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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Karen Drake: President

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PRIMUS UNIVERSITY ANNUAL EAGLE FORUM

Featuring Pastor Mark Biltz and Media Ministry Leader Karon Smedley

The Primus University of Theology's Annual Eagle Forum has become a cornerstone tradition that bridges academic achievement with practical ministry formation, strategically scheduled across two pivotal days—Thursday and Friday immediately preceding graduation, and Saturday's commencement ceremony. This unique timing transforms the Eagle Forum into far more than an academic conference; it becomes a powerful intersection where theological scholarship meets vocational calling, offering graduating students, continuing scholars, alumni, church, business, non-profit, and ministry leaders intensive engagement with critical contemporary issues before new graduates embark on their kingdom assignments.

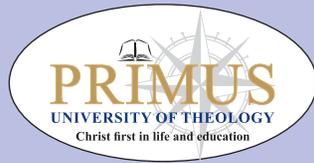
The Eagle Forum embodies Primus University's commitment to lifelong learning and ministerial excellence, creating space for seasoned leaders to mentor emerging voices and for the entire university community to celebrate both completion and continuation of theological formation.

This year's Forum features two distinguished speakers whose ministries exemplify global reach and cultural engagement. **Pastor Mark Biltz**, founder and Senior Pastor of El Shaddai Ministries in Washington State, brings his internationally recognized expertise on the Biblical Feasts of the Lord and the prophetic significance of God's appointed times. Pastor Mark He will be receiving his Dual Master's and Doctoral Degree with the class of 2026.

Having taught across 25 nations on 5 continents, authored multiple best-selling books distributed globally, and been featured on magazine covers and national media, Pastor Biltz has pioneered digital discipleship at scale—livestreaming weekly to over 200 cities in 20 nations via www.esm.us Facebook, and YouTube.

His groundbreaking research and compelling presentations help modern believers understand how ancient scriptural wisdom applies to contemporary faith, making him one of the world's most influential voices in biblical prophecy.

New Primus Board of Directors: Dr. Charlie, DDS and Dr. Donna Matlack, Dr. Jon Melby and Dr. Edward Smith.
New Primus Board of Advisors: Dr. Ed Delph, Dr. Don Enevoldsen, Dr. Dawid J. Pieterse, and Dr. Carousel Pieterse



ANNUAL EAGLE FORUM: OCTOBER 8 & 9



Pastor Mark Blitz



Karon Smedley



Pastor Biltz's session will challenge forum participants to recognize the prophetic significance woven throughout Scripture's calendar and its implications for the Church today.

The forum will also address the critical intersection of faith and media through **Karon Smedley**, Primus Theological University alumna, media executive, and founder of the Phoenix chapter of Christian Women in Media Association (CWIMA).

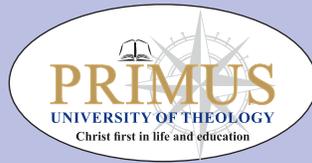
Smedley's presentation, "Equipping Women to Influence Culture Through Media," confronts a defining reality of our age: digital media increasingly shapes worldview and

belief—particularly among younger generations, according to Barna Group research—presenting both unprecedented challenge and extraordinary opportunity for the Church. Rather than advocating withdrawal from media's powerful reach, Smedley equips women with excellence, clarity, and conviction to steward their voices in the public square, demonstrating theology lived out beyond the classroom where formation meets public witness.

Her work with CWIMA—which officially launches its Phoenix chapter on January 15, 2026—brings experienced media veterans and emerging voices together, creating mentorship and collaboration that strengthens the Church's cultural engagement. Smedley's Eagle Forum session will provide practical tools for faithful media engagement, empowering ministry leaders to influence culture with biblical clarity and creative excellence in today's most influential arena.

Together, these sessions embody the Eagle Forum's mission: preparing thoughtful, equipped, and Spirit-led leaders who understand both timeless biblical truth and contemporary cultural engagement.

Whether attending as graduating students completing their academic journey, alumni returning to refresh their theological foundations, or community members seeking deeper engagement with pressing ministry issues, participants will find the Eagle Forum to be a transformative gathering that exemplifies Primus University's vision of theological education that soars—like the eagle—with prophetic perspective and kingdom impact.



FINDING HER VOICE

FINDING HER VOICE The Story Behind Phoenix's Newest Media Ministry

The conversation that changed everything happened in a coffee shop. Karon Smedley sat across from a talented young filmmaker—a Primus Theological University graduate just two years out—who had all the right credentials but no idea how to break into an industry that felt like a fortress. "I know I'm supposed to be in media, not just consuming it," the young woman said, stirring her latte without drinking it. "But I don't know anyone. Every door I knock on..." She trailed off, the sentence finishing itself in silence.

Karon had lived this story herself when she graduated from Primus in 2001. Back then, there were even fewer mentors, fewer women who could help others follow. She'd figured it out eventually—but it had taken years longer than it should have. "What if," Karon said slowly, "there was a place where women who are where I am now could meet women who are where you are now? Not just for networking, but for actual equipping. Real mentorship." The young filmmaker looked up, hope flickering in her eyes. That coffee shop moment planted a seed that found fertile ground in something Karon had been observing with growing urgency: the media landscape was shaping an entire generation's understanding of faith and reality itself.

Digital platforms had become where young people encountered spiritual content. The Church wasn't just missing an opportunity—it was ceding ground in the most influential arena of the modern age. Not because Christian women lacked talent or calling, but because they lacked access, equipping, and community. Karon began making phone calls. First to Susan Silvestri, a fellow Primus alumna whose award-winning work had opened doors across the industry. "I've been praying about this exact thing," Susan said. "There are so many talented women who just need someone to show them the way. "The vision came together: a Phoenix chapter of the Christian Women in Media Association.

Monthly gatherings that would be part mentorship, part masterclass, part community. Experienced professionals sharing not just success stories but failures and lessons learned. Emerging voices finding actual tools—how to pitch stories, build portfolios, maintain integrity under pressure. But it would be more than career development. Karon envisioned women who understood that media

influence wasn't about self-promotion but kingdom stewardship.

Who could create content that engaged culture without being swallowed by it. Who could tell true stories with artistry that honored both craft and Creator. She scheduled the launch for January 15, 2026, confirming Susan as inaugural keynote and lining up future speakers like Darlene Santore and Dr. Karen Drake.

But Karon kept returning to that coffee shop moment. To the question that sparked everything: What if there was a place? Because that's what CWIMA Phoenix would be—not just an organization but a place. Where theology met creativity. Where women didn't have to choose between faithfulness and excellence. Where the next generation wouldn't navigate alone.

The coffee had gone cold when the young filmmaker finally smiled. "When you start this thing, I want to be there." "Then you will be," Karon promised. "And you won't be alone. "That promise would become the heartbeat of CWIMA Phoenix. Because women needed community, mentorship, and equipping. They needed a place. On January 15, 2026, that place opens its doors.

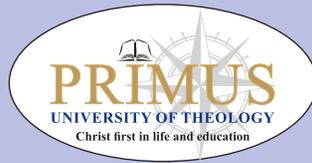
THE INVITATION

The Christian Women in Media Association Phoenix chapter holds its inaugural luncheon January 15, 2026, at Cañón 49 Grill (5115 N. 27th Avenue, Phoenix).

Women from Phoenix, Tucson, and surrounding areas are invited to attend for \$20 per person, with lunch provided. For more information or to register, contact: CWM@managementinsightsgroup.com

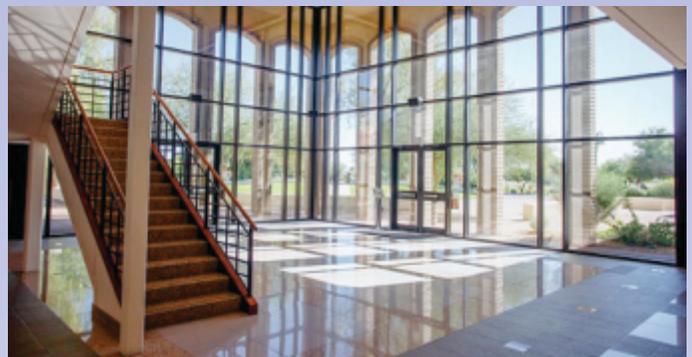
Because the Church's most powerful stories haven't been told yet. And the women who will tell them are gathering.





PRIMUS 25th ANNUAL EAGLE FORUM

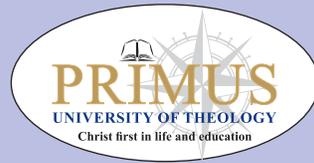
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Primus guests will receive a special Group Rate up to the closing date.
Booking Link:
<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhoen=PHXNTDT&groupCode=CDTPUT&arrivaldate=2026-10-07&departuredate=2026-10-09&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>
Rooms & Rates:
King/Double Queens beds: \$149.00
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GRADUATION EVENT
Venue:
Rhode Auditorium
Date:
Saturday October 10, 2026
Address:
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Commencement Ceremony:
10:30am- 12:00pm
Reception on site following Graduation Ceremony:
12:15 pm-1:30 pm

Call (602) 224-1161 to register and receive college credits for Eagle Forum attendance and participation.



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH ACU Mentor Protégé Strategic Alliance Partnership

Primus University has been modeled after the original university systems at the advent of education, where Bible teaching was required even for medical and law students. Our graduates become our Adjunct Professors. This allows our students to learn from Christian Leaders that are experts in their field, and authors of the books and materials they teach.



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH ORU Educational Partnership Agreement

Primus University of Theology and Oral Robert's University have entered into an Educational Partners agreement, to expand opportunities for essential career skills, to benefit students as they prepare to impact the world for the kingdom of God. ORU is committed to develop Holy Spirit-empowered leaders through whole person education to impact the world.



Dr. Karen E. Drake
President