



ARTIOS

NEWSLETTER

January 2024

ARTIOS IS 7 YEARS OLD!

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY!**

Celebrating an anniversary is acknowledging that in every triumph, in every defeat, in every situation, God has been there. Just as Samuel said, "Thus far the Lord has helped us" (1 Samuel 7:12).

Anniversaries are set up to remember why we started something in the first place, celebrating what we have accomplished since the beginning. This is our story—this is Artios Christian College.

When thinking about the direction of our internal professional development for pastors, leaders, and ministry workers, it was evident that a rebranding and refocusing on the WHY behind the ministry was needed. Thus, Artios Christian College was born on January 31, 2017.

EQUIPPING LEADERS FOR A VIBRANT 21ST-CENTURY CHURCH

It's more than a catchy tagline or a noble goal. We've designed each course in our curriculum specifically to equip you as a leader. In the Greek language, the word "artios" as it is used in Eph. 4:12 embodies 3 concepts: Biblical Theology, Restorative leadership, and Mission Engagement.

We praise God that we have a strong outreach through students echoing our foundation of equipping leaders to serve in their ministries!

In the last 7 years, we have had graduates take over 900 classes and have earned over 6,000 credits. This is very encouraging! We have seen the impact immediately after graduation. Artios alumni are in their communities and in their church! Artios families serve through the education that came from Artios courses.



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Speaking about sisters, did you know that 20% of our graduates are women? There is a misconception that Artios Christian College is only for those who want to be Pastors, or only for men. That is far from the truth! We are open for both men and women! Artios focuses on Christian leadership development. Each student can take a different path, depending on their leadership goal. In fact, over half of our graduates are those with a non-pastoral program!

We continue to hear success stories of Artios graduates going on to pastor their first congregation, lead a new ministry, move up from a local leadership position to a regional position, or begin their ministry at their local church for the very first time. Whatever your walk is, know that we have a group of individuals who love the Lord and love education. We pray for you and for your arena of leadership. We want to see you thrive in the Lord's calling.

If you are thinking of joining Artios Christian College and being one of the many success stories, please browse our classes. [Click here!](#) "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" Philippians 1:6. Don't let fear get in the way of registering for your first Artios class, your mind says "I Can" and your heart says, "Because God Can."

Thank you for 7 wonderful years! We look forward to many more!

When we make plans, God makes them better! Artios is based out of the US, but it is not limited to this country. We are blessed to welcome students and graduates from all 7 US and Canadian districts. We've also served students from Australia, Belize, and the UK! There are no barriers or distance for God's ministry!

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE OR TOO EARLY

When you first hear the word college, you may think this is for a specific audience—the 18-year-olds to 20-something-year-olds. That is far from the truth! Artios graduates range in age from 15 to mid-70's. It is never too late or too early to enroll at Artios to further support your growth in ministry. It is encouraging to see that brothers and sisters want to learn more.

COM 121 Written Communication for Leadership

COM 121 Written Communication for Leadership is designed to assist leaders in developing a variety of communication skills. The course begins with social media etiquette and guidelines for personal communication, such as texting and emailing. The rest of the course focuses on the organization of written expression and thoughts, while emphasizing the Chicago Style format for writing an essay and citing sources.

Students will learn how to organize thoughts, write a captivating introduction, and end with a strong conclusion, while maintaining a focused topic.

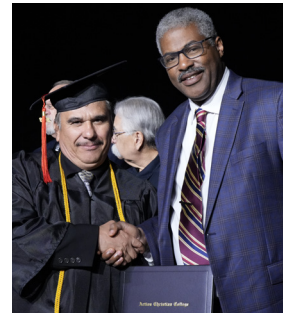


Whether leaders need to send a quick text message, organize notes for a sermon, or prepare a written Bible study or article, this class will equip them with the knowledge to communicate effectively.

Register now for COM 121 Written Communication for Leadership! [Click here!](#)

ARTIOS GRADUATION 2023

July 15, 2023
Covington, KY
GC Convention



Rejoice with us! Artios Christian College commencement took place on Saturday, July 15, 2023, during GC Convention in Covington, KY. 55 Graduates who completed their academic program since the 2019 convention were recognized!



Graduates who attended commencement and walked across the stage were greeted by Brian Franks, Dean of Academic Affairs; Santiago Chavez, Spanish Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs; Loren Stacy, GC President; their District Superintendent; and Daniel Flores, NAMC President. Graduates celebrated with their families, friends, church families, pastors, and superintendents.





THE INTERVIEW

It is always a celebration when we grow our Artios family, whether through new students or new staff members, but it is extra special, when someone from our Artios family has stayed for as long as they have. They have seen Artios Christian College evolve, grow, and go through both blessings and tribulations. This is the case for our dear Brother Santiago Chavez. Brother Santiago has been part of our Artios family for 10 years. We had the opportunity to ask him about his journey with Artios and his hopes for the future of Artios.



1. What motivated you to first join the Artios family as staff?

Participating in the ministering equipping field may have been God's plan before mine. I started taking courses through M.T.S. at the prompting of Elder Calvin Burrell. I was in the process of finishing a program through LifeSpring School of Ministry when Brother Israel Steinmetz asked me to help translate some material related to the Spanish curriculum. Shortly after, he asked me to help write curriculum in Spanish. Then I was then invited to accept the role of Assistant Dean. It seemed quite surreal because I only had a little tiny bit of education and training experience.

2. What has motivated you to stay for 10 years?

The initial call to action that moved me to stay was a report on the severe shortage of dedicated pastors and ministers throughout our denomination, but the transformation I witness in the individual men and women as they participate in Artios Christian College courses fills me with joy. Realizing that those men and women are being validated and equipped to minister at local congregations really keeps me going.

3. What is one piece of advice you would give to people thinking about registering for an Artios class but have not made that commitment yet?

Go for it. Time is cruel and our brains age tragically fast. There is a need that you will be better equipped to answer with the experiences gained through a Bible focused education.



4. What is the biggest learning you have gained as a staff member of Artios?

There are many men and women yearning to be called off the benches in every congregation. My greatest source of joy and satisfaction is seeing men and women that may have not completed any schooling elsewhere walking across the stage at commencement ceremonies. The satisfaction in their faces and the pride manifested by their families and local congregations could write novels.

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5. What is your favorite memory as an Artios staff member?

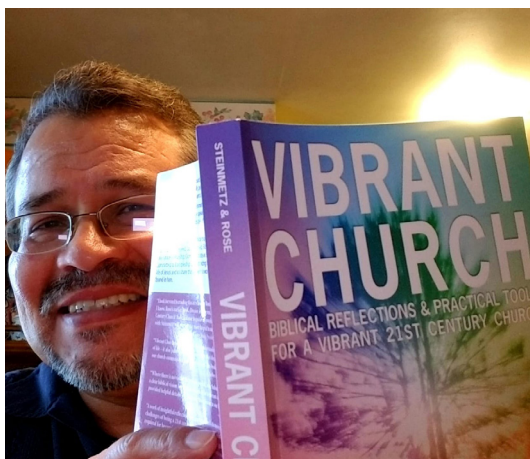
Convincing Elder Whaid Rose to wear an Artios Christian College t-shirt at an Artios Breakfast during the General [Conference] Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. Brother Whaid is such a proper person, it must have been uncomfortable to dress down, but this sacrifice communicated his commitment to the ministry.

6. What would you wish others knew about the Artios program?

It is not only for pastors; it is not only for men. I wish every member of our General Conference would at least take a course. You will be surprised at what you will learn about God and yourself. Every ministry in a congregation and even at home can be enriched through the experience.

7. What is your favorite class to teach in Artios?

Worldviews (PHI 311) may be the most interesting, but I am enjoying supervising the practicums (PAM/LEA 491) because they are the capstone project in a student's training experience. By this point, their thought organization and writing skills have been honed to a point where their work from when they began this voyage is a distant memory. The practicum is a kind of celebratory lap before a degree or certificate is conferred on each student.



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-Santiago Chavez

8. Where do you see Artios in 5 years?

I anticipate Artios Christian College will continue to grow in influence, equipping men and women beyond the General Conference in the United States/Canada and even outside our denomination. People are recognizing that Artios offers a quality college/seminary grade education at an accessible cost.

We appreciate Brother Santiago's dedication and commitment to our mission and to the ministry of equipping leaders for the service of Jesus. We invite you to join a class, request a meeting to learn more or ask an Artios Graduate about their experience. They may have a story with Brother Santiago in it.



**Did you know Artios has an online magazine!
It's called Lead Up, and it's part of the BA Online.**

**We feature articles on life, leadership, culture, restoration,
and theology, in both English and Spanish!**

Find Lead Up here:

English: <https://baonline.org/lead-up/>

Spanish: <https://baonline.org/lead-up/?lang=es>

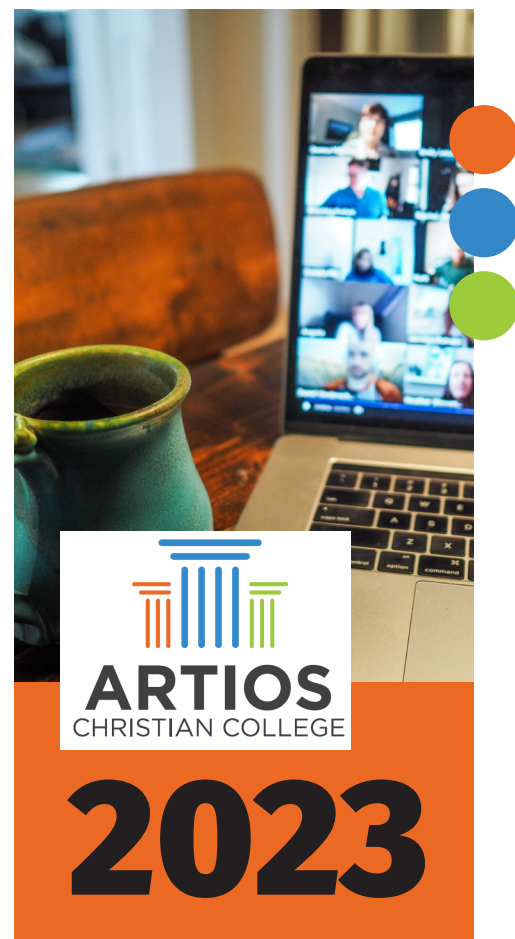


2023 By the Numbers

2023 was a productive year!

Here are some stats from 2023:

- 120 students completed almost 250 classes
- 824 credits earned
- 13 graduated from their [academic program](#)
- 29 graduates walked in the 2023 commencement ceremony at GC convention
- 35 students recognized on the Dean's List (Dean's List recipients earn 8 credits per quarter* with a minimum 3.5 GPA)
- 7 course registrants live outside the US/Canada
- Over 250 participated in an Artios Center for Vibrant Leadership [webinar](#)
- 23 articles published in BA Online's [LeadUp](#)



The [Artios Center for Vibrant Leadership](#) looks back at the year 2023 with gratitude. Notable accomplishments include the following:

- highlighting Mental Health Awareness
- the translation of the book [Vibrant Church into Spanish](#) (along with a fundraising drive to support that effort)
- GC Convention activities, including a book table, seminar (Enriching the Sabbath School Experience), and closing message by Center dean
- writing projects in collaboration with BAP (quarterlies) and NAMC (biblical eldership)
- 2 webinars in response to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Another major accomplishment is the logging of a host of task resource materials at the Center website, as well as ongoing preparation to launch the Calvin Burrell archives.

The Center has also been at the forefront of an ongoing dialogue concerning the need for training throughout the international CoG7 community, and how Artios Christian College can be an answer to that need.

There's so much to be thankful for, and so much to look forward to in the year ahead! Your prayers and generous support make this possible. Thank you!

The Artios Center looks ahead to 2024

Webinars: Based on feedback from a recent survey of webinar participants, the Center will regularly host webinars throughout the year, covering topics in the areas of worship, discipleship, church and culture, racial healing, mental health, biblical eldership, and more.

The Artios Toolbox: An electronic toolbox which will contain tools to strengthen and equip church leaders! Please watch your mailbox for details on how this toolbox works.

Other upcoming events and developments may include summer session, the release of print and audio resources, and the launch of the Calvin A. Burrell Archives.



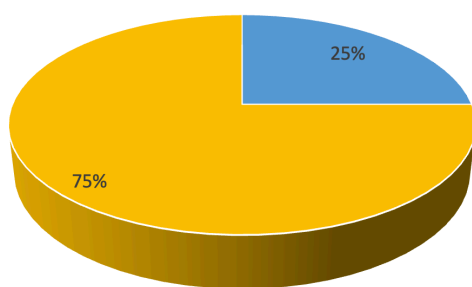
INVESTING IN THE **EQUIPPING** HARVEST

You can count the seeds in an apple, but you cannot count the apples in one seed. Every day, Artios Christian College plants seeds by equipping leaders—men and women, pastors and non-pastors, in English and Spanish—for a vibrant 21st century Church!

Only eternity will reveal the true impact of the ministries throughout CoG7 being led by hundreds of Artios graduates, but you can enhance that impact through a generous gift that will help Artios continue its equipping mission.

Did you know? Tuition only covers 25% of our budget. 75% comes from offerings and tithe allocation. Your donation helps keep us running and keeps tuition low.

Artios Christian College Budget



■ Artios ■ Tuition ■ Offerings & Tithe allocation

**You can partner in the
Equipping Ministry of Artios!**

To donate:



<https://my.artioscollege.org/en/give> (myArtios account required). Select "Artios Christian College (general fund)."



<https://secure.cog7.org/giving/>. Follow directions and mention "Artios Christian College."

Make your check payable to

"The General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day)," and mail it to P.O. Box 33677, Denver, CO 80233. Mention "Artios Christian College" on your check's memo.

Prayerfully consider making your donation a recurring monthly gift. Recurring gifts enable Artios to plan and prepare new and improved equipping resources.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP

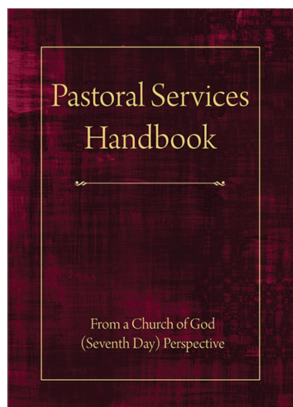
The GC Equipping for Excellence Scholarship exists to encourage and assist students

with a 3.5 GPA or better to complete a program through Artios Christian College. The scholarship provides the balance of tuition for final 25 percent of courses required to complete a degree or certificate, as long as funds are available and the student remains on schedule to complete the program.

Find more information at

<https://artioscollege.org/sponsorship/>

(Spanish link is: <https://artioscollege.org/es/sponsorship/>)



Resources

This resource is available for pastors and church leaders. [Get your copy today!](#)



Equipping Leaders for a Vibrant 21st Century Church

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