



Lenoir-Rhyne names new Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Lenoir-Rhyne announces that Dr. Drew Van Horn has joined the university as the Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Dr. Van Horn is a distinguished leader with lifetime connections to the Hickory area and North Carolina in general.

Dr. Van Horn is a graduate of Elon University where he has been recognized as a member of their Athletic Hall of Fame and awarded the Professional Excellence Award. He later received his PhD from the University of South Carolina in Educational Leadership. He worked in Alumni Relations at Elon, then served as Director of the NC Independent College Fund, and later became Vice President for Advancement at Gardner



Webb University. Subsequently, Dr. Van Horn served for over eight years as President of Brevard College.

Dr. Wayne Powell, president of the university commented, "Dr. Van Horn is well known and highly respected in higher education circles and throughout Western North Carolina, and we are very excited to have him join our team here at Lenoir-Rhyne. During his time at Brevard College, Drew and I interacted regularly on a number of issues and have developed a long term relationship of mutual respect."

In his new role, Dr. Van Horn will take the Advancement operation to the next level as LR continues to rise up as one of the premier universities in the South.

Dr. Van Horn and his wife, Camille, have two children

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<http://universityrising.lr.edu/>

Alumni Association HAPPENINGS

Online Newsletter Winter 2013

High school juniors and parents invited to High School Scholars Academy information session

Lenoir-Rhyne University will hold an information session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, for high school juniors and their parents interested in the University's High School Scholars Academy. The session will be held in room 213 of the McCrorie Center on the L-R campus.

The High School Scholars Academy, which began in 2007, is designed for high school students who wish to pursue a more advanced academic program for their senior year of high school. Students selected for the program will have the opportunity to enroll in English IV Honors plus three college classes in the fall and AP English (or an approved online class) plus three college classes in the spring.

Applications for the 2013-2014 school year are due in February 2013. First preference for admission will be given to students enrolled in the Catawba County, Hickory Public, or Newton-Conover school systems. If space is available, the University will also consider students from private schools, home schools, and other school systems.

Factors considered for admission include high school GPA, courses taken in high school, SAT, ACT, PSAT or PLAN scores, and high school or community involvement.

The information sessions do not require advance registration. If you have questions, please contact Mary Ann Gosnell at maryann.gosnell@lr.edu or 828-328-7300.

lr.edu/admissions/high-school-scholars-academy

Want to bring that L-R spirit into your home? Hosting an L-R-themed event and want some black and red flare? Just let the Office of Alumni Relations know and we'll send you a care package full of L-R gear for your next Bear gathering. For a list of package options and pricing, visit alumni.lr.edu



Harlem String Quartet to bring blend of concert music to Hickory campus

Lenoir-Rhyne University is pleased to welcome the Harlem String Quartet to campus on January 18. As part of the LR Concert Series, "String Quartets Old and New," is a free concert that will be presented at 7:30pm in the P.E. Monroe Auditorium on campus.

The Harlem Quartet, praised for its "panache" by The New York Times, is currently the resident ensemble in the New England Conservatory of Music's Professional String Quartet Program. Their mission is to reach diverse audiences through concerts and outreach with programs that are wonderfully varied, from classics to works commissioned by living American composers.

Their concert in Hickory reflects that blend, featuring not only Haydn and Beethoven, but also jazz greats Chick Corea and Wynton Marsalis. The Harlem Quartet has been featured on WNBC, CNN, the Today Show, WQXR-FM, and the Art Beat section of the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer website. In 2007 White Pine Music issued the quartet's first CD, *Take the "A" Train*, a release that was featured in the November issue of *Strings* magazine that year. The second CD, featuring works of Walter Piston, was released in 2010 by Naxos. They make regular appearances at Carnegie Hall and other major venues. The Harlem Quartet also had the honor of performing at the White House as guests of President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

For additional information, go to mus.lr.edu/ concert or call the LR music program at 828-328-7147

www.harlemquartet.com



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Know a potential graduate student interested in coming to one of L-R's three campuses? We applaud them for wanting to be a part of such an important team! The Hickory campus will host a Graduate Program Open House on Thursday, January 10 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Lohr Hall.

<http://www.lr.edu/graduate>

North Carolina Theatre Conference awards LR Playmakers



The NCTC recently announced Lenoir-Rhyne University's Theatre Department as the recipient of the NCTC College/University Award.

On the NCTC website (<http://www.nctc.org/more-programs/nctc-awards>), it was written:

"The theatre department at Lenoir-Rhyne University provides an exceptional theatrical training experience while also encouraging students to become leaders and innovators in their field. Theatre department coordinator Mia Self leads the liberal arts program that is tailored to fit each student's individual needs. Lenoir-Rhyne students supplement their classroom learning with a rigorous production schedule involving main stage shows and studio productions, as well as professional theatre internships. Lenoir-Rhyne is an active participant in many NCTC programs. Mia Self serves on the NCTC Board of Directors and has been one of the primary coordinators of our College Discovery Day event. Mia and Stacey Brackett, Associate Director of Admissions at Lenoir-Rhyne, are both frequent presenters at College Discovery Day. Lenoir-Rhyne students understand the importance of giving back and are active participants in the NCTC Fundraising Partner program, raising funds to support scholarships and education programs. NCTC is also grateful to Lenoir-Rhyne for serving as a Scholarship Partner for our High School Play Festival program, awarding scholarships to the top actor and actress each year. Lenoir-Rhyne University is far deserving of our 2012 award! Congratulations to Mia, Stacey, and the entire theatre program!"

Each year, the NCTC Board of Directors presents its awards to companies, schools and individuals that are active NCTC members and have exhibited leadership roles in their community, as well as artistic, professional, or educational excellence. Board members and NCTC staff travel to each recipient's theatre or school to make award presentations.

View stars, planets and moon on the Hickory campus

Lenoir-Rhyne University in conjunction with the Catawba Valley Astronomy Club is sponsoring a "Public Observing Night." This event will be held on Friday, January 25, weather permitting, at the Minges Science Building Observatory on the Hickory campus. This free event will begin at 8:00 pm and conclude at approximately 10:00 pm.

The public is invited to come to the top of the Minges Science Building where several telescopes will be set up in addition to the 12.5 inch Cassegrain telescope in the observatory dome. To access the rooftop observatory, enter the building then take the elevator to the 4th floor and come up the steps.

Celestial objects to be observed this month will include Mercury, Jupiter, a waxing crescent moon and perhaps Neptune, Uranus and other celestial wonders such as star clusters and nebulae.

Save the date for Alumni Weekend

Mark your calendars for an all-new Spring Alumni Weekend experience on the weekend of April 26 & 27, 2013!

The Lenoir-Rhyne Alumni Association, along with various arts, athletics and academic groups, welcomes back all Lenoir-Rhyne University and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary alumni for a wonderful Hickory weekend!

If you are a part of the class of 1953 or 1963 a special reunion will be held for you - more details to come. Check the Alumni Website often for more details - <http://alumni.lr.edu/>. Registration will begin March 1.

A message from the President of the Alumni Association

Hello, hard-working and busy LR Alumni! Can you believe it....2013 is here! Even though LR students are returning from break, the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Alumni Society and LR staff are hard at work.

The Alumni Association Board will hold its annual spring meeting in a few weeks. They will brainstorm ideas and events for the Association for the coming year - and beyond.

More than 300 Alumni Association lapel pins were given out to May and December 2012 graduates. However, if you would like one of these great symbols of your alma mater, they are available for sale in the Hickory campus bookstore.

The merger with Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (LTSS) in Columbia, SC is in full swing and fully operational as of July 2012. This is such an exciting adventure for LR and really puts us on the map. As noted on the LR News Website, "It's the first such arrangement in Lutheran higher education in the United States." To read more about this, go to lr.edu, and click the "News/Events" link at the top of the page.

Another exciting addition to the LR family is the Center for Graduate Studies of Asheville, which started teaching its first students last fall. Our Alumni family continues to grow with the addition of these two fabulous graduate campuses.

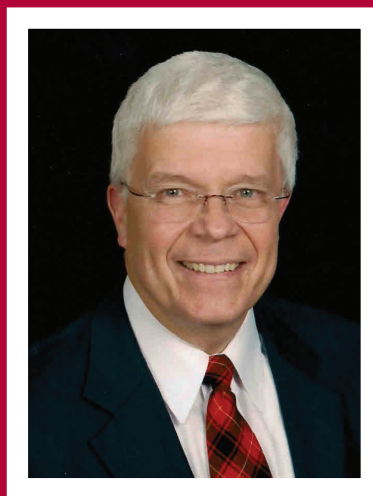
Be sure to check out the Alumni link on the LR home page for possible events coming to your area, as well as Alumni things happening on campus: alumni.lr.edu. Note this year's Alumni Weekend and Homecoming dates on your calendar: April 26th and 27th, and October 4th and 5th.

As always, feel free to contact me or any of the Alumni Board members if you have any questions or recommendations. We're all "B"ears!

Go Bears!

Robert McIver, Class 1977

2012-2013 President of the Alumni Association



TAG! You're it!

Tag yourself and support scholarships Join the more than 550 drivers in North Carolina riding with Lenoir-Rhyne pride thanks to a specialized L-R license plate. The plates are available through any DMV office in North Carolina. They cost an additional \$25 on top of the regular registration fee. Of that amount, \$15 comes back to the Fund for Lenoir-Rhyne to support student scholarships.

Happy New Year!

Think about giving even after the holidays have passed...

As we settle into a new year know that is not too late to make a difference in the life of a Lenoir-Rhyne student. When you were at L-R there were hundreds of people in the background giving generously to provide you with an outstanding education. Today it is your turn to be the person to make the difference for a current student.

The cost of a college education is a true investment and we ask you to invest in the future of L-R students. Here are some of the ways your dollars make a difference:

A \$10 gift might provide:

- o art supplies for a Arts workshop
- o a pair of laboratory safety goggles
- o an hour of peer tutoring

A \$25 gift might provide:

- o orientation materials for students starting their theses
- o a biological pipette
- o a warm-up shirt for a basketball player

A \$100 gift might provide:

- o one scholarly book for the library
- o the opportunity attend a workshop in their field of study
- o one set of glassware for the Science Center chemistry lab



Help your University make a difference. No matter the size of the gift, it matters. The power of many small gifts makes a large impact.

<http://giving.lr.edu>



Professor Monte Luker of the School of Theology of Lenoir-Rhyne University at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary will lead a study tour to Israel June 1-14, 2013. For more information, www.jcbs.org.

