

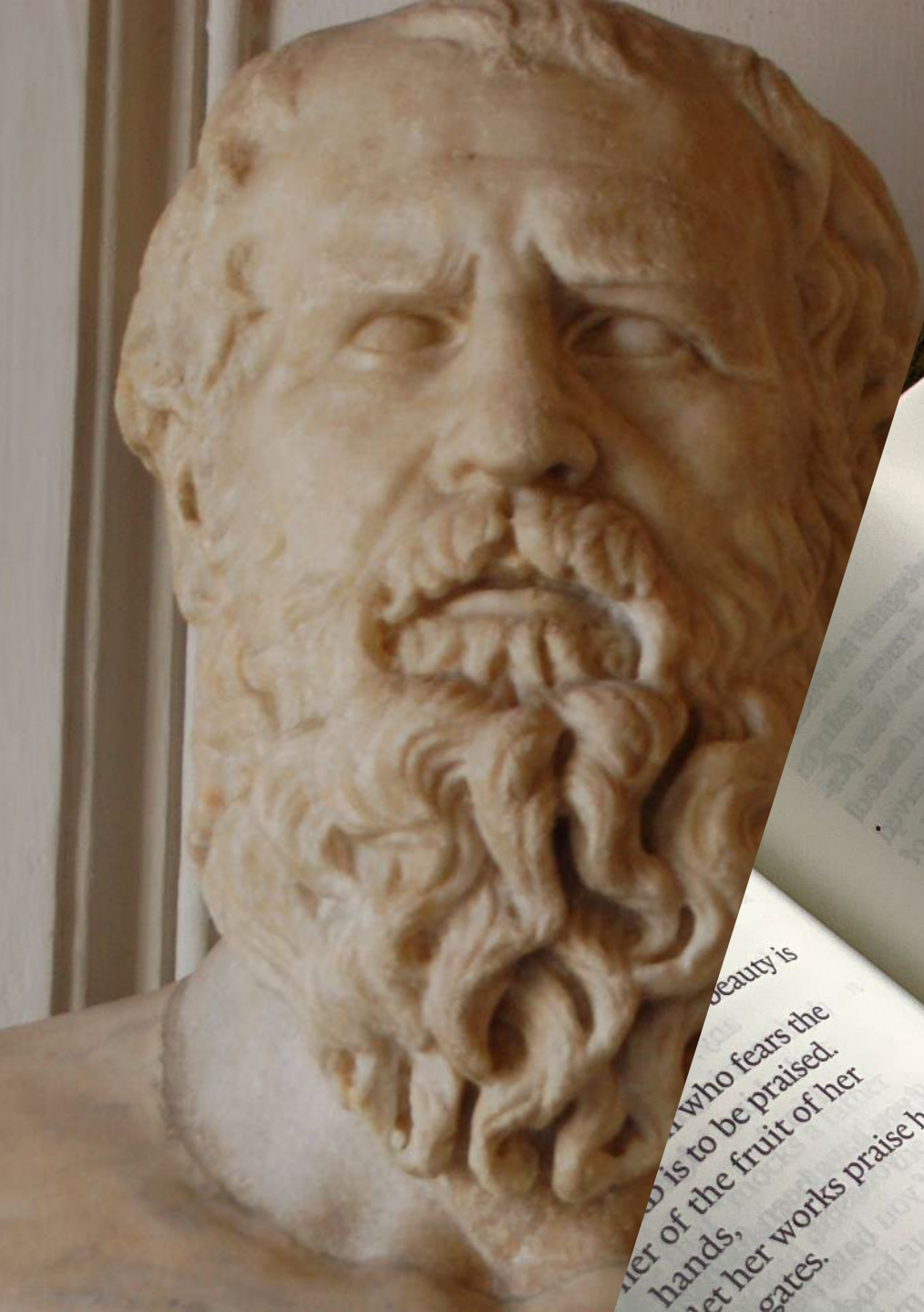


THIS IS MESSIAH'S MOMENT

State of the University

August 15, 2023





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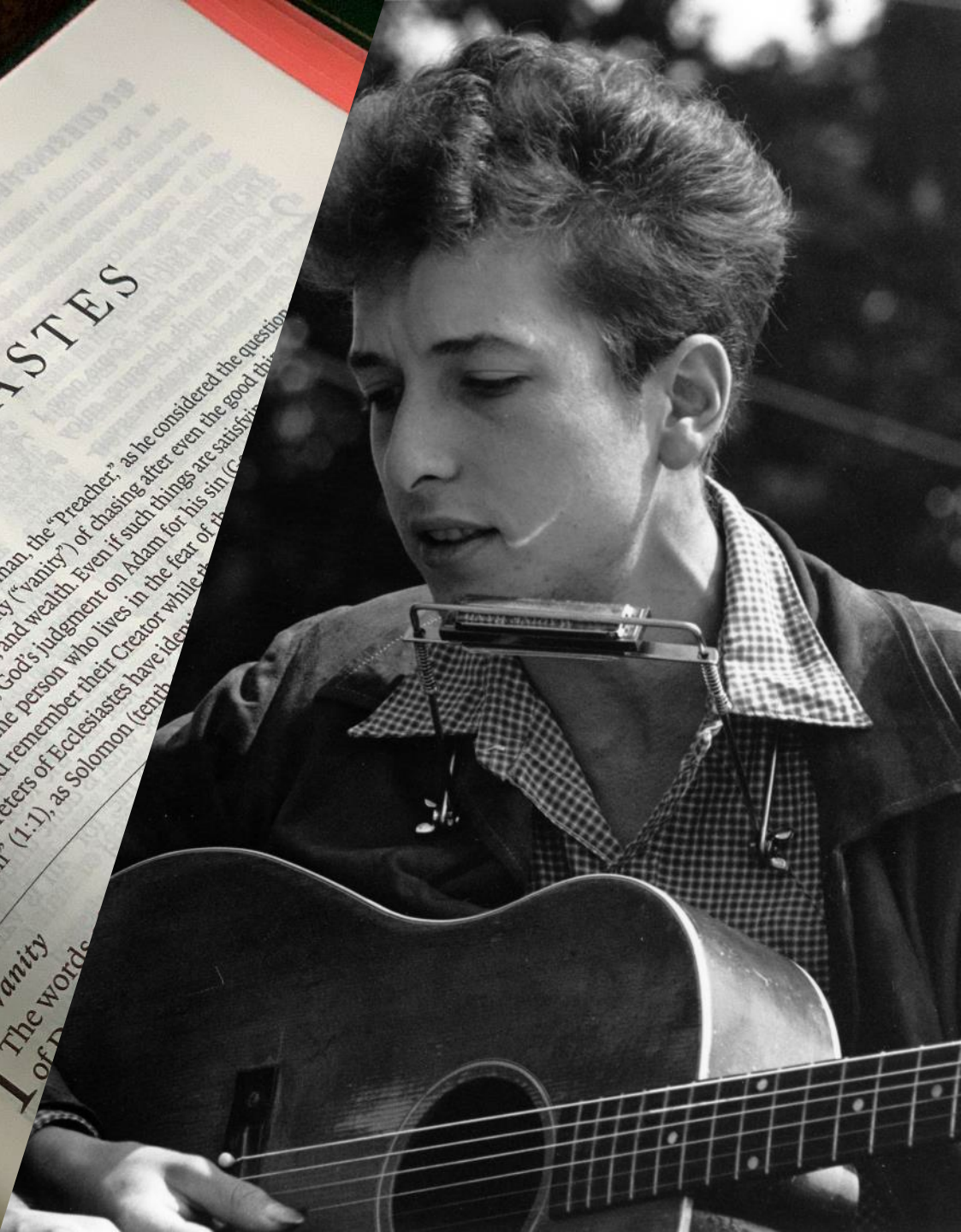
Introduction

Ecclesiastes contains reflections of an old man, the "Preacher," as he considered the question of life. He looked back and saw the futility ("vanity") of chasing after even the good things including wisdom, work, pleasure, and wealth. Even if such things are satisfying to end this satisfaction. In fact, God's judgment on Adam for his sin (Genesis 3) is a book (especially 12:7). Yet the person who lives in the fear of the Lord (Ecclesiastes 1:1) should remember their Creator while they live. Traditionally interpreters of Ecclesiastes have identified the author as King David, King in Jerusalem" (1:1), as Solomon (tentative).

All Is Vanity

1 The words
of David

Beauty is
who fears the
is to be praised.
of the fruit of her
hands,
let her works praise her in
gates.







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NEWS

Coronavirus confirmed as pandemic by World Health Organization

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FDA NEWS RELEASE

FDA Approves First COVID-19 Vaccine

Approval Signifies Key Achievement for Public Health

For Immediate Release:

August 23, 2021



The Washington Post

HEALTH

What to know about the omicron variant and subvariant BA.2



NEWS



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RESEARCH NEWS

How Outrage Is Hijacking Our Culture And Our Minds

The New York Times

TIMES INSIDER

Why Is Everyone So Angry? We Investigated.

The Times writer at large Sarah Lyall captured a national feeling with her recent article on consumer rage. She shares how the story came together.

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First COVID-19 Vaccine
Major Achievement for Public Health



Inside Higher Ed

• July 12, 2023

Fighting for Scraps in Pennsylvania

THE HIGHLIGHT

The incredible shrinking future of college

The population of college-age Americans is about to crash. It will change higher education forever.

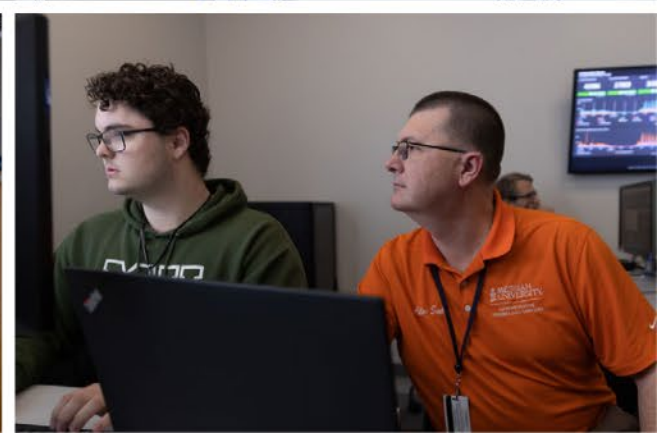
By Kevin Carey | Updated Nov 21, 2022, 7:03am EST



A wooden cross stands in a field at sunset. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. The background features a dramatic sky with orange and yellow light breaking through dark, blue-tinted clouds. In the foreground, there are green trees and tall grasses. A dark blue semi-transparent box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

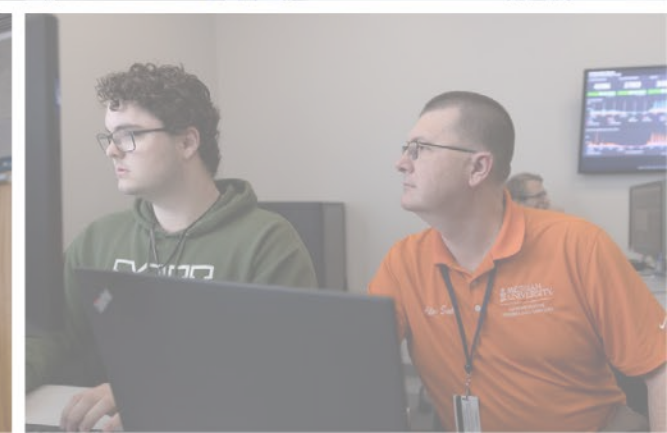
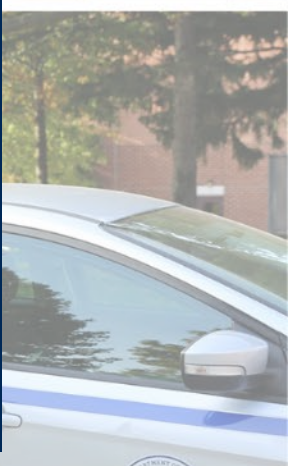
“Set our minds on things
above, not on earthly things.”

Colossians 3:2

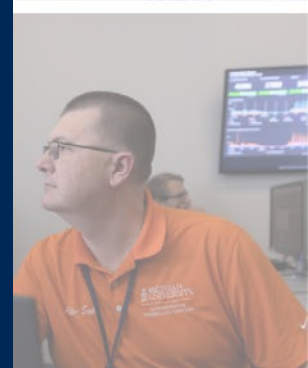
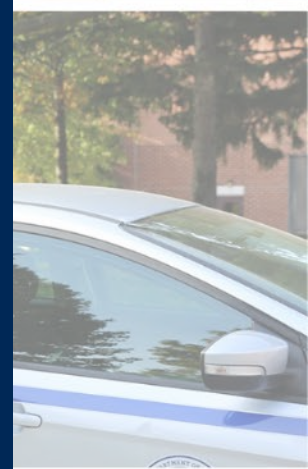
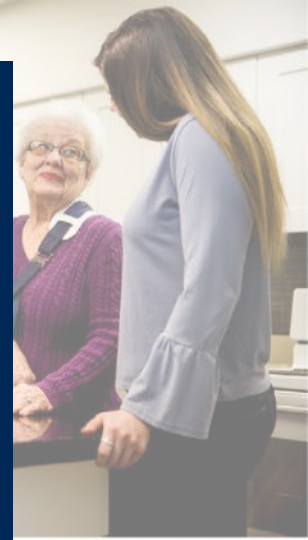




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Messiah University will expand its influence as an institution of educational excellence committed to Christ-centered learning for life where students are mentored toward deeper intellect, professional competence, personal integrity and mature faith expressed in love of God and neighbor.





“

[Youth mental health] is the defining public issue of our time.

”



DR. VIVEK MURTHY
U.S. Surgeon General



COVID-19 EFFECTS ON STUDENTS

- Anxiety
- Unhappiness
- Fear
- Learning difficulties





Public confidence in higher education plummets by 20% in 8 years

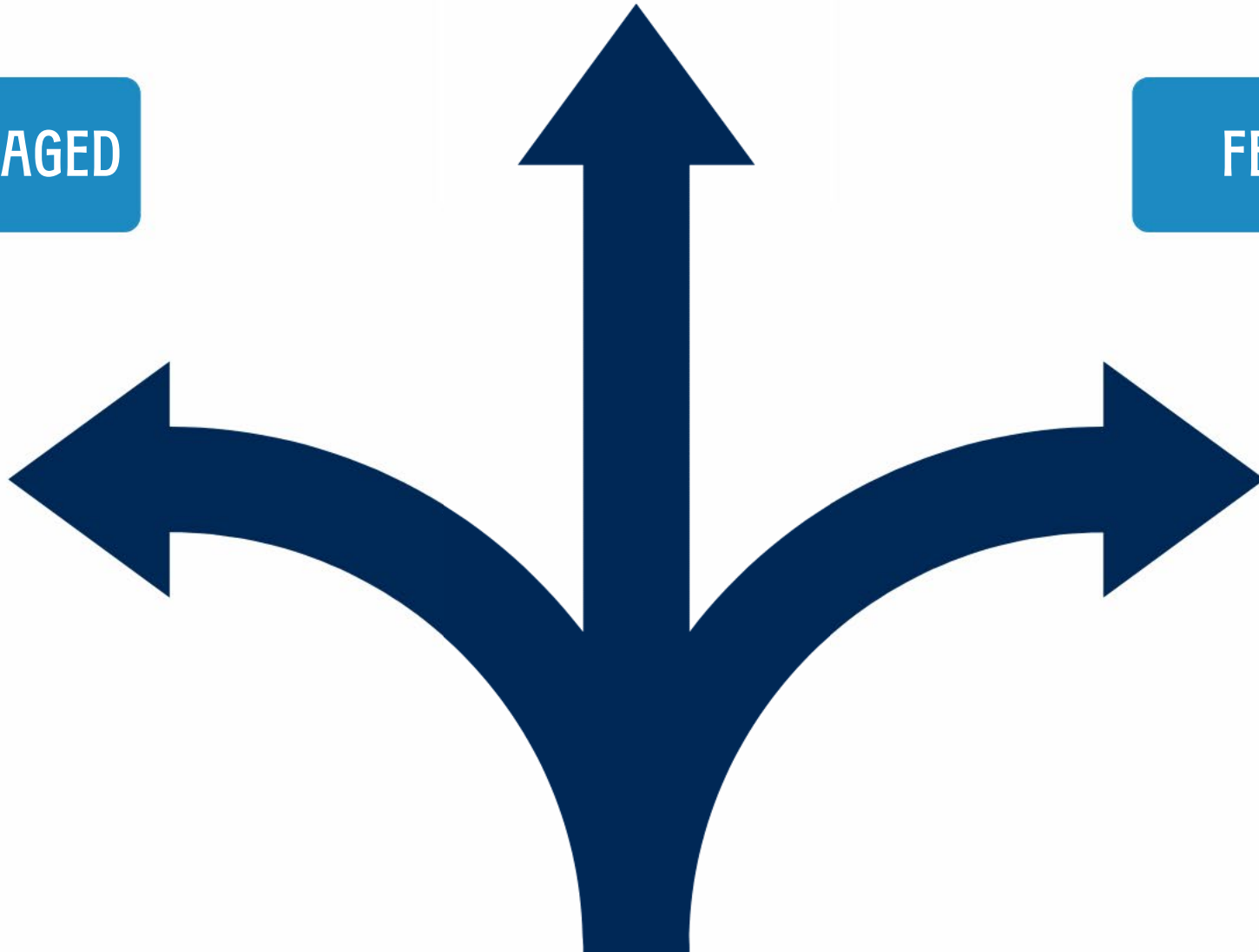
Leading the charge among the skeptics are Republicans, who recorded a 37% decline in trust in higher education in that time frame.

*By **Alcino Donadel** July 11, 2023*

DISCOURAGED

FEARFUL







“

In many cases, those who are naming the name of Christ seem more fearful, more anxious, more frantic than other people.

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RUSSELL MOORE, *CHRISTIANITY TODAY*





SERVICE

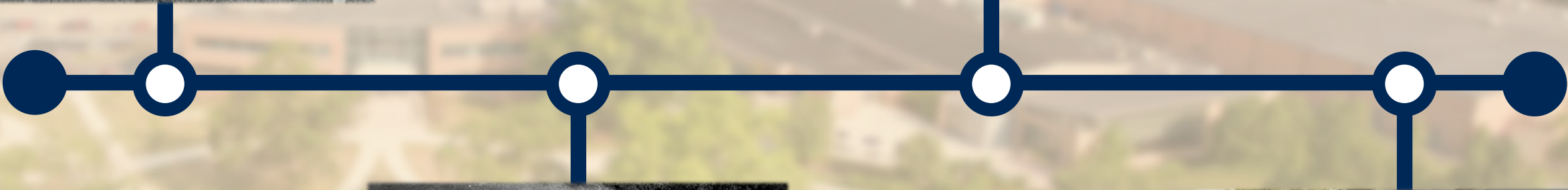


LEADERSHIP



RECONCILIATION







IDENTITY STATEMENT

Messiah University is a Christian university of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. The University is committed to an embracing evangelical spirit rooted in the Anabaptist, Pietist and Wesleyan traditions of the Christian Church.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society.



EMILY BINGHAM

Campus Pastor

“

Faithfulness to Jesus requires upsetting both extremes. Being in the middle, like Messiah, is about more than avoiding extremes; it's about adopting a compelling vision that is **truth-seeking** and **hospitable**.

”







“...time under tension...
will allow the muscle to
grow and positively
adapt...”



DR. SCOTT KIEFFER

*Professor of Health
and Exercise Science*



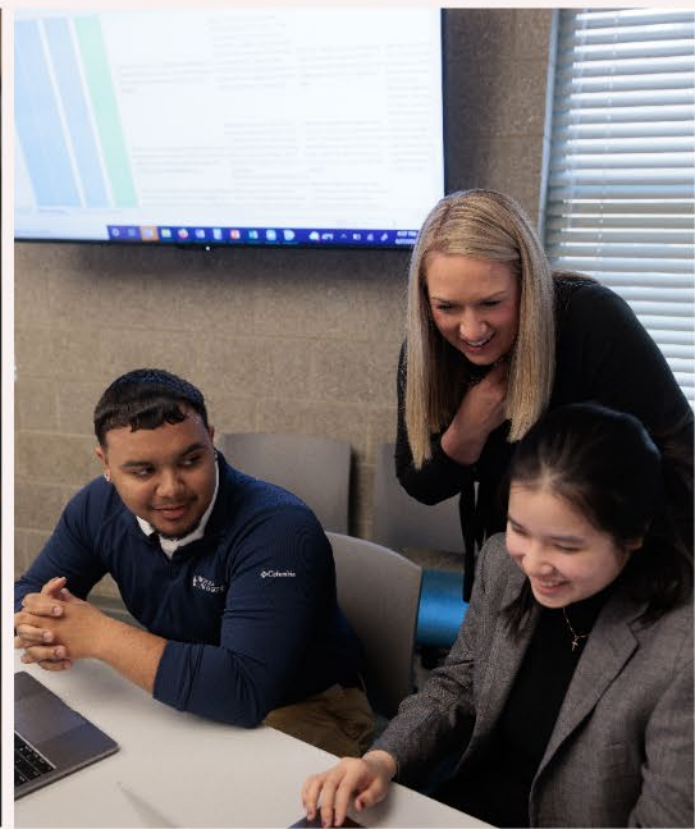
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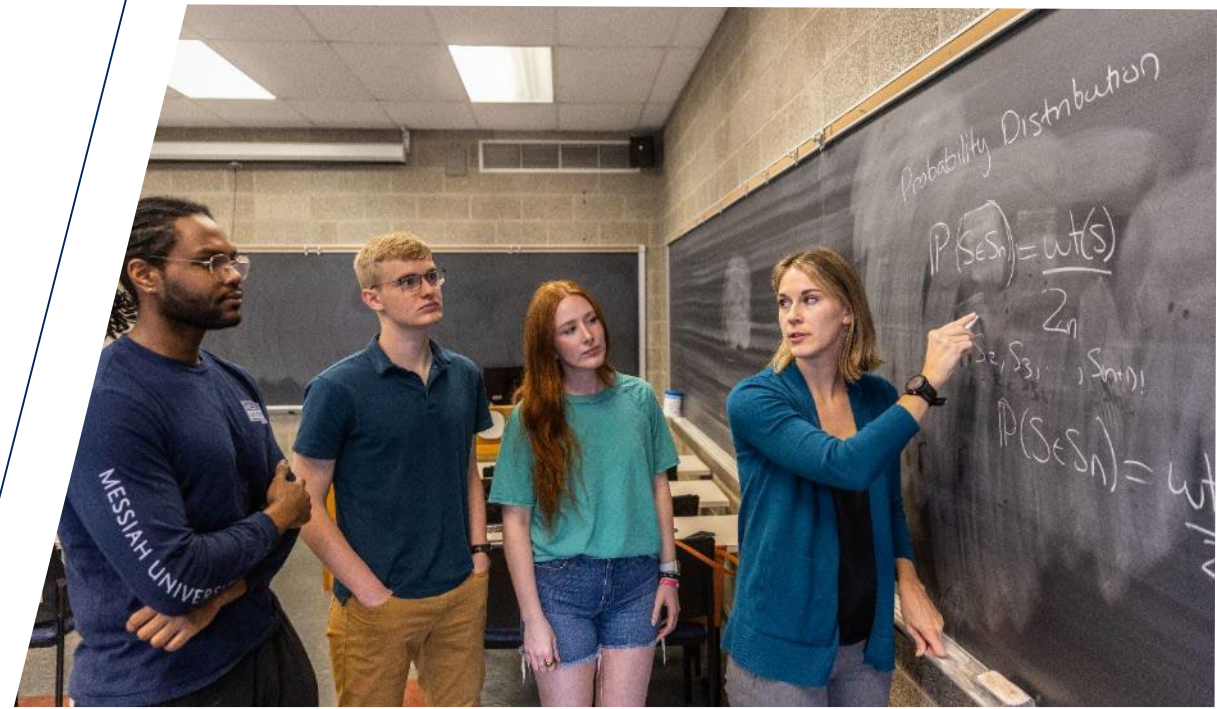








WE MUST DISTINGUISH
OURSELVES AS A
UNIVERSITY OF THE
LIBERAL AND APPLIED
ARTS AND SCIENCES





WE MUST NURTURE A
COMMUNITY ETHOS OF
COMPASSION AND
CIVILITY





WE MUST CONTINUE TO
SEEK RESTORATION
WITH GOD AND
HUMANITY

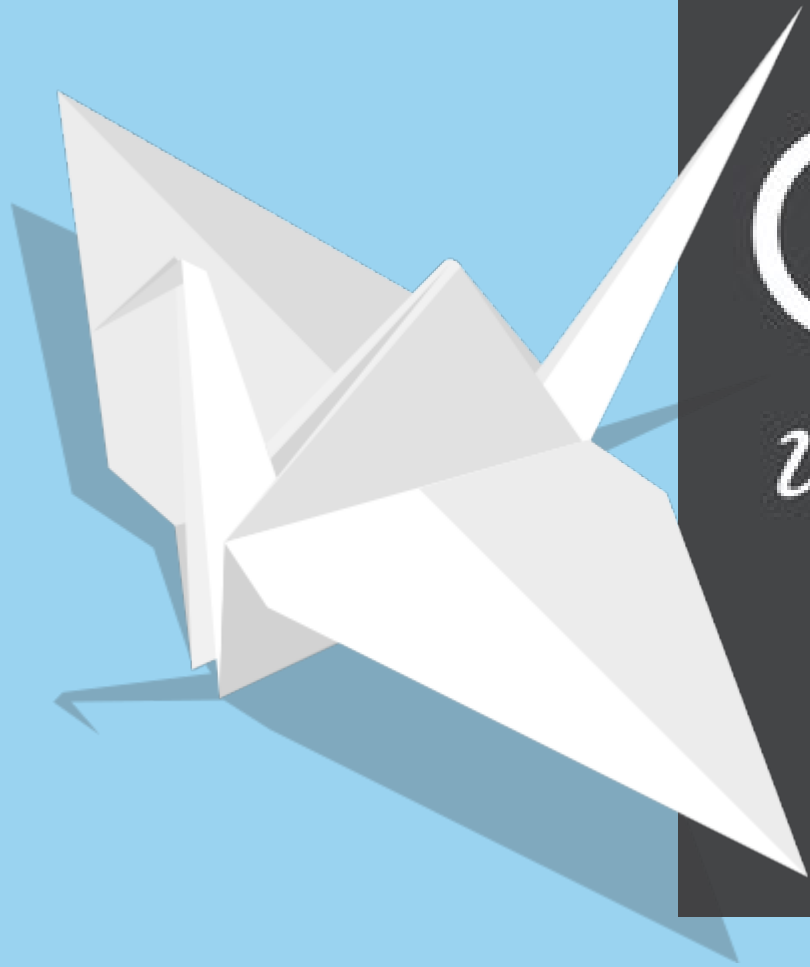


Respond with **GRACE** *and* **HUMILITY**

Seek **FORGIVENESS**

Welcome and nurture **DIFFICULT CONVERSATION**





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unfold your story



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difference



preparation
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DAILY COMMENT

THE WASTING OF THE EVANGELICAL MIND

The peculiarities of how American Christianity took shape help explain believers' vulnerability to conspiratorial thinking and misinformation.

By Michael Luo

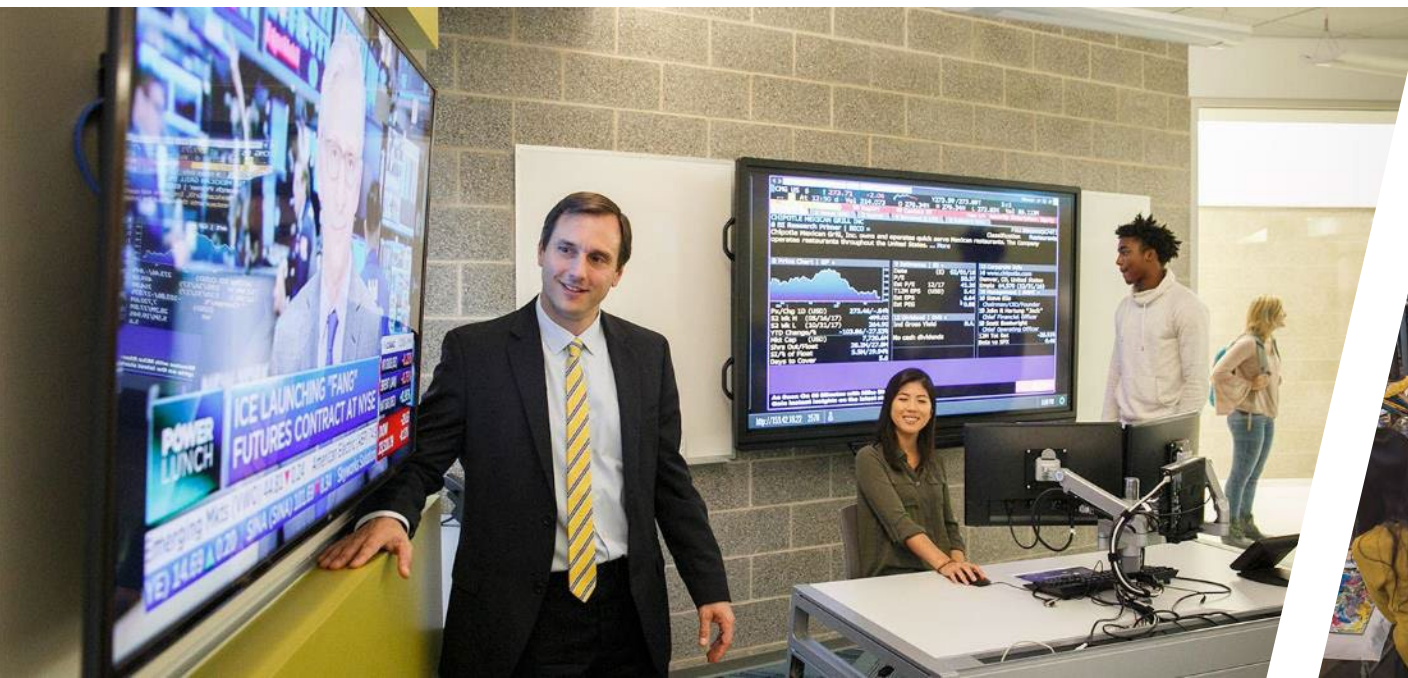
March 4, 2021





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DR. ALISON NOBLE

Interim Provost

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The liberal arts cultivate both ability and virtue that liberates individuals to **flourish** as human persons and to **contribute** effectively to the flourishing of the larger world.

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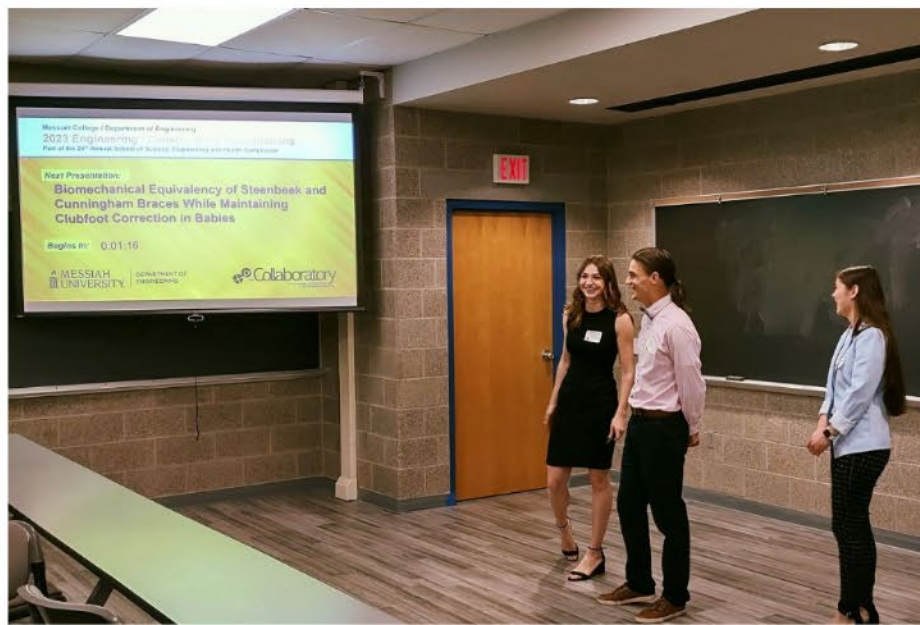
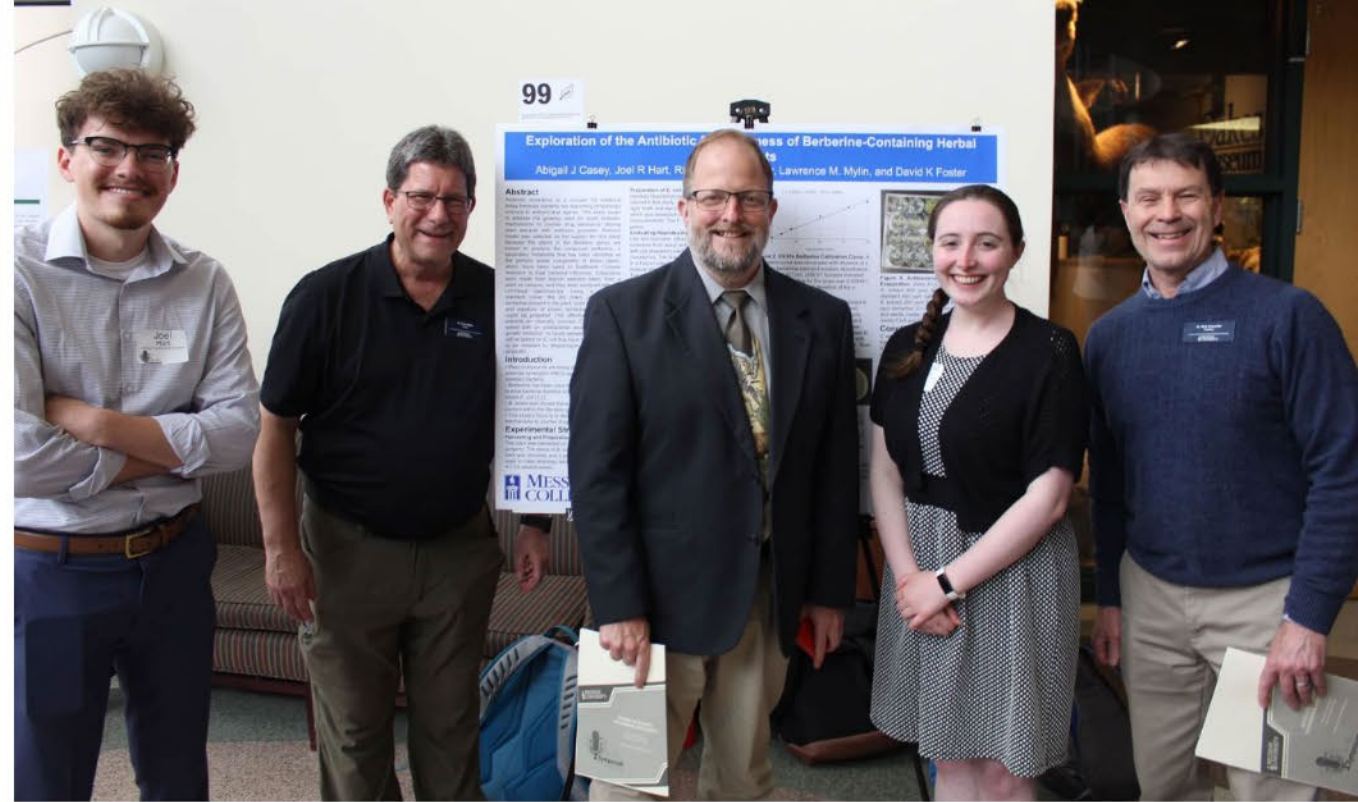
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Therefore, we recognize that the study of the liberal arts does not stand in competition with practical skills or applied disciplines but **deepens** them.

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DEPARTMENT OF
NURSING

 the Collaboratory
for strategic partnerships
and applied research





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“

Our nation needs to be a place where people who disagree on matters regarding heaven can still work together on important issues here on earth.

”



EBOO PATEL

Interfaith Leader



2 Corinthians 5:17-18

RECONCILIATION

GOD'S LANGUAGE TO HEAL A BROKEN WORLD

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here! All this from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”



journey
difference



Taylor professor Julie Moore cited Jemar Tisby on her syllabus. Then she lost her job.

A well-respected professor and published poet, Moore said her provost named Tisby in explaining why her contract was not renewed.



PERSPECTIVE: At conservative schools, anti-critical race theory still looms large

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By Sierra Lyons

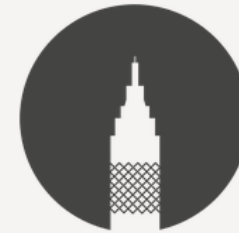
Mosaic Center Closing

By Houghton Star 📅 April 14, 2023



Deconstructing the crisis of Christian colleges and the culture wars

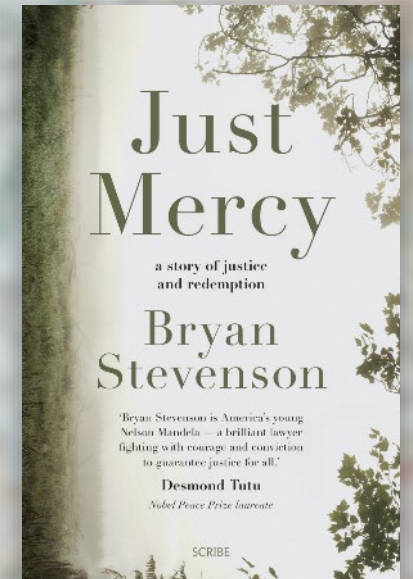
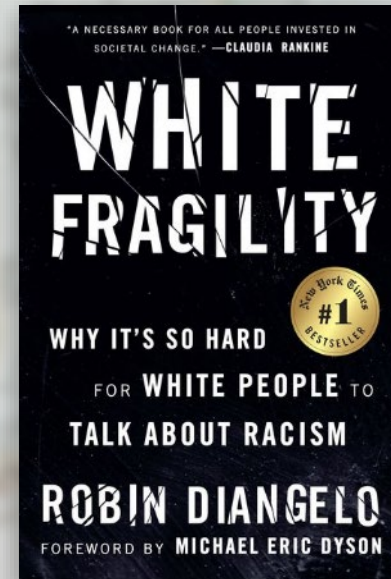
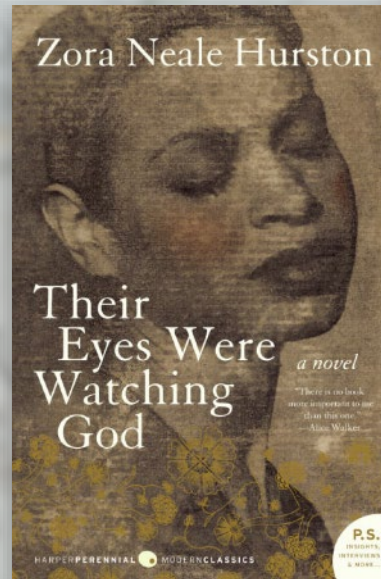
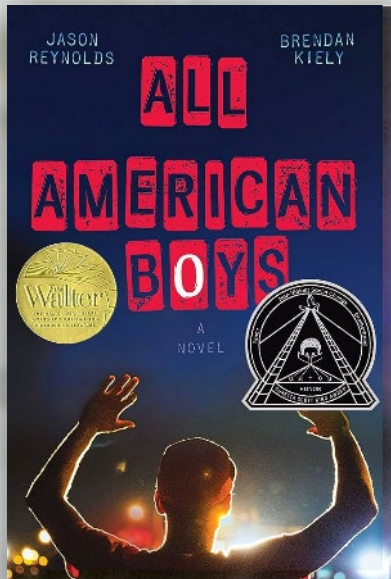
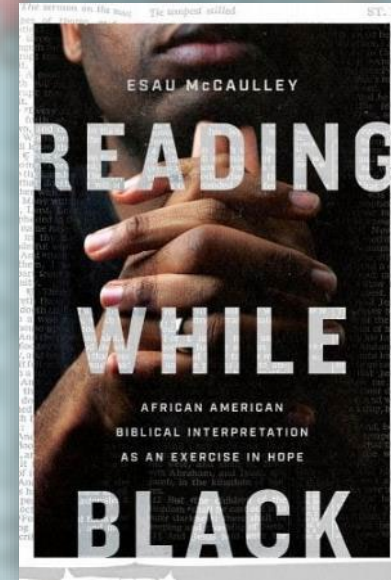
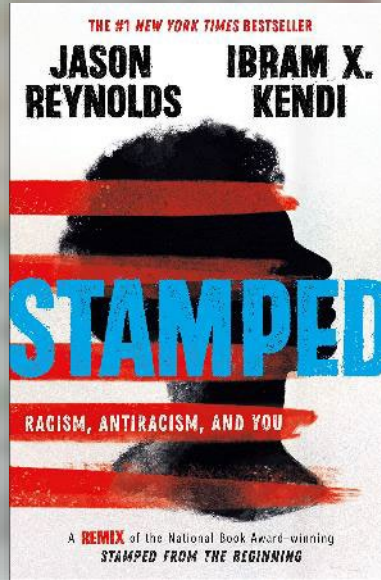
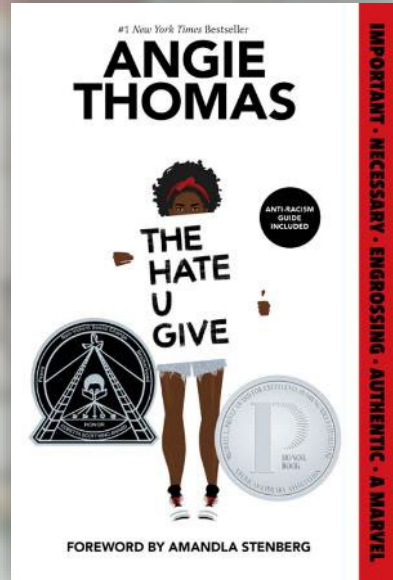
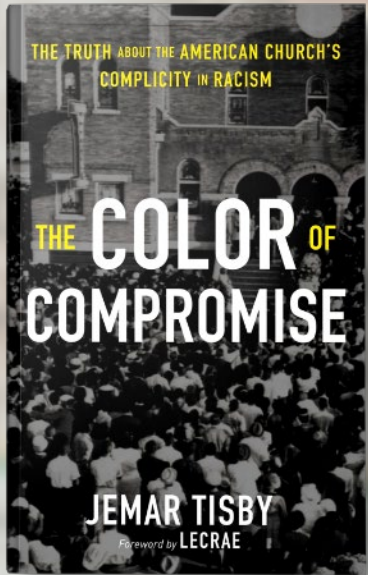
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EMPIRE STATE TRIBUNE

The Inside Story Of The King's College Death Spiral Of 2023

Melinda Huspen, Mandie-Beth Chau & Joshua Story · May 12, 2023





“We profess that it is our responsibility to identify what yields hatred and division and seek to bring **restoration and healing.**”



MESSIAH UNIVERSITY
STATEMENT ON RECONCILIATION
JUNE 2, 2020



DR. DREW HART

Assistant Professor of Theology

“ When we make the **life and teachings of Jesus** our foundation for **harmony** together, there opens up a **gracious space** for different experiences, insights, cultures, and faith and intellectual traditions that creatively come together and harmonize as part of the great **communion of saints**. ”

OPINION

The Global Transformation of Christianity Is Here

March 26, 2023



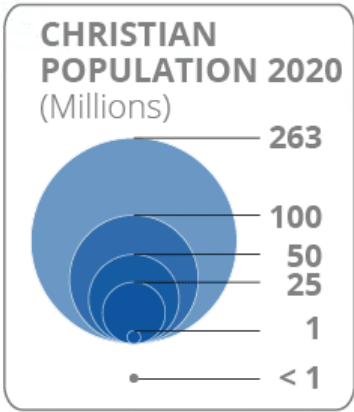
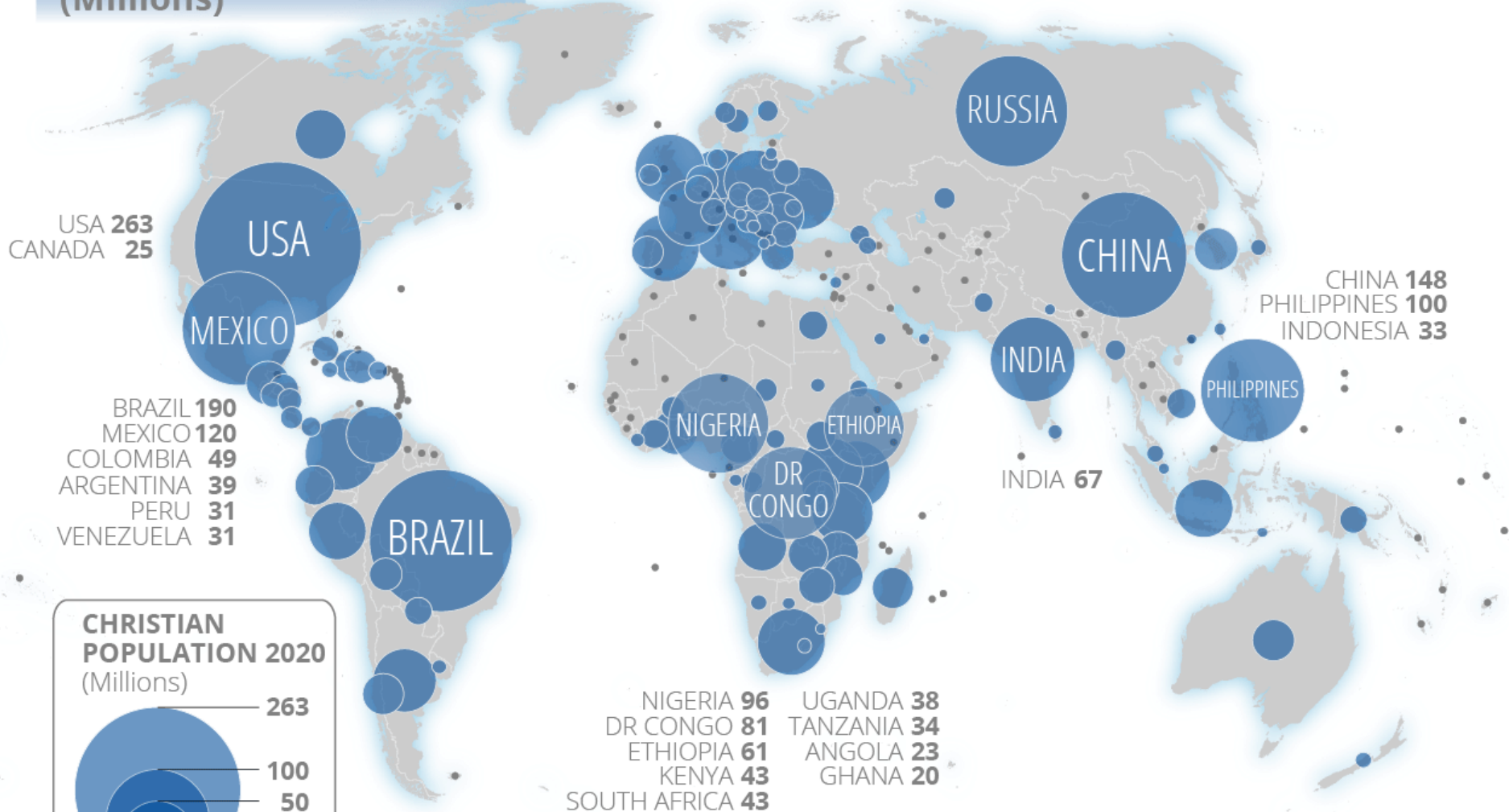
TISH HARRISON WARREN

Anglican Priest and Author

CHRISTIAN POPULATION 2020 (Millions)

RUSSIA **118** FRANCE **42**
 GERMANY **54** UKRAINE **37**
 ITALY **49** POLAND **37**
 UNITED KINGDOM **46** ROMANIA **21**
 SPAIN **42**

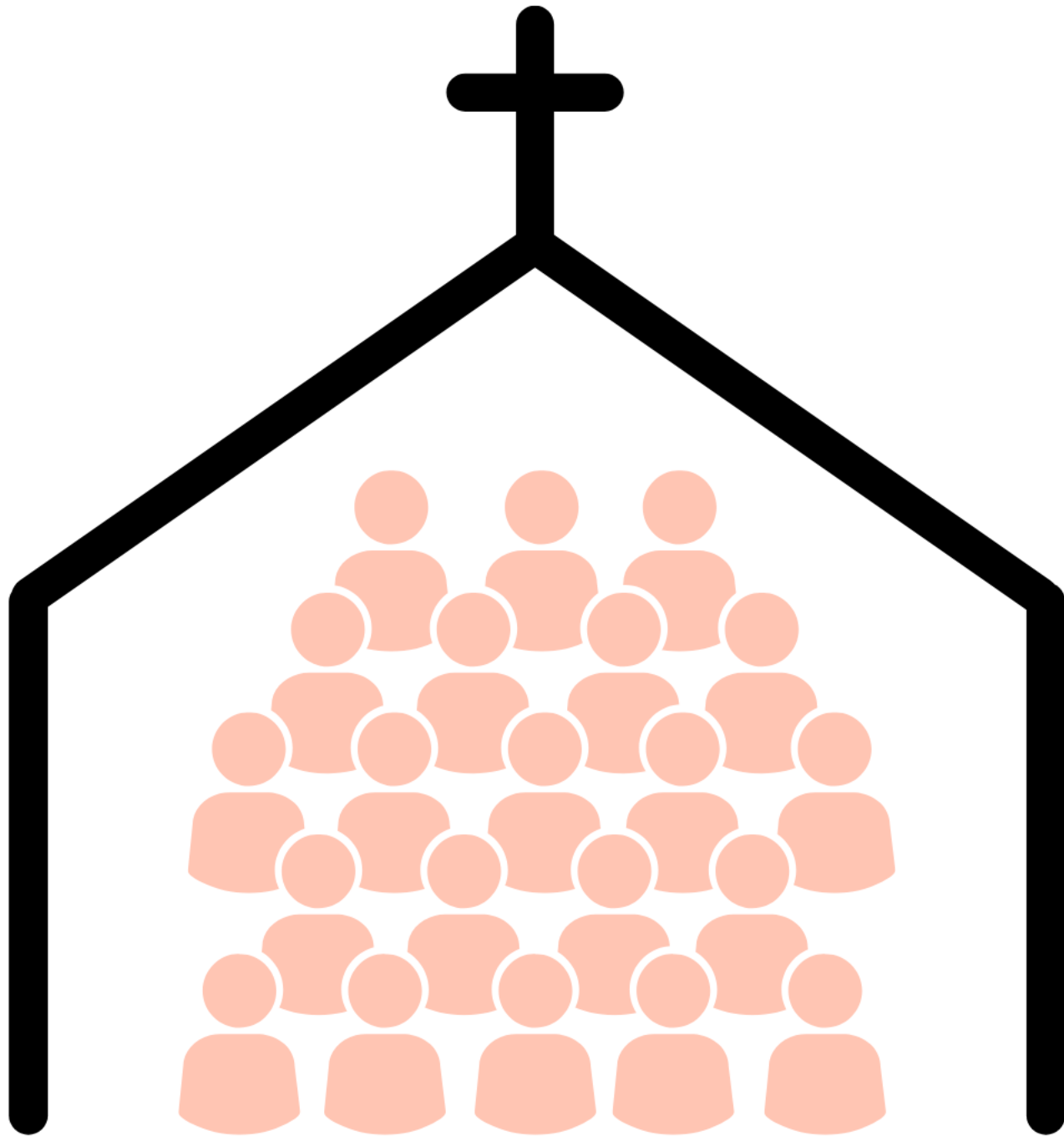
LARGEST 30 CHRISTIAN POPULATIONS LISTED
(Millions)



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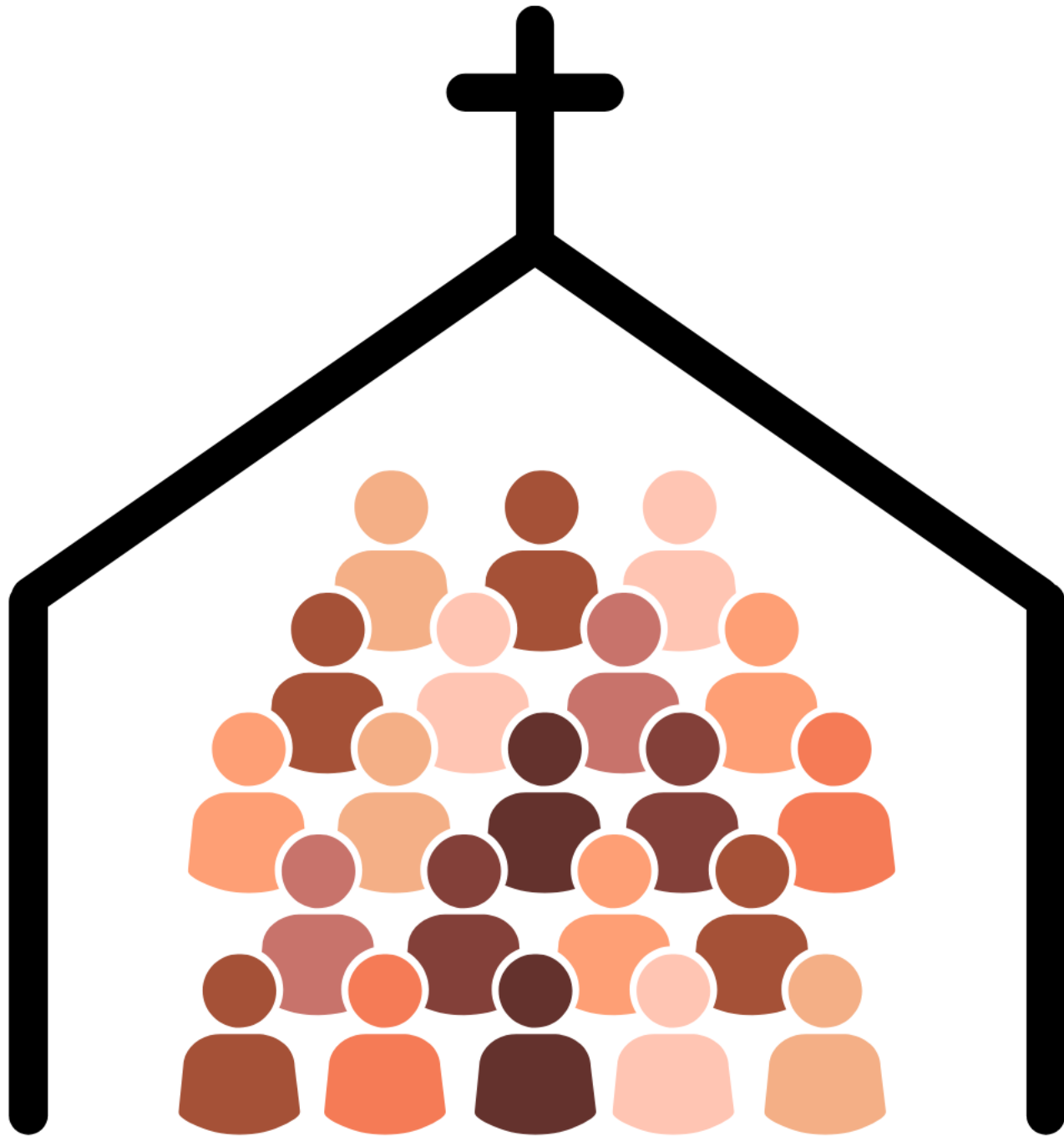
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“The future of American Christianity is probably not one where white concerns and voices dominate the conversation.”

Tish Harrison Warren



“The future of
American Christianity
now appears to be a
multiethnic
community.”

Tish Harrison Warren

“

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

REVELATION 7:9

”



GOAL OF

25%

OR MORE DIVERSE
STUDENT POPULATION
BY 2025





INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RECRUITMENT

**THAILAND
&
MALAYSIA**



**CENTRAL
&
SOUTH
AMERICA**



IMMIGRATION

A Civil Discourse Event

Boyer 131
April 24
7PM

CIVIL DISCOURSE SERIES

UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE

DECEMBER 3, 2019
4:30 TO 6:00
PARMER CINEMA

SEXUALITY

A civil discourse event

November 7th
Boyer Atrium
8PM

SGA PRESENTS

RECONCILIATION FOLLOWING POLITICAL DIVIDE

CIVIL DISCOURSE PANEL

March 26th Hostetter Chapel 7 pm - 8:15 pm

RSVP VIA LINK IN MASS EMAIL
LIMITED SEATING AVAILABILITY
DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 PM



WELCOMING *and* **DIVERSE**

environments provide the best foundation
for transformational education.



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imagination preparation









LEMOYNE MURALS

Borough Hall &
South Bridge



Dual Enrollment Partnerships

239

DUAL ENROLLED STUDENTS FOR 2023-24





NURSE AIDE TRAINING

with Messiah Lifeways



Assisting counseling students
transferring from Missio Seminary
and Alliance University

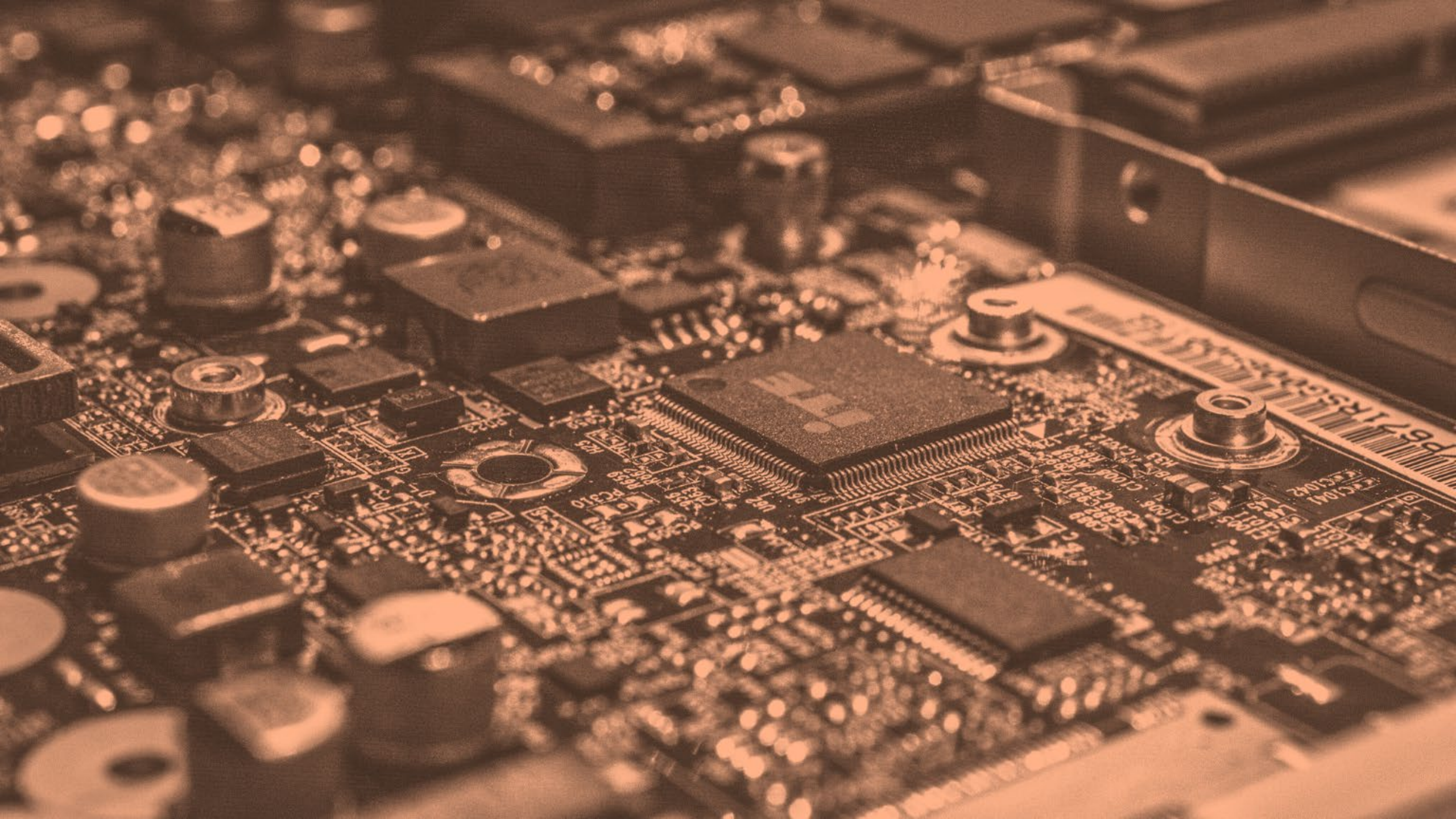


In-plant Impressions

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

September 9, 2022

Educational Partnership Triples In-plant's Volumes



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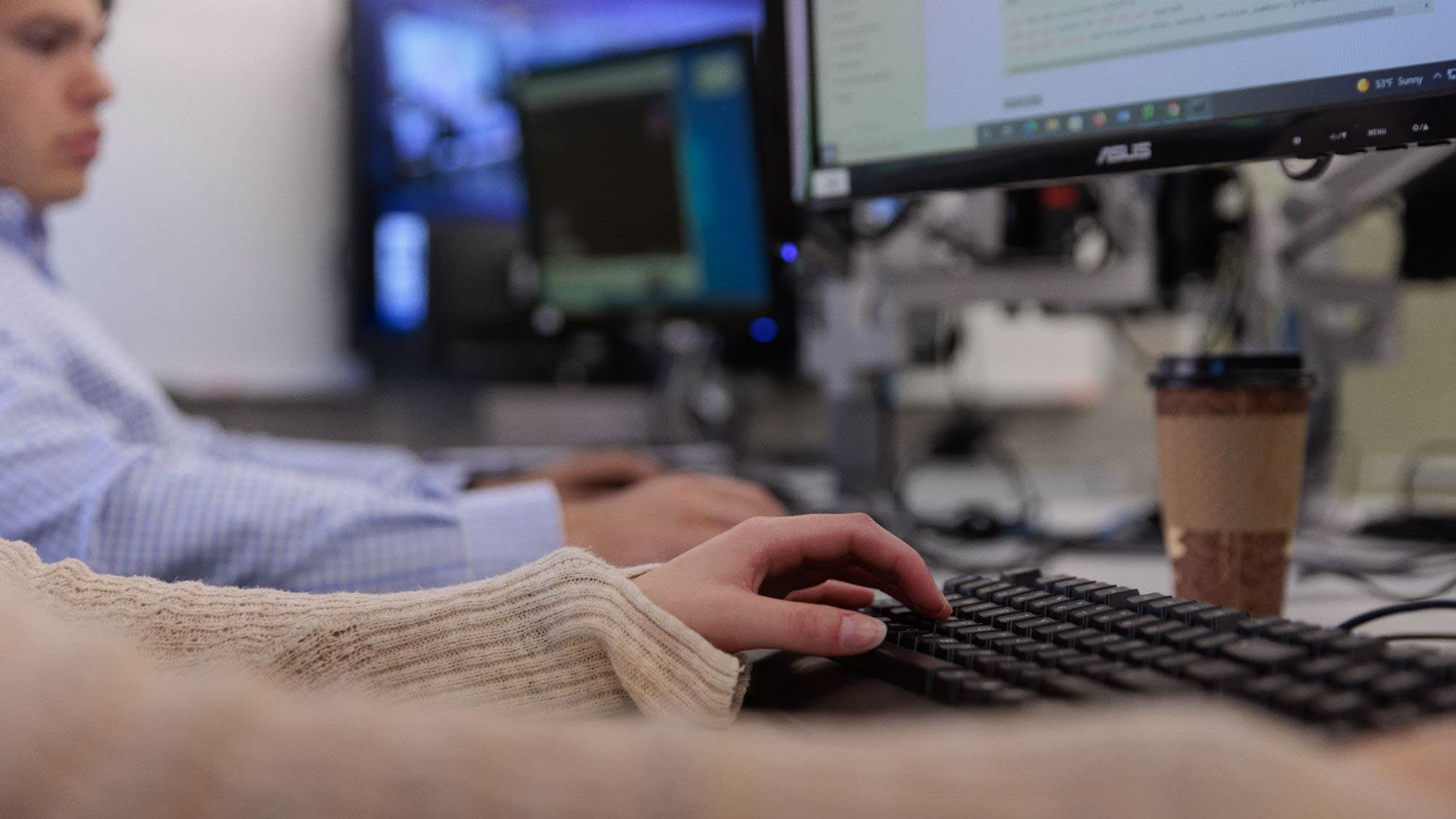
I think [ChatGPT] will eclipse the agricultural revolution, the industrial revolution, the Internet revolution all put together.

Sam Altman, CEO Of OpenAI

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Digital Competencies

Courses Delivering Digital Citizenship

- Ethics and the Common Good
- Experiential Learning Initiative
- Composition
- Oral Communication
- Writing in the Major
- Holistic Wellness
- First Year Seminar
- Composition
- Communication



Courses Delivering Digital Proficiency

- Composition
- Writing in the Major
- Mathematics
- Lab Science
- Composition
- Oral Communication
- Writing in the Major
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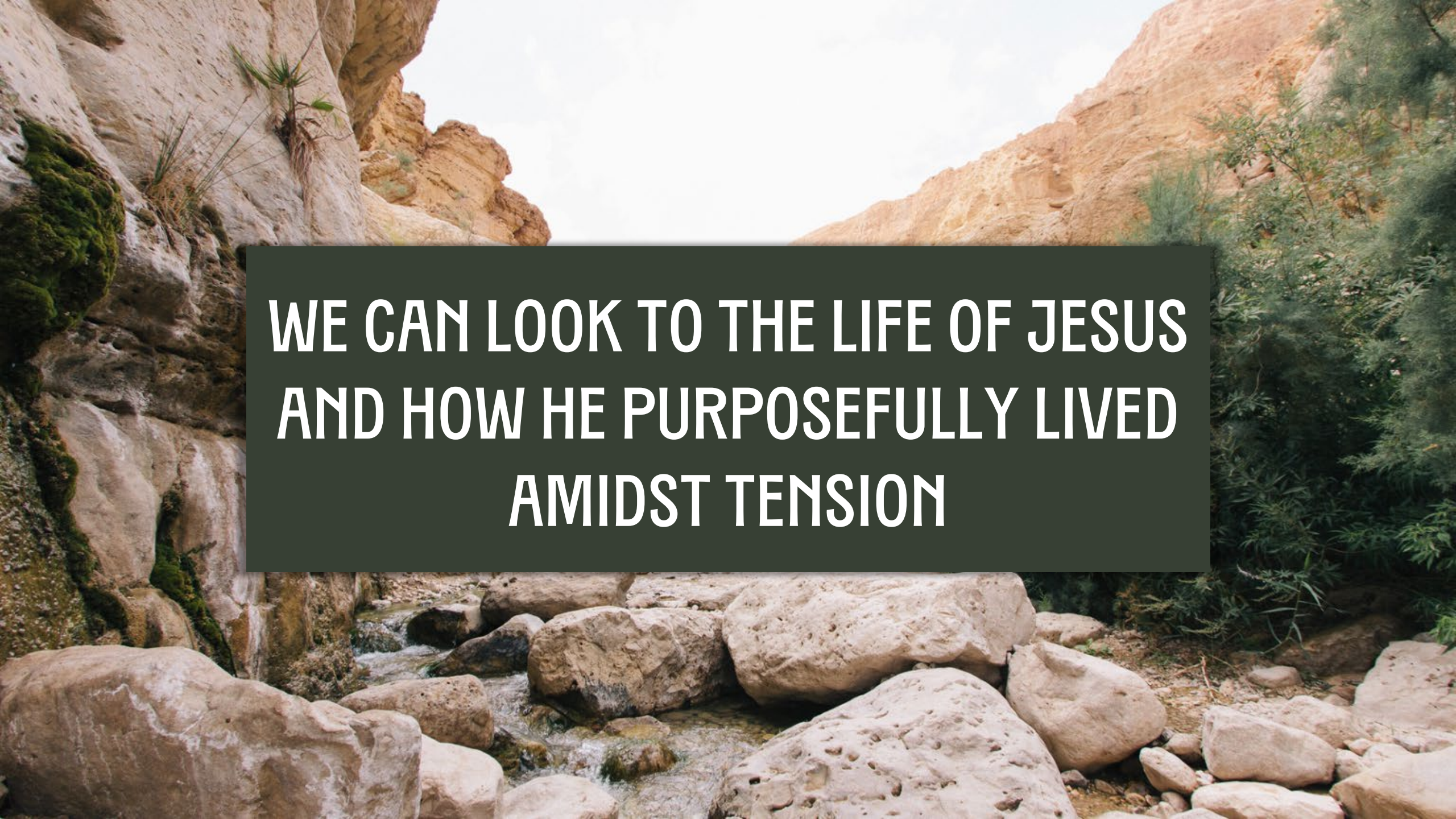




MESSIAH'S INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

- Exceeded enrollment goal of **580** incoming UG students (**608**); on target for FY24 graduate enrollment
- **86%** first year to sophomore retention rate
- **32%** matriculation (yield) rate
- 2022-23 was the **highest year of giving** in the past five years
- **A- stable** S&P credit rating





**WE CAN LOOK TO THE LIFE OF JESUS
AND HOW HE PURPOSEFULLY LIVED
AMIDST TENSION**



**JESUS WAS FAITHFUL TO HIS
MISSION, DESPITE CRITIQUE
AND OPPOSITION**



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THANK YOU

- Emily Bingham
- Karin Bisbee
- Dale Fogelsanger
- Drew Hart
- Scott Kieffer
- Beth Lorow
- Alison Noble
- Maggie Shive

