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BRIAN PILCHER, 1990 SNU GRADUATE
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, CUTANIX CORPORATION, OKLAHOMA CITY

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Something special happens at Southern Nazarene University. Some describe it as a metamorphosis—a complete or marked change in character or personality. Others say their hearts, souls, and minds have been strengthened, renewed—even “transformed!”

They are describing the value of private Christian higher education—the difference found at SNU—a place that embraces the dreams of a student, with the individualized attention of an academic mentor who cares. Skills and abilities are carefully matched with areas of interest, so that dreams eventually turn into reality, because of the personalized nature of the SNU experience.
"...In high school I was an underachiever and never really applied myself. If it had not been for the faculty at SNU, I would not have become as successful as I am today. Their personal involvement in my development as a student and individual directly affected my maturity, in all aspects of life: academic, civic, and spiritual. The guidance, discipline, and direction of one professor completely changed the direction of my academic and personal life. I made a 180-degree turn for the better. SNU helped me become dedicated to learning. It taught me to invest my time in people by showing a genuine interest in the wellbeing of others... I've gained enormous satisfaction applying my scientific training towards developing products for people with physically and psychologically debilitating skin diseases."

Brian Pilcher, 1990 SNU graduate
Director of Research, Cutanix Corporation, Oklahoma City
Additional Education/Work Experience: -- Ph.D. in Cell Biology and Anatomy, The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center — Post-Doctoral Training, The Division of Dermatology, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis — Assistant Professor in Cell Biology and Dermatology, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School ("Lecturer of the Year")

Following are the stories of alumni of SNU; the outcomes of their SNU experience in their own words. See what they are saying about this "transforming community," and how it made a difference in their lives. You are invited, then, to visit and investigate further how an education at Southern Nazarene University can make a difference for you.
"Possibly SNU's greatest academic strength lies in its professors and their desire to teach and mold young people. They are not there for money or prestige; they are there because they desire to make an impact in the lives of college students. SNU provided an atmosphere in which I could grow as a person and expand my faith and understanding of God and myself. I learned how to be a servant and how to get along with people who are different than me. The friends, experiences, and spiritual growth I gained at SNU were invaluable. I learned that my life will be meaningless and unfulfilled unless I am able to share it and invest it in the lives of the people around me. When it's all said and done, life is about relationships and living out the Kingdom of God while on earth."

Damien Mitchell, 2001 SNU graduate
Medical Student, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas
Additional Education/Work Experience: Two-year summer internship, Merck Pharmaceuticals
"SNU taught me to value people. I have been successful because I can develop relationships with others built on trust and mutual respect. These values were taught and lived on the campus of SNU. Now, I manage a team of people that is responsible for the day-to-day operations for Rold Gold and Munchies Snack Mix. We develop advertising and promotions to improve the equity and performance of my brands in the marketplace, and we develop new products. I love my work. It enables me to be creative and analytical at the same time. SNU taught me how to analyze and solve problems. It gave me a Christ-centered, values-based education that taught me to do the right thing because it is the right thing, not because it is the most expedient thing. SNU provided life-long friends who have a common worldview. I met my wife at SNU and that was probably the best part of my experience!"

Greg Hall, 1993 SNU graduate
Frito Lay, Brand Manager, Dallas, Texas

"Interacting with SNU's top-notch educators made my college experience really shine! Majoring in English at SNU required lots of analyzation, and being an editor at Hallmark involves lots of analyzation. Our goal as a 'personal expressions' company is to help people connect with one another. With information gathered from consumer research, and using ratings and sales information supplied by our marketing team, we learn what consumers want to say and we set out to provide them with a fresh, relevant, and emotionally honest way of saying it... As an English major, and editor of the student newspaper at SNU for two years, I spent plenty of time writing and editing and rewriting, which is what I do here at Hallmark, planning four different lines of greeting cards. I absolutely love working with words, and it is rewarding to work for a company that is creatively stimulating, stable, and successful."

Emily Akins, 2001 SNU graduate
Associate Editor, Hallmark Cards, Kansas City, Missouri
“So much of how students feel about school is based upon how they were treated by their teachers. I felt like my professors at SNU truly cared for me and wanted me to be successful in their classes. I have taken that concept and tried to model it towards the seventh graders who I deal with on a daily basis. I enjoy teaching math and making it fun to learn. I love to see the light bulbs come on when a student finally gets a concept or grasps something new... Receiving a Christian education was worth every penny spent. The professors knew me personally and truly cared about me. I also made the most incredible friendships with other believers. Because I grew up in a Christian home and was always around church, I don’t think I ever really developed my own personal relationship with Christ on a deep level and I certainly didn’t really understand why I believed the way I did. But through many different religion classes and chapel services, I developed a deeper understanding of why I believe the way I do and what it means to truly enjoy a relationship with God. That kind of teaching is invaluable and life changing.”

Michelle O’Hair, 1999 SNU graduate
Teacher and Coach, Hefner Middle School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

“The education I received at SNU well-prepared me for cross cultural ministry. Currently I run a youth center in Palermo, Italy, and coordinate youth ministries with Nazarene churches in Italy, Spain, France, and Portugal. We do activities among university students and outreach to friends and neighbors. We recently hosted a group of SNU students who came over on a short-term mission trip during Spring Break!”

Joel Mullen, 1996 SNU graduate
Missionary, World Mission (Church of the Nazarene)
Additional Education/Work Experience: – Volunteer Missionary in Catania, Italy, 1996-98
– Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, 1998-2001
“My job is to perform and interpret bone marrow biopsies. Every patient I meet has heard at least one horror story about how painful bone marrow biopsies can be. By honing my skills in this area, I am able to keep patients more comfortable than they might otherwise have been. SNU taught me to use the gifts God has given me, and to be the best He has called me to be. It taught me not to take life too seriously, because this life isn’t all there is. Earthly treasures and accomplishments will fade, but a relationship blessed by God is eternal! The one-on-one interaction with professors — not just graduate assistants — gave me a tremendous advantage in knowledge and experience when I entered graduate and medical school. My college years at SNU gave me a support network of friends and contacts that will last throughout my life. I treasure those friendships above any knowledge or accomplishment.”

Jenny Burdine, 1990 SNU graduate
Hematopathologist, Tulsa Medical Lab, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Medical Director, Blood Bank, Hematology and Coagulation Labs, St. Francis Hospital
Additional Education/Work Experience: -- Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, 1995 – M.D., University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, 1997 – Residency Training in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, Penrose Hospital, Colorado Springs, 2001 – Fellowship in Hematopathology, University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Madison, Wisconsin, 2002

“The Pre-Med Department at SNU is excellent. They’ve created a program that, if completed successfully, is a tremendous predictor not only of acceptance to professional school but of success at a professional school. Furthermore, SNU’s Pre-Med Committee provides each student with an honest, accurate assessment that enables the student to make changes when and where necessary. SNU’s small classes enabled in-class dialogue that would be impossible at a larger institution. If I was struggling with a particular topic, it was unusual if I were not able to get my question answered through a personal visit with the professor that day... My involvement as president of Mortar Board forced me to be more extroverted. It also revealed the importance of having a strong supporting cast, and delegating responsibilities. Certain open-minded, thought-provoking classes presented me with a much broader perspective on many issues.”

Troy Neal, 2002 SNU graduate
Medical Student, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine
"I've been involved in the community for more than 20 years. I have observed SNU students, and I have experienced the conversations about them from community leaders. There is no question... SNU students are different. As a whole, they stand out in academic preparation, leadership ability, and integrity and in work performance. No doubt, some of this is a result of the values lived out in the homes of the students before they come to school. But, much of it, I am convinced, is directly related to the mission of the school being lived out in the daily work of top-rate professors in small classes. It is the outcome born of spiritually stimulating chapels, outstanding mission experiences and a learning environment that really intends to develop the whole person. This is the place I want my grandchildren to be a part of... there is absolutely no better place from which to enter a life of meaningful and rewarding service."

Doug Eaton ’68
SNU Alumni President

SNU ALUMNI AT STUDY...
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Bethesda Naval Hospital
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Duke University
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Fuller Theological Seminary
Harvard University
Kansas University
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Northwestern University – Kellogg School of Business
Ohio State University
Penn State University
Purdue
Southern Methodist University
University of Oklahoma
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Missouri
University of Texas – School of Law
University of Pennsylvania – Wharton School of Business
University of Colorado
University of Leaven, Belgium
University of Manchester, England
Washington University
Xavier University

SNU ALUMNI AT WORK...
(A PARTIAL LISTING)

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