

College Chronicle

January – February 2011



Director's Cut

Shepherds College Attains Accreditation Candidacy

On February 3, 2011 Shepherds College was officially granted accreditation candidacy status from the North Central Association - Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI). This is a significant accomplishment in the growth and development of Shepherds College and validates its legitimacy as a post-secondary school.

In October 2010, Shepherds College hosted a NCA CASI Quality Assurance Review team that assessed the school's ability to meet the seven accreditation standards. Overall, Shepherds College scored very well in this assessment, especially for a school only 2 ½ years into its existence. The school received the highest possible score, "highly functional", for the Teaching and Learning standard and earned a score of "operational" in each of the other six standards. The official candidacy report highlights areas of commendation for Shepherds College and identifies areas in which the school needs to improve.

This candidacy status will allow Shepherds College to make application for participation in the Federal Student Aid program. It is anticipated that NCA CASI will conduct a full accreditation visit in late October or early November 2011, and if all goes well Shepherds College should be fully accredited by February 2012.

The faculty and staff of Shepherds College, and everyone else who has played a role in the development of the school, are to be commended and congratulated for this outstanding achievement. The attainment of NCA CASI accreditation candidacy is a wonderful testament to the school's commitment to student achievement and organizational effectiveness.



Angela's Angle

First Year Academic Update

Bible Survey – This course studies the major themes of the Bible. Genesis accounts God's revelation of Himself in creation, conscience, and in His word. Exodus recounts the bondage of the nation of Israel and God's deliverance.

Computer Skills – Students have learned how to use Microsoft Excel by tracking budgets, creating charts, and inserting formulas. Students made graphs charting the colors of M & M's and Skittles!

Cooking – Students learned how to use the stovetop safely and practiced by making omelets.

Daily Living Skills – Students learned how to be a good steward of their time and resources. A new chore chart system was implemented in the residential setting in January. Students are taking initiative to complete chores.

Health Dimensions – Nurse Cindy Horn used Christmas lights to help illustrate proper nutrition. The string of lights demonstrated the need for physical and nutritional balance. If one light goes out, the strand does not function properly. Students explored proper portion sizes by using common objects found at home. They were very disappointed to learn that the size of a compact disc is the proper size for one pancake and not the pancakes served to adults in restaurants!

Introduction to Christianity – The students learned to tell the story of Christianity using pictures. This is an effective instructional strategy because many of our students are visual learners. They continue to memorize Scripture.

Introduction to Culinary Arts –The students are cooking a more detailed menu for the Thursday group night dinner. On the first week, we created the side dishes



including cornbread, potato salad, brownies, fruit salad and baked beans that accompanied the ribs which the second year culinary arts students prepared. We also

made miniature Tiramisu cups, individual cherry and strawberry cheesecakes, biscuits stuffed with sloppy-joe filling, and fruit kabobs. These dishes cover a broad range of cooking skills and techniques which will prepare them for next year.

Introduction to Horticulture – The first year students have been practicing their flash cards and they can identify 33 landscape maintenance items.

Language Arts – Students continue to develop their writing skills with a technique called “Show-Not-Tell.” They are learning to paint pictures with their words. For example, instead of saying, “He was angry,” students wrote, “He clenched his fists and threw the book onto the table with a bang.”



Math & Money Skills – Students have been counting money using manipulatives. They added and subtracted decimals. Students kinesthetically practiced skip counting in the gym.

Personal Development 1 – Building relationships is important in personal development. Students discussed appropriate relationships as they studied gender differences, purity, and love.

Study Skills – This semester focuses on Visualizing and Verbalizing History. We have learned about ancient Egyptians, Babylonians, and Phoenicians.



Transportation – We covered the basics of both pedestrian and public transportation safety. Students studied how to utilize campus and city maps. They learned how to read maps using cardinal directions.

Second Year Academic Update

Ambassadors – Pastor Paul helped students understand their God-given gifts by using S.H.A.P.E. found in Rick Warren’s book, *The Purpose-Driven Life*. Life-sized outlines of each student’s body illustrated their Spiritual gifts, **H**eart, **A**bilities, **P**ersonality, and **E**xperiences.

Apologetics – Students are learning how to defend their faith by knowing what they believe and why they believe it. Students studied what is faith and the history of the Bible. They learned how the Scriptures were inspired, assembled, preserved, translated, and interpreted. Students are memorizing the Apostles’ Creed as a foundation for their faith.

Communications – This semester focuses on job readiness skills. The students learned how to ask someone to be a job reference and gathered information to create a reference page.

Culinary Arts – Students started the semester with food service math. While a challenging proposition for some, they ultimately understood some complicated math processes such as converting recipes, constructing a profit and loss sheet, and estimating the portion cost. Students also studied barbecuing, grilling, broiling, poaching, and simmering.



The students had the opportunity to prepare recipes at the *Taste of Home* test kitchen in Greendale, Wisconsin. Three

recipes that were submitted to the magazine by Shepherds College include hummus, chicken dijon, and peach cobbler. It was a great experience for the students to see how recipes are selected, tested, and photographed for a major food magazine. *Taste of Home* has three million subscribers and a regular readership of over eight million. Thank you to the staff at *Taste of Home* for working with the students on this project.



Horticulture – Students identified interior plants to be used for interiorscaping. They presented proposals for a semi-shade landscape design to a client. The client will choose one of the proposals to be installed in her yard.



In late February, the second and third year students presented the Shepherds College horticulture curriculum and internship experiences to the residents of Inspiration Ministries in Walworth, WI. Kyle created a PowerPoint titled *Birds in Our Backyard*. Each student described facts about different birds to the residents. The students worked with the residents to make birdseed ornaments, which were hung in a tree outside the dining area. The students concluded their experience with a tour of the facilities.



Personal Development 2 – Students identified and discussed ways to maintain boundaries in their personal life and professional development. They continue to set and accomplish goals.

Personal Finance – Students toured Community State Bank and learned how to open a checking account. In a collaborative project with residential life, students plan menus, create shopping lists, and develop a budget. Weekly students shop at Wal-Mart and use pre-paid gift cards to pay for their items.

Third Year Academic Updates

Life in Bible Times – Students studied the political, geographical, and economical contexts during the period of the kings and the prophets in the Old Testament.

Ready for Life – Students are learning how to lead a Bible study independently.

Trained for Life – We have been preparing students for the real world by going out into the community to fill out job applications, utilize public transportation, and learn about local banking.

Internship Updates

Culinary Arts – Third year students have done an awesome job in keeping up with the challenges of work life while learning new skills as they progress through various operations. From serving in the front to cooking in the back, they are progressing through every station of that particular operation and being cross-trained to do most any job within that operation. This speaks well of their determination for learning, their work ethic, but also for the internship site supervisors who have been willing and patient to teach our students. The supervisors have often remarked how fast the students learn and what hard workers they are.



Horticulture – The third year horticulture students have been busy in the Shepherds greenhouse since arriving back on

campus after winter break. They have been sterilizing containers and filling them with soil for the arrival of the first shipments of spring plant plugs. They will go back to Michael Fields Greenhouse and Farm on April 1.



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Reaching Appropriate Independence Awards were given to the following individuals:

- **Seth** – Positive Attitude with Successful Snow Removal
- **Aaron** – Healthy Emotional Awareness
- **Brian Meyers** – Positive Attitude with Snow Removal
- **Kyle** - Positive Attitude with Snow Removal & Healthy Conflict Resolution
- **Melissa** – Healthy Conflict Resolution & Good ESCV Host
- **Nicole** - Healthy Conflict Resolution & Good ESCV Host
- **Jessica** – Healthy Conflict Resolution & Healthy Emotional Awareness

Ai² Groups

This semester, the thrust of Wednesday night ROTC (Rely On Truth in Christ) is that the second and third year leaders give a 15 minute lesson followed by group discussion and prayer.

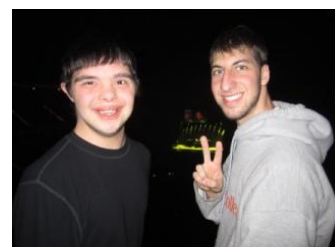


Residential Life

In spite of all the snow we have had, students had some down time from classes and were able to enjoy several special outings.

Winterfest – On Saturday, February 5th, the students travelled to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where they experienced winter fun. The highlight was viewing a national ice carving contest. Some of the favorite sculptures included an eagle, a snake, and a bear.

Rock and Worship Road Show – Friday, February 11 students travelled to Sears Center in Hoffman Estates, Illinois to enjoy Christian bands like Jars of Clay, Mercy Me, and Thousand Foot Crutch.



They attended a **Marquette basketball game** Feb. 26th. The students were welcomed by the announcer and had their photos taken on the court with the basketball players practicing in the background.

Announcements

Personal Development Retreat –

Dare to Love: God, Self, Others

The theme of the retreat held in January was “Dare to Love.” Students spent time learning about love, attitude, and service in sessions during the three day retreat. They participated in activities and devotionals to help them in their interactions with one another. Students processed information through small group discussions and practiced by working together to prepare meals and plan service projects.



Wisconsin Weather –
Spring semester classes began with a bang when Wisconsin was socked with a blizzard the very first day of February. Students

were literally snowed into their apartments and dorms until maintenance could tunnel a path out of the building to the sidewalks. It was incredible! We did not formally cancel classes, but no one could get to the classroom building until noon. Brian Meyers, Kyle Engdahl, Seth Peters, and Daniel Frania shoveled with gusto to help clear paths all around campus. THANK YOU to these students and the maintenance crew!

Equipment Upgrades – To comply with a suggestion by the first accreditation review, we are enhancing the technology within the college. With that in mind, and through the generosity of our donor base, we have purchased a Smart Board for the horticulture classroom. The Smart Board will improve accessibility for students by enabling them to see, read, and manipulate information more easily. Students can write and move objects with a pen or their fingers, erase with their palm, and control applications just by touching or writing on the interactive whiteboard.

Spring Break Travel Plans

Please communicate Spring Break travel plans to Cathy Harvey no later than Wednesday, March 16th.

Cathy Harvey: 262.878.5620 ext. 6421
charvey@shepherdsministries.org

To reserve a guest room in the Findley Center, please contact Becci Terrill at
262.878.5620 ext. 2304
btterrill@shepherdsministries.org

2011 Orientation: July 29 & 30 – “The early bird gets the worm” — or in this case, the best room! It’s not too early to book your hotel room for Orientation! This year we have reserved a block of 25 rooms at the Holiday Inn Express, 13339 Hospitality Court, Sturtevant, WI, about 8 miles from the school. We have reserved them for Thursday, July 28th (for those who wish to arrive the evening before Orientation) through Saturday, July 30th. All rooms are no smoking with two queen beds. We have been offered a discounted summer price of \$102.00/night. The blocked rooms are offered at this price until June 27th on a first-come, first-served basis. When making your reservation, be sure to ask for the Shepherds College block reservation discount. Reservations made after June 27th are \$139/night. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out is at 12:00 p.m.

Hotel Phone: **262-884-0200 or 800-315-2621**
Hotel Website: **www.hiexpress.com**

For your convenience we are also including a comprehensive list of other hotel options in the area from which you may choose at the end of this newsletter.

Graduation, June 11, 2011 – Our First One!

A limited amount of rooms have been reserved at the same hotel listed above (Holiday Inn Express) for families and relatives of our upcoming graduates. The rooms are being held for Friday night, June 10th, at \$99/night. Ask for rooms held under the name “Shepherds Graduation” or select an alternative hotel from the list at the end of this newsletter.

Media Exposure

- *Westin Report*, article on the accreditation candidacy, February 11.
- Mission Network News, article and radio broadcast on the accreditation candidacy, February 11.
- CBS 58, news report and video on the accreditation candidacy and college, February 14.
- *Westin Report*, the local Union Grove paper, wrote a wonderful front page article about the college in general with photos of the culinary students in action and the new dorms on Friday, February 18.
- *Exceptional Parent*, March 2010, will feature author, Christina Goldstone, parent of a 2011 prospective student. Mrs. Goldstone wrote about her daughter's experience applying to and visiting Shepherds College. Daniela Goldstone, who visited the college in September, is blogging her journey to Shepherds College at www.danielasjourney.blogspot.com.

We continually praise God for the media exposure He provides.

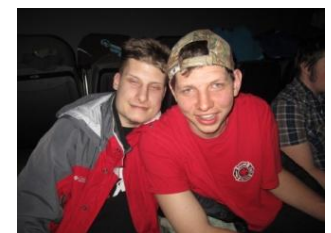
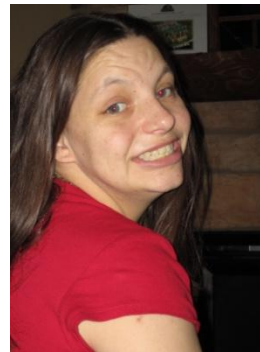
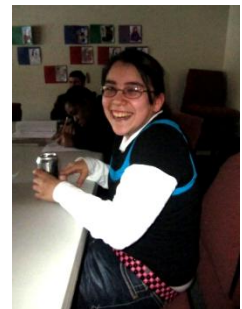
Follow Shepherds College – You can follow Shepherds College on both Twitter and Facebook. If you haven't done so already, please visit the college website at www.shepherdscollege.org.



Last semester during visualizing and verbalizing, we focused on the visual aspect of forming pictures in our minds. This semester we have combined V/V with our newest writing technique, "Show-Not-Tell." We started painting pictures with our words; making our paragraphs so descriptive that others can see in their minds what we are picturing. I gave the students a sentence and they had to thoroughly describe it.

The example sentence was "The coffee was enjoyable." To make it into a Show-Not-Tell paragraph, the students added more details. "She cradled the mug in both hands and leaned her head over it in the rising steam. Pursing her lips, she blew softly over the clouded surface and let her eyelids drop. Her shoulders rose slightly as she breathed in, and she hummed with her head low. She opened her eyes and lifted the tiny porcelain pitcher to pour a brief rotating arch of white into the black depths of her cup."

Scrapbook





**Elyse and Erin's
Element**

We celebrate the little victories – yes, we say that every time, but it is true. Here is some of the growth we've seen:

First Semester

Second Semester

Going to School	Students had to be "taught" how to go to school – bring a pencil, sit quietly, raise your hand.	Students jumped right back into the routine of school with diligence.
Roommates	Lots of ups and downs; students had to learn how to compromise.	Students practiced compromising and are much more willing to listen to the needs of others.
Chores	Students learned daily living skills.	Students have started to take initiative and responsibility in doing chores.
Homework	"Where's your homework?"	"Yay! It's done! And I didn't even have to remind you!"
Meetings	Interrupted work time and middle-of-the-school-day-crises – "No, you don't need CAM money now. See me at the end of the day."	Students have a scheduled time with their advisor every week and have taken initiative to schedule additional meetings when needed.

We cherish and are encouraged by your prayers. As we continue to work through crisis, conflict, appropriate portion sizes, and relational development, we pray that God will continue to mold each and every student into His likeness.

Optional Hotels for Graduation or Orientation

Comfort Inn Racine - *7.68 miles from Shepherds*
13340 Hospitality Court
Sturtevant, WI 53177
Phone: (262) 884-6840
Website: www.choicehotels.com

Grandview Inn – *7.76 miles*
910 S. Sylvania
Sturtevant, WI 53177
Phone: 262-886-0385

Super 8 Racine – *12.5 miles*
1150 Oakes Rd.
Racine, WI 53406
Phone: (262) 884-0486 OR 1-800-800-8000
Website: www.super8.com

Marriott Hotels & Resorts – *12.55 miles*
7111 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406
Phone: (262) 886-6100 OR 1-800-MARRIOTT
Website: www.marriott.com

Comfort Inn – *12.7 miles*
1154 Prairie Dr.
Racine, WI 53406
Phone: (262) 886-6055 OR 1-877-424-6423
Website: www.comfortinn.com

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson-Kenosha - *12.81 miles*
7011 122nd Ave
Kenosha, WI 53142
Phone: (262) 857-3680
Website: www.countryinns.com

Fairfield Inn – *13.02 miles*
6421 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406
Phone: (262) 886-5000 OR 1-800-MARRIOTT
Website: www.marriott.com

Radisson Inn Harbourwalk – *16.85 miles*
223 Gas Light Cir
Racine, WI 53403
Phone: (262) 632-7777 OR (888) 201-1718
Website: www.radisson.com