

# GOODNEWS@ABC

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## Welcome in the Name of Jesus

*By Stanley N. Helton (President)*

"Welcome" is a key word to describe Alberta Bible College. We take this word seriously because God took his welcome of us seriously. Paul said it this way: "Welcome one another, then, just as Christ welcomed you, to bring praise to God" (Romans 15:7). Theologically, then, we welcome others because God has graciously welcomed us and has given us the model or paradigm of welcome.

In a short time now, we will be welcoming new students, as well as continuing students, not only back to the campus, but through means of video-conferencing, for the fall semester. However, we should remember that for some of our students, they have been "attending" class throughout the year. We have PACE students who just finished up their summer classes that began at the very end of July.

This year we add a number of international students to the campus; we are so excited to meet some of these students for the first time in person. Additionally, we have been "sprucing" the place up a bit. This past month we have repaired our leaky roof, added air conditioning to parts of the building that really needed it, and finally, we are getting to use some new classroom furniture that we acquired in the throes of the pandemic which students and faculty have not had a chance to use, until now. Furthermore, through our partnership with Joel Hernandez, of IT4Calgary, Inc. (<https://www.it4calgary.com/>), our server and IT needs are fully met. We do all of these things to enhance our welcome of students and guests to the campus or via digital means.

Please pray for the ABC community, staff, faculty, students, and others as we begin this fall semester. Please drop in for a tour or a chat, if you are near the campus, so we can welcome you in the name of Jesus.

## UPCOMING PACE COURSES:

SEPT 14 - OCT 19 (Register by Sept 7)

- B3286 Introduction to Paul
- B3325 Christian Theology
- P3206 Thriving in Transition
- P3315 Introduction to Non-Profit Leadership
- P3545 Counselling Skills

NOV 1 - 5 (Register by Oct 25)

- B4215 Romans and Galatians

NOV 9 - DEC 14 (Register by Nov 2)

- B3025 Grasping God's Word
- B3025 Grasping God's Word (PACE@Home)
- P3535 Counselling Theory
- P4125 Pastoral Work
- P4325 Essentials of Board Governance
- P4425 Spiritual Formation



## Meet Kris!

*By Kris Ford (Operations Director & Registrar)*

I hear that people might want to know a little more about me. I am Kris Ford and am currently in the positions of Operations Director and Registrar at Alberta Bible College. I celebrated my first anniversary at ABC on August 1, 2021.

I should begin at my beginning. I was born and raised in Three Forks, a small town in southwestern Montana. I am the third child of four and the only girl. And no, I was not spoiled even though my brothers may try to convince you otherwise. After graduating high school, my journey onto post-secondary education began at Montana State University-Billings for two years, where I played volleyball and attended business classes. I then moved north to attend the University of Alberta (U of A). I graduated from the U of A in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, majoring in Business Education and minoring in Physical Education. While living in Edmonton I met a brilliantly talented young civil engineer at church named David Ford. We married in May 1989 (wow...we are old). Then our girls came along, and our lives changed forever! Eden was born in April 1993, and Jessie in February 1995. Eden and Jessie are brilliantly talented young women—they take after David. Eden is finishing up her PhD in Chemical Engineering, and Jessie just graduated with her Master's in English. I could brag on about my kids because they are way more interesting than I am, but I digress.



Beginning in 1990, I taught for twenty years in Canada and the United States but took some time off when the girls were little. When we moved to Montana in August 2000, I started my fifteen-year tenure at Three Forks Public Schools where I taught children from grades 2 through 12. I taught business, computers, and technology; and I was the technology coordinator for the district. I coached several sports teams, was the senior class advisor, and had numerous school trip chaperoning gigs. While in Three Forks, I went back to school for my MSc in Integrating Technology in the Classroom.



After high school, both our daughters moved to the eastern United States for undergraduate studies, so David and I decided it was time for us to move to pursue his PhD in Historical Studies. He chose Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (TEDS) in Deerfield, Illinois (30 miles north of Chicago). We relocated to Illinois in the summer of 2015. I started working at Trinity International University in the Academic Doctoral Department in the fall of 2015 in a part-time position which then became full-time in January 2017. In the summer of 2017, I was invited to consider the role of Associate Registrar, so I changed positions at the end of June 2017. Evidently, learning an entirely new job was not enough excitement because I started my PhD in Educational Studies at TEDS in the fall of 2018. My final day working at Trinity was July 31, 2020, but my studies continue. I am currently in the research stage of my program, so I hope to begin working on my comprehensive exams after this academic year.

Believe it or not, there are a few things I enjoy doing outside of work and studying. I love spending time with my family. Since moving back to Alberta, I have made several trips to Montana to visit! I enjoy working out (I think I've finally found a gym), hiking, and hanging out with friends. If you are ever on the ABC campus and want to say "Hi," please stop by my office!

## International Students Update

*By Kim Salcedo (Enrollment Coordinator)*

This coming academic year, we anticipate thirteen (13) international students will join our ABC community. ABC is becoming a preferred school for a variety of individuals travelling from many nations. Students are arriving from the UK, Vietnam, Mexico, Hong Kong, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Haiti, Ghana, and Nigeria. Not only overcoming language barriers, separation from their families, and culture shock, these students are traversing the ongoing and ever-changing dynamics of a worldwide pandemic.

The federal government demands specific protocols for international travellers. These protocols include quarantine planning with detailed flight information, proof of vaccination, hotel accommodation, and how they will spend their first three to fourteen days of quarantine. These expectations require students to be organized and methodical to comply with Canadian regulations.

Our international students have made great efforts overcoming different obstacles to come to Canada and to prepare for life as a student in a foreign land. They are strong and courageous, for they know that, like Abraham, God is calling them to do great things as strangers in a strange land.

ABC is committed to provide not only a safe place to learn, but to make room for international students to become all that God is calling them to be. ABC welcomes this upcoming year's international students.

## From the Floors to the Roof

We extend our appreciation to ABC's facilities manager, Peter Kehler, for guiding some major projects this summer. We have shared a few pictures here to give you a sense of the enormity of the jobs. Our once leaky roof, which has needed attention for some time, is now repaired. Over the years, Peter had patched, where possible, to keep us moving.

However, we came to the point, and we worked out the finances, where it was now time to get it fixed for good. Additionally, air conditioning was installed for the upper library, which was really needed for the sake of our students and for the preservation of books and other materials. And, the floors. Peter and his team replaced the flooring in the administrative office and in the president's office (along with giving our President more book shelving in his office). The gym and chapel floors have received their annual shine. With new classroom furniture in place, the physical side of our welcome is ready for the return of students, staff, faculty, and guests.



## Courses at ABC this Fall (Semester Format)

SEPT 7 - DEC 17 (Register by Sept 3)

- B101 Grasping God's Word
- B111 Old Testament Literature
- B122 Life & Teachings of Jesus
- B221 The Acts of the Apostles
- B231 Christian Theology
- B321 Old Testament Prophetic Literature
- B333 Christian Ethics
- G101 Communications Theory
- G243 Developmental Psychology
- G244 Worship and the Arts
- G335 Christian Apologetics
- P101.1 Spiritual Formation
- P351 Pastoral Counselling
- P416 Adaptive Leadership

To find out more about these and other courses offered by ABC, please contact Kim Salcedo or Shannon Gugyel at [admissions@abccampus.ca](mailto:admissions@abccampus.ca) or call 403.282.2994, ext. 230.



College Students from 2019



# Student Development Fall Preview

*By Cory Pytlarz (Student Development Dean)*

September is always an exciting time at Alberta Bible College as a new academic year begins. This fall is extra special as we return to in-person learning and community for the first time since pre-pandemic days. As always, ABC's student development team and the rest of the ABC staff are pulling out all the stops to prepare our students for a successful entry/re-entry into the ABC community.

## Orientation Week

Orientation Week (Aug. 31–Sept. 7) included in-person and virtual events for new and returning students in the College, PACE, and PACE@Home programs. Besides orientation sessions introducing new students to academic and community life at ABC, special workshops addressed student mental health and navigating campus life together in the face of ever-evolving COVID-19 realities. Students and staff also enjoyed a recreational day together in Banff National Park.

## Counselling Support Available @ ABC

ABC is also pleased to be resuming our partnership with Providence Theological Seminary. This agreement sees their graduate counselling practicum students provide mental health to ABC clients. Beginning Sept. 7, Marcia Cameron will be available to facilitate counselling sessions with ABC community members, either virtually or in-person on campus. Details about how to contact Marcia directly to inquire about her services will be made available very soon.



## Chapel

This year's chapel theme is "A New Way to Be Human." On Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., the ABC community will be exploring the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount as we look to Jesus for the beliefs, ethics, and habits that radically redefine the good life. The first College program chapel is scheduled for Sept. 8.

PACE chapel—scheduled for the first Tuesday of each six-week PACE block—will also be returning this year and will be providing students the opportunity to share snapshots of how their lives and faith are intersecting in the real world. The first PACE chapel is set for September 14, 2021 at 8 pm.

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30 this year will be the first occurrence of Canada's newest federal statutory holiday—the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Passed by parliament and the senate as the evils of the residential school system in Canada came to even fuller light, this day of commemoration will be an annual opportunity for our country, and ABC as an institution, to reflect on the realities of residential schools, engage in the process of reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours, and to renew our attention to the ninety-four Calls to Action from the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission final report (available [here](#)). ABC will be closed on this date.

## PACE Spiritual Retreat

Returning after a COVID-19 hiatus, this annual event exists to provide PACE students with an extended time of prayer, solitude, soul care, and community building. Scheduled during the fall PACE Reading Break, this year's retreat will be taking place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 23 at Varsity Bible Church. For PACE students who pay student fees, the costs are covered. For others, the cost is \$40. RSVP to [studentdevelopment@abccampus.ca](mailto:studentdevelopment@abccampus.ca).



## From the Moment

*By Norman Sagarbarria*

From the moment  
I drove down Northmount Drive,  
parking by 635,  
and experiencing a tour inside the building.

*"I knew one thing was real:  
I fell in love with you."<sup>1</sup>*

A genuine love and connection  
I savoured every class with you.  
Every time there was a community lunch  
it felt like a glimpse of heaven where I can witness  
people from various walks of life.

Here I am in another part of the country  
still reminiscing about my time with you.  
The dinosaurs at Drumheller have been nice to me,  
I'm hoping the Raptors would be the same.

No words can express how thankful I am  
for you teaching and equipping me  
not just only how to minister nor to  
exegete but also to form me, spiritually.

I am ready to face tomorrow  
the next chapter of my life.  
I'm pursuing a master's degree in Theological Studies  
at Tyndale Seminary.

No matter where I go, remember this.  
You will always have a special place in my heart.  
We are a family. We have the same father.  
[We] *"have received the spirit of adoption as [his] sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'"<sup>2</sup>*

You inspire. You encourage. You accept. You trust. You love. You care.  
And I'll always embrace you for it.  
We both know it is not a goodbye.  
There is a reason why Zoom stocks went high.

I entered the class having my role as a student.  
I wonder if I can enter the class with a different role after finishing this next chapter.

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Norman

<sup>1</sup> Bryant, Kobe. "Dear Basketball." 2015. THE PLAYERS TRIBUNE, [theplayerstribune.com/articles/dear-basketball](https://theplayerstribune.com/articles/dear-basketball). Accessed 5 July 2021.

<sup>2</sup> English Standard Version. Bible Hub, <https://biblehub.com/romans/8-15.htm>. Accessed 24 August 2021.

# ABC Means Family & Foundation

*By Kim Salcedo (Enrollment Coordinator)*

I still don't believe it whenever my beautiful wife introduces me to people and says, "My husband is studying for his Master of Theology degree at Wycliffe College." You may be wondering which one of those statements is the unbelievable part. Is it that I married a beautiful woman? Is it that I am married despite me looking like a 15-year-old? Well, it would be that I am studying at Wycliffe, completing graduate studies!

ABC, the first three letters of the alphabet. Little did I know that those three letters would also mean a lot more to me after studying at Alberta Bible College. ABC means family and foundation to me.

ABC is the first school that gave me a family in Canada. Being an immigrant and moving to Canada when I was 17, the first few years here were rough. Having to leave most of my family and friends back home has been difficult. However, being encouraged by my pastor from the Banff Full Gospel Church to go to a Bible college opened doors for me to study at ABC. From the president, teachers, fellow students, and staff at the college, my four years of studying have been filled with great lasting memories and relationships I will continue to treasure. I do not only have an academic family, but more importantly, a spiritual, loving family in God. ABC is the first school to believe in me. They instilled confidence and encouragement in me. Whenever God has impressed in me to do something, ABC has always been there to support me, no matter what. ABC gave me opportunities to speak at different churches, work with non-profit organizations, and be trained in theology that is both faithful and thoughtful.

ABC prepared me for my next big step. Now that I am studying my master's degree, I can say with confidence that ABC equipped me for it. ABC taught me to be inquisitive and humble. There is a huge difference when you compare the Canadian education system with schools in many other countries. Here in Canada, students are expected to question and challenge ideas of professors and the authors of textbooks. This was foreign to me because in my country, professors and authors are the experts. To challenge ideas that are taught by instructors and written by credentialed masters in their fields was a steep learning curve for me. However, professors and academic coaches at ABC were patient with me in working through this. There is a balance of agreeing in disagreement while being respectful. Humility and perseverance are two important aspects in furthering my education. Despite English not being my first language, ABC has trained me to approach higher education with a never-give-up attitude. I may not be the smartest or hardest-working student, but I can say that I am not willing to give up what God has called me to accomplish for His kingdom's sake. I am tenacious for God's glory and I am grateful for the lessons He has taught me through my experience at ABC.

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