



TAYLOR
UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023



LIFE TO THE FULL

TRANSFORMATIVE.
INSPIRING.
ENGAGING.
RELATIONAL.
COMPASSIONATE.

FUN!

TAYLOR
THRIVES



CAMPUS | COMMUNITY | MISSION

Rebecca and I just completed our “sophomore” year at Taylor. We could not be more thrilled to serve such a wonderful group of Christ-followers, and we are so excited for the bright future that is before us. This past year has been a season of growth and remarkable achievements. We thank God for all that He is doing in and through Taylor.

We launched the *Taylor Thrives* strategic plan, we broke ground on the Horne Academic Center, the Taylor Trojan received a facelift, we announced a major partnership with Parkview Health to launch a Nursing program, and we concluded a brand and messaging study predicated on the scripture verse John 10:10... *I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.* **This was our best fundraising and fiscal year in history, and we are welcoming our largest and most diverse incoming class ever.**

As we place a spotlight on our new community theme of *life to the full* – the abundant, satisfying life Jesus wants to give us – we recognize that “every good and perfect gift is from above.”

As such, we are immensely thankful for a transformational \$20 million gift that will support student scholarships, for record retention, and for national recognition in athletics.

And we are confident that amid these tremendous blessings and opportunities, one thing remains – to whom much is given, much is required. So we are expectant to see where the Lord will call us to bless others.

As we celebrate this momentous year at Taylor, I am thankful for the expertise and leadership of our Board of Trustees and the counsel of our Board of Visitors; for the dedication of our talented faculty and staff who daily foster student success; for our alumni who are passionate advocates of the Taylor experience. From volunteer leaders to campus colleagues to the alumni, parents, and friends of Taylor – *thank you* for your generous gifts and engagement.

To God be the glory!



D. Michael Lindsay, Ph.D.
President and Professor of Sociology



ENROLLMENT

1831

2022-2023 | UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES

13:1

STUDENT TO
FACULTY RATIO

425

HIGH SCHOOL &
HOME SCHOOL
STUDENTS

122

VISITING STUDENTS
FROM OTHER
UNIVERSITIES

TAYLOR ONLINE

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER UNIVERSITIES,
HOMESCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS, HIGH SCHOOLS,
BUSINESSES, NON-PROFITS

16

NUMBER OF TEAMS
POST-SEASON PLAY

VOLLEYBALL, COMPETITIVE CHEER, BASEBALL,
SOFTBALL, AND MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS
IN SOCCER, CROSS COUNTRY, BASKETBALL,
INDOOR TRACK, GOLF, OUTDOOR TRACK.

28.7%

ENROLLMENT GROWTH
UNDERGRADUATE



100%

 FILM & MEDIA
SENIOR PROJECTS

RECOGNIZED AT LEAST THREE TIMES
IN COMPETITION OR A FILM FESTIVAL

11.4%

GROWTH IN DIVERSE
GLOBAL STUDENTS
FROM 2021-2023



98.5%

TEACHER LICENSURE
EXAM PASS RATE



86%

FIRST-TIME CPA
EXAM PASS RATE

11,140

TOTAL NUMBER OF GIFTS
ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS



100%

 KINESIOLOGY
ACCEPTANCE RATE

PHYSICAL THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY,
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

GROWING PROGRAMS

(LAST 5 YEARS)

PSYCHOLOGY +54%

JOURNALISM +55%

HEALTH SCIENCES +152%

ORPHANS & VULNERABLE CHILDREN +125%

98%+

CAREER OUTCOMES
SINCE 2018

TOP 20

OF BACCALAUREATE
COLLEGES IN STUDY
ABROAD FOR THE
PAST 13 YEARS

TOP 4 LARGEST PROGRAMS

BUSINESS

EDUCATION

PSYCHOLOGY

COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

7

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

278

STUDENTS IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

8

INTERCULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

10

STUDENT MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS

13

ENSEMBLE & PERFORMANCE GROUPS

AN ENGAGED CAMPUS

12

INTRAMURAL SPORTS (MEN, WOMEN, COED)

20

ACADEMIC CLUBS

10

CLUB SPORTS

92

CHAPELS PER YEAR, CAPACITY CROWDS

415

STUDENT ATHLETES

94%

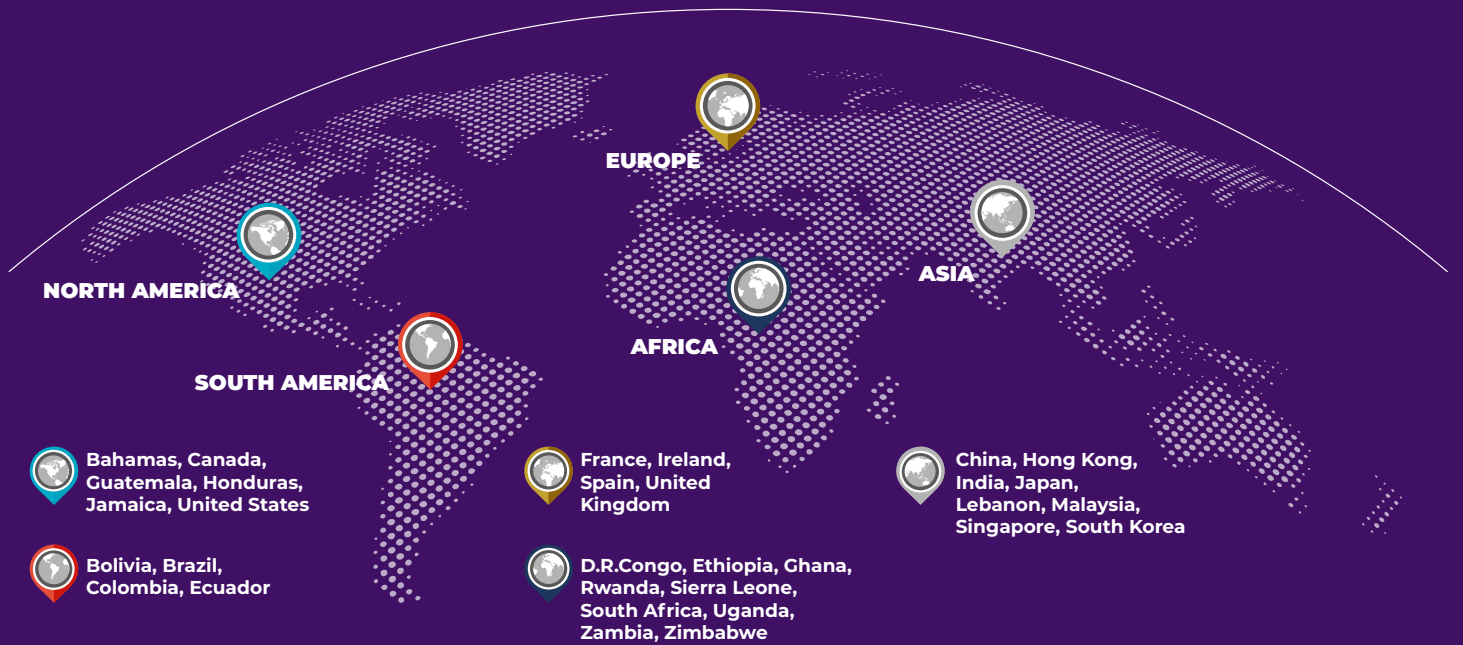


UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS

91%



FIRST-YEAR RETENTION RATE



GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF STUDENT BODY

5

CONTINENTS

30

COUNTRIES

38

STATES

A Community from Many Places

TAYLOR THRIVES

A Strategic Vision For Taylor's Future

Taylor Thrives is our five-year strategic plan created with insights and ideas from thousands of Taylor constituents who spoke into the creation of the plan through thoughtful prayer, careful thinking, and creative dreaming. Thanks to the work of hundreds of hands across campus, we've made tremendous progress, having achieved 28 goals, three more than the 25 slated for completion in year one.

YEAR ONE HIGHLIGHTS

- *Launched a data science major, an entrepreneurial hub, and the Presidential Fellows program;*
- *Implemented a scripture engagement minor;*
- *Hired a diversity-focused admissions officer to enhance Taylor's recruiting efforts among underrepresented groups;*
- *Initiated significant planning and renovations related to our physical campus; and*
- *Made investments in our workforce and strategic human resources.*

125 NUMBER OF GOALS
IN FIVE YEAR PLAN

28
GOALS
COMPLETED
YEAR 1

81 GOALS WITH SOME LEVEL
OF ACTIVITY, YEAR 1

CAMPUS

Widen our Circle of Learners

Tell the Taylor Story

Our campus will thrive as we widen the circle of learners we serve – from high school, to undergraduate, to graduate and professional students – and as we tell the Taylor story more effectively and in more places.

COMMUNITY

Develop and Invest in Our People

Catalyze Entrepreneurial Energy to Improve our Community

Our community will thrive as we develop and invest in our people and work to make Taylor and the surrounding community an even better place to live, work, and study.

MISSION

Ensure Excellence and Affordability

Develop Servant-Leaders to Minister to a World in Need

Our mission will thrive as we work to ensure the excellence of a Taylor education while making it more affordable and as we seek to move from excellence to eminence in developing servant-leaders to minister to a world in need.



SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT [TAYLOR.EDU/TAYLOR-THRIVES](https://taylor.edu/taylor-thrives)



Developing Servant-Leaders

PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWS

The **Presidential Fellows** program develops promising undergraduates through intentional mentoring by the University's Senior Leadership Team. The inaugural year of this highly competitive program saw nine talented students receive unparalleled leadership training through times of prayer, spiritual conversations, and experiential learning. The four pillars of the program are proximity to senior leaders, substantive work assignments, a cohort experience, and exposure to exemplary external leaders.



Nurturing our Distinctive Christian Ethos

NEXT SUMMIT

In October, we hosted over 40 Christian school administrators for the first **NEXT Summit**. The focus was on *Intercultural Leadership and Biblical Unity* and featured President of ACSI, Larry Taylor. The Honorable Eric Holcomb, Indiana's 51st Governor, joined us in April in our discussion of *The Public Witness of Christian Education*, along with author Os Guinness and editor-in-chief of The Princeton Review, Rob Franek.



Ensuring the Excellence of a Taylor Education

PRESIDENT LINDSAY LIVE

Through **President Lindsay Live**, we host dynamic Christian leaders who share their faith and leadership journey with our students. Guests have included Elmer Huh, CIO Murdock Trust; Jamie Haengi, President ADT Solar; Kurt Keilhacker, Founding Partner Elementum Ventures; Jay Hein, CEO Sagamore Institute; Lydia Gaddis, COO Dayton Christian Schools; Rob Wallstrom, retired CEO Vera Bradley; Mike Minogue, retired CEO Abiomed; Os Guinness, Social Critic and Author; Dr. Billy Kim, Chairman FEBC Korea; and Mike and Cheryl Wells, Wells Enterprises (Blue Bunny Ice Cream).

2022-23

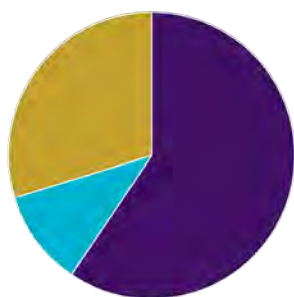
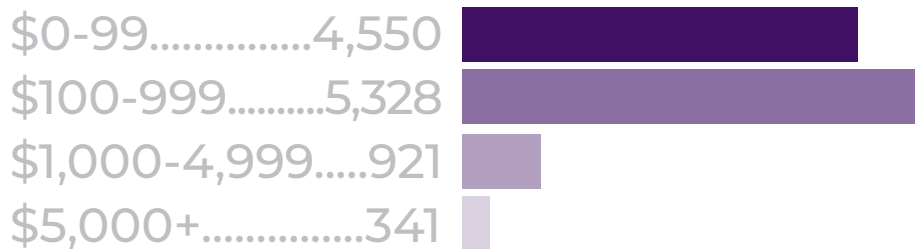
ADVANCEMENT

Celebrating a year of extraordinary philanthropic giving.

7,305
DONORS GAVE

\$65,448,521

11,140 Gifts



- Alumni: 59.5%
- Non-Alumni Parents: 11.0%
- Friends: 29.5%

Pie represents number of gifts from alumni, parents, and friends.



2,091
Alumni Donors



Record Fundraising FY 2023

The alumni, parents, and friends of Taylor continue to respond in a remarkable fashion in support of the University's mission and the preparation of students for worldwide service.

This unprecedented level of support helps to keep the cost of a Taylor education in reach of a wider segment of students and strengthens and advances our distinctives. Though times are challenging for tuition-driven institutions like Taylor, our underlying financials remain healthy with a strong balance sheet driven by the board-mandated two percent operating margin each fiscal year.

**Cost to raise \$1
0.15 cents
per dollar**

The Council for Better Business Bureaus limits fundraising costs to \$0.35 per dollar (BBB Standards for Charity Accountability.) At Taylor University, the three-year average is 0.15 cents per dollar.

2,295 Donors

**3+ Years
of Giving**
consecutively



**3,149
First-Time
Donors**

IMPACT

\$26.2M
TO SCHOLARSHIPS
Annual and Endowed

Taylor Fund
\$3.34M
3,898 Gifts



**President's
Growth
Fund**
\$1.8M



**Horne Academic
Center**
\$2.97M
Including previous years, a total of \$27.8M raised for this \$29.6M project.



**Stillman
Fieldhouse**
\$2.93M
Including previous years, a total of \$3.2M raised, completing the project.



**Health Sciences
& Nursing**
\$7.85M



**Revocable &
Irrevocable
Deferred Giving**
\$4.0M



**Other Giving
Designations**
\$16.36M
Missions trips, departments, programs, projects, Giving Days, and unrestricted.



10:10 SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE

Taylor receives first-ever \$20 million gift.



During Heritage Day in April, Taylor's Leadership announced a landmark **\$20 million gift** that will advance the

University's mission of developing servant-leaders and serve as a catalyst for a scholarship challenge match. Through the **10:10 Scholarship Challenge**, scholarship gifts to Taylor – from \$10 to \$10 million – will be matched, turning \$20 million into \$40 million for student scholarships. When completed, the 10:10 Scholarship Challenge will be the largest scholarship initiative at a private college or university in the state of Indiana, underscoring the University's commitment to affordability and accessibility.



According to the Million Dollar List compiled by the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, the \$20 million gift is not only the largest in Taylor's history, but the largest ever received by a Protestant Christian college or university in the state of Indiana.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 10:10 SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE, VISIT [TAYLOR.EDU/1010](https://taylor.edu/1010).

"This has been an unprecedented year of financial support from our alumni and friends and this \$20 million gift propels Taylor's five-year strategic plan even further. We are so grateful for the extraordinary generosity of our donors. We believe deeply in the transformational difference a Taylor education makes; this gift brings that education within reach for many more deserving students and represents the largest investment in student scholarships in Taylor's history."

CHRIS GOEGLIN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR

2023-24

INCOMING STUDENTS

Welcoming largest recruited class in school history, Fall 2023.

570

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS
Anticipated Fall 2023 Enrollment

36

TRANSFER STUDENTS

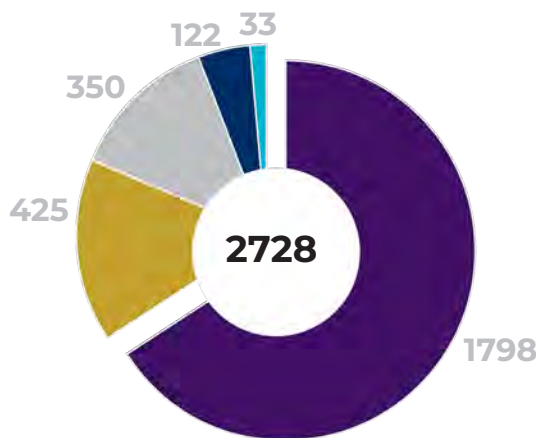
3.89 AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOL GPA

As a top Christian liberal arts college, Taylor is attracting academically talented, mission-appropriate students who embrace community, lifelong learning, and academic excellence. Young women and men explore big possibilities for their lives through study, worship, athletics, work, service, and having fun together.

In academic year 2022-23, our Circle of Learners included not only our residential undergraduate students, but academic initiatives for pre-collegiate, adult learners, and those interested in professional programs.

Circle of Learners 2022-2023

- Undergrad
- High School Guest
- TTT & Licensure (Transition to Teaching)
- Undergrad Guest
- Graduate



Academically **32%**

ALL DEGREE-SEEKING, FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN STUDENTS IN THE TOP TENTH OF THEIR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS, FALL 2022

Talented **41%**

ALL DEGREE-SEEKING, FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN STUDENTS WITH A GPA OF 4.0 OR HIGHER, FALL 2022



A key element of the *Taylor Thrives* strategic plan involves widening the circle of learners we serve. Through a year-long analysis of our historic strengths, marketplace trends, and opportunities given our location, three new academic programs were identified for strategic investments, including a *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*, a *Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies*, and a *Master of Science in Medical Science*. These academic programs will expand the University’s footprint in the healthcare professions and develop servant-leaders that exhibit Christ’s love, grace, and truth in the medical fields.

A NEW ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP

As part of this renewed commitment to the Health Sciences, an industry-leading partnership with Parkview Health of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was announced in February 2023. This partnership will help to launch Taylor’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Parkview Health’s multimillion-dollar investment in the program will provide essential classroom space and equipment and fund the Dean of Nursing and Clinical Nursing Instructor positions. In addition, Parkview will provide:

PARKVIEW HEALTH IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT, COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH SYSTEM SERVING NORTHEAST INDIANA AND NORTHWEST OHIO. IT HAS A REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION, AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SOLUTIONS IN HEALTHCARE.

- Clinical site access for nursing students at each of its 19 locations in the region;
- Guaranteed practicums for nursing students, which can be completed in the summer – a creative approach that is especially beneficial for our student-athletes who wish to complete their education in a timely manner while also remaining competitive in their sport, and;
- Student loan payback program, providing students who choose to work as a Parkview nurse in hospital or home health settings with up to \$30,000 in student loan payoff.

Pending accreditation approval, the program will formally commence in 2024.

Taylor is developing the health care practitioners of the future, whether preparing students for medical school, graduate school, or a career post-graduation.

100%

ACCEPTANCE RATE TO
PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT SCHOOL

100%

ACCEPTANCE RATE TO
MEDICAL SCHOOL

90%

ACCEPTANCE RATE TO
FIRST PROGRAM OF CHOICE



DR. KAREN ELSEA APPOINTED INAUGURAL DEAN OF NURSING



Prior to her appointment as the inaugural Dean of Nursing, Dr. Karen Elsea directed the undergraduate nursing program at the University of Indianapolis. An experienced nurse and educator, Dr. Elsea has served in seven different nursing specialties.

LORI FAUQUER NAMED DIRECTOR OF FUTURE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM



Lori Fauquher, MS, PA-C, was named as the inaugural director of the Physician Assistant program. Fauquher comes to Taylor from Butler University with nearly 20 years of experience as a physician assistant in emergency medicine, orthopedics, and family medicine.

“We are thrilled to partner with Parkview Health, the largest employer in the region and a leader in healthcare. My colleagues and I respect Parkview greatly, and we believe this partnership can be a national model of how healthcare and higher education institutions can work together to serve a world in need.”

D. MICHAEL LINDSAY
PRESIDENT, TAYLOR UNIVERSITY

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Through our global learning and service opportunities, students broaden their understanding of what it means to live a purposeful life for Christ. Whether volunteering locally, taking a J-Term or Spring Break mission trip, or enrolling in a major-specific semester study abroad, students gain skills and experiences that equip them for a lifetime of servant-leadership.

Ecuador, Honors Guild Academic Tour. Photo credit: Carolyn Guebert.



45 STUDENTS

SEMESTER ABROAD

225 STUDENTS

J-TERM ACADEMIC TOUR

44 STUDENTS

J-TERM LIGHTHOUSE TRIP

68 STUDENTS

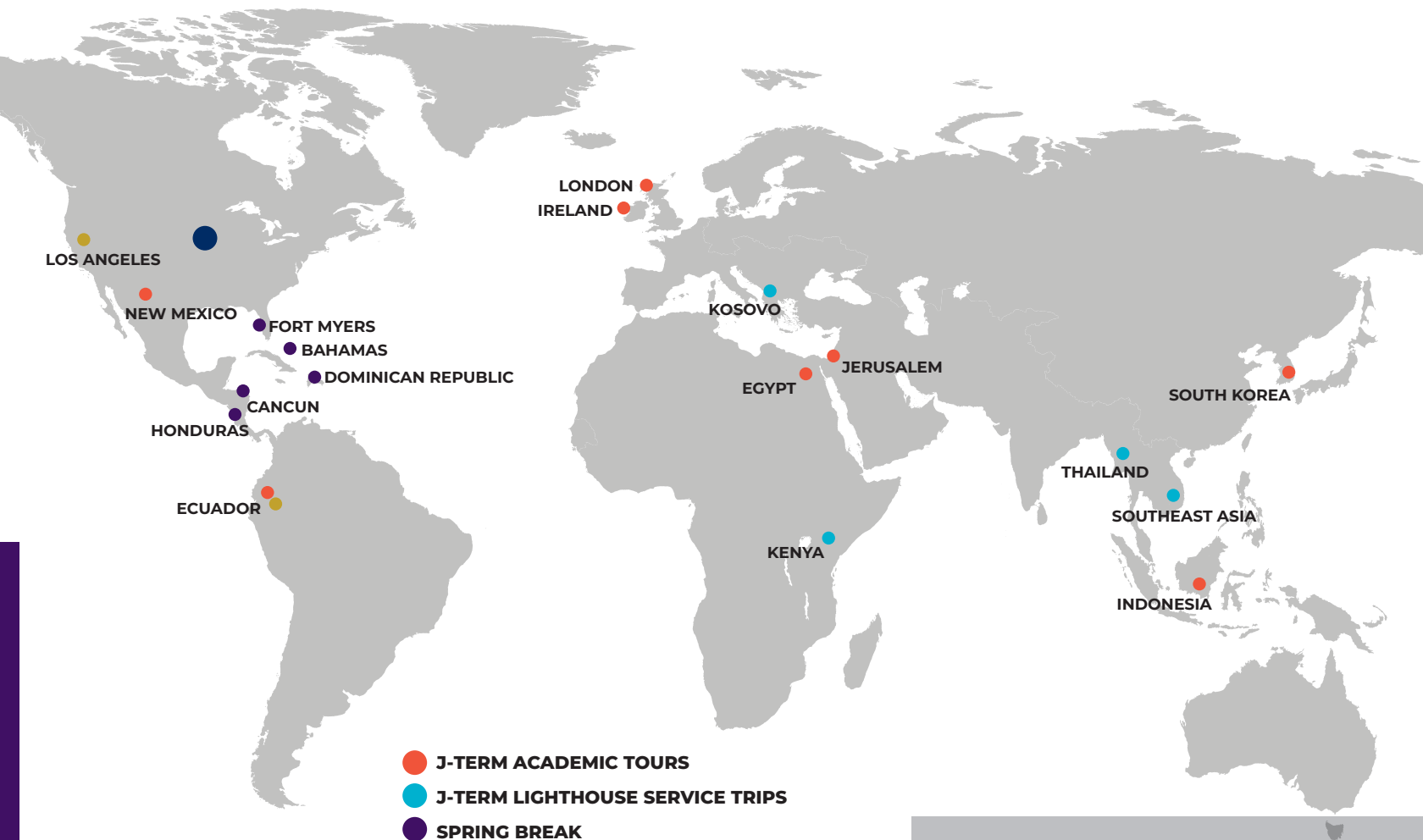
SPRING BREAK MISSIONS TRIP

67%

INCREASE FROM
2022 TO 2023

2022: 229 | 2023: 382

51 YEARS OF INTERCULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES
Lighthouse: Continuing Taylor's Heritage of Missions



- J-TERM ACADEMIC TOURS
- J-TERM LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE TRIPS
- SPRING BREAK
- SEMESTER STUDIES
- LOCAL OUTREACH

A GLOBAL VOICE | OUTREACH & SERVICE

J-Term is a January academic session where students study and serve abroad through **academic tours** and Lighthouse **service trips**. From evangelizing in the streets to helping build houses, every team seeks to enter other cultures as servant-leaders and serve as lights of God’s love.

- Honors Guild students studied environmental sustainability in Ecuador and experienced the Amazon Rainforest.
- A Lighthouse team served with an organization in Thailand, caring for children with mental and physical disabilities.
- The New Mexico Education Team partnered with Rehoboth Christian School and Zuni Christian Mission School, teaching in classrooms.
- Business students traveled to South Korea and were exposed to the challenges and opportunities in an international business context.
- Over Spring Break, a team served with a research farm committed to elevating hunger with sustainable agriculture techniques.



Dr. Daniel Darko joins the University’s leadership as Dean of Global Engagement and Executive Director of the Spencer Centre for Global Education. Dr. Darko will build upon Taylor’s rich history of global engagement, leading Taylor’s strategies for international partnerships, amplifying international student recruitment, and increasing study abroad opportunities.



**READ THE PRESS
RELEASE OF
DR. DARKO’S
APPOINTMENT.**

REMARKABLY, TAYLOR ATHLETICS



**NAIA WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**



WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, UNDEFEATED

The Trojans posted the second-largest margin of victory at a national championship in NAIA history.

- Posted a 133-0 record, defeating not only the top NAIA programs but also several NCAA Division I and II teams.
- Won 10th-straight Crossroads League Championship.
- Posted program-record seven NAIA All-Americans.
- Touted nine NAIA Scholar-Athletes.
- Named the USTFCCCA Scholar-Team of the year.

Coach Quinn White reached his 1,200th win as head coach of the women's cross country program. White was named the NAIA Women's Cross Country National Coach of the Year, the Crossroads League Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year and the USTFCCCA Great Lakes Region Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year.

TAYLOR BASEBALL CROSSROADS LEAGUE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS ADVANCED TO NAIA WORLD SERIES



- Won twice at NAIA World Series to finish 5th for program's best finish. Ranked inside NAIA Top-25.
- Set program record for most Crossroads League wins in a single season (30).
- Won second-most games in program history (42).
- Set program record for most runs scored and home runs hit in a single season.
- Qualified for NAIA National Tournament.

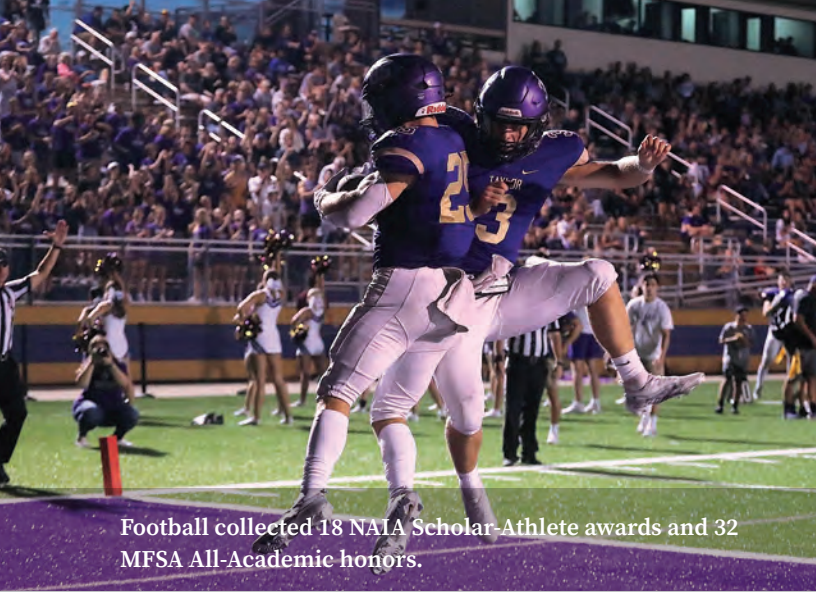
Coach Kyle Gould was named the Crossroads League Baseball Coach of the Year for a sixth time and celebrated his 1,000th game.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CROSSROADS LEAGUE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

- Secured first Crossroads League regular season championship since 2011.
- Reached highest national ranking (11) since 2011.
- Won 30 matches in a season for first time since 2011.
- Went unbeaten (17-0) at home.
- Qualified for NAIA National Tournament.

Coach Erin Luthy earned American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Midcentral Region and Crossroads League Coach of the Year honors for the first time.



Football collected 18 NAIA Scholar-Athlete awards and 32 MFSA All-Academic honors.

ALL-TIME SCORING RECORD

Guard Jason Hubbard '23 was named an NAIA All-American, was recognized as an NAIA Scholar-Athlete, netted a second CSC Academic All-American honor, and claimed Taylor's all-time program record with a career high of 2,479. Hubbard was named to the 2022-23 Bevo Francis Award Top-100 Watch List, which showcases the finest small college men's basketball athletes from around the nation.



Women's Soccer opened 8-0 for its best start since 2016 and advanced to the NAIA National Tournament.

18 TEAMS, NAIA

MEN AND WOMEN

135

NAIA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE HONORS

12 NAIA

TEAMS ADVANCED TO NAIA NATIONALS

Volleyball, men's and women's Cross Country, women's Soccer, men's and women's Indoor Track, men's and women's Outdoor Track, Baseball, Softball, men's and women's Golf.

10 NAIA

TEAMS EARNED VOTES OR A RANKING WITHIN THE NAIA TOP-25 POLL

Volleyball, men's and women's Cross Country, men's and women's Golf, men's and women's Indoor Track, Competitive Cheer, Baseball, men's Outdoor Track.

NEW ATHLETICS LOGO



TAYLOR

TROJANS

The logo honors our tradition of athletic excellence, spiritual formation, and academic rigor. It reflects the heart and dedication of our athletes and integrates the strength of the Trojan mascot with refreshed imagery.

A REFRESHED BRAND

A yearlong comprehensive brand study in partnership with consulting firm Carnegie was undertaken to reimagine our imagery and messaging in ways that would help us elevate the distinctives of the University.

The long-awaited reveal introduced

- an updated institutional logo,
- University seal,
- athletics logo, and
- messaging theme.



The University also announced a new mailing address celebrating the year of its founding – **1846 Main Street**.

The new community theme, Life to the Full (based on John 10:10), honors the University’s 177-year heritage of ministering Christ’s unconditional love, grace, and truth to the world, and emphasizes Taylor’s unwavering commitment to Christ-centered, student-focused education.

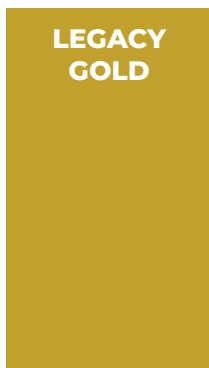


LIFE TO THE FULL

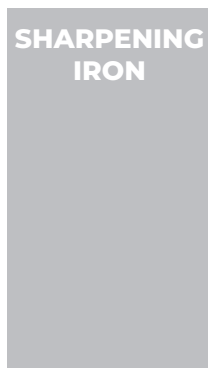
Taylor’s Color Palette



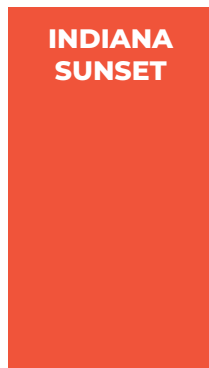
**TAYLOR
PURPLE**



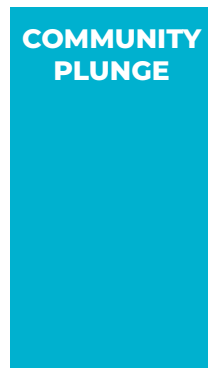
**LEGACY
GOLD**



**SHARPENING
IRON**



**INDIANA
SUNSET**



**COMMUNITY
PLUNGE**



**SILENT
NIGHT**



VIBRANT COMMUNITY LIFE



AUGUST

WELCOME WEEKEND. It's just the beginning of many Taylor traditions. Two notable events include the all-campus communion service where Taylor's incoming class is surrounded by upperclassmen who pray for them and the annual Community Plunge, a 30+-year tradition that sends hundreds of Taylor students, faculty, and staff members into the Upland community to volunteer and serve.

SEPTEMBER

BSU BLOCK PARTY. A fun-filled night with food, games, and a little karaoke!

THE BIRDS. Taylor Theatre's first production of the season.

PRESIDENT'S BALL. An epic night as President and Rebecca Lindsay partied with students "like it's 1999."

MULTICULTURAL WORSHIP NIGHT. Worshiping differently but together in multiple languages and living out Psalm 19:1-3.

OCTOBER

MELON & GOURD. TAG – 3rd West Wengatz style – with a melon and gourd. We laughed, we cheered, and we might have even cried a little.

TAYLATHON. 68 years of crashes and bruises in an intense competition! This year's bike relay winners: senior women and sophomore men.

Shoutout to the faculty and staff who participated in our first-ever, half-time scooter race.

HOMECOMING & FAMILY

WEEKEND. It's the weekend alumni come "home" and current parents and students experience Taylor together. This year, over 100 events from athletic competitions, hall and reunion events to lectures, a scavenger hunt and evening concert.

MYGEN. Happy 21st, MyGen! A showcase of musical acts from after the senior class was born.



NOVEMBER

WHITE CHRISTMAS graced the stage. A show full of dancing, laughter, and some of the greatest songs ever written.

MOSAIC NIGHT. A celebration of the countries and cultures represented at Taylor, food from all over the world, followed by students' dancing, singing, reading poetry, and displaying the mosaic that is the body of Christ at Taylor.

DECEMBER

SHARK TANK. Students pitch their entrepreneurial ideas to business professionals in hopes of getting a financial investment.

SILENT NIGHT. 25 years of unmatched hype. The annual Silent Night men's basketball game is a beloved campus tradition where the fans remain silent until Taylor scores its 10th point, at which time students flood the court dressed in festive costumes.





JANUARY

MLK DAY. An annual day of learning, reflection, and fellowship as we celebrate civil rights champion, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

FEBRUARY

CIVIL RIGHTS EXPERIENCE. 33 students, faculty, and staff ventured on a four-day, three-city journey, from Memphis to Birmingham to Atlanta.

NOSTALGIA NIGHT. Where there's a disco ball, there's Nostalgia Night! A showcase of musical acts from before the senior class was born.

MACBETH. Thrilling stage combat and bewitching performances, all on a magnificent set.



MARCH

AS WE PRAY. A time dedicated to bringing families and alumni together to pray for our community.

ENVISION FILM FESTIVAL. A weekend to celebrate the gifts of Taylor filmmakers and aspiring high school filmmakers, featuring competitions, industry professionals, and workshops.

APRIL

SHOP THE LOOP. An artisan fair where students showcase their entrepreneurial skills. Products and services range from photography and jewelry to baked goods and creative gifts.

GRANDPARENTS DAY. Smiles and hugs and ... did we mention smiles and hugs. Best-day-ever as grandparents experience a day in the life of their student.

AIRBAND. This year's epic lip-synching competition between residence halls featured choreography themed to Top Gun, NASCAR, and Alice in Wonderland – to name a few.

NOISES OFF. Taylor Theatre's last show of the season, a roaring slapstick comedy.

MAY

COMMENCEMENT. We celebrated the Class of 2023: 227 women and 193 men. They join 26,381 previous graduates as servant-leaders marked with a passion to minister Christ's redemptive love, grace, and truth to a world in need.

JUNE

JUNETEENTH. Our annual commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States.





BROADENING FAITH FORMATION



**ROBUST CHAPEL
ATTENDANCE AND
PARTICIPATION**

70+

**STUDENT-LEADERS DIRECTLY
INVOLVED IN CHAPEL PLANNING
AND PRODUCTION**

Including Worship Bands, Video
Production, Chapel Coordinators

SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT MINOR



“Scripture Engagement is the practice of learning to read the Bible in ways that have a deep impact on a person’s spiritual life. Scripture is God’s divinely inspired Word to us, and engaging Scripture allows individuals to not only know more about God but to draw closer to God.”

JEWEL MAXWELL
PROVOST

Taylor is a pioneer in scripture engagement, having founded the Center for Scripture Engagement in 2009. We know that integrating faith and learning not only complements academic pursuits and spiritual formation but further aligns with our mission to develop servant-leaders.

Starting Fall 2023, as part of Taylor’s Christian liberal arts core curriculum, incoming students will have the opportunity to earn a **Scripture Engagement minor**. Throughout their years at Taylor, students will take a series of six classes, each with a significant scripture engagement component. This will require no additional coursework beyond the existing core curriculum, and students will still be able to choose an academic major and minor while earning this additional academic credential.

Over a decade ago, Taylor launched the Center for Scripture Engagement. Co-directed by professors **Dr. Phil Collins** and **Dr. Steven Bird**, the Center produces research on scripture engagement, offers diagnostic tools for ministries and individuals, provides training on scripture engagement practices, and produces resource materials.

The Center has partnered with United Bible Societies, Harper Collins, and BibleGateway to create tools that have lasting impact on individuals’ relationship with God through knowing His Word, with one of the most significant projects being the Abide Bible, which features art illustrations, book introductions, and reflective prompts based on five ways of engaging deeply with the Bible.

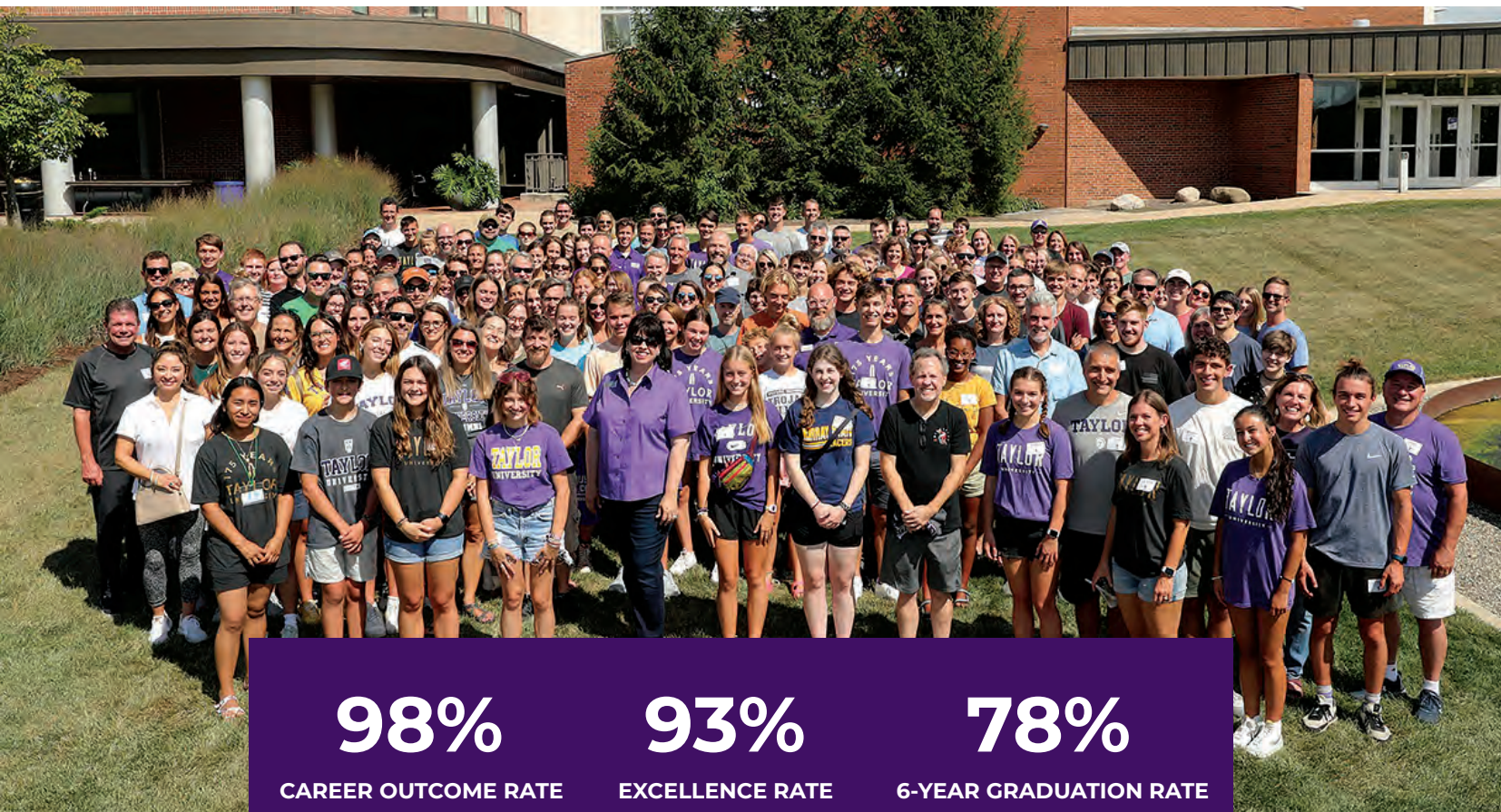
NEW CAMPUS PASTOR

Rev. Greg Dyson was named Vice President for Spiritual Life and Intercultural Leadership. Previously, Dyson served as Vice President for Intercultural Leadership and Church Relations. In his expanded role, Dyson will continue to provide Cabinet-level oversight for intercultural initiatives while also assuming many of the current responsibilities associated with the campus pastor role.



Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning, regular University activities wrap up and the campus heads to chapel in the LaRita Boren Campus Center. Taylor chooses not to monitor chapel attendance – yet students fill Rediger Auditorium. Chapel participation is expected, and the accountability to attend chapel happens organically through relationships.

A THRIVING ALUMNI COMMUNITY



98%

CAREER OUTCOME RATE

93%

EXCELLENCE RATE

78%

6-YEAR GRADUATION RATE



ALUMNI AWARDS

Taylor seeks to recognize alumni and friends of the University who have outstanding achievements, have served Taylor in a significant way, and are committed to living for Jesus Christ.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ALUMNUS & YOUNG ALUMNUS

(Young Alumnus, within 10 years of graduation)

An alumnus who has exhibited Christian leadership in their chosen field of service, and who has made significant contributions to the welfare of others and advancement of Taylor University.

Dr. Hal Habecker '71 is the founder and president of Finishing Well Ministries.

John Houlihan '17 is the owner of Four Brothers Handcrafted Chocolates and Wilmar Chocolates.

G. ROSELYN KERLIN WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

An alumna who has provided godly leadership in her life, and who has exhibited an extraordinary commitment to Jesus Christ and to others.

Dr. Lorelee Songer '04 is an active recitalist, opera and oratorio performer, conductor, and educator.

TAYLOR GRADUATES

420

97

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

85

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

73

CUM LAUDE

227

 Women

193

 Men

WORLDWIDE 26,801

TOP 5 MAJORS

- Elementary Education
- Management
- Film and Media Arts
- Psychology
- Human Physiology & Preventive Medicine

AVERAGE GPA

3.57



HONORARY DOCTORATES

Exemplars Of Servant-Leadership

Dr. Billy Kim, former president of the Baptist World Alliance and chair of the Far East Broadcasting Company, was awarded a **Doctorate of Divinity**, *honoris causa*. He is senior pastor of the Suwon Central Baptist Church.

Jamie Haenggi, president of ADT Solar, a division of ADT Security Services, is a member of Taylor's Board of Visitors. She has more than 25 years of senior leadership roles in the private sector. In 2024, she will be recognized with a **Doctorate of Business**, *honoris causa*.

Tom Lin was awarded a **Doctorate of Public Service**, *honoris causa*. He is president of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. His lifetime commitment to campus ministry has included roles at Harvard University and Boston University.

Russ Pulliam is a veteran journalist with an illustrious career as a writer, columnist, and editor for The Indianapolis News and The Indianapolis Star. He was recognized with a **Doctorate of Humane Letters**, *honoris causa*.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

“We are genuinely grateful to those whose sacrificial and visionary giving made this state-of-the-art facility possible. At Taylor, we intentionally invest resources to enable our students to achieve bold goals and actively pursue God’s calling in their life.”

D. MICHAEL LINDSAY
PRESIDENT



The Horne Academic Center will showcase the film and media arts program, enabling program growth while also providing space for entrepreneurial ventures and a marquee meeting space.



L to R: raising of the steel on Horne Academic Center; beam signing by students, faculty, and staff. When the structure reached its height, the signed beam was the final steel beam raised into place. The rite was celebrated at a Topping Out ceremony on campus.



As part of the University's future, we are making substantial investments in Taylor's physical infrastructure that will modernize our campus as we continue to make Taylor an even more inspiring place to live, study, and work. From new academic spaces to residence hall upgrades, we are looking forward to a new season of growth – making our campus a place where everyone can belong and thrive.

HORNE ACADEMIC CENTER

A significant moment in Taylor's 177-year history took place with the groundbreaking for the University's newest academic building, the Horne Academic Center. The facility will house two signature programs, film and media arts – a program whose distinguished graduates are transforming the film and television industry – and an innovation/entrepreneurship hub, which is a growing area of focus for the University.

The 45,000 square foot facility is currently under construction with occupancy expected Fall 2024. As the newest academic building in 10 years, this \$29.6 million facility is funded entirely with philanthropic dollars.



TARGETED INVESTMENTS FOR GROWTH & OPPORTUNITY

STILLMAN FIELDHOUSE RENOVATION

Bolstering athletic programs through improved facilities: fieldhouse renovation includes new locker rooms for the football and lacrosse teams, a lounge for football, team meeting rooms, and practice space for both the baseball and softball teams.



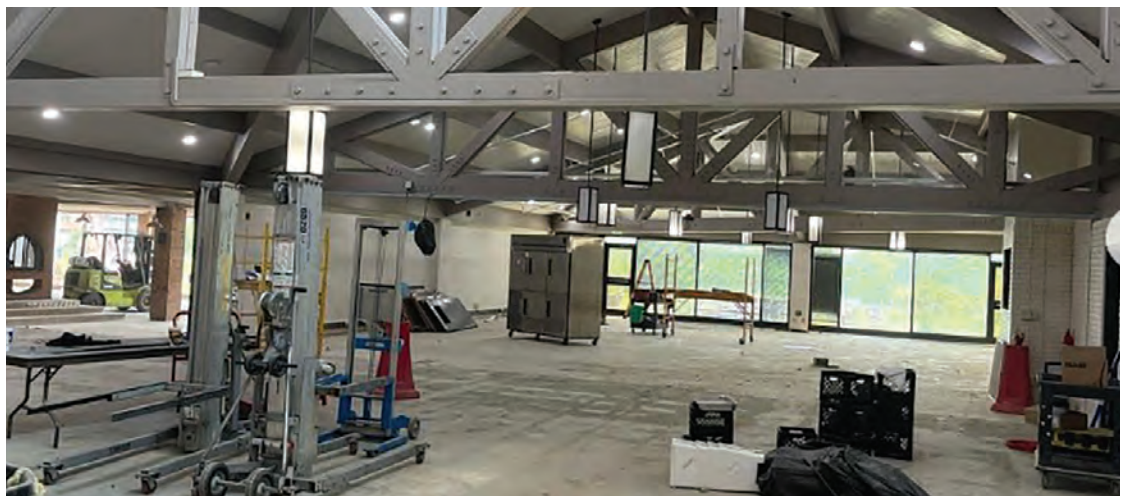
NEW ATHLETICS WEIGHT ROOM

A facility upgrade that will propel Trojans to new heights, making them more competitive: a 4,200-square-foot athletics weight room for strength training.



HODSON DINING COMMONS RENOVATION

Critical investments in Hodson Dining Commons infrastructure and appearance: rebuilding the kitchen and serving locations, upgrading furniture and flooring, installing an elevator, constructing an outdoor patio, and expanding event space with a new addition.



OTHER CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

include new flooring, wall treatments, lighting, and ceiling upgrades in the Galleria of Zondervan Library; new turf on Winterholter and Turner Stadium fields; a refreshed Odle lobby and new court flooring in Odle Arena; new seats in the Mitchell Theater; refurbished Samuel Morris statues; and a new outdoor gathering space located between Samuel Morris Hall and Ayres Hall. The pergola was designed by Taylor's groundskeeping team, built by community effort, and funded through a gift from the Class of 1972.



GROUNDS MAINTENANCE HONORED



The Professional Grounds Management Society® (PGMS®) recognized Taylor University with an Honor Award in the Society's 2022 Green Star Awards competition for exceptional grounds maintenance. This award is the 5th recognition from PGMS that Taylor has received in the last six years.

"The Grounds Department, led by Kerry Shanebrook, goes the extra mile every day to ensure that our campus environment is safe, beautiful, and encourages our students to thrive. We are fortunate to have a large, varied landscape that showcases the team's skills, love for God's creation, and concern for our community."

RON SUTHERLAND

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Taylor's mission is to develop servant-leaders marked with a passion to minister Christ's redemptive love, grace, and truth to a world in need. In the 2022-23 academic year, that mission was lived out through our students, faculty, and staff in a variety of ways.

ARTS, PERFORMING & CREATIVE



Student filmmakers and faculty in **Film and Media Arts** continue to achieve regional and national awards. The program earned its 850th external recognition in May with 200 of those awards earned during the 2022-23 academic year.

A film project created by Film and Media students advanced to the semifinal round of the 50th annual Student Academy Awards. *Justice for Batman: The Mark Racop Case* tells the story of an Indiana man licensed to build Batmobiles and his recent legal challenge. Out of a record 2,444 entries submitted internationally, the film achieved a top three percent position. This is the first time a Taylor film has been recognized by the **Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences**.

As part of a Faculty-Mentored Student Scholarship summer grant project, Film and Media Arts Assistant Professor **Steve Bailey** won "Best of Festival" in the film and video faculty category of the Broadcast Education Association for his documentary film, "The Deaners of Fairmount," about James Dean fans.

Six Taylor musicians captured a pair of first place finishes and one second place result in the **National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competition** for the State of Indiana during the Great Lakes Region NATS competition. **Anna Jones, Gavin Kastner, Marcus Haynes, Gabriel Wilson, Hayley Mordecai, and Ashton McKenzie** qualified for the national NATS competition in San Diego.

Taylor's student production of *The Birds* was showcased at the 2023 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) and earned highest awards from The National Awards Committee: *Distinguished Production of a Play, Distinguished Performance Ensemble of a Play, and Distinguished Achievement in Production Design*. Students honored: **Conner Reagan, Lindsay Rice, Angie DeStefano, Steven Day, Matt Pierce, Susannah Quinn, Aidan Merck**. Theatre Arts Co-Chair **Tracy Manning** was honored as *Distinguished Director of a Play*.



PIONEERING EFFORTS IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

As part of our larger focus on entrepreneurship in our five-year strategic plan, *Taylor Thrives*, every incoming first-year student, regardless of major, will have the opportunity to earn a minor or a **CERTIFICATE IN INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP** to complement and enrich their studies.

A **\$500,000 grant** from Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc. was instrumental in the creation of a planned entrepreneurial program for Indiana high school students called **IMPACT**. This pre-collegiate program is an immersive experience for students to help them develop entrepreneurial skills that equip them to impact their local community for the better while also envisioning a future for themselves in college. Participants will experience leadership growth opportunities through classroom and experiential learning and gain exposure to the transformative impact higher education can have on their lives.

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Taylor's **Ethics Bowl Club** finished first out of 22 teams at the Central States Regional competition, earning a bid to the National Competition. This is the 12th time in 13 years that Taylor has qualified for Nationals and the fourth time during that span that they are regional champions.

Dr. Hank Voss, Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries, published *Spiritual Friendship*, the third book in the Sacred Roots Spiritual Classics series, an initiative sponsored by the Sacred Roots Ministry project.

Jon Cavanagh, Campus Pastor, received the Civil Discourse Award for his tireless efforts to encourage healthy dialogue among individuals and groups who disagree with one another, knowing that Christ-followers have a common familial bond even when we disagree on issues of the day.

BUSINESS

Eight graduating seniors were awarded **Orr Fellowships** – full-time paid positions with Indianapolis companies where they will receive hands-on work experience in high-growth environments while facilitating valuable

connections and relationships with experienced professionals. Students **Abbey Brennan, Maggie Broadfoot, Jeremy Garey, Ariana Layton, Ellie Malmquist, Esther Michael, Clair Nieshalla**, and **Isaac Yops** were part of a cohort of 62 total Orr Fellowship awardees across the State of Indiana, the most offers of all colleges and universities in the state.



Dr. Benjamin Hotmire was appointed Dean of Business, Education, and Social Sciences.

Dr. Jody Hirschy was named Associate Dean of Business and Leadership, providing administrative leadership for undergraduate programs and a series of new graduate offerings.

Dr. Mick Bates was promoted as Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

COMMUNICATION, ENGLISH & MODERN LANGUAGES



Two student-created public relations campaigns for local nonprofit organizations earned **MarCom** awards from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals (AMCP). The Intentional Living Campaign, an effort to enhance community life on the Taylor campus, earned a Gold Award. The Living Well campaign, an initiative that seeks to lower the risk of diabetes and heart-related illnesses in nearby Hartford City, earned Honorable Mention.

Taylor's student-run newspaper, **The Echo**, won 24 awards in the spring 2023 Indiana Collegiate Press Association (ICPA) contest, including 3rd place overall for Division 3 Newspaper of the Year statewide, for schools with under 3,000 students.



The English Program houses **Relief Journal**, a national literary journal of art and faith, staffed primarily by Taylor students. *Relief Journal* is “a huge differentiator, not just in the CCCU but in any four-year liberal arts college,” said Associate Professor of English and editor-in-chief Daniel Bowman, Jr. “Most colleges have a campus journal, but almost none have a national journal.”

Associate Professor of English **Daniel Bowman's** book *On the Spectrum: Autism, Faith, and the Gifts of Neurodiversity* received the 2022 Book of the Year Award from the Academy of Parish Clergy.

COMPUTER SCIENCE, PHYSICS & ENGINEERING

Students are engineering solutions to real-world problems through Taylor's ABET-accredited Physics and Engineering Department. **Hannah Brackenbury** and **David Mitchell** partnered with Associate Professor of Physics and Engineering **Dr. Peter Staritz** as summer interns to design a cost-effective water filtration system for a hospital in Bangladesh.



Computer Science with Systems major **Isaac Wickham** and Engineering major **David Mitchell** developed Pocket Dorm, an interactive tool for incoming students to plan their residence hall room set-up. The duo took this project to Shark Tank, a campus event where students pitch their entrepreneurial ideas to business professionals. Pocket Dorm tied for second place and won \$1,000 of start-up money.



Dr. Bob Davis, Professor of Physics and Engineering, received the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award.

The Mathematics Department launched a **new Data Science major**. This joint venture with the Computer Science and Engineering Department will prepare students to explore, understand, produce, and interpret data.

Dr. Derek Thompson, Mathematics Department Chair, won the Distinguished Teaching Award from the Indiana Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

EDUCATION

The **Education Department** was honored with the “Frank Murray Leadership Recognition for Continuous Improvement” by the Council for the Accreditation for Educator Preparation. The award is reserved for select institutions that reach the gold standard in teacher preparation to achieve accreditation with no stipulations or areas for improvement.

HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCES

History Professor **Dr. Benjamin Wetzel** won the Theodore Roosevelt Association Book Prize for *Theodore Roosevelt: Preaching from the Bully Pulpit*. Dr. Wetzel’s most recent published work is *American Crusade: Christianity, Warfare, and National Identity, 1860-1920*. Dr. Wetzel was also awarded Taylor’s **Dr. Joe Burnworth Teaching Award**, presented to a distinctive faculty member within their first five years of service.

Hands-on field work in the legal field is a practicum offering through **The Redeem Project** – an opportunity for students to gain practical legal studies experience through a partnership with Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic.

A new book, *In Their Own Words*, published by The Society for the Teaching of Psychology, includes a chapter by Psychology Chair **Dr. Laura Edwards** titled, “Infusing critical thinking skills into course content.” Other chapter authors come from Harvard, Vanderbilt, Columbia, Carnegie Mellon Universities, and University of Glasgow, among other top-tier universities.

Cheryl Thompson, Professor of Social Work, presented *Cultivating Classroom Sense of Belonging to Enhance Student Learning* at the North American Association of Christians in Social Work with 11 social work majors in attendance.

Dr. Scott Gaier, Director of Academic Enrichment Center & Professor of Higher Education, received the **Distinguished Professor Award**. The award recognizes a faculty member who has served at Taylor at least 10 years, exhibits teaching excellence, expertise in their field, and has a positive influence on students.

Dr. Steven Bird, Professor of Sociology and co-director of the Center for Scripture Engagement, received Taylor’s *Distinguished Lecture Award* for outstanding scholarship. Dr. Bird presented results from the first phase of data collection of findings from 17,000 responses to the Christian Life Survey – a tool which allows people to evaluate their own spirituality on a variety of measurement indexes.

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FULL-TIME
INSTRUCTIONAL
FACULTY

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UNDERGRADUATE
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CLASSES WITH
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NATURAL & HEALTH SCIENCES

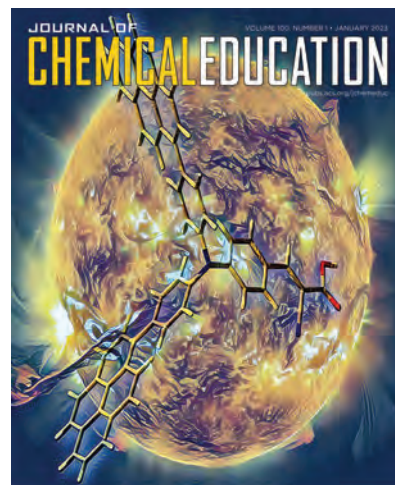
Professor Elizabeth Hasenmyer and **Dr. Sarah Justice**, Biology, secured funding for a DNA sequencer, giving students the ability to work directly with state-of-the-art technology while conducting novel research.



Kinesiology students are conducting research on pediatric clients through the family-based Live Well clinical program in partnership with a local pediatric practice. Supervised by faculty, students coach children and their families to create healthy habits.

Accepted in the third cohort of the Leadership Academy of Independent Colleges of Indiana is **Dr. Matthew Renfrow**, Associate Dean of Health Sciences. The year-long program specializes in the talent development of faculty and staff members of private college campuses.

Associate Professor of Chemistry, **Dr. Vincent Sichula**, published “Synthesis and Characterization of a Metal-Free Organic Dye-Sensitizer for Solar Cell” in the *Journal of Chemical*



Education, American Chemical Society. The preparation of a metal-free organic dye-sensitizer for solar cells was developed as a multifaceted research project with a goal of introducing students to the application of organic synthesis in material science and renewable energy research. The paper was selected as a cover art for the January issue.

PH.D., LEADERSHIP

Taylor will launch the University’s first **Ph.D. program in Leadership** in 2024, pending accreditation approval. Hallmarks of the new program will include classes with talented senior leaders from various fields, experiential learning that will include domestic and international travel, and cutting-edge technology so that students around the world can enroll.



President Michael Lindsay spoke to more than 30,000 students at Mackenzie University in São Paulo, Brazil, via a livestream broadcast on “Entrepreneurial Leadership for the Common Good”. Mackenzie University is the largest faith-based educational institution in Latin America, serving more than 50,000 students.

PRESIDENT'S CABINET

The President's Cabinet is responsible for stewarding the University's culture and strategy. The Senior Leadership Team oversees personnel and resources of the University and functions as the operational leadership group for Taylor University.

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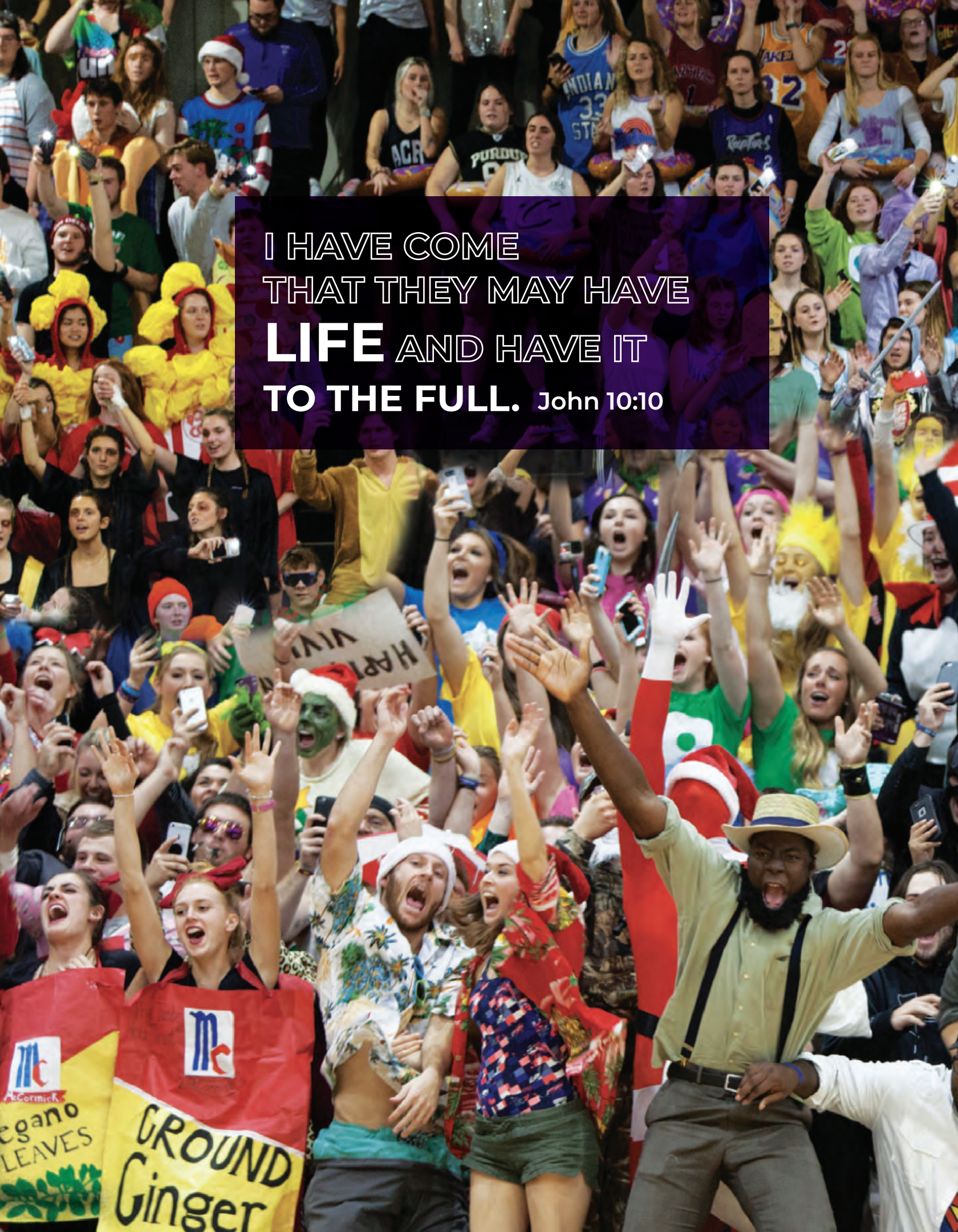
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LIFE AND HAVE IT
TO THE FULL. John 10:10



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