

BRIERCREST | *Connections*

TO CHINA AND BEYOND



Sarah with fellow teachers.

When I came to Briercrest in 2014, I had no idea how the Father would use the classes, people, and community to shape my life. My four years in the Applied Linguistics: TESOL program gave me so many opportunities that I never could have imagined for myself.

In my graduating year, I felt God calling me to accept a job teaching high school in China. I did not know anyone at the school or in the area

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but took the job trusting that the Father would provide all that I needed. It was a huge step out of my comfort zone. I arrived in China knowing God had called me there but not knowing for how long and exactly for what purpose.

When one graduates from a place like Briercrest, the world suddenly feels so much bigger than before. It can be hard to figure out where you fit, what your purpose is, and where God wants you. There are many unknowns and it can be challenging to give up this comfortable little community in Caronport (despite the -40-degree wind chill in February).

Through the last year, I have been blown away by how God has answered my prayers. He has clearly shown me my role in His plans for this year and I am blessed to be able to have a small part in the bigger picture for China.

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— Sarah Pahl
(College '18)



Wanbang School, Harbin China

HOCKEY NIGHT IN CARONPORT



Fifth-year player Blayd Anholt (College) is anticipating one last year as a Briercrest student athlete this fall.

“I was drawn to the program because I liked the idea that we try to honour God through how we play and carry ourselves.”

The BA Business Management student was first drawn to Briercrest after seeing the impact it had on his siblings—playing hockey was an added bonus. Joining a program that valued more than just wins piqued his interest and has continued to shape his Briercrest experience.

“We try to honour God through how we play and carry ourselves,” he said, noting that after Friday night home games the team invites opponents to share a meal and to hear testimony from Briercrest players. This tradition, called FICA, was adopted in the 90’s after the Clippers’ overseas mission trip to Sweden.

Hockey has opened up other ministry opportunities for Anholt, too—like a unique position in the high school dorm. He served as a Residence Assistant in the dorm during the first year of Prairie Hockey Academy, ministering to new students who also shared his love of the game. During this year, Anholt

saw students grow in their faith as he himself was challenged to grow spiritually. Opportunities to pray with students and see them turn to God during their struggles will remain some of his favourite Briercrest memories.

Anholt welcomes the opportunity to pour into his teammates’ lives for one final year, embracing every moment and opportunity to be on the ice.

With the recent announcement of new coaching staff, fellow fifth-year players Chad Davidson and Josiah Friesen are embracing the opportunities that lay before them. Davidson is looking forward to the different perspective that comes with new leadership, and to develop as a player and as a person. Friesen is excited to lace up his skates and get back on the ice with the guys.

The Clippers, with new head coach Brad Cole and assistant coach Matt Melo, will hit the ice for training camp August 24th.



AND THE EMMY GOES TO...

Alumnus Erwin Lutzer (CHS '59) hosted and executive produced *A Call for Freedom*, a documentary about the life of Martin Luther. The film won three Emmys from the Chicago/Midwest Emmy chapter, including an award for Best Historical Documentary.

books, a celebrated conference speaker, and the featured speaker on three radio programs. Congratulations, Pastor Lutzer!



Pastor Lutzer is Pastor Emeritus of The Moody Church and served there for 36 years. He is also an award-winning author of more than 20

You can find the full documentary on YouTube by searching "Erwin Lutzer A Call for Freedom."



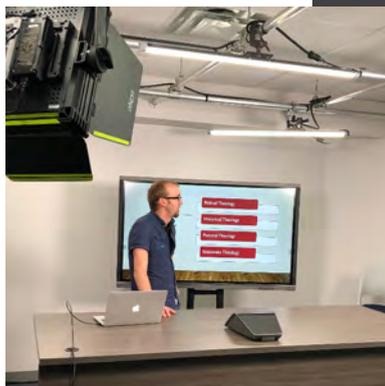
CAMPUS UPDATES & NEWS

We have said a few goodbyes to long time, faithful staff and faculty this season, and hello to many others. This semester, **we are welcoming four new faculty members** to our college and seminary: Darren Dahl (Philosophy), Joel Houston (Theology), Alex Cheing (Business), and Sergio Ribeiro (Business/Technology). Stay tuned for introductions featured on BRIERCREST.CA.



BCA has been awarded funding towards **developing a STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) **program**. Construction took place this summer that will allow for further development of this program as well as **updates to the Chemistry Lab**.

Meeting rooms have been created providing additional space for board meetings, committees, and recruitment teams.



Thanks to our generous supporters, the **Teaching Studio for the Centre for Leadership Studies is complete!** The development of our online education programming is underway! More information will be provided in our next publication.

The roof of The Landing has been renovated this summer in preparation of another season of students.

40 YEARS OF SERVICE AND A FEW THOUSAND STUDENTS LATER

If you've been in Caronport over the last 40 years, there is a good chance you've been blessed by Rod Appleby. A long-time citizen of Caronport, teacher at BCA (formerly CHS), and volunteer fire chief, Rod exemplifies a life of service. This June, he was recognized by the South Central District Athletic Association for 40 years of coaching, an award that BCA Vice President Derek Zacharias said was "a privilege to present."

When Rod started high school in Caronport, his world expanded. His highlights included meeting people from all over the world and having the chance to play football and hockey. It was also here that Rod saw Christian service modelled by many mentors, including Dr. John Barkman. In Rod's words, "I don't know of anybody in the history of our institution that has ever helped more people move than John Barkman."

After finishing college at Briercrest, Rod found himself back in John Barkman's office with a job offer to teach in the high school, which he gladly accepted. In his first year of teaching, he was head coach of the boys' soccer team, volunteer fire fighter, high school Sunday school leader, and assistant coach of the Clipper hockey team. His love and passion for coaching continues to be driven by a love for sport, a love for people, and a heart to give

young people the chance to be part of a team.

Rod is deeply connected to the mission of Briercrest, which continues to propel his involvement here. Not only is he concerned with training Christian leaders, but he also sees the importance of training Christian servants. "Service," he says, "is a part of God's will and the bulk of God's will can be found in the day to day obedience to the Scriptures."

Rod feels very rich knowing that his former students are all over the world doing amazing things. He feels like he is in the "harvest time" of his life, seeing the fruits of many hours spent teaching and coaching.

Rod is thankful for the calling God has placed on his life. Having taught professional musicians, highly sought-after surgeons, and missionaries, Rod is glad to have known many inspiring people over his 40 years in Caronport. "We don't want to become complacent, but there are not too many people in the world I would trade places with," he says.

"Contentment consists not of great wealth but of few wants, and to echo the psalmist, 'The lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places, yea I have a goodly inheritance.'"



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