The theme of our Walton program this year is “Going the extra mile”. In our monthly Walton meetings I have invited individuals who have been an example in this area to share with our students. Recently I invited Dr. Rickey Casey to make a special presentation to all of our JBU Walton scholars, as he is an individual who truly embodies this phrase.

Recently Dr. Casey resigned as director of the Walton International Scholarship Program after faithfully serving for the past 26 years.

Dr. Casey has made a profound impact on Central America and Mexico through the Walton Int’l Scholarship Program and will truly be missed by our alumni and the program directors. He has truly touched the lives of hundreds of Central America and Mexican students. Whether he was interviewing students, meeting with family members, caring for a homesick or ill student, or working closely with our Walton alumni he always went the extra mile.

When I started as the program director at JBU 18 years ago Dr. Casey assisted me immensely in teaching me the many aspects of this incredible program. I could always count on his support and wise counsel. During my years with the program I have had the pleasure of traveling with him many, many times to each of the countries. His friendly and caring personality made the tiring travel enjoyable. He has been a great example to me in the importance of loving and caring for our Walton scholars.

The alumni see him as a father figure and he will be sorely missed. He is an excellent example of an individual who “goes the extra mile” and I am very thankful for the opportunity I have had to work with him. – Ron Johnson
Seven Walton students graduate this December as they look forward to start impacting lives in their home countries.

“I want to help ‘mi Pulgarcito de America’ with what God and school taught me during these years. I want to make a difference at my job, in my family, at church, and lift up God’s name and honor the Walton Scholarship.

I would run the extra mile by sharing the blessings that I have got during my JBU life... I don’t want to keep it to myself! I don’t want to be selfish! I want to share what God has given me without deserving it.” - Carla Castillo

“The idea of going back home after graduation is kind of scary, but at the same time I’m glad to do it because I want to help my country and apply what I have learned, not just academically, but spiritually also. In order for this to happen, I must get out of my comfort zone and start sharing the blessings I have received since I believe change should start in us.” - Zelly Zapata
“El Grupito” by Obed, Ruth, and Gaby

“El Grupito es un tiempo entre amigos para buscar a Dios y de comuniún entre los Walton. Fue iniciado por generaciones anteriores que tenían la idea poder crear un ambiente de familia en el que se puede compartir las luchas y alegrías de todos. Dios ha sido bueno con el grupito y esperamos que siga como un legado iniciado por los Waltons.”
- Obed

“La primera vez estuvo bien porque tuvimos un buen tiempo para compartir. La otra vez que los Freshmen tuvieron la oportunidad de expresar lo que piensan y los que les pasa. Tambien es bueno siempre recordad que Dios están con nosotros.”
- Ruth

“El grupito es bastante intencional, un tiempo apartado para compartir entre nosotros y dedicárselo a Dios. Es una manera de expresar nuestro agradecimiento a Dios. Tambien se lo dedicamos a nuestros amigos porque asi estamos en comuniún asi como Dios designo a la iglesia.”
- Gaby
Hayride!

"I really thank the Orcutts and the International Office crew for making this hayride possible. The best chili I have ever tasted, friends, and a bonfire in the middle of a cold rainy night were just the perfect start of my fall break."  - Juan A. Beroy

SPRING BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY
20 – Gaby Villalba
22 – Belinda Henriquez
27 – Claudia Hernandez
30 Heydi Cucul

FEBRUARY
7 – Arline Mejía
8 – Estefany Silva
18 – Roxana Cruz
20 – Loana Vega
25 – Victor Jaen

MARCH
17 – Marilyn

APRIL
9 – Gaby Mejía
17 – Juan Morales
28 – Ernesto López
30 – Isaac Támez

MAY
1 – Johanna Fernández
9 – Israel Hernández
14 – Jonathan Hauck
22 – Yauri Torres
24 – Francisco Quintanar
26 – Roberto Pozuelo
30 – Walter Hernández
31 – Karina Castañon
Wal-Mart team leader Julio Echegoyen spoke to John Brown University’s Walton scholars about priorities, challenges and distractions during your life. After completing 4 years of work in Central America, he came back to the States to work for Procter & Gamble and Wal-Mart as part of the International Team.

“Our theme this year is going the extra mile, and I thought that he is a great representation of that. He has always impressed me… He has been very clear, there hasn’t been a gray area with him,” said Ronald Johnson.

“My first and foremost priority is my personal relationship with Jesus Christ, my second priority is my family, and then my third priority is my job,” said Echegoyen.

Echegoyen was excited to share his personal philosophy with students, which he divides into people, work and priorities. He advised to invest time in relationships since people are the most important.

“He talked about priorities in a way that you can be successful in life. He motivated us to be clear on what we want to achieve, and to keep those goals in mind,” said Walter Medrano, a Walton Scholar majoring in Broadcasting.

“You’ll encounter so many difficulties here at school: culture shock, language, friends, distractions, and so on… but you have to be courageous, have faith, and trust God,” said Echegoyen.

“It was good to hear that he came to JBU to improve his qualities, and work on his weaknesses. He is a great leader. It is nice to hear how JBU changes and transforms your life,” Medrano said.

At the end of the meeting, Echegoyen shared a couple of life stories, including how he met his wife, how he

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