



The Western FRONT

San Jose Campus Alumni Newsletter

June 2016



Carrie Priest with Western alumna and friend, Peggy Ashforth.

Carrie Priest Celebrates 12 Years at Western Seminary!

On Saturday, May 14th, Western faculty, staff, alumni, friends, and family gathered together to honor the 12 years that Carrie Priest has served the Western community. Fellowship over delicious hors d'oeuvres was enjoyed along with a program of worship and testimonies. Jeff Mammen, a ministry adjunct, served as the Master of Ceremonies and worship was led by Western alumna Peggy Ashforth. Three Western alumni

shared their experiences of Carrie's warm and caring touch throughout their journeys as students, and beyond. These alumni were Frances Tuck, Ernie Chu, and Sarah Germain. Professors Gary Tuck and Donelyn Miller spoke about Carrie as a student and also about her service to the faculty throughout the years. Many laughs, heart-warming

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IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE 19

Father's Day

JULY 4

Independence Day - Campus Closed

JULY 9

Graduation (Everyone's Welcome)
11am - Christ Community Church Milpitas
(see pg. 2)

JULY 9

A Preview of Western's New Classrooms
at Christ Community Church in Milpitas
Following Commencement (See pg. 3)

JULY 11

Fall 2016 [Master's Application](#) Deadline
Tell a friend!

JULY 20

[Discover Coaching](#), 7-9pm. (See pg. 2)

AUGUST 11-12

[The Global Leadership Summit 2016](#)

SEPTEMBER 5

Labor Day (Campus Closed)

SEPTEMBER 6

Fall 2016 Semester Begins in Milpitas!

OCTOBER 16

Western Alumni Gathering - Fellowship Night
at the San Jose Earthquakes Soccer Game,
4pm (see pg. 2)

You're Invited to Celebrate the Class of 2016!

The entire Western Seminary community is invited to come celebrate with the Class of 2016 at this year's Commencement! The ceremony will be held at Christ Community Church in Milpitas on Saturday, July 9th at 11:00am. Cheer on your friends and classmates as they celebrate this tremendous accomplishment. We hope to see you there!



Western Alumni Gathering on Fellowship Night 2016

Presented by Thrivent Financial



Date/Time: Sunday, October 16 at 4pm

Soccer Game: San Jose Earthquakes vs. Vancouver Whitecaps

Location: Avaya Stadium, 123 Coleman Ave., San Jose 95110

Cost: \$18.75/ticket* (reg. \$30) for the first 40 people who order through <http://tinyurl.com/wsfellowship>. Code: Fellowship16

After the first 40, it's \$23.75 until Sept. 19 or if the Fellowship tickets are sold out sooner (only 300 avail). The first 40 tickets are reserved for Western in the Fellowship section. Visit the Thrivent booth at the game for your free scarf. Exclusive postgame testimony event with an Earthquakes player.

For more information, please contact [Lisa Krehbiel](mailto:Lisa.Krehbiel@westernseminary.edu) at 408-356-6889 x415.

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AUDIT A CLASS FOR FREE EACH YEAR!

Alumni can audit one eligible class per academic year for free. The [Fall 2016 schedule](#) will be posted by July 1. You may search for specific courses, times, and download course syllabi. Complete a [Non-Credit Application](#) form and the [Alumni Audit Opportunity](#) form and submit them to [Carrie Priest](#).

WESTERN SEMINARY'S ONLINE COMMUNITY TRANS-FORMED BLOG

The [Trans-formed blog](#) is a resource from the faculty and friends of Western Seminary focused on "living the Gospel in an everyday world." The purpose of this blog is to create relevant, insightful, Gospel-centered content that you can put to use in your ministry. If you are involved in Christian leadership in any capacity, then this blog is for you.

SPREAD THE WORD

Would you be willing to take two minutes to help Western share moving student stories on social media?

- [Share the storytelling page on Facebook](#) using this link
- Share a post on Facebook of

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FREE DISCOVER COACHING

July 20, 2016 7pm-9pm

at Western Seminary San Jose
469 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

Learn how to help people navigate their lives from where they are to where they aspire to be.

[RSVP by July 13](#)

Learn more about [coach training](#).

Contact Lisa Krehbiel at Lkrehbiel@westernseminary.edu for more info.



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your own story of life change at Western, including a link to this page:

[www.westernseminary.edu/
high-transformation](http://www.westernseminary.edu/high-transformation)

- [Tweet the storytelling page on Twitter](#) using this link

Thank you for considering and for making Western Seminary a gospel-centered community that's worth sharing.

MINISTRY & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We receive regular contact from churches and para-church organizations. Please see the Ministry and Employment Opportunities and Counseling binders in the front lobby for information about recent postings. You may also check out other [ministry opportunities](#) on our website by clicking on the "browse our employment opportunities" button.

Volunteers Needed at Commencement

Commencement for the San Jose campus will be held on Saturday, July 9th at 11:00am at Christ Community Church in Milpitas. The Class of 2016 is the San Jose campus' largest class yet, so we'd love your help putting on this event! We'll need help with set-up, greeting/ushering, reception, and clean-up. If you can help for any amount of time, we'd greatly appreciate it! If you are interested, please email [Carrie Priest](#) or call her at 408-356-6889 x405.



Construction at the New Campus

In April, demolition work began on the interior rooms of the education building at the future home of Western Seminary San Jose, which will be on the grounds of Christ Community Church in Milpitas. The second floor layout will include three classrooms, kitchen facilities, faculty work/office space, and a student resource/study room. Additional visiting professor/meeting office space will be located downstairs.

Framing of the classroom walls is now complete. Technology cabling and data drops were also recently completed in all of the classrooms and student resource room. Next on the work list is installation of drywall/sheetrock, painting, carpeting and student kitchen area. Completion of the classroom

building is expected in early June. Administration/library building work will begin in early June and be complete mid-late June.

The scheduled plan at this time is to move our operations to the campus of Christ Community Church sometime between the last week of July and early August, once all of our courses at 469 El Camino Real have finished. **We will start the Fall 2016 semester at the new campus on Tuesday, September 6, 2016!** Stay tuned for more updates on Western's new home!

If you would like to assist our staff with packing boxes and preparing for the move, please contact [Carrie Priest](#). The bulk of the packing and preparation will begin by mid-July.

Come Preview the New Campus!

The plan is to open up Western Seminary's new classroom building located at Christ Community Church in Milpitas for a self-guided tour following the Commencement ceremony on July 9th. All are welcome. We will also have a public Open House event early in the academic year. Stay tuned! **The new campus will be located at 1000 S. Park Victoria Dr., Milpitas, 95035.**

To the right: Western Seminary presented Carrie Priest with a Certificate of Appreciation, a bouquet of flowers and other gifts at her 12 year celebration at Western Seminary.



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stories, and encouraging words were shared. Among them were repeated themes of Carrie’s caring nature, her ability and desire to be an advocate for students, and her high level and quality of productivity. In fact, Gary Tuck quipped that we were really celebrating Carrie’s 25 years of service because she is twice as productive, so 12 ½ years for Carrie really amounts to 25 years!

Greg Moon, V. P. of Alumni and Community Relations, also gave an update on the new Western Seminary Alumni Council and introduced member, Dorothy Stowe, serving from the San Jose region. Other council members are Ivan Kirk and Chris Wu. This council is working to build connections between the counseling and ministry alumni that will foster stronger client/member care.

Lastly, Dan Ruiz, Executive Dean for the San Jose campus, presented Carrie with a Certificate of Appreciation and a few gifts to commemorate her service. During the many testimonies, Carrie was described as an integral part of the San Jose team. She is the glue that holds everything together. Her dependable nature means that she always shows up, and her caring nature means that everything she does is the best that it can be. She can relate to the experiences of students because she has been through the journey herself, and as a result she advocates for their needs with much care and devotion. There is so much more to Carrie that we all appreciate. It was an honor to acknowledge the difference that she has made to this campus!



Tom Priest (Carrie Priest’s father), Greg Moon, and Dan Ruiz.

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