

2008 Faculty

Michael Albanese - author, actor, and scriptwriter/playwright whose production credits include working with 20th Century Fox , Merchant Ivory Productions, and Fox News

Wynn Albanese - actress in the upcoming movie with Christopher Walken, The Lonely Maiden, and was just seen last year in Charlie Wilson's War with Tom Hanks

Carol Anderson - actress who performs with her husband Jim Shores as part of the national touring theatre company, Acts of Renewal. Her one woman show on eating disorders, A Size 6 Forever, has been aired on PBS.

Dr. Ted Baehr - founder and publisher of MovieGuide and Chairman of the Christian Film & Television Commission in Hollywood.

Angus Benfield - began in this industry as an actor and is now producing and directing films in New Zealand and Australia.

Angelo Ballestero - An award-winning musician, Angelo's music has had national attention, charting in the top 5 on many AC, CHR and INSP stations. He also writes and composes musical scores for films - most recently creating the music for a film project for Adam Walsh, the host of America's Most Wanted

Shelley Ballestero - She is an actress, an author and a makeup artist. Shelly's credits include appearances on the ABC daytime soap opera "One Life to Live". She is currently a monthly contributor for CBN.com (health & beauty), Sheer Balance, Oncourse, Beautiful One Magazine and Christian Women Online. Her new book, "Beauty by God" will be released in Jan. 2009 with Regal Publishing.

Martha Bolton - Emmy-nominated writer and the author of dozens of books, including co-authoring two New York Times Bestsellers. She was a staff writer for Bob Hope for fifteen years, co-writing over fifty hours of Bob Hope television specials. She was The Cafeteria Lady for Brio magazine and is also the recipient of four Angel awards and a Dove Award nomination.

Rev. Michael Catt - Executive Producer for the feature film Facing the Giants, Flywheel and Fireproof, as well as Pastor of Sherwood Baptist Church Albany, GA

Terri Catt - Responsible for costuming and casting for the movies Flywheel, Facing the Giants, and Fireproof

Colleen "CC" Curtis - CC hosts the weekly podcast, "Firepit Friday" out of Nashville, which is available online and on itunes. It is a platform for artists to voice their opinions and thoughts on all aspects of art and the music industry and boasts a listening audience of over 600,000

Aneesh Daniel - award-winning director and producer from India who has produced projects for many well-known Christian authors and speakers, including Joyce Meyers, Rick Warren and Focus on the Family

Jon Erwin - At age 15, Jon was part of the crew bringing you Monday Night Football on ESPN. Now with his brother Andy, they formed Erwin Brothers Motion Pictures making feature films. But he is most known for his music videos with Point of Grace, Casting Crowns, Nicole C. Mullen, and Michael W. Smith

Steven James - author and scriptwriter with a Masters Degree in Storytelling whose first novel, The Pawn, just made #10 on the best seller list and was nominated for a Christy award

Dallas Jenkins - President of Jenkins Entertainment and director of the short film, Midnight Clear, starring Stephen Baldwin, and Co-Executive Producer of the film Thought None Go With Me, which aired on the Hallmark Channel and was based upon a book written by Dallas' father, Jerry Jenkins

Bonnie Johnson - leader of the Writers/Actors Scene Shop at the ICVM Conference for four years, and who has worked with such stars as Roy Schneider, Tommy Lee Jones, Denzel Washington, Robin Williams, Julia Roberts and Andy Griffith

Cindy Kenney - Previously Senior Managing Editor for Big Idea Productions and one of the major forces behind the Veggie Tales success and an award-winning author

Erica Lane - recording artist and songwriter who hosts her own reality television show, Inspired Ambition, which airs on JCTV

Calvin Gibbs - along with his wife, Ansonia Gibbs, Calvin founded and runs the only Christian theater group in Chicago, New Branch Theater

Yvonne Lehman - best-selling author, Director of the Blue Ridge Mountains Christian Writers Conference and co-director of the Honored Author program for the Gideon MACaFF

Paul McCusker - award-winning writer and director of audio dramatizations, including Adventures in Odyssey

Kathy Mackel - screenwriter and novelist and Christian filmmaker, whose credits include work for Disney, Fox, and Showtime

Torry Martin - award-winning actor, comedian, and author, including writing for Adventures in Odyssey, creating the popular character of Wootton Bassett

Kyle and Kenny Saylor (aka the Saylor Brothers) - producers and directors with over twelve years experience in music videos, documentaries, animation, TV, and motion pictures

Dr. Linda Seger - creator of the profession of Script Consulting, having consulted on over 2000 scripts, including many feature films produced by ABC, CBS, NBC, Disney, and TNT, and author of such screenwriting books as Making a Good Script Great and Creating Unforgettable Characters

Vonda Skelton - award-winning playwright, author and speaker, co-directing the Intern Program for the Gideon MACaFF

Matt Stockman - radio industry veteran and DJ and the founder of Matt Stockman Student Ministries, devoted to developing next generation worship leaders

Cecil Stokes- Founder of Tentmakers Entertainment (1999) he has produced more than 1250 television shows (A&E, Court TV, DIY Network, ESPN, Fine Living, Food Network, HGTV, History Channel, TNN, The Travel Channel and Turner South) and has won such awards as the Cable Ace, Communicator, New York Film Festival, Telly award and an Emmy for his work on the show "Blue Ribbon."

Sarah Anne Sumpolec - novelist and screenwriter and co-director of the Intern program for the Gideon conference

Ann Tatlock - Christy-winning novelist, former assistant editor of Decision magazine, and co-director of the Honored Author program for the Gideon MACaFF

Phil Vischer - Founder of Big Idea (Veggie Tales) and his new creation, Jellyfish Labs

Ken Wales - veteran filmmaker and Executive Producer of the CBS TV series Christy, and former VP of Production for Walt Disney Pictures, and Producer of the recent internationally-acclaimed film, Amazing Grace, about the story of the life of William Wilberforce

Dr. Lorene Wales - As a film production veteran, having worked in Hollywood for 10 years, Lorene now chairs the Cinema-Television department at Regent University. She is also an author, including the book "The Complete Guide to Moviemaking"

Carla Williams - Author, speaker, and workshop leader, Carla has writing credits in curriculum, devotions, short stories, and numerous articles. She has authored or co-authored of over 24 books and is Editorial and Publicity Director for WinePress Publishing

Josiah Williams - Josiah is the art director for WinePress Publishing whose responsibilities include the creation of book covers and websites as well as managing design projects. In addition to art direction, Josiah manages a printing and promotions company within WinePress Publishing called Notation.