Classy Lady Awareness Expo by: Cameisha Brewer

The 5th Annual Classy Lady Awareness Expo event is held in October of each year. The event is designed to be a positive and informative atmosphere for teenage girls and college aged girls to come and meet new people who share the same interests as them. I started the Classy Lady Awareness Foundation in the summer of 2010. I prayed and asked God how I could give back to my community. I wanted to inspire and empower other young girls. I was very blessed to be exposed to many different things at an early age. I was blessed to have several strong women in my life. The lifestyles and the character of those women has greatly influenced my life.

I believe that we as young women in our society today are called to be something different. We are called to be leaders and not followers. In order to properly lead we must set the standard and lead by example. We do not have to conform to the norms of our society. We do not have to behave like the women we see on TV. We can be different. We can be set apart. We can be classy. Classy women carry themselves differently than other women. We have a healthy relationship with God. We take care of ourselves spiritually, physically, and emotionally. We have standards and morals. There are areas of our lives that we are extremely flexible. In other areas we refuse to compromise. We engage in healthy relationships. We dress appropriately for the occasion.

Our outfits are appropriate for our age and our body type. Our attire doesn’t reveal things about our body that should be hidden. We are strong, confident, and determined. We avoid drama but we handle conflicts with class. Being a classy lady is not a dress code it is a lifestyle.

This year there were 23 vendors. The vendors shared information in the areas of college majors (HU Bible & Ministry, Psychology, Family & Consumer Sciences, Education, Nursing, & Social Work), financial management, physical health, hair care, makeup, entrepreneurship, and spiritual well being. During the parent empowerment session the Harding University Graduate Professional Counseling program presented on the topics of teen bullying, eating disorders, anxiety & stress management, depression, internet predators, sexual purity & legality, purpose for living, and respect. The parent empowerment session is designed to help the parents to reinforce at home what the girls learned at the event.

"I pray that this experience will be something the girls cherish and they will use these Godly principles, skills, and information to make a difference in the world."

Professional Counseling student, Cameisha Brewer, welcomes the young ladies to the Classy Lady Expo.

Professional Counseling student, Estellia Smith, shares information with parents.
Get to Know the Faculty... Dr. Marc Fager

1) Where were you born? Rockford, IL

2) When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? An NBA basketball player

3) Siblings: Kelli (younger sister)

4) Where did you attend college? Harding University

5) Spouse and how long you have been married: Karie Fouts (married 16 years)

6) Children: Adam, Jude, Krimson, and Eden

7) Somewhere you would like to visit and why? I would love to visit anywhere in Europe

8) If you could have dinner with anyone, who would it be and why? I would have dinner with my father’s dad because he passed away when my dad was young. I would love to have had a chance to know him

9) Something not many people know about you: My high school mascot was a pretzel.

10) Favorite color: Navy Blue

11) Favorite movie: Wizard of Oz

12) Favorite sport and/or team: North Carolina Tar Heel Basketball

13) Favorite thing about Searcy: I love the people in the community. There is tremendous support from the Searcy community.

14) Favorite book (other than the Bible): The Shack

15) How long have you been employed at Harding? 2.5 years

16) Biggest challenge or obstacle: Moving my family from Louisiana to Searcy

17) Proudest moment or accomplishment: Baptizing my children because of the eternal reward of their decision

18) Person who had the biggest impact on your life and why? My wife; she impacts me daily in all things we do together.

19) Favorite scripture: Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is. ~Phillipians 4:8

20) Words of wisdom for students: Trust in the Lord and look for whatever is true noble, excellent, and praiseworthy in others.
The Counselor Connection

Student Spotlight—John Mark Warnick

As a preacher’s son, a large part of my childhood was spent moving around. While I appreciated dad’s ministry work and I wanted to serve people as well, I knew ministry was not my calling. I’ve always been a people person, though, and people (including those I barely knew) have almost always felt comfortable opening up to me, so several of my friends suggesting I look into counseling. I didn’t plan to use my Bible degree for preaching and Psychology has always interested me, so I decided I would look into doing Christian counseling. A friend went through Professional Counseling program here at Harding and loved it, so he suggested I look at it if that was the field I was choosing. I did and I haven’t looked back since. I have met great people, learned valuable skills, and developed a strong appreciation and love for the field.

Student Spotlight—Elizabeth Akrofi Donkor

My name is Elizabeth Akrofi Donkor. I am originally from Ghana, West Africa. I am one of four children. After high school, I went to a Teacher Training College. I later attended the University of Ghana where I majored in Dance studies. My husband and I relocated to the United States in 2008 and ended up in Searcy, Arkansas. In 2009, I attended Harding University to study Early Childhood Development in the Family and Consumer Science Department. In 2013, I was accepted into the graduate Professional Counseling Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Harding. I choose counseling because, it is a field that bring positive change into people’s life. There is also a very important unmet need for mental health counselors and academic advisors in Ghana. It is my hope that my education will become a blessing to my people in Ghana.

Alumni Spotlight—Nichole Ross

My name is Nichole Ross. I am a 2008 graduate of the counseling program. We are currently living in Virginia Beach, and I am now licensed in Virginia and Arkansas as an LPC. I am currently working for Anthem as a clinical behavioral utilization review manager, and I love my job!
2014 Marriages

Ryan Drury and Angela Harmon were married on September 13th in Columbia, MO.

Benjamin Page and Hollye Griffith were married on March 23rd in Gulf Shores, AL.

Daniel Scale and Samantha Fisher were married on January 4th.

Samuel Bushey and Samantha Switzer were married on March 8th in Little Rock, AR.

2014 New Arrivals

Felicity Kate Peters was born to Sam and Brooklynne Peters on August 19th. She weighed 7 lb 5 oz.

Braven Courage Ronnau was born to Sean and Joanna Ronnau on October 5th.

2014 Photos...

Homecoming Alumni Reception

Congratulations, Belinda Cooley! She was named Outstanding Alumni 2014!
Spring 2015 Calendar

Classes Begin ...................................................................................... January 12
MLK Day (no classes) ........................................................................ March 9-19
Spring Break ....................................................................................... March 9-13
Spring Sing .......................................................................................... April 2-13
Final Exams ........................................................................................ May 4-7
Commencement .................................................................................... May 9
Haiti (Multicultural Counseling) Trip .................................................... May 28-June 6

CSI Provides Depression Screenings by: Josh Medley

On Thursday October 9, 2014, Harding University’s Chi Sigma Iota partnered with the local Dr. Robert E. Elliot foundation to provide free depression screenings on campus as well as at White County Medical Center for the community. Students from across campus stopped by to show support and ask questions about depression, anxiety, and other mental illnesses commonly found but rarely discussed. Chi Sigma Iota had five current members present along with volunteers from the University’s Professional Counseling program on-hand to assist as people stopped by for screenings. Students completed a self-report questionnaire that identified potential signs of depression. After completion, a graduate counseling student volunteer would then provide additional information about depression as well as information about local campus and community resources. This year’s depression screening was a great success, a large part due to the involvement of the Elliot foundation, which helped to provide event materials.