Visitors from General Conference present "Wholesome Relationships in the Digital Age"

by Jyremy Reid, Student Writer/Photographer

Oakwood had the pleasure of having Willie and Elaine Oliver speak to the students for Chapel on September 12. The Olivers are the directors of the Department of Family Ministries for the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church World Headquarters.

The aim of their presentation entitled, "Wholesome Relationships in the Digital Age," was to encourage students to trust God's plan for their lives (Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.")

Willie and Elaine Oliver gave the students the
analogy of a flight plan, saying that a clear destination for the future is absolutely necessary, as well as a compass, otherwise known as the Bible, for guidance. God has a plan for our lives and we need to be open to that plan. When thinking about our future relationships, we also need to write down the things we want in and out of them too. Writing these goals down will help ensure what we really want in life. "Begin with the end in mind," they said.

Above all else, the Olivers warned the students to guard their hearts and minds. We as Christians are to be careful about what goes into our brains. There are two natures that humans possess: righteous and carnal. The nature you feed, is the nature that will win. Therefore, we should abstain from sexual immorality and all other unscrupulous things. "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." - Proverbs 4:23

In closing, the Olivers again indicated for the students to follow the compass that God has given to them. God wants everyone to prosper, for He has given us a hope and a future. Don't go around God's plan. By following God's special idea, we will rise to success. Guard your heart, so you can experience that joy and pass it on to the next generation.
Career Awareness Week

Sonia Paul, Verneice Wright and Kezia Philips (director and staff of the Career Services and Testing Department, in colorful garb, above) started Career Awareness Week with a Career Carnival on the lawn in front of Cunningham Hall on Tuesday, September 17.

On Wednesday, September 18, representatives from the following organizations interacted with our students in the Blake Center Mall during the Annual Career Fair:

- Adventist Health System
- Adventist Risk Management
- Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
- Alabama Department of Revenue
- Avon Products
- Dartmouth College - The Dartmouth Institute
- General Conference Auditing Service
- La Sierra University - MBA Program
- Loma Linda University - Marketing & Recruiting
- Loma Linda University - School of Nursing
- Lowe's Home Improvement
Southern Union Conference - Communications Department  
Verizon Wireless  
Wells Fargo Bank  
WHNT-TV - Communications Dept  
Yulista

The weeks' activities concluded with three seminars on Thursday, September 19, on career planning, resume writing and interviewing tips.

**OAA students have lunch with the President**

Dr. Pollard said (on Facebook): "On Tuesday, September 17, I had the most important meeting of my Presidency at Oakwood University: lunch with the pre-K - 2 graders from Oakwood Elementary. Sheer fun and lots of love. I recommend it highly!"

The children asked Dr. Pollard several questions during a question-and-answer period, followed by a delicious spaghetti lunch, and a photo opportunity. For the photo shown here, the children enthusiastically said "President!" instead of the customary "cheese!"
'Out of Cordoba' documentary writer, director and producer, Jacob Bender, to visit OU

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama - People working toward peace among Muslims, Jews and Christians in the 21st century can look to the past for a prime example of a society that thrived when the energies of those three great faiths were harnessed in the cooperative work of peace and prosperity, says Jacob Bender, producer of the award-winning documentary "Out of Cordoba."

Bender will lecture in Huntsville and attend at screening of his film on Thursday, September 26, 2013, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in Oakwood University's McKee Business & Technology Building, on
Adventist Boulevard N.W. at Wynn Drive N.W. The lecture and screening are free and open to the public.

Bender, who is Jewish, uses the documentary to trace the lives and influence of two of the most important 12th century Western philosophers: Maimonides, who was Jewish, and his contemporary, Averroes, the great Muslim thinker, scientist and religious scholar. Both men lived, wrote and taught in Cordoba, Spain.

Read reporter Kay Campbell's article in The Huntsville Times/al.com.

Home Depot Volunteer Day RESCHEDULED

Construction is almost finished on the OU outdoor pavilion near the campus' Unity Pond, sponsored by the $50,000 grand prize winnings from this year's "Retool Your School" HBCU campus improvement contest, sponsored by The Home Depot®.

Due to weather reports and other factors beyond our control, Volunteer Day has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 2. Join us between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. as, together, we will do the final cleaning and sprucing up of the pavilion's surrounding area (i.e., light landscaping, plant trees, and install picnic tables, benches, lights and ceiling fans).

Oakwood wishes to say "thank you" for your support as one of the winning 340,000 votes! If you voted at least once toward our victory, we want to "Reclaim Your Name" -- by inscribing your individual name as a "donor" at "your" outdoor pavilion. If you haven't done so already, send your individual name and email address to us at pr@oakwood.edu. Each name must be associated with a separate email address, please.

President Pollard to give Fall sermon at OUCSDA

In keeping with an Oakwood tradition, President Leslie N. Pollard will give his Fall message to the Oakwood University Church of SDA on Sabbath, September 21, 2013.
His topic will be "Another Move."

The world-renown Aeolians, under the direction of Jason Max Ferdinand, will bless the service with special music.

UNCF North Alabama Campaign Kick-off

The Division of Advancement & Development announces the start of the UNCF North Alabama Campaign, on Monday, September 23, at 5:30 p.m. The kick-off will be held in the McKee Business & Technology Complex Dining Room (on the lower level). All are invited.

The UNCF Golf Classic will be held at The Ledges of Huntsville, on Monday, October 14, 2013.

A Women's Tea is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, at 3:00 p.m., also at The Ledges of Huntsville Ballroom.

The culminating event of the campaign will be the UNCF Gala, scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2014, in the Von Braun Center North Hall.

For information about the local UNCF campaign and to register for golf, visit www.oakwood.edu/uncf, or email uncf@oakwood.edu.
"Oakwood on the Road" receptions score "10s" with Oakwood alums, friends. Next stop: Metro DC

From Oakwood's Orlando alumni and friends, "10s" meant the $10,000 they contributed to Alma Mater in gifts and pledges on that Saturday evening, August 10.

Central Florida resident and retired pastor Russell Bates, Sr. (class of 1951) later reflected, "It was so encouraging to hear the progress taking place at OU," as he handed Miss Norris his personal check toward his capital campaign commitment.

By all accounts "Oakwood on the Road (OOTR)," the national (and inter-American) series of regional receptions where alumni, friends and prospective students and parents get to see and hear OU senior administrators, is bridging together the campus with its key outlying stakeholders.

Strategically, according to organizer and Advancement and Development executive director Miss Kisha Norris, "these meet-greet-and-eat gatherings are linked to high-profile scheduled events which bring together OU officials with local and area Oakwood supporters - alums, friends and prospective students and their folks."

For example, the annual White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities conference, she continued, has invited the
Aeolians Choir to perform at the September 26 luncheon for its annual meeting at the Washington Hilton. "Our Aeolians were invited not only because they won the World Spirituals Championship and three gold medals at the 2012 World Choir Games - where Oakwood University was the only HBCU represented of the 362 international choirs there competing - but our director, Jason Max Ferdinand has led our choristers to win the last three national HBCU choir championships (2011, 2012 and 2013).

"The choir's acceptance of this performance invitation in the metro DC area propelled us to work with the local alumni and co-host this continuing series of Oakwood on the Road receptions at the Washington Hilton."

To date, OOTRs have occurred in such areas as:

1. Greater Nashville, during the NAD Teachers' Convention - August, 2012;
3. Allegheny West Conference camp meeting - June, 2013;
4. Hamilton, Bermuda - July, 2013; and

Most recently, the central Florida event brought out some 60 alums, friends and prospects. True to the successful OOTR model, the attendees:

- Heard and saw President Pollard's brief "State of the University" PowerPoint presentation, from which he later fielded and answered a series of questions;
- Submitted or updated their contact information, in order to receive campus print and online publications and weekly updates;
- Won an array of OU paraphernalia as gifts;
- Enjoyed a light Sabbath evening meal and worship thought by Pastor Dr. Herman Davis; and
- Contributed more than $10,000 in checks and pledged donations, toward the school's current $9.3 million capital campaign.

Following the metro Washington, DC, reception which promises to break all records for both attendance and contributions and pledges,
the next schedule OOTR is for the greater Houston area. Stay tuned.

Please join us Sabbath morning at two locations

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Oakwood Alumni and Friends!

You are invited to attend vespers and a complimentary fellowship reception at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Saturday, September 28th
6:30-9:00 pm

Who will be there?
Fellow Oakwood Alumni and Friends; Drs. Leslie and Prudence Pollard, President and First Lady; the Aeolians; United Student Movement officers; OU Administrators and many more.

Where?
Washington Hilton Hotel
The Georgetown Room
1919 Connecticut Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20009

For more details, email alumni@oakwood.edu or call 256.726.7039.
Muslims, Jews, Christians together create peaceful societies says documentary coming to Huntsville

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The official 8-minute trailer for 'Out of Cordoba' is embedded, above. Jacob Bender, the writer-director-producer of the award-winning documentary will speak at a screening of the film about the historic roots of peace among Jews, Muslims and Christians, at Oakwood University on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013.

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**Interfaith peace**

"Out of Cordoba," written and directed by Bender and produced by Bender and MLK Producciones of Malaga, Spain, finds instructive answers to some of the persistent questions of contemporary time.

Is there really a “clash of civilizations” between the West and the Islamic world? Are Jews and Muslims incapable of peaceful coexistence? Do Islamic teachings contravene democracy? Does firm religious faith inevitably lead to violence?

Bender began the film soon after the attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001. Bender follows the ancient footsteps of Maimonides and Averroes around the Mediterranean in the time of the Crusades and up to the present time. He talks with Muslims, Jews, and Christians, all working for peace, who look to their religious traditions as sources of tolerance, democracy, and human rights.

The film has been screened as an official selection of Cordoba, Spain, a structure that marks the age of Muslim-Jewish-Christian peaceful and prosperous co-existence in medieval Spain. Bender will speak in Huntsville, Ala., at the screening of the film Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013, at Oakwood University. (Courtesy / Jacob Bender)
of many prestigious film festivals, including the 2010 Amnesty International Arts Festival, the 2010 Global Peace Film Festival, the Jerusalem Jewish International Film Festival in Israel, and others in Morocco, Spain, France and Italy.

The program is being coordinated by Oakwood’s Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations and by the University of Alabama in Huntsville’s Office of Diversity. Contact the CAMR office for more details at 256-726-7885, CAMROU@oakwood.edu.