Summertime! It’s the season of baseball, family vacations and camp. Eager to share in the fun—and learning—Regent University transformed its campus into camps for hundreds of middle and high school students. But instead of archery and crafts, these kids toured military installations, learned forensic investigation and staged musical productions.

Theatre C.A.M.P.

C.A.M.P. is an acronym for the Creative Arts Mentorship Program, which is sponsored by the Regent School of Communication & the Arts (SCA). “What makes the Regent theatre camps different than others in the area is that we have both classes and rehearsals,” says Executive Director Beth Litwak. “Students take concepts they learn in class and immediately apply them on the stage.”

After attending the first performance of the Regent theatre camp in 2005, Beka James was inspired to participate as a camper. She went on to become an undergrad theatre student at Regent, then the lead dance
instructor and choreographer for the summer camp for the past two years. “As a high school student, summer theatre camp started the fire,” she says.

**Film C.A.M.P.**

For 45 high school students who attended the film camp sponsored by SCA, the dream of making movies became reality. Campers learned about equipment, directing, screenwriting, acting and animation.

“One camper went on to study film at the University of Texas,” explains C.A.M.P. Director Kim Kirnan. “She was the only person in her college classes who had experience with industry-standard lighting equipment and technique, thanks to film camp.”

**CSI/Forensic Camp**

It’s one of the most popular shows on television, and now CSI is part of the Regent summer camp lineup, under the direction of the School of Education’s Martinson Center for Mathematics & Science (MCMS). “We brought in a Virginia Beach forensics technician who talked about real cases and the methods and protocol they use to solve a case,” says instructor Ashley Richards.

The kids dusted for fingerprints on the instructors’ vehicles and then used the prints to determine whose car it was. They also were given instruction in handwriting analysis and impressions—tire tracks, footprints and bite marks.

“Our goal is to give students a love of science,” Richards explains. “We also want to introduce other possible careers in the field of science.”

**S.T.E.M. Camp**

S.T.E.M., which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, provided a fun-filled learning experience for children who love to imagine, tinker and create. Guest speakers and interactive
activities designed by the MCMS team got students excited about math and science, and exposed them to future career opportunities.

“For the science segment we talked about chemical reactions,” explains teacher Brian Levering. “We did an experiment with Mentos candies and Coca-Cola, creating a geyser. For technology, students created photo stories, explaining the science behind digital technology. In engineering, they created catapults. And, just like in the real world, math was entwined in everything,” Levering notes.

**YURC Urban Youth Camp**

The Regent Youth & Urban Renewal Center (YURC) camp encouraged inner-city students to hone their academic, physical and social skills. Classes included rigorous, yet fun-filled holistic instruction in creative arts, mathematics, social studies and science, as well as physical fitness, nutrition and character training. “Our mission is to transform communities, empower youth and equip the church,” says Dr. Antipas Harris, the camp director. “We exist as a catalyst for urban ministry through partnerships with churches and other ministries.”

**Government Camp**

Government Camp, directed by the Regent College of Arts & Sciences, was designed to expose high school students to strategic leadership and operational functions in the national security and intelligence sectors of government, law enforcement and society. Camp participants visited high-level military, political and corporate installations that are normally off limits to civilians and interacted with top military, political, academic and corporate leaders in the national security and counter-terrorism world. Only time will tell how many dreams were launched at the Regent summer camps. But countless seeds were planted in the hearts of these young people who will mature one day into a vision to make a difference. Summer camp is one more way that Regent is raising up the next generation of Christian leaders to change the world.

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Taking advantage of Regent’s proximity to Norfolk Naval Station and numerous military installations in the Hampton Roads region, Regent University Government Camp is one-of-a-kind. This innovative learning experience, led and hosted by the College of Arts & Sciences, introduces high school students to careers in government, the private sector and the armed forces.

This summer’s Government Camp featured former Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Vern Clark, as well as other experts who spoke on national security, military intelligence, counter-terrorism, biotechnology, research and development, and law enforcement.

“As the next generation, we have a responsibility to be tomorrow’s leaders,” said Audrey Wilcox, a high school student who traveled from Pennsylvania to attend camp. “Servant leadership is desperately needed today.

“We need to lead by three principles,” she continued. “Lead by listening—to other people in the group; lead by example—setting an example for other people to follow; and lead by serving others—putting others’ needs before our own.”

This is the fifth year Regent has hosted the camp, which has received national recognition on FoxBusiness.com and in Newsmax Magazine. “Each year, attendees in Regent’s Government Camp openly share about the transformational nature of this experience,” explains Dr. Gerson Moreno-Riaño, dean of Regent’s undergraduate school. “Its speakers and hands-on field trips exceed their expectations and expand their understanding of leadership, service and the greatness of America.”

As one camper shared, “I knew I wanted a government job, but I wasn’t quite sure what that would be. Going through this camp has given me a personal walk-through of all my options.”

“Like most seminal events in life, I’ll probably never understand the full impact of this week, but I know it is big,” reflected another camper named Canaan. “This week drastically increased our understanding of the world in which we live and in which we must take a role.

“The whole point of the camp was to prepare us for the rest of our lives—to be engaged, to be leaders,” Canaan concluded, “I look forward to that with great anticipation.”

View a video of this year’s camp experience at regent.edu/govcamp and find out how you can get involved in future summer camps.
Regent’s urban youth camp ignites vision in elementary students

Dennis is small for his age. A sixth grader at Jacox Elementary—a school in a low-income section of Norfolk, Va.—Dennis has always struggled with health problems. But he has a dream to one day be a medical doctor. He took the first steps toward seeing that dream fulfilled by attending the urban youth camp at Regent University in July 2011.

These inner-city students were challenged to write an essay about their experiences at camp. Dennis eloquently shared his medical school dream and how camp gave him hope for the future at last year’s closing ceremony. He won first place, receiving a $100 prize.

“This is Jesus in the flesh,” adds Pastor Kevin Turpin, a Regent graduate and director of the Life Enrichment Center. “In this partnership you are seeing different parts of the community coming together—education, the church and nonprofit groups joining with the public schools to make an impact on these children.”

Specialists from other schools within the Regent community helped develop the camp components. “Education is a key to move them to long-term, sustainable change,” Dr. Harris shares. “We want them to understand that college is for them and to understand what it takes to get there.”

“In a class of 18 students, only two had a family member who graduated from college,” says Anderson. “Sometimes he would come in and you knew that he was sick, but he would just stick it out. It’s like he is 6 feet 3 inches tall on the inside.”

The Regent Youth & Urban Renewal Center (YURC) partnered with the Life Enrichment Center of Norfolk, working with the Norfolk Public Schools to provide this camp for rising sixth-graders. The camp offers education, recreation, values training and visits to area colleges.

This community outreach was birthed by Dr. Antipas Harris, director of YURC, and Dr. Michael Palmer, dean of the School of Divinity, with a vision to develop an urban ministry center. “Research shows that churches are the key mechanism for transformation in urban communities,” Harris explains. “So we want to find ways to partner with churches to help them execute that transformation.”

For more information on Regent’s Youth & Urban Renewal Center and how you can support their life-changing programs, visit regent.edu/yurc.
A Message From the President

Dear Friends,

Millions of young American boys and girls have been going to summer camp in America since the 1880s. Many of us remember the impact those camps have had on us, leaving us with indelible images of fireflies in a glass jar, dragonflies landing on the tips of our fishing rods, and swimming in lakes and streams. It is estimated that more than 10 million American kids now go to camp every summer, and at Regent, we believe our summer camps are among the most unique—each one exposing students to the transforming power of our eternal God. We are blessed to open our campus to these young campers—some of whom will one day return to become Regent students, men and women who will go out and transform their world.

And now, as August gives way to September and summer camps close, we are anticipating Regent’s 2012-2013 Executive Leadership Series (ELS)—another opportunity to open our campus to the community, knowing that these successful luncheons also expose those who attend to new ideas, proven business practices and the excellence that is the hallmark of this university.

We are grateful for the prayer you lift up for everyone who visits our campus and for the events that draw them here. May God be glorified in all we do for His kingdom.

Grace and peace,

Carlos Campo, Ph.D.
President

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**By the Numbers**

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Camps were held on the Regent campus this summer.

247

Children participated in Regent’s 2012 summer camps.

3,600+

People attended 2011-2012 ELS luncheons.

712

Students are living on the Regent campus for the upcoming school year.