MISSION STATEMENT

Common Day of Learning gathers the community of Azusa Pacific University to examine the role of Christian scholarship and explore what it means to love God with our minds through creative learning experiences, in order to obey the call to live as followers of Christ in this world.
WELCOME

Welcome to Azusa Pacific University’s 16th Annual William E. and Renowned author and speaker Francis J. Beckwith, MJS, Ph.D., guests participating in our event. This year, we are also blessed to have several distinguished work being done by members of the APU community on a daily presentations by faculty, staff, and students remind us of the important as we are by the participation of so many talented people. Numerous

As you read through this program, we hope that you are as pleased and understanding—and the source of all wisdom (Proverbs 2:6). These verses are
discovery and to remind us that God is the author of knowledge

This year’s theme, “Walk in Wisdom,” is taken from Ephesians 5:15-16: “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, for the days are evil.” These verses are
delighted to have author and illustrator Davy Liu on hand in Session Three to give insight into the process of writing for children, and actress Vondria Bergen to perform dramatic reenactments of the life of women in the Old and New Testaments in a Session Two panel discussion on biblical interpretation.

Finally, we are thrilled to have The Bible Experience Live serve as the grand finale for this celebratory day. Since “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Psalm 111:10), it seems most fitting that we conclude our time together by searching for Him in the Scriptures. It is our prayer that as visitors from the Greater Los Angeles area come to our beautiful campus to attend this event, they, too, will see that wisdom begins with God First.

Today, as we seek truth and celebrate scholarship, let us not be satisfied with mere knowledge. Instead, let us encourage one another to pursue wisdom, for “wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding” (Proverbs 4:7).

Sincerely,

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will lead a Session Three roundtable discussion on corporate ethics with prominent members of our business community. We are also delighted to have author and illustrator Davy Liu on hand in Session One to give insight into the process of writing for children, and actress Vondria Bergen to perform dramatic reenactments of the life of women in the Old and New Testaments in a Session Two panel discussion on biblical interpretation.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: FRANCIS J. BECKWITH, MJS, PH.D., BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Beckwith is associate professor of philosophy and church-state studies at Baylor University, where he teaches courses in the departments of philosophy and political science, and the J. M. Dawson Institute for Church-State Studies. He holds five earned degrees including the Ph.D. in Philosophy from Fordham University and the Master of Juridical Studies from the Washington University School of Law, St. Louis.

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PRESENTATION INFORMATION:
SESSION ONE: 9:30–10:45 a.m.
Duke Academic Complex, Room 520
Liu will join Nancy Brubaker from the Department of English, Bradley Harte from the School of Theology, and a number of student panelists in a presentation on the process of writing for children. See p.7 for additional information.

PRESENTATION INFORMATION:
SESSION TWO: 1:15–2:30 p.m.
Duke Academic Complex, Room 127
Bergen will join Karen Strand Winslow from the School of Theology for a special presentation on interpreting Scripture through the ages. See p. 11 for additional information.
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WISDOM FROM RESEARCH

Energy Resources: How We Use Them and How We SHOULD Use Them
Duke Academic Complex, Room 117

Timothy A. Heurner, Ph.D., Department of Physics
Anna-Lisa Oseman, senior, Violin Performance
Amy Snyder, freshman, Business Administration
Aaron Stafford, senior, Physics and Philosophy

Faculty and student presenters will review the different types of energy resources and explain their advantages and disadvantages. Audience members are invited to join the panelists as they discuss the Christian perspective on the use of resources and their impact on the environment and society.

Christian Missions and International Affairs
Duke Academic Complex, Room 119

Daniel Palm, Ph.D., Department of History and Political Science
Ariel B. Fortune, junior, Communication Studies
David Hancock, junior, International Business
Brian Williamson, sophomore, Political Science

From the time of the early Church, Christian missionaries have intentionally or unintentionally impacted the course of international relations in significant ways. This panel will consider several key instances of Christian mission work, past and present, and the consequences of missionaries’ efforts to the always changing interactions between nations.

Childhood Obesity: Causes, Treatment, and Prevention Strategies
Duke Academic Complex, Room 114

Sue Hebel, Ed.D., ATC, Department of Exercise and Sports Science
Duke Academic Complex, Room 513

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Research in Music Education: Teaching Music Composition to Middle School Students
Duke Academic Complex, Room 116

Alexander Koops, Ph.D., School of Music

This presentation will give a brief overview of research that has been done in the field of music education, including qualitative and quantitative studies and a discussion of important researchers and their areas of expertise. Following this will be an example of current research in the area of teaching music composition.

Moral Relativism: Societal Effects and Implications for the Future
Duke Academic Complex, Room 123

Christopher Pannery, Ph.D., Department of History and Political Science
Brandon Battehauer, senior, History and Theology
Curts Kink, senior, Psychology and Political Science
Drew Karl, sophomore, Social Science
Craig Thompson, senior, Music and Political Science

As our society moves away from a moral system grounded in objective truth to one based on relativistic standards, distinguishing right from wrong becomes increasingly difficult. In this session, student presenters explain how moral relativism compromises our ability to correct the sin of others, erodes the value of human life, and degrades the quality of higher education.

Humility and the Road to Wisdom
Duke Academic Complex, Room 121

Craig Boyd, Ph.D., Division of Religion and Philosophy, School of Theology

An often overlooked virtue in the life of Christian higher education is humility. Much of our time is spent focusing on academic technique, theological apologetics, and engaging the culture. But prior to any of these activities is the possession of certain virtues that shape the mind and character of the Christian scholar. This presentation focuses on the first and foremost of those virtues: humility.

The Importance of the Media in Shaping the News
Duke Academic Complex, Room 127

Thomas Panham, Ph.D., Department of Theater, Film, and Television
Jamee Mills, Ph.D., Department of Communication Studies

Tim Posada, faculty advisor, The Clause
Nicole Chin, senior, Journalism
Jillian Collett, senior, Journalism
Whitney Curtis, junior, Undeclared
Crisa Nelson, senior, Journalism

In this session, presenters will explore the various ways journalists and media outlets can inform and influence the public. Professors Wills and Parham will examine different components of this influence, including how the media can shape our political positions and trust (or mistrust) of government leaders. In addition, student reporters from The Clause will discuss advocacy journalism and how it relates to the mission of the paper. With election coverage dominating much of our local and national news, this is a session you don’t want to miss.

Why Don’t You Look to the Music: Music, Lyrics, and Meaning in the Songs of Larry Norman
Duke Academic Complex, Room 128

Nancy Brasher, Ph.D., Department of English (Choco the Bear and the Hidden Treasure)
Andrew Finchrock, Department of English (Bradley Hawthorne and the Case of the Golden Egg)
Kristin Goodwin, Department of English (Uniek is Unique)
Special Guest: Davy Liu, professional author and illustrator

In this session, scholars share their research findings on the intersection of psychology and biblical studies. Topics include generalized anxiety disorder, anger, depression, suffering, and forgiveness.

WISDOM IN PRACTICE

Passing on a Legacy: The Art and Song of Mentoring
Duke Academic Complex, Room 513

Peggy Hurker, Department of Higher Education and Organizational Leadership

Mary Todd, Office of the Campus Pastor
Stacie Silva, M.A. student, Organizational Leadership
Jesse Goeglein, senior, Communication Studies

“Once we find our own light within, we can share it with others, offering our own gifts from the heart.” This is how Bowman and Deal describe mentoring in their book Leading With Soul. Whether we shed light, tell stories, or sing the notes of our life song, we have wisdom to pass on to the next generation. Those who come after us can benefit from the experiences we have lived and the lessons we have learned. Panelists will expose some of mentoring’s misconceptions in addition to examining ways to promote mentoring’s benefits—all for the purpose of learning and growing together.
Academic Disciplines in Short-Term Ministry Teams
Darling Library Facility, Room 413
Warren Koch, Ph.D., Department of Theater, Film, and Television
Nowi Lie, senior, Communication Studies
Sara Strawhun, senior, Sociology
Team Cambodia members (2007) will discuss their role in training believers in Cambodia to shoot a dramatic feature film. In addition, the team will address the topic of international friendships and the lessons learned by this experience. Selected portions of student feature films will also be shown during the session.

Navigating Wisdom and the Brilliance of Good Leadership
Duke Academic Complex, Room 120
Paul Kaak, Ph.D., Department of Higher Education and Organizational Leadership
It is easy to be fooled into thinking that intelligence, extroversion, or the ability to take charge form the essence of good leadership. In truth, a person may have all of these qualities and fail in leadership because they have failed to nurture and apply the virtue of wisdom. When rightly understood, developed, and put to use, wisdom can provide increased capacity for leadership that is good, in terms of both ethics and effectiveness. This informative, inspirational, and interactive session will unveil the power of wisdom, the habits that are cultivated by those who are wise, and the many uses of wisdom in the relationship between followers and those who lead. Attendees will learn how the concept of servant leadership depends on the wisdom of foresight to navigate new challenges, difficult problems, and interpersonal conflict.

WISDOM FOR LIFE
Is Marriage a Good Thing? Christian Women Give Advice to Singles before They Say “I Do”
Duke Academic Complex, Room 122
Kimberly Battle-Walters Denu, MSW, Ph.D., Department of Social Work
Dana Pinedo, Department of Social Work
Current marriage statistics indicate that Christians are just as likely to divorce as non-Christians. Other data suggest that marriage rates have been steadily declining, leaving some sociologists to conclude that marriage will soon be obsolete. Consequently, the alarm has been sounded in the religious community and Christians are trying to mentor other Christians in preparation for and during marriage. In this session, panelists will share real-life issues for women to consider as they prepare for marriage or nurture their existing marriages. In addition, the wisdom and advice from fifty interviews with Christian women from around the U.S. will be included.

Wanted: Female Computer-Science Students… and What are CS/CS/IT Disciplines?
Duke Academic Complex, Room 113
Samuel Sambasivam, Ph.D., Department of Computer Science
Are computer programmers from Mars? Is computer science just a “guy thing”? According to the Computer Research Association, only 17 percent of undergraduate computer science degrees were awarded to women in 2004, down from 19 percent in 2000. Those dwindling numbers come at a crucial time for the discipline, which has seen shrinking enrollments since the dot-com bust. This presentation will discuss different areas of computing and cover computer science education at APU and around the nation.
My Grandmother’s Wisdom: What Great Christians Can Teach Us about Living and Thinking Well

Francis J. Beckwith, MJS, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy and church-state studies, Baylor University

In his keynote address, Beckwith will share wisdom gleaned from the life and death of his grandmother, who was the daughter of Sicilian immigrants, and who became a widow early in life. She raised four children—including his mother—without a husband, and she never remarried. She worked as a seamstress in New York City her entire life, and went to church every morning. Although she wasn’t well known outside of her own family, she—and other famous Christians in history—can teach us much about living, thinking, and dying well.

The Wisdom of Creation Care: Changing Your Mind and Adjusting Your Ways

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Some scholars argue that if the views of Christian citizens were to become enshrined in our law, it would violate a fundamental principle of liberal democracy: in a pluralist society that includes citizens with conflicting and contrary philosophical and religious beliefs, the law should not embrace any one of these perspectives as correct. Some argue that this principle is supported by America’s tradition of church-state separation, which supposedly entails that the U.S. Constitution’s Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses require that a religious view of the human person and the common good cannot be imposed on citizens who disagree with that view. In this workshop, our distinguished keynote speaker will raise some critical questions about this point of view.

SESSION TWO: 1:15–2:30 p.m.

GUEST SESSION: WISDOM FROM OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Secularism and the Christian Citizen: Some Critical Questions

Duke Academic Complex, Room 520

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Wisdom from Dirt on Your Hands

Darling Library Facility, Room 401

Marsha Fowler, Ph.D., Institute of Faith Integration

This session will discuss vegetable gardening; limited space vegetable gardening; heritage vegetables, flowers, and herbs; and seed saving, as they relate to understanding ourselves and our place within creation.
The Impact of Prayer and the Christian Worldview in Business and Finance
Duke Academic Complex, Room 119
Ronald J. jewe, MBA, M.Div., School of Business and Management
Daniel park, Ph.D., School of Business and Management
Paul Anderson, MBA, CPA, School of Business and Management
Presenters in this session explore the connections between faith and business by engaging in a discussion between prayer and ethical decision making and the impact of prayer on a person’s perspective about money. Professor jewe will share results from a research study conducted with students from four Christian universities in Southern California that sought to establish a connection between a person’s faith and prayer life, and their attitudes toward situations involving business ethics. Park and Anderson will share results from a survey that asked APU School of Business and Management students about the impact of money on their lives.

Academic Discovery through Performance Duke Academic Complex, Room 120
Edmund Mazza, Ph.D., Department of History and Political Science
This May marks the 500th anniversary of Michelangelo’s artistic composition on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome. What can this Renaissance meditation on Genesis tell us about our relationship to God, and the relationship between men and women? How is God’s wisdom reflected in the human body and how does it differ from the “wisdom” of this world? Join us as we explore the fingerprints of God in the humanity of man. You’ll never look at yourself in the mirror the same way again!

Academic Discovery through Performance Duke Academic Complex, Room 120
Marcia Berry, Ph.D., Department of Communication Studies
Lauren Mayfield, sophomore, Theater Arts
Tommy McKenze, junior, Theater Arts
Matt Olmstead, sophomore, Theater Arts
Stephanie Samson, sophomore, Theater Arts
Alicia Watson, senior, Theater Arts
Theater students will perform a variety of mime and dance pieces. Following the performances, the audience will be asked to describe the audience-performer interaction.

Leadership and Leadership Development in College Athletics Duke Academic Complex, Room 118
Dave Blomquist, Ed.D., Marshburn Library
WISDOM IN PRACTICE
Planning Collaborative Art Projects
Duke Academic Complex, Room 114
Melanie Weaver, MFA, Department of Art
Coordinating collaborative art projects requires an understanding of the group participants, their sources for inspiration, the artistic processes to be utilized, and the target audience for the project. This presentation delinates the process of planning and executing a successful collaborative art project, both in the United States and overseas.

Writing Groups and Creative Clusters: How the Inklings Did It and Made It Work
Duke Academic Complex, Room 116
Dana Pavlac Gyer, Ph.D., Department of English
Using the examples of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien, Gyer will explain the function and internal structure of writing groups/creative clusters. Although these groups usually do not last, or are not very effective, Gyer will explain the secrets of the Inklings, including how they used their writing group to enhance their creativity and productivity.

Ways to “Walk in Wisdom” in Second Life: A Librarian’s Perspective
Duke Academic Complex, Room 113
Dave Harmeyer, Ed.D., Marriott Library
Second Life is a forthcoming 3-D virtual world where several educators and librarians are building future environments for social learning. In this session, an APU librarian shares his experience in this strange but promising world. How does one learn in this social experiment? What wisdom do users need when being in this world? Is this the future of education? Come to this session to find out.

Wisdom for Life Growing in Wisdom through the Process of Building Relationships – Part I
Duke Academic Complex, Room 515
Frank Berry, Ph.D., Center for Adult and Professional Studies
Based upon personal experience and shared through an intergenerational perspective, this two-part series will discuss the need for young adults to feel accepted, to identify important personal issues, to establish meaningful relationships, and to embrace God’s maturation process for their lives. Part I will focus on “Emerging: Being Known by God and Others” (Gal 4:4-9). Topics include accepting self-imposed limitations, identifying issues, and trusting God’s purposes for our lives (Phil 3:7-12). Part II will follow in Session Three.

Gaining Understanding
Duke Academic Complex, Room 515
Doug Stude, M.Ed., Office of Career Services
Sarah Cruz ’07, Liberal Studies
Students will present their individual and collective experiences in internships with various employers. Attendees can find out more about locating internships and learn how internships connect with other learning opportunities in a student’s major or field of interest.

Internship Experiences: Finding Wisdom and Gaining Understanding
Duke Academic Complex, Room 513
Doug Stude, M.Ed., Office of Career Services
Sarah Cruz ’07, Liberal Studies
James Gutierrez ’07, Music and Theater
Jessica Walter, junior, Marketing
Students will present their individual and collective experiences in internships with various employers. Attendees can find out more about locating internships and learn how internships connect with other learning opportunities in a student’s major or field of interest.

GUEST SESSION: WISDOM ON FILM
SESSION THREE: 2:45-4 p.m.

SOUL SEARCHING: A Movie about Teenagers and God Film Screening and Discussion
Darling Library Facility, Room 413
Christian Smith, Ph.D., author; William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology, University of Notre Dame; and director, Center for the Study of American Religion
Directors: Michael Eaton and Timothy Eaton, Revelation Studios
The film, Soul Searching: A Movie about Teenagers and God, is based on the book, Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers, by Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton, which reports on research conducted over a seven year period by the National Study of Youth and Religion. Featuring interviews with the book’s authors, youth pastors, and teenagers from around the country, this compelling documentary illustrates some of the major themes and findings of the book, and goes behind the book in depicting the inner lives of a sample of American teenagers. Find out what these teenagers really think about God and religion, what their hopes and aspirations are, and what the research says about the effects of religion in their lives.

GUEST SESSION: WISDOM FROM LEADERS IN BUSINESS
Roundtable Discussion on Business and Ethics Mary Hill Theater
Elizabeth Anderson, senior vice president of finance and administration, Madison Tyler Holding
Evan Collins, president, Butterfield Memorial Foundation, and trustee, Azusa Pacific University
Barry Goss, financial business leader
Jovita Jenkins, founder, Ajedez International, Inc.
Spencer Kim, chairman, CBOL Corporation
Carlos Valadalmare, director of Latin American Operations, Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP
The dynamic and demanding challenges inherent in the current global and local business arena call for men and women who are prepared to lead with wisdom, strength, and integrity. Join six extraordinary leaders from the business and corporate community who have demonstrated their trust in God to guide them in ethical decision making in their organizations, and to enable them to make a real difference in the lives of their employees, companies, and communities.

Eating Disorders: Friend or Foe? Duke Academic Complex, Room 517
Catherine Heinlein, Ed.D., ND, CDPP, School of Nursing
Research reveals that five to seven percent of undergraduates on college campuses in the United States are afflicted with an eating disorder. More than 80 percent of 10-year-olds are afraid of being fat and 51 percent of 9- and 10-year-old girls say they feel better about themselves if they are on a diet. While there are no simple explanations as to why someone may develop an eating disorder, awareness of the potential effects of chronic disordered eating patterns on one’s body may help an individual to seek treatment. Discussion includes personal experiences with eating disorders and information/resources that can help with recovery.
Should Presidents Consider the Faith of U.S. Supreme Court Nominees?
Duke Academic Complex, Room 123
David Weeks, Ph.D., dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Bradley Fischer, senior, Political Science
Nathan Harpham, senior, Political Science
James O’Neill ’07, Political Science
Susanna Sund, junior, Political Science

In recent years, politicians over who should be nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court have become increasingly complex. Today, presidents must consider a nominee’s partisan ideology, philosophy regarding constitutional interpretation, and demographic affiliations, including gender, race, and ethnicity. In this presentation, student panelists consider whether presidents should also look at a potential nominee’s religious background when deciding who should serve on the nation’s highest court.

Wisdom Gained from Research in Psychology
Duke Academic Complex, Room 118
Anna Tozzi, Ph.D., Department of Undergraduate Psychology
Marsela Moreno, senior, Psychology
Mike Rains, senior, Psychology and Music

Senior psychology majors share findings from their research in this informative session. Moreno investigated the effect of religious proning on Christian students following exposure to self-reported media images in a study involving undergraduate students at APU. In this presentation, Rains explains the psychology behind the “placebo effect,” which allowed study participants to endure the discomfort of ice water longer when they were told that the gum they were chewing warmed their hands and feet. Come hear more about both of these studies, and discuss the implications of the results with the panelists.

Forensics: Searching for Truth and Wisdom
Duke Academic Complex, Room 119
Amy Jung, M.A., Department of Communication Studies
Annie Berry, sophomore, Political Science
James Diaz, sophomore, Political Science
Ryan Lofbourn, freshman, Political Science
James Stevenson, junior, Communication Studies

Christians can approach the search for truth with humility before God and others and with confidence in our ability to gain wisdom and understanding. Through a moderated discussion and performance of literature, forensics students will demonstrate how the search for truth can lead to wisdom.

Walking in the Wisdom of the Fathers
Duke Academic Complex, Room 122
Edmund Mazzu, Ph.D., Department of History and Political Science
Chris Bardos, junior, Philosophy
Brandon Barthauer, senior, History and Theology
Corinne Martinez, senior, History
Danielle Stephan, senior, English and History

For centuries, Church leaders have looked to the earliest Christian teachers seeking their wisdom about God and man. What light can the “Fathers” of the Church shed on our personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the Bible, or our Christian walk in an evolving world? Join us as we explore God’s truth with St. Athanasius, St. Augustine, St. Cyprian, Constantine, and other voices of early Christianity.

Wisdom from the Sciences – Poster Session
Duke Academic Lobby
Michael Davis, senior, Mathematics
Lauren Donahue, senior, Mathematics and Philosophy
Javier Guerra, senior, Nursing
Aaron Stafford, senior, Physics and Philosophy

These students, who recently presented their research at national professional conferences, will be on hand to display their scientific posters and explain their findings.

Keynote Speaker Book Signing
University Bookstore
Francis Beckwith, MJS, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy and church-state studies, Baylor University

Our keynote speaker will be available to sign copies of his latest books, including Defending Life: A Moral and Legal Case Against Abortion Choice, published in 2007 by Cambridge University Press.

WISDOM IN PRACTICE
Stress Management for the Time-Challenged Scholar
Duke Academic Complex, Room 513
Robert G. Vouga, Ed.D., School of Education

Under pressure, we sometimes say, “How in the world can I get a handle on all of this stress?” Truthfully, it is not realistic to expect to eliminate stress. The key to survival is to make our stressors work for us. In fact, it is the stresses of life that provide meaning and personal growth. This discussion will explore the sources of stress and its effects on the body, and will present three essential strategies for managing stress in your personal and professional lives.

Walking in Wisdom with the APU/AUSD Professional Development School
Duke Academic Complex, Room 127
Laura Bryan, M.M.A., School of Education
Greg Kaiser, Ph.D., School of Education
Aaron Weatherby, Ph.D., School of Education
Ivy Yee-Sakamoto, Ph.D., School of Education
Sally Alonso Bel, Ph.D., LCWS, School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences

Special Guests: Julie McGough and Marcia Brown, Hodge Elementary School, Azusa Unified School District

Students from the Professional Development School program will be present to reflect on the unique partnership between APU and the Azusa Unified School District in the form of the Professional Development School (PDS) program at Hodge Elementary School. How can this partnership between a Christian university and a secular school district exemplify “walking in wisdom”? The answer lies in the development of the depth of program content that emphasizes a Christian perspective in the preparation of future teachers. We will explore the change from establishing a new PDS program to setting policy and developing structures for a maintainable, growing program. Program faculty and students will be available to discuss the roles of each PDS community member and to explain how to create clear communication between all parties.
Understanding the Diversity of God’s World
Duke Academic Complex, Room 113
Matthew Browning, Ed.D., International Programs
Jillian Gilbert, M.A., International Programs
Using the latest research on people groups around the world, presenters will discuss how to spread the Gospel to every tribe, tongue, and nation.

WISDOM FOR LIFE
Growing in Wisdom through the Process of Building Relationships – Part II
Duke Academic Complex, Room 515
Frank Berry, Ph.D., Center for Adult and Professional Studies
Based upon personal experience and shared through an intergenerational perspective, this two-part series will discuss the need for young adults to feel accepted, to identify important personal issues, to establish meaningful relationships, and to embrace God’s maturation process for their lives. Part II will focus on “Progressing: Being Matured by God and Sharpened by Others” (Proverbs 27:17). Topics include understanding and accepting the Father’s treatment of Jesus (Romans 8:13-17), realizing our need for mentorship/relationship, and the importance of staying the course (2 Peter 1:5-9).

Getting into Graduate School on Your Walk toward Wisdom
Duke Academic Complex, Room 517
Joseph Bentz, Ph.D., director of the Pew College Society, Department of English
Brian Eck, Ph.D., Department of Psychology
Daniel Palm, Ph.D., Department of History and Political Science
Sandra Walker, career counselor and program coordinator, Office of Career Services
Jo Witte, director of graduate admissions
In fields as widely varying as psychology, medicine, theology, law, nursing, and others, many undergraduate students who desire to walk in wisdom will need not only the education they are receiving at APU, but also graduate education in order to pursue those goals. This session, sponsored by the Pew College Society, an organization dedicated to helping good students get into graduate school, will address: Is graduate school necessary for me? If so, how soon should I go? How do I choose a school? How do I get in? How soon should I start? How will I pay for it? Experts will be on hand to answer these questions and more.
“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, for the days are evil.”

Ephesians 5:15–16