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Dimensions Program Welcomes Trudy Cathy White

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. –The Dimensions Program at Gardner-Webb University welcomes Trudy Cathy White, the daughter of Truett and Jeannette Cathy, the founder and CEO of Chick-fil-A, on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 9:25 a.m. in Paul Porter Arena. White and her husband, John, have been involved in international missions for more than 20 years.

“The main reason I wanted Trudy had to do with the fact that she and her husband have a real heart for young adults, particularly high school and college students,” said Dr. Tracy Jessup, vice president for Christian life and service and senior minister to Gardner-Webb University.

Chick-fil-A’s first restaurant was opened in Atlanta, Ga. in 1967 and is headquartered in College Park, Ga. Today the fast food giant has almost 1,600 locations in 39 states. Chick-fil-A is known for sticking to its principals involving family and religion in today’s business world. As an example, they still close their restaurants every Sunday. Jessup added, “I highly respect the Cathy family for their Christian commitment and for the way in which that commitment bears fruit in their business.”

Gardner-Webb University’s Dimensions programs are free and open to the public. The goal of Dimensions is to enhance the spiritual, intellectual, and cultural life at the University and also to promote a sense of community. Dimensions programs are held on Tuesday’s at 9:25 a.m. in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC). More information is available at 704-406-4277.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University was founded in 1905 and is home to over 4,300 students from 37 states and 21 foreign countries. Gardner-Webb seeks a higher ground in higher education – one that embraces faith and intellectual freedom, balances conviction and compassion, and inspires in students a love of learning, service, and leadership.