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TRANSFORMING NATIONS THROUGH BUSINESS

REGENT UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Dr. John Mulford had some unrealized dreams when he transitioned from the deanship of the School of Business at Regent University in 2004. Regent University founder and chancellor Dr. M.G. “Pat” Robertson asked him what he wanted to do next, and he replied, “The Lord is calling me to start a center for entrepreneurship.”

“We started [The Regent University Center for Entrepreneurship] in 2005 with a vision to be a catalyst for entrepreneurship to extend God’s kingdom around the world, particularly in developing nations—even in countries that are closed to the gospel,” Mulford explains.

The center seeks to improve the economic and spiritual condition of disadvantaged

populations through business practices grounded in a Christian worldview. The vision is to revitalize communities, regions and nations spiritually, socially, politically and economically through what is called “Kingdom Entrepreneurship.”

“Starting a business anywhere is hard, but launching a successful company in a developing country is extremely difficult,” says Mulford. “Education alone isn’t enough. We needed to also provide support to people once they’ve been trained.”

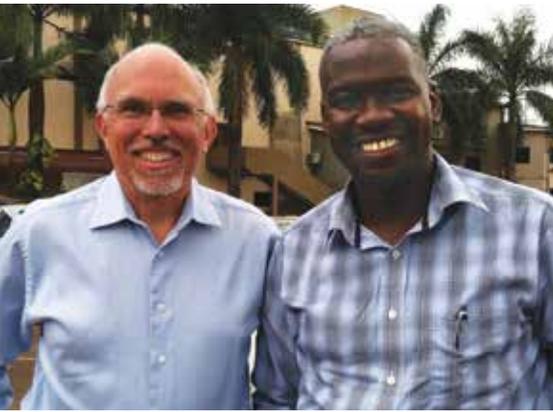
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Mulford and his colleagues developed the idea of launching Business Development Centers (BDCs) to transform nations. The International Christian Chamber of Commerce asked if Regent would partner with them to launch a BDC in Rwanda, where almost a million people were killed in the 1994 genocide.

A prototype BDC launched in August 2010 with 35 students in the first training cohort. During the 14-week program, volunteer business executives from around the globe traveled to Rwanda to coach the participants. After students completed the course, the center assigned a distance mentor to help them with their ideas, offering encouragement and consulting.

Since its inception, the Rwanda BDC has conducted seven classes, training more than 180 entrepreneurs.

“We’ve attracted some of the top business and political leaders in Rwanda, and now they’re taking our training to their business colleagues,” Mulford notes.

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DR. M. G. “PAT” ROBERTSON

Sandrali Sebakara is one such graduate. A highly respected architect, entrepreneur and Christian evangelist, Sandrali created the famous Rwanda Genocide Memorial in Kigali. He and his wife, who is a medical doctor, also run a clinic that they are expanding to a 60-bed hospital. Even with all of this success, Sandrali was eager

to attend the second cohort of the Rwanda BDC. He is now a leading promoter of the program.

“I have run my own architecture firm for decades, but it wasn’t until I went through the BDC program that I really understood business and how my firm will

impact the nation,” Sandrali shares.

“We sharpened this national leader’s abilities,” explains Mulford.

Many graduates of the Rwanda Center are impacting their nation. Fabrice, who imports rapid diagnostic test kits and medical equipment, won the national contract for HIV/AIDS testing. Jacques and Hamim won a \$75,000 social entrepreneurship grant for their Dream



Team Football Academy that teaches soccer and life skills to more than 120 youth from poor neighborhoods.

The Center in Rwanda also served as the base for an exciting class trip for 15 Regent students in May 2012. Students spent two weeks training IT entrepreneurs, Telecom executives and government leaders in leadership and project management skills. The students also consulted on comprehensive economic development and ministered to street children and mothers infected with HIV/AIDS.

“The Center for Entrepreneurship will give hope and opportunity to literally millions of people,” says Robertson. “This is just the start of something that will become one of the most significant initiatives at Regent University.”

On the home front, the Center for Entrepreneurship will launch the nation’s first accredited MBA specialization in franchising this fall. The program will offer hands-on experience as well as academic training to aspiring business owners.

“Whatever school a student may attend, we can find a project for them to implement in Rwanda,” Mulford explains. “It’s not just a class project.

They can do something that will have a lasting impact.”

“From its inception, Regent University has embraced the values of Christ-first, excellence, and leadership,” says Regent president, Dr. Carlos Campo. “The Regent Center for Entrepreneurship is creatively promoting these values on campus and in satellite centers around the world.”

With the success of the Rwanda prototype, Mulford and his team are training others with the goal of building 1,000 BDCs in 100 nations over 10 years. “We are now licensing the concept to mission agencies, NGOs and businesses so that we can start centers in multiple countries at the same time,” Mulford explains.

The first licensed BDC in Bangalore, India, has already trained three cohorts of entrepreneurs. The next licensed BDC is scheduled to launch later this year in Kampala, Uganda, with dozens more in development.

Learn more about the Regent University Center for Entrepreneurship at regententrepreneur.org

LEADERSHIP & SACRIFICE

RACHEL JOHNSON

Reflecting on the Regent University motto, *Christian Leadership to Change the World*, U.S. Air Force veteran Rachel Johnson '08 (Business & Leadership) explained that she struggled as a student and Air Force officer to apply the concept in her life. So when she was deployed to Baghdad, Johnson put it in God's hands.

She realized how Christian leadership can be applied when she was approached by a U.S. Marine Corps lieutenant colonel from her chapel group who was redeploying home. "You helped me connect to the Big Guy. Thank you!" he shared.

Johnson recounted finding Regent University through an internet search for a "master's program in leadership." Learning that Regent taught leadership from a Christian worldview and Biblical perspective cemented her decision to apply.

She was very pleased with Regent's online program. "When I started the [Master's in Organizational Leadership \(MOL\)](#) program, I was an active duty officer. I was incredibly impressed with the flexibility of the professors to cater to my unique situation."

Johnson's culminating project for her MOL was the film, *Light of the World*, which included lessons on servant leadership that she learned at Regent—concepts that were put to the test while she was deployed in Iraq.



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“SERVANT LEADERSHIP REQUIRES A VISION WRITTEN BY GOD ON OUR HEARTS; A VISION TO SEE BEYOND OURSELVES AND SERVE OUR FELLOW MAN.”

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Her film was named the MOL Project of the Year. After it was featured on the Christian Broadcasting Network's *Newswatch* program, a viewer connected her with an organization called Military Ministry. There she discovered an opportunity to fulfill her passion of serving her fellow troops and families while sharing her faith as a full-time missionary.

Four years later, Johnson considers it a privilege to be able to make an eternal difference in the lives of countless troops and families through this vital ministry. Just as she experienced in Baghdad within her chapel group, servant leaders can change the world one person at a time.

Watch Rachel's Leadership School Video Project: [youtube.com/watch?v=AXW93XQbdWA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXW93XQbdWA)

Learn more about the School of Business & Leadership: regent.edu/global

RECENT STUDENTS SAY

Thank You!



Each February, Regent University students celebrate Friends and Alumni Appreciation Month. This is a chance to say thank you to those who support Regent University with their prayers and financial gifts. Here are just a few of the notes we received this year from our students:

Elisa Gjergji, from Tirana, Albania, writes: “I have no words to express my gratitude for being accepted at Regent University. I have a special gratitude to the professors at the [School of Business & Leadership](#). They are excellent and caring, and the subjects are so interesting and contemporary. It is amazing to learn how business can be linked to the Bible.

“I never thought that my point of view on life would so drastically change. An immense thank you to all the sponsors who make this dream come true for students who need financial assistance—especially for the Albanian students, who currently lack an adequate education system in the country.”

Nathan Gill plans to graduate from the [Robertson School of Government](#) in May 2013. His goal is to pursue political theory at the doctoral level so that he can eventually teach, write and publish from a distinctly Christian perspective.

“Even though I do not know many [Regent alumni], I know we share the goal of ‘Christian Leadership to Change the World.’ I would like you to know how grateful I am for the sacrifices you made every day to be here. Your investment in Christian leadership continues

to enrich those of us who are here now. It has personally blessed me and enabled me to pursue higher education in what I am convinced is one of the most Christ-like schools in the world.”

Amy Privette plans to graduate from the [School of Law](#) in 2015: “I hope to use my degree to further the kingdom of God by working with an organization defending religious liberties and traditional family values,” she says. “I also have a heart for missions so I am equally drawn to working in the area of human trafficking, using my law degree as a door to share Jesus with the hurting and abused.

“I would not be at Regent were it not for your donation. It took some time for me to yield to God’s calling to become a lawyer. Part of my hesitation was due to the reputation law schools back home have as being a ‘dog-eat-dog’ environment. But, all it took was one visit to Regent in the spring of last year, and I knew that this school was different. I knew that Regent was where God wanted me to be, and I trusted that He would make a way for me to come. YOU were that way. Thank you for your generosity, and thank you for heeding the Holy Spirit’s direction to give to this wonderful school.”

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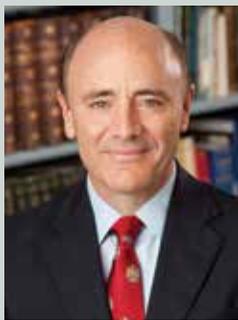
Known as a “relationship architect,” Dr. Johnny Parker, ’11 (Business & Leadership) has conducted marriage and relationship conferences for more than 10 years. As a life coach and chaplain for the Washington Redskins, and speaker for professional sports teams (NBA, NFL, PGA and WNBA), Parker encourages leaders to cultivate healthy personal lives.

“Regent has given me both credibility and confidence to help professional athletes, CEOs and high-impact men and women flourish in their relationships at work and home,” Parker explains. In May 2008, he was invited to the White House to discuss ways to strengthen marriages in America. You can learn more at johnnyparker.com.

Please join the Regent community in praying for Dr. Johnny Parker, March’s alumni world changer.



A Message From the President



Dear Friends,

Resourcing developing nations with a biblically based, principled business sense is one of the most powerful initiatives at Regent University. As its motto suggests, Regent’s Center for Entrepreneurship (RCE) is “Transforming

People and Nations through Business.” Business Development Centers (BDCs) work in tandem with the RCE to provide coaching and mentoring beyond education alone. We are seeing firsthand that improving the economic conditions of impoverished countries, makes way for spiritual, social and political revitalization as well.

One of our graduates from the first BDC in Rwanda, a young lady named Germaine, told us that she became the “chief” of her family at age six, raising her brother and two nephews. During her Regent training she started a business called Afribag. After two years, Germaine joined a venture capital firm, where she is using her training to help fund other entrepreneurs like her.

RCE has already launched a second successful BDC in Bangalore, India—and looks forward to training entrepreneurs in Kampala, Uganda this year.

Karen and I had the privilege of meeting some of our remarkable grads in Rwanda, and by God’s grace, and with your prayers and generous gifts, we will open 1,000 BDCs over the next 10 years to transform nations for God’s glory. Thank you for helping us to see this goal fulfilled.

Grace and peace,

Carlos Campo, Ph.D.
President



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JAMES 2:17