

Embedded

Urban Cohort Program Places Students in Four Chicago Neighborhoods

Each semester, you will find an ever-growing number of Moody students living in a variety of apartments in low-income neighborhoods all across Chicago. These students may have grown up in the peace and quiet of a middle class suburb or a rural farming community. Now, many go to bed at night, tired from a day of classes and study, trying to sleep to the sounds of traffic and sirens. The surprising thing is that they do this voluntarily, without pay or class credit and often without recognition. Why? If you ask them, they will say it is because this is what God has called them to do.



The Moody Bible Institute Urban Cohorts program embeds students with ministries located in some of Chicago's most challenging neighborhoods. It is designed to spiritually challenge students and give them the experience of living and working in an urban ministry.

According to Clive Craigen, the Moody faculty director of the program, students can go through culture shock when they

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Stories Accounts of God at work through Moody

Speaking the Word

Moody Alumnus Combines Spoken Word, Teaching and Writing in His Ministry

Born in Long Beach, Calif., spoken word artist Micah Bournes is the fourth of six children and was raised in a conservative Christian home. While in public high school, he grew serious about his faith. When he and his brother were asked to teach in their Christian club at school, to Micah's amazement, the club grew and caused him to get serious.

Micah combined his love for music, especially hip-hop, with his God-given ability to teach the Word as a communications major at Moody. Radio classes with professor Paul Butler taught him that everything you do in life is related to ministry. "He helped develop my passion for media," said Micah. During his time at Moody, Micah also began combining spoken word poetry, rhythm and blues, and funk into his music and performances.

Deeply impressed by his theology classes with Dr. David Finkbeiner, Micah

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New Employees



Jim Burdick
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Centralized Services

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Barry Cole
Senior Investment
Administrator, Investments

Previously served as chief financial officer at Concord Academy Boyne in Boyne City, Mich.



Ryan Cook
BA/MA Program Director,
Moody Theological Seminary

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Myrna Favors
Administrative Assistant,
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December

final day of classes 13

final exams 17-20

chicago residence halls
close for break 21

christmas holiday 24-26

new year holiday jan. 1

relocate to these neighborhoods. "Likely, it's not like the place they grew up," says Craigen. "Students experience all of the spiritual opposition and daily challenges that are a part of an authentic urban ministry. They learn both how tough and how rewarding this kind of ministry can really be."

Launched in fall 2011, the program began with four students working through one partner ministry. In only a year, the program has grown to 21 students serving with six ministries in four Chicago neighborhoods.

Each student in the Urban Cohorts program is selected from applicants that have good academic standing, attended orientation classes and passed a series of interviews. The students are then matched with a ministry and a group of other students with whom they will work and live during the program.

The students are also assigned two mentors; one is a faculty or staff mentor who has cross-cultural life or ministry experience in a context similar to the one in which the students will live, and one is a neighborhood mentor, someone with at least

seven years of "boots on the ground" experience working in the neighborhood.

During the program, the students will work through church-based ministries that have been selected by Moody. They receive training, coaching and evaluation. Currently, these ministries are Fellowship Baptist Church, the South Asian Friendship Center, New Life Community Church in the Little Village neighborhood, and Christian Fellowship Church in Roscoe Village.

The Urban Cohorts program could very likely become a Moody distinctive," says Craigen. "Few other Christian Colleges have such a program and none are as intentional as Moody's."

According to Craigen, he would like to see the program involve as many as 200 Moody students serving in 40 Chicago neighborhoods every year. He estimates that this growth would require 60 groups of students and up to 40 partner ministries. Given the popularity of the program among students at Moody, this goal may not be too far off.



InSight

by Collin Lambert, Vice President, Moody Radio



As we move forward with our strategic plans, I wanted to update you on the initiatives Moody Radio is taking to better equip people with the truth of God's Word.

Moody Radio has a history of innovative thinking and leadership. WMBI was the first noncommercial Christian radio station in the United States, and Moody Radio was among the first to offer Christian programming via satellite. We have continued this innovation with new programming, new delivery channels and new strategies to reach a broader and more diverse audience and to train others to reach the world for Christ.

In January 2012 we launched Urban Praise, an Internet music channel designed to reach urban listeners. Since its launch, listenership has grown from approximately 1,000 to more than 125,000 hours per month. In February 2012 we launched the only fully operational Christian Spanish-speaking radio station in Chicago. Today, it has 53,000 weekly listeners.

In addition to our Internet broadcasting, we have developed mobile apps that allow people to listen to Moody Radio over their phones. These apps have been downloaded more than 60,000 times by people in 124 countries. Moody's Wi-Fi radios also allow people to listen anywhere they have access to Wi-Fi.

And it's not just about new technology. Moody Radio produces more than 14 hours of original content each day and delivers it to audiences around the world, proclaiming the Word, and helping people take the next step in their walk with Christ.

To develop new programming that targets youth, we are working with Moody Publishers' millennial team, Thrive 80. We are also training a new generation of broadcasters, with Moody Radio staff teaching in the classroom and Moody students working in our Moody Radio offices, side-by-side with our team.

We are also reaching out around the world to train others. As part of a newly launched Global Training initiative, Moody will be working with and training international broadcasters. The first initiative, a conference in Sofia, Bulgaria, took place just a few weeks ago and attracted 115 participants from eight countries throughout Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Our second conference is planned in Ghana, West Africa, in June. These training initiatives are designed to forge relationships, teach others to advance the gospel through radio, and for us learn from the experiences of Christian broadcasters around the world.

The future for Moody Radio is indeed exciting.

said, "He is one of the most passionate professors I've ever had. Whatever he taught, he believed it with all of his heart." Also, Dr. Michael McDuffee challenged the artist in Micah, meeting with him weekly to help him think more abstractly and to share their appreciation of poetry.

Following his graduation in 2010, Micah interned with Antioch Church in Bend, Ore., and then stayed two more years. He was involved in the church's work on the Justice Conference where he contributed to the creative team. The church helped him understand how art can be an integral part of worship. Following the Justice Conference, the president of World Relief asked to partner with him. His last album, "Man Without a Name," is a direct result of that collaboration.

Micah recently moved back to Long Beach to invest more fully in his art. He is currently on a 20-city tour of the southern and



eastern United States with Christian musician, Brandon Heath. His desire is also to continue to grow his spoken word ministry and use his writing to reach public high school students.

Benefits Human Resources Connection

Benefits Reminders:

- **Changes in Health Plans for 2013:** (1) MBI PPO deductible changes from \$600 to \$700 per person per year (up to three deductibles per family). (2) Increase in monthly premium rates for HMO IL and Blue Advantage. (3) Health Care Spending Account (PayFlex) annual maximum is lowered from \$3,000 to \$2,500 (federal mandate).
- **PayFlex:** Use your 2012 PayFlex funds by March 15, 2013 and submit claims no later than March 31, 2013, to avoid losing your 2012 payroll contributions. Check your account at www.healthhub.com or phone PayFlex at 800-284-4885 if you have questions.
- **Principal Wellness:** Plan to take part in the December Challenge which will reward you on practicing healthy, preventive-care behaviors such as self-exams, flu shots

and physical activities. Go to www.livewellmbi.com to see how many points you have to earn by the end of 2012 (32 points required to keep your 2013 premium discount).

- **Vacation and Personal Carryover:** Plan to use vacation carryover by Dec. 31, 2012, to avoid losing it. Any personal time over two days will be lost if you don't use it by Dec. 31, 2012.
- **VALIC Retirement Savings:** Plan how much you want to contribute to your 403(b) account in 2013. Maximum contribution is \$17,500 for those under age 50. Maximum is \$22,500 for those age 50 and above. For those with 15 or more years of service at Moody, who haven't contributed the maximum during the 15 years, additional \$3,000 (up to \$25,500) may be contributed. Please contact Jean Jacobsen at 312-329-4233 or jean.jacobsen@moody.edu to change your monthly contribution any month of the year.

Health or Dental Plan	Group Number	Website	Customer Service
HMO Illinois and Blue Advantage	H56871 or B56871	www.bcbsil.com	800-892-2803
Prime Therapeutics Drug Plan		www.bcbsil.com (click on Prime Therapeutics link)	800-423-1973
MBI PPO Plan (administrated by BlueCross & BlueShield of IL)	256873	www.bcbsil.com	888-979-4516
MBI Dental Plan (administrated by BlueCross & BlueShield of IL)	256877	www.bcbsil.com	800-367-6401
CIGNA Dental HMO and CIGNA PPO	3215852	www.mycigna.com	800-367-1037
PayFlex (Health Care Spending Account)		www.healthhub.com	800-284-4885
Principal Wellness	H50836	www.livewellmbi.com	877-475-3442

New Employees



Carri A. Fisher
Business Manager, Moody Bible Institute – Spokane

Previously served as the information system manger at Partners International in Spokane, Wash.



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Previously served as a budget and reporting analyst at The Field Museum in Chicago, Ill.



Danielle Kelly
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Previously served as the attendance coordinator at Lincoln Park High School in Chicago, Ill.



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Operations and Student Services Coordinator, Moody Distance Learning

Previously served as a customer service representative at Moody Church Media in Chicago, Ill.



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Director of Promotions, WGNB

Previously served as a training coordinator at Wedgewood Christian Services in Kentwood, Mich.



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Previously served as a financial aid coordinator at ITT Tech Institute in Carmel, Ind.



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Communications Strategy Manager, Integrated Marketing Communications

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Julianne Opperwall
Project Coordinator, Moody Radio-Integrated Marketing

Previously served as an English instructor at Chungdahm Learning in Seoul, South Korea.



employeeSpotlight

Dr. H. E. Singley III

Professor of Music and Conductor of Moody Men's Collegiate Choir

Dr. H. E. Singley, a fourth-generation Texan who grew up in Fort Worth, first came to Moody in 1968 as a freshman to study music. "Early in life I knew I wanted to do something with music and ministry," said Dr. Singley. After receiving his diploma from Moody in 1971 and completing undergraduate studies, he and his wife, Noretta (Moody alumna, 1972), were missionaries in Latin America for more than 20 years, serving with Impact International and HCJB World Radio in evangelism and music.

From 1972 to 1996, Dr. Singley was periodically involved with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's associate evangelist

program. Partnered with Moody alumnus and evangelist, Ralph Bell, he played the piano and directed crusade choirs and congregational singing. Dr. Singley returned to Moody in 1996 to teach music, along with conducting the Men's Collegiate Choir. Additionally, he now serves as the director of tours for the Music Department, planning the winter and spring tours for all four traveling music ensembles. "Our primary purpose during these tours is to proclaim the gospel through music and the spoken word, as well as represent Moody to potential students and supporters," stressed Dr. Singley.

He and his wife have two daughters, two sons and two grandsons. Dr. Singley also serves as organist and Chancel Choir accompanist for College Church in Wheaton, Ill.