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## Total 2014 Fall Enrollment at IABCU Schools: 139,412 Undergraduate: 107,044; Graduate: 32,368

	<u>UNDERGRADUATE</u>	<u>GRADUATE</u>
1. Anderson University	3,214	315
2. Arkansas Baptist College	1,003	—
3. The Baptist College of Florida	529	22
4. Baptist College of Health Sciences	1,170	—
5. Baptist University of the Americas	261	—
6. Baylor University	13,859	2,404
7. Blue Mountain College	544	24
8. Bluefield College	912	16
9. California Baptist University	6,435	1,522
10. Campbell University	4,551	1,693
(first professional enrollment 1,020)		
11. Campbellsville University	3,062	422
12. Carson-Newman University	1,757	605
13. Charleston Southern University	3,013	404
14. Chowan University	1,484	47
15. Clear Creek Baptist Bible College	156	—
16. Dallas Baptist University	3,457	1,988
17. East Texas Baptist University	1,232	68
18. Fruitland Baptist Bible College	250	—
19. Gardner-Webb University	2,743	2,116
20. Georgetown College	979	282
21. Golden Gate Baptist Theo. Semin.	---	1,945
22. Hannibal-LaGrange University	1,079	55
23. Hardin-Simmons University	1,626	454
24. Houston Baptist University	2,288	840
25. Howard Payne University	1,073	64
26. Judson College	396	—
27. Louisiana College	985	271
28. Mercer University	4,751	2,309
(professional 1783)		

	<u>UNDERGRADUATE</u>	<u>GRADUATE</u>
29. Mississippi College	2,984	2,000
30. Missouri Baptist University	4,090	1,231
31. North Greenville University	2,372	209
32. Oklahoma Baptist University	1,979	58
33. Ouachita Baptist University	1,501	—
34. Samford University	3,051	1,882
35. Seinan Gakuin Univ. (Japan)	8,057	197
36. Shorter University	2,194	164
37. Southwest Baptist University	2,962	850
38. Union University	2,814	1,204
39. Univ. of the Cumberlands	2,096	2,827
40. Univ. of Mary Hardin-Baylor	3,103	630
41. Wayland Baptist University	3,981	1,555
42. William Carey University	2,450	1,695
43. Williams Baptist College	550	—
44. Yellowstone Christian College	51	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>107,044</b>	<b>32,368</b>

Total Graduate and Undergraduate Enrollment in IABCU Member Schools: 139,412



Source: information supplied by member schools; “—” signifies no data reported (Published in the 2015 Online Directory of

Member Schools: International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities - [www.baptistschools.org](http://www.baptistschools.org) and [www.baptistcolleges.org](http://www.baptistcolleges.org)). ■

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# CGE



Carolyn Bishop, President, Consortium for Global Education

## The Eyes of Your Heart – Through CGE's Global Efforts

CGE has two global opportunities for members to view the educational world with the "eyes of your heart" (Eph 1:18). Plan to engage in one of these heartfelt opportunities as you plan your 2015 April and May activities.

In April, CGE joins LSESD, our educational partners in Lebanon, to participate in their 3rd National Day for students with special needs. As some faculty lead in training workshops, others will meet with school principals representing over 70,000 students. Leaders will meet appointments given by the Minister of Education and the President's Research Center. Dr. Fadi Yarak and Director Leila Fayad recently visited CGE members to launch this year's national day with dialogue for new equal education legislation. CGE needs faculty from Education, leadership from your campus and YOU! As you hear daily about the Middle East, turn your heart toward Beirut, a CGE vetted safe city with warm and friendly citizens.

For 6 days in early May, CGE inaugurates two new programs in Europe.

1) Beginning in summer 2016, students will study in Rome, Italy, see his-

toric sites, study culture and faith with Christian leaders, and sense the hearts of early Christian leaders echoing across ruins. CGE enrolled students will take two courses for credit and gain a CGE Global Christian Leaders Certificate. CGE is working in cooperation with our new partner, SAI, and John Cabot University. In early May of 2015, CGE members are invited to join us to view the sites and map out this new program.

2) France is not far away, so CGE will also offer the option for CGE trav-



elers to visit the Universite Catholique d'Iouest (UCO) in Angers. A student from Hannibal-LaGrange is studying French there now and UCO is our newest CGE Affiliate member!! The integration of faith and learning is orchestrated at UCO by CGE through known Christian educators as students take French courses and culture at UCO.

JOIN CGE as we Focus with a Heart to share and learn.

Contact cbishop@cgedu for more information. www.cgedu.org. ■



# Comment: Why IABCU?

David Olive, IABCU President and Board Chair and President, Bluefield College

A distinguishing characteristic of our sector within higher education is the fact that we are faith-based institutions. Our Association-related schools are just a segment of this larger group that identify themselves as faith based. This designation gives us a tremendous opportunity to accentuate our core missions and distinguish ourselves from the public and other private universities across the landscape of higher education.



David Olive

As shared in the last issue of *The Baptist Educator*, I believe one of the significant opportunities we have as members of the IABCU is shaping our students' spiritual lives. Through campus ministry, chaplaincy or spiritual formation activities, we are privileged to guide our students and campus communities in deeper exploration of their faith and spiritual pilgrimages. In the end, our efforts combined with the work of the Holy Spirit are directed toward shaping our students into the increasingly unmistakable image of Christ.

In this edition, you will find an article by Dr. Shawn White, Director of Spiritual Formation and Assistant Professor of Christian Studies at Bluefield College. As illustration of how we at Bluefield are approaching spiritual formation, he shares in more detail the foundational aspects we are attempting to achieve in helping our students know God and live transformed lives that in turn transforms others' lives.

Another beneficial aspect of IABCU are the lives that are impacted by the generous gifts of others who believed passionately in Christian higher education during their lifetimes. Our Association-related schools receive student, faculty and staff scholarships thanks to the individuals and families who created endowed funds to support these important causes at our Baptist schools—Johnson, Opdyke, Hester, Robertson, and Farmer. I have worked with Warren Peek, president of the Southern Baptist Foundation, over the past months to gain a greater understanding of how

these funds are managed and directed and to discuss how the IABCU member schools can gain the greatest benefit from these treasured resources.

Below is a brief overview of the member schools who have students, faculty and staff benefitting from these resources in the current year. A more detailed report was shared with the IABCU Board of Directors at the December meeting and will be shared with the membership in the President's Annual Report during our upcoming meeting in St. Louis this June.

Schools receiving Opdyke scholarships for needy mountain youth: Blue Mountain College; Bluefield College; Carson-Newman College; Clear Creek Baptist College; North Greenville College; Truett-McConnell College; University of the Cumberlands; Williams Baptist College; and Yellowstone Baptist College.

Member institutions that have faculty and staff benefitting from the Robertson/Farmer/Hester doctoral loan/grant

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scholarships this year are: Anderson University; Baylor University; Howard Payne University; Mississippi College; Ouachita Baptist University; Union University; University of Mary Hardin-Baylor; William Carey

University; Williams Baptist College; and Yellowstone Christian College. To learn more about and how to apply for the doctoral loan/grant scholarship program, go to <http://www.baptistschools.org/programs/doctoral-loan-program/>. The application deadline is April 15 for the 2015-16 academic year.

Lastly, I believe another important aspect of our association with one another is centered around our Baptist roots. It is our shared Baptist hallmarks—the Lordship of Jesus Christ; the Bible as the authority for our faith and practice; soul competency and priesthood of the believer; and our religious freedom—that bind us together and are timeless values for every generation. It is these shared tenets that will continue to guide how we approach, understand and practice our faith as we live out our faith-based missions today and well into the future. ■

# Developing A Disciple-Making Vocabulary

Dr. Shawn White, Assistant Professor of Christian Studies and Director of Spiritual Formation, Bluefield College

A student who recently undertook a directed study in Spiritual Formation discovered one author who suggested that faith communities sometimes struggle in the area of discipleship because they simply do not possess a common vocabulary to talk about the process of disciple making. This in turn reminded me of a training course offered by Sonlife Ministries that I took as a young man entering church ministry.

It was an overwhelming seminar with its multi-staged, acronym-filled approach to discipleship. I took my “spinning head” to an experienced Youth Pastor friend who had advocated for this particular training. His words were simply, “If I were you, I would spend the first 2-3 years simply working the foundations and see where that leads you.”

As I ponder giving direction to spiritual formation at Bluefield College, I recall those two conversations separated by twenty years, but applicable to the present: How do we start building a common vocabulary of spiritual formation that will endure? I see no reason to reinvent the

wheel, so the six foundations I learned as an aspiring youth worker have become a source of the common vocabulary we hope to develop in conversation about spiritual formation, as well as help us provide some benchmarks in our efforts.

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#### *Prayerful Dependence<sup>1</sup>*

Those serving in student leadership are encouraged to find key individuals with whom they communicate regularly who will commit to praying for them. We have also enlisted prayer support for Campus Ministry as a whole. The goal is not only to invite prayer on behalf of the students, but also to cultivate in our stu-

dent leaders the need to understand their own work as part of a wider, Kingdom work, to which others also have an interest, and to whom we also have a responsibility.

#### *Priority of the Word*

Our former Spiritual Formation Director, Bruce Hoppler, adopted a Chapel model whereby the Fall Semester deals with a theme under the umbrella of “loving God” while the Spring

has the umbrella theme of “loving others.” We have retained this larger scheme in Chapel and use it as a means to focus our sharing and speaking over a whole year. I am finding this thematic approach to Chapel services aids student memories of the experience. Recent themes have included the 2013-14 theme of “Who is God?” by a survey of the overarching biblical narrative, and the

corollary “Who Am I?: Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of Luke.” The 2014-15 year has focused on worship (Fall – “Here I Am to Worship”), and the Spring semester examines issues of virtue and character.

#### *Proper Concept / Modelling of Christ*

An experienced campus minister suggested that today’s student often spends the first 15 minutes of a speaker’s time sizing up whether the speaker is trustworthy, and then only begins to listen attentively after the decision is made. I



understand the feeling myself. While we value our special guests who give our students a glimpse of the wider world of ministry, we are attempting to cultivate the local relationships so students can see those who speak of their faith live out their faith at the gas station, the baseball game, and in the local church. A student leader told me just this past weekend that the student body was more attentive when I asked one of our outgoing seniors to speak last semester than when we brought in a special guest. Our senior did not have to overcome the 15 minute gap.

#### *Creating a Loving Environment*

We are blessed with a large athletic population at Bluefield College (Go Rams!). There has been a tendency in the past few years to see the Baptist Collegiate Ministry group be comprised largely of non-athletes, while the Fellowship of Christian Athletes group is, naturally, where our student athletes have participated in spiritual formation. There is a movement afoot, however, to see these groups work together in the common cause of spiritual formation and to create an environment where jealousies and perceived slights give way to a unified intention to serve the needs of the entire student population. Sunday evenings are now the “student-led worship services” that were a key feature of the BCM meetings on Tuesday evenings. FCA leaders take a role in these worship services along with those who serve on BCM Council. We want to see #studentled rather than prioritizing #mygroup.

#### *Healthy Ministry Image*

Our Campus image has been greatly facilitated by the College’s move to change our Academic Convocation events to various times throughout the semester at the instigation of various faculty sponsors, and to preserve the Wednesday 10:00 a.m. hour for the corporate worship in Chapel. This campus-wide community time is the only such time built into our weekly schedule, and it is tempting to try to utilize this for other, worthy activities that would be of interest to many parts of our larger campus community. We have been resolute, however, in seeking to utilize this Chapel hour for its intended purpose: the corporate worship of our community and the proclamation of the Word. It is a weekly reminder of our mission to be an “inclusive Christ-centered learning communi-

ty.”

#### *Consistent Contacting*

A spouse of one of our staff members had a vision for a mentor ministry at Bluefield College. It was an answer to prayer, for in the previous year I had a number of conversations with current and former students about the desire for mentor relationships. Using resources that she had collected over years of ministry and mentor experience, Beth Walker helped Bluefield College launch a mentor program in the Fall of 2014. This pilot semester of the mentor program took trained mentors from a few of our local churches and matched them to mentees who expressed interest in the program. These pairs were asked to commit to six meetings over the course of the ten week program. The pilot successfully ran with 8 mentor-mentee pairs, was applauded as a wonderful experience, and found a number of relationships that will continue beyond the end of the program. We are actively recruiting both mentors to train and students to participate in this expanding program in the Spring.

I am mindful of the adage, “Your sys-

tem is perfectly designed to yield the result you are getting.”<sup>2</sup> As we seek to help our Bluefield College students understand more fully the call upon their lives, we are trying to develop a common vocabulary of foundations for the transformation from where they are to where they can and will be. ■

1. Foundations come from Dann Spader, *Growing a Healthy Youth Ministry*, 1998.

2. Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy*, 58.

### **IABCU Website Hosts Current Job Openings from Member Schools**

IABCU member schools are invited to submit job openings to be posted on the IABCU website, [www.BaptistSchools.org](http://www.BaptistSchools.org). The Association’s website currently hosts over 100 openings at Baptist schools around the nation. To submit a job opening, please email all pertinent details to Ashley Hill, Executive Secretary of the IABCU, at [ashleyhill@baptistschools.org](mailto:ashleyhill@baptistschools.org). We encourage all member schools to take advantage of this valuable resource.



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# IABCU Annual Meeting and Workshops

## Tentative Program Schedule

### May 30-June 2, 2015 • St. Louis, MO

**International Association of  
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*The St. Louis Marriott West*

**St. Louis, Missouri**

**School sponsor:**

**Missouri Baptist University**

**Dr. and Mrs. Alton Lacey and Staff**

#### **Attendees:**

**PRESIDENTS, CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS (CAOs),  
CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS (CDOs), CHIEF PUBLIC  
RELATIONS OFFICERS (PR), CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS  
(CFOs), CHIEF STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICERS (SAOs),  
DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICERS (DROs)**

## **Saturday, May 30, 2015**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm Registration**

**1:00-6:00 pm IABCU Annual Golf Tournament**

*The Missouri Bluffs Golf Club*

Tee-time is 1:00 PM.

Box lunch will be provided.

Scramble format.

Closest to the pin and longest drive competitions.



*The Missouri Bluffs Golf Club is widely considered to be one of the best championship courses in Missouri with its challenging layout and stunning vistas.*

## **Sunday, May 31, 2015**

**9:15 am Devotional**

**9:30-11:30 am IABCU Board Meeting**

**11:00 am.- 12:30 pm Registration**



*Busch Stadium has been home to the St. Louis Cardinals since 2006.*

**1:10 pm Cardinals vs. Dodgers**

*Busch Stadium*

**7:00 pm FIRST PLENARY SESSION**

*The St. Louis Marriott West*

*(Spouses are welcome to attend plenary sessions and workshops.)*

Welcome to St. Louis: **Alton Lacey**, President,  
Missouri Baptist University

Devotional: **Dub Oliver**, President, Union University

**First Hester Lecture: David P. Gushee**, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the Center for Theological and Public Life at Mercer University. Lecture Topic: *Students, Baptists, & Education: Who We Educate, From What Theology, With What Paradigm*



*Dr. David P. Gushee brings the 2015 Hester Lecture series.*

## Monday, June 1, 2015

**7:30 am–8:45 am Breakfast Program:** *The Evangelism Initiative*, **Dr. Robert Bishop**, Wheaton College

**9:00 am Spouse Tour:** *Missouri Botanical Gardens* Breakfast on your own before tour. **Mrs. Pat Lacey**, First Lady, Missouri Baptist University

Tram tour through the display gardens, light lunch at the Spink Gallery, and Educational Workshop, “Say It With Flowers,” about turning a grocery store bouquet into a beautiful arrangement.



*Missouri Botanical Gardens*

## 9:00–10:30 am SECOND PLENARY SESSION

*St. Louis Marriott West*

**Second Hester Lecture: David P. Gushee**, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the Center for Theological and Public Life at Mercer University. Lecture Topic: *Students, Baptists, & Education: Who We Educate, From What Theology, With What Paradigm*

### 10:45 am-12:00 pm Workshops

- *Managing Crime, Security, and Allegations of Sexual Misconduct on the Christian Campus*, **Alton Lacey, Missouri Baptist University, and Aaron Lacey, Partner, Higher Educations Practice, Tompson, Coburn LLP**

- *Private Colleges That are Thriving Today and How They are Doing It: Achieving Change with Actual Case Studies*, **Thomas Bakewell, Consultant and Author of Claiming Your Place At The Boardroom Table: The Essential Handbook for Excellence In Governance and Effective Directorship**

- *How To Get The Board Engaged in Fundraising Or Get Behind a Campaign*, **Chris Withers, CFRE, Consultant and Former Vice President of Advancement at the University of Richmond**

### 12:15-1:45 pm Annual IABCU Business Luncheon

(Only presidents and chief academic officers vote on business items)

**President’s Annual Report: David Olive**

**Executive Secretary’s Annual Report: Ashley Hill**

**Business Items:** (*budget, annual meeting location, board member election etc.*)

**CGE Update: Carolyn Bishop**, President, CGE

### 2:00-3:15 pm Workshops

- *Managing Crime, Security, and Allegations of Sexual Misconduct on the Christian Campus*

- *Private Colleges That are Thriving Today and How They are Doing It: Achieving Change with Actual Case Studies*

- *How To Get The Board Engaged in Fundraising Or Get Behind a Campaign*

**3:30-5:00 pm CGE Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Carolyn Bishop**, President, CGE, convener

**6:00 pm Reception and Banquet:** Buses leave hotel for reception and banquet at Missouri Baptist University

Hosts: **Alton and Pat Lacey and MBU staff**

Buses will return to hotel immediately following dinner and program.

## Tuesday, June 2, 2015

**7:30–8:45 am Breakfast / Roundtable Discussions**  
(7:30-8:15) / **Baptist Scholars Program (8:15-8:45)**

- *CGE Programs and Educational Opportunities* (Facilitator: Dr. Carolyn Bishop, CGE)
- *Reviewing Crisis Communication Strategy*
- *LGBT Policies*
- *Communicating Our Value Proposition to Prospective Students and Parents* (Facilitator: Kina Mallard, Carson-Newman University)
- *Evangelism Practices* (Robert Bishop, Wheaton College)

**9:00–10:15 am Spouses Breakfast and Program:**  
**Pat Lacey** presider

**9:00-10:15 am Legal Affairs Briefing**  
**James Guenther and Jaime Jordan**, Guenther, Jordan and Price, PC, *Legal Issues Affecting Baptist Higher Education*

**10:30 am–12:00 pm THIRD PLENARY SESSION**

**Third Hester Lecture: David P. Gushee**, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of the Center for Theological and Public Life at Mercer University. Lecture Topic: *Students, Baptists, & Education: Who We Educate, From What Theology, With What Paradigm*

Discussion, Benediction, Adjourn ■

Warren Peek,  
Southern Baptist Foundation  
and  
Barbara Medlin,  
GuideStone Financial Resources

will be available for private consultations during the IABCU Annual Meeting.

Please email Ashley Hill at  
[ashleyhill@baptistschools.org](mailto:ashleyhill@baptistschools.org)

to set an appointment time.



*In 1957, Hannibal-LaGrange College opened an extension campus that served 68 students taking courses for pastors and laymen. Today, Missouri Baptist University is home to more than 5200 students.*

## Samford Provost Dr. Brad Creed to Become 5th President of Campbell University

On Friday, January 2, 2015, the Campbell University Board of Trustees voted unanimously to elect Dr. J. Bradley Creed as the university's 5th president. According to Benjamin N. Thompson, chair of the Board of Trustees, "Dr. Creed is the embodiment of all we hoped to find in Campbell's next president. He brings the breadth of vision and depth of experience required to lead Campbell to even greater levels of regional and national prominence. He is a man of strong personal faith and deep integrity. I am confident that Campbell has found the right leader at the right time."

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the fifth president of Campbell University. I thank the Board of Trustees for the confidence they have placed in me for this strategic role, and I am genuinely enthusiastic about the future of this exceptional institution of higher education," said Dr. Creed. "Because of the quality and dedication of the Board of Trustees, the commitment of a stellar faculty, and the outstanding leadership of President Wallace, Campbell is blessed with a strong foundation and is unusually poised for additional growth and remarkable accomplishments in the days ahead. Kathy and I are eagerly anticipating our move to Buies Creek and can't wait to get on campus and meet the wonderful students, faculty, staff, friends, and supporters who make Campbell University a very special place."

Creed, who will take office at Campbell on July 1, is the current Provost and Executive Vice President at Samford University. ■



# Leadership Training in Baptist Colleges and Universities

The Baylor Seminar, May 17–20, 2015

One of the important programs affiliated with the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities is the annual Seminar on Academic Leadership in Baptist Universities, held on the campus of Baylor University.

This seminar is designed to be an alternative to secular versions of leadership development, such as what one finds with the American Council on Education (ACE) Fellows Program and the Harvard Institute for Educational Management (IEM) Program. While these are excellent programs in their own right, they both lack one essential component—the critical dimension of Christian mission.

The Baylor seminar will be held May 17–20, 2015. The purpose of the seminar is to provide a unique and significant leadership development opportunity for those in colleges and universities across the country that have a historical connection with Baptists.

The seminar is an intensive experience, condensing into five days a host of issues that includes leadership principles, institutional culture and religious identity, faculty hiring and development, strategic planning and university finances, legal issues, and the rewards and opportunities of academic leadership.

The seminar features a balanced mix of speakers, participant discussion, case studies, and other interactive methods. Enrollment for the seminar will be capped at thirty participants. To date, there are approximately 250 alumni of the seminar, virtually all serving in some leadership capacity in our Baptist schools.

The cost to attend the seminar is \$500 (includes program, meals, and on-campus accommodations); however, due to generous support from the IABCU, Baylor is able to offer a special discounted rate for IABCU member schools.

There are twenty scholarships of \$250

each available to applicants from IABCU members schools (one scholarship per school).

To receive complete information about the seminar, including the program and roster of speakers, please contact your chief academic officer or Anna Henderson at the Baylor University Graduate School (254-710-6473 or [Anna\\_Henderson@baylor.edu](mailto:Anna_Henderson@baylor.edu)).

The application deadline is March 15, 2014.

If you have questions about the seminar, contact the director of the seminar, Larry Lyon, Vice Provost and Graduate School Dean at Baylor (254-710-3588). ■



*Baylor University, Waco, Texas, is the site of the 2015 Seminar on Academic Leadership in Baptist Colleges and Universities set for May 17–20.*

### University Educators for Global Engagement to Hold Annual Conference

The annual conference of the U.E.G.E. will be held April 16–19, 2015 at the International Learning Center in Richmond, Virginia. This year's plenary speaker will be Dr. Chuck Lawless, former dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Lawless currently serves as the Global Theological Education Consultant for the International Mission Board. Mention at registration and at payment having seen this article in *The Baptist Educator*, and receive the early registration pricing. More information is available at [UEGE.com](http://UEGE.com).



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# Do Parents Have A Right To Know?



The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (known by the acronym “FERPA”) protects students’ privacy by limiting when a school can disclose information from a student’s education records without the student’s consent. Enforced by the US Department of Education, FERPA applies to schools that receive funds under programs of the Department of Education - which covers the vast majority of colleges and universities.

An unintended consequence of FERPA has been to create tension between universities and parents over the sharing of student information. Many parents are accustomed to looking out for their children; more to the point, many parents are footing the bill for their children’s education. It seems counter-intuitive when the university tells a parent that it cannot discuss the student’s grades or even the student’s financial account.

FERPA violations can have serious consequences. Fortunately for institutions, FERPA does not provide a student the right to sue for damages if the school improperly discloses the student’s records. The courts have been clear that FERPA cannot form the basis for a private lawsuit. However, the Department of Education can terminate federal funding (including student financial aid programs) for an institution which fails to resolve complaints and come into compliance with FERPA. This “nuclear option” would be so devastating to most schools that failing to comply with FERPA is not a reasonable alternative.

Can a school ever share student information with a parent? Certainly!

Here are circumstances under which information about a student can be shared with the student’s parents:

- The student consents. A written consent for the release of records is effective if it is signed and dated, specifies the records that may be disclosed, states the purpose of the disclosure, and identifies the party(ies) to whom disclosure can be made.
- Dependent students. Records can be released to the parents of a student who is a dependent for tax purposes

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under the IRS rules. The school should document the claim that the student is a dependent.

- Emergencies. Records can be released to parents if necessary because of an “articulable and significant threat to the health or safety” of a student.
- Certain drug or alcohol violations. A parent can be notified if a student under the age of 21 has been found guilty of violating any law or school policy concerning the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance.
- Violent crimes or sex offenses. The school can disclose a determination that a student violated school policies by committing an act that would constitute a violent crime or sex offense.
- Law enforcement records. Records retained only by the school’s law

enforcement unit are not protected from disclosure by FERPA.

- Personal observations. A school official can share with parents information that is based on observation or personal knowledge of facts not contained in an education record. For example, if a faculty member sees a student run a stop sign, that observation is not an education record, and the faculty member can report the event to parents. However, if the Dean of Students is disciplining a student on the basis of a report that the student committed a disciplinary violation, that matter has

become part of the student’s education records and is protected from disclosure unless another exception applies (e.g., the student has consented or is a dependent).

It is worth noting that, while FERPA permits disclosures to parents under certain circumstances, the law does not require institutions to disclose student information to parents. An institution is free to adopt a policy that it will deal with its students directly as responsible adults and will not share student information with parents.

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# 2014–15 Annual Tuition at IABCU Schools

*Unless indicated, tuition is based on 15 hours per semester.*

## FUKUOKA, JAPAN

Seinan Gakuin University \$7,000

## ALABAMA

Judson College \$15,204  
Samford University \$26,524

## ARKANSAS

Arkansas Baptist College \$8,040  
Ouachita Baptist University \$22,800  
Williams Baptist College \$14,360

## CALIFORNIA

California Baptist University \$27,612  
Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary  
SBC Student \$4,050  
Non-SBC Student \$7,740  
(18 hrs./yr.)

## FLORIDA

The Baptist College of Florida \$9,300

## GEORGIA

Mercer University \$33,780  
Shorter University \$19,880

## KENTUCKY

Campbellsville University \$22,342

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College \$6,023

Georgetown College \$32,960

Univ. of the Cumberland \$20,000

## LOUISIANA

Louisiana College \$12,750

## MISSISSIPPI

Blue Mountain College \$9,240

Mississippi College \$14,670

William Carey University \$11,400

## MISSOURI

Hannibal-LaGrange Univ. \$18,680

Missouri Baptist University \$22,125

Southwest Baptist University \$20,000

## MONTANA

Yellowstone Christian College \$7,950

## NORTH CAROLINA

Campbell University \$27,800

Chowan University \$22,900

Fruitland Baptist Bible College

North Carolina Baptists: \$2,200

Non-Baptists/Out of State: \$2,500

Gardner-Webb University \$26,690

## OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Baptist University \$22,800

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Anderson University \$21,660

Charleston Southern Univ. \$22,800

North Greenville University \$15,510

## TENNESSEE

Baptist College of Health Sciences \$12,150

Belmont University \$27,320

Carson-Newman College \$23,300

Union University \$26,160

## TEXAS

Baptist Univ. of the Americas \$5,040  
(12 hrs./semester)

Baylor University \$34,480

Dallas Baptist University \$23,250

East Texas Baptist University \$21,700

Hardin-Simmons University \$24,500

Houston Baptist University \$27,050

Howard Payne University \$23,600

Univ. of Mary Hardin-Baylor \$23,400

Wayland Baptist University \$12,960

## VIRGINIA

Bluefield College \$22,840

**Source: from information supplied by member schools ■**

## William Carey College Receives Foundation Gift For Pharmacy School

The Leo W. Seal Family Foundation recently pledged \$125,000 over a five-year period to William Carey University's effort to establish a school of pharmacy, the second such school in the state, on the Tradition campus in Biloxi. Pictured at the gift presentation on January 12 are (left to right) State Rep. Hank Zuber; Carey President Dr. Tommy King; and Foundation board member Clay Wagner.



## IABCU Creates New Associate Membership

The board of the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities has created a new associate member category for individuals who have served as president, chief academic officer or in another senior leadership position at an IABCU member institution but who retire or take a position at a non-member institution.

Annual dues for this membership category is \$35 per year. Associate members are encouraged to attend the annual meetings each year and attend the annual dessert fellowship at SACSCOC meeting. ■