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Premier Presentation of Cecil R. Paul Award

August 1, 1992, Dr. Cecil R. Paul passed away suddenly from a brain aneurysm. His family lost a devoted, loving husband and father, Eastern Nazarene College lost its president, and Towel & Basin lost one of its three cofounders.

Last year on the 10th anniversary of Cecil's death, Towel & Basin announced the creation of an award in his honor. The Cecil R. Paul Award will be presented to an individual with scholastic excellence in his/her chosen academic discipline that has integrated this commitment to scholarship with equally significant service to the community.

Dr. Paul was a respected and published scholar, director of a graduate program, and college president who also consistently and generously offered himself and his intellectual abilities in service to church and community. Fellow cofounder and Executive Director David Best explains, "The award will honor Cecil's life-long integration of scholarship

and service with the intention to nurture and encourage other scholars' service beyond the academy's library, laboratory, or classroom."

In a 1997 article, Towel & Basin cofounder Michael R. Estep called Cecil a "'man of vision' and 'legendary.' Not of self-enamored. No, the legend he left behind was of places and programs still making a difference in thousands of lives: community centers, college campuses, graduate programs, adult learning programs, textbooks, publishing programs, servant organizations--the things legends are made of."

Towel & Basin Ministries is part of Cecil's legendary legacy. It is our intent to remain faithful to Cecil's vision for Towel & Basin to challenge and help persons develop excellence in service across their entire life spans. This award in his name recognizes and encourages persons who are, as Cecil was, servant-scholars with "educated hearts."

The inaugural presentation of the Cecil R. Paul Award was made to its first recipient on October 17, 2003 in ceremonies during Eastern Nazarene College's Homecoming.

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The Best View

ENC Hosts Towel & Basin's Cecil R. Paul Award Presentation



When I first called Dr. David McClung, President of Eastern Nazarene College, to tell him about Towel & Basin's Cecil R. Paul Award, President McClung responded immediately with an invitation for ENC to host the inaugural presentation.

At President McClung's suggestion, I contacted Chaplain Jeff Barker. After discovering the approximate time of the year Towel & Basin hoped to hold the event, Chaplain Barker offered to feature the presentation in ENC's Homecoming Chapel, October 17, 2003.

Along with a cash stipend, the award recipient was presented a sculpture created by artist Scott Stearman. Scott was inspired to design his piece, "Towel and Basin" after being with Cecil and witnessing first hand his passion for service and commitment to Towel & Basin's ministry.

The version for the Cecil R. Paul Award was cast in bronze for the very first time, and Scott has made the significant commitment to restrict all future bronze renderings of his "Towel and Basin" exclusively for the Cecil R. Paul Award.

Michael Estep, fellow cofounder of Towel & Basin, and now serving the ministry as Director of Communications/Special Events, coordinated the logistics for this first presentation of the Cecil R. Paul Award. Dr. Estep remarked "Chaplain Barker and his Administrative Secretary Ardith Eyring have been models of servanthood as they assisted us in making this event a reality."

We have indeed been blessed by the gracious support ENC has given Towel & Basin as we seek to extend Dr. Paul's legacy and encourage servant-scholars.

In addition to ENC's hospitality, I want to acknowledge the generosity of the following organizations who have helped make possible this inaugural presentation of the Cecil R. Paul Award:

Nazarene Publishing House, Dr. Hardy Weathers, President - *Memorial Flowers* nph.com

Wesleyan Center for Twenty-First Century Studies at Point Loma Nazarene University, - *Honoree Reception*
Dr. Maxine E. Walker, Director ptloma.edu/wesleyan

Pacific Grove Group - *Honoree Luncheon* pacificgrovegroup.com

Monarch Stewardship - *Development Services* monarchstewardship.com

Highley Music Company - *Gift Packages* highleymusic.com

Jan Simonson Lanham Honored



To a near capacity attendance at Eastern Nazarene College Homecoming Chapel on October 17, Towel & Basin President David Best introduced the Cecil R. Paul Award and announced the first recipient, Dr. Jan Simonson Lanham.

Dr. Lanham had not been informed in advance of her selection, and she was completely surprised when David Best announced her name. Dr. Lanham approached the platform to be greeted by President Best and sustained applause and standing ovation from students, alumni, faculty, administrators and community leaders.

The appreciative audience included the late Cecil Paul's wife, Judy, and two of their sons: Bruce, and his wife Mary, Wes and his wife Janet along with their children.

Dr. Lanham's husband, Tim, and their sons were present along with some of Jan's close friends and colleagues that had been forewarned of her selection.

The Cecil R. Paul Award bronze sculpture was unveiled for the first time and David Best presented it and a cash stipend to Dr. Lanham as well as a contribution from Towel & Basin to President McClung for ENC's Cecil Paul Scholarship.

Dr. Lanham, Professor of Psychology at ENC, expressed her thanks, noting she felt inadequate, and that "Cecil left an awfully long shadow...it takes our best efforts just to imagine we are keeping his legacy going even just a little." She recalled how Dr. Paul had mentored and guided her pursuit of a doctoral program and offered her many opportunities for service.

Today, Dr. Lanham is one of the most respected and admired professors at ENC. She teaches at both undergraduate and graduate levels, directs ENC's graduate program in Marriage and Family Therapy, and submits articles regularly for publication. Dr. Lanham is also active in service to her local church and community and serves on the highest governing board of her denomination.

Following chapel, a reception was held in Dr. Lanham's honor on campus in the President's Dining Room. The honoree's luncheon was at the Sheraton Braintree and attended by members of the Paul family, Towel & Basin staff and Board of Directors.

In a thank you note sent to David Best after the event, Dr. Lanham wrote: "Cecil is still motivating us all and encouraging us to do things we didn't think were possible."

Indeed, it is just such wisdom, insight and spirit that Towel & Basin recognizes in Jan Lanham. She embodies the goal of the Cecil R. Paul Award...encouraging others to integrate head, heart and hand...to "do things we didn't think were possible."

A summary of Dr. Lanham's achievements along with more photos of the day's events and a video introducing the award can be viewed at TowelandBasin.org

In addition to the organizations recognized in "The Best View" column (see opposite page) the following have been founding contributors to this premier presentation of the Cecil R. Paul Award.

- America's Christian Credit Union
- David & Marilyn Best
- Blue Hill Community Church
- Ken & Rosalie Carlson
- Michael & Ginger Estep
- Michael Funk

If you would like to make a gift in Dr. Paul's memory and be a founding contributor to the Cecil R Paul Award, make your check payable to Towel & Basin and marked CRP Award. Or contact us by phone (615.226.7668) or email (info@TowelandBasin.org) for further information.

Additional founding contributors to Towel & Basin's Cecil R. Paul Award will be recognized in future editions of *Towel & Basin News*.



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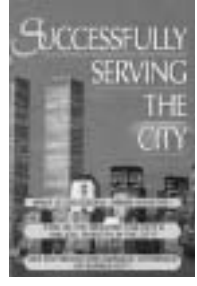
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