Students to spend Christmas in St. Lucia

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This weekend, the upcoming Christmas break Sterling College will send a group of students and faculty to the island of St. Lucia on a mission trip for the first time.

The group, which will be co-led by McCormick Residential Director Melissa Yarrow and Kilburn Resident Director Joshua Wisner and will include numerous other people from Sterling who will depart for St. Lucia at different times.

The main group of 21 which is led by Yarrow and Wisner will depart December 11 and return December 29.

Theology and Ministry professor Craig Smith, his wife Chaplain Anne Smith and their family will also accompany the team.

There will also be an additional five people who visit St. Lucia at different times depending on when they need to conduct seminars.

Called down in St. Lucia the groups have lots of assemblages planned, some of which could come about quite recently due to current events in the area.

In addition to going this Christmas, a return trip has already been planned for the summer.

“Dr. Hank has known the contacts down in St. Lucia for several years,” Yarrow said. “For the first time, doors have now opened for us to be able to work with them.”

Yarrow says the reason behind going again in the summer was to help strengthen the relationships between the evangelical church in St. Lucia.

Students that aren’t able to go over the Christmas break can rest assured that another opportunity to go to St. Lucia is down the road.

Admissions prepares for largest visit weekend in SC history

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This weekend the Sterling College campus will be bustling with high school seniors who are visiting SC in hopes of finding the right college for next fall.

While this is not the first visit weekend of the year, Vice President of Enrollment Donna Dutton said it would be one of the largest groups of prospective students SC had ever hosted in one weekend.

“At this point we are expecting around 70 students,” Dutton said. “This will be by far the largest visit weekend we’ve ever had.”

This weekend has been a long time coming, for Admission counselors and staff.

“Our Admissions Associates and the various students who have been great in contacting students and helping put the event together,” Dutton said.

During the visit the prospective students will be involved in many Sterling College activities including a pizza party with Dr. Paul Maurer and his family, a Sunday night worship chapel and a Kalvinsight Night hosted by CAB on Sunday.

On Monday, the students will be given an official campus tour and have the opportunity to sit in on classes.

According to Dutton, visit weekends are very important to enrollment because a high number of students who visit end up choosing Sterling.

“I’d estimate that 70% of the students who visit for a visit weekend actually end up at Sterling,” Dutton said.

The admissions department has spent the past several weeks preparing for this event as they are looking forward to introducing new students to SC.

“We’re excited about the event and really appreciate everyone helping to make Sterling shine,” Dutton said.

Summer employment opportunities already opening up

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Believe it or not it’s that time of year again; that’s right, time to start making your summer plans.

Even though it’s only November, now is the perfect time to start looking for and applying for that summer job or position that interests you the most.

Whether that job is working as a camp counselor or maybe even an internship for the summer of 2011, it’s never too early to start making connections.

“Students definitely should start looking and applying now or at least by early spring”, Career Services Director Lisa Parsons said.”The main thing students can do is check online resources and if they need any help I would be more than happy to help them.”

Parents also mentioned that when she receives emails about camp counselor opportunities or other places looking for employment she will send out mass emails so students can have the best chances possible of finding summer employment.

Students may also check out the bulletin board outside of students services, located in the student union. However, the biggest source for summer job information is the internet.

Students should start their research now so that they can apply as soon as possible for jobs that quickly fill up in the spring.
Aspects of teaching a Christian world view

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In my previous article, I defined a Christian world view as one that has been made possible by the transformation of the Holy Spirit, a regeneration that embraces the central truth of the universe: living, personal God revealed through both the Bible and His creation. This Christian world view is formed out of our educational practices.

Academic pursuits are, in a search for truth. The Christian world view says that truth exists. As Christians, we understand that truth is not something that individuates patterns. It is found in Christ. ("Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6) New American Standard Bible.

Thus, with this foundation, Christian teaching becomes not a search for a body of human knowledge, but a discovery of the truths God shares with us through His Son.

A Christian world view is applied correctly to education when we use our God-given gift of rational thought for the development and application of sound arguments and logic to provide a framework for analyzing competing world views.

This equips Christians to be ready to identify and respond to the weaknesses inherent in world views. It helps us to see how this world view would lead to Christians with a firmer foundation for making decisions and for redemptive engagement in society.

Education from a Christian world view should be oriented towards Christian students who are always prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15, NIV).

A Christian world view not only informs us intellectually, but also informs us of the conduct of our lives. A Christian world view is formed out of the way we seek to live in service. Service, integrity, encourage- ment, and the fruit of the Spirit are the good fruit of this world view. (But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control. Galatians 5:22-23, NAS).

These are aspects of inte- grative education that differ from the academic disciplines that transcend a par- ticular world view.

How we serve others, that we express thankfulness to God, and that in whatever we do, we do it as if for the Lord, the whole person in a Christian world view.

I see a critical element of "working as if for the Lord," as one who is driven by God's help, to be servant leaders to our students and to our community.

I am passionate about in- tegrative education in view with learning and living. As educators, we have no higher calling than to share the Christian worldview and to show His relevance to all hu- man endeavors.

If we are properly equipped, stu- dents can then engage the cul- ture around us, because we know God's help, to be servant leaders in a broken world.