

President opens year with message on Christ-Centered Passionate Learning.

During the 2016-17 school year, the college is focusing on its core value of "passionate learning." President James E. Brenneman opened the year by sharing three descriptions of what it means to be a passionate learner. He said "A passionate learner, first of all, never stops asking 'why,' and is the most excited, most curious, nosiest person in the room," sharing examples of YouTube videos that show children discovering things for the first time. He added that passionate learners are first and foremost listeners, encouraging everyone to listen most closely to those who think and act differently than us. "Make a friend, a real friend, this year, of someone with whom you have major ideological, religious, cultural or political differences," he said. Lastly, he said passionate learners are lifelong learners, as demonstrated by his father-in-law, who, with an 8th grade education, built a successful HVAC company, learned to fly an airplane, built computers, started an accounting business, and recently became an Uber driver, all by figuring it out on his own. He encouraged all to keep learning up until our dying breath. Brenneman, a 1977 graduate of Goshen College, will resign as President following the 2016-17 school year.

Conference connections

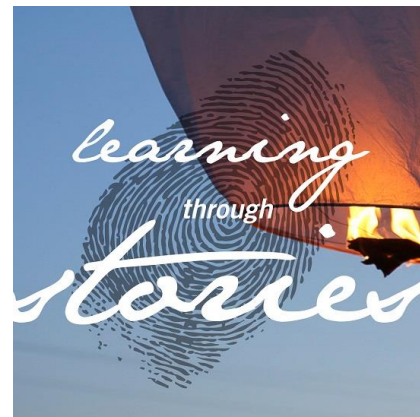
This academic year we have 24 students enrolled from 9 Ohio Mennonite Conference congregations. Those churches generously pledged \$147,410 in congregational student aid for the academic year. The Goshen College Church Aid Matching Grant program provides a dollar-for-dollar match of the first \$1,000 per student and a 1:4 match after that, up to full tuition.

Students from the conference are involved on- and off-campus in many edifying ways but we specifically recognize students who studied and served abroad for a semester through GC's Study

Service Term (SST) program. Eliana Neufeld-Basinger from Lima Mennonite and Caleb Liechty from Zion Mennonite (Archbold) spent a semester in Senegal on SST. Clara Beck from Central Mennonite (Archbold) spent a semester in Peru on SST. Isaiah Breckbill from Kidron Mennonite, Brodie Nofziger from Zion Mennonite (Archbold) and Carley Wyse from Central Mennonite (Archbold) spent a semester in Cambodia on SST.

2016-17 Campus ministries theme

The Campus Ministries theme this year is "Learning Through Stories." Eleven Ministry Leaders, six Worship Assistants, and countless other Goshen College students provide leadership as we explore what it means to learn about "the other," given the world we live in oozes with pain and injustice often brought on by a lack of understanding. In the first chapel of the year, Campus Pastor Bob Yoder shared that we might be tempted to rely on what we already know rather than to learn something new. We should not be lazy. Learning the "story behind the story" requires patience, time and perseverance. Students and employees were also invited to engage the theme through the GC Prayer Book, which includes twelve devotions written by students as well as over a dozen different ways to pray. This material is available to people in both print and electronic formats. Visit www.goshen.edu/faith/campus-ministries to learn more about GC Campus Ministries.



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