

Campus News

We're "All-In"!!!

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A lot of people are really excited about this new movement! Montreat College has declared that we, as a college community, are "all-in" for our college! According to all-in-montreat.com, "[The Montreat College community] believes that God is calling us to be All IN for the sake of the Kingdom and His plan for Montreat College". This new movement is bringing lots of excitement to faculty and staff alike. I had the privilege of interviewing our Interim President, Mr. Joe Kirkland. When asked, "How do you feel about the All-In decision?" Kirkland responded, "I feel really good about the All-In decision. It is a clear, forward direction and I think that's important for Montreat College". This shows that President Kirkland has a positive outlook in regards to the All-In decision.

Another aspect of this initiative, concerns the search for a new president. According to the website, "On March 27, 2014, the Presidential Search Committee released the Montreat College Presidential Profile. [This profile] is an in-depth position description used by Carter Baldwin, our executive search firm, in search of Montreat College's eighth president". In my interview with President Kirkland, I found it important to know who he had in mind for the position of Montreat College's presidential position. He responded, "[The new president of Montreat College

should be] an individual who has a passion for our Christ-centered mission. [This individual should] understand higher education and the dramatic changes taking place currently. [The new president] should also have a desire to roll up their sleeves and get busy, bringing with them, a vision of the future for Montreat College". President Kirkland also praises Montreat

to continue to grow in his own professional role here at Montreat College". President Kirkland feels confident in the decision he made regarding the All-In Steering Committee chair. I also thought it important to ask what Kirkland thought God's mission for Montreat College is. He responded, "My opinion was characterized when I made my opening convoca-



College, stating, "We do a lot of things well here and we want to continue to do those things". President Kirkland has a general idea of who he would choose as the new president.

President Kirkland was also a key figure in appointing the All-In Steering Committee chair. When asked, "Was it a challenge to decide who would be the All-In Steering Committee chair?" he kindly responded, "There were many candidates who had potential. Daniel was selected based on his extraordinary leadership skills, his strong knowledge of Montreat College, his close connection with the students, and his desire

tion speech, where I talked about learning to read. I suggested that people should learn to read the circumstances around them. In my opinion, God's helping us to learn to read where we are right now. [I believe that] God's mission for Montreat College is to raise up Christian men and women to go out and serve in Kingdom work". President Kirkland also explains how these men and women need to serve in all the disciplines. "The world needs Christian journalists, Christian scientists, and Christian doctors. We find ourselves providing a biblical worldview in all our subject matter. Our mission is to remain Christ-centered, student-

focused, and service-driven". President Kirkland has a good opinion on the mission of Montreat College.

I also got an interview with Trustee Board Member, Justin Ramb. "This has been in work for several months," says Ramb about the All-In plan. He, along with other members of the committee, saw this as a way to keep the school open and successful for the next 100 years. He also says that he wants this plan to get people excited and motivated. As far as his own opinion goes, Ramb says, "I'm super excited and I see this new movement as a beginning of an incredible future. I'm also thrilled and humble for the donors [who graciously donated funds for the school]". Ramb is also thrilled about the new athletic programs, such as Tennis and Lacrosse, as well as the new Theatre major.

In conclusion, I believe that we truly are looking toward a brighter future for Montreat College. The members of the All-In committee are fully on-board with getting Montreat College back on its feet. This is going to require immense effort and support from faculty, staff, and students. With this support, we can and will achieve our goal!