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## SGA: A Team of Students, For the Students

by Mallory Thomas

The 2022-2023 Student Government Association (SGA) team prepares for a new school year, striving to unify the student body by planning exciting events and improving cross-campus communication.

Jenson Thompson, student body president, aims to continue SGA's broad mission of being "a team of students, for the students" and bridging the gap between the student body and faculty/staff by lending a student voice to issues that affect the campus community.

Before students arrived on campus in August, the team emphasized focused conversations on their values as a team during SGA's annual retreat and Lead Week training. "Our main theme for this year is culture building," explained Thompson. "We came up with five pillars: people over product, quality over quantity, high flexibility and high accountability, constant communication, and strengths-based cooperation." As the community transitions into this new post-pandemic chapter, SGA hopes to rebuild the community life and traditions that MVNU lost during that time of uncertainty.

Bailey Niedermier, vice president of academic life, plans to prioritize the academic experience by increasing professor-to-student communication and destroying the stigma around tutoring and accessibility services. "College is hard. Everyone needs a little support sometimes, and I'm grateful to walk alongside the student body during their academic journey while advocating for them along the way," said Neidermier.

In terms of connecting with SGA, Thompson encourages students to keep an eye on SGA's social media channels for campus-wide events and collaboration with other entities on campus. "Without giving too much away, I'm pumped for everything we've got planned, and I think it's going to be a really, really good year."



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## MVNU Duo Learns New Skills at Clippers Internship

by Brandon Ehrenberg

One, two, three strikes you're out rings in the ears of Jonathon Langdon and Colin Ashworth from their internships this summer. Both junior communication and digital media majors took on internships with the Columbus Clippers during their summer away from campus and returned to campus this fall with new experiences and stories about their opportunities, responsibilities and overall time with the Clippers.

Both students expressed similar stories about what their responsibilities entailed.

Ashworth stated that his responsibilities "ranged from running different cameras throughout the stadium, running the show, as well as audio, commercial spots and even replay operations." While their internships may put them in high-pressure situations, they still had times when the job became a comedy show.

Jonathon Langdon shared that he and Ashworth filmed a squirrel chase that was happening midgame, and the footage that they shot ended up being shown on ESPN's "Not Top 10" list. Both students expressed that they enjoyed their experience and would recommend others interested in sports and camera work to try out the internship.

Langdon said, "I met other people who were in the same spot as me, and we learned together and had a good time."

"I love sports, and I enjoyed doing the internship and doing it on a professional level." Both students are major parts of our campus sportscasting program at MVNU; and with their experience with the Columbus Clippers, there is no doubt that they will continue to improve their craft and continue to do great work wherever they go.

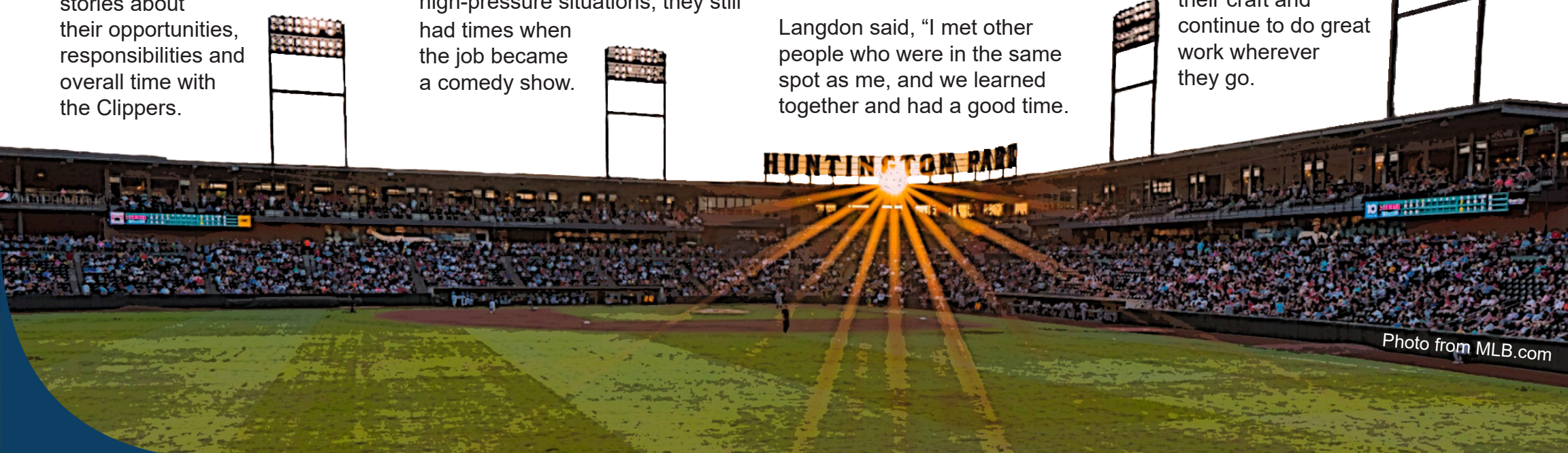


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## Chinese, American Art On Display at Schnormeier Gallery

by Morgan Mills

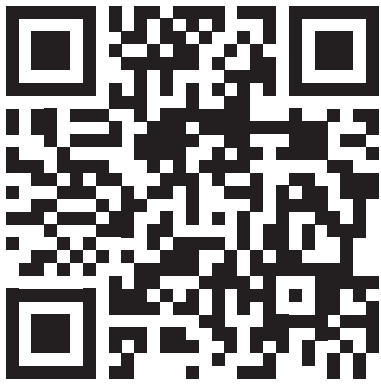
The Schnormeier Gallery is currently hosting the Matter and Spirit Exhibit, an innovative, cross-cultural multimedia display. It consists of 55 exhibits produced by 25 Chinese and American artists using various mediums such as neon, oil, digital prints and fiber teabags. The pieces depict spirituality through the eyes of these two different regions, which provides a fresh perspective about how diverse cultures represent and interpret their faith. Some of the pieces draw the viewer in to study every detail, such as *Hidden Spirit #1* and *#2* by Scott Fisk, which consists of two digital prints on birch developed using the Artivive App to bring the pieces to life.

Professor Justin Sorensen, who is an associate professor of art at MVNU, also has works displayed in the exhibit, such as *Untitled (Wild Swans)* and *A Secular Age*. He is impressed with the display going so far as to say, "... it was mind blowing to see the range of the work here."

Bringing together this diversified group of artists with assorted talents to tell their stories of conviction and blend their styles together has produced a wonderful collection. The Schnormeier Gallery will continue their display at the Buchwald Center until Oct. 14.



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## FaithWorks Trip to Poland Yields Success

by Faith West

MOUNT VERNON- Every year, Mount Vernon Nazarene University sends multiple groups of students out to various parts of the world on their Service Learning Trips. These trips can be either local or global, and this year FaithWorks added a new destination to the list: Poznan, Poland.

The trip to Poland was led by Campus Pastor Stephanie Lobdell. Her team's main role was to teach English to high school students at a summer camp, and twice a day, every day MVNU students led classes that helped the campers develop their English conversation skills. Trip member Haley Schreiner also mentioned that the team was involved with the camp's evening event called Club. She said, "They had music and games and a speaker, and we took turns being the speakers." The students spoke on a variety of topics while relating their subject to biblical principles. Schreiner believes that even though the goal wasn't necessarily to preach, they were able to see God move in a nonreligious place.

When asked about her favorite part of the trip, Schreiner stated that it was the relationships she built with staff as well as the campers. She recalls that since the counselors were mainly college students, "we really got to be close friends with them too, and it was a good opportunity for us to witness to them as well." Due to the relationships built this past summer, MVNU students plan to return to Poland next year and continue to show the love of God to the high school campers.



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