



**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 Blessing for Christmas

The voice of one calling out,  
“Clear the way for the Lord in the  
wilderness;  
Make straight in the desert a  
highway for our God.  
Let every valley be lifted up,  
And every mountain and hill be  
made low;  
And let the uneven ground become a  
plain,  
And the rugged terrain a broad  
valley;



Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
And all flesh will see *it* together;  
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Isaiah 40: 3-5

Lord, as we celebrate this season of Advent, may our minds be cleared and our hearts softened so that we hear Your voice. Guide us through these holy weeks as we reflect on the messages of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Bless our students, faculty, and staff with wisdom and gratitude as we journey together in faith.

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The Rosa Deal School of Arts Visual Arts Program unveiled the brand-new **CBU Innovation Lab** on Tuesday, Nov. 12. The state-of-the-art space features large-format and 3-D printing (filament and resin), vinyl cutters, a laser cutter, and brainstorming space.



[Read more about the Innovation Lab here.](#)

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## A Lasting Legacy

CBU has been recognized by the state for its 153 years of service to the community. Since 1871, CBU has contributed to the economy by educating and preparing students for the next steps of life. This year, the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD) made it a priority to honor **legacy institutions** that have persevered for 100 years or more.

[Read more about this recognition here.](#)

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## CBU Supports St. Jude





The CBU Buccaneer Bandits pep band and students from our golf and baseball teams showed up and showed out on a chilly Saturday morning at the **St. Jude Memphis Marathon** on Saturday, Dec. 7.



Embracing the spirit of the occasion —*St. Jude's largest single-day fundraising event*—the pep band displayed signs and rallied runners from CBU's festive cheer station located near the start line in front of the Cannon Center.



We caught up with two CBU alumni after the 10K! From left: Joe Mattson ('17) and Cale Alexander ('16)

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# SPOTLIGHTS

## Unstoppable Grit and Grind

When CBU student-athlete **Meghan Turner** was facing the news that she may never be able to run cross country again, she pushed back harder and smarter, embarking on a long, difficult journey of surgery, physical therapy, and cross-training that impressed her coach and her surgeon.

Two years later, she's running the best times of her life and is about to graduate with honors with degrees in marketing and business administration with a concentration in sports management.

Up next? More running and plans to add a master's degree to her resume.



[Read more about Meghan here.](#)

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## Now Showing at the Dixon

Dixon Gallery & Gardens is currently featuring one of CBU's own with the solo exhibition *Scott A. Carter: Energy States*.

Along with teaching courses, including 3-D design, experimental drawing, advanced studio, and senior seminar, **Professor Carter** also serves as the coordinator for the Beverly + Sam Ross Gallery on campus.

His latest exhibition is a professional and personal achievement, pulling together art and music, his two preferred forms of artistic expression. The show runs through Jan. 19, 2025.

[Read more about Professor Carter here.](#)

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## Worldwide Reach

Congratulations to civil and

environmental engineering professor **Dr. Sam Hodges**, who recently coauthored a research article in *Science*, one of the premier scientific journals in the world.

Dr. Hodges' research interests include water chemistry, water quality, water supply, and drinking water treatment and processes. His related research paper in the Nov. 22, 2024, issue of *Science* can be found here: [Chloronitramide anion is a decomposition product of inorganic chloramines](#).

"Never in my wildest dreams did I expect to be published in *Science*, but timing plays a unique roll in the opportunities we encounter in our lives," said Dr. Hodges.



Read more about Dr. Hodges here.

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