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**Serving the Kingdom**

When I proposed and developed the Public Policy Degree Program starting in 2004, I could not have imagined how far the Lord would take William Jessup University, the Department, our students, and the public sector in the following years. What an especially remarkable academic year we had in 2007-2008. And, what a remarkable time to be part of the public policy arena.

The historically noteworthy events at the federal, state, and local levels provided a myriad of opportunities for study and discussion of public policy leadership, service, and issues:

- The Presidential primary race included the first woman, the first African American man, and a veteran who could be our oldest entering President. The Iraq War, the economy, and social policy challenges related to healthcare, education, abortion, and gay marriage all weigh heavily on the upcoming general election.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> District Congressional primary race included a range of establishment and non-establishment candidates in both parties, including a high stakes race between two seasoned Republican candidates, Tom McClintock and Doug Ose. McClintock now vies with Democrat Charlie Brown in the general election for the seat in which Congressman Doolittle served for nearly two decades.
- Karen Baas made headlines as the first African American woman to become Speaker of the Assembly in California and in the nation.
- The Sacramento mayoral race between a woman incumbent and an African American man could result in the city's first African American mayor to lead California's capital city and its political and economic priorities.
- In Meredith v. Jefferson County Board of Education and its companion case Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District, the US Supreme Court set aside racial quotas in public schools perhaps changing the course of historic Brown v. Board of Education.
- SB777 passed into law and raises concerns for how our educational system will handle the issue of sexual orientation.
- Homeschooling was challenged in the courts in California.

- The CA Supreme Court held that gay marriage was a constitutional right, fueling a ballot initiative to amend the CA constitution to protect traditional marriage.
- Eminent domain was a central concern for officials and property rights advocates in our cities and state, while California homeowners dealt with plummeting property values and mortgage foreclosures in record numbers.

This past year was not only significant from a policy standpoint, but it also marked a significant milestone for the Public Policy Department – our first graduates. At the WJU graduation ceremony on May 17, our first four seniors received Bachelor degrees in Public Policy and are now preparing to enter the public arena as policy professionals.

The historical context and graduation milestone were part of the many highlights of the 2007-2008 academic year, including:

- Engaging 8 new majors, including 6 new freshman and 2 new juniors. The Public Policy Program has in total grown to 20 students (majors and minors) in just 2 years.
- Offering 16 rigorous core courses that integrate faith and learning for public service, including 6 new courses that complete the core curriculum: Introduction to Philosophy, Principles of Public Administration, Comparative Government, International Relations & Human rights, Political Research & Policy Analysis, and Senior Seminar: Leadership & Service.
- Engaging exceptional instructors for the public policy courses: Rhonda Capron (Business Asst. Professor; Management & Organizational Behavior), Rex Gurney (Chair, History; American History, Intro to Philosophy), Spencer Mills (Adjunct Instructor; Political Economy), Bruce Hamlett (Adjunct Instructor; Principles of Public Administration), Richard Robinson (Adjunct Instructor; American Government), Phillip Escamilla (Adjunct Instructor; Political Process), Wade Cooper Teasdale (Adjunct Instructor; Political Research & Policy Analysis).
- Engaging Phil Escamilla for outreach for community colleges and for our “community classroom” initiative.
- Hiring program staff members and recent WJU graduates Sarah Nelson and Sami Keen to serve in various coordination and research projects.
- Increasing our advisory member/guest lecturer roster to more than 65 members and providing a range of outstanding guest lectures from over 25 of these policy professionals this year alone.
- Collaborating with various advocacy groups, community colleges and graduate schools.
- Conducting student field experiences and site visits with key public offices and officials including visits to the Placer County Superior Court, Legislative Analysts’ Office, and the CA Capitol.

- Conducting a senior student trip to Washington, DC that included tours of the Pentagon, Arlington Cemetery, Capitol, White House, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, monuments and visits with Congressman Doolittle and key staff.
- Conducting major policy and educational forums including: Constitution Day (Sept. 17), Global Awareness Week forums (October 22 and 24), Graduate School Fair and Workshops (October 26), American Christian Heritage Roundtable (December 4), Missions Banquet (Feb. 23), International Justice Day (Feb. 26), Day of Prayer for Justice (May 1), Public Policy Day (May 3), 4<sup>th</sup> District Congressional Debate (May 8).
- Coordinating and advising two student organizations: WJU Student Government and WJU Chapter of the International Justice Mission.
- Facilitating two Spiritual Formation Groups that conducted service projects for HomeStart, WIND and WorldVision.

The following report provides a detailed summary of these accomplishments as they relate to our curriculum, events, student development, and community outreach:

### Preparing Future Leaders

The Public Policy Degree Program at WJU is unique in that integrates three disciplines: Biblical studies, political science, and public administration/policy analysis. In so doing, the program provides students a broad liberal arts degree that is founded in Christian principles and includes theoretical knowledge and practical application. This interdisciplinary approach includes a multifaceted curriculum, an internship program, and guest lectures from policymakers and policy experts. The program is intended to prepare students for work in the public sector or for graduate studies in various professions in California and across the globe. The goal is to prepare Christian critical thinkers today to serve as policy leaders tomorrow.

The Public Policy courses are rigorous, dynamic, and multidisciplinary. They build on the Biblical foundation provided by WJU's academic and co-curricular requirements, draw on the professional expertise of the instructors and guest lecturers, and utilize highly reputable texts and authors, particularly classic works of great thinkers and leaders. In addition, the courses bring together theory and practice by not only reviewing historical and institutional frameworks for the public arena but also current issues and application. Lastly, the curriculum offers students hands on experience through an internship studies course and internship requirement.

***American History:*** Instructed by Rex Gurney, Chair/General Education and now Chair /History Department, this course is foundational for the Public Policy curriculum. Rex has been integral to the Public Policy Department as an instructor, advisory member, supporter, and WJU Academic Committee member. With a Ph.D. in history from University of New Mexico and extensive pastoral experience, he merges American heritage and church history for this foundational course.

***American Government:*** Instructed by Richard Robinson, political consultant and former Chief of Staff for Congressman Doolittle, this foundational course provides the framework for the American governmental system and institutions, particularly on the federal level, but also state and local. Richard's B.A. in political science from California Polytechnic and M.A. in education from Stanford coupled with tremendous political experience provide students keen historical and practical insights.

The course included creative uses of technology, including YouTube videos submitted to CNN for the presidential debates, as well as focused discussion on current issues.

***Political Process:*** Instructed by Phillip Escamilla, this course builds on American Government by providing a closer look the political culture and processes on the federal, state, and local levels in the US. Phil has several years experience in lobbying and law. He holds a B.A. in English from UC-Berkeley, M.A. in education from Harvard, and J.D. from Boston College School of Law. His range of experience provides students real world explanation and discussion of political issues and processes.

***Introduction to Philosophy:*** Instructed and developed by Rex Gurney, this is a new humanities course offered at WJU. The Public Policy Department, recognizing its utility in preparing students for upper division public policy courses, encouraged its development and integrated it into our core curriculum. The course provides a broad philosophical framework that equips students for a more intensive review of Political Theory & Philosophy.

***Management & Organizational Behavior:*** Instructed by Rhonda Capron, Asst. Professor/Business Department, this course provides the management and organizational principles for private and public sector entities and as well as their functions and dynamics. With an MBA from University of New Mexico, prior experience in the military and as a corporate executive, and current role as a marketing consultant, Rhonda brings a wealth of management experience and insights to the classroom.

***Principles of Public Administration:*** Instructed by Bruce Hamlett, former Chief Consultant to the CA Assembly Higher Education Committee, this new course builds on the management principles and incorporates public sector theory and practice. Bruce holds a B.A. in Government from Miami University and a Ph.D. in Government/International Relations from Claremont Graduate University. Bruce has over 30 years of experience in public administration, particularly in the education sector. He offered a practical review of how public administration really works and the best practices to draw from it.

***Political Economy:*** Instructed by Spencer Mills, this course is an important component of the Public Policy curriculum. The course offers a synthesis of microeconomics, macroeconomics, international trade, and international finance that are foundational for upper division public policy courses. Spencer holds a B.A. in History from UC-Berkeley, M.A. in Public Policy and M.B.A. from Regent University, as well as served as a Jesse Marvin Unruh Assembly Fellow. He brings his extensive legislative and business experience to bear on his state, federal, and international review of political economy.

***Political Theory & Philosophy; Ethics in Public Policy:*** I instructed these companion courses that are central to the Public Policy curriculum. The Political Theory course offers the theoretical framework for the curriculum by surveying the major Western (and some Eastern) theorists ranging from Socrates to Martin Luther King, Jr. The Ethics course builds on this theoretical framework by applying ethics principles directly to a range of political issues of life & death, social policy, and government/business/media practices. With a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and J.D. from University of Minnesota, I am able to provide students with both theory and the practical application of those theories from a national and international perspective.

***Constitution & Civil Rights:*** I also instruct this central course in the public policy curriculum. My experience in constitutional law and civil rights allows me to teach students the historical,

institutional, and legal underpinnings of our American governmental system. With an emphasis on constitutional provisions and case law, the course allows offers insights into constitutional law, particularly for those students who may go on to law school.

***Comparative Government, International Relations & Human Rights:*** These two new internationally focused are significant elements of the global aspects of the Public Policy curriculum. My academic and professional experience in international politics, law, relations, and organizations – particularly with international NGO's and the United Nations – allowed me as instructor to provide a strong background for students' understanding of complex national and international issues.

***Public Policy Internship Studies and Public Policy Internship:*** The Public Policy curriculum emphasis on practice, allows me to instruct these courses in a way that provides students practical training and skills in resume writing, professional writing, public speaking, interviewing, and researching. Students utilize these skills in policy internships that are a requirement of the curriculum. This year, the public policy seniors completed internships in the following offices: Legislative Analyst's Office, Halldin Public Relations, Mendocino County Superior Court, and Army National Guard.

***Political Research & Policy Analysis:*** Instructed by Wade Teasdale, Senior Policy Analyst at the CA Legislature, this new upper division course is practical and significant to the completion of the Public Policy curriculum. Wade brings 30 years of political experience on the state and federal levels to offer depth and breadth of knowledge to this course. Providing practical methods and application, the course prepares seniors for their senior projects and professional opportunities.

***Senior Seminar: Leadership & Service:*** The culmination of the Public Policy curriculum is the capstone experience, the Public Policy Senior Seminar. Under my instruction, this course includes a focused study of Biblical, historical, and current leadership examples, approaches, and issues from theoretical and practical perspectives. Students also learn of their own leadership and management abilities and approaches. They apply this knowledge to not only analyze current policy issues but also to serve the community. They draw on their year one to three courses to develop a senior research project on a current policy issue to be presented to the public. The presentation includes a 40+ minute review of their research topic and related policy recommendations followed by 15-20 minute questions from a panel of public policy instructors. Within the course, students also developed a business plan for an organization, conducted a service project, and participated in a tour of Washington, D.C.

### **Partnering with Policy Leaders**

The Public Policy Degree Program would not be possible without the tremendous support of numerous policymakers and community members within and outside of our University. Highlights of these partnerships and collaborations include:

- Over 25 exceptional guest lectures from policy professional and experts including: Micah Albert (Associated Press/NYTimes), Willard Black (Institute for Christian Resources), Tim Capron (CSUS), Rhonda Carroll (Rhonda Carroll Ministries), Brad Dacus (Pacific Justice Institute), Stan Devereux (PacWest), Gus Demas (Assembly Fiscal Officer), Dan Dunmoyer (Cabinet Secretary to Gov. Schwarzenegger), Hon. Larry Gaddis (Placer County Superior Court), Kathryn Gaither Radtkey (Department of Finance), Bill Gausewitz (CA Dept of Insurance), Mayor Jim Gray (City of Roseville), Brad Fenocchio and Scott Owens (Placer County District Attorney's Office), Sheila Hawkins (Department of Education), Elizabeth Hill

(LAO), Matt Ross (Senate Republican Caucus), Bruce Lee (Dept. of Finance), Sen. Tim Leslie (CA State Legislature-ret.), David Llewellyn (Llewellyn Spann), Charles McClain (ret. City Manager), Rick Pratt (CA School Board Assoc), Joe Pursch (Capitol Resource Institute), Lisa Rea (Justice and Reconciliation Project), Will Smith (Sen. George Runner's office), Dotson Wilson (Clerk, CA Assembly).

- Ongoing support and input from key policymakers and supporters including : Jay Alan (Office of Homeland Security), Willard Black (Christian Resource Institute), Ken Campbell (Placer County Republican Party), Tim Capron (CSUS), Gus Demas (Assembly Fiscal Officer), Dan Dunmoyer (Office of Gov. Schwarzenegger), Eric Eglund (USAFR), Hon. Larry Gaddis (Placer County Superior Court), Kelly Garman (Assemblyman Ted Gaines office), Ben Gilmore, Karen Green (PEER Court), Bill Halldin (Halldin Public Relations), Peter Henderson, Elizabeth Hill (LAO), Bruce Lee (Dept. of Finance), Tim Leslie (CA Assembly), David Llewellyn (Llewellyn Spann), Kathy Lund (City of Rocklin), Charles McClain (ret. City Manager), Joe Pursch (Capitol Resource Institute), Lisa Rea (Justice & Reconciliation Project), Ken Shepard (Shepard & Haven), Cindy Stolarski (Connections).
- New engagement and collaboration with policy professionals and community members including: Brad Carpenter (Valley Springs Church), Karen Jorgenson Bolte, Diane Foos, Bill Gausewitz (CA Insurance Commission), Sharol Josephson (Bayside Church), Sam Rodriguez (National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference), Norman Rogers (Paraclete Partners), and Henry Walther (Sutter Hospital).
- Internship opportunities and collaborations with numerous legislative and other public sector offices including: Congressman John Doolittle (Candace Dodge, Josh Pfeiffer), Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (Dan Dunmoyer), State Senator Sam Anested (Christine Rydell); Assemblyman Ted Gaines (Adam Willoughby, Kelly Garman), State Senator Dick Ackerman (Brent TenPas), State Senator George Runner (Will Smith), State Senator Van Tran (J'aime Rosales), Legislative Analyst's Office (Elizabeth Hill, Michelle Baas), Halldin Public Relations (Bill Halldin), Placer County Superior Court (Hon. Larry Gaddis), Mendocino County Superior Court (Vicki Piver).
- Collaborations with advocacy groups and educational institutions including: California Family Council, Capitol Resource Institute, International Justice Mission, Agape International Ministries, Justice and Reconciliation Project, Pacific Justice Institute; USC's Graduate Program in Policy, Planning, and Development, Regent Graduate School and Law School, Liberty Law School, Trinity Law School, American River Community College, Folsom Lake Community College, Sacramento City College, Sierra Community College.
- Departmental collaboration with the Multicultural Education Committee. I have Chaired this standing committee of the University and have worked closely with representatives from a various departments including: Rex Gurney, Nathan Herzog (Asst. Professor, Teacher Education), Fritz Moga (Asst. Professor, Youth Ministry), Vance Pascua (Director of Admission), Jim Jessup (Director of Church Relations), Daniel Gluck (Director of Campus Ministries), Jennifer McCarty (Resident Director), Stephanie Garber (Resident Director), and students Michael Yamamoto (Senior, Youth Ministry) and Tynisha Mims (Sophomore, Psychology). The MEC has provided input, guidance, and leadership on initiatives that promote a global awareness and understanding of a range of socioeconomic and political

issues from a Christian perspective. The MEC is currently developing semester long study abroad and other programs that will provide broader educational opportunities for students.

### **Educating our Community**

The Public Policy Department emphasizes education both inside and outside the classroom, particularly through policy events and institutional tours. These events are opportunities for the Public Policy Department to outreach and educate our current students, prospective students, and the greater community on key policy issues:

***City on the Hill*** (July 2007): Over 60 high school students participated in a week-long conference at WJU sponsored by the Capitol Resource Institute. This legislative conference was focused on teaching and training on the legislative process. Students learned how to review, research, prepare, and debate a bill before the California Legislature. The week culminated with the students presenting their proposed bills in model session on the floor of the California Assembly. City on the Hill alumni, Lindsey Hemming, is one of our outstanding Public Policy first year students.

***Constitution Day*** (Sept. 17): Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event featured Mayor Jim Gray and Hon. Larry Gaddis. Each presented on the critical constitutional issues that impact local governments and courts. They highlighted issues such as eminent domain and search and seizure. In addition, they fielded questions from Constitution & Civil Rights course students Colby Ackenheil (Junior, Public Policy), Christina Costley (Freshman, Public Policy), Gabrielle Jackson (Sophomore, Public Policy), and Kyle Navarra (Senior, Business). The event also featured a constitutional trivia contest with the winner receiving an Apple iPod. Student Government officers JoyLynn Miller (President, Senior, Public Policy), Ashley Waterman (Vice President, Junior, Youth Ministry), and Maria Demas (Business Manager, Senior, Public Policy) led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble to the Constitution, and announced the 2007-2008 student government election results.

***Global Awareness Week Forums*** (October 22, 24): This week of campus wide educational events was co-sponsored with WJU's Campus Ministries and the WJU IJM Student Chapter. Highlights included an international missions panel featuring Marsha Relyea Miles (Pioneer Bible Translators), Anya Eglund, and Dr. Rhonda Carroll discussing critical missions issues in Papua New Guinea, Eastern Europe, and China and a photo exhibit and discussion on Africa featuring Micah Albert (AP/NYTimes photojournalist).

***Graduate School Fair and Workshops*** (October 25): This program featured representatives from McGeorge Law School, University of the Pacific Graduate Programs, Sacramento State Graduate Programs, University of Phoenix Graduate School, Chapman University Graduate Programs, and Kaplan Test Preparation. Representatives from these programs joined a panel discussion with WJU faculty including Rhonda Capron, Rex Gurney, and I to provide students with helpful information about their programs as well as responded to student questions about graduate schools.

***American Christian Heritage Roundtable*** (December 4): This roundtable discussion featuring Mark Beliles of the Providence Foundation brought together students and community members to discuss the Christian history and principles that are the cornerstones of the American governmental and social system.

***Missions Banquet*** (Feb. 22): The Public Policy Department co-sponsored WJU's Campus Ministries' first Missions Banquet. The event featured missions teams from Kenya and Honduras and student speakers Michael LaFarge, Josh Ribb, and WJU Alum Sarah Nelson (Public Policy Program Assistant). The event also featured an international menu and global informational tables and music.

***International Justice Day*** (Feb. 26): This 2nd annual event featured a Chapel presentation by Dr. Kimberly Battle-Walters Denu (Azusa Pacific, Fulbright Scholar) and a panel discussion with Dr. Walters Denu, Micah Albert, and Lisa Rea (Justice & Reconciliation Project). The event generated media attention from Sirius satellite radio's national program, *Around the Nation with Bob Dunning*. My interview with Bob Dunning focused on our event and the key issues of child labor, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking. In addition, International Justice Day also included a film screening of *Born into Brothels*, a compelling film about child exploitation in India.

***Capitol Tour*** (March 13): The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual tour of the Capitol was a combined program for the Political Process, Political Economy, and Macroeconomics students. The students had the opportunity to hear presentations from Elizabeth Hill (CA Legislative Analyst) and from Rick Pratt (CA Association of School Boards) regarding the CA budget and related priorities. The students also experienced a tour of the Capitol with presentations from Sen. Tim Leslie, Dotson Wilson (Clerk, CA Assembly), Assemblyman Ted Gaines, Gus Demas (Assembly Fiscal Officer), Will Smith (Office of Sen. George Runner), and Wade Teasdale.

***Washington, D.C. Tour*** (April 12-18): This special trip was an opportunity for our seniors to experience first-hand the federal institutions and officials that they have studied in the Public Policy Program. The tour was an extension of the Senior Seminar and included visits and briefings at the Pentagon, Arlington Cemetery, the White House, the Capitol, the US Supreme Court, as well as the Lincoln Monument, Jefferson Memorial, Korean War and WWII memorials, Washington Monument, and Old Town Alexandria. The seniors also visited with Congressman Doolittle and staff and had a rare opportunity to climb to the Capitol Dome for a spectacular view of the city. The tour allowed students to enjoy our nation's capital while absorbing its history, legacy, and impact. We hope to make this an annual opportunity for our seniors.

***Day of Prayer for Justice*** (May 1): The Day of Prayer for Justice was held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer featuring keynote speaker Larry Martin (VP/International Justice Mission). The Day of Prayer event was co-sponsored with Campus Ministries and the WJU Student Chapter of IJM and brought together the entire campus for Chapel and a wonderful cross-section of our campus and surrounding community as prayer partners for a prayer vigil. Larry Martin was also featured speaker in Chapel and joined many faculty, students, and community members for the prayer vigil. The vigil focused prayers on the issues of child labor, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking as well as regional prayers for various global concerns. .

***Public Policy Day*** (May 3): This 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event was expanded to include a full day of senior seminar presentations and a celebration luncheon. The luncheon featured keynote speaker Dan Dunmoyer, Deputy Chief of Staff and Cabinet Secretary to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Public Policy seniors Maria Demas, JoyLynn Miller, Sarah Olson, and Andrew Tillman presented on a range of topics: *Budget Analysis of the California Health Department*, *Stalking: Combating an Invisible Crime*, *A Biblical and Historical Analysis of Welfare Reform*, and *Peacekeeping in the Balkans*. Phil Escamilla, David Llewellyn, Spencer Mills, Richard Robinson, and Wade Teasdale served as second reviewers for the student papers and presentations. The program also included a year end review of our

program's accomplishments and supporters, a PowerPoint slideshow of memorable moments, and a special "commissioning" prayer for our seniors.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Congressional Debate** (May 8): This first debate at WJU featured Republican candidates Tom McClintock and Doug Ose and also included Republican candidates Ted Terbolizard, Suzanne Jones, Democrat John Wolfgram, and representatives of Democrat Charlie Brown. Debate questions were presented by a media panel including Dana Howard (News10), Peter Hecht (SacBee), and Deric Rothe (Auburn Journal), as well as from students in the our Political Process course, instructed by Phil Escamilla. Colby Ackenheil (Junior, Public Policy), Christina Costley (Freshman, Public Policy), and Greer Gamble (Freshman, Public Policy) presented the student questions. JoyLynn Miller (Senior, Public Policy) presented the Pledge of Allegiance. The event was aired live on Eric Hogue's KTKZ radio program. The event generated considerable pre- and post-event media coverage, including a radio interview on KFBK radio to promote the debate and program and interview with LA Times on the campaigns.

### **Developing Student Leaders**

The Public Policy Department has also been committed to developing student leadership and advocacy in collaboration with student co-curricular activities:

***Student Government:*** As Advisor to the Student Government, I have been privileged in working with a group of student leaders who exemplify faith and service. These students not only represent the student body, but play significant roles in facilitating discussion and collaboration between students and administration. Highlights for this year's Student Government included: developing and establishing an updated Associated Student Body Guidelines for Clubs and Organizations; organizing a campus Winter Banquet; conducting Town Hall Forums including a fall forum on student services and IT and a spring forum on facilities and academics. They also conducted two successful elections with a voter turnout of over 50% of the student body. The Student Government also facilitated a senior class gift of outdoor benches and tables for the student residence area, and offered a campus wide car wash service project. Two of the three Student Government officers were public policy students: JoyLynn Miller (President) and Maria Demas (Business Manager). Also, as a testament to the Student Government's service and leadership, three of the four senior student speakers at the Senior Chapel service were Student Government representatives. In addition, prior Student Government President Joe Perez and this year's President JoyLynn Miller were each recognized at graduation with the Founder's and Worthy Woman awards respectively, the highest honors to a male and female graduate.

***International Justice Mission:*** As Advisor to the WJU chapter of the International Justice Mission, I also had the privilege of further developing this student advocacy organization and connecting it with national and international efforts. The Chapter has drawn together over 30 students who are committed to bringing justice to the oppressed worldwide. The Chapter co-hosted several campus events including the Global Awareness Week, Missions Banquet, International Justice Day and the Day of Prayer for Justice. This event brought local and national attention to issues such as child labor, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking as well as the impact of Christian service in communities facing poverty and degradation. The Chapter leadership team included our Public Policy Program assistants and WJU alumni, Sami Keen and Sarah Nelson; Public Policy students Christina Costley, Maria Demas, Gabrielle Jackson, and JoyLynn Miller ; and ICS students Lee Butisbauch, Amanda Loenhorst, and Gabrielle Williams.

***Spiritual Formation:*** Spiritual formation is a significant component of campus life and I have had the opportunity to facilitate spiritual formation groups (SFGs) dedicated to prayer and service. The fall SFG was an extension of the Discipleship for Apologetics and Evangelism course (taught by Rex Gurney) and gave students an opportunity to do a food drive for HomeStart (a transitional home in Roseville for homeless families), sponsor a child through WorldVision (an international Christian organization focused on development issues), and organize a game night for WIND (a transitional center in Sacramento for homeless teens). The spring SFG also hosted a roller skating and fellowship day with children from HomeStart.

### **Providing Future Opportunities**

Throughout the 2007-2008 academic year, the Department was engaged in not only curriculum development but also strategic planning, marketing initiatives, scholarship development, and community outreach. All of these efforts are particularly important in preparing for prospective students and providing future public service opportunities:

***Scholarships:*** Through the generous contribution of an anonymous supporter, the Public Policy Department established the Leland C. McPherson Memorial Scholarship. This competitive scholarship is by application only and is given to a student that embodies the values of its namesake, Leland C. McPherson, an accomplished Christian public servant. The first recipient of this \$2,500 scholarship was Gabrielle Jackson (Sophomore, Public Policy). In addition, Public Policy Freshman Christina Costley received a \$1,100 Craig Milby scholarship awarded to a gifted student of highest character. These scholarship secure our students financially and ensure continued opportunities, especially for our best students.

***Community Classroom:*** The Public Policy Department developed an initiative which brings our faculty to high schools and community colleges for guest lectures. These guest lectures are important opportunities for civic engagement and Public Policy program recruitment. This program was launched this spring with two great presentations that Phil Escamilla provided in May at Luther Burbank High School in the Sacramento Unified School District. The community classroom initiative will be presented to several more high schools in the next academic year.

***Community Outreach:*** I had the opportunity to serve on a number of University committees, professional and missions organizations, attend various conferences, and present at community events. These opportunities allowed me to collaborate with professionals and community members in the Greater Sacramento Area and across the country to share the work of the Public Policy Department. Some highlights included:

- Sept 2007-present: Served as member of Faculty Senate which oversees faculty and academic policies and programs. Faculty Senate allows our Department to collaborate with each of the other academic departments and develop sound academic policies for students and faculty.
- Sept 2007-present: Served as Chair of WJU's Multicultural Education Committee that regularly facilitated and reported on global and multiracial issues. The Committee is currently leading the effort to develop semester, study abroad programs for WJU students.

- Sept 2007-present: Served as faculty liaison to the Community Relations Council that organized the University Fund Gala (in support of student scholarships) and Warrior Golf Classic (in support of student athletics).
- September 2007: Participated in the American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, specifically in the International Human Rights forums. This event brought together the leading academics in the political science arena and offered a great network of cutting edge work.
- Oct 22-26, 2007: Organized and served as moderator for Global Awareness Week forum and Graduate School Fair & Workshops.
- November 15, 2007: Served as model class lecturer for Preview Day. Presented on the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution to over 120 prospective students.
- January 2008-present: Served on committees for WJU's Marketing, Community Outreach, and Community College Initiatives. These efforts are critical to the overall growth and development of WJU and each of the academic departments.
- February 2007: Organized and served as moderator for International Justice Day. Also featured on national radio program *Around the Nation w/ Bob Dunning* to discuss the highlights of this event.
- March 2008: Featured in *Christianity Today*, a national magazine highlighting the work of Christians in church, education, and society.
- April 2007: Organized and facilitated senior trip to Washington, DC and conducted tours of the Pentagon, Capitol, Supreme Court, and other major federal institutions and monuments.
- May 1, 2007: Organized and facilitated Day of Prayer for Justice.
- May 3, 2007: Organized and facilitated Public Policy Day.
- May 8, 2007: Organized and moderated the 4<sup>th</sup> District Congressional Debate. Interviewed on KFBK and interviewed by LA Times regarding the debate and the primary race.
- June 12 & 18, 2008: Presented at two Pacific Justice Institute legal seminars.
- June 30, 2008: Presiding as Speaker of the Assembly at California Focus, a youth legislative conference held by the 4H for approximately 120 students.
- June/July 2008: Presenting at senior communities regarding the Public Policy Program.
- June/July 2008: Collaborating with community colleges to develop student government exchanges and public policy presentations.

- June/July 2008: Collaborating with National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference to develop fall forum on elections and voting.
- June/July 2008: Collaborating with Pacific Justice Institute to develop clinical programs for law and policy students.

***First Graduates:*** The greatest accomplishment of this year was that of our graduates. Seniors Maria Demas, JoyLynn Miller, Sarah Olson, and Andrew Tillman successfully completed the Public Policy curriculum, earned a Bachelor degree in Public Policy, and are now taking the path that the Lord has set for them to serve the public arena. Maria, who graduated with a concentration in Economics and Management, is pursuing work with a Legislative Committee at the Capitol. JoyLynn, who served as Baccalaureate student speaker and was the recipient of WJU's Worthy Woman award at graduation, is planning to work with the Placer County Superior Court. Sarah, who graduated with a concentration in Economics and Management, is currently working with Wells Fargo and is preparing for future graduate school and work in the Department of Finance. Andrew, WJU's first ROTC student, was commissioned to the US Army on June 2 and begins training for a future deployment to Kosovo. Without question, each of these distinct individuals will make a distinct impact in the public sector – and that impact will be felt not only in our state and nation but in the Kingdom.

The accomplishments and opportunities of the Public Policy Department's 2007-2008 academic year have demonstrated how faithful God has been in this second of our pioneering years of the program. He has provided wonderful students, a tremendous group of supportive and committed policymakers, the exceptional support of WJU, and many opportunities to make an impact in our community. I am particularly grateful for all of our guest lecturers, advisory members, and instructors and their dedication and service to the Public Policy Department. And I am privileged to have had the opportunity to serve students and community members who share our vision of Christian leadership and who will serve California, the US, and the world with distinction in these historic times.