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“CRC, a Game Changer”



Ken Hoppe
President

A *game changer* is defined as an event, idea, or procedure that affects a significant shift in the current manner of doing or thinking about something. CRC is a *game changer* in the lives of many students who have made their decision to attend CRC.

During college days, a student will form the majority of their life-

long attitudes which become the basis for their personal belief system. The basic structure and interpretation of what we feel and understand as an adult was generally formed during our college days. For the most part, college students are like sponges soaking up experiences and making connections that last for a lifetime and ultimately shape the student’s character. Emerging adulthood is a phase of the lifespan between adolescence and full-fledged adulthood. Emerging adulthood is exactly the phase of life for a typical traditional college student and we recognize the importance of these years.

College students navigate the tricky waters of decision making daily. Major decisions like selecting a major, living arrangements, participation level in extracurricular activities, and time management seem to add to a general level of personal pressure for the college student. Many smaller decisions are made daily

like attending class or taking a skip, studying for a test or taking a nap, or staying up late rather than getting needed rest. Other decisions may have a lasting effect as well, such as, do I make a decision to live an alcohol and drug free life, do I avoid impulse behavior, and do I associate with other students who are goal oriented and help my life to move in the right direction? College days are days filled with fun and experiences to revisit fondly for a lifetime as well as days of serious contemplation.



I think we all know that college students are not perfect. None of us are perfect. As my minister at my home congregation often states: “We all foul-up, bleep, and blunder.” My prayer for our CRC students is that they will use good judgment when navigating the tricky waters of decision making based on guiding principles

they have developed before their days at CRC and during their time at CRC.

Is CRC a *game changer* in the lives of students that come our way? My answer would be a resounding

“yes.” Rarely, a week goes by without me hearing from a current student or a former student expressing their appreciation for CRC. A former CRC graduate who now holds a Doctorate degree wrote concerning the CRC faculty and staff: “You are a group of people I will always remember. You have helped me along this journey in ways you will fully never know. I am a better person today because of CRC and the Christian people that make up the college. You gave me the opportunity I needed to grow spiritually and succeed in this life.”

CRC is a *game changer*. At CRC we strive to design an innovative model, joining scholarship, spiritual life, and service to create a culture

that inspires students to attain their goals as graduates prepared for success in their spiritual and professional lives. In the next three issues of the Insider we plan to spotlight recent CRC graduates as we write concerning their journey through CRC and their transition to their professional careers.

Will you be our partner as CRC continues to be a *game changer*?

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” (Psalm 116:15, ESV)

It is with mixed emotions as I write my article at this time regarding the passing of two wonderful Christian people, **Mrs. Dorothy Rovene (Williams) Barron** and **Dr. James Russell Burcham, Jr.** However, I am confident concerning the eternal, heavenly reward of both.

I remember when Rovene Barron’s husband, Bud, called Crowley’s Ridge College in late 2007 about their interest in supporting CRC on a regular basis. A few days later, it was my privilege to visit in their home. Bud answered the door, while Rovene was busy in the kitchen anticipating my arrival. Our first greeting was a typical hand shake, but that was the last time I shook Rovene’s hand. From then on, it was always Rovene giving me a hug and a friendly greeting. Yes, I am going to miss her hugs, but have many fond memories of our visits, which greatly encouraged me in my Christian walk.

Rovene missed her Bud so deeply after his death on July 16, 2012. They were married for 66 years! What an example of demonstrating how a Christian marriage is possible, even in a world that often does not understand the concept. Rovene continued trying to serve me a meal or iced tea during our subsequent visits and she finally allowed me to bring her lunch or a milkshake on occasion. We always enjoyed good conversation, and especially the best part was listening to Rovene reminisce about her and Bud’s mission trips and how she enjoyed working with the youth in her younger days.

Such love of missions and youth led them to establish the *Bud and Rovene Barron Bible and Mission Endowment Fund* at CRC in November of 2007. It is a restricted endowment fund for the purpose of annual scholarships to Bible majors or other students for mission work. Earnings from the fund are distributed to one or more CRC students each year. Such enables the fund to continue for as long as CRC exists, which Lord willing, means until He comes again. Bud and Rovene added to their endowment fund several times, and, Rovene and several family and friends continued contributing to the fund following Bud’s death. Bud’s goal was for he and Rovene to contribute a minimum of \$50,000 to the fund and then, to have scholarship funds distributed annually to CRC students. While the fund was not quite at that level when Bud died, Rovene made certain she achieved their total goal a few years ago. Rovene departed this life on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at the age of 93.

Dr. James Russell Burcham, Jr. departed this life on September 19, 2018. Dr. Burcham and his wife, Rosemary were married for 72 years! Another wonderful example of a Christian marriage and a lifetime commitment to each other and to a loving God. The Burchams spent 68 years living in Kennett, Missouri where Russ served as a successful dentist for 37 years and as an elder at the Slicer Street Church of Christ for 47 years. Dr. Burcham also served on the board of trustees for Crowley’s Ridge College. He served as the board’s first chairman from 1964-65 and continued serving on the board through the mid 1970’s.



Richard Johnson
VP for Advancement

Christian education and mission work were both very important to Russ and Rosemary. The Burchams supported CRC for many years and their most recent gift, included a planned gift in our charitable gift annuity program. Russ was pleased with how CRC was able to help him complete this gift annuity and that it would benefit both he and



Rosemary and Dr. Russ Burcham, Jr.

Rosemary for the remainder of their lives.

Our sincerest condolences to the families of Dr. Russ Burcham, Jr. and Rovene Barron. Their lives have blessed many others and we are so grateful their generous contributions will continue to bless the lives of future students attending Crowley’s Ridge College. Many may want to send a memorial gift to CRC in their memory. Please fill free to do that using the memorial slip on page 7. We will send a thank you letter and receipt to the giver and acknowledge the family member(s) desired. We will list memorial givers in our next CRC Insider.

CRC DAY total is now \$82,897!

Thanks to everyone who helped with CRC DAY this year. We are only **\$2,103** from meeting our \$85,000 goal! We are almost there! It is still not too late to help us reach our goal this year. I am asking if you or your congregation has not yet sent a gift for CRC DAY 2018, to please do so. Whether you or your congregation can give \$100 or \$1,000 ... any amount is needed.

Remember, 100% of your gift will be used for CRC Bible major students and Bible department needs. **Your giving for CRC DAY will enable our students to spread the Gospel** in numerous ways as they assist numerous congregations, and as summer youth interns, and a variety of mission opportunities.

You can mail your CRC DAY gifts to: Crowley’s Ridge College, 100 College Dr, Paragould, AR 72450.



NAIA and CRC ATHLETICS

The 2018-19 school year begins the third year of CRC being a part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). When asked about this step to the NAIA and what it means to our CRC intercollegiate athletic programs, CRC Athletic Director, Paul McFadden had this to say, "In my years at CRC, I have watched us grow as a program in a tremendous way. From being in Independent leagues, NJCAA, NCCAA and now this major step to the NAIA. It quickly gave us a level of credibility with our peers that our program needed. Softball became our first program based on performance to qualify for a conference tournament. I feel our other teams will do the same very soon."

CRC Head Men's Basketball Coach Chris Perkins added his take on the importance of being in the NAIA, "Name recognition. To be a part of a nationally known organization with the history of the NAIA."

"It is a huge step for our athletic program. We already compete well against other NAIA programs and moving up to this level will help us grow and continue our success," CRC Head Baseball Coach Brenden Camp agreed.

NAIA SCHOLAR-TEAMS

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has announced the 1,862 teams that have earned the distinction for Scholar-Teams for the 2017-18 academic year.



For a team to be considered for the NAIA Scholar-Team award, it must have a minimum 3.0-grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the institution. The team grade point average includes all eligible varsity student-athletes.

Five CRC Pioneer teams earned the distinction for NAIA Scholar-Teams for the 2017-18 academic year:

- Softball - 3.55 GPA**
- Women's Cross Country - 3.50 GPA**
- Women's Volleyball - 3.41 GPA**
- Women's Basketball - 3.35 GPA**
- Men's Golf - 3.34 GPA**

We are proud of our student-athletes for the hard work they dedicate in the classroom!



CRC ATHLETES RECOGNIZED:

Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) PLAYERS of the WEEK:

VOLLEYBALL

For week of August 26 - September 1, 2018: Sophomore **Ashley Pyeatt** from Mountain Home, Arkansas (pictured right) recorded a season-high 13 kills in a match, while also serving 13 aces early in the season. She tallied 93 kills across nine matches and posted a .228 hitting percentage. Her 13-kill performance against Williams Baptist University helped the Pioneers pick up the program's first-ever victory against the Eagles.



For week of September 23-29, 2018: Freshman **Kaitlyn Perkins** from Willow Springs, Missouri (pictured right) had 69 digs and eight aces for the week. She averaged 17.25 digs per match and 5.75 digs per set. The Pioneers did not drop a set in winning all four matches for the week.



CROSS COUNTRY

For the week of September 16-11, 2018: Sophomore **BreAnna Warren** from Moro, Arkansas (pictured left) led CRC's team with a 24:01 5K at the 2018 Freed Speed Open at Freed-Hardeman University. This earned her a 19th place finish overall out of 63 total runners. Warren beat her PR from last season by five seconds.



The Men's Pioneer Golf team recently competed in the Freed-Hardeman University Fall Invitational.

Junior **Kade Scott** from Rector, Arkansas (pictured below with CRC Golf Coach Zach Perrin) found himself at the top of the leaderboard after day one shooting a career-best 69 (-3). He finished the tournament tied for fourth place after shooting 79 on the second day. Scott capped off his play by being named to the All-Tournament Team!



PROJECT HOPE 2018 - OCTOBER 27, 2018 ALUMNI GAMES

Come join us for a fun filled day as we welcome alumni from ALL CRC sports and raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness.

- 8:00 am - Cross Country teams will host a 2 mile run (open to anyone)
- 10:00 am - Softball game • 12:00 pm - Baseball game • 2:00 pm - Volleyball game
- 4:00 pm - Women's Basketball game • 6:00 pm - Men's Basketball game

Contact Karen Pillow at (870) 236-6901 for more information.

CRC EARNS CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER FIVE-STAR GOLD MEDAL AWARD

Crowley's Ridge College was named a GOLD MEDAL Champions of Character Five-Star Institution for the 2017-2018 school year thanks to the exceptional display of character on and off the field by Pioneer Athletics!

Every year, each NAIA institution and conference demonstrate their progress in pursuing character-driven athletics. Institutions are measured on a demonstrated commitment to Champions of Character and earn points in character training, conduct in competition, academic focus, character recognition, and character promotion. Points are earned based on exceptional student-athlete grade point averages and by having minimal to no ejections during competition throughout the course of the academic year.

Crowley's Ridge College was one of 74 institutions to receive the gold distinction. The Pioneers were one of only two colleges in Arkansas to earn the gold rating, along with John Brown University. Congratulations Pioneers!



Honor Roll of Donors

Crowley's Ridge College is blessed with a wonderful family of supporters. The next few pages are **CRC's "Honor Roll Listing of Donors"** followed by those giving **"Memorial & Honor Gifts"** for special friends and loved ones. This listing represents gifts from March 9 - September 28, 2018. We feature an **Honor Roll of Donors and Memorial & Honor section** in each of our future CRC Insider publications. CRC would not be possible without generous support of those in this listing. **Thank you friends for making this wonderful Christian ministry possible and helping us to bless our students each day.**

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Doug Gallahar

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Rovene Barron
Evelyn Linvell

Gilliam, Virginia
Margaret Kinney

Hamilton, Virgie
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Dana Hayes

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Christine Herndon

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Jerry and Frankie Jetton
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Lena Spillman

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Fayrene Kieffner

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Knight, Herbert and Dessie
Ted and Barbara Knight

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Marieda Fern
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McCormack, Coach
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Chuck and Donna Conley

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Evelyn Linvell

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Rovene Barron

Pendergrass, Royce
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Standerford, Marvin and Irene
Bonita Crabtree

Stayton, Johnny and Glenda
Leon Stayton

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Wilkerson, Phil
Shelia Barnes
Doyce and Barbara Burney
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Rita Gipson
Ken and Linda Hoppe

Cheryl Hoyer
Reggie and Marilyn Jetton
Mike and Deanie Runcie
Shelia Wilkerson
Don and Becky Wilson

Wilkerson, Connie
Cecil Wilkerson

Wood, Ted and Danny
Joe and Karen Pillow

Worrell, Dorothy
Parker Worrell

Honors

March 9 - September 28, 2018

Barber, Bethany
Jerry and Mona Dallas

Bruner, Tim and Kathy
Ron and Marla Roberts

Chesser, Joe and Areva
"Happy 50th Anniversary"
Teddy and Beth Foster

Conley, Jon Evans
Chuck and Donna Conley

Furby, Spencer
Gaylon and Carolyn Mullins

Gordon, Stanley and Sammye
Jim Edmonds

Herndon, Jr., Whit
Chris Herndon

Hoppe, Ken
Mack and Judy Ramsey

Hoppe, Ken
Jacob and Courtney Horn

Hoppe, Ken and Linda
"Doing an outstanding job"
Bobby and Sandy Ketchum

Johnson, Bethany "Bug"
Wesley and Pamela Johnson

Kennon, Homer and Mary Jane
"Happy 70th Anniversary"
Jerry and Mona Dallas

Leonard, Eli
Gary and Diane Riddle

Ramsey, Lane
William and Donna Ramsey

Shepherd, Sylvia
Wayne and Linda Allmon

Teague, Wil
Patty Camp

Memorials

March 9 - September 28, 2018

Alley, Joe
Phil and Marilyn Clements

Barron, Rovene
Charles and Catherine Burrows
Richard and Andrea Johnson
Robert Sandh

Blocker, Harold
Lloyd and Elsie Wimberley

Brown, Michael
Pauletta Brown

Brown, Sr., Jack
Jerry and Linda Pillow

Cannon, Jr., Don
Brenda Privett

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CRC FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS for 2018-19



Shannon Beasley

Shannon Beasley has been named assistant professor of history at CRC. Beasley brings with him more than sixteen years of experience teaching in the humanities.

Mr. Beasley is a former faculty member of ASU and the University of Memphis. After graduating high school from Crowley's Ridge Academy, Beasley obtained a BA in

political science and an MA in English from Arkansas State. His PhD work in history at the University of Memphis focused on colonial America and the early Revolutionary period. "I am extremely excited and deeply honored to have the opportunity to work alongside such excellent faculty and staff at CRC who are fully committed to leading and developing the academic and spiritual growth of its students," Beasley said.

Beasley is a life-long resident of Paragould and a member of the Center Hill Church of Christ.

Zach Perrin has been named assistant professor in physical education. Additionally, he will be head coach for men's golf and junior varsity women's basketball and assistant coach for women's basketball and strength and conditioning. Perrin holds a master's in sports administration from Henderson State University. He coached at Henderson State University from October 2014 until April 2016. He then served on the athletic staff at Arkansas Baptist College as head strength and conditioning coach for the 2016-2017 school year, and most recently served the Gosnell School System as Head Strength and Conditioning Coach during the 2017-2018 school year. Zach is a member of the Hillcrest Church of Christ.



Zach Perrin



Brenden Camp

Brenden Camp has been appointed Title IX & Institutional Compliance Coordinator for CRC beginning September 1, 2018. He becomes the Coordinator for Title IX Compliance and Reporting, Compliance and Reporting concerning the Jeanne Clery Act and Compliance with and Reporting concerning the Annual Campus Security Report.

All of these regulatory reports are required by the U.S. Department of Education to enable our students to receive Title IV Funds. His duties will include the hosting of a number of training opportunities for students and faculty. He continues in his role as the CRC Head Baseball Coach as well.

Two 2018 CRC graduates, **Kiefer Ramsey** and **Wil**

Teague have joined CRC as Admissions Representatives. Kiefer, originally from Elkins, Arkansas, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Youth and Family Ministry degree.

Wil, originally from New Boston, Texas, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Sports



Kiefer Ramsey

Management degree. They were both exceptional students here and have hit the ground running as they are on the road traveling and meeting potential students for CRC. Congratulations to each of you. We are thankful you are all a part of our CRC Family!



Wil Teague