Christmas is a time for family and traditions; it is a time to reflect on the birth of Christ and how that seemingly simple event has had such an impact for all the generations to follow. It is a time to soul search, to contemplate that which brings meaning to our own lives. It is a time to reflect on our own legacy and the footprint that we might leave behind.

Christmas is a busy time at Mid-Continent. In addition to all the normal Christmas festivities, we have a graduation to plan for and to carry out. Graduates come from many different towns and cities to celebrate their accomplishment. Their families come to celebrate with them. This will be a very special Christmas for graduates. It is a time for family as they celebrate together the accomplishment of a parent or child that required a lot of dedication and joint sacrifice. It is a time of tradition, as a family member sets the bar for his/her family to meet or exceed throughout the generations to follow. As we think about the gift of new life that was given to us at Christmas through the birth of Christ, we can smile and be thankful that so many of our graduates are also giving an everlasting gift this Christmas to their watching families. To God be the Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!

Jackie Imhoff  VP Adult Programs
Faculty Spotlight on Dr. Tuju

MCU’s Advantage is proud to announce the hiring of Dr. Sila Tuju as a new full-time faculty member.

Dr. Sila Tuju said, “I am delighted to be an instructor… Teaching is one of my passions; I enjoy helping others acquire new knowledge or develop new ways to think critically about what they already know. For more than seven years, I have enjoyed teaching adults both in the traditional classroom and online.”

Dr. Tuju’s work experience began in banking. He worked for a few years at a major international bank in Africa. He left banking to pursue higher education, earning a BA in business at Covenant College, and an MBA at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Dr. Tuju returned to the workforce as a Project Manager/Trainer based in East Africa, but travelled to the USA, the Philippines, Ethiopia, and Kenya to train Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) leaders in micro-finance development.

Dr. Tuju returned to the USA in 2003 to pursue other career interests, which were mainly in real estate sales and academia. He is a licensed real estate broker in Tennessee and holds a Georgia real estate license as well. In addition to being a realtor, Dr. Tuju has been teaching at the college level, which inspired him to earn a doctoral degree. He completed his Ph.D. in Business Administration at Northcentral University, Arizona.

Dr. Tuju and his wife have two children, ages six and three. They presently live in Chattanooga, but are in the process of moving to Bowling Green, where he will be stationed for his new position as Assistant Professor of Management at MCU. He said, “I am excited to be a part of what God is doing at Mid-Continent and I look forward to helping our students achieve their educational goals.”

WELCOME, DR. TUJU!!

Tech Tips

What is the “Cloud?” The "Cloud" allows you to off-load your storage, applications and platforms (think files, Google docs, etc) to remote hosts.

This means all the hard work is done by other peoples’ computers, and yours just shows you the results.

"Cloud" computing is actually a new spin on an old tech. Back in the day, most people worked on "dumb terminals," which were little more that a keyboard and monitor. These hooked up to a mainframe computer that did all the actual work. Then, computers evolved, become smaller and more powerful. So much so, that they fit on your desktop, and you no longer need to hook to a mainframe for horsepower.

We recently decided it'd be cool to offload all the hard work our desktop computers do to someone else's hardware thereby reducing the need for powerful desktop computers.

And that, folks, is the “Cloud.”

Do you have news or photos you/your cohort group would like to share in the next Cohort Chronicle? Email dmclaughlin@midcontinent.edu.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Please refer to www.midcontinent.edu homepage for cancellations. These are cohort-specific and will be posted as soon as a decision has been made on/after 3 PM.

Once in a Lifetime Opportunity

The MCU Men’s basketball team opened the 2011-12 exhibition season at Graves County High School with the State Farm Big Blue All-Star Tour, a game that brought former University of Kentucky players to play Mid-Continent starters. This was the last stop on the tour, which also visited four other NAIA colleges.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for these kids,” Tim Shay of the MCU athletics department said. “Our kids are getting experience on the court, and the people of western Kentucky get to see the players they love.”

The roster for the UK Pros featured several players in the NBA, including New York Knick Josh Harrellson, Philadelphia 76er Jodie Meeks and Sacramento King DeMarcus Cousins. Fans also got to see DeAndre Liggins, Eric Bledsoe, former Morehead State forward Kenneth Faried and Butler standout Shelvin Mack.

Although MCU did stay competitive throughout the game, the Cougars lost 125-100. MCU reported selling more than 5,500 tickets to the game, leaving the gym with a standing-room-only crowd. For more on Cougar Athletics, check out www.midcontinentcougars.com

EXCITING NEWS!!!

We now offer our BS in Psychology & Counseling at new sites including Owensboro, Paducah, Bowling Green and Louisville in addition to the Mayfield and ONLINE groups currently offered. Contact your advisor for more details!!!
Welcome Cohorts!

RLC 11
Paducah 17F

If your cohort photo hasn’t been featured, have your class representative email dmclaughlin@midcontinent.edu to get a photo for a future edition. Coming soon: Louisville 18, Princeton 5, Fulton 3F, BG 15, Murray 2 & Bardstown 3

Louisville 15F

Mayfield 4CM (Christian Ministry)

Paducah 35—Starting Term 2!!
Welcome, Dr. Tweedell, VP for Institutional Effectiveness and Planning

Dr. Cynthia Benn Tweedell (pictured left) has conducted research and taught online and on site classes for over 30 years. Since 1998 she has directed assessment for the College of Adult and Professional Studies at Indiana Wesleyan and has done extensive research comparing student outcomes between online and on site students. As Executive Director of the CCCU Center for Research in Adult Learning, Dr. Tweedell facilitated collaborative research projects and conferences with CCCU schools. As Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Planning for MCU, she assures quality of programs and services as well as overseeing compliance and accreditation. Dr. Tweedell is a frequent presenter on issues of retention and innovative modes of delivery. She has co-authored two sociology textbooks, and *Systems of Excellence in Adult Education* (all with Triangle Publishing). Dr. Tweedell holds masters degrees from University of North Carolina-Greensboro and University of Chicago. She holds the Ph.D. from Walden University.

**Welcome to our team, Dr. Tweedell!**

**Fall 2011 Sigma Beta Delta Inductees**

Several students were recently inducted as members of Sigma Beta Delta. Sigma Beta Delta was established to recognize students who have attained superior academic scholarship in business programs in schools and colleges with regional accreditation.

William C. Ward, President of MCU’s Chapter of Sigma Beta Delta, said, “Sigma Beta Delta is an international honor society in *Business, Management, and Administration*. The business department of Mid-Continent University petitioned for organization of a local chapter in October 2005. The first induction ceremony was November 11, 2006. The university extends the invitation for membership to students ranked in the top 10% based on GPA.”

He continued, “Approximately 200 students have accepted membership recognizing them for their scholarship and accomplishments. Another aspect of Sigma Beta Delta is to encourage and promote aspirations toward personal and professional improvement and a life distinguished by honorable service to humankind. This philosophy coincides with the mission of Mid-Continent University to equip students for Christian leadership and service in a diverse society.”

Candidates who are members of the Sigma Beta Delta Honors Society are recognized by the green and gold cords. Seven founding chapters were established early in 1994. By the end of the chartering period, June 30, 1995, an additional 54 charter chapters had been installed for a total of 61 founding and charter chapters. Today, over 340 chapters have been established in 47 states. Three international chapters have been established: American University of Kuwait, Kazakh-American Free University and United Arab Emirates, which was the first international chapter.

Jeffrey Mark Bennett – Bardstown 3
Michelle Denise Brown – Louisville 15
Jama L. Eddleman – SCC 08
Frances Kay Fick – Bardstown 3
Ronald L. Gambrell – Louisville 16
Gina Sue Goines – SCC 08
Lesley Marie Hamburger – JALC 12
Dawn Hazel – Distance Learning 18
Gina G. Leeper – Paducah 33
Keith Edwin Plumentee – Paducah 35

Jennifer Lee Polston – Louisville13
Donna Marie Poole – Louisville 15
Melissa Sue Ray – Mayfield 18
Normaline Renee Miller – Bardstown 3
Barbara Wells Skaggs – Madisonville 12
Joshua Scott Waggener – Advantage Plus
Frankye June Williams – Mayfield 18
Rebecca Leigh Williams – Louisville 15
Theresa L. Woosley – Bardstown 3

WAY TO GO!!!!
Bowling Green
Principals of Microeconomics Monday, 12-05-11
Contemporary Issues Monday, 01-09-12
US History to 1877 Tuesday, 01-17-12
Intro to Business Monday, 01-23-12
Danville
US History to 1877 Tuesday, 01-10-12
Frankfort
General Psychology Thursday, 01-05-12
English Comp II Thursday, 02-09-12
Fulton
Foundational Issues of Life Monday, 01-09-12
Principles of Speech Thursday, 01-19-12
Glasgow
Applied English Tuesday, 01-12-12
Hopkinsville
Financial Accounting Tuesday, 01-10-12
Lebanon
Principles of Speech Tuesday, 01-03-12
College Math Tuesday, 02-07-12
Leitchfield
Principles of Speech Thursday, 12-08-11
Lexington
Contemporary Issues Tuesday, 12-06-11
College Math Tuesday, 01-24-12
London
Intro to Computers Monday, 12-12-11
English Comp I Monday, 12-12-11
Computer Apps I Monday, 01-30-12
Louisville
Life of Christ Monday, 12-05-11
Biology & Lab Monday, 01-09-12
Principles of Microeconomics Tuesday, 01-10-12
Applied English Tuesday, 01-10-12
Life of Christ Thursday, 01-12-12
Business Math Monday, 01-16-12
Mayfield
US History to 1877 Thursday, 12-01-11
Intro to Business Thursday, 12-01-11
Life of Christ Monday, 12-05-11
General Psychology Tuesday, 12-06-11
Music Appreciation Tuesday, 12-06-11
Computer Apps I Monday, 01-02-12
College Math Thursday, 01-19-11
Financial Accounting Thursday, 01-19-12
Business Math Monday, 01-23-12
Principles of Microeconomics Tuesday, 01-24-12
English Comp I Tuesday, 02-14-12
Monticello
English Comp I Monday, 12-05-11
Business Math Monday, 01-23-12
Morganfield
Environmental Science Monday, 12-05-11
College Math Monday, 01-23-12
Mt. Sterling
Contemporary Issues Monday, 12-05-11
College Math Monday, 01-30-12
Contemporary Issues Thursday, 01-05-12
Murray
Contemporary Issues Tuesday, 11-29-11
Intro to Business Thursday, 12-08-11
Contemporary Issues Thursday, 12-15-11
Principles of Accounting Thursday, 01-26-12
Principles of Speech Tuesday, 01-31-12
Intro to Computers Thursday, 02-09-12
Owensboro
Computer Apps I Thursday, 12-01-11
Gen Biology & Lab Thursday, 01-19-12
Paducah
Computer Apps I Monday, 12-05-11
Principles of Speech Monday, 12-05-11
Principles of Microeconomics Thursday, 12-06-11
Environmental Science Tuesday, 12-13-11
Foundational Issues of Life Monday, 01-30-12
Computer Apps I Monday, 02-06-12
Intro to Business Thursday, 02-09-12
Princeton
Life of Christ Tuesday, 12-13-11
Foundational Issues of Life Thursday, 12-15-11
English Comp II Thursday, 01-26-12
English Comp II Tuesday, 02-14-12
Radcliff
Intro to Computer Apps Tuesday, 01-10-12
Russellville
Intro to Business Thursday, 01-05-12

ONLINE COURSES
December 12, 2011 start date
Organizational Comm. Business Mgmt Minor
Social Psychology Soc. Sc./Psych & SS Minor/Elective
Child Psychology Soc. Sc./Psych & SS Minor/Elective
Group Processes Business Mgmt Minor
January 9, 2012 start date
Marriage and Family Soc. Sc./Psych & SS Minor/Elective
Developmental Psych Soc. Sc./Psych & SS Minor/Elective
Psychology of Addiction Soc. Sc./Psych & SS Minor/Elective
Abnormal Psychology Soc. Sc./Psych & SS Minor/Elective
Systems Approach Business Mgmt Minor
Management Issues Business Mgmt Minor
Managerial Accounting Business Mgmt Minor
Macroeconomics Business Mgmt Minor
Christian Worldview Humanities/Christ. Studies Minor/Elective
February 6, 2012 start date
Intro to Comp Benefits HR Minor/Elective
Employee High Performance HR Minor/Elective
Personnel Supervision HR Minor/Elective
Managing Cultural Diversity HR Minor/Elective
US History to 1877 Social Science/Elective
Music Appreciation Humanities/Elective
Principles of Microeconomics Soc. Sc./Elective
College Math Math
General Psych Social Science/Elective
Business Math Elective
Applied English Elective
English Comp I English
English Comp II English
Life of Christ Human./Christ. Studies Min./Elec.
Theories of Personality Soc. Sc./Psych & SS Minor/Elective
General Biology Science/Elective
Christianity in Plural. World Human./Christ. Studies Min./Elec.

UPCOMING COHORT AREAS:
Masters: Paducah & ONLINE
Bachelors: Business Mgmt: Paducah, Murray, JALC, Somerset, RLC, Mayfield, Owensboro, Louisville, London & Bowling Green
Psych & Counseling: Paducah, Louisville, Bowling Green, Mayfield and ONLINE
FYI: New students can join associate groups at any time at any associate cohort locations. If you know anyone who may be interested in ADVANTAGE, please have them contact MCU at 1-888-MCU-GRAD.
New! MCU Student Email
Mid-Continental University has chosen Microsoft’s Windows Live as its new email system for students. Windows Live will become students’ official university-business email system. The rollout has begun gradually, beginning with all current online students, and roll-out will continue by reRegistrations for all face to face undergraduate and Master’s degree cohorts.

With this email you can work with Office files virtually anywhere. Microsoft Office Web Apps are free online companions to Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneNote. Use them to view, edit, and share Office files from virtually anywhere—even if you don’t have Microsoft Office installed.

Once you receive notification of your email address and log-in information, you can access your MCU email by going to the midcontinent.edu web page. On the Online page, click on “Current Students” and then select “Student Email Login.” Or go there directly at http://www.midcontinent.edu/student-email. If you have received your new email address but are having problems logging on, email studentsupport@midcontinent.edu.

Tip: How to forward MCU Student emails: Go to the Information Technology general computer help site on the Advantage page--“Current Students” at www.midcontinent.edu.

NOW OFFERING - Master of Science: Human Resource Management ONLINE!

Welcome to the ADVANTAGE Team, Dr. David C. Williams!

MCU welcomes Dr. David C. Williams (left) as Dean of Graduate Studies and new full-time faculty member. Dr. Williams will strengthen our graduate program. Jackie Imhoff, Vice President of Adult Programs, stated, “Dr. Williams is a gifted leader and brings a broad based background of upper management experience from the business and service arena to his new leadership role at the University. We are very blessed to have someone of this caliber to provide strategic direction to our graduate program. Students are expressing excitement already about the learning environment he creates in the classroom as well as Online. I am very eager to work alongside Dr. Williams to provide a quality graduate education experience for Kentucky and Illinois residents.”

Dr. David Williams joined MCU as an Adjunct Professor in the Masters of Human Resources program initially in 2010. He now joins MCU on a full-time basis after a 20-year career in the hospitality industry.

Dr. Williams holds a Bachelor of Science from Emory & Henry College, an MBA from Vanderbilt University and a Doctorate from the University of Phoenix. His publishing background includes articles in a variety of journals including the Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Education and the Journal of Consumer Satisfaction. He is co-author of a 2010 Prentice Hall textbook in hospitality and a variety of textbook chapters in the hospitality field.

David and Karen, his wife of twenty-three years, have recently moved back to Paducah from San Diego. His daughters, Veronica and Alexandra, will attend Lone Oak High School and Lone Oak Middle School. David is originally from Johnson City in East Tennessee.