



Lees-McRae College will be offering two new scholarships for the freshman class of fall 2008. The first is a Presbyterian Scholarship and the second is a Service Scholars Program. These scholarships are in their final stages of development and a PDF flier will be sent out to the Presbytery Office for inclusion in electronic newsletters in the near future. If you have questions please contact Mae D. Weed, Church Relations staff person for the college (828-898-8777, weedm@lmc.edu).

Lees-McRae continued its commitment to community service with its November 2007 Canned Food Drive. Students, faculty, and staff of the college collected over 5500 cans of food that were delivered to the *Reaching Avery Ministries Emergency Food Pantry*. "It was an incredible effort put forth by so many people on the campus to do something worthwhile for our community. It was our largest canned-food drive ever!" said Chaplain, Kathy Campbell.

Lees-McRae hosted the Collegiate Mountain Bike National Championships in the fall. Our nationally recognized cycling team placed 2nd overall in the nation in Division 1 competition. Our Cyclo-Cross team took first place winning back-to-back national Division 1 championships. If you know of a competitive cyclist let him or her know about Lees-McRae. The college offers 18 varsity sports teams, 9 each for men and women.

In April of 2007 Banner Elk was hit with a wind and rain storm that destroyed a majestic old tree in front of Virginia Hall. The storm was the same day as the tragic events on the campus of Virginia Tech. In a ceremony this fall a new tree was planted in memory of the 33 people who lost their lives and the many others who were wounded - a symbol of life and growth in the face of tragedy.

Lees-McRae offered an Alternative Fall Break in which students and faculty traveled to New Orleans to do Hurricane Katrina relief work. The Global Community Center also sponsored a class trip for the Wildlife Rehabilitation students to New Zealand over semester break. There will be a mission trip to Guatemala in the spring as well as an Alternative Spring Break mission trip.

For more information about the college check out our website at www.lmc.edu.