

# Advancing Excellence campaign comes to Guilford

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Preparing future leaders. Supporting outstanding educators. Building community. These are the primary goals of Guilford College's new capital campaign, Advancing Excellence.

"The Advancing Excellence campaign can show how much confidence alumni and friends have in Guilford College," said Kent Chabotar, president and professor of political science. "If we raise money and spend it on what matters in student learning and the academic program, we will increase our academic reputation."

The campaign's goal is to raise \$60 million heading into December of 2013. The money will be divided up into endowment, capital projects, and annual funds. The program will provide funds for scholarships, faculty support, the renovation of Founders Hall, and other programs.

Advancing Excellence has already raised \$42 million, according to the campaign website, and the school is pushing for more. Guilford is urging alumni and friends to donate, whether their gifts are large or small.

"Being a small liberal arts college, fundraising matters," said Chabotar. "We would not exist without gifts. Student fees only cover 80 percent of our costs."

Ty Buckner, associate vice president

for Communications and Marketing, calls Advancing Excellence a comprehensive campaign because every gift is included in the 60 million. The goal of the campaign now is to broaden interest and excitement to people who are connected with Guilford.

"People need to know that their gift will make a difference," Buckner said. "At Guilford College, with a program that shares the core values of the school, every gift will make a difference."

This campaign does not just concern alumni, administrators, and faculty; it is about students and their academic experience as well.

"Students are a large stakeholder in this process," said Assistant Director of Annual Giving Jill Hayes. "They need to be involved in this campaign as much as anyone. The value of a Guilford College degree increases when people see what Guilford is accomplishing and the reputation it is making in the community."

In 2002, Guilford had a similar campaign called Our Time in History, which raised 56 million dollars and was the largest campaign in the school's history. Advancing Excellence is looking to better that outcome and provide students and faculty with a new enhanced experience that still holds true to Guilford's core values.

"The program promotes stewardship and excellence," said Chabotar. "It makes

sure Guilford survives and prospers so we can pass a legacy of practical liberal arts education grounded in Quaker testimonies to the next generation. Advancing Excellence is positioning Guilford College for the 22nd century."

Guilford is operating at a disadvantage because of its small endowment compared to some of its peer colleges, as well as the hard economic times of the last few years. The program's plan is to have the endowment amount total around 30 million dollars to position Guilford to thrive in years to come.

"A lot of Advancing Excellence will be in the future and may not benefit some people directly," said Buckner. "However, sustaining and improving Guilford over time is vital for the school and the community."

According to the campaign pamphlet, the funds raised from Advancing Excellence will go into programs such as study abroad, principled problem solving, and athletics. This is all being done to attract the best and brightest students. The message now is to get on board.

"This is your time to get involved with Guilford," Hayes said. "We offer a competitive environment for education to enhance the student experience. We promise great expectations, and with Advancing Excellence, we will deliver on those promises for years to come."



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## Campus welcomes fresh faces to departments

With experience working as account executive in Shanghai, **Wen Ling Wang**, below, brings a new perspective to the business management department.



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The peace and conflicts studies department welcomes **Jeremy Rinker**, above, who recently taught at DePauw University in Indiana and Lutheran College in Virginia.



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**Parag Parker**, below, now leads the writing program for the English department. She has previously worked as an associate director of the writing program at Duke University.

## Guilford professor arrested, faces secret-peeping charges

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On June 9, former Associate Professor of Mathematics Jonathan Hatch was charged with one count of secret peeping and eight counts of third-degree sexual exploitation of a minor, according to Digitriad.com.

The charges came after Hatch resigned on June 3 in the midst of a college investigation over an accusation that he used a camera pen to take pictures up the skirt of an adult student, an event that allegedly occurred on May 25, according to the News & Record. Police

searched his computer and said they found child pornography, as well.

Various news reports are inconsistent as to which charges Hatch has pled guilty to, but most report that he has pled guilty to all charges, and all report that he has pled guilty to the secret-peeping charge.

The Guilford County Clerk of Superior Courts Office told The Guilfordian that Hatch's court date is Sept. 6.

A statement on the matter from Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean Adrienne Israel is available on the Guilford College website.

## Earthquake rocks Guilford

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According to the United States Geological Survey, Virginia experienced an earthquake on Aug. 23. The quake was of magnitude 5.8 and was felt in Greensboro.

Dave Krongel '11 told The Guilfordian he was in a music studio and thought the shaking he felt was just a garbage truck making the ground rumble, but he soon realized this was not the case.

"The shaking went on for far too long; once I realized it was an earthquake, I was taken aback," said Krongel.

Shortly after the quake, Kent Chabotar, president and professor of political science, released a general statement informing the community of the quake.

"As with any earthquake, aftershocks are likely to occur and we cannot tell if those will impact our part of North Carolina," said Chabotar.

The earthquake occurred due to reverse faulting on a north or northeast-striking plane within a previously recognized seismic zone: the Central Virginia Seismic Zone.

The earthquake's epicenter was between Mineral and Louisa, two small Virginia towns.

Senior Kieran Brackbill told The Guilfordian that he was on the second floor of Founders Hall at a poster sale when the quake took place and, while others around him felt the tremors, he did not.

"Perhaps Birkenstocks have good absorption," said Brackbill.

Professor of Geology Marlene McCauley put the quake in perspective.

"For people in Los Angeles, a 5.8 would not cause a disruption," said McCauley.

McCauley also said that structures in the Eastern and Southern parts of the U.S. are not built with earthquakes in mind.

"Had the earthquake taken place under Richmond, instead of such a small town like Mineral, Va., we might have seen more damage and injuries," said McCauley.

McCauley told The Guilfordian that earthquakes do not hurt people, structures that fall on people in the course of an earthquake do.

"In the case of Mineral, Va., there simply were not large structures that were there to potentially fall," said McCauley.

McCauley said that most structures in the Eastern and Southern U.S. are not built with the reinforcements provided for earthquake damage in the Western U.S., because of the rarity of earthquakes in this area.

Following the quake, the Office of Public Safety, in tandem with the President's Office and the Office for Campus Life, made sure the campus was structurally intact, according to Ron Stowe, director of Public Safety.

"We made sure that there was no structural damage and that members of our community were alright," said Stowe.

In spite of the tremors felt on campus and across most Eastern states, classes remained on schedule and no injuries or structural damage were reported.