

# A New Chapter

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PERSPECTIVES 2017

# The Road Less Traveled

**F**rom the start, Richmond has always taken its own road rather than follow others. Wholly student-centered, perfectly balanced between academic and clinical learning, passionately engaged in the life of communities, selflessly service-oriented, and devoutly Christian, our University continues to make decidedly unique contributions to higher education. Throughout the years, Richmond has been a force for good.

Soon after becoming its new President in August of 2017, I saw for myself the countless ways in which Richmond touches lives, and **differentiates** itself from other universities. Our legacy has been profound and lasting. We are also proud to tell our story. This issue of Perspectives will enlighten you on the impact we are making.

For as we are told, “In the same way, your light must shine before men so that they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to your heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5:16). Richmond continues to stand as a beacon of light, learning, and love.

Among the many milestones we reached in 2017, several bear mentioning:

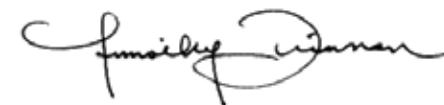
- Following the Spring 2017 Commencement, Richmond has more than 1,400 graduates working in the mental health field or serving in ministry.
- University enrollment for the fall semester was the highest ever on record.
- We showed a surplus in our operating budget and remain **debt-free**, a rarity among private faith-based institutions.
- We sent highly-trained Trauma Response Teams to crisis situations and natural

disaster sites across the nation to help with healing.

- Our development efforts expanded with the hiring of a Director of Development, launch of the Bridge Scholarship Fund, implementation of the Student Emergency Fund, and introduction of our new Planned Giving platform for supporters.
- We are poised for unprecedented enrollment growth through implementation of a state-of-the-art Salesforce client relations management system, enhanced recruitment team capabilities, new digital marketing channels using social media, and offering more options for online classes.

Moving forward, my vision for Richmond is clear. Working with all our partners, we will grow from a best-kept regional secret to a recognized national treasure. What you will see in this issue demonstrates that we have already begun this journey and will not finish until we arrive at our destination (Psalms 138:8).

Best wishes and blessings,



**TIMOTHY WILLIAM QUINNAN, Ph.D.**


*President, Richmond Graduate University*

For updates from Dr. Quinnan,  
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“Two roads  
diverged in a  
wood. I took  
the one less  
travelled, and  
that has  
made all the  
difference.”

—Robert Frost





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





# School of Counseling

## NEW GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

Richmont faculty continually strive to provide the best quality Marriage and Family Therapy program possible. To that end, Richmont is laying the foundation to create a Marriage and Family Therapy degree program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE).

Beginning with students enrolling in January 2018, the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy degree will be discontinued to offer the newly created Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Students pursuing the Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with a Certificate in Marriage and Therapy will receive multiple benefits. They will have a degree accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling Related Education Programs (CACREP), and they will have all of the coursework to become both a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (in Georgia, Tennessee, and most other states).

Having the foundation of a CACREP accredited degree is a great professional advantage for any therapist. We are excited about this vision for a new Marriage and Family Therapy degree program and look forward to providing our students with the option of a COAMFTE accredited degree within the next few years.

## NEW FACULTY

The School of Counseling is proud to welcome back [Dr. Dan Sartor](#) to the Atlanta campus. Dr. Sartor will join the faculty as Vice President for Integration. This key role oversees how Christian faith is integrated throughout the School of Counseling curriculum.

[Dr. Cara Cochran](#) was recently named the Assistant Dean of the School of Counseling for Marriage and Family Therapy. This administrative position is based in Chattanooga and will oversee the development of the Marriage and Family Therapy program.

[Dr. Tyler Rogers](#) joined the Richmont faculty this summer as a full-time faculty member at the Chattanooga campus. Dr. Rogers earned his Ph.D. in Counselor Education from the University of Mississippi (CACREP accredited). He is dual licensed as a Professional Counselor and Marriage and Family Therapist.

## ACCREDITATION PROGRESS

Accreditation is key to the success of Richmont programs. The Council for Accrediting Counseling Related Educational Programs (CACREP) two-year report will be submitted this year so that the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program will qualify for six additional years of accreditation. This year also marks Richmont's ten-year reaccreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Richmont submitted its self-study documentation this fall, and the SACSCOC site visit is scheduled for March 2018. The faculty and administration have worked diligently to maintain these accreditations as they are the "gold standard" for graduate counseling programs.

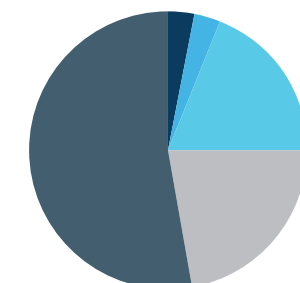
## 214 Total Students

117 // CMHC Degree

97 // MFT Degree

*Age ranges of students: 21—65 years old*

## Students pursuing additional certification:



100 total //

- Trauma: 53
- Sex Therapy: 22
- Child & Adolescent: 19
- Spirituality in Counseling: 3
- Addictions: 3



# Faculty Spotlight

DAN SARTOR, PH.D.

**T**he School of Counseling faculty is excited to welcome a familiar face back to Richmond. Dr. Dan Sartor joined the faculty this summer as the Vice President for Integration and started teaching courses this fall. We were able to sit with him and ask him a few questions.

## Why did you choose Richmond?

I have always regarded Richmond as the premier place to train both in mental health counseling and in the integration of Christian faith with clinical mental health practice. I am delighted with the quality of our students and incredibly proud of the clinical acumen our students possess upon graduation. I also love the deep dimensions of authentic Christian faith and community I experience here. Richmond seeks to embody its faith, placing a high value on spiritual formation and authenticity. The work and relationships here are honest and meaningful. So, I love the work here, but I also love the people and community here with whom I get to do this good work. Excellence in academics, clinical practice, and Christian faith drew me initially to Richmond. Its unique community of grace has brought me back and made Richmond my home.

## What are you excited about in your new role?

There is a particular joy in me about being back in the classroom to teach full-time. I am eager to enter the good rhythms and tasks of the academic life and calendar here at Richmond. The newer aspect of my role at Richmond entails shepherding our integration curriculum and, by extension, some aspects of our spiritual life together as a community. I feel a deep sense of honor and responsibility to lead us as an institution as we collectively discern what integration will mean for us in light of prevailing accreditation standards and rapidly changing cultural values and trends—within the church and, more broadly, across our society and throughout our world.

## What in your mind sets Richmond apart?

I genuinely believe that Richmond's clinical training is excellent and head-and-shoulders above most—if not all—other master's programs. Additionally, while many other institutions teach from a Christian worldview, very few actually incorporate integrative studies in Christian theology and spiritual formation. In particular, I love the emphasis that Richmond places on the spiritual formation of the counselor, recognizing that we do much of our work from our own personal and spiritual reservoirs. Next, Richmond's training in traumatology is outstanding and unparalleled in a master's program. Finally, Richmond's community of faculty, staff, and students give life to these programs and embody a Christian mission in the field of mental health like no other group I've encountered. The faculty is highly competent and yet humble. The staff epitomizes leadership through service. Our student body is growing more diverse, and our students are bright, passionate, and supportive of each other. I continue to learn much from our students, our staff, and my fellow faculty.



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# 2017 Year in Review



## RICHMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY



### January

- 3** Dr. Vanessa Snyder announced as interim President
- 9** Spring semester began
- 23** Kick-off Human Trafficking Awareness week

### February

- 16** Chattanooga campus ping pong tournament
- 28** Self-care community time kick-off

### March

- 21** Community Connection Networking event sponsored by Career Services

### April

- 7** New Co-Directors announced of Henegar Counseling Center and the Richmont Trauma Centers: Dr. Bill McGee and Pauline McLemore
- 18** Student Appreciation Day
- 21** Last day of classes

### May

- 6** Graduation
- 22** Summer semester began

### June

- 2** Dr. Dan Sartor hired as Vice President of Integration
- 20** Announcement of Dr. Timothy Quinnan as President

### July

- 1** Dr. Josh Rice named new Dean of School of Ministry
- 29** The Gathering: Staff and Faculty Retreat

### August

- 7** President Quinnan's first day at Richmont
- 14** Genesis Picnic — kick-off Fall semester
- 25** Richmont Trauma Response Team deployed to Charlottesville to serve those affected by the acts of domestic terrorism

### September

- 16+17** Board of Trustees Annual Vision Retreat
- 20** Richmont Trauma Response Team deployed to Texas to serve those affected by Hurricane Harvey

- 22** Taste of Richmont: an evening celebrating diversity

### October

- 1** Planned Giving initiative launch
- 20** Alumni Reunion
- 27** Chattanooga Fall Festival

### November

- 13** First "Pizza with the President" for students
- 13** Gratitude Celebration
- 28** Inaugural co-hosted Alumni & Presidential breakfast

### December

- 1** Information Exchange Day
- 7** Grace Intervention Retreat



# Hope Counseling Centers

Richmont Graduate University operates a network of 8 Hope Counseling Centers in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Hope Counseling Centers provide quality and affordable mental health care to clients through partnerships with local churches. Hope Counseling Centers are staffed by Richmont faculty, alumni coordinators, and Richmont students who are in their internship year.

This year, 48 Hope Counseling clinical interns served **456 clients** and completed a total of **4,084 sessions**. The 2017 results represent a **20% increase** from 2016. Our Richmont alumni coordinators and faculty served **88 clients** in 2017, with a total of **612 sessions**.

2017 included the launch of a new Hope Counseling Center in Marietta at Eastside Baptist Church. Partnerships with other non profit organization across the city continued to flourish, multiplying the impact of our work. In 2018 the Hope Counseling Centers will continue to develop partnerships with organizations and churches to create both traditional and non-traditional counseling centers. Three new sites are anticipated to begin in 2018.

Learn more at our newly updated website: [hopecounselingatlanta.com](http://hopecounselingatlanta.com)





# Richmont Institute of Traumatology

## RIT's three tiered approach to trauma training and recovery:

- + Educate students in trauma treatment through theory and clinical work
- + Treat those who have suffered trauma through the establishment of trauma centers
- + Train professionals to help people in crisis following traumatic events

The School of Counseling offers a Graduate Certificate in Trauma Counseling for current students and for licensed professionals (available as continuing education). The Trauma Certificate is a unique opportunity that was developed through a partnership with the Justice Resource Institute and the Boston Trauma Center, which are leading experts in the field of Trauma Counseling. The Trauma Certificate is designed to equip clinicians with a foundational understanding of the impact of trauma, evidence-based treatment models, and the integration of Christian faith with trauma counseling.

The Richmont Institute of Traumatology partners with the Green Cross Academy of Traumatology as an accredited training site. RIT offers continuing education and training towards certifications as a Compassion Fatigue Educator, Compassion Fatigue Therapist, Certified Traumatologist and Field Traumatologist. Those who complete Green Cross training are eligible to participate in Trauma Response Team trips.

## Trauma Response Team

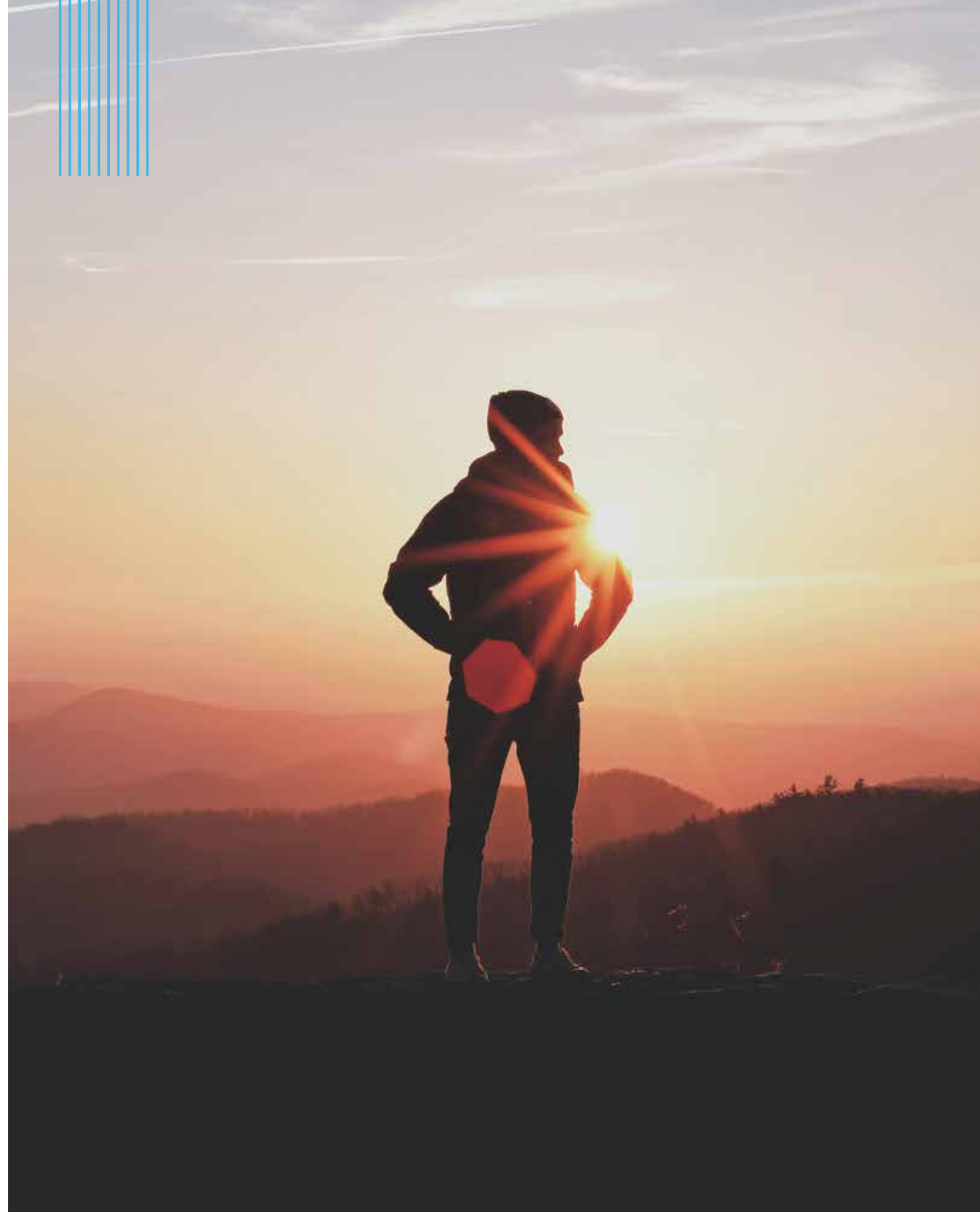
The Richmont Trauma Response Team, whose team members are Green Cross trained, was deployed twice in 2017. The first trip was to Charlottesville, Virginia in response to the riots that took place in summer of 2017, and the second trip was to Rockport, Texas to serve those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Richmont's Trauma Response Team faithfully cared for those impacted by these traumatic events. Read more about these trips at: [richmonttrauma.com](http://richmonttrauma.com)

## Trauma Center Update

The Richmont Trauma Center (RTC), with locations in Atlanta and Chattanooga, continues to develop and establish itself to uniquely meet the needs of individuals and families impacted by single incident and complex trauma. The RTC aims to provide evidence-based practices and treatment for clients by addressing trauma from an integrative, holistic perspective.

RTC-Atlanta is excited to have transitioned into their new space on Richmont Graduate University's Atlanta campus. With three full-time and four part-time clinicians, the RTC trauma clinicians are excited to welcome clients that will be served in this new environment.

Richmont Trauma Center — Atlanta  
1900 The Exchange, Bldg 100, Suite 180  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
770 575 9393, [richmonttraumacenter.com](http://richmonttraumacenter.com)





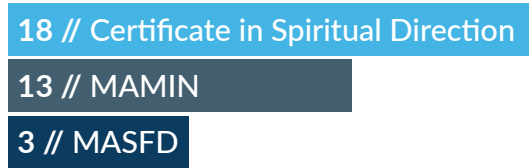
# School of Ministry

The School of Ministry experienced significant gains this year as we continue to build on the partnerships forged by Dr. Mike Stewart (Renovare Institute and the National Institute for Christian Leadership). In addition to these relationships, we formalized a new partnership with the Mission School of Ministry in Chattanooga, and hosted meetings with The Anglican Church of North America, TEAM Missions, FCA, and some of metro Atlanta’s most influential churches. We are exploring the option of the first School of Ministry extension sites at several churches, both in metro Atlanta and Dallas, Texas. These partnerships led to new applications in September and October, which holds promise for 2018 enrollment.

The School of Ministry established new ties with the School of Counseling by creating cross-registration options for several courses. This allows the School of Ministry to leverage the tremendous expertise and reputation of the School of Counseling that has led to the uniqueness of the integrated Richmond experience. Additionally, the School of Ministry’s focus on spiritual formation contributes to the increased spiritual development of Richmond’s counseling students.

Our vision for 2018 can be summarized in two words: outreach and growth. By creating new partnerships with Christian organizations and large churches, we will be able to share Richmond’s unique offerings. 1,500 pastors are dropping out of the ministry each month in the U.S. The School of Ministry stands poised to train and revitalize Christian leaders to go the distance for their congregations.

## number of students pursuing degree



For more information, contact:  
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# Financials

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Revenue  
\$6,260,485

Expenses  
\$6,218,055

— **Instruction**  
\$2,970,379

— **Research**  
\$37,417

— **Public Service**  
\$2,089,826

— **General & Administrative**  
\$1,018,741

— **Fundraising**  
\$101,692



**A**t Richmond, we take great care to manage our finances with the utmost integrity. Clear and accepted standards along with ongoing accountability govern the financial actions of the university.

Richmont is a member in good standing with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), and we commission an independent auditor to conduct a thorough annual audit. In addition, our Board of Trustees meets routinely to regulate University management and performance.

As an organization, we seek to have the most stringent form of stewardship. We work diligently to keep expenses and tuition low. We see our available resources as gifts to be judiciously administered.



## Henegar Counseling Centers

**I**n 2017 Henegar Counseling Center (HCC) continued to operate based upon the legacy of the past 35 years: simply put, we serve people. Our current staff of 20 professionals includes psychologists, marriage and family therapists, and counselors who are trained to come alongside churches and individuals in any stage of life development.

Henegar Counseling Center's front office staff will have scheduled and managed the care of over **20,000 sessions** this year. The HCC team, comprised of both the counseling staff and support staff, impacts the lives of literally thousands of people while fulfilling the mission of HCC.

Henegar Counseling Center offers a broad range of counseling and psychological assessments, group therapy and specialized services. A relatively new addition to services offered is the Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT). This model of therapy is a short-term, specialized behavior management program designed for families of young children (ages 2-7) who are experiencing behavioral and/or emotional difficulties. HCC strives to support the University by being the best role model of a Christian counseling center so that Richmond students have a benchmark to aspire to in their own future clinical practices. The paths of both clinicians and students intersect regularly during internship and other educational opportunities.

In 2018, the Henegar Counseling Center will seek to share our resources as a vital point of connection with churches and other clinicians in the area by offering support and continuing education opportunities.

Learn more about Henegar Counseling Center at our newly updated website: [henegarcc.com](http://henegarcc.com)



# Richmont Libraries

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

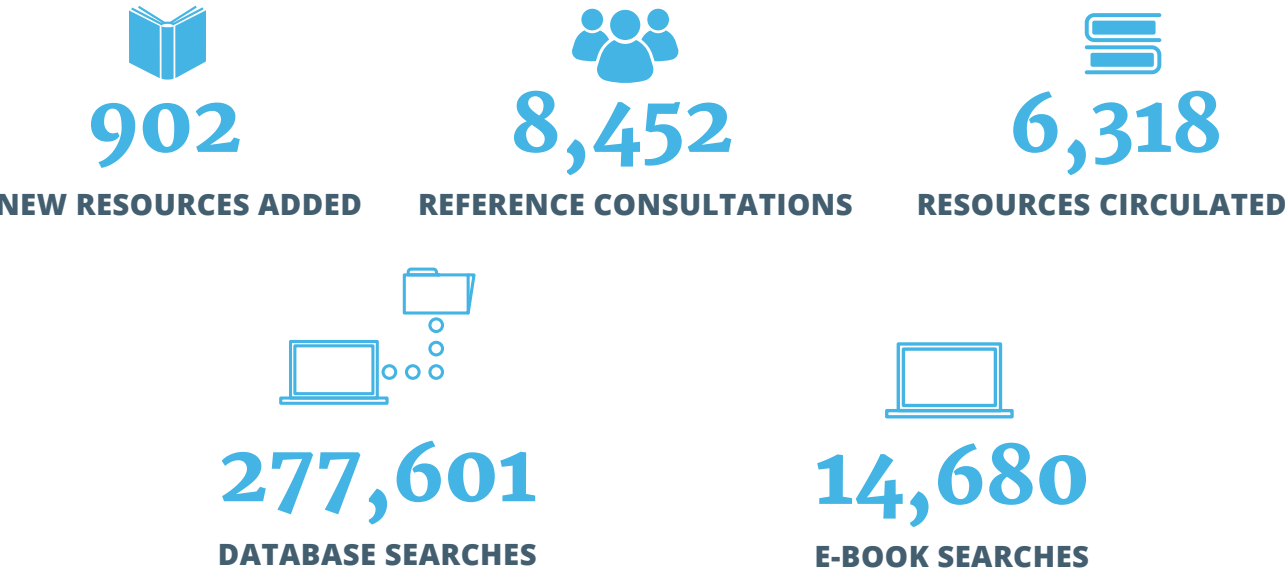
### Library Growth & Development

During 2017, the libraries continued to build their collections, which are continually evaluated for relevance and space. In addition to building resources, the library staff worked to organize information based upon CACREP standards so School of Counseling students can more easily locate needed resources. A new landing page was also launched highlighting Richmont students’ research efforts. Library staff introduced a new instruction video for the School of Ministry students to orient themselves to the informational resources existing to support their academic work.

### Looking Ahead

To provide further support for the University’s mission, the library is continuing to expand its online presence with more subject-based pathfinders, covering all aspects of Richmont’s curriculum, research, and service efforts. The library is also exploring additional ways to utilize the new Online Library System to enhance information access by developing reading lists for patron use. In addition, the library is planning to develop video instruction sessions to be posted online. Finally, the library will work to overhaul the library webpages to more efficiently organize the newly developed online resources.

## 2017 Highlights:







# 2017 Graduation

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2017!

## School of Counseling

### Master of Science in Christian Psychological Studies

Shawna Letcher Williams  
Mark Paul Arvid Johnson

### Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Lindsay Nicole Ayers †  
Melanie Nichole Berg  
Jennifer Nicole Boughey  
Paula Bridgeman  
Renee Sheree Bryan  
Kaitlin Mary Byrne  
Sara Jewell Cathy  
Paul Kipkenei Cheronon  
Anna Glass Clower †  
Margaret Patricia Cross  
Danielle L. DelBrocco  
Natalia Dias  
Heather Anne Elson  
Annika Fairbairn †  
Ariana M. Gordon  
Jeffrey Alan Grossman †  
Destiny Brooke Harris  
Eryn Rachel Hawks  
Keisha Denise Hines  
Kristen Alyssa Iler  
Monique T. Jones  
Jasmine Alexandria Knight  
Cara Lynn Lindell  
Lonnie Lemuel Locke III  
Brooke Adams Lopes  
Allison Wray Loud

Eilidh McPhee Mays  
Kayla Beth Merritt  
Stacy Jean Padgett  
Michael David Pepper  
Faith Anne Riley  
Rachel Erin Robbins  
Andrea Morgan Scudder  
Emma Shearer  
Melissa Diane Shepherd  
Christine Sims  
Erin Elizabeth Swem  
Richard John Thaxton III  
Carolyn Louise Tye

### Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy

Benjamin Giles Adamson  
Jade Leighann Colwell  
Tara Nicole Dakin  
Juan L. Edgar  
Bethany Jean Elmore  
Douglas Brian Foote †  
Megan Ashley Franchesca Fuller  
Jonathan Edward Hindson  
Briana Ashlyn Leggett  
Elizabeth A. Mariwalla  
Katie McCreary-Lee  
Kevin Lee Morton  
Renee Michelle Roskie-Holdo  
David G. Sherwood  
LeNaya Smith  
Laverna Ann Soucie  
Coryn Nicole Taylor  
Ashlyn E. Veal  
Sheterra Maxcine Walker  
Emma Danielle Bowland Wiltshire †

## School of Ministry

### Master of Arts in Ministry

Timothy Wayne Blackburn  
Krista Kathryn Glasscock  
Mary Beth Hough  
Mark Patrick Miller  
Larry W. Morehead II.  
Robert Anthony Nolan  
Joseph Charles Padgett  
Richard Todd Rainwater  
Shawn A. Richendollar  
Patricia Ann Scruggs  
Trenell Smith  
Robert Samuel Stella

### Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation and Direction

Allison H. Collingwood  
Zane Griffin Creamer  
Ralph S. Gjerde  
Rita Marie Menges Gramme  
Benita Harris

†Recipient of the Hanshew Clinical  
Excellence Award



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