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## ON A MISSION

*Regent's School of Undergraduate Studies unveils a clear vision for a bright future*

**D**uring its first 22 years, Regent University was strictly a graduate institution that allowed students to earn advanced degrees in seven fields of study. But in 2000, an undergraduate degree-completion program was introduced to give working adults the opportunity to complete their bachelor's degree.

In 2005, Regent further adjusted its original graduate-only model by launching the School of Undergraduate Studies (RSU), which currently offers 17 bachelor's and 12 associate's degree programs. RSU offers online and traditional on-campus students more


than a path to professional or academic advancement. The school and its faculty foster an atmosphere of Christ-centered excellence and teach skills to help students transform their lives, the lives of others and the entire world.

As part of Regent's larger vision to become a leading academic center of Christian thought and action, RSU offers students something unique

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School of Undergraduate Studies

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within higher education and within the university itself. Dean Gerson Moreno-Riaño, Ph.D., calls RSU “a distinct undergraduate institution with a mission that seeks to graduate exceptional students deeply committed to Christ’s calling to cherish character, challenge culture and serve the world.”

Moreno-Riaño says: “Students come to Regent because they believe that God has called them to be here and to pursue His purposes. In this sense, this notion of calling represents a critical intersection of the school’s identity and the student’s identity; both are called to contribute to God’s purposes at this university.

“[They] come to Regent to better understand this calling, grow their faith and be equipped to contribute to and serve in this world. While career considerations are important, the passion for Regent among our students transcends the practical.”

Dr. Richard Kidd, director of Campus Ministries, agrees. He’s seen firsthand how Regent undergrads commit themselves to more than their studies: “They fast and pray and worship God with a single-minded passion that renders every negative ‘young people

today’ comment incomplete and inaccurate.”

Kidd has spent Friday evenings at all-night prayer and worship services with RSU students. And after the university’s “UnChapel” on Thursday nights, he says undergrads “often linger for hours after they are dismissed in order to pray for each other. These young people are serious about their relationships. They’re serious about their relationship with God.”

Patricia Paras, a sophomore at RSU considered attending another Virginia university. Thirsty for God, she chose Regent because she wanted to be surrounded by like-minded young people: “I felt Christ in every person I met. This aspect, combined with the passion to reach the world and engage with the Lord in every area of life made Regent where I wanted to be.”

But RSU is not only concerned with developing its students, who currently number 935 on campus and 1,193 online. Moreno-Riaño understands that a thriving undergraduate school is important to the university—and the world: “First, ‘thriving’ means that more and more students are being



equipped with godly characters, hearts and minds in order to challenge the culture and serve others. Second, a flourishing undergraduate student body will develop

Regent into a fully integrated university; a strong university requires a vibrant undergraduate program. Third, the growth that is characteristic of undergraduate education will provide the revenue and resources to enrich the entire university.”

In an effort to define more clearly what sets RSU apart inside and outside the university, Moreno-Riaño spearheaded a five-month effort to develop and adopt a description and justification for Regent’s undergraduate school: “It was a tremendous accomplishment,” he explains. “Within a very short period of time ... faculty and staff collaborated to identify the key



With 2,000+ students, Undergraduate Studies is an important part of Regent's plan for future growth.

distinctives of the school, craft a foundational statement of mission and identity, and approve it unanimously on November 23, 2010.”

While the statement reflects Regent University’s broader mission and vision, Moreno-Riaño says it also stands as a unique statement to inform and guide all RSU activities and thinking.

“We wanted to answer the question that

every student and parent considering RSU asks, ‘Why should I choose your school?’” Moreno-Riaño continues, “Our identity and mission [statement] answers that question and sets RSU apart.”

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For more information about the School of Undergraduate Studies, visit [regent.edu/undergrad](http://regent.edu/undergrad) or call 888.718.1222. To read RSU’s mission and identity statement, visit [regent.edu/impact](http://regent.edu/impact).

# Responding Worldwide

The Regent trauma team helps the hurting



Photo by Tony Cece

**D**r. Benjamin Keyes is willing to go anywhere with a Regent trauma team. When God calls them to a location, the co-director of Regent's Center for Trauma Studies knows that doors will be opened to make a positive impact: "We plan for our students to go someplace where they can have that immersion experience ... areas that are hit fairly severely with poverty, with trauma, with domestic violence and even with natural disasters."

For more than two years now, the School of Psychology & Counseling (SPC) has deployed teams of students and faculty to some of the world's hardest hit areas. After two missions to Haiti and others to Chile, South Africa and Romania since 2009, the Regent trauma team travels to Central America this month to help the people of Leon, Nicaragua. "We are looking at issues with domestic violence, sexual trauma and poverty there," Keyes explains. "Nicaragua is one of the poorest nations in the world. And from what I understand, problems with industry have left them even more desolate."

Dr. Merrill Reese, the other co-director, says the team will assist pastors and counselors and social workers who are serving in Nicaraguan churches, prisons, schools and universities: "Students need a field experience to work with those who have been traumatized or had the experience of trauma in their life. This trip, as previous trips also have done, provides the student with an opportunity to get field training in a setting that enables them to apply the skills they've learned through the center."

Eighteen SPC students and three faculty members, including Keyes and Reese, will work with Open Eyes Ministries from July 22 to August 7. "We try to give partners training in various aspects of trauma, so that they, in turn, are better equipped to work with people," Keyes says.

The Center for Trauma Studies guides SPC students through four Green Cross certification levels. To earn the top certification, as a traumatologist, they must undergo a series of training and then complete 120 hours of a practical experience. "We immerse the students in a culture that is dealing with trauma," Keyes explains.

While student certifications are significant to the trauma team's objectives, Keyes insists that having an impact on the indigenous people in a way that furthers their mental health is even more important: "We don't want to be hit and run. We want to leave something on the ground so that, when people are in need, there are people in the community who can respond."

Reese agrees: "Our anticipated goals, desires and expectations are to meet the people of Nicaragua where they are and to serve them at their point of need. Essentially this is putting into practice, through a field experience, Regent University's mission to equip Christian leaders to change the world."

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Learn more about Regent University's School of Psychology & Counseling by visiting [regent.edu/psychology](http://regent.edu/psychology) or calling 800.681.5906.

# SEEKING JUSTICE

## 16 law interns are working this summer to stop human rights abuses

On October 8, 2010, the School of Law launched the Center for Global Justice, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law to “seek justice on behalf of the world’s downtrodden—the enslaved, the abused and the poor.” But even before the Center for Global Justice officially opened, Regent students and faculty were already hard at work fulfilling the Biblical mandate found in Proverbs 31:9: “Defend the rights of the poor and needy” (NIV).

Four law students spent the summer of 2010 working as interns in Cambodia, France, India and Washington, D.C., to combat human trafficking and defend human rights. School of Law Dean Jeffrey Brauch knows that those internships laid the groundwork for what would come later: “I have been overwhelmed by the response we have seen to last October’s launch of the Center for Global Justice. Students are excited and engaged. Friends and partner organizations are coming forward to support us in our work.”

Brauch adds, “I am confident that He will use us—in a meaningful way—to speak for and protect the oppressed, abused and enslaved worldwide.”

Ashleigh Chapman, administrative director of the Center for Global Justice, says donors who caught the vision early on were responsible for sending those first four interns. But thanks to the launch event and subsequent fundraising efforts, she reports that the center has quadrupled the number of 2011 summer internships: “Our goal was to send 10, and we were able to surpass that goal and send 12 from Regent. We also will be sponsoring four interns from our sister school in South Korea.”

In addition to South Korea, the current group of interns will serve in France, India, Mexico, Russia and the United States.

But the Center for Global Justice is a year-round initiative. Chapman says 25 law students comprise the teams that work weekly on several projects: “The Lord is moving very fast, and much has happened this past year. In addition to sending out 16 interns, we are preparing to support a child welfare reform effort at the federal, state and community levels.”



As part of a new initiative, the center will team with partner schools in Africa to train young leaders on the continent to promote the rule of law and the integration of faith and law. Chapman explains, “We are building a network of partner organizations all around the globe and within the United States, supporting them in a variety of ways tailored to their needs.”

“The Center for Global Justice is already equipping a generation of men and women who will literally speak for those who cannot speak for themselves,” says Brauch. “I cannot think of a more important way to carry out Regent’s mission to provide ‘Christian Leadership to Change the World.’”

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For more information about the Center for Global Justice, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law, visit [regent.edu/globaljustice](http://regent.edu/globaljustice) or call 757.352.4315.

# A Message From the President



Dear Friends,

In 2005 Regent launched its School of Undergraduate Studies (RSU), a bold, new initiative that, in only six years, has grown to offer 17 bachelor's and 12 associate's degrees. These fully accredited on-campus and

online programs make RSU an increasingly popular education destination for young men and women eager to be taught from a distinctly Christian worldview.

We recognize that maintaining a strong undergraduate community is vital to the growth and future of the university. As a friend of Regent, your prayers and gifts help RSU fulfill its mission to graduate exceptional students deeply committed to Christ's calling to cherish character, challenge culture and serve the world.

Your support also makes possible other university initiatives, such as the School of Psychology & Counseling's trauma teams and the Center for Global Justice, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law. Thank you for your willingness to partner with Regent as we equip Christian leaders to change the world.

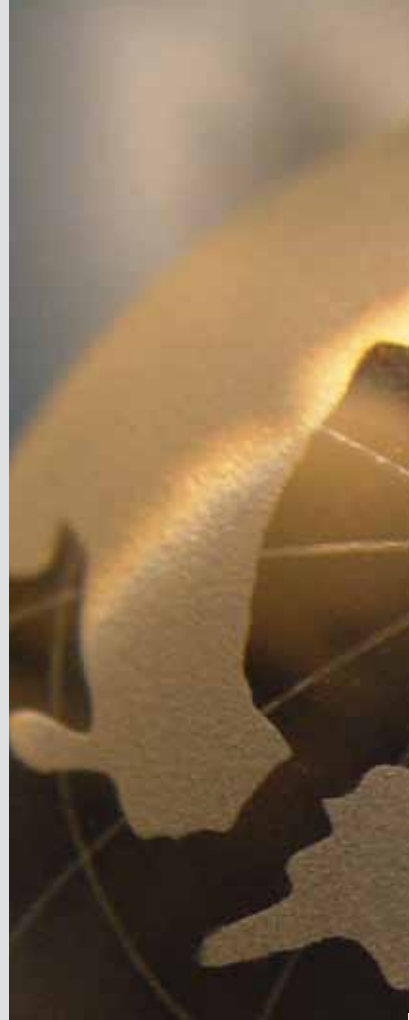
Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos Campo". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Carlos Campo, Ph.D.  
President

I PRAY THAT YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH  
US IN THE FAITH MAY BE EFFECTIVE IN  
DEEPENING YOUR UNDERSTANDING  
OF EVERY GOOD THING WE SHARE  
FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST.

PHILEMON 1:6 (NIV)



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# REGENT WORLD CHANGER



## Capt. Brett Johnson

U.S. Army Chaplain

Capt. Brett Johnson is a U.S. Army chaplain who left behind a lucrative business career for military ministry. Commissioned in the Army in July 2004 as a chaplain candidate, Johnson graduated from Regent University's School of Divinity with a Master of Arts in Practical Theology in 2007. "At Regent I witnessed, firsthand, a commitment to continuous development of new and innovative ways to serve our nation's military educationally," Johnson says. Noted by his colleagues as possessing attributes of the finest military chaplains: godliness, integrity, empathy and presence, Johnson has been recognized for his effectiveness in military ministry and servant leadership.

Please join the Regent University community in praying for the work and ministry of Capt. Brett Johnson, July's alumni world changer and the 2011 Alumnus of the Year.

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#### REGENT UNIVERSITY

## By the Numbers

**150,000**

dollars is the first-phase annual operating budget for the Center for Global Justice.

**2,128**

students were enrolled in RSU during the Spring 2011 semester.

**2,000**

people in six countries have been helped by Regent trauma teams.

**95**

percent of Regent undergrad students receive some sort of financial aid.

**36**

nations are represented by Regent undergrads.