

July 1, 2010

Dear Juniors and Seniors,

We are excited to share with you the opportunity the Lord has opened up for you to earn true Dual Enrollment credits through Liberty University (LU), the world's largest Christian university.

Beginning in August, any PBA Junior or Senior with a **2.7 GPA or higher who demonstrates Christ-like maturity, motivation, dependability and academic ability** may qualify to *replace their PBA classes with online Christian college classes* through LU. PBA will provide a Christian College Dual Enrollment Computer Lab for you to use to complete these courses. There will be an assigned teacher for this lab to help you maintain the pace of the online course and to answer questions. This program is *in addition to* the current Joint Enrollment program for SJRCC for Juniors and Seniors. Now you have double the opportunity to earn college credits while in high school!!!

The cost of each LU Dual Enrollment course is \$500 plus books. To encourage you to pursue Christian college credits, **PBA will reduce the cost of each course to \$100 (parents will be responsible for purchasing all books)**. The maximum numbers of courses that you can take each semester at the reduced rate is two (2). You may take more than two courses each semester, but they will be at the full rate. This does not reduce the cost of the PBA annual tuition or any other PBA fees.

In order to qualify for Fall courses, students must apply and be accepted by July 28th. **If you are interested in taking LU courses, please contact the school office no later than Monday, July 12th, to apply.** This will give LU time to review and respond to your application. **Parents will be responsible to pay the one-time application fee of \$50.** Acceptance into the LU Dual Enrollment program is solely at the discretion of Liberty University.

Once a student has been accepted into the program, PBA will help students choose the courses that will meet PBA graduation requirements and help students with their college plans. **Please keep in mind that PBA must approve all courses prior to registration.**

LU will assign each accepted student a user name and password to access the *ASIST program (online student access portal)*. Students will need to share their user name and password with the school office so that PBA can register and pay for the courses. **Parents will be responsible to pay the \$100 tuition fee for each course at this**

time (maximum of two reduced rate courses each semester). Parents will then be responsible for ordering and purchasing through LU all the necessary books and supplies for each courses

PBA students will be discouraged from taking LU short courses. These are extremely difficult and would not be conducive to a high school student's schedule. Students will be responsible for the full amount of the courses if they make a "D" or lower or if they withdraw from the courses. This charge will be placed on parent's school account.

Please keep in mind that we are at the beginning "baby stage" of this new Christian college venture. We pray that we can help you navigate the process as smoothly as possible. The truth is that online education is here and your child will more than likely be required to take an online course during college. Online classes are, in many ways, more difficult than traditional resident classes. Your child will be required to be self-motivated and they will have to read and research more than normal. I would encourage you to keep these things in mind when deciding on a course for your child.

I pray that this will be a beneficial avenue for your child to continue learning from a curriculum that has been based on the TRUTH of God's Word while also helping them advance in their college studies. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

Sincerely,

Lester Jenkins