



**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.](#)

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## A Special Blessing for Women's History Month

Let us remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God.

Loving God, just as you did with St. John Baptist de La Salle, you have sent women into our lives who have encouraged us, taught us, challenged us, led us, loved us, and inspired us. May we reflect the goodness they bring to our world



each day.

We ask that you continue to raise up women who bring out the best in humanity and share our commitment to the Lasallian principles.

With a special regard for our mothers, thank you for the women in our lives—those in the past, those who accompany us today, and those who we will encounter as we journey through life.

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## CBU Design Work on Display in Times Square



Over the past few months, two graphic art students in Professor Melinda Posey's class had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to design a New York City billboard in Times Square! The display was made possible through an ongoing partnership between Professor Posey and the United Nations Sustainable Stock Exchange Initiative. This year's designers are seniors Presley Broughton and Paulina Vidal. Tricky to design, the massive board for International Women's Day is 10,000 square feet and positioned on a curve with more than 25 windows. The board appeared throughout the day on March 7, 2025, the eve of International Women's Day.



## Registration is Open for Summer Camps and Courses

The time is now to decide where your middle and high school students will spend the summer months. Learn more about **Summer @ CBU** camps for grades 3-12 and academic courses for high school and college students, educators and CBU alumni.

[Click here to see Summer @ CBU offerings.](#)



Mark your calendars to celebrate the Class of 2025!

WHAT: Class of 2025 Commencement

WHEN: Saturday, May 10, 1 p.m.  
WHERE: Landers Center, Southaven, MS  
MORE INFO: [cbu.edu/commencement](http://cbu.edu/commencement)  
QUESTIONS: Send an email to [commencement@cbu.edu](mailto:commencement@cbu.edu)

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## Our Lasallian Values: **Scholarship**

The first day **Karla Mendoza** saw the CBU campus was orientation. Originally from the Kansas City area, she hadn't stepped foot in Tennessee before. But she quickly found her way.

Karla developed a community through her work with CBU's Honors Program and as co-chair of CBU's Catholic Relief Services Chapter. Passionate about service, Karla also is committed to CBU's on-campus food pantry, [the Buc Stop](#); and [Sister-Supply](#), which stocks menstrual products in campus



restrooms.

Karla, [Class of 2025 Lasallian Fellow](#), is scheduled to graduate this spring with a bachelor's degree in psychology and hopes to continue her studies in a PhD program.

[Read more about Karla here.](#)

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## Accounting Advocate

When she graduated as Overton High School's valedictorian in 1970, **Dr. Pam Church** expected to work a few years and then focus on building a family with her high school sweetheart. That's what society expected of women.

And that did happen ... except the stopping working part. Through accounting, she found a career that excited and engaged her and provided enough time to raise three children (and teach countless more at CBU and Rhodes College).

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

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## Student Supporter

From scheduling issues to academic probation and everything in between, **Dr. Lurene Kelley** and the Academic Support team provide a "clearinghouse when students don't know where to go."

Known for her patience, compassion and willingness to assist students on their time table, Dr. Kelley is a trusted resource for students in need of a helping hand.



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

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