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Strength for Today... Bright Hope for Tomorrow

On September 19, 1939, San Jose Bible College launched with 14 students. Eighty years later we welcomed over 1700 students into degree programs. William Jessup University has moved forward only by the grace and provision of God.

The only promised resource when my dad moved our family to San Jose to start the college was \$75 a month from the church in Visalia where he had ministered. I remember many evenings as a child eating Clapp's Baby Food from dented cans brought by a student for the college staff. There were no salaries during the first years of the college. Monthly payments on college buildings used up most of the available funds.

As we grew, there were times when it looked like the college was going to fold. Many times the bills could not be paid, salaries had to be cut. People were laid off and at one point bankruptcy papers were filled out. When the future of the

college looked bleak, God provided! Sometimes it was a large gift from a donor, a will that matured, or God just surprised us in some manner that allowed the college to survive.

On the heels of a failed bid to use a hospital in Morgan Hill as a new campus, a door of opportunity opened for us to move to Rocklin. The rest is a thrilling story of God's provision in fulfilling my dad's vision and answer to the prayers of SJBC, SJCC, and finally WJU. All of this gives us hope for the future and power in the present. **To God be the glory!**



Bryce Jessup in his office as president of the college, 1984-2010.

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“The best way to change culture is to start a church. The best way to start a church is to start a college.”

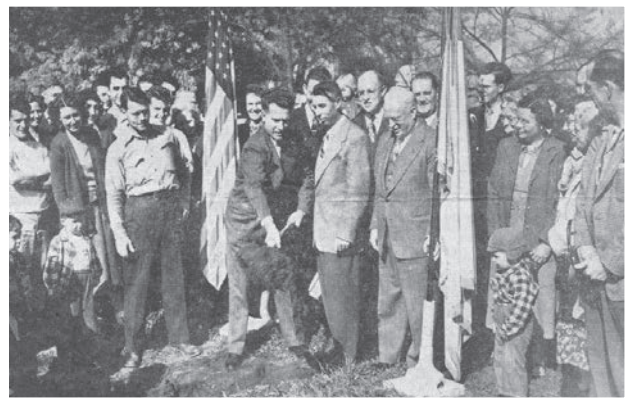
– WILLIAM JESSUP, FOUNDER

San Jose Bible College (SJBC), 1946

SJBC new campus ground breaking, February 1950

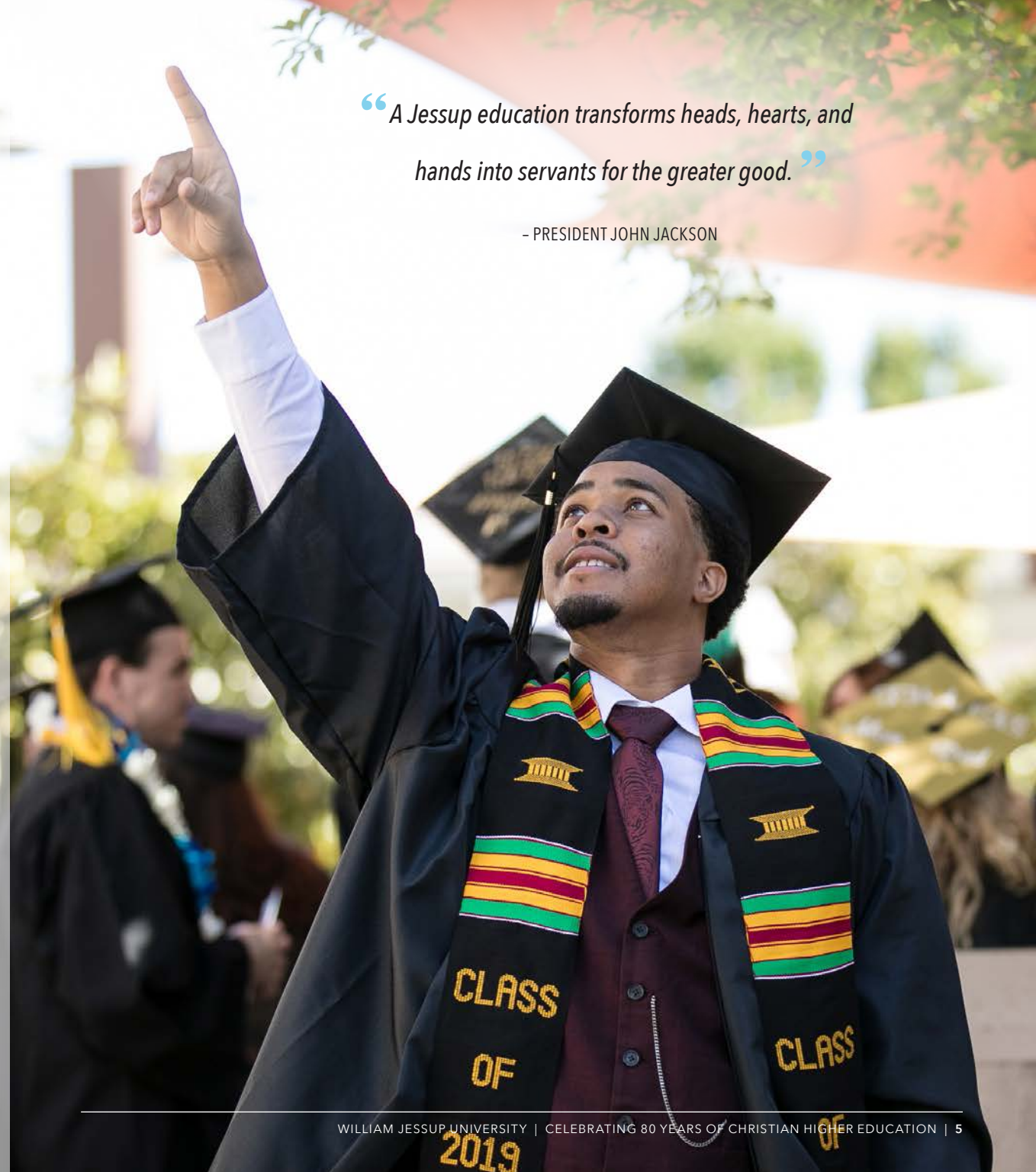
William Jessup, Founder

Fuller Dormitory



“A Jessup education transforms heads, hearts, and hands into servants for the greater good.”

– PRESIDENT JOHN JACKSON





MISSION

In partnership with the Church, the purpose of William Jessup University is to educate transformational leaders for the glory of God.

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

OF CHRIST-CENTERED HIGHER EDUCATION



VISION

The William Jessup University vision is that our graduates will be transformed and will help redeem world culture by providing notable servant leadership; by enriching family, church and community life; and by serving with distinction in their chosen career.





“I am blessed beyond measure to be an alumna, employee and Jessup parent. I love listening to students, alumni, employees, and the public share their “God-at-Jessup” stories. From SJBC to Jessup, watching our Lord transform the lives of students and others is unmatched, and I am continually grateful to be part of this rich legacy.” – KAREN LAMBRECHTSEN

“After forty years at Jessup, I still marvel at the power and creativity of the living Word to center and transform the lives of students.”

– KAY LLOVIO



“At the core of Jessup’s mission is ‘seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you’ (Matthew 6:33). I believe that Jessup is the embodiment of this passage. As a former student and staff I can testify to the fact that Christ is the center of all we do.”

– HERMAN JOHNSON

“I spent nine years in Cape Town, South Africa pastoring and developing the community. However, it wasn’t until I got to Jessup that my longtime dream of using business and theology for spiritual and socioeconomic change in my home country was unlocked. Jessup provides the best training through a thriving academic environment and the Jessup Preaching Club.”

– SIVE NOGADA (PICTURED WITH HIS WIFE, LINKU)



ONE HUNDRED PERCENT MINISTRY...

A WAY OF LIFE

Jonathan Rentz | William Jessup Alumnus

People often conclude that ministry is primarily for those within the church (little “c”). Vocational and marketplace opportunities often are not seen as ministry. However, growing up in a minister’s family gave me a front row seat to the work of ministry. Ministry is a way of life filled with numerous opportunities to serve and help people wherever we go. Jesus spent most of His life in the marketplace as a carpenter before His baptism by John the Baptist and beginning of His messianic ministry.

Growing up, I had a natural affinity for math and money. While attending Jessup, I had the opportunity to explore both the call of God on my life and the gifts and talents that He placed within me. Without a doubt, I came to know that I am called to marketplace ministry. WJU equipped me with the essential tools that I needed. As I began to excel in accounting classes, I realized I could assist people with their finances. After earning a B.A. in Bible & Theology and Business Administration with concentrations in Accounting and Finance, one of the largest

public accounting firms in the nation invited me to join their team. With over 100 people in the office and thousands of clients, there are countless opportunities to live and share my faith in the marketplace.

While most of the conversations within the church revolve around Christ, opportunities to share my faith at work are more restrictive. I have discovered that the ministry I bring to the marketplace comes through attitudes, actions, and acceptance of others. For me, success is not solely about earning the most money, titles, or accolades. It is living every day in such a way that exhibits the love of Christ to those that ordinarily would not walk into a church. It is to see the hurting in the marketplace and pray, love, and care for them. My ministry is to do the work that Christ has called me to do. **“Let every man abide in the calling wherein he is called and his work will be as sacred as the work of the ministry. It is not what a man does that determines whether his work is sacred or secular, it is why he does it”** - A.W. Tozer

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MY JESSUP FAMILY

Fritz Moga | Lead Faculty, Youth Ministry

I made a plan but God gave me a calling. My plan was to become a physical education teacher, but the Lord set me on a path to fulfill a calling as a youth minister.

I was first introduced to San Jose Bible College while playing basketball in their old musty gym and taking part in a youth drama group called Jester's for Jesus. While I liked the small college, little did I know becoming a student there would lead to a 30 plus year relationship. This little mom and pop college, which would end up a major university, has always been a family to me.

My wife Kathryn and I started attending San Jose Bible College (SJBC) in the late 80s and we graduated together in 1990, the first official year we became San Jose Christian College (SJCC).

I spent twenty years in youth ministry before returning to the SJCC family as the director of Campus Ministries. The small college I had left was in transition and so was I. SJCC moved its campus to Rocklin and became William Jessup University (WJU). I spent four years as the director of Campus Ministries before accepting the position of assistant professor of Youth Ministry. As I finish my 19th year at the university,

I am a tenured professor and the lead faculty of the Youth Ministry degree program.

The SJBC, SJCC, and WJU community is unique. We are a tight knit group of missional minded men and women who are dedicated to seeing lives changed for the glory of God. Jessup has become my family and my family has become part of Jessup.

Kathryn has served at Jessup for over ten years and is currently the director of Online Instruction. Our oldest daughter graduated from SJCC where she also met her husband. Our youngest graduated from Jessup as one of the first alumni from our kinesiology department.

I enjoy reflecting on what my college family has become and I am excited to see what the Lord will do with William Jessup University. I wait with great expectation to see what the campus will look like in 30 years. One thing is for sure, God will continue to call men and women out of their plans to follow His. Jessup's communal strength will stand the test of time and other families, like mine, will tell stories of their devotion to educate transformational leaders.

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PRAYING FOR JESSUP'S BEST FUTURE

John Jackson, Ph.D. | University President

There has never been a better time to pray for Jessup than right now!

God is moving in historic fashion at Jessup. For the first time in our history, we have fixed rate long-term debt financing. We celebrated our inaugural winter commencement and our spring ceremony with more graduating students than ever before. In addition to all this, we are seeing tremendous growth in our academic programs and reputation; our students are being accepted to premier graduate programs and gaining employment in prestigious positions in their chosen careers.

I urge you to pray earnestly for Jessup's best future in the following ways:

1. Pray that our Jessup community will experience the presence of the Lord and that we would respond to His leading in every area of our lives.
2. Pray that Jessup's Board of Trustees and leadership will remain faithful to Jesus and to the authority of Scripture.

Jessup's present and future are bright, secure in Him, and undergirded by your prayers. Thank you for standing with us as we continue to provide transformative Christ-centered education to our students.

3. Pray that God will give favor to Jessup and its graduates throughout the regions of Sacramento, the Bay Area, Central Valley, northern Nevada, around the nation, and the world.
4. Pray that God will continue to provide the financial resources to permanently secure the \$15+ million of general fund scholarships we give to students each year.
5. Pray that Jesus will give us wisdom, discernment, and favor as we expand our academic programs, locate new faculty, and establish partnerships with industry, government, and educational colleagues.
6. Pray that we will be full of grace and truth when we face opposition.

“Pray that Jesus will give us wisdom, discernment, and favor as we expand...”



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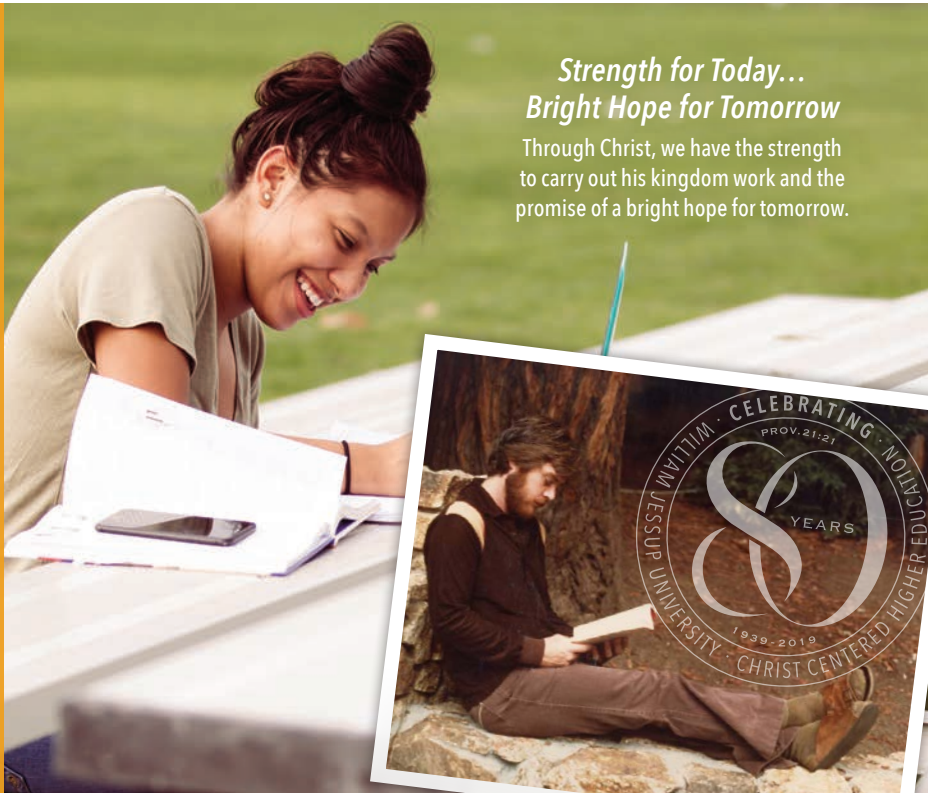


SHARE WITH 24 FRIENDS



GOAL: RAISE \$80,000 IN HONOR
OF 80 YEARS

In celebration of our 80th Anniversary, would you prayerfully consider a gift to honor what the Lord has done and partner in what He will continue to do in and through Jessup students.



*Strength for Today...
Bright Hope for Tomorrow*

Through Christ, we have the strength to carry out his kingdom work and the promise of a bright hope for tomorrow.



CHOOSE THE IMPACT OF YOUR YOUR ANNIVERSARY GIFT

The Jessup Fund

Providing Accessible Christ-centered Excellence in Higher Education

Student Union Renovation

Creating Spaces for a Christ-Centered Community

Athletics

Championing Christ through Sport