



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.](#)

The Gift of Gratitude

As we prepare to gather with our families and friends over Thanksgiving, let us recall the daily blessings, which are sometimes hidden in our busy lives. The friendly greeting from a student, the laughter with a colleague, or the simple joy from a quiet moment—let us remember that we are always in the presence of God.

In the spirit of de La Salle, may we

see everything with the eyes of faith,
see the person of Christ in the
students, and approach our ministry
with great zeal for the evangelization
of youth.



Join us in celebrating the CBU Lasallian Fellows, Class of 2025! Ciridany Genchi Cortez (Visual Arts), Tristan Henthorn (Biology), Karla Mendoza (Psychology), Alexis Murrell (English), and Nmesomachi Nnebedum (Business Administration)

[Read more about the 2025 Lasallian Fellows here.](#)



In celebration of **National STEM Day**, the Gadomski School of Engineering and the School of Sciences collaborated to host a unique on-campus experience for prospective students on Nov. 8.

[Read more about STEM Day here.](#)



CBU welcomed high school students from across the city to explore campus and envision a just Memphis at the 2nd annual **Day of Social Justice**. Among the day's activities, CBU alumna Yancy Villa ('99, '01, '06) gave a moving keynote address about how she uses art and design to encourage civic action.



[Read more about Day of Social Justice here.](#)

Hot Off the Presses

The Fall 2024 edition of **Bell Tower Magazine** is here! Dive into inspiring stories, alumni highlights, and more



from the CBU community.

Explore the featured articles [here](#) and see what's new this season!



Leaving to Serve

Nursing student **Jessica Taylor** is a prime example of CBU's key message: *Enter to Learn. Leave to Serve*. Grounded in her faith, her community, and her desire to help others, Jessica is "a compassionate leader, a dedicated learner, and a

fierce advocate for her patients," according to Dr. Jennifer Hitt, Director of CBU's Nursing Program.

Preparing to graduate with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in May 2025, Jessica plans to focus on pediatrics and has a special interest in the mental health and wellbeing of children.



[Read more about Jessica here.](#)

Community Builder

College is an exciting time of growth and discovery for young adults, but it also can be overwhelming to be in a new place without familiar comforts. As CBU's Director of Student Engagement, **Marianne Ogutu** helps to ease that transition.

Marianne joined CBU in June 2023 and quickly identified opportunities to revitalize existing CBU programs,



such as September of Service, and bring new ones online, including the first CBU Goes Pink breast cancer awareness walk on Oct. 23. From the largest campaign to the smallest gathering, she aims to ensure every student has *community*.

[Read more about Marianne here.](#)

Future in Motion

The **CBU Robotics Club** is a new club on campus that launched in September under the guidance of Engineering Technology Professor Dr. Peter (Phuc) Bui.

Admission is open to all students (undergraduate and graduate, all majors and levels) following a brief interview with Dr. Bui.

The group is currently working on robotic arms and will expand to small mobile robots next semester with the goal of being ready for competition next year.



[Read more about the CBU Robotics Club here.](#)



If you heard some howls on campus recently, don't be alarmed. It was the

TriBeta Biology Honors Society's **Bark Break**, the furriest fall event at CBU!

During midterms, CBU partners with Memphis Animal Services (MAS) to bring adoptable shelter dogs on campus. Students de-stress by interacting with the animals, and the dogs have a great time socializing and getting attention.

Dr. Lyndsey M. Pierson, CBU professor and chair of the Department of Biology, coordinates this opportunity. Her background is in animal behavior, and her most recent research focuses on domestic animals and adoption. She has worked closely with MAS as a volunteer and understands the power of showing visuals of shelter animals playing with students. Photos and videos from past Bark Break events have helped MAS dogs get fostered and adopted!



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