

# Seeing the Fruits

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.” John 15:16-17

As a teacher, so much of our effort is focused on planning, teaching, and assessing; we are consumed by the daily operations and we fail to notice the fruits of the ministry to which we are called. As I stood at the UL homecoming football game and cheered for my two former students as they were presented as Ragin' Cajun homecoming royalty, some of the fruits of God's work came into focus.

Reed Broussard

What does one say about Reed Broussard? His energy is contagious. From togas at a football game to skits at retreats, Reed draws people into his passions. He intrigues people with his love for God and his faith steers others to Christ. Reed served as President of the Student Government Association at UL where he continues his passion for leading people. He also shares his faith through various ministries at Our Lady of Wisdom. He has grown into an amazing man and I am extremely proud to say I had the privilege and honor to teach him!

Kathryn Bryant

While sitting at the National Lourdes Grotto in Emmitsburg, Maryland, a beautiful young soul named Kathryn Bryant approached me and shared with me her desire to become a part of the Catholic Faith. I was so honored she opened her heart to me, and I assured her I would walk this journey of faith with her. Over a year later with the help of Fr. Dustin Dought and several others, Kathryn became a member of the Catholic Faith. Kathryn has a true servant's heart; she has continued her path to Jesus in her volunteer work through the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

So, as you can imagine, I was beaming with pride. The fruits of our work can be hard to recognize at times, yet God allows them to shine through to remind us to continue his mission. Congratulations Reed and Kathryn, I am extremely proud of the amazing young adults you are becoming. Always remember your roots as you continue on your faith journey.

