to a close at Brewton-Parker College.

BPC's Director of Annual Funds and Grants Jessica James is encouraged by the response from donors and the community.

"There are no words to express God's love and compassion for Brewton-Parker College! Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and monetary gifts this year and every year," said James.

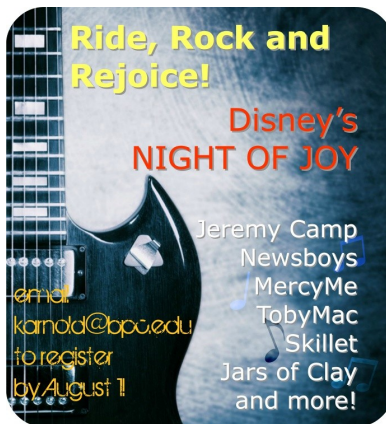
At \$773,000, as of June 21, she says the Annual Fund amount is \$550,000 over the amount traditionally raised. She encourages anyone who wants to support BPC to contact the Office of College Advancement.

Monies raised contribute to the College's general fund. This fund provides standard upgrades to college technology, maintenance of campus facilities and faculty and staff salaries, among other needs. Of every dollar needed to educate a student at Brewton-Parker, 56 percent of it must come from fundraising efforts like the Annual Fund.

James may be reached at 912-583-3256 or by email at [jljames@bpc.edu](mailto:jljames@bpc.edu).

The Annual Fund campaign ends June 30.

## Join BPC for a Night of Joy!



The Brewton-Parker College Young Alumni Association is planning a trip to Disney's Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Sept. 9-12. BPC students, faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to attend.

The cost of the trip is \$175, which covers the trip from BPC to Orlando and back, a two nights stay at a Disney hotel, two BPC t-shirts, and a two day concert ticket (several stages around the park will be performing at the same time).

Entrance into the park is from 4p.m. to 1a.m., and concerts start around 7p.m. All rides are open for enjoyment. A deposit of \$90 is due by August 1. For more information, or to make a payment, visit the Young Alumni Association webpage at [www.bpc.edu/alumni/AlumniFriendsSeniors.htm](http://www.bpc.edu/alumni/AlumniFriendsSeniors.htm).

Would you like to help support Brewton-Parker College's mission? Fill out the information and send to:

Brewton-Parker College  
CMB #2014  
P.O. Box 197  
Mount Vernon, GA 31055

My gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. *Make checks payable to: Brewton-Parker College*

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