## The DeVoe Division of Business Newsletter April 2024

## A Note from Angie

## Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct your paths.

I was just talking with a graduating senior about his graduating class and expressed that this may be the first class that I have felt a deeper connection to and will geniuinely miss seeing many of you on campus next year. For that reason, I thought I would write you a note of advice and encouragement!

My mom writes me a birthday card every year. She writes several verses in the card, but almost always includes Proverbs 3:5-6. This is a verse that I learned at a young age and have always known, but it wasn't until I attended a funeral where this verse was a central focus, did I look at it differently. The pastor had spent some significant time with the woman who had passed and on one of his last visits with her, he asked her what she would want people to know about God. She immediately quoted this verse in Proverbs by heart perfectly, when at that point in their conversations there had been some times that the conversation was difficult for her. The pastor went deeper in to this passage by explaining that the most important part of this verse to him was the second half where the author encourages us to acknowledge Him. Growing up, I knew the first part of this passage as most important. To trust with all my heart. But after hearing this and as I have walked through life, I'm finding that the most important part for me is to acknowledge Him first and the trusting part then comes more naturally. The more that I understand God's character and acknowledge His power and love, the trust comes more as a reflex instead of a task. Please notice that I didn't say it's easier, but the more I practice acknowledging and placing God in the proper place in my life, trust does come more instinctively.

As you move on from us, you will walk through some hard times. You will also walk through some very exciting and beautiful times! In all of those, acknowledge the One who has created you and been with you in every moment. Acknowledge His knowledge, His power, and His love. Then trust His ways, they are always right!

Angie

## Congratulations to our April and August Graduating Seniors! We are proud of you and wish you the best!

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