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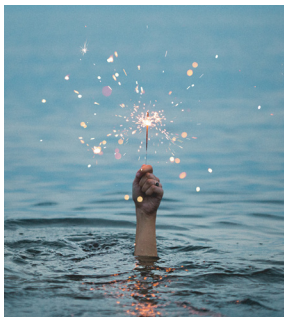
Perth Bible College graduates have placed us second for graduate satisfaction when compared with independent theological providers across Australia. PBC's overall aggregate of 93.7 percent is just one percent lower than Moore Theological College in Sydney. Our aggregate mark is even more significant when compared to the general average aggregate of 76% for all institutions.

One of the areas in which PBC has excelled is the quality of our teaching. PBC ensures that our lecturers conduct new research in their areas of specialisation and also engage in professional development which goes beyond their particular fields of expertise. The result is that the lecturers have a broad and deep theological framework on which to draw for their lectures. Another aspect which was valued highly is our student support. We are grateful that our students experience PBC as a place which strives to reflect God's care for the whole person. Theology is more than theoretical knowledge. God's love is an experienced reality. Students have also highlighted that they developed important skills that were shown to be relevant to their future ministry through their studies at PBC. Our motto: "Thinking Service" is more than a slogan; it informs the way the course contents is delivered.

PBC is deeply grateful for these results and we pledge ourselves to continue praying and striving for ongoing success in these areas.

CREATIVE MINISTRY STREAM

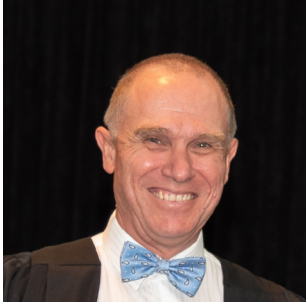
For those interested in developing their skills in Christian Music production, composition, and performance PBC has exciting news. From next semester PBC will launch a subject focusing on Music Production as part of its creative Ministry Stream. PBC has secured the services of a secular music production company, headed by Byron Keno, an internationally recognised music producer. Students will enrol in the theological subject "God, Creation and Creative Arts," which will include practical tutorials in music production. For more information, contact the college reception on (08) 9243 2000 or via email at college@pbc.wa.edu.au.



Graduating Students

DIPLOMA OF MINISTRY

PAUL MEWHOR



Now that his Diploma is complete, Paul, driven by his passion for chaplaincy within the prison system, is continuing on his studies and pursuing a Bachelor of Ministry at PBC. The community at the college has been a real highlight for Paul "I love the fellowship, how we all come from such different backgrounds and can come together and study as one. Studying at PBC has been a great experience but definitely trying at times. Alternative views to my own have surfaced and have challenged me to wrestle with my own perspectives, faithfully study God's word, and discover not only what I believe but why, and although that's a hard process, its been highly valuable".

Rachel is currently working in the worship/music ministry and youth ministry at her home church as well as serving as Youth Coordinator at another local church. Now that she has graduated with her Diploma she isn't sure what is next, but her heart is set on the creative industry. "I love the creative industry so perhaps joining that with my new found theology and ministry knowledge. The Lord has done stranger things! Perth Bible College has been such a blessing in my personal life. I moved to Perth just four months before starting and I immediately felt like I'd come home to an extended family I never knew. Being at this college helped me settle into Perth well, giving me the courage to step into ministry roles quickly. I have loved every minute".

RACHEL HAGE



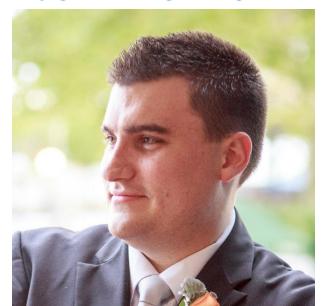
REBECCA SCHUBERT



At present Rebecca is currently engaging with the local youth, co-leading a connect group for year 10 girls, as well as a Young Adults Bible study group. "Since graduating from the Diploma of Ministry, I continued some of my studies towards a Bachelors degree. But soon I hope to focus on the counselling/chaplaincy/people side of things, with an emphasis on Marriage & Families. Wherever that may be!" Through PBC Becca has learnt to prepare herself emotionally as she is confronted by God's word during her lectures, understanding that she is going to be humbled in some way, and "it then becomes so clear that God loves us incredibly despite who we are. He still promises us skills and gifts, and it's a privilege to be able to serve him by studying".

Becca has loved her time at PBC. A stand out memory for her was watching Andre attempt to make a point by climbing on a variety of chairs and stools. "Ironically, I can't remember his point. The retreats were also highlights as it brought about community allowing students to get to know each other in environment where there was no stress, just opportunities to be silly, pick fruit and dominate in the lip sync battles - especially nailing 'Don't Stop Me Now' by Queen, with Rachel Hage. In a nutshell, sharing life together with my peers is what has meant the most; all the highs and lows have helped to forge friendships I hope to have for life."

JONATHON EGAN



Jonathon is passionate about chaplaincy and the role chaplains play in everyday life. He is currently volunteering as a chaplain at Bethanie Aged Care in Gwelup and has continued his studies focusing in this area. PBC has taught Jonathon about the diversity of Christian viewpoints and over his time at PBC has valued the sense of community and the events held by the student council.

ELEZIRIG KOKO

"I believe God called me to PBC as a launchpad into ministry. In fact, I experienced God's hand at PBC, during my college classes and on my mission trip. I continue to pursue his ongoing direction in my life". Elezirig is currently serving as a pastor for a Sudanese congregation at Yokine Baptist Church and aims to continue to utilising what he has learned at PBC to further equip his people.

Michael is currently involved in Youth Ministry at his church and has undertaken Psychology at Curtin University. He wishes to pursue counselling in the future as he thinks this is where God is directing him: "I have learned a lot of stuff about the Bible (unsurprisingly!), and the Cambodia trip remains my favorite memory. It was an awesome trip where I got to meet so many people and see so many things".

MICHAEL FERGUSON**JUSTIN MARSHALL
PACZKOSKI**

Justin is originally from Canada and joined PBC to complete his Diploma of Ministry. At present he is in a season of formation and has continued his theological studies back home in Canada. "PBC helped me to discover the importance of building a strong personal spiritual foundation which will empower me to live a Christ-centered life according to God's word. It's because the college is a place where such diverse ethnic backgrounds can be united in Christ I have developed a desire to love foreign countries and refugees. The retreat in Bindoon was the most memorable experience in my year at PBC. The highlight was, of course, the lip syncing contest where both staff and students put their inhibitions aside for a night for some good laughs. The work that some put into their acts were wonderful, from seeing flower petals in the air, a memorable Lion King, and David Shaw's electric performance of Big Audio Dynamite."

Jackie is currently taking time off her studies as she prepares for motherhood. She has extensive experience in youth and young adults ministry and is keen to pursue this area once her bundle of joy arrives. Jackie has already begun her Bachelor of Ministry degree and has dedicated herself in the service of the students at the college. We look forward to meeting her newest little love when he/she arrives.

JACKIE TURNER**THANG PYH KALA**

At present Thang is leading a prayer group and sharing what I have learned at PBC each Friday through ministry events. "I believe I am called to continue study so that I may be able to share and teach sound faith, practical theology, and the big picture of God to non-Christians and Christian's who have an emotional and superstitious theology of God back home in Burma. I have learned about the variety of views, thoughts and attitudes of people and how to work through this as an English as second language speaker. This has been hard but I believe God will use this experience to bear fruit in future ministry. The students, staff and lecturers at PBC have been helpful and they have done a good job teaching me with love and patience"

KOTONI LATU



Kotonu Latu has completed his Diploma of Ministry and is continuing on with his studies. At present he is serving in the capacity of a lay preacher at Scarborough Uniting church and is enjoying the complexities of what it means to experience community in the West. When asked about his favorite memory at PBC he responded with "lining up at lunch".

Although his diploma is finished, Obang is passionate about his ongoing studies and partnering his theological training with a language project whereby illustrated teaching materials of biblical contents both in English and Dha-Anywaa (one of the tribal language in Gambella, south-west Ethiopia) are provided to ensure those outside of the country can also learn English. Obang's favourite memory so far came after admission one month after he arrived from his refugee camp; "I experienced massive support not only from the lecturers but also the students. Living on campus with my family has been a privilege after spending eleven years in Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya with my first child being born there!"

OBANG GIRMA



ADAM BENNET



At present Adam is in service as a Pastoral Carer with Bethanie Aged Care and is continuing his studies with a Bachelor of Ministry at PBC. He desires to pursue his call as a chaplain within Aged Care. "I have learned to be open and willing for the Lord to do whatever work in my life. You may start at Perth Bible College with an inkling as to where you will be once you finished. You may even have felt a call to follow a certain ministry. I have learned to expect God to show me what He really wants me to do. We are only a tool for God to use to complete His work. Although I am still creating many memories at PBC, I think of up to this point my favourite would be the friendships I have made and am building, not only with the fellow students but also the lecturers as well. As said to me when I attended my first orientation day and the beginning of my journey, we are all family and I can say you certainly do feel that at PBC".

Samuel Anderson has completed his diploma and is chipping away at his degree with PBC in conjunction with studies in other areas as he hopes to "engage with an number of different spheres of work and the lives of people, in which I can show and share Christ's love, hope, and grace". On his PBC memories, Sam has so many to choose from: "It could be the hours upon hours of conversation had while playing table tennis with amazing people, whether it was before class, in break, after class, or when we should have been studying. Maybe it simply was the countless realisations that what I had thought to be theologically sound was off the mark and I found myself asking some hard questions".

SAMUEL ANDERSON



CATHERINE SCHNETLER



With her Diploma behind her, Catherine Schnetler is continuing on with her studies at PBC and undertaking her degree whilst serving as a Campus Pastor and within Youth/ Childrens Ministry. For Catherine, her learning experience has taught her "firstly how exciting the Old Testament actually is. Secondly, the importance of always reading Scripture in the context it was written in & making sure we look at it through the correct lenses and finally that there is no one correct way of reading & understanding the Bible. We can always learn from each other, broadening our view & understanding".

BACHELOR OF MINISTRY

JAMES SAMUEL



James Samuel began his journey at Perth Bible College as a Diploma of Ministry student and continued his studies to finish his Bachelor of Ministry. At present he is pastoring at an Arabic -speaking church in Perth. He is focusing his attention on how to bring the gospel to his people as an evangelist. Through his experience at PBC James has said he has learned “acceptance, love, how to apply the Scriptures, how to interpret the Bible and how to communicate the word of God according to the context”. The greatest memory for James is the way in which PBC has served the South Sudanese people over the last three years which only continues to demonstrate the love and acceptance which PBC offers.

Tia is currently on staff at Perth Bible College fulfilling the role of Student Services in conjunction with serving her local Church through children’s ministry. Her deepest desire is to see the gospel reach the unreached and to help equip already established Church plants in foreign nations with theological training. When asked about her journey at Perth Bible College she said, “Coming to PBC wasn’t a desire it was a conviction. I committed to a one year diploma out of obedience and my life was shaken in the most radical and fulfilling way. At the end of my Diploma I was ready to put the books down but God had other ideas. I stayed on to complete my degree, got married, had a baby and all the while I came onto staff. (So much for giving God one year!) My journey has been amazing, I have learned so much but the most important thing I can take away is the simple reality of the gospel; we can’t change what Christ has done, it is finished, we can only accepted the reality that God loves us. It’s an unchanging event that effects the entirety of humanity, and now, I can deposit that snippet of my journey into the lives of the students who come into the college”.

TIA BURTON

(with Distinction)



GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF MINISTRY

HONGFEI ZHANG

(with Distinction)



Hongfei has recently completed her graduate diploma at PBC. She is now completing her masters whilst leading a women’s Bible study in her church while preparing to pursue ministry within a cross cultural context. When asked about her favorite memory so far, Hongfei disclosed, “Thinking about my favorite memory at PBC makes me tearful. I just can’t imagine the moment when I leave here. Many times I think of that moment, and almost every time my eyes well with tears. I am hoping God will make that moment easy for me. I will miss the lectures, the discussions, the library...” Her learning experience has been robust and she has valued the journey of learning how to think critically about theology.

Kelvin is currently serving in the role of the associate pastor at Noranda Church of Christ and continues to serve in this role at the end of his time at PBC. Although graduating with his Graduate Diploma, Kelvin is currently undertaking his Masters at PBC and when asked about what he has learned so far, said “Theology and the actual practices of the church are very much related to one another. I am privileged to be serving and studying at the same time hence allowing me to bring questions from church to college and interact with the theories I am learning, and how to apply my learning back to my work in church”. When it comes to memories at PBC, Kelvin stated the lunches hosted at the college during lecture days reflects the life of the college and reveals it to be a place “not only for the accumulation of knowledge but a Christian community that learns and lives together”.

KELVIN TAN

(with Distinction)



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ADDRESS

It's my privilege to bring to you a report from the Board of Management that captures its work and commitment throughout the year just past. We are a group of people who hold dearly to the Lordship of Christ and seek to live by Bible, Word and the Spirit. We represent evangelical churches and believe our College plays a unique role in providing non-denominational learning across the spectrum of Christian churches in Western Australia. Last year was an absolute highlight for us, as it was the 90th year of the College's life and service. Even the daughter of our founder joined us at our AGM Celebration and spoke, as did Colyn Lansdown, a former Principal. Jennifer Turner the daughter of another of our Principals also gave a word as did relatives of other key people of our past. It was a great moment in our history!

During the year the College Board saw three of its own members move on to other roles, though two still serve within the College. Ms Lesley Newhouse-Maiden who has been a valued Board member for many years retired but remains Chair of our Academic Council. Thank you, Lesley. Gillian Dixon swamped with such vital roles as a chaplain/counsellor/lecturer with us and studying in Higher Education herself, needed to retire from the Board to maintain her many challenges. She did that very well, and we congratulate her on her receiving such amazing results and gained suitable recognition from the University for completion of her studies. The third loss from the Board, was Mr Daniel Viljoen. Daniel brought much to the Board from his extensive background in chaplaincy and his work within caring institutions. We thank Daniel for his wisdom and involvement. Meanwhile the Board was blessed to draw in new people in Mr Steve Poisat and Dr Peter Brain who are already adding substantially to the growth of the College.

Then there were changes underway at staff, and faculty, and it was keenly felt. Late in the year Peter Elliott, one of our lecturer's handed in his resignation. It was a loss and we thank Peter for his special role with us over four years. To our surprise and joy, Dr Anton Beukes reappeared to fill the gap. Anton has played a role in the past at our College and comes again like a supporting angel at an important time in the College's life. "Anton, the warmest of welcomes to you. We are delighted you are back with us! Since you left us four years ago you have spanned the world giving the church in USA a good missional ministry, then bringing the gospel to Greece, all the while keeping in touch with your South African homeland. You must be one of the most cosmopolitan lecturers on the globe. We benefit much from that."

On behalf of the Board, I sincerely thank the Faculty, staff and students for their faithfulness and commitment over this last year. My special thanks to our Acting Principal Andre, who has brought to the task an earnestness, diligence, much patience and a warm collegial spirit. Those of us on the Board of Management will continue to keep you in our prayers. There are a number of very special people who love this College. I won't mention names in the fear of leaving some precious person out, but I know most of them very well. Let me say that without you, we wouldn't be meeting here today. We do recognize what you do in the many services you give that go way beyond what is expected. Thank you sincerely. It encourages us enormously. A College of this size will always be challenged and stretched but, since 1928 God has been doing something very special through His people in this place creating people for fruitful ministry. The Board is so glad to be supporting you all. To God be the glory!

Garth Eichhorn. April, 2019



ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

On the Perth Bible College campus we have a variety of 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units available to rent. As we wind down for the semester a variety of units are now becoming available. The campus itself is situated walking distance from public transport, Scarborough beach and Karrinyup Shopping Centre. The campus offers a family friendly environment for children to play and for residents to feel part of a community.

WELCOME BACK ANTON



What a privilege it is to be back at PBC! After two years on faculty in 2013-2014 I received a position as Director of Missions and Outreach at Covenant United Methodist Church in Greenville, North Carolina. This challenging position helped me in learning more about vision formation for a local church, partnership agreements and how to mobilize the local church for local and international missions. What a privilege it was to see a five-fold growth in the church involvement, prayer and outreach with regards to international missions and a three-fold increase in local involvement.

After three and a half years I left this ministry and for about four and a half months out of seven I volunteered with Hellenic Ministries in Greece, helping their leadership team in some critical areas as well as assisting the president with vision formation. Even after leaving Greece I'm still involved with this ministry as the International Strategic Consultant, serving on their Discipleship Training Centre's Academic Board and planning to establish a 'champion group' for the ministry here in Perth.

Returning to Perth was an easy transition, especially moving back into my former position as Dean of Studies and lecturer in Missions. I'm definitely missing teaching some New Testament units but enjoy the challenges of facilitating the Supervised Field Education class. Due to some changes with staff, I'm also more involved with the International Mission Teams at the College.

For one that has moved continents so many times, I hope to settle back in Perth for a longer period of time. With my passion to see the local church being mobilised for missions, local and international, I hope that my position at PBC will give me an opportunity to make a difference in the Church of Perth, and not just one congregation.

SECOND HAND BOOKSHOP

Our second hand bookshop has expanded and is now ready for book lovers to discover quality titles across a variety of subjects and genres. There are some books in great near new condition and are looking to find a new home library. The best days to discover the literary gems in the bookshop are Mondays and Fridays but calling ahead during the week can also get the door unlocked.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM DEB



Debbie immigrated to Australia from Zimbabwe with her husband Peter and two little boys in May 1992. During those first years of settling into a new country & culture, the friends & fellowship they received from Scarborough Baptist Church was an important part of helping their family adapt to their new environment. Her first job was with a print company in the role of Sales consultant. Her subsequent roles in employment ranged from marketing to admin to running a training department for a large non profit organisation to Manager of a market research company. For the last two years she has been a home maker. Coffee socialiser, movie going, lots of walking & had the joy of helping out her daughters in law with her 6 grandchildren. Her husband Peter is a Chaplain at Bethanie, her sons continue to live in Perth. Connor works for Sonshine FM & Richard is Associate Principal for a primary school in the northern suburbs.

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