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GRADUATION 2012

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD OF LEADERSHIP

On the first Saturday in May, Regent friends and family filled the Library Plaza to celebrate as the class of 2012 crossed the stage to receive their diplomas. More than 1,200 graduates—the largest number in the university’s history—passed the threshold to earn associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from Regent’s eight schools and embark on the next leg of their journey as Christian leaders ready to change their world.

This year’s keynote speaker, Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, has

represented Minnesota’s 6th District since 2007. A Regent alumnus, she was a member of the last graduating class of the Coburn School of Law—originally housed at Oral Roberts University, and the predecessor to the Regent School of Law. “My purpose today is to remind you that none of this would have been possible without the generations who have come before you,” she

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shared with graduates. “Everything you see here is a result of faith and prayer.”

Bachmann warned students not to forget their first love. “Do not forget the eternal truths you have learned here,” she said.

“As believers, we cannot shy away from political problems,

and we cannot

ignore moral problems. But

ultimately, the foundation of

our problem is spiritual. We’ve

diminished the

God of the universe with the acceptance of a philosophy that we all must coexist

without offense.”

Regent’s president, Dr. Carlos Campo, welcomed graduates and guests, congratulating them on their achievements and reminding them of the heritage they share.

“Four hundred years ago, Anglican priest Robert Hunt dedicated this land to God and envisioned a nation that would impact the destiny of the world,” he said. “Regent’s values and motto of *Christian Leadership to Change the World* echo that vision.”

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As the first student accepted into the cinema-television program in 1978 and the first graduate, Susan Brophy Bailey ’80 (Communication & the Arts) was one of 77 in the initial class of students. Bailey charged students to go forth in faith, trusting God and relying on the network

of relationships they have forged while at Regent. “We came because each of us believed that nothing is impossible with God,” she said. “We knew God was about

to do something significant, and you, my friends, are living proof of that.”

Regent’s founder and chancellor, Dr. M.G. “Pat” Robertson, charged graduates to “walk in miracles, in revelation and in power.” Reading from the first chapter of Ephesians, Chancellor Robertson encouraged graduates to keep pursuing God. “I ask, as the Apostle Paul said, that God would give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation to serve Him and know Him better. I pray that your knowledge of God would grow day by day and that you may understand fully the hope of His



calling and the exceeding power of His might.”

Dr. Charles Dunn, distinguished professor in the Robertson School of Government, received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence, annually conferred upon a faculty member whose scholarly accomplishments

are exemplary. A prolific author and media expert, Dunn is also the founder of Regent’s annual Reagan Symposium, a dynamic interchange of leading scholars and practitioners to discuss a topic of supreme importance to our nation’s future and political life.

Ryan Bomberger ’98 (Communication & the Arts) received the Alumnus of the Year Award. Bomberger is the Emmy Award-winning co-founder and chief creative officer of the Radiance Foundation, which seeks to illuminate human value

through media, speaking engagements and community outreach. The efforts of the Radiance Foundation include

life-affirming initiatives such as advocating adoption and other alternatives to abortion.

While the day focused largely on academic achievement, Irene Switzer (Government),



Alumnus of the Year, Ryan Bomberger, and his wife enjoy a moment together with Michele Bachmann.

member of the 2012 graduating class, encouraged her fellow graduates to remember the faith aspect of their education: “Regent has enriched not only our minds, but our hearts and souls. We are well prepared for our mission.” Quoting Aristotle, she declared, “The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet. Today, we not only receive a diploma, but the knowledge that the roots of our education have truly blossomed.”

Watch Regent’s 2012 Commencement video at regent.edu/commencement.

Leading Through Prayer

Nehemiah Walk helps build for Regent's future

In the Old Testament, Nehemiah set out to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem with the blessing of the king. The Regent University community gathered recently to follow in his footsteps for the school's first annual Nehemiah Walk. "I think it's a fantastic addition to the university," says Gerson Moreno-Riaño, dean of Regent's School of Undergraduate Studies. "It's at the core of who we are: spiritual vitality and faithfulness to Christ and His Word."

The Nehemiah Walk is a call to corporate worship and prayer that challenges participants to take up their sword and join in a spiritual battle for the needs of the university, the local community and the world as they walk the campus together. More than 200 participants comprised of students, faculty, staff and friends turned out on Saturday, April 28, prepared to worship the Lord and lift up the Regent/CBN campus in prayer.

This committed team of prayer warriors pressed through the rain to complete all seven prayer stops. Then participants enjoyed great food, fellowship and a free concert with worship artists Shane & Shane. This year's event raised more than \$60,000 for the new Regent University Chapel and School of Divinity building.

"I believe in taking a step together, both literally and in the Spirit," Regent's

president, Dr. Carlos Campo, reminded the participants. "Nehemiah encouraged his people to 'rise up and build.' We are a collective, unified group that says, 'Let us rise up and build this chapel and divinity school for God's glory.'"

Eunice Barruel '01 (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship) walked with Team Alumni. "It's part of our heritage to bring the next generation into the vision of Regent University," she explains. "I've encountered pieces of my destiny here, and it's our duty as alumni to participate in this building project."

The concept for the annual walk originated with Cheryl McLeskey, a member of Regent's board of trustees. "This kind of event is a wonderful way to worship and praise God," she shares. "We were talking about the chapel at a trustees' meeting, and it occurred to me that we could do an event here to worship and pray for the chapel and the university."

As we look to the future of this important event, Regent will continue to keep first things first: raising the name of Jesus, in one voice, as we develop transformative Christian leaders. Plan now to join us for the next Nehemiah Walk tentatively scheduled for Fall 2013.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



PAYING IT FORWARD

REGENT STUDENTS AND ALUMNA PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND COUNSELING TRAINING AROUND THE GLOBE

When the language barrier seems too difficult to overcome during international training sessions, Dr. Evelyn Biles '02 (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship and Psychology & Counseling) has been known to get resourceful—using banana leaves, farm implements or even pea pods to illustrate her point. Biles frequently encounters

language barriers in her work with Global Mosaic International (GMI), a nonprofit organization she founded that is dedicated to providing training in leadership, counseling, conflict management, crisis management and discipleship. Yet, her message of self-care and renewal in leadership always resounds amongst her audience.

Biles' vision for GMI began 12 years ago while she was still a student at Regent University. "I just couldn't believe that here in America we were sitting on all of this," she says, recalling the leadership and counseling concepts she learned in the classroom. "[Our goal is] to deliver training in five different areas, specifically to places where they wouldn't otherwise get it."

GMI has recruited nearly 120 students, faculty and alumni from the Regent community to volunteer their time and expertise on more than 188 trips. Together they have provided training in countries including the Republic of the Congo,

Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Jamaica, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Nepal and Singapore.

Biles, who also serves as an adjunct professor in the School of Psychology & Counseling, says she loves providing students with this unique opportunity to

apply what they have learned, "paying it forward" to bring immediate benefits and far-reaching impact to global communities.

Ultimately, she explains, the goal of GMI is to train leaders

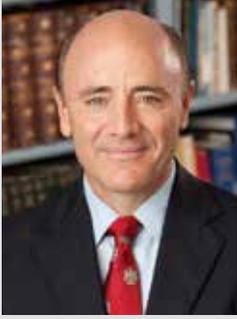
to meet the needs of their communities—whatever those may be. But, GMI doesn't just focus on area leaders; it also supports other nonprofit workers devoting time and energy to those communities.

Biles and her group additionally offer training and support for workers dealing with burnout and compassion fatigue, common problems among church and nonprofit workers. "Just understanding what's going on is huge," she explains. "Stress is a reaction—most of the time negative—to a life event, and the burnout comes when your coping mechanisms aren't enough."

GMI's training efforts are unique, according to Biles, in that they are designed to be shared. "Many times, the people we teach and train are what I call 'the sandwiched people' because they have people under them and over them," she says. "It's all geared toward passing it on."

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A Message From the President



Dear Friends,

The 1,226 new Christian leaders who graduated from Regent University last month have now begun the next chapters of their lives—lives of world-changing servant leadership. Our commencement speaker, Minnesota

Congresswoman and former presidential candidate Michele Bachmann, reminded them of the generations of fervent prayer and uncompromising faith that resulted in the establishment of the university some 34 years ago and their very presence at the ceremony. You have been among those faithful prayer warriors who have upheld Regent and every student.

Just a week before commencement, another “walk” took place on campus. During Regent’s inaugural Nehemiah Walk we took steps together, literally and in the Spirit, to pray and raise more than \$60,000 for Regent’s new Chapel and School of Divinity building. I think Eunice Barruel ’01 (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship—GLE), put it best when she said, “It’s part of our heritage to bring the next generation into the vision of Regent University.”

Another alum, Dr. Evelyn Biles ’02 (GLE and Psychology & Counseling), has used her work through Global Mosaic International to provide leadership, discipleship and crisis management training around the world—another stunning example of Christian leadership.

Thank you for being with us every step of the way. May Regent reflect a heart of gratitude in all we do.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos Campo". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Carlos Campo, Ph.D.

President

**“A LEADER WHO PRODUCES OTHER LEADERS
MULTIPLIES THEIR INFLUENCES.”**

JOHN C. MAXWELL



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REGENT WORLD CHANGER



Chester Spellman

Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service

Chester Spellman '06 (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship) believes there is no greater calling than to serve and to strengthen one's community. Recently appointed chief executive officer of the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, "Volunteer Florida", by Florida Governor Rick Scott, Spellman inspires others to impact change through service. Prior to this appointment, Spellman served as Governor Scott's director of appointments in the executive office of the governor.

Spellman has numerous years of experience working with nonprofit and community-based organizations, including his role as chief operating officer for "Project SOS," an organization focused on youth development and mentorship. "Regent was an integral part of my spiritual and leadership development," he says. "I believe it was foundational in preparing me for my current work."

Please join the Regent University community in praying for the work of Chester Spellman, June's alumni world changer.

ALUMNI CONNECTION

The Office of Alumni Relations is ready and able to help Regent graduates stay connected to the university and each other. At www.regentalumni.org you can chat with fellow alumni, search job listings and get the latest alumni news and events. For information on alumni chapters, visit www.regentalumni.org/chapters or contact the office of alumni relations at 888.294.ALUM.

LEAVE A LEGACY

The Regent Chapel and School of Divinity is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2013. Be a part of Regent's history by purchasing a personalized "Legacy Brick," an enduring symbol of your partnership with Regent. Engrave your name, the name of a loved one, a Scripture or some other special tribute in these paver stones for as little as \$25 a month for 10 months. Learn more: 800.335.4409 or regent.edu/cornerstone.

GIVE NOW

By the Numbers

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Alumni chapters (and growing!) are connecting graduates across the USA.

50+

Graduate and Undergraduate degrees are available on campus and online.

82

Countries are represented by Regent's student body.

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Teams participated in the first-annual Nehemiah Walk.

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