

# THE PRESIDENT'S



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TRINITY COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

## ***The LOOK***

Have you ever been given the “*The Look?*” By that, I mean a look of disappointment by your parents, wife, husband, and maybe your colleague or employer. You did not meet expectations, failed at your promise, or you were told this would happen but you did not believe it or take it to heart. No words were spoken, but you got the message ... *you got “The Look.”*

This happened to Peter! Dr. Luke records this event in Luke 22:54-65. It occurs after the Last Supper, the Betrayal, and Prayer on the Mount of Olives. Jesus is arrested and is taken to the High Priest’s home. Peter follows at a distance and through a series of conversations denies the Lord three times ... “*I do not even know Him!*” The words below appear when he denies the Lord the third time:

“But Peter said, ‘Man, I don’t know what you are talking about.’ And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ***At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter.*** Suddenly, the Lord’s words flashed through Peter’s mind. ‘Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.’ And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.” Luke 22:60-62 NLT

There it is ... “The Look!” Jesus saw Peter and Peter saw Jesus! Their eyes met. Many messages were communicated in that moment ... messages such as: ‘*Peter, I will always tell you the truth,*’ - ‘*What I say will not change*’ - ‘*you need to trust and believe what I am saying*’ - ‘*Peter, I know the future*’ - and so much more. I am desirous to unwrap these messages, but I need you to reflect on “The Look” in a three-dimensional way:

1. **His Look** ... *Jesus is looking at you!* What does the Lord see when He looks at you? Nothing is hidden. He knows. He sees the invisible and visible. He sees the motives and understands why we do what we do! He looks at you - *what does He see?* Attitude and actions are open to His view. Nothing escapes His attention!
2. **Your Look** ... When you reflect on His words, understand His heart, what do you see? How do you feel? What do you want to do? Where do you want to go? Is there peace, comfort, and joy or do you feel estranged, uncomfortable, or even uninterested? Even a ‘non-look’ is a look!
3. **People looking at you!** ... *What do others see in you?* What message are you sending? Your family, friends, colleagues, neighbors, business associates, and people at church ... what do they see when they look at you? Do they see courage, compassion, and understanding or do they see indifference, carelessness, and a lukewarm attitude regarding the things and plans of the Lord?

The good news regarding this historical event in Luke 22 is that Peter was singled out to meet with Jesus after He rose from the dead. What a meeting!! *He was recommissioned and set on fire.* Just read the first few chapters of Acts and you can sense the difference.

**Your look at Him will affect all other views in this life** ... views of people, circumstances, responsibilities, work, and living. Take a Good, Long, and Deep look at Jesus in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. *That look will change your life! And remember, He is looking at You!*

## The Latest at Trinity:

- ✦ The dedication of the **L.L. Speer Hall** was April 27, 2018. Community leaders, donors, trustees, President's Council members, friends, students, faculty, staff, and many out-of-town visitors were present. Educational leaders spoke, including Dr. Tim Beard, Pasco-Hernando State College, and Mr. Matt Kelly, Association for Higher Biblical Education. Alumni were present and a complimentary lunch was provided "under the tent." A video of that historical event was made for your benefit. To see the video, cut and paste this link into your browser: <https://vimeo.com/267411177>.

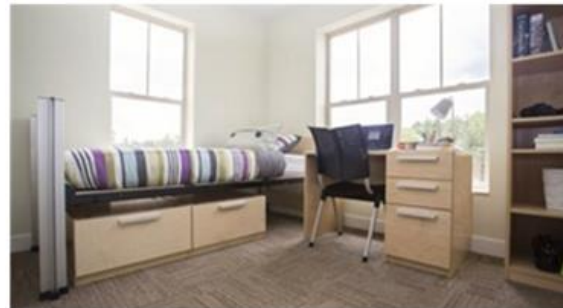


The total cost of the furniture for ninety students and three common areas is \$192,000. Almost \$50,000 has been raised to date. Naming opportunities are available. Those making contributions will be recognized in the new residence hall by having their names affixed to plaques in the appropriate places.

Please consider donating to help  
furnish the new building 

**Donation Levels**

- Donate a floor \$66,000
- Donate a wing \$33,000
- Donate a room & contribute to common area \$4000
- Donate a room \$3500

### Trinity College of Florida Residence Hall Project 2018

*If you would like to make a gift or possess a naming opportunity in the new L.L. Speer Hall, simply get in touch with Billie O'Farrell, [bskinner@trinitycollege.edu](mailto:bskinner@trinitycollege.edu), or call 727-569-1401. An **Open House** is planned for the new facility in early August. **Watch for details!** It is a beautiful building, featuring the latest in technology, and will be an excellent "Home Away from Home" for any student.*

- ✦ Our **2018 Annual Banquet** at Innisbrook Golf and Spa Resort celebrated 85 years of Biblical higher education. Greetings were brought by many, including Senator Bill Nelson via video, and his wife,

Grace, who attended in person. Special recognition was given to Dr. Billy Graham, who graduated from Trinity in 1940. The *Prokopé* (highest service award) was presented to **Mr. and Mrs. Gene McNichols**. Gene is Chairman and CEO of the McNichols Company, the nation's leading metal service centers specializing in metals with holes. They have 19 service centers throughout the U.S. **Ms. Leslie Rewald**, faculty member and online studies director, received the Thomas E. and Ann C. Wade Academic Service Award. This recognition is for outstanding service to the entire College family. **Rev. Steve Wells**, Pastor of North Pointe Church in Lutz, Florida, received the award for Alumnus of the Year. **Dr. Josh McDowell** received the Macedonian Call Award for Christian influence at the highest levels of leadership around the world. Dr. McDowell also received the Doctor of Divinity degree from Trinity at the 2018 Commencement service.



*Dr. Mark O'Farrell and Dr. Josh McDowell  
Macedonian Call Award*



*Mr. and Mrs. Gene McNichols  
Prokopé Award*



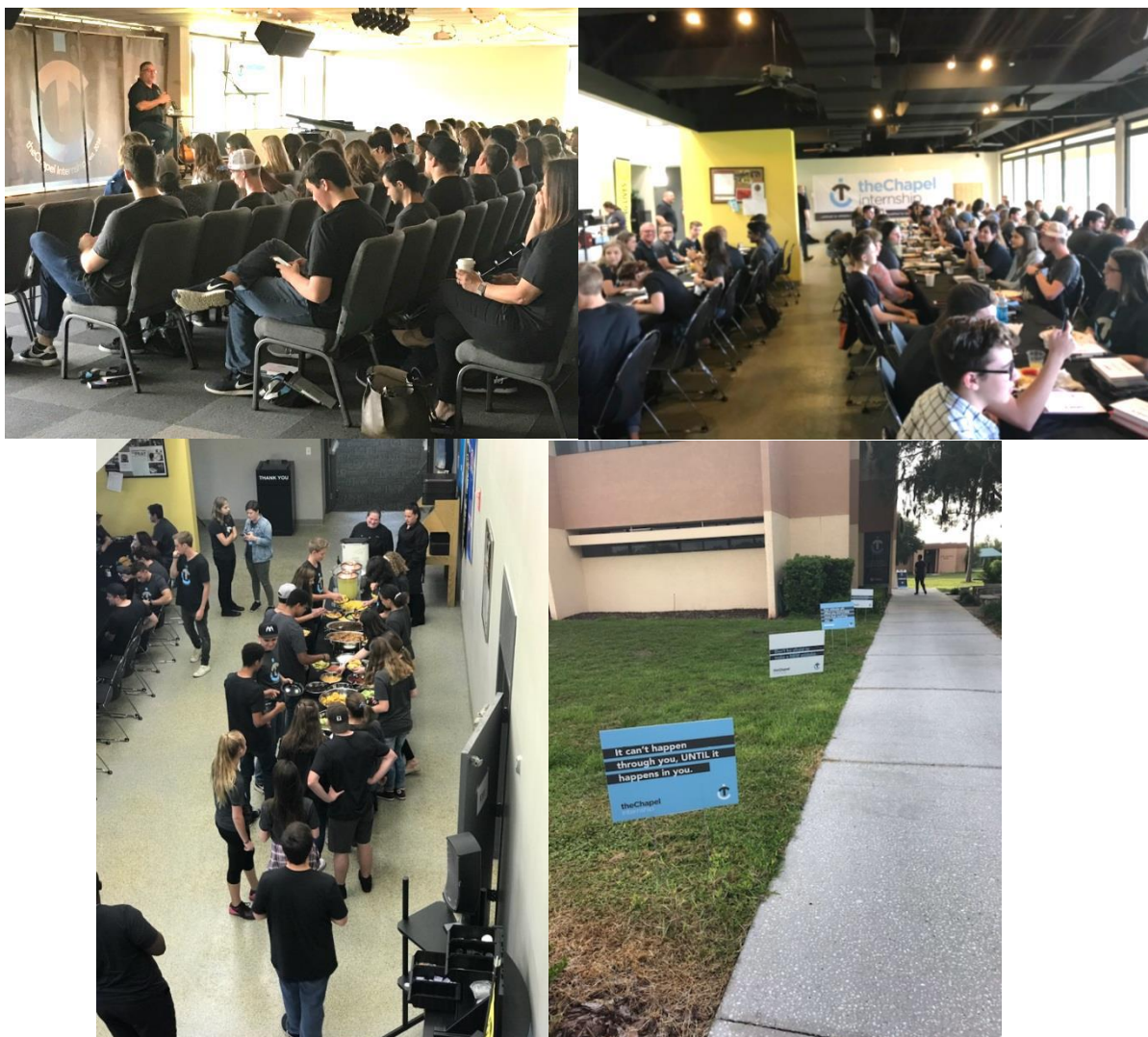
*Ms. Leslie Rewald  
Thomas E. and Ann C. Wade Academic  
Service Award*



*Alumni President Sam Thomas and Rev. Steve Wells  
Alumnus of the Year Award*

## Things to Note:

- Great to have all these students on campus this summer!



- **New Team Members:** **Mr. Greg Mitchell** is now serving as the Interim Vice President for Business and Finance. **Dr. David Ober** will be arriving this summer to begin his leadership at Trinity as Professor and Director of the Business Organizational Leadership program. **Mr. Jeremy Alvarez** has been appointed Facilities Manager.
- Students are traveling this summer to Costa Rica for missions and to Italy and Greece for the Honors program.
- Two of our IT personnel, **Dominic Mallo** and **Derik Jenkins**, passed the 220-901 exam with an A+. This exam covers over 700 pages of technology and scores of complex configurations. Dominic and Derik have now become members of this elite group of certified IT personnel.
- **Trinity College of Florida is celebrating 85 years of Higher Biblical Education.** To honor this milestone, an exclusive Orientation and Information Seminar is planned for **June 22, 2018** at the College. This seminar is designed to enrich, encourage, and equip people who love and possess a passion for the mission and vision of the College to be an emissary in guiding their friends in giving to celebrate. *It is an 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration event!*



## celebrating 85 years

**Remember the Seminar that is planned for June 22, 2018.** E.W. Brandt and Associates, a recognized and leading Resource Development Consulting firm in the country, will be conducting a presentation through their President, Ed Brandt, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees and graduate of Trinity College of Florida. *It is designed to enrich, encourage, and equip* people who love and possess a passion for the mission and vision of the College to be an emissary in guiding their friends and contacts in giving to the school. Ed is doing this *pro bono* and your support/attendance would be priceless. Many guests, friends of the College, alumni, and others will be in attendance. This is a unique and wonderful opportunity to understand philanthropy in America, psychology of resource development and secrets of joy in giving. *It is a must for every Christian leader.* **If you have not made plans to do so and are able to attend this complimentary seminar from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Breakfast and Lunch included), please contact Mrs. Billie O'Farrell, [bskinner@trinitycollege.edu](mailto:bskinner@trinitycollege.edu), and indicate your availability.**

### **Please Pray for ...**

- ✦ ... the remodeling and utilization of Ruth Munce Hall.
- ✦ ... the Fall semester. Pray for admissions, their contacts, follow-up, and the wisdom of what to do and when to do it. The goal is 75 new students.
- ✦ ... the Open House of the L.L. Speer Hall (New Student Residence Hall). Pray for the assembling of the furniture, the completion of the technology assets, and last minute issues with the county. All rented apartments for resident students will be released. All residents will be on campus.
- ✦ ... our Faculty and Staff this summer. Pray that they will be refreshed and renewed in the Spirit. We are in a Spiritual Battle for the hearts and minds of young people. Pray that we will have the 'grit' and the 'resilience' to stay the course and honor the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ✦ ... **Trinity College of Florida to have Kingdom impact as we move closer to His Coming again.**

Referring to external and internal obstacles, challenges, road blocks, and barriers (brick walls) encountered every day on the job, the following are the words of a computer science professor, Randy Pausch, at Carnegie Mellon University who was dying of pancreatic cancer:

**"The brick walls are there for a reason. They're not there to keep us out. The brick walls are *there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something.*"**

With much anticipation,

