

CLASS PORTRAIT 2006

In an attempt to give our readers some sense of the newest members of the CBU alumni community, we asked the faculty and staff to recommend the graduating students whom they felt would make good representatives of the Class of 2006. The brief profiles that follow are from those recommended students who responded to our survey. We're pretty sure we'll all be hearing a lot more from these new alums in the years to come. We hope to make this composite introduction an annual tradition (and maybe a few more of the gentlemen will respond next year).



Amanda Alsbrook

Little Rock, Arkansas

Mechanical Engineering

Activities/Honors/Positions or Offices Held: Zeta Tau Alpha, *Second Vice-President, New Member Coordinator*; America Society of Mechanical Engineers, *President*; Up Til Dawn; Peer Counselor; Honors Program; 2005 CBU Outstanding Junior Mechanical Engineering, ASHRAE Memphis Section; 2006 T. Herbert Darnell Mechanical Engineering Graduate Award.

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: The people. I will definitely miss living so close to so many of my friends. CBU is an amazing little community where it seems like you know the majority of the campus. Although I did complain about it being too small sometimes, I know I will miss it. On campus, there was always something going on and it was easy to find something to do. I'm going to miss only having to walk a few feet to hang out with my close friends or to play sand volleyball with a random group of people.

What I'll Miss Least About CBU: The LONG nights of studying!

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: Even if you want to, you can't make exact plans because something always comes up and things don't go according to plan.

Favorite Teacher: Dr. Michael Santi (Mechanical Engineering)

Immediate Plans for the Future: Traveling to England for Dr. Burke's class and then returning to Memphis to work at Smith & Nephew.

Long Range Plans for the Future: Your guess is as good as mine.



Jamie Aquino

Little Rock, Arkansas

Accounting

Activities/Honors/Positions or Offices Held: Zeta Tau Alpha, *Treasurer (2004-06)*; Alpha Chi; Programming Council (2002-2003); 2006 Delta Sigma Pi

Scholarship Key; 2006 Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants Award, Memphis Chapter.

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: Seeing my classmates, teachers, and friends on a daily basis. It's a major adjustment after graduating to not be surrounded by those that have made you feel so comfortable for the past four years.

What I'll Miss Least About CBU: Projects, exams, and homework of any sort.

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: To believe

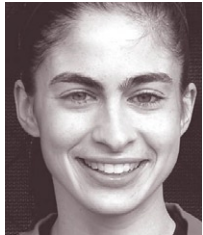
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in yourself and your abilities and to stay true to your values.

Favorite Teacher: Mr. James Tansey (Accounting). Whether it be about school or the future, Mr. Tansey has never hesitated to help me and give me guidance. I know that he, and all of my accounting professors, genuinely care about our education and future.

Immediate Plans for the Future: I am currently preparing for the CPA exam, and in August, I will join the audit staff of BKD, LLP in Little Rock.

Long Range Plans for the Future: I hope to be successful in the public accounting arena and to be blessed with a family and wonderful friends.



Paula Cerrito

Germantown, Tennessee

Biology

Activities/Honors/Positions or

Offices Held: Dean's list every semester; graduated Summa Cum Laude; Beta Beta Beta (Biology Honor Society); Alpha

Chi (National Honor Society); Student Athlete Advisory Committee, *Co-Chair*; CBU Softball Team (2003 GSC West Division Second Team, 2004-05 ESPN Academic All-District Second Team, 2002-06 GSC Academic Honor Roll, and NFCA All-American Scholar Athlete); Summer Research Scholar at UTHSC.

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: All of the wonderful people I have met!

What I'll Miss Least About CBU: 8 o'clock classes

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: If you need help with something, don't be afraid to ask.

There is always someone out there who is just waiting to help you. Just speak up.

Favorite Teacher: Dr. Peter Gathje (Religion)

Immediate Plans for the Future: Attend University of Tennessee Health Science Center School of Pharmacy starting in August 2006.

Long Range Plans for the Future: Graduate with a PharmD and become a happy and successful pharmacist.



Crissy Cox

Cordova, Tennessee

Psychology

Activities/Honors/Positions

or Offices Held: 2002 Trustee Scholarship; CBU Honors Program; CBU Behavioral Sciences Newsletter, *Assistant*

Student Editor 2003-04; Southeastern Psychological Association, *Student Affiliate*; Psi Chi (National Honor Society in Psychology), *Research Coordinator 2004-05*, *President 2005-06*; 2004 Psi Chi Undergraduate

Research Grant; Southwestern Psychological Association, *Student Affiliate*; Alpha Chi (National Scholarship Honor Society); 2006 Behavioral Sciences Faculty Award; 2006 Psi Chi Outstanding Leadership Award; 2006 CBU Alumni Academic Award.

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: I will miss the close-knit community, the dedicated faculty, and all of the good times I have had with my friends.

What I'll Miss Least About CBU: I won't miss getting up at 7:30 a.m. to go to class.

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: The most important lesson I learned here at CBU is to find what you want to do and do it. Take charge of your own future. Your life is your own, so take initiative and go after what you want.

Favorite Teacher: All of the members of the Behavioral Sciences faculty have taught me so many valuable lessons. There is no way I could pick a favorite, but a special thanks to Dr. Rod Vogl, Dr. Elizabeth Nelson, and Dr. Tracie Burke for all the extra help they have given me. I would not be where I am today without their time, support, and knowledge.

Immediate Plans for the Future: I will start graduate school at the University of Memphis this summer. I plan to obtain an M.S. in Counseling and Personnel Services with a concentration in community agency counseling.

Long Range Plans for the Future: I plan to become a licensed professional counselor and work with behavioral disorders, specifically eating disorders. I am also interested in working with families and conducting group therapy.



Mary Shea Hackett

Nesbit, Mississippi

Human Development and Liberal Studies for Professional Education

Activities/Honors/Positions or

Offices Held: CBU Women's Basketball Team; Zeta Tau Alpha; Student Government

Association, *Senator 2003-04*; Student Athletic Advisory Committee; 2006 Kenneth W. Mathis Award for Outstanding Education Graduate.

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: When I leave the comfortable atmosphere of CBU, I will definitely miss the constant support from the Brothers, faculty, and staff. I will also miss being with all of my friends who have been such a big part of my life for the past four years.

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: The most important lesson I have learned from CBU is to use the talents that God has given me so that I can make a difference in the lives of those around me. I have also learned that it is the simplest pleasures in life such as faith, family, and relationships that are the

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most important.

Favorite Teacher: Brother Kevin Ryan (Physics). I love his sense of humor inside and outside the classroom.

Immediate Plans for the Future: My immediate plans are to attend graduate school at CBU for a master's in education while finishing my final year of playing basketball for Coach Groninger and the Lady Bucs.

Long Range Plans for the Future: My long range plans for the future are to become an elementary school teacher and to one day have a family of my own. I would also like to become more of a world traveler.



Jennifer Hendrick

Mason, Tennessee

Biology

Activities/Honors/Positions or Offices Held: American Chemical Society, *Treasurer*; Beta Beta Beta (Biology Honor Society), *Vice President*; Alpha Chi

(National Scholarship Honor Society); 2006 Brother Dominic Dunn Award.

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: My fellow biology majors. These students were some of the greatest, sweetest, and smartest people I had ever met. Over the last year I felt we had become very close. For some reason I didn't realize until after we graduated how much I will truly miss them.

What I'll Miss Least About CBU: The long drive I had to school everyday. I drove approximately 45 miles from Mason to CBU everyday. Some say I am crazy, and I agree!

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: You can truly do anything you want if you just put your mind to it.

Favorite Teacher: I actually can't choose just one. Dr. Peter Gathje (Religion) had a major impact on me because he tries to make his students think "outside of the box." He challenges the students to question what they knew to make their faith stronger. Dr. Sandra Thompson-Jaeger, aka Dr. TJ (Biology), is one of the smartest ladies I had ever met—and sweet too. She has such a unique way of teaching and talking with students that I really admire. Dr. Dennis Merat (Chemistry) taught me five semesters of chemistry. He took the most difficult chemistry topics and made them so easy to understand. I don't know how he did it, but of all the classes I took at CBU most of the concepts he taught me I still understand to this day. And last (but *very* not least), Dr. Mary Ogilvie (Biology) was the most influential professor I had at CBU. She always challenged me to do better when I already thought I was doing well. She is a very sweet person who has definitely made an impact on my life.

Immediate Plans for the Future: At the end of May, I started working at the Church Health Center in Memphis as a clinical assistant.

Long Range Plans for the Future: I hope to get into medical school next year. After medical school, I hope to one day specialize in radiology and go back and work at St. Jude, where my desire to be a radiologist began.

Tarra Jeanne Jeter

Brighton, Tennessee

Business Management and Marketing

Activities/Honors/Positions or Offices Held: Student Career Adviser; SGA Planning Committee; Alpha Chi (National Scholarship Honor Society); Dean's List; 2006 Wall Street Journal Award.

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: The School of Business teachers and staff who made my four years of work study a great learning experience and an extremely interesting one as well.

What I'll Miss Least About CBU: Receiving the tuition payment plan for the upcoming year from the financial aid office.

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: It is important to find a career doing something you excel at yet still gain joy from.

Favorite Teacher: Dr. Reginald Peyton and Dr. Frank Marion (Marketing). They always encouraged me to strive for the best and never give up, even when things did not go as planned.

Immediate Plans for the Future: Getting accepted into the MBA program at CBU or the MHA program at the University of Memphis.

Long Range Plans for the Future: Being happy. Other long-term plans are currently unknown.



Laura Kreager

Memphis, Tennessee

Applied Psychology (Organizational Management)

Activities/Honors/Positions or

Offices Held: 2006 Thomas Lipsmeyer Award; 2006 Brother I. Leo Outstanding Student

Leadership Award; Summa Cum Laude; Miss CBU 2006; CBU Dean's List; National Dean's List; Who's Who Among American College and Universities; CBU Cross Country Team (Captain 2005, All American Academic NCAA Team 2004-05, All American Academic NCAA 2004-05); Student Affiliate of the Society of Industrial/Organizational Psychologists; Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, *Philanthropy Chair, Judicial Review Board*; Lasallian Ambassador; Honors Program; Honors Council; Peer Counselor; Student Government Association (*President 2005-06, Vice President of Programming 2004-05; Senate Secretary*); Alpha

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Chi, *President*; CBU Strategic Planning Committee; Faculty/Student Judicial Review Board; Interview Committee to choose representative for the Greeks on campus; Interview Committee (VPAA) for new Vice President of Academic Affairs; Resident Assistant; Psi Chi (Psychology National Honor Society), *New Member Coordinator*; All College Retreat Coordinator.

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: The thing I will miss most about CBU is the close community that I formed with all of the people on campus in my four years. CBU has so much to offer each of its students, and the fact that the relationships formed at CBU span time and space is incredible. I made so many great friends and acquaintances in my classes, as well as through my extracurricular activities, and I will miss all them deeply.

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: The most important lesson that CBU taught me was to remember to always be myself. Sometimes the stresses of life and pressures of trying to always be better than you are do not allow one to grow within themselves. CBU taught me to look past these pressures and be secure in who I am. I am grateful for that realization and know that my self image and self confidence will be the key characteristics to my future success.

Favorite Teacher: Dr. Tracie Burke (Psychology). I had the great privilege of having Dr. Burke for many classes, but I was also lucky to have to opportunity to work with her in various other activities as well. As a member of the Honors Council, I worked closely with her to coordinate many activities for the Honors Program students. Dr. Burke is a selfless individual who always puts the needs and wants of others before her own. She dedicates herself to educating individuals and does so in a manner that encourages one to learn. Indeed, her classes are interesting not only because of the material but mainly because of the way it is presented and the enthusiasm with which she teaches it. Dr. Burke is a great inspiration to her students and should be commended beyond praise for her dedication and wonderful attitude about education.

Immediate Plans for the Future: I will be attending the doctoral program at the University of Memphis in industrial/organizational psychology. I am working for a local company as their safety coordinator.

Long Range Plans for the Future: After graduate school, I hope to be able to work with a corporation to facilitate and improve their employee morale and development. I hope to implement my degree in a manner that will help not only the company but also me in my personal endeavors. I hope to be able to use my degree to the best of my ability, but I also hope to one day be able to start a family and enjoy that aspect of life as well.



Cathy Renee Lantrip

Horn Lake, Mississippi
Psychology with a minor in English

Activities/Honors/Positions or Offices Held:

Summa Cum Laude; Honors Diploma; 2006 Margarette J.

Sather Outstanding School of Arts Graduate Award; CBU Trustee Scholarship; Psi Sigma; Alpha Chi (National Scholarship Honor Society); Psi Chi, *Treasurer 2005-06*; Psi Chi Research Group (Fall 2004/ Spring 2005); Sigma Tau Delta, *Treasurer 2005-06*; CBU Career Center Assistant; Student Career Advisor I, Spring 2005; Career Counseling Intern, Fall 2005; Student Career Advisor II, Spring 2006.

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: The sense of community and the supportiveness of the faculty. I feel like I was more than a mere number or face in a crowd to my professors. The faculty at CBU genuinely care about the students. My professors saw me as an individual and expressed an interest in my personal wellbeing. I enjoyed getting to know them as people and allowing them to know me. It was an experience that I could not have had at a larger school.

What I'll Miss Least About CBU: Probably the speed bumps. While I can understand the need for speed bumps, CBU's are extremely high and rough on lower slung cars. (I would say the homework, but unfortunately that won't be ending for me.)

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: I learned about myself during my time at CBU, both who I am now and who I want to become. I came here with no chosen career path and no set goals. I really had no idea what to do with myself initially, but I learned. There were some personal setbacks and frustrations, and perhaps the process did not go as smoothly for me as it could have, but I am content with where I am today and eager to see what the future holds.

Favorite Teacher: I had many wonderful teachers and they were all special in their own individual ways, so I can't choose just one. However, I am especially grateful to the Behavioral Sciences and Literature faculty for an enjoyable and very educational four years.

Immediate Plans for the Future: This summer I will be working with Betty McWillie in the CBU Career Center in order to become nationally certified as a career development facilitator. I also plan to enter several writing competitions and am volunteering with the Olive Branch Humane Society one afternoon a week. In August, I will be a fulltime graduate student at the University of Memphis working towards a master's degree in community agency counseling.

Long Range Plans for the Future: Upon receiving my master's degree, I would like to either become a member of a private career counseling practice or

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attain a position as a career/vocational counselor for a university or high school. In addition, I hope to someday become a published author of fiction for young adults.



Shawn Morgan

Bartlett, Tennessee
Mathematics (with 7-12 Teacher's Licensure)

Activities/Honors/Positions or Offices Held: CBU Baseball Team; Peer Counselor; Honors Council; Honors Program.

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: I will definitely miss all the people I've met and the friends I've made over the past four years. CBU is an intimate community of people, and I've found it a very comfortable environment in which to make some life-long friends.

What I'll Miss Least About CBU: Exam week, although pancake study breaks were always nice.

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: I've learned to be more open-minded when it comes to meeting new people. You can't just write somebody off after the first time you meet them. A lot of my closest friends are people who I initially thought I'd never get along with, so I would say I've learned to take the time to get to know somebody.

Favorite Teacher: Ms. Sadie Lisenby (Counseling). She's one of the nicest people I've ever met. I can tell she really has a passion for her job and really cares about all the students at CBU.

Immediate Plans for the Future: Next year I will start working on my M.Ed. while finishing up my fifth year of eligibility with the CBU baseball team.



Meagan A. Tate

Memphis, Tennessee
History

Activities/Honors/Positions or Offices Held: Mu Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, *Secretary 2004-05, Assistant Secretary 2006, Chaplain*

2005-06; Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society), Vice President 2005-06; Lasallian Ambassador Board; National Pan-Hellenic Council, Parliamentarian; Black Student Association, Chaplain; Chosen Generation Bible Study Club, Vice President 2003-05); 2004 Leadership Fellow for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; 2005 CBU Scholarship Luncheon guest speaker; 3-year recipient of the Mu Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority "Outstanding GPA Award"; 2006 Outstanding History Student Award; Summa Cum Laude.

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: The thing that I will miss most about CBU is the close-knit sense of com-

munity and family that envelops the campus. This is a campus where everyone knows your name and is always willing to help. The kindness and warmth is a sentiment that extends from the student body as well as from the faculty and staff. This was so important to me because college can be a struggle on many different levels. Being at CBU was so rewarding because I never felt like I was completely alone, and I knew that if I truly needed a helping hand or more one-on-one time with a professor, those services would definitely be available.

What I'll Miss Least About CBU: All-night study sessions.

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: What you do for yourself is ephemeral, but what you do for others lasts forever. I want to continue the tradition at CBU: I came to learn, and I want to leave to serve.

Favorite Teacher: Brother Allen Johnson (Literature & Languages). Brother Allen taught me never to put a limit on what I could achieve. When I was in his freshmen English Composition course, there were certain concepts that I couldn't seem to grasp, much less write five page pages about. Whenever I asked him for help, he would always oblige, but he never gave me the answer; he just talked to me until I was led to the answer. In essence, he helped me to answer my own questions through analysis. He helped to make me more independent.

Immediate Plans for the Future: I plan to be a secondary history teacher for Memphis City or Shelby County Schools. I am currently working on a second degree in Spanish.

Long Range Plans for the Future: I plan to attain my master's degree in a couple of years, and one day be a principal of one of our Memphis City Schools.



Myia Taylor

Byhalia, Mississippi
Economics

Activities/Honors/Positions or Offices Held: Mu Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha; 2006 School of Business Faculty Achievement Award.

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: The faculty and students. They were my family.

What I'll Miss Least About CBU: The curriculum... lol, didn't want to do homework.

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: Never give up, never stop learning, never stop networking.

Favorite Teacher: All of my professors. Each one of them taught me something different academically and personally, and each one of them treated me like family.

Immediate Plans for the Future: Get into an MBA program (preferably at CBU).

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Long Range Plans for the Future: Possibly sit for the CPA exam.

Nathaniel Wellikoff

*Collierville, Tennessee
Electrical Engineering*

Activities/Honors/Positions or Offices Held: Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, *Chair*; Tau Beta Pi (Engineering Honor Society); Alpha Chi (National Scholarship Honor Society); 2006 Brother Philip Morgan Electrical Engineering Design Award.

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: Friends and classmates. Good people, good times.

What I'll Miss Least About CBU: Early morning classes... Zzzzzz...

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: First impressions can be deceiving; never judge too quickly.

Favorite Teacher: Dr. John Varriano (Physics). Very good teaching skills, interesting courses, and an unmatched enthusiasm for his material and students.

Immediate Plans for the Future: Attend graduate school at CBU while working fulltime at FedEx.

Long Range Plans for the Future: Seek permanent fulltime employment with FedEx and try to find my own way through life like everyone else in my graduating class.



Tricia Wessels

*Collierville, Tennessee
English for Corporate Communications and Management; Minors in French and Global Studies*

Activities/Honors/Positions or Offices Held: Honors Program Graduate; Writing Center

Consultant.

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: The people. Even though I was not as involved in extracurriculars as I would have liked (because of my work schedule), I was still able to get close to many members of the faculty, staff, and student body during my time at CBU. As a whole, the people at CBU are friendly, caring, and honest, and I will miss them!

What I'll Miss Least About CBU: The commuter parking lot. When it rained, I would get my pants wet up to my knees trying to navigate all the puddles.

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: I learned to be ambitious.

Favorite Teacher: Dr. Ann Marie Wranovix (Literature & Languages). Her classes were challenging and interesting; she is a genuine person. It is hard to pick just one teacher, however; my experience with almost all of my professors at CBU was great.

Immediate Plans for the Future: This summer I am interning for an international public relations and marketing firm (Fleishman-Hillard) in Washington,

DC. Beginning in the fall of 2007, I plan to attend law school and receive my master's so I can practice international law with a focus on human rights.

Long Range Plans for the Future: Basically, I just want to be happy, and I believe I can be by trying to make a difference in the lives of others.



Melissa Woods

*Memphis, Tennessee
Applied Psychology (Foundations of Business) with a Global Studies Minor*

Activities/Honors/Positions or Offices Held: Lasallian Collegians; Up 'til Dawn, *Finance Chair 2005-06, Administrative Assistant, 2004-05;*

BACCHUS; Student Government Association (Programming Council, 2002-06, Historian, 2003-04); Alpha Xi Delta, *Corresponding Secretary 2005-06, Assistant NMOC 2004-05, Chaplain 2003-04;* Yearbook Staff; SEARCH, *Life after SEARCH Talk 2004, Co-Director/Crew 2002-03;* International Travel (Canada, France, Italy, Ireland, Philippines, Sri Lanka); Food Committee; Peer Counselor; Ronald McDonald House Volunteer; Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges; Order of Omega, *Founding Member 2006.*

What I'll Miss Most About CBU: The School of Business—I have spent four years working for and with them. I have learned so much and have also made great friends with the faculty. In addition, I will also miss the constant camaraderie of campus life.

What I'll Miss Least About CBU: The immature students who harass the RA for merely doing her job.

Most Important Lesson I Learned at CBU: (This is a difficult question. I will answer it, but you might want to check back in a year or two.) A student can also be a teacher whether it is through research or a personal experience. Most importantly the student must learn to grow from and deal with criticism in order to improve.

Favorite Teacher: Ms. Sadie Lisenby (Counseling) and Dr. Rena Durr (Psychology). They are both truly interested and dedicated to the individual student and all they come in contact with. They understand there is more than one style of learning and therefore their teaching methods allow each student to make the most of each lesson.

Immediate Plans for the Future: I will be moving out of my parent's home into an apartment with two current CBU undergrad friends and starting a full-time job (which I have not been hired for yet).

Long Range Plans for the Future: Well, of course there is that dream every "little" girl has to grow up and be married with a family, but before that I would like to buy a house and get a car with a working radio.

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