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BEING A PART OF HERITAGE'S FUTURE

President Dr. Rick Reed reflects on the special connection alumni have with a school and how people can continue to be a part of their alma mater's future.

It's been over 40 years since I graduated from Biola University and over 35 years since I became an alumnus of Dallas Theological Seminary, but both those schools still hold an important place in my heart. God used my years at Biola and DTS to shape my soul, sharpen my mind, and strengthen my calling.

I hope you have similar thoughts when you think of your years at Heritage. We desire that you are able to look back at your studies at Heritage as a time when God shaped and sharpened you for His service.

Heritage has been part of your past. You can be part of its future.

Alumni play a vital role in helping their alma mater flourish. That's why I'm excited to see a renewed emphasis at Heritage on connecting with our alumni. This newsletter is one evidence of that desire.

In this edition of the Heritage Alumni Newsletter, you'll meet some of the graduates who make up our newly formed alumni committee. You will read why they have chosen to serve as part of our Alumni team.

Even in the midst of the challenges caused by COVID-19, we've continued to see God's good hand continue on the school. We've upgraded our tech capacities and now offer our courses in person and online—at the same time. We just launched the public phases of a capital campaign to build a dedicated home for the seminary. The goal of the campaign is \$14 million dollars, and we currently have \$11.7 million dollars pledged or given. Praise be to God!

No matter how many years it's been since you became an alumnus of Heritage, London or Central, I hope the school still holds a special place in your heart. I hope you will stay in touch to help Heritage impact more lives for Christ, His Church, and His global mission.

Warmly,

Dr. Rick Reed

MEET YOUR ALUMNI COMMITTEE

Heritage is excited to introduce you the members of Heritage's Alumni Committee. This new group of alumni has a vision to engage, encourage and enlist graduates to promote and support the ministry of Heritage College & Seminary. To do this, the committee will seek to provide more opportunities for alumni to connect as well as provide regular updates, personal contact, encouragement, and prayer. The group will also seek to provide alumni with more benefits and resources.



Ariel Mudde

Bachelor of Church Music '16

Graduate Certificate of Biblical Care & Counselling '20

Master of Theological Studies '21

Current Role?

I am currently on maternity leave from my role as the Administrative Assistant of Student Services at Heritage College & Seminary. I also serve in the Worship & Creative Arts and Youth Ministries at Grandview Baptist Church in Kitchener, ON.

What Does It Mean to Me To Be Part of the Alumni at Heritage?

I am proud to be a Heritage alumni and desire for others to experience what Heritage has to offer. I regularly encourage the youth at my church to consider a one-year program to establish a biblical foundation before they potentially continue other education endeavours and I often talk to other leaders in the church about the options there are at Heritage to audit a course in order to enrich their spiritual life. As an alumna, I continue to be passionate about what the Lord is doing in and through Heritage and seek to stay up to date on what is happening on campus and learn about the various ways that I can get involved through prayer, financial support and ministry networking.



Dr. Roy Paul

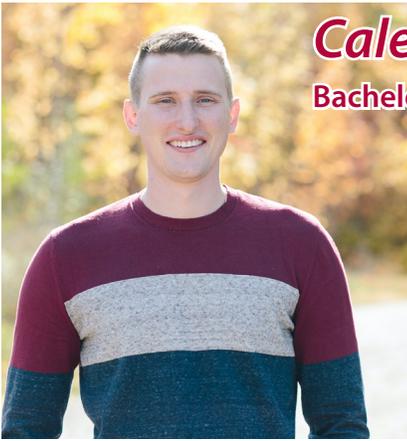
Master of Theological Studies '16

Current Role?

Executive Research Assistant with The Andrew Fuller Centre for Baptist Studies

What Does It Mean to Me To Be Part of the Alumni at Heritage?

As an alumnus of Heritage, I feel I am entrusted with a number of obligations. First, I feel the necessity to share my experience with others and encourage them to seriously consider a program of study at Heritage; whether it is for a career in ministry or just to obtain a more in-depth theological training. Heritage's faculty is world class and their commitment to the students is readily evident. Since Heritage has given so much to me, I am compelled to support them in whatever way I am gifted. I have done spring cleanup of the property, taught classes, attended ministry leadership events and annual Andrew Fuller lectures, and support them financially. To that end I would ask all alumni to seriously consider what you can do to give back to Heritage and ensure that future generations of those who will serve the church will continue to get the best quality theological education available.



Caleb Hall

Bachelor of Theology - Pastoral Studies '15

Current Role?

Associate Pastor at Hespeler Baptist Church in Cambridge, ON.

How Has Graduating from Heritage Prepared Me for Life & Ministry?

Throughout my studies Heritage continually emphasized that there is nothing more important, precious, and sufficient than the Word of God. Life and ministry must be vitally grounded, connected, and centered on the Scriptures, for it is the Word of God that does the work of God. Heritage also gave me categories for understanding Scripture's progress of redemption, core doctrines, and characterization of the pastoral office. These foundational disciplines prepared me for life and ministry in ways that I cannot fully unravel because of the way that they have been so finely woven into my head, heart and hands.



Parker Arnold

Master of Divinity '21

Current Role?

Distance Education Administrator and ThM student in Old Testament at Regent College in Vancouver, BC.

How Has Graduating from Heritage Prepared Me for Life & Ministry?

Graduating from Heritage has been one the most significant moments in my life. I have first gained a deeper understanding of my Christian identity, one that both encourages and corrects my daily decisions so that I am shaped after Christ. Second, I have been given a good foundation for approaching Christian ministry. While I haven't necessarily gained all the "answers" for Christian ministry, I have been given a framework and way of thinking that will enable me to serve God and others as he would want. This means a ministry of serious prayer and careful study sustained by a breadth of resources and directed towards a diverse world.



Andrew Melo

Bachelor of Theology - Pastoral Studies '15

Current Role?

Senior Pastor at Calvary Gospel Church in Beamsville, ON.

What Does It Mean to Me To Be Part of the Alumni at Heritage?

Being a Heritage alumnus unites me with a community of men and women who are passionate about the gospel of Christ. As part of the Heritage family, I share a rich history and network of ministry leaders much more expansive than I could build on my own. Heritage has afforded me countless opportunities to learn, grow and connect; now, I want to be a part of a church that is raising up disciples and equipping them to be effective ministers of the gospel. I believe schools, like Heritage, have an important role to play in that mission.



FOLLOWING GOD'S PATH

Heritage College graduate and Alumni Chair Julia Rogler (BCM '17) shares about how God has used her time at the school to shape her life and ministry.

In September 2012, I showed up to Heritage in my parents' overloaded minivan curious to where I'd be in ten years. All I really knew at the time was that I wanted to sing for the Lord, and that I was meant to be here. Now I look back and can more clearly see the path that the Lord had stretched out for me to walk.

On that path were amazing learning opportunities in and out of the Heritage classroom that helped me grow in my understanding of God and His Word. A lot of that learning came from the people he placed on my path that I would come to highly respect and admire; professors who became friends. Dr. Doug Thomson, Director of Music and Worship Studies at Heritage is one of those key people whom the Holy Spirit continues to use to inspire and shape me.

Upon graduation I joined the Alumni chorus of three parts: those from Heritage College, Central Baptist and London Baptist. As was the desire of many of them, I wanted to pursue God wholeheartedly and serve him most excellently. However, I had no idea, feeling, or leading as to what this would look like, so I asked the Holy Spirit to help me be open and excited to go wherever He'd have me serve.

One year later, I accepted a full-time position at Benton Street Baptist Church, as the Director of Music and Worship, and Small Groups, where I continue to serve today.

Before starting at Benton Street Baptist, I had the opportunity to work for a year at Heritage as the Executive Assistant to Dr. Rick Reed. While in this role, I had the opportunity to see the heart and vision of the leadership for Heritage. Now as I begin this new role as the Alumni Chair on the Board of Directors, I am excited to be a part of the school's desire to encourage, engage, and enlist our alumni for years to come.

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***Julia Rogler
Chair of the Heritage Alumni Committee***



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