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From the President



With this publication Austin Grad takes a small step into the expansive world of electronic communication. In doing this, the image of David stepping forward to do battle with Goliath comes to my mind. Goliath was armed with the most technologically advanced equipment available. David was wielding a slingshot and five smooth stones.

A formidable challenge for Austin Grad is having the resources to stay abreast of, maintain, and manage, the technological tools now considered necessary in education. Compared to the technological firepower of other institutions of higher learning, our small step does feel like those taken by David.

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Visionary Philanthropy



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FROM THE EDITOR

As recruiter for Austin Grad, I occasionally receive a copy of the SAT scores for a prospective student. At first I was confused. Why were students who wanted to major in engineering or computer science applying for admission to a seminary? Then it occurred to me. They were applying to Austin Graduate School of *Technology*.

At Austin Grad, theology is our mission; technology is our tool. We hope you enjoy this electronic newsletter. You will receive additional issues of this newsletter in April, May and June. In July and November you will receive our regular printed newsletter.

You can help us spread the word about Austin Grad by passing this newsletter on to a friend. (Please use the forward link at the bottom of this page.)

If you do not want to receive other issues of our electronic newsletter, please email me at cagnell@austingrad.edu.

With Grateful Appreciation

As always we want to thank our generous donors. You make the work at Austin Grad possible and your faithful support encourages the faculty, staff and students. To see the list of donors from November 2010 through February 2011 click read more.

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Including Austin Grad in Your Will

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You can also arrange for a final gift to your favorite charitable organization, like Austin Grad.

Bequests in wills to Austin Grad are not only important to the school from a financial standpoint but they are also very encouraging. A bequest indicates that the person leaving the gift truly believes in what Austin Grad is doing through its mission. That mission is: *To promote knowledge, understanding and practice of the Christian faith by equipping Christians and churches for service in the Kingdom of God.*

A bequest in your will can extend the support of that mission beyond your lifetime. What a wonderful legacy and what better way to exercise visionary philanthropy?

If you are preparing your will or revising your estate plan please consider including Austin Grad in one of the following ways:

- Entire Estate: For those who have no heirs, their entire estate could be used to support the Lord's work at Austin Grad.
- Percentage of Estate: Include Austin Grad for set percentage (i.e. 25%) of the value of the estate.
- Specific Amount: Set a specific dollar amount (i.e. \$50,000) to be distributed directly to Austin Grad.
- Residual Estate: This is the amount of assets left in the estate after specific bequests are made to heirs and others.
- Contingent Bequest: Austin Grad might be designated to receive specific bequests that cannot be delivered as directed in the will. For example, if an heir predeceases the one making the bequest.

Our correct corporate title is: Institute for Christian Studies dba Austin Graduate School of Theology.

We would like for you to have a copy of our new booklet, "Ensuring Your Wishes: A Guide to Your Will." We will be happy to send it to you without obligation.

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For more information on how to include Austin Grad in your estate plan, contact, Neil Haney in the Development Office at 512-476-2772, EX 117. You may also e-mail to: nhaney@austingrad.edu.

God bless you as you extend your support of his work at Austin Grad through your visionary philanthropy.