

# CRISWELL COLLEGE



Dear Students,

These are exciting times for Criswell College. From the expansion of our curriculum to include a B.S. in Education to the planned renovation of our facilities and addition of on-campus dorms, the next few years will see expanded opportunities for the college that we have not been afforded in our 46-year history. Both as an alumnus and as president I am not just hopeful, but excited, for what lies ahead.

As some of you may know, last week the Board of Trustees gathered for their twice-annual meeting to be updated on the state of the college and, with input from the administration, provide leadership regarding the direction of the school. They were presented with the opportunity to vote on a number of decisions that will directly affect the future of the college and, hopefully, further pave the way for Criswell College to engage minds and transform culture through its impact on students and their impact on the world.

One such decision was the option to increase tuition rates, a step we feel is necessary at this juncture in order for the college to accomplish all we feel the Lord has called us to. In light of that necessity, the Board voted to increase undergraduate tuition to \$345/credit hour and graduate tuition to \$455/credit hour. Believe me when I say that no small amount of prayer has gone into this decision, and that we as an administration are in consensus that this is the best thing for the college and its students.

We recognize that this is a significant increase, and although it leaves Criswell within the top 5% of colleges in terms of affordability, we know that the impact will be felt most immediately by you, the students. While we would love to keep rates the same, it is simply not possible if we are to achieve the level of excellence the Lord has called us to as a college. We desire to be not an institution known for its affordability that is also good, but a school known for its excellence that is also affordable.

Although tuition increases are a necessary and common practice for healthy institutions, we recognize that some people are simply unable to afford higher costs for education. To this let me state clearly that we never want money to be the factor that prevents someone from attending Criswell College. Our Financial Aid Office is ready and willing to assist you in finding scholarships, financial aid, and any other avenue of assistance to ensure that you receive the highest quality education possible here at Criswell.

As you study and work in these last few weeks of the semester, please pray that God would continue to show favor to our college and allow us to leave a mark on the world—through you, our students—that will advance His kingdom. Thank you for all you do to make Criswell College the incredible place it is.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Creamer', written in a cursive style.

Barry Creamer  
President