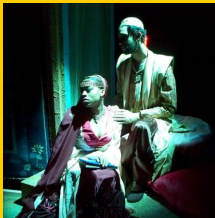
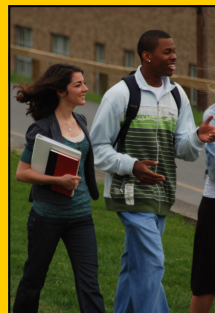
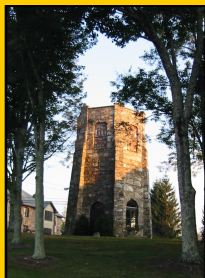




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President Bushman to step down in May

Dr. David W. Bushman announced Thursday, March 5, that he will be stepping down as the 13th president of Lees-McRae College effective May 31 of this year. He will return to Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, to serve as the founding dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Math. Dr. Bushman has been president of Lees-McRae since October 2004.

Prior to serving Lees-McRae, Dr. Bushman served as a tenured professor of biology, Chair of the Department of Science, Director of the Office of Assessment and Dean of Academic Services at Mount St. Mary's, where he worked for 13 years.

"While [my wife] Suzanne and I retain strong family

and emotional ties to Maryland, it is impossible to leave Lees-McRae, an institution that means so much to me, without great sadness. I am proud of all that we have accomplished and am optimistic about what the future can hold for Lees-McRae. I will always share in the joy of the renaissance that is taking place here," Dr. Bushman wrote in a letter to students, faculty and staff.

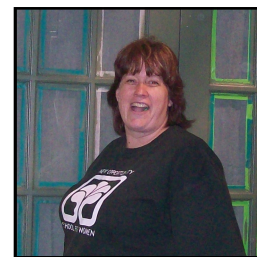
"I thank David for his service to Lees-McRae College. By every measure, he leaves Lees-McRae a stronger institution than it was five years ago," said Jane B. Stephenson '57, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "During his service to the College, we've seen a broadened and deepened base of alumni and donor support, and we continue

to see steady growth in our enrollment and retention. Members of the Board of Trustees and I are committed to providing a smooth transition in leadership for the College to ensure its continued success."



Dr. David W. Bushman
President of Lees-McRae College

Dr. David W. Bushman joined Lees-McRae College in June 2004 as senior vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the faculty. He served as Interim President from October 2004 to April 2005, when he was named the 13th president of the College. His inauguration was held September 30, 2005.



Sharon Malone, New Opportunity School for Women graduate 2007

New Opportunity School for Women:

A Personal Success Story!

Sharon Malone, a 2007 graduate of the New Opportunity School for Women, will be receiving her Associate in Applied Science Degree in Landscape Gardening from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute in May. She plans to transfer to North Carolina Agriculture and Technical University to get her Bachelor's Degree in Agriscience Education.

Her journey began with the New Opportunity School for Women

(N.O.S.W.) held on the campus of Lees-McRae College. The program is designed to help participants learn life skills, receive support and counseling, and most importantly focus on themselves, their needs and goals. Sharon was one of 14 women from the southern Appalachian area chosen to participate in the program. The N.O.S.W. sessions helped her assess her interests and abilities, walked her through the application process for the college program of her choice, and

provided support that started her on her life-changing journey! Her success has also been an example to her three children of how to face and overcome difficulties.

The New Opportunity School for Women is funded primarily by donations from individuals, churches, and community organizations. If you would like to make a contribution or get an application for participating in the N.O.S.W. contact Director Carrie Guy at Lees-McRae College (1-800-898-8905 or guyc@lmc.edu).

Service and Presbyterian Scholarships

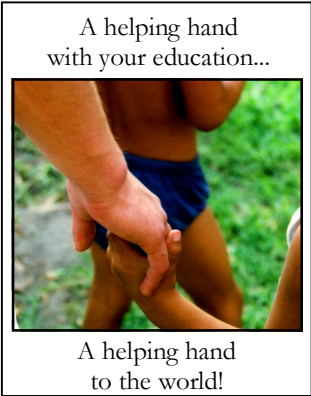
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Dates to Remember

- ◆ *The Love of the Nightingale*
April 17-21 in Hayes Auditorium
- ◆ Lees-McRae Saturday Open House - April 25
- ◆ Lees-McRae Saturday Open House - May 9
- ◆ Baccalaureate - May 22
- ◆ Commencement - May 23
- ◆ June is for Juniors - June 28
- ◆ New Opportunity School for Women July 12 - August 1
- ◆ Western North Carolina Presbytery Meeting on Campus - July 28
- ◆ Lees-McRae Summer Theatre Productions
www.lmst.lmc.edu or 828-898-8709

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Lees-McRae offers three exciting scholarship opportunities for students who are committed to helping others: The Bonner Leaders Program, The Service Scholars Program and the Presbyterian Scholarships. Scholarship amounts vary from \$2000 to \$4000 per year and require a significant commitment of out-of-class time to working with a community or faith-based group to meet the needs of an at-risk population. Selena Hilemon, Director of Community Outreach, screens proposals from host organizations to create a selected list of approved projects from which students may choose to meet their service requirements. Both the Bonner Leader and Service Scholars programs place students in settings where a multiple year commitment is encouraged. This offers opportunities for increasing levels of responsibility and growth in leadership skills. The Presbyterian Scholarships are limited to members of PC(USA) congregations who are willing to commit a minimum of 20 hours per semester of service to Presbyterian congregations or a PC(USA) ministry.



Requirements for and the amounts of the scholarships vary. Applying for any of these scholarships requires an additional application packet that must be filled out and returned to the college. Scholarships are limited, so if you know of interested students, urge them to apply early! For information contact: Selena Hilemon (828-898-3318, hilemons@lmc.edu) or Mae D. Weed (828-898-8777, weedm@lmc.edu).

Ten Days in Cuernavaca

If you truly want to understand Mexico, don't go as a tourist. Instead, let the Benedictine Sisters of Cuernavaca introduce you to the real Mexico!

During the January Term a group of ten Lees-McRae students and staff stayed with and worked with the Sisters of Las Misioneras Guadalupeanas de Christo Rey. The Sisters' overriding mission is the pursuit of social justice in Mexico. After several lectures by university professors and government officials, the Sisters delivered an unfiltered look at the challenges faced by Mexico's poor in the purest way possible: by taking their guests to meet the people themselves. They met them in their homes, in an indigenous village outside Tepoztan, in Base Christian Community meetings, in the marketplaces, in an orphanage, and in a women's economic coop.

The group also enjoyed rich cultural experiences through visits to the Basilica of Our Lady of

Guadalupe with its historic cloak, the pyramids and ruins of Xochicalco (a 1300 year old archeological site), and experiencing first hand an indigenous Nahuatl ceremony.

The Sisters' parting gift to members of the group was a little lapel pin with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The story of her appearance to Juan Diego in 1531 is much more than a story to the poor of Mexico. It is a symbol of God's love and promise to the poor and she is venerated as a champion of the poor and a restorer of dignity. How fitting that participants should bring back this little reminder that what really matters is how we incorporate the message of the story, whether of Our Lady of Guadalupe or the call of the Gospel, into our lives.

Thank you to the churches and presbyteries whose generous financial donations made this opportunity possible for our students!

