



Enter to Learn. Leave to Serve. At CBU, we cherish our Lasallian values, which are reflected in everything we do. In each edition of **Living Lasallian** we will share the latest stories of how our students, staff, faculty and alumni continue to embody and live by these principles.

We want to hear from you. [Submit story ideas here.](#)

A Blessing in Celebration of Black History Month

Jesse Turner, Jr. and Bishop J. Terry Steib are two African American leaders who have accompanied me during my years in Memphis. Their bold, yet quiet leadership, humility, and spiritual guidance have inspired me and fed my desire to continue to serve Memphis. As we celebrate Black History Month, let us



remember in prayer the African American community, in particular, those who have helped us along our personal journeys.

Let us pray,

God of Mercy and Love, we place our African American and African Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground.

Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do.

Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends.

May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity.

This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us.

Prayer composed by FR. JIM GOODE, OFM, who in 1989 founded this National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family



Celebrating Black Excellence

Thanks to talented young leaders from the Black Student Association, CBU is honoring **Black History Month** with nearly a dozen events and opportunities, culminating in the Celebration of Black Excellence showcase on February 27, 2025. Learn more!

[Click here to see BHM activities.](#)

One Memphis Tour Stops at CBU



On Monday, Feb. 10, City of Memphis Mayor Paul Young visited campus for his One Memphis Tour: Town Hall – College Edition! Students, faculty, and alumni engaged in meaningful conversations about the future of Memphis. It was a delight to host the mayor and hear from our insightful students.



Our Lasallian Values:
Service



Strong accounting skills brought Fayette County-native **Alexis Murrell** to CBU for the first time, but the tight-knit campus and supportive environment sealed the deal.

During her time at CBU, Alexis has widened her scope academically and developed into a leader, as evidenced by her long list of accomplishments. She is president of the CBU chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and spends her free time giving back through community service.

Alexis, [Class of 2025 Lasallian Fellow](#), is scheduled to graduate this spring with a bachelor's degree in English.

[Read more about Alexis here.](#)

Nursing Program's No. 1 Cheerleader

Uncertain what the future held, **Nichole Knox** looked to her faith to point her in the right direction. After a lengthy conversation with God, the answer she received was clear, and

she pursued a career in nursing.

Now, 25-plus years later, Dr. Knox is heading CBU's nursing program and has BIG aspirations for its future, while continuing her ongoing work to train and support "Lasallian nurses."



[Read more about Dr. Knox here.](#)



Opportunity Knocks

Metrio Robinson, CBU's Director of Event Management, believes everyone deserves an opportunity to succeed *their way*. Not everyone takes or is given the same path.

Working at CBU, Robinson appreciates how welcoming the campus is to Dreamers, first-generation college students and other outside-the-box learners who are often taking a leap of faith to give

college a try.

While fielding 25 to 30 event requests daily, Robinson always takes time to interact with students, which has earned him the nickname "Uncle Meech."

Read more about Metrio [here](#).

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