The Regent University Chapel and Divinity School building is being transformed from vision to reality. The steeple and cross were dedicated on a late-September day, as the Regent community gathered to worship. Standing on a platform in front of the chapel construction site, Regent founder and chancellor, Dr. M.G. “Pat” Robertson, lifted up a prayer of thanksgiving:

“We thank you for this moment in the history of Regent University, and for this glorious chapel that will have, as its crowning touch, a gold cross added to the top of this beautiful steeple. We dedicate the cross to You. We dedicate the chapel to You. We dedicate our lives to You.”

With his hands raised in worship, Robertson invoked God’s blessing on the Chapel and Divinity School building: “In the name of Jesus, may the anointing of the Holy Spirit come upon this place, and when people come into this chapel may they sense the presence of God.

“...when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”
John 12:32, NLT
May they fall on their faces and acknowledge that our God reigns.”

At the conclusion of the prayer, a hydraulic crane lifted the cross to the top of the chapel’s beautiful copper-clad steeple that was installed only hours before. Within minutes, the cross was set in place, and the gathered crowd gave a shout of praise to God. With the addition of the cross, the chapel now stands 125 feet and 6 inches. The cross is covered in 24-karat gold leaf, brilliantly reflecting the sunlight at the center of the Regent campus.

“This extraordinary moment in the history of Regent is a testament to God’s faithfulness,” says Regent president, Dr. Carlos Campo. “When we look up at the steeple and the cross at its top, we are reminded that we are a Christ-first university that will forever be guided by the Biblical principles on which we were founded.”

Inspired by St. Martin-in-the-Fields—a London church with medieval roots—the chapel will feature a 1,000-seat sanctuary to house gatherings for worship, prayer and other events. The centerpiece of the sanctuary will be a simple wooden cross suspended from the ceiling. This rough-hewn cross set against the elegance of the chapel will symbolize God’s act of love and Christ’s ultimate sacrifice.
A smaller prayer room will remain open around the clock for individuals and small groups to have Bible studies and devotions. Adjoining the chapel will be an academic building that will house the School of Divinity.

Unlike so many colleges where chapels have become nothing more than museums or meeting rooms, the Regent chapel will be the spiritual heart of this university. It will be a cherished place of worship, prayer and celebration for our students, alumni and friends.

“Spiritual vitality has always been central to Regent’s mission,” says Dr. Richard Kidd, director of Campus Ministries. “The new chapel will establish—for the first time—sacred space instead of borrowed space for this all-important activity. A simple walk across the campus will now draw our gaze heavenward, inviting all to step into the new 24-hour prayer chapel, or into the chapel proper for worship.”

A grand dedication ceremony will take place in the spring of 2013, with the goal of opening the facility for services and classes in the fall.

Your gifts and prayers will help us finish construction and open the doors to the Regent community. Your partnership enables Regent to see the Chapel and Divinity School building become a centerpiece of worship, prayer, instruction and community on our campus.

Give today to help complete construction on the Regent University Chapel and Divinity School building: regent.edu/cornerstone.

The College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) is a central part of Regent University’s goal to become a world-class center of Christian thought and action—and the academic world is taking notice.

Recently, CAS received a coveted “A” rating from the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA) for its general education curriculum. Regent is the only university in Virginia—and one of just 21 institutions nationwide—to receive an “A” grade in this year’s ACTA report. “We are thrilled to receive this ‘A’ grade, which clearly demonstrates Regent’s commitment to a unique, distinctly Christian approach to providing our students with a rigorous and comprehensive liberal arts education,” says Regent president, Dr. Carlos Campo. “I commend the college’s faculty and staff for their outstanding work to develop this transformational curriculum and provide our students with such a high-quality program of study.”

It is an exciting time of growth in CAS, both in students and in programs. To help support further enhancements to the curriculum, Regent also received a $400,000 grant from The Beazley Foundation.

“We are grateful to receive such generous support from The Beazley Foundation, which has a long history of supporting quality education in Virginia,” Campo adds.

“The Beazley Foundation is pleased to partner with Regent University with funding to assist its bold initiative to strengthen core curriculum,” says Judge Richard S. Bray, Beazley Foundation president and CEO. “Additional professors teaching an array of enriched courses, fundamental to an education in the liberal arts, will enhance the credibility and substantive value of a Regent diploma. The foundation congratulates Virginia’s first ACTA ‘A’ institution.”

The Beazley Foundation was established in 1948 with funds provided by the Beazley family of Portsmouth, Va. From the inception of the foundation, the needs of the community and young people have been the primary focus of its philanthropy. ACTA is a nonprofit organization committed to academic freedom, excellence and accountability at America’s colleges and universities. The rating comes as part of its “What Will They Learn?” project that surveys more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning to evaluate whether they require seven key subjects: English composition, literature, foreign language, U.S. government or history, economics, mathematics, and science.

“This year’s ACTA score truly highlights the continued excellence in CAS programs,” says Dr. Gerson Moreno-Riaño, dean of the college. “We’ve been very intentional about developing our general education curriculum to conform to the rigorous academic standards of excellence proposed by ACTA. Our ‘A’ rating confirms the academic integrity of our curriculum.”

Learn more about Regent’s College of Arts & Sciences at regent.edu/undergrad.

Learn more about ACTA ratings at whatwilltheylearn.com.

Vanja Bule ’06 (Divinity) received a call to reach out to war-torn Bosnia’s lost generation of children through Christian camps. Recognizing the daunting task before her, she sought training at the Regent University School of Divinity.

“Regent offered practical ministry training combined with curriculum that could be applied cross-culturally,” Bule explains. “This was critical in preparing me for my calling.”

There are three ethnic groups in Bosnia: the Serbs, who are Orthodox; the Croats, who are Roman Catholic; and the Bosniaks, who are Muslims—and it is the strife between these groups that led to war in the 1990s. Out of Bosnia’s almost 4 million citizens, little more than 1,000 are born-again believers.

“There is much unforgiveness and deep poverty, with a 43 percent unemployment rate,” Bule explains.

After graduation, Bule became the director of Camp “Emek Beraka,” which in Hebrew means “Valley of Blessing.” “This is the first Christian camp built in Bosnia. The vision is to bring young people together to meet God,” she says.

Bule and her team purchased lakefront property in the mountains outside of Sarajevo, marked by bombed-out houses. Though roofless, they use one for a kitchen. Teams have come from Regent and other ministries to help run the camps and build improvised facilities.

“Each season, we start with a prayer camp, where Christian leaders pray for the campers and the nation. Then we have two kids’ camps, a teen camp and a young-adult camp,” Bule explains. “If we have 120 campers, an average of 20 accept Christ.”

Several adults who now serve as counselors were introduced to the camp as children. “One young man received the Lord here years ago, and he has returned as a leader,” Bule joyfully reports.

The camp has begun a two-phased plan to make the property usable year-round, with teams renovating the houses for use as a kitchen, sleeping quarters for 40 and a meeting room.

“Already, we have experienced ethnic walls falling down, broken hearts healed, lost people getting saved and young people called into ministry,” Bule shares. “This is a ministry of great importance in God’s plan for the Balkans.”

See how the School of Divinity is preparing people like Vanja for worldwide ministry: regent.edu/divinityalumni.

Learn more about Camp “Emek Beraka”: emekberaka.org.

Watch the CBN News story on Vanja’s ministry: http://mycbn.com/go/5301.
Dear Friends,

Everyone loves to make an “A”. It signifies a special level of accomplishment after a season of diligent work. So we are excited to report that the Regent University College of Arts & Sciences has been awarded the coveted “A” rating from the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA) for its general education curriculum. This prestigious rating has only been bestowed upon 21 colleges and universities in America, and Regent has the honor of holding the only “A” rating in Virginia.

In 2011, the first time that ACTA included Regent in its rating, the college received a “B”, which was considered to be a superior score, especially since the school only began offering undergraduate programs in 2005.

To receive an “A” in just our second year of being reviewed is a great accomplishment—and a tremendous honor, since we are one of only two new schools nationally to receive an “A” this year.

Another blessing came through a $400,000 grant from The Beazley Foundation in Portsmouth, Va., which will help us expand the College of Arts & Sciences even further.

Thank you for the blessing of your generosity and prayers that have helped establish Regent University as a premier institution for God’s glory. It is with your support that we are able to train our students in an atmosphere of academic excellence.

Grace and peace,

Carlos Campo, Ph.D.
President

“A Message From the President

“BE AN EXAMPLE TO ALL BELIEVERS IN WHAT YOU SAY, IN THE WAY YOU LIVE, IN YOUR LOVE, YOUR FAITH, AND YOUR PURITY.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12 (NLT)
**Hannah Bell**

**Defining Vision for the Next Generation**

“The next generation is in need of a vision,” Hannah Bell ‘11 (Government) declares. “They are risk-takers and goal-setters.” At Regent’s Robertson School of Government, professors challenged Bell to follow her passion and to think critically. With these skills, she created the enVision Conference—an event designed to help young adults discover their purpose and imagine their potential impact. Bell says, “We work to help them identify what God has called them to do and equip and prepare them for their careers.”

Bell calls herself “a starter, planter and mentor.” She sees the enVision Conference as a movement with potential to sweep the nation and the world: “We encourage these young people to build relationships through mentorship. We are leaving a legacy and raising a standard of excellence.” Learn more at theenvisionconference.com.

Please join the Regent community in praying for Hannah Bell and the young people who attend the enVision Conference.

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**REACHING THE FINISH LINE**

You can help see construction through to completion on the new Chapel and Divinity School building. Donate to support this vital spiritual center by calling 800.335.4409, or visit regent.edu/cornerstone.

**MAKING YOUR GIFT WORK FOR YOU**

Regent has several recurring gift options that make it easy for you to support the university every month. Visit regent.edu/support or call 800.335.4409 to set up regular monthly donations using electronic checks or your credit/debit card.

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**By the Numbers**

1 university in Virginia holds the ACTA “A” rating — Regent University.

21 universities currently maintain an “A” rating out of more than 1,000 rated by ACTA.

9’ is the height of the gold-leaf cross which now adorns the top of the chapel steeple.

15,000 lbs. is the approximate weight of the chapel’s copper-clad steeple.

8,700 donor names were inserted into the chapel cross during the recent dedication ceremony.