

IPS Newsletter

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HELPING YOU HELP YOURSELF TO SUCCESS!

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From the Director's Desk

We have seen many exciting speakers come to our campus in the last few months—speakers that represent an amazing array of occupations: Politics, journalism, worship, business and others.



Individualized Programs of Study was created for a special group of young people who “think outside the box” and who represent many varied professions. In fact, for the last several weeks, I have been visiting with all of the Deans and Chairs of every academic discipline to introduce them to these programs. They have been very gracious in their reception and eager to learn how these degrees are created.

As we have gone to these meetings, I have been accompanied by two critical members of the CASAS team: Dr. Jacquie Johnson, IPS, PA and Mr. Lance McClure, Director of our brand-new Technical Studies department. This edition of the *IPS Newsletter* will introduce you to these outstanding professionals and, perhaps, give you some new thoughts or insights as you work through your IPS degree cognates.

I met a prospective student's delightful mother from Tennessee at the last College for a Weekend. When I told her of this new offering in Technical Trades, she made a very thoughtful statement—in true southern form—she said, “That is just wonderful for LU to offer such a program. My Daddy always said that the more keys you have on your key ring, the better off you are.” As these courses are new being offered in the evening, perhaps you might think of enrolling in order to get an “add-on” skill which might be beneficial to your future.



If there is anything you need to assist you in your programs and with which we can help, please don't hesitate to contact us at individualstudy@liberty.edu or contact my assistant, Ms. Dixie at dsanner@liberty.edu or me directly at bsherman@liberty.edu. God's richest blessings on you and your studies!!!

Barbara Sherman, Director
Individualized Programs of Study

Resource Reservoir “Technical Studies Courses” by Lance D. McClure Director

I hope you have already heard about Liberty University's exciting new Technical Studies courses that will enable you to learn a trade during convenient evening hours while completing your current degree plan. The reason for Technical Studies courses can be summed up in one word: “Employment”. Skilled craft labor is always in demand.

The trades we are offering include: Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, Masonry, Plumbing, and Welding. Each of the courses is four semesters in length. The classes meet in the evening at Virginia Technical Institute with transportation provided. Study groups meet with their respective trades in DeMoss Hall. *Core Craft Skills* is the only required prerequisite and can be taken as an intensive or concurrently with your chosen trade.

The cost of the course is covered in your tuition as long as you do not exceed the 18 hour cap. So if you want to take a course that adds value to your Liberty degree and does not interfere with your regular class schedule, register for one of these trades. Questions: 592-4015 or ldmccclure@liberty.edu.

Testimonial by Dr. Jacquie Johnson Professional Advisor Individualized Programs of Study

Hello, I am blessed to be the new IPS Advisor. I graduated from Liberty University with my M.A. in counseling in 1985. My goal is to assist each student in designing a unique plan of study around their own area of interest, identify learning resources, and plan the work of each semester.

As a student in our program, we encourage you to draw inspiration and support from the rich and varied experiences of the faculty members, each of whom brings a broad range of formal training, life experience, and innovative current practice to our work.

It chronicles 16:9~ “For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.”

He will do the same for you as you let Him direct your path. He wants the best for you.

Please know we are here to serve and encourage you in your journey. Questions: 592-4355 or jjjohnson@liberty.edu.

Professional Tips . . .

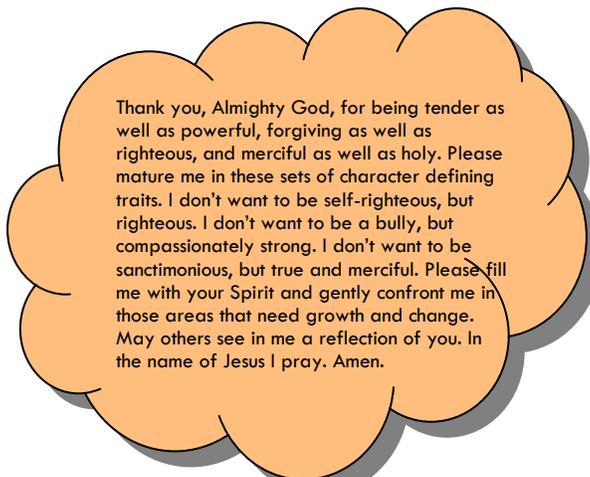
“It is your attitude, not your aptitude that determines your altitude!” You may have heard this before. But what does it mean?

You can have all the smarts you can muster and all the degrees to be had, but without a positive attitude to support them, you will fail. A healthy attitude about yourself and life in general can be seen on your face, in how you carry yourself and the way you dress.

Employers ask themselves three key questions about potential job candidates. 1) Can s/he do the job? 2) Will s/he do the job? 3) Will s/he fit in?

So if you need an attitude adjustment, start working on it now. It will increase your altitude!

Prayer for the Month



Thank you, Almighty God, for being tender as well as powerful, forgiving as well as righteous, and merciful as well as holy. Please mature me in these sets of character defining traits. I don't want to be self-righteous, but righteous. I don't want to be a bully, but compassionately strong. I don't want to be sanctimonious, but true and merciful. Please fill me with your Spirit and gently confront me in those areas that need growth and change. May others see in me a reflection of you. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

Quote of the month . .

“Whatever I have tried to do in life, I have tried with all my heart to do it well; whatever I have devoted myself to, I have devoted myself to completely; in great aims and in small, I have always thoroughly been in earnest.”

Charles Dickens

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