From The Director’s Corner
by Eunice Trent, Director of ASP

Dear ASP Members,

Bringing you greetings as we begin this wonderful new fall season of fellowship together as Academy members. I hope that this summer was a nice break for all of you.

Earlier this past summer, I sent out an e-mail about Dr. Loren Gresham being inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame. I know that there are many of you who do not receive e-mails, thus the reason for sharing this very important information with you about President Gresham. This is a big deal and a nice honor for our President here at Southern Nazarene University. Please read about President Gresham and this special honor that he will receive on October 15, 2013.

If you would like to be added to the e-mail list, please send me your e-mail at etrent@snu.edu.

See you soon.

President Gresham to be Inducted Into Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame

Southern Nazarene University President Dr. Loren P. Gresham was recently selected for induction into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame. The Class of 2013 inductees will be joining a select group honored by the Hall of Fame since 1991 for their contributions to higher education in the state. An awards banquet and induction ceremony will be held October 15, 2013 at the Jim Thorpe Museum in Oklahoma City.

The announcement was made by the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society, which was established to foster understanding of the important role institutions play in the quality of life of Oklahomans, and to honor worthy individuals, such as Dr. Gresham, who, by example, encourage others to excel on behalf of higher education.

Since his 1967 arrival as a professor at Bethany Nazarene College, now Southern Nazarene University, Dr. Gresham’s passion for education and love of people has been evident. His career at SNU has included not only excellence in classroom teaching, but outstanding performance as the head coach of the Men’s Basketball team, during which time they were crowned national NAIA champions in 1981. He then went on to be named Provost of SNU from 1985 until 1989, at which time he was elected President of the university.

Dr. Gresham is the longest tenured president among the eight Nazarene institutions of higher education in North America, and also the longest tenured president currently serving at any college or university in Oklahoma.

Gresham has also held many national leadership positions in professional and educational organizations, serves on the boards of a number of local businesses, state and local non-profits, and has continually served the Church of the Nazarene at the local, district and international levels. The establishment of the Peer Learning Network at SNU, through his influence, has brought about a significant number of partnerships with local corporations and their top leaders.

Among the major campus facilities raised during his leadership are: The Centennial Plaza, Sawyer Athletic Center, Marchant Family Alumni & Welcome Center, Centennial Gates, Hall of Witnesses, A.M. Hills Residential Complex, Ten Commandments Monument, and, now under construction, the J.D. and Mary West Science Laboratory as well as the renovation and renaming of the Beverly and Robert Parker Fine Arts Center.
Connectivity! The power is back on. Our house has come full circle again. Our granddaughter, Kayla is a new SNU student. We are connected again. We are enjoying her friends at our house, meals, conversations, games and laughter. We had a big car wash in our driveway last weekend….four cars and a truck. What fun!

We feel younger and more informed, like when our daughters attended SNU. What a great new perspective they are bringing into our lives. Great kids!

We told those tall handsome guys thanks for hanging with these beautiful girls and protecting them. We already know some of their parents and they have a B and B at our house when they come to town.

So get connected! It’s so easy! The Student Government Association (SGA) is a good place to begin if you need it. It’s just one small way to fulfill our ASP mission.

The October 14 Book Discussion will be held in the President’s Dining Room at Webster Commons at 9:30 a.m. This month's book discussion, Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand, will be led by Arlita Harris. Members are asked to read the book in preparation for a lively discussion (this is not a book review).

Louis Zamperini was a defiant delinquent who discovered a thrill of running that led him to the Berlin Olympics of 1936. He then became an airman in World War II, flew the Liberator and crashed into the Pacific, lost on a raft for 46 days until it floated to an island under control of the Japanese. His next stop was a prison camp where he was tortured by the Japanese until the war ended. Returning to the US, Louis found the love of his life but couldn't get away from the anger and post-traumatic stress in his mind. Through a Billy Graham crusade, he found God's forgiveness and a purpose for his life.

Written and carefully researched by Laura Hillenbrand (author of Seabiscuit), Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption is a biography you will never forget. It's available in hardback, large print, CD, audiobook and e-book through the Metropolitan Library System.

"Unbroken", the movie, is being directed by Angelina Jolie and has a Christmas 2014 release date.

October Observances & Fun Facts

Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Domestic Violence Awareness
National Apple Month
National Physical Therapy Month
Eye Safety and Injury Prevention