

# **2016 YEAR IN REVIEW**

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Richmont Graduate University provides Christ-centered education and research that advances God's work of healing, restoration, and transformation in the lives of individuals, churches, and

#### **INCOMING STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED** for Fall 2016 semester

**TOTAL NEW STUDENTS** enrolled

PERCENT ENROLLMENT INCREASE over last year

SCHOOL OF COUNSELING incoming student median age

**SCHOOL OF MINISTRY** incoming student median age

States represented in the **SOC INCOMING CLASS** 

States represented in the SOM INCOMING CLASS

**MOST MILES TRAVELLED** to attend RGU (from Milton, MA)

5 1,083

25

8

39

138

**91** 

56

2016 RGU welcomes its LARGEST INCOMING CLASS IN HISTORY

#### 2016

M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling receives CACREP ACCREDITATION

#### 2016

**RICHMONT TRAUMA CENTER** launched in Atlanta and Chattanooga

#### 2015 RGU offers

FIRST FULLY ONLINE DEGREE through the School of Ministry **2016** M.A. IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND DIRECTION enrolls first cohort

2014 GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION enrolls first cohort

2012

**SCHOOL OF MINISTRY** enrolls first cohort for M.A. in Ministry

#### 2014 RGU moves to their NÉW ATLANTA CAMPUS

2003

#### **PSI RECEIVES ACCREDITATION**

through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)

2000 CBI AND PSI merge

CHATTANOOGA BIBLE INSTITUTE (CBI) is established to support local churches and their ministries

2008 is renamed to RICHMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY

1973 PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES INSTITUTE is established



### FORWARD TO UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH AND IMPACT

Life can only be lived in one direction: forward. While we may remember or even celebrate the past, we cannot build our home there. At Richmont Graduate University, we are passionate about moving forward and helping others to the same trajectory; spiritually, academically, professionally and relationally. Students arrive at Richmont with a calling, and it is our sacred privilege to equip them to move forward into positions that touch and change lives.

As an institution, Richmont Graduate University is also moving forward. We are in a season of unprecedented growth and impact. In Fall 2016, we saw record-breaking enrollment! Our impact on the Atlanta and Chattanooga communities continued through our 10 community counseling centers and our newly opened trauma centers where we served more than 25,000 people in oneon-one counseling sessions. At the same time, our ministry and counseling students worked with more than 90 nonprofit and mental health facilities in both cities. Richmont students and faculty were even able to travel overseas, bringing expertise in trauma training and treatment to Syrian refugees and relief workers.

Richmont is also welcoming an ever-increasing constituency of online students—allowing us to reach beyond geographic borders to develop counselors and ministry leaders who are fully equipped and spiritually full.

We are so proud of our remarkable graduates. In 2016, graduates of Richmont's School of Counseling had a 96% first-time pass rate on the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE) and, on average, scored in the top 15 percent of test-takers nationwide. Some 90% of School of Counseling graduates were employed within six months of graduation and 100% of our School Ministry graduates were employed in that same time period.

In August 2016, Richmont Graduate University received accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the gold standard of excellence for programs graduating professional counselors. As we look to the year ahead. Richmont is moving forward to achieve a wider reach and deepimpact. In er 2017, we are expanding our trauma work to meet the world at some of its deepest levels of hurt. Our Institute of



Traumatology and Social Justice will fuel the work of our students and faculty in areas including human trafficking, refugee crisis issues, minority inclusion, and overseas partnerships with those in need. This work allows us to fulfill the Isaiah 58 call to "build the old waste places" and serve as "Repairer[s] of the Breach, the Restorer[s] of Streets to dwell in." (Isaiah 58:9-12). At the same time, we will continue to invest in students, helping them learn to care for themselves even as they prepare to care for others as ministry and counseling professionals. This is what we mean by graduating Richmont students "full and fully equipped."

We have much to be grateful for as we reflect on the past year—not the least of which is the prayers and generous support of our partners and donors. Your support allows us to educate counselors and ministers who will share the redemptive love of Christ with a hurting world. Thank you for your partnership in this important work. God is doing tremendous things through Richmont Graduate University as He transforms all of us by "the renewing of our minds" (Rom. 12:2). God's direction is clear: FORWARD!

Warmest Regards, 🦯

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Vanessa Snyder, Ph.D. Interim President

#### SARA CATHY KNOWS ART: She and her husband own a ceramics and pottery Studio in chattanooga

where his work is displayed. But Sara's own art relates to helping others design effective, meaningful lives. Currently, Sara is in her internship year and finishing her degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in hopes of working in the future with couples, children, and adults with intellectual disabilities.

READ MORE OF SARA'S STORY AT RICHMONT.EDU/PERSPECTIVES

### SCHOOL OF COUNSELING

#### SCHOOL OF COUNSELING NEWS & UPDATES

#### **CACREP ACCREDITATION**

In July Richmont received news of earning accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) for the Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. The process required three years of extensive evaluation of both Richmont's academic programming and its clinical training for future counselors. CACREP accreditation is the paramount honor within the field of counseling, signaling that a Clinical Mental Health degree bearing its name has been evaluated to meet the strictest standards set by the profession. Choosing a CACREP-accredited school assures students they will gain the knowledge and experience necessary for licensure and clinical success in most states, and their path toward licensure will be smoother.

#### TRAUMA TEAM IN GREECE

A team of Richmont-trained trauma therapists worked with Syrian refugees in Greece for 10 days at the end of July. Dr. Vanessa Snyder and Dr. Lorrie Slater led the trip, joined by therapists Nia Baker, Liz Norris, Doug Horton, and Mary Horton. Foremost in their mission was the training of humanitarian workers in compassion fatigue and trauma counseling and also providing counseling to families in the detention camp in Lesvos, Greece.

#### 96% FIRST-TIME PASS RATE ON THE NATIONAL COUNSELING EXAM

Our School of Counseling 2016 graduates garnered a 96% first-time pass rate on the National Counseling Exam for the fourth year in a row. Also for the fourth consecutive year, Richmont has outperformed the averages of CACREP- and non-CACREP-accredited schools in every category. Repeating this high level of academic excellence is a testament to the strength of our program and our students' devotion.

Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found.

PSALM 119:35

I stepped into the journey of graduate school expecting to get a great education, but Richmont has been such an unexpectedly rich source of community as well. Those moments of laughing with fellow students, professors, and faculty have made this experience such a gift."

- SHELBY DENTON



#### HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH HONORED AT RICHMONT

In January Richmont honored Human Trafficking Awareness Month with a slate of vigils, chapel services, film screenings, panel discussions, and more. A highlight during the event was a television appearance on the Chattanooga-based show *3 Plus You* by Richmont student Eryn Hawks and Assistant Dean of Students Dr. Lorrie Slater. The two raised awareness of sex trafficking in the Southeast and discussed emerging methods of treatment.

#### RICHMONT RESEARCH EARNED NATIONAL ATTENTION

Research conducted at Richmont has earned national attention. We received an invitation this winter to participate in Project Amazing Grace, which is spearheaded by Biola University and the University of California at Davis and sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation. The research initiative is investigating the nature, impact, and influence of understanding the role of God's grace in daily life. Dr. Timothy Sisemore, Director of Research at Richmont, presented to the Core Research Team at Project Amazing Grace in January on the Richmont Grace Scale and its evolution into the Dimensions of Grace Scale, which will soon be published in the journal *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*.

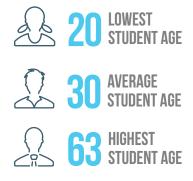
#### SEVEN RICHMONT FACULTY MEMBERS TO PRESENT AT CAPS

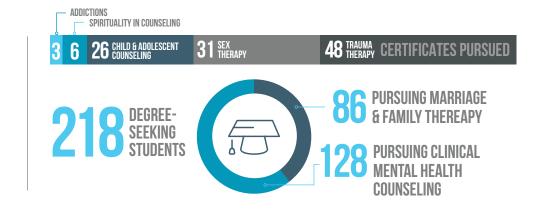
The national conference of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) was held in Pasadena, CA, in March. Out of the thousands of submissions from scholars across the world undergoing scrutiny from multiple leaders in the field, no fewer than seven Richmont faculty members received invitations to present. Congratulations to Dr. Amanda Blackburn, Dr. Mary Plisco, Dr. Timothy Sisemore, Dr. Lorrie Slater, Dr. Vanessa Snyder, Dr. Sonja Sutherland, and Dr. Jama White on their well-received scholarship at the national CAPS conference.

#### RICHMONT LAUNCHES INSTITUTE OF TRAUMATOLOGY

In partnership with the world-renowned Green Cross Academy of Traumatology, Richmont launched its own Institute of Traumatology and Social Justice in February 2016. Growing out of a desire to bring hope and healing to those who have suffered trauma, the Institute takes a three-tiered approach: 1) Educate students in trauma treatment, 2) Treat those who have suffered trauma, and 3) Train professionals to help people in crisis after traumatic events. It is Richmont's conviction that education without service is useless; therefore, the Institute marries the two in hopes of increasing individuals' health, thus strengthening their families, and by extension, their communities and beyond.

#### SCHOOL OF COUNSELING **2016 DATA**





After building a successful career in the commercial food industry, Kevin Morton had lost his passion for sales, but HIS DESIRE TO SERVE GOD'S PEOPLE WAS GROWING. EVERY TIME GOD OPENED A DOOR FOR HIM to minister

at the church, his excitement grew. Kevin became a musician, a worship leader, and an elder. When God invited him to enter Richmont's School of Counseling, his mission became clear: "God has sent me to Richmont to help people find the path to healing."

> READ MORE OF KEVIN'S STORY AT RICHMONT.EDU/PERSPECTIVES



"While we currently have, and have had, interns from other schools, Richmont is our number one preference for student interns. Not only are the Richmont students well prepared and equipped to meet the challenges confronting our clients, they also have a faith-based background. If it were possible, we would like to recruit all of our interns from Richmont."

- ANDY PECK, ATLANTA MISSION

#### BEN ADAMSON TRUSTS GOD'S TIMING.

He's studying counseling at Richmont, knowing he wants to be a therapist, but he remains uncertain as to how God will use his degree in the future. This Georgia Bulldog just knows he's moving toward God, and that's good enough for him.

READ MORE OF BEN'S STORY AT RICHMONT.EDU/PERSPECTIVES



"Skyland Trail's internship program is rigorous, and we have been grateful to find that the Richmont interns who have partnered with us have strong work ethics, are able to quickly begin working individually with clients, and are highly professional. Several Richmont graduates have been hired by Skyland after their internship year due to their notable performances as interns. We look forward to continuing to partner with Richmont."

- CATHERINE MOON, SKYLAND TRAIL

#### SCHOOL OF COUNSELING SAMPLE COURSES

#### M.A. CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

#### CORE COUNSELING AND CLINICAL INTERVENTION CURRICULUM

Introduction to Counseling Addictions Counseling **Clinical Appraisal** Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy **Counseling Systems and Interventions** Ethical, Legal, and Professional Standards in Counseling Family Systems Theory Group Counseling Helping Relationships Human Growth and Development Lifestyle and Career Development Methods of Research Personal and Professional Identity of the Counselor Psychodynamic Therapy Psychopathology Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling Theodicy and Trauma Counseling Professional Seminar

#### INTEGRATION CURRICULUM

Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling Counseling and Spirituality Hermeneutics and Application Integrative Theology for Counselors Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor

#### **CLINICAL TRAINING**

Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab Counseling Practicum Counseling Internship

#### M.A. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

#### CORE COUNSELING AND CLINICAL INTERVENTION CURRICULUM

Introduction to Counseling Addictions Counseling Brief, Solution-Focused, Communication Approaches to Marriage and Family Therapy Clinical Appraisal Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy Contextual, Narrative, and Interpersonal Modes of Counseling **Counseling Systems and Interventions** Ethical, Legal, and Professional Standards in Counseling Family Systems Theory Group Counseling Healthy Family Functioning Helping Relationships Human Growth and Development Human Sexuality Lifestyle and Career Development Methods of Research Person of the Marriage and Family Therapist Psychodynamic Therapy Psychopathology Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling Structural and Behavioral Marriage & Family Therapy Theodicy and Trauma Counseling **Professional Seminar** 

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#### CLINICAL TRAINING CURRICULUM: SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab in Counseling Counseling Practicum Counseling Internship

### "

Richmont is hands down the best education I have ever received. The program is rigorous, the staff are both supportive and caring, and the classmates feel like family." – HANNAH SANDERS

#### M.S. CHRISTIAN PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES

#### CORE INTEGRATION CURRICULUM

Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling Hermeneutics and Application Integrative Theology for Counselors Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor

#### **CLINICAL CURRICULUM**

Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy Counseling Systems and Interventions Psychodynamic Therapy Psychopathology Structural and Behavioral Marriage & Family Therapy

## SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

#### TONY NOLAN WAS BORN IN A MENTAL INSTITUTION IN MACCLENNY, FLORIDA,

to a homeless prostitute. The foster care system and his own adoptive father brought no relief to his broken heart. But God had a plan for Tony that this terrifying childhood could not quell. Today Tony ministers to packed-out arenas at concerts and is pursuing an M.A. in Ministry from Richmont. "My mission is to keep an ear pressed against the chest of God," says Tony, "and to live my life in the rhythm of that beat."

READ MORE OF TONY'S STORY AT RICHMONT.EDU/PERSPECTIVES

The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."

PSALM 32:8

#### SCHOOL OF MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

#### THE **FULLY ONLINE** MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY IS ATTRACTING STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE U.S.

Richmont's first online program is designed to accommodate working professionals who are serving in ministry roles, people who are looking to change careers, or lifelong learners who desire to deepen their personal and spiritual journey. The unique blend of a curriculum that emphasizes a biblical foundation, personal spiritual growth, and practical ministry skills is enhanced with professors that are ministry practitioners.

#### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION **ENROLLS SECOND COHORT**

The second cohort class of the Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction began in January 2016. The fivecourse program prepares students to walk alongside others in their spiritual journey and assists them in becoming increasingly aware of the presence of God in their lives. As such, it is a natural extension of both the ministry and counseling mission of Richmont. Intensives are offered in a beautiful retreat setting along with online experiential learning.

Richmont is the best place for me! Here, my love of Scripture, sound biblical teaching, and spiritual formation are combined with the heart and purpose of leading individuals into wholeness – spirit, soul, and body." – LAUREN FLOWERS



Attendees of the 2016 Spiritual Formation and Direction Retreat.

#### M.A. IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND DIRECTION LAUNCHED

The Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation and Direction launched with its first cohort in 2016. Students convene for a Spiritual Formation Retreat with Dr. Marty Goehring, have the opportunity to take classes with world-renowned author Dr. Larry Crabb, and experience personal mentorship with School of Ministry faculty members.

#### RICHMONT GAINS NC-SARA MEMBERSHIP

Richmont recently gained membership in NC-SARA which authorizes the University to offer online classes in 40 states. This authorization will allow both schools of the University to expand online courses, as needed, in the future.



#### MARY BETH IS CONFIDENTLY ADVENTUROUS: SHE'S WILLING TO LEARN THINGS THAT

topple her assumptions, ready to take on myriad professional experiences, and she even welcomes the fact that life after graduation is "a blank canvas" for now. She draws strength from the knowledge that God is at helm of her life, directing everything in a way she can ultimately trust. While she hasn't been without fear, she's desperate for others to encounter the God she knows - the God who loves, teaches, and laughs with her.

> READ MORE OF MARY BETH'S STORY AT RICHMONT.EDU/PERSPECTIVES

#### SCHOOL OF MINISTRY SAMPLE COURSES

#### **BIBLE HISTORY AND THEOLOGY**

Hermeneutics and Exegesis

Historical Theology: The Great Questions Addressed by the Christian Faith

Church History: The Great Traditions of Christian Faith

Understanding the Bible through Its Uniting Themes

The Trinity: God Revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit

God in the Midst of Thinking, Being and Doing

#### **SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

Spiritual Formation I: Dynamics of the Person and the Kingdom of God

Spiritual Formation II: Living in the Divine Conversation and Character

Spiritual Formation Retreat Seminar: Theological and Self Understanding

Spiritual Formation III: Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith through Scripture, Literature, and Praxis

Spiritual Formation IV: Living as an Apprentice to Jesus

#### MINISTRY SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP

Foundations of Authentic Leadership Interpersonal Skills – Pastoral Care Practical Aspects of the Life of the Minister Ministry to Children and Families Communication in Ministry

MENTORED TRAINING

Internship: Mentored Growth and Development

**CULMINATING PROJECT** Final Integrative Seminar

### **LIBRARIES**

The libraries at Richmont play a crucial role by building and maintaining collections, providing reference and instruction services, and participating in scholarly and service-oriented activities.

#### **COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT**



The libraries continued to build their collections for the counseling and ministry programs and evaluate materials for relevance and space. As part of collection management, the libraries added a number of monographic and audiovisual resources. Included in monographic additions were over 40 online biblical commentaries to support the distance education program for the Master of Arts in Ministry.

#### **REFERENCE SERVICES**

8,000 REFERENCE QUESTIONS & CONSULTS These included face-to-face, telephone, email, web form, and text consultations. In addition to the typical reference and research consultations, library faculty also provide writing and editorial assistance for student assignments.

#### **DATABASE SEARCHES**

MORE THANThese index and full-text article searches271Kwere conducted via the university's three<br/>main psychological databases: PsycInfo,<br/>PsycArticles, and the Psychological and<br/>Behavioral Sciences set.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

The Richmont Library continued efforts in a project to provide more information online in the areas relating to

We have not strayed from your path. **PSALM 44:18**  the institution's foci of service, curriculum, and research. This educational effort is designed to serve the Richmont community and the general public. The library also gained approval for new library catalog software to be implemented in the next fiscal year.



Director of Libraries, John L. Hughes, M.S., M.S.L.S.

#### LIBRARIANS IN THE CLASSROOM AND COMMUNITY (ACADEMIC/SERVICE ACTIVITIES)

A total of 10 Information Literacy sessions were performed by library faculty for the School of Counseling and the School of Ministry in Atlanta and Chattanooga during orientation and in the classroom.

**Ron Bunger** created a SharePoint site for faculty and staff to improve sharing and communication on a number of essential university functions and projects. He also created the prototype for the new Richmont Research Site to highlight research efforts of the Richmont community.

John Hughes conducted centering prayer groups, presented on mindfulness in the Helping Relationships course, and presented on Eastern Orthodox life and spirituality in the Christian Traditions course.

**Alison Mead** taught the Introduction to Graduate Research and Writing course and presented an introduction to the Myers-Briggs for all four sections of Applied Lab on the Atlanta campus.



#### **EMERITUS FACULTY**

David G. Benner, Ph.D., C.Psych

#### **INSTRUCTIONAL AND CLINICAL FACULTY**

Amanda Blackburn, Psy.D. Stephen Bradshaw, Ph.D. Jeff Eckert. Psv.D. Jason Hayes, Psy.D. William McGee, Ed.D. Mary Plisco, Ph.D.

Timothy Sisemore, Ph.D. Lorrie Slater, Ph.D. Vanessa Snyder, Ph.D. Sonja Sutherland, Ph.D. Ryan Thompson, Psy.D. Jama White, Psy.D.

#### **DISTINGUISHED FACULTY**

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Garv R. Collins, Ph.D.

Larry Crabb. Ph.D.

FACULTY

The joy of working at Richmont cannot be overstated. The kindness and peace of the students, faculty, staff, and clinicians is a true marker of the Kingdom of God at work here."

– AMIE WILSON

**AND STAFF** 

#### SCHOOL OF MINISTRY FACULTY

Charles Ayars, D.Min. Christopher Boyd, Ph.D. George Dempsey, M.Ed., M.A. Leland Eliason, Th.D. Catherine Gonzalez, Ph.D. Timothy Harben, D.Min. Ronald Harvard, D.Min. Jan Johnson, D.Min. Ellen Kogstad, M.A.Sp.

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Dan Sartor, Ph.D.

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Amv Coxwell, M.A.

Gladys Edwards

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Lauren Flowers

Laura Lillard

Claire Henderson

John Hughes, M.S.L.S., M.S.

William Doverspike, Ph.D. Jeff Dryden, Ph.D.

### HOPE COUNSELING **CENTERS** The ministry of the Hope Counseling Centers exists as Richmont's flagship clinical training sites

With six locations in the Atlanta metropolitan area, this network of lowcost, community-based counseling centers allows student interns to hone their clinical skills while providing high-quality counseling from a Christian perspective. Services are provided to adolescents, adults, couples, and families with a range of issues and diagnoses. Due to Richmont's relationships with Atlanta's top clinical supervisors, student interns are able to work ethically and professionally with a range of clinical concerns.

Richmont's six Hope Counseling Centers experienced significant growth and change during 2015-2016. The 46 Atlanta interns working at the Hope Centers were able to see over 350 clients and a total of 3,302 sessions while our six alumni counselors were able to sit for 170 sessions. Over that past year, the Hope Centers and interns have bravely transitioned from traditional paperwork to electronic record keeping for all client paperwork. An extra evening has also been added to the main Hope Center location on Northside Drive to meet the needs of the community.

A new partnership with the City of Refuge at the beginning of 2016 has evolved into a non-traditional Hope Center located in the heart of downtown Atlanta. City of Refuge offers housing, health care, vocational programs, and educational programs for those in need. The Hope Counseling Center at the City of Refuge currently has one alumni counseling coordinator and two interns working over 20 hours per week, seeing individuals and families from Eden Village, a housing opportunity for women and children as well as House of Cherith, a home for those who have been sexually exploited and trafficked.

#### HOPECOUNSELINGATLANTA.COM

#### HOPE COUNSELING CENTERS 2016 DATA





Melissa Freas



Cheryl Snead



Deborah Midkiff

#### **CENTER LOCATIONS**

CASCADE 4245 Cascade Road SW, Atlanta

CENTERVILLE 3835 Laurel Falls Drive, Snellville

NORTHSIDE 4200 Northside Pkwy, Bldg Four, Ste 100, Atlanta

**RIVERSIDE AT SIX FLAGS** 212 Riverside Parkway SW, Austell

WEST COBB 1245 Villa Rica Road SW, Marietta

WEST RIDGE 3522 Hiram Acworth Hwy, Dallas



Dr. Jeff Eckert



Dr. Rebecca Green

#### HENEGAR CENTER 2016 DATA













#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

HENEGAR

The Henegar Counseling Center (HCC) experienced 2016 as a year of remarkable growth.

### **COUNSELING CENTER**

The staff grew to meet demands as the center received over 2,100 referrals for counseling services during the year, translating to over 19,000 sessions – a record high. The counseling center brought in the most revenue in its history, generating over \$1.3 million over the course of the year. New staff additions included Nate Sharp and Nicole Smith, bringing the number of therapists to 22. The counseling center interns, who are all students at Richmont Graduate University, provided almost 1,250 sessions over the course of the year, and offered invaluable support to many individuals and families who would not otherwise have been able to afford counseling.

For HCC, providing high-quality care for counselees is core to the mission, and referral sources continue to broaden. From doctors' offices and schools to local churches and partnering organizations, HCC serves individuals from all over the greater Chattanooga/North Georgia area. Our reputation is built on ethical and professional care from a distinctively faith-based perspective. HCC staff regularly conduct presentations at schools, churches, and other civic settings in the area, dispersing integrative psychoeducation to the greater community.

HCC provides services to all ages and across the spectrum of diagnoses, life transitions, and spiritual problems. These services are available for individuals, couples, and families. Several groups targeting varying issues from adolescent struggles to addictions meet at HCC. A number of HCC psychologists provide both personality and educational evaluations. There has been much intentionality in developing a staff that varies in therapeutic approach and Christian tradition to retain flexibility in meeting the individual needs of clients. In fact, many referrals come from recommendations of current and former HCC clients themselves!

Overall, 2016 saw major growth and increased opportunities for HCC to impact the Chattanooga/North Georgia area. The Lord has used each counselor to enter into the pain of countless lives in a humbling fashion. We pray the Lord continues to use HCC in the coming year in mighty ways to bring healing to individuals, families, and groups alike.

### RICHMONT COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER

#### Recently, the Richmont Community Counseling Center in Chattanooga celebrated 10 years of service as the foremost provider of reduced-fee and Spanish language counseling in the Chattanooga area.

Under the leadership of Michelle Shelley, the Richmont Community Counseling Center has served hundreds of clients and trained numerous counselors through its services.

To serve current client demand and prepare for future growth of our student internship and community counseling programs, Richmont has developed counseling center strategies around three key goals:

#### 1 OPTIMIZATION OF CLIENT AND STUDENT EXPERIENCE





Toward these goals, we will be consolidating Chattanooga's Richmont Community Counseling Center and the Henegar Counseling Center. This consolidation lays the groundwork for a more robust experience for all of our clients and increased student internships at Richmont institutions.

In addition to catalyzing growth of community service and Richmont-facility internships, this consolidated concept will enable a more collaborative experience for Richmont interns and clinicians between and within our centers. Internship opportunities for students will continue under this consolidation, and the excellent training and supervision provided to every intern at Richmont will continue as always.

With the newly unified Henegar Counseling Center, we look forward to offering continued excellence in counseling for our clients, increased internship opportunities for our students, and greater service to our Richmont and local communities.

#### **HENEGARCC.COM**



The newly unified Center will operate under the Henegar Counseling Center name and will continue with the mission of both the Centers:

To provide a broad range of counseling and psychological services to the Chattanooga community and beyond, delivered with the highest professional standards and remaining faithful to the Christian tradition of faith and caring.

#### **RICHMONT INSTITUTE OF FRAUMATOLOGY** In the spring of 2016, the Richmont Institute of

Traumatology (RIT) was created out of a desire to bring hope and healing to those who suffer from trauma.

#### RIT'S THREE-TIFRED APPROACH TO TRAUMA TRAINING AND TREATMENT





students in trauma treatment through theory and clinical work. those who have suffered trauma through the establishment of trauma centers.

professionals to help people in crisis following traumatic events.

EDUCATE Richmont's School of Counseling offers a certification track in trauma for students enrolled in the master's program for Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy who wish to work with clients who have experienced a history of trauma and/ or abuse. Richmont is partnering with national experts in the field of trauma treatment to provide training that combines an understanding of the biological impact of trauma, research-based treatment models, and faith integration. RIT partners with local organizations to establish internships for trauma-trained students to utilize the skills learned in the classroom.

**TREAT** In the spring of 2016, Richmont Trauma Center opened its doors in Chattanooga, and a second location opened in Atlanta in July. These counseling centers have been created to provide quality mental health treatment to those impacted by single-episode and complex trauma. Clinicians offer trauma-specific treatments as well as provide trainings for the community and other helping professionals in order to increase education about the impact of trauma and effective treatment.

TRAIN RIT has partnered with the Green Cross Academy of Traumatology and the Richmont Alumni Association to

offer continuing education and training towards certifications as a Compassion Fatigue Educator, Compassion Fatigue Therapist, Certified Traumatologist, and Field Traumatologist. RIT has also established partnerships with national and international organizations that specialize in helping people in crisis following traumatic events.

Overall, the RIT has seen a successful inaugural year. In the spring 2016, Richmont's Human Trafficking Initiative hosted its first annual Trafficking Awareness Week, bringing in experts in the field to speak on prevention, advocacy, and training in the areas of sex trafficking and child abuse. Faculty and students are also highly involved in continued research and treatment for those who have been sexually exploited.

In the summer of 2016, a Richmont trauma team of students and therapists was sent to the Moria refugee camp in Lesvos, Greece, to respond to the needs of both refugees and relief volunteers as they counseled with individuals from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, the North African region, and the Dominican Republic. They also provided counseling and training on secondary traumatic stress and compassion fatigue for relief workers.

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### RICHMONT TRAUMA CENTER

The Richmont Trauma Center (RTC) opened its doors in 2016. Chattanooga's site held its Open House in March, while Atlanta's site celebrated its opening in July.

#### RTC-CHATTANOOGA FIRST THREE MONTHS

**135** COUNSELING SESSIONS

### **\$8,000** IN REVENUE

Counselors serving at the newly formed RTC-Chattanooga are Kellie Currin, Dr. Jeff Eckert (Director), Dr. Rebecca Green, Dr. Bill McGee, Dr. Erica Skidmore, Dr. Jay Spalding, Meaghan Warnock and Michael Williams. Donna Williams provides oversight as the administrator.

RTC-Atlanta is directed by Dr. Vanessa Snyder, Richmont's Dean of Clinical Affairs. Clinicians include Dr. Amanda Blackburn, Courtney Hintermeyer, Madelon Morgan, Ashley Mossy, Lyresa McGriff, and Holland Cox; in January 2017 they will be joined by Keith Myers. Since its opening on August 8, the staff is already seeing approximately five clients a week.

There was much intentionality regarding the selection of these two staffs. The RTC's goal is to extend multiple therapeutic approaches, varied specialties, and Chris-



Dr. Jay Spalding



Dr. Amanda Blackburn



tian traditions from across the spectrum in order to retain flexibility in meeting client needs. The RTC aims to provide services to all ages and all trauma histories from an integrative perspective. Individuals, couples, and families are all accepted at the RTC, and staff at both sites are excited about the groups that are forming.

The RTC's mission is to provide high-quality care to those impacted by complex trauma. Referral sources have picked up on this, and hundreds of potential clients are calling for information and appointments. Many trauma-focused modalities are utilized at the two locations in an attempt to serve each client best. Several groups are being developed. To get the word out, RTC staff members are conducting presentations at doctors' offices, university counseling centers, and other community settings.

Overall, both locations of the RTC are off to a strong start in expanding the work of the Richmont Graduate University. The Lord is using each counselor powerfully in the lives of those exposed to heartwrenching trauma. It is our fervent prayer that God will continue to bring to us those clients who will be best served by the unique approach we offer.

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#### PRESIDENT BOB RODGERS TRANSITIONS TO NEW POST

With mixed emotions, the Richmont Board of Trustees accepted President Bob Rodgers's resignation in July. While the University is saddened at the loss of his insightful and wise leadership, we celebrate with him in being named CEO of Street Grace, a nonprofit working to end domestic minor sex trafficking in metro Atlanta and beyond. This is a longstanding passion of President Rodgers's, and even during his presidency at Richmont, he served as the founding chairman of the Freedom Coalition, a sex trafficking initiative in partnership with Atlanta's City of Refuge.

During his time of service to Richmont, President Rodgers led the University into an era of growth that included the purchase of a debt-free \$2.3 million Atlanta campus, championing the addition of a new accredited master's degree in the School of Ministry, adding a successful online program, doubling the University's endowment, and increasing assets by more than 30%.

You have made a wide path for my feet to keep them from slipping. 2 SAMUEL 22:37



With a reputation for giving back to the community, Richmont has also, under Rodgers's leadership, launched the Richmont Trauma Center, the only such trauma center in the region, with sites in Chattanooga and Atlanta. We are so thankful to President Rodgers for steering us toward these expansions with a humble, grateful heart.



#### LARGEST INCOMING CLASS IN UNIVERSITY HISTORY

Richmont welcomed 91 new students into our University's community this August – a full 56% increase over last year! We are pleased to be able to offer these future counselors and ministers a slate of five graduate degrees and six certificates to choose from, online options within the School of Ministry, and a CACREPaccredited M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Never has it been a more exciting time to join the Richmont family!

#### **CHATTANOOGA CAMPUS RENOVATIONS**

The Alumni Match campaign brought in over \$45,000, allowing us to renovate Chattanooga's campus. The new paint and carpet matches the modern scheme of the Atlanta campus. Our new signage and updated reception area feature our signature colors and make a clearer statement about who we are. And most notably, the "red room" has undergone a complete change in look – no more red carpet, dark walls, or ironwork at the front. The campus is looking more sophisticated than ever with these beautiful renovations!



#### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS**

In January Richmont honored Human Trafficking Awareness Month with a host of activities that succeeded in raising awareness about this important issue. Events included film screenings, panel discussions, chapel services, trainings, candlelight vigils, and trainings. The focus remained on how the general public can serve in the cause of eliminating human trafficking, from taking pictures of hotel rooms to calling elected officials. Truly, everyone can make a difference.



#### GRADUATION

In May, Richmont was pleased to graduate 74 students from the Schools of Counseling and Ministry. With a 96% first-time pass rate on the National Counselor Examination, a commitment to clinical excellence, and an educational background in serving people God's way, these students are now changing the face of their communities by walking with the hurting.

We're grateful to Dr. Dan Sartor, current Director of Trinity Counseling Services and Associate Professor of Psychology at Trinity College, as well as adjunct faculty member in Richmont's Schools of Counseling and Ministry, for giving a beautiful commencement address. We look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things these graduates will do for the Kingdom of Christ in the coming years. Congratulations, graduates!

### **PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS**

Campbell, L., **Doverspike, W. F.**, Meck, D., Sauls, M., & Strozier, M. (2016, April 17). *Licensing board rule changes and questions and answer session*. Workshop presented at Annual Meeting of the Georgia Psychological Association. Augusta, GA.

**Cochran, C.** (2016, March 12). *Ethical foundations of clinical supervision*. Presented at Christian Association for Psychological Studies International Conference. Pasadena, CA.

**Daniel, M., & Sisemore, T. A.** (2016, June 19). The relationship between psychological flexibility and treatment outcomes. Presented at World Congress of Association of Contextual Behavioral Science. Seattle, WA.

**Doverspike, W. F.** (2016, August 23). Professional ethics and clinical practice: Common case scenarios. Ethics workshop presented at the Department of Psychology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Doverspike, W. F.** (2016, April 1). *Ethical decision making for mental health professionals*. Workshop presented at the University of Georgia-Griffin. Griffin, GA.

**Doverspike, W. F.** (2016, March 11). *Ethical decision making for mental health professionals*. Workshop presented at Ridgeview Institute. Smyrna, GA.

**Doverspike, W. F.** (2016, January 29). *DSM-5 and ICD-10 for mental health professionals*. Workshop presented at Ridgeview Institute. Smyrna, GA.

**Eames, K. J.** (2016). *Cognitive psychology of religion*. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press.

**Sisemore, T.A., & Snyder, V.** (2016, April 1). Using client feedback and outcome to improve counselor effectiveness and training. Presented at ACA Convention and Expo. Montréal, Québec, Canada.

**Sisemore, T.A.** (2016, March 31). *"I'm not broken, just stuck": An introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy.* Learning institute presented at the ACA National Conference. Montréal, Québec, Canada.

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outcomes in psychotherapy with believing clients. Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Newport Beach, CA.

Slater, L.B., & McPherson, A.W., (2015). Marketing and programming for today's counselors. In O'Brien, E.R & Hauser M.A. (Eds.), Supervision and Agency Management for Counselors, (pp.173-188). New York, NY: Springer.

**Snyder, V.** (April, 2016). *Organizational trauma*. Presented at the National Crimes Against Women Conference. Dallas, TX.

**Snyder, V.** & Taylor, D. (2016, March). *Sexual trauma therapy and sex therapy: Complement or conundrum*? Presented at the Christian Association of Psychological Studies. Pasadena, CA.

**Snyder, V.** (2016). Trauma-focused care. In L. E. Underwood & F. L. L. Dailey (Eds.) *Counseling Adolescents Competently* (pp. 51-74). Los Angeles, CA: Sage.

Sutherland, S. (2016, October). Counseling and clinical supervision: Overcoming challenges of spiritual integration. Regional Conference, Southern Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors (SACES), New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sutherland, S. (2016, July). Psychiatric residential treatment with commercially sexually exploited children. National Conference, American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA), New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Sutherland, S.** (2016, May). Ethics: On-the-ground and distance counseling issues. State Conference, Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia. Stone Mountain, GA.

**Sutherland, S.** (2016, March). Commercially sexually exploited children: Critical levels of community intervention and treatment. National Conference, Christian Association for Psychological Studies. Pasadena, CA.

Sutherland, S. (2015, October). The psychology of pimps & prostitutes: Promoting healing through love in the Christian community. Regional Conference of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS). Philadelphia, PA.

Sutherland, S. (2015, July). Commercially sexually exploited children: Advocacy as an ethical mandate for the faithbased mental health community. National Conference of the Association for Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling (ASERVIC). New York, NY.

White, J. L., Blackburn, A. M., & Plisco, M. K. (2016, March). Encouraging self-care in counselor training: Advancing health practices of student interns. Paper presented at the meeting of Christian Association of Psychological Studies. Pasadena, CA.

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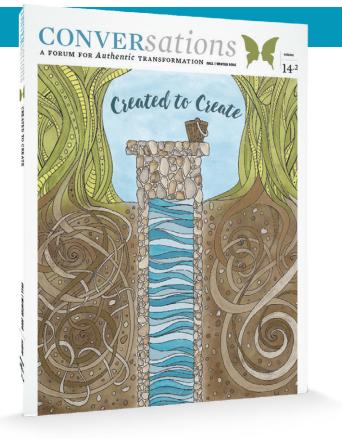
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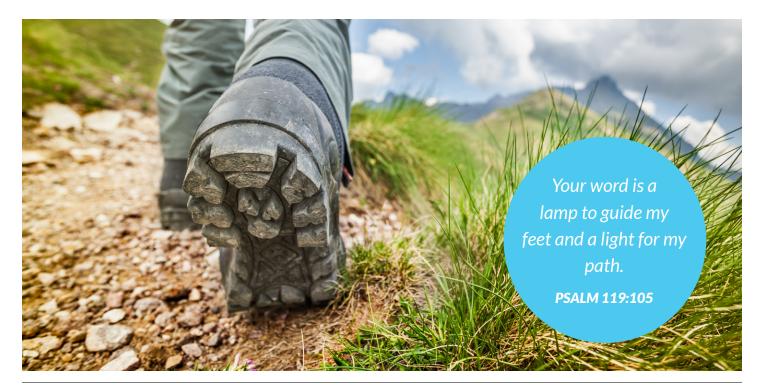
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- TALLEY CLOWER

### FINANCIALS

#### **ASSETS**

CURRENT ASSETS	2016	2015
Cash	\$219,108	\$357,264
Investments, at fair value	2,876,157	2,872,266
Land held for investment, at fair value of date contributed	112,273	112,273
Tuition and counseling fees receivable	201,105	165,150
Prepaid expenses	116,332	116,484
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	4,952,531	5,112,795
Cash surrender value of life insurance	27,357	21,095
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization	5,5 <mark>83</mark>	10,583
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,510,446	\$8,767,910

#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	2016	2015
Accounts payable	\$ 46,218	\$ 125,626
Accrued payroll	174,222	144,712
Deferred income	354,888	354,401
Accrued compensated absences	9,724	9,415
Note payable	80,000	80,000
Total Liabilities	665,052	714,154
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	6,377,060	6,587,419
Temporarily restricted	1,331,915	1,329,918
Permanently restricted	136,419	136,419
Total Net Assets	7,845,394	8,053,756
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 8,510,446	\$ 8,767,910



#### LAURA WARD HAS A SPECIAL Place in her heart for "Third-culture Kids,"

or those raised in cultures that differ from either parent's ethnic background. Laura herself was raised in Africa by missionary parents and has experienced God using her upbringing in manifold ways in the counseling office and in the groups she leads for college students coming from crosscultural settings.

READ MORE OF LAURA'S STORY AT RICHMONT.EDU/PERSPECTIVES

### ALUMN NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS

#### **2016 ALUMNI REUNION**

Richmont was thrilled to feature Dr. Diane Langberg at the 2016 Alumni Reunion on October 21. Alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends of the university met at the Atlanta Marriott Northwest for a world-class event with a highly respected figure in the field of psychotherapy. The highlight, of course, was Langberg's presentation. Additionally, the class of 2006 was honored, as it was their ten-year anniversary of graduating from Richmont. Nearly 250 people attended the reunion, making it an enormous success.

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Alumni Office demonstrated a successful year in Continuing Education offerings for 2016. There were over 50 CE opportunities with more than 600 registered participants. Highlights included partnerships with the Gottman Institute, the Institute of Sexual Wholeness, and Richmont's Institute of Traumatology. Topics consistently range from trauma counseling to ethical standards in the profession to EMDR certification and more.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

Richmont's Class of 2016 demonstrated successful employment stats following their graduation. More than half of 2016 graduates had already secured employment by graduation, and that number steadily rose in the six months following the ceremony. Many alums venture out into private practice after graduation. Others secure employment in various agency settings, some of which include Georgia HOPE, Lookout Mountain Community Services, and Omni Community Health. Some alums work in hospital settings, such as Ridgeview and Laurelwood, after graduation. Regardless of where they choose to serve, our alumni are prepared for a variety of settings when they hold a Richmont diploma.

#### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT FOR 2016: DR. VANESSA SNYDER, PH.D.

Dr. Snyder is the Interim President and Dean of Clinical Affairs at Richmont. Her qualifications are numerous: she is a licensed professional counselor, a licensed marriage and family therapist, a certified sex therapist, a certified traumatologist and an AAMFT-approved supervisor in training. Additionally, she heads Richmont's Institute of Traumatology. Dr. Snyder recently graduated from Regent University with a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision, but she was first a Richmont alumna, having earned her M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy right here with us.

Dr. Snyder's passion for research in best practices for aftercare services for sex trafficking survivors has lead her across the country and even the globe to train organizations working with children and adults who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation. She maintains a counseling practice and loves working with couples and families. But her service does not end there. Dr. Snyder has also been in ministry at Roswell Assembly of God for the past 18 years.

Dr. Snyder has been married to her husband Mark for many years and has four children, Gage, Madison, Emma, and Joey. They love to head to the beach or to the mountains for long weekends with friends, endless tennis matches, and cold-weather bonfires.

> I am so thankful for the wide variety of classes I was able to take at Richmont. The theodicy concepts I learned have been vital in my work with families and individuals as they grieve, process challenges, and try to make wise and biblical decisions moving forward."

> > – HANNAH RINEHART, SIMPLIFIED LIFE SOLUTIONS



# STUDENT È

February 25: Movie Night March 3: Bowling and Bites April 28: Graduation Reception for School of Ministry May 1: Graduation Reception for School of Counseling June 14: Faith and Family Night at Riverbend June 17-19: Spiritual Formation Retreat July 13: Student Dinner at the Cowfish July 23: Movies in the Park August 18: New Student Dinner August 19: Chattanooga Lookouts Baseball Game August 23: Genesis Picnic September 16: Atlanta Braves Game September 27: Chattanooga Student Cookout October 14: Chuhily Nights at the Atlanta **Botanical Gardens** October 31: Halloween Block Party November 14: Thanksgiving Lunch December 2: Christmas Party









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