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METHODIST UNIVERSITY RECEIVES

\$1 Million Gift

FOR ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS FROM TRUSTEE JASON WILLIAMS



Dr. Jason Williams

Methodist University is excited to announce a \$1 million gift from Dr. Jason A. Williams '98, founder of FastMed Urgent Care.

Dr. Williams, who is a member of the Methodist University Board of Trustees, made the gift to create an endowment for endowed professorships. The endowment will benefit positions in the Physician Assistant, Professional Nursing Studies, Biology and Campus Ministry Departments.

"My time with Methodist changed me in so many ways," said Dr. Williams. "I feel like I was shown compassion at Methodist, a valuable lesson that has resonated in everything I have done since my graduation from the University. I embrace humanity with the intention of improving lives, both here and abroad, and I am pleased to see Methodist aspire to develop into an institution that leads in life sciences."

A 1998 graduate of Methodist University, Dr. Williams was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humanities in 2010. He was a recipient of the Lucius Stacy Weaver Award, and the 2005 Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year.

Dr. Williams founded his network of health care clinics in 2001, with a single clinic focused on offering exceptional patient care at reduced cost. Now known as FastMed, it is the largest Urgent Care provider in the state of North Carolina, the seventh largest privately owned urgent care company in the country and recently completed a landmark partnership with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of N.C. The company opened its 50th clinic this year, which is located in Hope Mills.

"I know firsthand how the medical and health fields are growing," said Dr. Williams.

Methodist University President Ben Hancock said the Board of Trustees has made the growth of the University's endowment a high priority.

"Endowed professorships will enable Methodist University to attract and retain outstanding individuals," Hancock said. "Jason Williams' contribution illustrates his commitment to people and his life-long appreciation for the difference they make at an institution. He also understands the power of philanthropy and is setting a wonderful example for others who might consider making transformational gifts."

Dr. Williams' history of philanthropy at Methodist University includes past gifts for an irrigation system for the soccer field, new goals and bleachers, and mission donations for Methodist University students. He also made a substantial gift to the Prescription for Success Campaign.



Williams, with Trustee Harvey Wright and James Maynard at a 2010 Commencement Ceremony. Pictured at right: Williams in Burkina Faso, where he traveled to provide medical care.



After graduating from Methodist, Dr. Williams went on to attend an externship at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., where he trained in general surgery and orthopedic surgery. He completed his master's degree in allied health studies at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine.

He has traveled to Burkina Faso to provide medical care to the tribal people of Banfora, many of who suffer from food and waterborne disease, malaria, and yellow fever. At the time, his team was the first and only group of Western medical practitioners to visit this area and provide medical care.



LOWDERMILK ETHICS SPEAKER SERIES

Lowdermilk Award winner and Trustee Dr. Jason Williams served as this year's Lowdermilk Ethics Speaker.

"Dr. Williams is the first winner of this award who has returned to share ethical perspectives that were formulated and acknowledged while at Methodist University and further developed in his profession," said Reeves School of Business Dean Joe Doll. "Uncle Bill, as Bill Lowdermilk was known, would be very proud of Jason's return."

Williams was the first recipient of the Lowdermilk Award in 1995. He is also the first award recipient to come back to speak. Williams's subject was business ethics in health care, and he spoke about the ethics that he used to form his business. Before, he said, he was deeply troubled with many things he witnessed while working in the health care industry, such as overcharging, excessive administrative costs, unnecessary tests and procedures, and aggressive hospital admission goals. He wanted to provide 70 percent of the types of services offered at an emergency room, but at one-seventh to one-tenth of the cost. By stripping out unethical business practices, he said, and maintaining an outward simplicity, he set out to wound or cause his traditional competition to become extinct.

"The challenge we face in the coming years," Williams said, "is not to lose our sense of social responsibility."

Williams closed his talk by encouraging students to develop disruptive business models, like his own, that are ethical and challenge traditional profit-making strategies.

PA PROGRAM STUDENTS EARN SCHOLARSHIPS

The FastMed scholarship is for students in the Physician Assistant Program who have a 3.4 or higher GPA. Students apply through an essay application, and if they are selected, each student receives a \$500 scholarship. Four students out of the Class of 2012 and Class of 2013 were selected. The 2013 recipients were Keith Groach, Kristyn Zeiler, Meagan Parsons and Rodney Bowen. For more information, visit methodist.edu/paprogram.



NINE STUDENTS RECEIVE WILLIAM P. LOWDERMILK STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Fayetteville Rotary Club presented nine William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Awards March 25. The recipients were selected for their selfless service to the community, high ethical standards and spiritual values. The nine awards totaled \$35,000 in scholarships.



Left to right: Lois Hammond, Patrick Jacobs, Nabanita Choudhury, Christa Rhodes, Oriana Clayton, Stephanie Breitenbach, Marcy McKee, Lacey Truelove and Nyoma Clement Nicknora

RECOGNIZING METHODIST UNIVERSITY'S

Board of Trustees

METHODIST UNIVERSITY ELECTS THREE TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Methodist University is pleased to welcome three new members to the Board of Trustees.

“Methodist University is so fortunate to have community leaders of this stature join our Board of Trustees,” said President Ben E. Hancock Jr. “They continue the tradition of outstanding community involvement that has been a hallmark of the University throughout its history. We are particularly pleased to gain their expertise in leadership, business, and health care—three emphasis areas for the University.”

“These newly selected members will be an excellent addition to our Board of Trustees,” said Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan, current chair of the Board of Trustees. “Together, we will continue to do all we can to further the goals and objectives of Methodist University, as we collectively seek to engage, enrich, and empower our students and community.”



JOHN “MAC” HEALY

John “Mac” Healy is president of Healy Wholesale Company and has lived in Fayetteville since 1978. He graduated from Wake Forest University in 1980 with a bachelor’s degree in sociology.

Healy Wholesale has been in operation since the mid-1970s, when Healy’s father, Fritz Healy, purchased a distributing business in Greensboro. The business moved to Fayetteville when it acquired Smithson Beverage Company in 1978. Today, Healy Wholesale distributes almost 100 different varieties of beer and wine.

Healy is chairman of the board of directors at First Citizens Bank/Fayetteville and president of both the Independent Beverage Association of North Carolina and the Fayetteville Museum of Art’s board of directors. He is a member of the Airborne and Special Operations Museum’s advisory board of directors and the Pentagon’s Joint Civilian Orientation Conference. He is also on the board of the Cumberland Community Foundation, Cape Fear Regional Theatre, and Cape Fear Industries.

He is a member of MU’s Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development Advisory Board, the David McCune International Art Gallery Advisory Board, and a past member of the MU Board of Visitors.

Healy and his wife, Linda, have two children. They attend Highland Presbyterian Church, where he is an elder.



WILLIAM O. "BILL" MUSGRAVE

Local businessman William O. "Bill" Musgrave lives in Charlotte and has been involved in the automotive industry for the last 40 years. He is the dealer/co-owner of Cadillac of Fayetteville, dealer/co-owner of Lumberton Chevrolet Buick GMC Cadillac, and dealer of several other North Carolina dealerships.

"I am very pleased and honored to be invited to join the Board of Trustees of Methodist University," Musgrave said. "I am hopeful my years of experience can add to the strong base and knowledge of this board and help the students grow and prepare for their futures in the world we live in."

As a dealer/owner, Musgrave received General Motors' Dealer of the Year award in 2003, 2004 and 2007. He also serves as a trustee and is past president of the N.C. Automobile Dealers Association, in addition to serving on the Board of Advisors for the Salvation Army and the Providence United Methodist Church Endowment Committee and Finance Committee.

In the past, Musgrave served on the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee for Park Meridian Bank, as well as the Board of Advisors for McColl School of Business at Queens University.

"We are so fortunate to have someone with Bill's background joining our Board," said President Ben Hancock. "Not only does he bring his business acumen to the campus, but he brings his involvement with the Methodist Church and commitment to mission outreach, which is a vibrant component of our campus ministry."

Along with his wife, Wanda, Musgrave travels and volunteers annually on mission trips to northern Haiti, where they have worked on projects which include a medical clinic, a primary school for 200 students, and a Micro-Credit lending program for more than 250 women. In 2012, they established JustWater4Haiti to provide funds to drill and repair wells in rural Haitian villages. He is also involved with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Charlotte.

Musgrave is a retired CPA who held licenses in Ohio and North Carolina. He holds a Bachelor of Science from University of Kentucky.



President Ben Hancock, Wanda Musgrave, the Rev. Dr. Mike Safely, Bill Musgrave, and Board of Trustees Chair Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan stand outside of Hensdale Chapel in October after the Musgraves spoke about their work in Haiti



DR. DICKSON SCHAEFER

An orthopedic surgeon, Dickson Schaefer is a partner in and president of Fayetteville Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, where he has practiced since 2001.

A Fayetteville native, he graduated from Fayetteville Academy in 1984. He has a bachelor's degree in business management and economics from North Carolina State University, and a doctorate from Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He is also a diplomate of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Schaefer has been honored as the 2012 Distinguished Graduate from Fayetteville Academy for his service in Iraq with the U.S. Army Reserve, and by Cape Fear Valley Health System in 2006 with the Most Team Oriented Award.

Schaefer is a current member of the local advisory board of First Citizens Bank, the Southern Medical Association, the Southern Orthopaedic Association, North Carolina Orthopaedic Association and Cumberland County Medical Society.

Schaefer is a supporter of MU's Loyalty Day, the Booster Club, and cheerleading and baseball teams. He and his practice have been preceptors for students in MU's Physician Assistant Program for several years.

Dr. Schaefer and his wife, Emily King, have four children. He is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

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MASTER PLAN *Update*



A new entrance sign, low wall, light posts and banners make up the Ramsey Street streetscape



The intersection of Lowdermilk Drive and Joe Stout View Drive has been redone with decorative bricks, sidewalks, and landscaping





Major renovations continue in the Davis Memorial Library





When finished, the expansion of the Trustees Building will add offices and conference space

MU JOURNEY

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LEADERSHIP



Methodist University's first group of Leadership Fellows was honored Feb. 15 at a reception in the lobby of Reeves Auditorium. The 41 students in the first class of Leadership Fellows will participate in a series of classes, workshops, conferences and extra-curricular requirements during their tenure as fellows.

METHODIST UNIVERSITY INDUCTS FIRST CLASS OF LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

Methodist University's first group of Leadership Fellows was recognized Feb. 15, at a reception and formal induction banquet April 23.

To be selected for the fellows program, students must be nominated by a faculty or staff member and have a GPA above 2.5. Leadership Fellows participate in two to three years of leadership development training.

"Our leadership faculty members have been very impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated by the students selected to be Leadership Fellows," said Director of the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development Center Dr. Drew Ziegler.

The 41 students in the first class of Leadership Fellows will participate in a series of classes, workshops, conferences and extra-curricular requirements during their tenure as fellows. At the banquet, the students were presented with Leadership Fellow pins, which they can wear with their graduation regalia as well as for other events.

The following students are the first Leadership Fellows from the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development:

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| Kylie Arauz | Berlain Hatfield | Stephanie Perez |
| Morgan Barbour | Nicole Heinrich | Jessica Phelps |
| Alec Baulch | Erika Henriksen | Leigh Ann Philbee |
| Kayla Beavers | Mariama Jabati | Jordan Rieling |
| Tyler Bennett | Kudakwashe Kagura | Jessica Rogers |
| Emma Burkart | Nicole Malahias | Taylor Ross |
| Andrea Davids | Samantha Marano | Nicole Spink |
| Hannah Dugger | Olorato Mbi | Aaron Stevens |
| Christiana Eslinger | Lorenzo McKenzie | Evan Thorne |
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| Stephanie Grisi | Hannah Moore | Kyle Trietley |
| Gabriella Gunawan | Jesse Oder | Stephanie Wall |
| Lois Hammond | Edith Olivarez | Austin Warren |
| Kelsey Harrington | Kaliah Pemberton | |

MAJOR GENERAL RODNEY O. ANDERSON KICKS OFF EXPERT IN RESIDENCE LECTURE SERIES



Major General Rodney Anderson

The Expert in Residence Lecture Series, a new initiative designed to bring speakers to campus for a full day of engagement with students, kicked off in November with Major General Rodney O. Anderson (Ret.). Anderson discussed different aspects of leadership at four sessions on campus, two of which were open to the public.

“This is a very special occasion for us,” said President Ben Hancock. “The Expert in Residence Lecture Series is an opportunity to bring people from the community to share some of their experience and pearls of wisdom. Creating opportunities for students and community members to hear and interact with distinguished experts in various fields is a cornerstone of a quality university.”

This initial series, presented by the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development, included a luncheon at which Anderson led a discussion titled, “Today’s Leadership Challenges;” a session with ROTC cadets titled, “Keys to Effective Leadership;” and two open sessions titled, “What Makes YOU an Outstanding Leader.”

“General Anderson is eminently qualified to speak about the art and practice of leadership,” said Dr. Drew Ziegler, director of the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development. “As a troop leader at all levels of command, both in combat and in garrison, General Anderson knows first-hand the challenges and rewards of effective leadership.”

A native of Elloree, S.C., Anderson retired last year after a 33-year career in the U.S. Army, leaving his most recent position as deputy commander of the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg.

Anderson noted that he was speaking shortly before Veterans Day, and made a point to thank the many veterans who were in attendance that day. He encouraged them all to share their stories with others, and encourage and mentor the younger generations.

Leading through mentorship was an idea Anderson would repeatedly highlight, as well as the concept of deliberate leadership.

“Take advantage of every opportunity you have to mentor someone in your sphere of influence,” Anderson said. “Think about where you are, the leadership lessons you’ve learned, and how to go about deliberately passing them on.”

China Study Abroad Expert Speaks on Campus

Dr. J. Oliver Williams spoke as part of the Expert in Residence series at Methodist University Nov. 20 on the topics of China, studying abroad and his research in China. The event was sponsored by the Center for Global Education.

“The China talk presented great debate and interest for future study abroad trips based on Dr. Williams’ experience abroad with N.C. State,” said Dr. Felicia Malissen, director of the Center for Global Education. “There were a lot of questions about how his experience as a professor helped him develop the program, which has been very successful.”

Williams is a political science professor at North Carolina State University, where he has taught since 1969. In 2006, he received a Fulbright Research Fellowship in China. He received his bachelor’s degree from East Carolina University and his master’s degree and doctorate from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Executive Speaker Series



Lorraine Peoples

Estée Lauder V.P. Discusses International Business and Women Leaders

The Executive Speaker Series, a collaborative event between the Reeves School of Business and the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership development, kicked off its first event of the year Jan. 14, with Fortune 500 executive Lorraine Peoples.

Peoples, the vice president for IT Performance Management at the Estée Lauder Companies, joined students and staff for two lectures, “International Business” and “Women as Leaders – A Discussion.” In her first session, Peoples discussed the importance of having a firm grasp on the role of international business in the ever-growing globalization of the world, and offered advice to students. In her second lecture, Peoples led a discussion on recognizing and developing leadership potential and the value of effective leadership.

“Lorraine helped students understand what it might be like to have a V.P. position in a global company,” said Accounting Professor Dr. Pamela Strickland. “She openly discussed the level of dedication and hard work that is required to reach this professional level. She gave honest answers to students questions about the benefits, commitment and sacrifices she has made to achieve her position. She is a role model for all students who wish to be business leaders, no matter what the students’ primary course of study.”

Chamber President Discusses Local Economic Pressures

The Fayetteville Regional Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, Doug Peters, was a visiting lecturer at the Reeves School of Business’ Executive Speaker Series in October 2012. As key concerns for the Fayetteville Regional Chamber continue to revolve around the community’s economic ties to the military and possible impacts of reduced defense spending, Peters addressed the methods the Chamber is using to help alleviate pressure and work with the community, local government and Methodist University.

Speaking to an audience of students, faculty and community guests, Peters explained how the Chamber of Commerce acts as an advocate for local business and economic development.

“Every chamber is different, but each is there to be an advocate for local business,” said Peters. “Who would do it if not for the Chamber?”

Peters spoke of the Chamber’s role in attracting new corporate investment to the Cumberland County area, which he sees as a prime opportunity to diversify the local economy, 40 percent of which is defense-related. He addressed the Chamber’s biggest concern, sequestration, and the impact budget cuts will make to the Fayetteville economy.

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Community Engagement Advisory Board | *Back Row:* Dr. Ben Hancock, Charles Broadwell, the Rev. Dr. Mike Safley, Gordon Dixon, Todd Harris, Mark Fisher, Dr. George Hendricks, Dr. John Mackey, George Breece, Doug Peters, Tavares Hunter, Dr. Mark Kendrick. *Front Row:* Tad Davis, Antoinette Bellamy, Suzy Hrabovsky, Eva Hansen, Dr. Jeanette Council, Bill Bowman, Natalie Matthews, Terri Maynor-Guevara, Dr. Sharon Kendrick, Sherill McMillan, Suzanne Langley, and Doris Munoz. *Not pictured:* Robert Hines, Karen Long, and Sylvia Ray

The Center for Community Engagement provides opportunities for students to participate in measurable, problem-solving and community-based experiences. This pathway of the MU Journey provides opportunities for students to improve their local community in ways that extend beyond basic volunteerism. Ongoing or completed student projects include:

- ◆ Stop Hunger Now
- ◆ Assisting the Bicycle Man
- ◆ Regional salary comparison survey project
- ◆ Logo design for Fayetteville Urban Ministry
- ◆ Rebranding for the Fayetteville Regional Chamber
- ◆ Peace One Day Project with the Rotaract Club
- ◆ Voter registration
- ◆ “Take a SWIPE Out of Hunger” with Operation Inasmuch, Sodexo, and the AMA chapter at Methodist
- ◆ Pine Forest High School (PFHS) Mentoring
- ◆ Grandparents Appreciation Dinner
- ◆ Martin Luther King Challenge Day
- ◆ Baldwin Elementary Mentoring Program
- ◆ St. Joseph of the Pines LIFE – Develop Exercise Program
- ◆ Cameo Theatre Rebranding Project
- ◆ The Pinwheel Project with Child Advocacy Center
- ◆ Fayetteville Cumberland Parks and Recreation – Expose Children to “A Day in the Life of an MU Student”
- ◆ Anne Frank Exhibit with Fayetteville Arts Council
- ◆ Beautification on the Cape Fear River Trail

MONARCHS TRAVEL AND STUDY ABROAD

A group of students traveled to the Global Experience Conference in Greensboro in April, where they participated in discussions about teaching a foreign language abroad, intercultural sensitivities, getting involved in local communities during trips, and more. The students were also given the opportunity to participate in the “Two to Tell” presentations, with two minutes to describe their study abroad experience. Methodist University student Olorato Mbi won honorable mention for his work.

More than 20 students took part in short-term study abroad programs over spring break, traveling to Guatemala and the Caribbean. Students who traveled to Panajachel, Guatemala, spent a week studying business and being immersed in the Mayan culture as they lived with host families in the Guatemala highlands. In addition, student trips to Sweden, England, Holland and Spain are planned for this summer.



2013 International Food Festival



MU students at the DelMonte banana plantation in Honduras



MU pride at the site of the Honduran Mayan ruins



MU students with a local Guatemalan family



Jasmina Gobeljic

Methodist University Student Accepted to University of Oxford Graduate Program

Methodist University student Jasmina Gobeljic was recently accepted into the Master of Philosophy in International Relations program at the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford.

An international undergraduate student from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Gobeljic majored in political science and minored in mass communications at Methodist University. She will graduate in May 2013 and begin her graduate studies at Oxford in October 2013.

“My time at Methodist University has taught me a lot,” said Gobeljic. “So many faculty and staff members made positive impressions on me and believed in me. As an international student, I was awarded full scholarship, and I didn’t want to let the resources or the experience go to waste. When I decided to embrace the experience and give back, I learned a lot about Methodist University and wanted to represent it in the best way I could.”

As an undergraduate student, Gobeljic represented the University at leadership events, research symposiums and various conferences. As a member of the Model United Nations team, she was awarded the Distinguished Delegate Award in 2011 and the Honorable Delegate Award in 2012. Gobeljic was also a Lowdermilk Award Recipient in 2012. She was inducted as a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society in 2012, and dedicated her time to community service projects, including Stop Hunger Now, Operation Christmas Child and the Jesse Smith Woodcutting Project.

“It’s interesting to see how the world turns,” said Gobeljic. “As a child, I received an Operation Christmas Child box. I didn’t know I would have the opportunity to pack them for children 10 years later.”

As a graduate student, Gobeljic will continue to polish her knowledge of international relations and political science, with the hopes of helping improve relations in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

“I want to go home and start in a small way to get involved in my own country,” said Gobeljic. “I would like to end up in a legislative branch, and perhaps an executive branch one day. Regardless of the pathway I will take in order to help my country, I want to be directly involved with people since I have a great faith in people and their ability to change. I would like to take it home to make a difference.”

SECOND ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVITY *Symposium* EXPANDS TO FULL WEEK OF EVENTS



Methodist University celebrated research and expression with the second annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium, which took place April 15 through April 19.

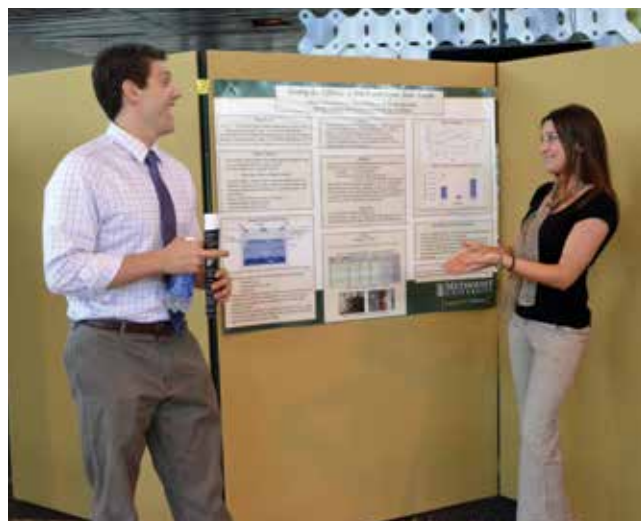
“I am pleased with the way the Methodist University community has embraced the objectives of the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creativity,” said Dr. Clay Britton, director of the CURC. “Methodist has a strong tradition of including its students in independent projects. This year’s Symposium is just one more venue for our students to share their discoveries and talents. This year, we have almost doubled the number of presentations and posters, while more than doubling the number of participating students from last year. Our goal is to celebrate research and creative projects campus-wide by not only having student presentations, but by also including faculty research presentations.”

Faculty research presentations were held on two days during the Symposium. On Wednesday, there was a full day of events, with student speakers and presentations at various locations across campus. Wednesday, known as “Symposium Day,” included two keynote speakers, Paul Stroebel and Elicia Kieser. Fifty-one students took part in 41 different research and creative projects, and 35 students shared their work through 14 poster displays and other exhibitions in Berns Student Center. Topics ranged from chemistry to political science.

An Awards Ceremony took place in Reeves Auditorium Wednesday afternoon. The awards ceremony, an annual event to recognize students for their hard work during the school year, recognized participants in the Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium. More than 40 additional students were recognized for outstanding accomplishments in the classroom and community. Gene Clayton received The Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Since its creation in 1963, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine has been presented by the governor of North Carolina to persons who have a proven record of service to the state. Student marshals for the spring commencement ceremonies were announced.

Thursday, there was a poetry reading, followed by a reception. More presentations of faculty research were held Friday, and the day ended with an art reception, featuring the works of graphic design students, in the David McCune International Art Gallery in the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts.

This 2013 symposium was an expansion from last year’s event, which was held on one day as part of the inauguration events for President Ben Hancock and featured 29 projects and presentations.



METHODIST POSTPONES INAUGURAL

Presidential Lecture Series

FEATURING DR. SANJAY GUPTA



Dr. Sanjay Gupta

Dr. Sanjay Gupta, world renown neurosurgeon and Emmy award-winning chief medical correspondent for CNN, was scheduled to make an appearance at Methodist University to take part in the second annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium as the inaugural speaker in the

Presidential Lecture Series, April 17. However, when two blasts at the Boston Marathon injured hundreds of innocent runners and bystanders, Dr. Gupta's schedule, availability and commitments with CNN forced him to reschedule. He expressed regret at being unable to speak on campus and extended his deepest apologies to the campus community for circumstances beyond his control, promising to reschedule.

"We are all affected by what has happened in Boston," said Methodist University President Dr. Ben Hancock. "Understandably, Dr. Gupta's first priority is Boston and the people who are coping with this tragedy. Dr. Gupta is where he needs to be, and where all Americans should be focused."

The inaugural Presidential Lecture Series, which was scheduled to take place Wednesday night during the second annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium, will be rescheduled. When the new date is set for Dr. Gupta's visit, invitations will be extended, and all those who made reservations for the April 17 event will be given first priority to confirm their reservations.

"With an all-day on-air schedule in Boston as the lead for CNN, he had no choice but to postpone the engagement," said Hancock. "When Dr. Gupta does visit, he has promised a bigger and better event to make up for the rescheduling."

While Dr. Gupta was unable to attend, the second annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium continued as scheduled. In the place of his visit, a reception was offered to the MU community following the Awards Ceremony Wednesday afternoon.

The Presidential Lecture Series was made possible through the generosity of community partners and individuals who have underwritten this program. Sponsors include Linda and Ralph Huff, Rosalind and Terry Hutchens, Bryan Honda, Lafayette Ford Lincoln, and Family Foods, Inc.

"The Series strives to bring renowned national experts to the campus and community, emphasizing signature programs at Methodist University," Hancock said. "Dr. Gupta was a natural choice for the inaugural lecture, given the recent creation of the School of Health Sciences." The new school houses the Physician Assistant, Nursing, Health Care Administration, Athletic Training, and Applied Exercise Science Programs.



METHODIST UNIVERSITY FAITH

Journey



The work team in Nicaragua

“What the World Needs is...”

By Sam Morrison

Methodist University sent two international work teams into the world during the 2012-2013 year. A team of nine students and two staff members traveled to Haiti to work with the organization “Hearts with Haiti” from Dec. 28, 2012 through Jan. 6, 2013. The students helped with a painting project at a home for rescued children, assisted with the care and entertainment of physically and mentally handicapped children at an orphanage, and spent time at a children’s hospital in Port-au-Prince.

This semester, 13 students and two staff members traveled to Nicaragua to work with “Amigos for Christ” from March 9-16. While in Nicaragua, the team dug 120 yards of trenches for water lines as part of a project to provide clean water to the village of Mina de Agua.



Easter Jam 2013 featuring Leeland, Jordan Tate, and Common Ground

CELEBRATING Wesley Heritage

Wesley Heritage Day

Methodist University celebrated its annual Wesley Heritage Day Nov. 14, with a guest speaker from the cradle of the Methodism movement and a student competition featuring imaginative projects honoring the Wesley brothers.

David Worthington, who for the last six years has been the manager of The New Room in Bristol, England, spoke during a special chapel service and at a following lunch.

“It’s a great opportunity for this university to have him come,” said Dr. Mark Wethington, president of the Wesley Heritage Foundation. “It’s a great joy to have him here.”

The New Room is the first Methodist chapel built, named from a phrase John Wesley said after the floor collapsed in an upper room being used for meetings: “We must build ourselves a new room.”

Worthington’s talk during the chapel service was titled, “Methodism Comes to America: The Bristol Connection.” He told the story of the beginning of John Wesley’s ministry in Bristol, and how many key figures spread the movement from there to America.

Worthington said that John Wesley had a spiritual awakening in London in 1738, which Wesley described as having his “heart strangely warmed.” When he came to Bristol the next year, he was exposed to and influenced by the open-air ministry of George Whitfield.

“If in 1738 John was warmed in London, he caught fire in Bristol in 1739,” Worthington said.

Worthington said that though John Wesley would never again leave Britain after settling in Bristol, his message has gone around the globe and The New Room draws about 25,000 visitors a year.

“The world is now coming to Mr. Wesley’s parish,” Worthington said.

That the building is still standing is seen as a miracle, since it survived unscathed through World War II, despite the fact that Bristol was heavily bombed. Today, the building is maintained by a trust and is open to tourists, with a Communion service every Friday.

Methodist University President Ben Hancock thanked

Worthington and the Wethington family for helping to make the event a success and supporting the MU Journey.

“If there’s nothing else we take from today, it’s how important it is to find your own calling,” Hancock said. “Faith is a part of that. Thank you, Wethingtons, for supporting the faith journey.”

The Wesley Heritage Celebration tradition started in 2004, when Dr. Elbert and Lois Wethington of Durham, N.C., endowed a fund at Methodist University to support an annual event celebrating the school’s Wesleyan heritage.

Student Contest

Jennifer Perez, a senior accounting major, was this year’s winner of the contest and received a \$500 prize, presented to her by Dr. Elbert Wethington at the lunch. She was one of three finalists from 12 student entries that included works in painting, a sermon, and videos. Her winning entry was a video that showcased several quotes from the Wesley brothers.

“My goal was to present their messages in a modern way, in the hope that others around me could see the heart of their ministry and that their message is still very relevant today,” Perez said.



Jennifer Perez and David Worthington

40TH ANNUAL WINTER COMMENCEMENT

Ceremony



President Ben Hancock; Dr. Sue Godwin, the director of the Master of Education Program; and Ms. Mary Lynn Bryan, Board of Trustees chair, present Gene Clayton with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine at the University's Awards Day Convocation April 17



Gene Clayton, Mary Lynn Bryan, Terri Union, and President Ben Hancock

Graduates and their families joined together to celebrate their achievements at the 40th annual Winter Commencement Ceremony at Methodist University, which took place Dec. 15, 2012.

The commencement speaker was Gene Clayton, MU's vice president for Business Affairs. Clayton, who served in a variety of positions at Methodist over the years, received a Doctor of Humane Letters at the ceremony. President Ben Hancock said Clayton spoke "in recognition of his 50 years of service to Methodist University and his many contributions to our campus and community."

Before coming to Methodist, Clayton obtained his bachelor's degree from Catawba College and his Master's of Education from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As an integral member of the MU community for half a century, Clayton's place at MU has been in the middle of many milestones in the University's overall history.

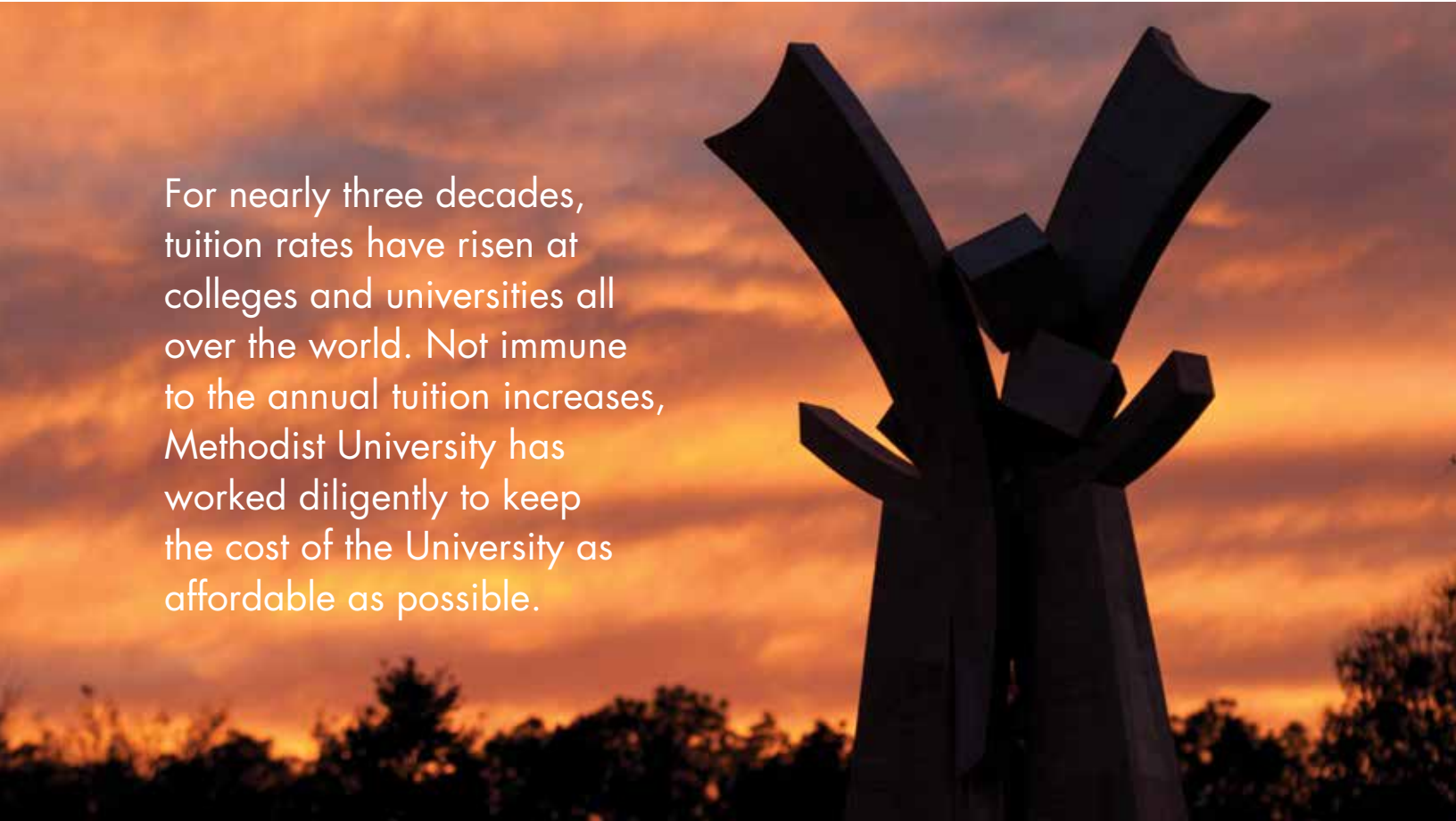
The University honored commencement speaker Gene Clayton with a Doctor of Humane Letters at the commencement ceremony. Clayton is Methodist University's vice president for business affairs. Having served in various positions at Methodist University for over almost 50 years, Clayton saw the University reach many firsts and milestones in its history. His continued service to the school saw the University grow from a small college on Raleigh Road to a thriving and expanding University.

After graduating from college, Clayton began working at Methodist University as a coach for the cross country team. He also coached tennis, golf and basketball, and was elected into the first class of the Methodist University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998. He served as the chair for the Department of Physical Education, worked as Dean of Students, and was the Director of Athletics before accepting his most recent position in the business office.

During the commencement, the University also recognized Trustee emeritus Terri Union with the Methodist University Medallion. Union, who recently retired from the board of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission (PWC) after serving for a decade, was the first woman to serve on that board and served as the chair of the commission twice. During her time with the PWC, Union helped negotiate a power supply contract with Progress Energy, improved relations between the city and the PWC, and helped provide oversight responsibility for the city's utility service. She is also the former owner and president of the Union Corrugating Co., and the past president of the Fayetteville Area Plant Managers Association. Union was elected as a Methodist University board member in 1984 and gained trustee emeritus status in 2009 after 25 years of service.

Evening student Vanessa Hines was awarded the Sam Edwards Award, which is given each winter to an outstanding MU at Night student, as determined by a faculty vote. Distinguished Graduate Bryan Morales was also recognized and addressed his fellow graduates during the ceremony.

LOWEST TUITION INCREASE IN THREE DECADES



For nearly three decades, tuition rates have risen at colleges and universities all over the world. Not immune to the annual tuition increases, Methodist University has worked diligently to keep the cost of the University as affordable as possible.

In 2012, MU announced a tuition increase of 3.49 percent for the next academic year, the University's lowest increase in 30 years. Since 1993, tuition rates have gone up anywhere from 5 to 6.62 percent each year.

The increase will go into effect with the fall 2013 semester, which begins Aug. 19. Increases in room and board charges will be capped at 3.49 percent. In 2012, the tuition increase was 5.71 percent, which was also a reduced increase, down from 5.8 percent in 2011.

"We are extremely sensitive to the cost of a university education and our need to do all we can to make it affordable to new and returning students," President Ben Hancock said. "The board also approved an increase in our financial aid budget for all qualified undergraduate day students receiving need-based financial assistance, which will not only assist current students but also allow us to be more competitive in our new student recruitment."

With the increase, the tuition cost for full-time day students for one semester at Methodist University will be \$13,765.

Few students will pay the full price, however. More than 95 percent of MU students receive financial aid. In the 2011-2012 academic year, MU awarded approximately \$17 million in financial aid to students.

With the approved increase in financial aid, that figure could jump as high as \$18.7 million if MU meets its enrollment targets for the 2013-2014 academic year, according to Rick Lowe, vice president for Enrollment Services.

Center for Entrepreneurship

HONORS AWARD WINNERS

Economic Outlook Symposium Honors Local Entrepreneurs in 2012

Since its inception, the Reeves School of Business Center for Entrepreneurship has been dependent on area entrepreneurs to help drive the professional and nurturing spirit essential for developing a strong business.

In response to the support of the community at large, the Center for Entrepreneurship honors business leaders and entrepreneurs through its award program at the annual Economic Outlook Symposium. In 2012, the CFE honored five distinguished individuals with four separate awards for their tireless efforts to the community.



Colleen Wood

2012 Economics and Business Alumna of the Year Award – Colleen Wood '96 was presented with the Economics and Business Alumna of the Year Award for her enthusiastic pursuit of every new opportunity presented to her.

After serving 18 years with the United States Air Force and raising three children, Wood enrolled at Methodist University as an evening student. She obtained her bachelor's degree in business administration and graduated magna cum laude before pursuing a career in health care administration. An internship indirectly led her to her first job, in which she learned the practice management system so well she was offered a position with the company. From there, she was offered her next position, regional administrator for Duke University Affiliated Physicians.

In 2002, Wood joined RealMed, a company based in Indianapolis, Ind., which later became part of the Availity Company. Wood currently serves as the regional vice president for the Availity Atlantic Coast division.

In 2006, she received her MBA from Pfeiffer University. She has also stayed involved with her undergraduate alma mater, speaking to health care administration students on campus and serving on MU's Health Care Administration Advisory Council.



March Riddle

2012 Greater Good Award – When the late Joseph "J.P." Riddle Jr. began his family construction business in 1952, one of its biggest supports and constant sources of community involvement was his wife, March Riddle. Throughout the business' 60-year history, March never wavered in her support of its success. While her husband's business took off in the '50s, March was a master at keeping the home neat and tidy, cooking delicious meals and raising three children. She stayed involved in the family business by attending and hosting Board of Realtors and Homebuilder's Association functions.

Following her husband's death in 1995, March took over as president of March Development Corporation, the family's construction and development company, at which she remained a steady pillar until her retirement in 2010.

For more than 40 years, the J.P. Riddle Charitable Foundation has supported local organizations, donating an estimated \$4 million over the years. The couple also established scholarships at eight local and regional colleges, including Methodist University.



Jimmy Townsend

2012 Business Person of the Year Award – Jimmy Townsend opened Townsend Real Estate in 1983, setting out to have a first-class business designed to help people buy, sell or rent a home in the Fayetteville market.

While bettering his own company, Townsend took on the task of overseeing a separate property management division and has served as a partner in the commercial real estate brokerage firm of Nimocks, Ciccone & Townsend for the last 20 years. He also works as a partner in Southeastern Title CO LLC, a title insurance company.

A graduate of Laurinburg High School, he has given back to the Fayetteville community that he feels has been very good to him and his family. Townsend is a member of Highland Presbyterian Church, where he has served as an elder and been active in Sunday School.



Scott and Janet Cameron

2012 Entrepreneur of the Year Award – Hugh “Scott” Cameron and Janet Smith Cameron are willing to take risks. They recognize opportunities as they come and are not afraid to strategize as needed. As joint winners of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award, Scott and Janet proved themselves true entrepreneurs for the last 27 years with their business, Mechanical & Maintenance Supply Company.

Scott and Janet graduated from Fayetteville High School, but first met in the summer of 1969, when Janet was working at her father’s business, W.L. Smith Supply Company. After their marriage, Scott assisted with the management of the wholesale supply business’ five branches until the business was sold in 1983. The next year, they formed Mechanical & Maintenance Supply with another former Smith employee, Larry Greene.

The Cameron family kept profits in the company as they waited for the right opportunity, which they found when a property at 416 Robeson Street became available for purchase.

In the early years, Janet stayed busy with the couple’s three children. In 1989, she began working as a manager of a computer lab at Fort Bragg Schools, as well as filling in and assisting with bookkeeping and billing at Mechanical & Maintenance Supply.

In 2006, Greene retired and Janet joined the family business as president, retiring from Fort Bragg Schools.

Business Succession Forum Network of 2013

Avoiding scammers who target businesses was the focus of the first Business Succession Forum Network (BSFN) program of the year, which took place Jan. 24.

The BSFN is sponsored by the Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE). Special Deputy Attorney General David Kirkman, an enforcement attorney in the Consumer Protection Division of the North Carolina Attorney General's Office, was the speaker at the event.

In his position at the Attorney General's office, Kirkman handles issues involving invoice scams, home repair fraud and new home construction.

Kirkman served as an enforcement attorney in the Consumer Protection Division of the N.C. Attorney General's Office for the past 25 years. The agency enforces the state's Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act and related state and federal consumer protection statutes.

"One of the benefits the Center for Entrepreneurship provides for its Business Succession Forum Network membership is to provide relevant and up-to-date topics of interest and concern for business owners," said Marty Van Cayton '90, director of the CFE. "With the prevalence of invoice and internet fraud scams, Mr. Kirkman's topic was timely and well-received by those in attendance."



David Kirkman

Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit

The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist University has started a new program, the 2013 Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit, formerly known as the Stock Market Symposium.

"The CFE's annual Spring Stock Market Symposium has been a longstanding tradition in southeastern North Carolina for the past 35 years," said CFE Director Marty Cayton '90. "In an effort to build on this legacy while offering programs that are in line with the CFE's new mission of creating wealth producers and job creators, we are introducing the CFE's Inaugural Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit."

The CFE's new mission includes a focus on training students to start new businesses and/or become successors to existing businesses. All net proceeds raised from sponsors of the summit go to scholarships and programs in MU's entrepreneurship program.

Nancy Tedeschi, entrepreneur and award-winning inventor of SnapIt Screw, was the event's keynote speaker. SnapIt Screw, a stainless screw that comes with an extension that snaps off, was designed as a time-saving solution to eye glass repair. Tedeschi received numerous awards for her SnapIt Screw invention and as an entrepreneur.

In addition to Tedeschi's presentation and a variety of summit topics and discussions, the CFE presented four prestigious business awards during the event: the American Business Ethics Award (sponsored by Society of Financial Service Professionals), the Silver Spoon Award, the Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and the Small Business Excellence Award. Look for more information on the Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit award winners in the next issue.



Nancy Tedeschi

SIX-STUDENT TEAM *Earns First Place* AT NCICU'S SECOND ANNUAL ETHICS BOWL



Pictured left to right are: Rica McDonald, David Meigs, Jasmina Gobeljic, Derek Smith, Kevin Zhang, Brian Weir and Dr. J.R. Hustwit

In a battle for dominance at the second annual Ethics Bowl on Feb. 8 and 9, a team of students from Methodist University reigned supreme.

The six-student team competed in and won the second annual Ethics Bowl hosted by North Carolina Independent Colleges and University (NCICU). The bowl pitted 18 independent colleges and universities against each other at Campbell University School of Law in Raleigh, N.C. The theme of 2013 was “Ethics in Communications.”

After competing in the final round against Wake Forest, the MU team took home a large silver trophy along with the title.

“I am very proud to announce that the MU Ethics Bowl team has defied all odds, and returned from their tournament as state champions,” said Dr. J.R. Hustwit, chair of the Department of

Philosophy and Religion and the MU campus coordinator for the event.

The team enjoyed an early victory against Chowan University in a case concerning media blackouts during hostage situations, but reeled from a razor-thin loss to St. Andrews in a case concerning journalists using deceit to report undercover.

Day two saw MU winning two of two normal division rounds. The first victory was against Gardner-Webb, in a case about when to reveal infidelity among friends; the second against Livingstone College, concerning a case about patient confidentiality.

“This put MU at the top of their division, and pitted them against returning champions Wake Forest in the final round,” Hustwit said. “After a passionate debate, underdog MU won the competition, and the state ethics bowl championship. It’s a real Cinderella story!”

The winning team consisted of Rica McDonald, junior mass communications major; Brian Weir, junior social work major; Jasmina Gobeljic, senior international relations major; Kevin Zhang, junior mathematics major; David Meigs, freshman chemistry major; and Derek Smith, sophomore writing major.

Similar to a debate tournament, the Ethics Bowl also places emphasis on ethical reasoning.

Two MU Students Selected to Attend Enactus Partner Summit in Illinois

Two Methodist University students were among 30 students in the nation who were chosen to attend the 2013 Enactus Partner Summit in Northfield, Ill., which took place March 11 and 12.

Esra'a Al-Shawafi, who is from Yemen and majoring in accounting, and Lois Hammond, from Ghana and majoring in political science, represented MU at the event, which was held at Kraft Foods in Northfield, Ill.

"As the advisor for our Enactus, I am very proud of our Enactus team members," said Dr. Mark Kendrick, assistant professor of marketing and director of the Center for Community Engagement. "Esra'a and Lois are outstanding members of the MU Enactus."

Enactus was formerly known as Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), which changed its name last year. The group helps university students create community empowerment projects and is committed to using entrepreneurial action as a catalyst for progress.

At the summit, the students interacted with top business leaders, other students and Enactus staff for strategic discussions and networking.



Lois Hammond (left) and Esra'a Al-Shawafi

Dr. Emily Wright Announced as Recipient of 17th Annual B. F. Stone Lyceum Honor

Methodist University announced the recipient of the 17th annual B.F. Stone Endowed Lyceum honor, Dr. Emily Wright. Every year, one of Methodist University's faculty is chosen for his or her scholarship to present at the lyceum, a special lecture and response event. Wright's presentation, "Between Cavalier and Cracker, Tara and Tobacco Road: The Marginalized Middle in Southern Literature of the 1930s," was selected from among nine submissions.

The B.F. Stone Endowed Lyceum was created to foster scholarly interaction among faculty, students, and the larger community. The event took place Feb. 28.

"We talked about a group of pre-Civil War Southerners who usually don't get much attention: non-slaveholding whites," said Wright. "Many people don't know that three-quarters of white southerners did not own slaves, and those people had a lot in common with other American settlers. That's what my paper is about, and I couldn't wait to hear the responses of my colleagues."

Dr. Wright teaches composition, American literature, women's literature, and Southern literature at Methodist University. She has been at MU since 2002. Wright has also directed the Southern Women Writers Conference at Berry College in Rome, Ga., as well as the Southern Writers Symposium at Methodist University. Her research focuses on the way the South is represented in American discourse. She holds of Bachelor of Arts from Emory University, a Master of Arts in teaching from Georgia State University, and M.A., Master of Philosophy, and doctoral degrees from Columbia University.

Under the format of the lyceum, Wright's lecture was followed by responses from two experts, MU History Professor Dr. Peter Murray and East Carolina University English Professor Dr. Margaret Bauer.



(Left to right) East Carolina University English Professor Margaret Bauer, Methodist University's Dr. Emily Wright, and MU History Professor Dr. Peter Murray



Dr. John F. Haught spoke at the Bullard-Templeton lecture series on the Methodist University campus March 18

MU Hosts Annual Bullard-Templeton Lecture

The arguments between supporters of Christianity and evolution are more than 150 years old, but a recent guest lecturer did his best to settle the issue in an hour at this year's Bullard-Templeton Lecture, held in Yarborough Auditorium, March 18.

Methodist University hosted author and Roman Catholic theologian Dr. John F. Haught, whose lecture was titled, "Darwin and God: What is the Problem?" The annual Bullard-Templeton Lecture Series brings one distinguished speaker to campus each year to explore the relationship between science and religion. Haught, a senior fellow of science and religion at Woodstock Theological Center in Georgetown University, began by discussing the history and basis of the main theories for and against evolution, and why some people find the concepts of God and evolution incompatible to each other.

Dr. Haught asked the audience to consider a theology that includes evolution and offered four possible approaches.

One of the easiest options is to have blind faith, Haught said, that "behind Darwin's puzzling recipe of accidents, natural selection, and deep time, we must trust a wide and mysterious providential plan."

As a theologian who seeks to understand, however, Haught quickly moved on to the next possibility, which he called the pedagogical approach. This theory says that evolution "can make sense if you interpret the Darwinian thought as the curriculum or school that life has to pass through in order to be alive at all," and consider Earth as a soul school.

Next, Haught discussed what he called the "Biblical approach." The Bible presents God as one who makes and keeps promises, he said, and promise is the first word that occurs to many people when they think about the God of the Bible.

“At the very least, a promise is something that opens up a future that cannot be opened in any other way than by giving the promise. This is the God of the life, who constantly opens up the future,” Haught said. “If you think of God as one who opens up the future, then that would make nature much more of a promise than a set of rigid, engineering, architectural design, which the intelligent design people are so obsessed with looking for.”

Lastly, Haught discussed his own approach. He called it the Christian perspective, which starts with Jesus and includes the concept of kenosis, the Greek work that means emptiness and refers to the idea that Christ had to empty himself of his divine nature.

“If Jesus is the image of God, then God is not someone who is showing off, but rather letting the others, in this case the universe, be,” Haught said. “Don’t start out imagining some grand architect, or engineer, or designer. Those are subsiding concepts that distract you from the real issue. That issue is, how do you bring together your understanding of the evolving world with the Christian understanding of God himself humbling and allowing the others to be?”

Haught said there would be no point if God made an instantaneously perfect creation.

“If the world is to have a future, and if hope, freedom, and life are to be possible, the idea that the world could be completely perfected in the beginning would be inconceivable,” he said. “Therefore, there would be room in this Christian vision of things for evolutionary meandering of experiencing different possibilities. It might be a process that would take a long time. ... And if you think of God as the world’s future, calling it into being, and think of your life as part of that process, that would be good reason to think of your life as having potential or contributing to this wonderful story science is now telling the universe.”

Originally founded in 2000 under a Templeton grant, the Bullard-Templeton lecture series was renamed in 2006 after Howard A. Bullard Jr. and Marta Bullard, whose generosity helped establish an endowment to fund the lecture series on the Methodist University campus.



Dr. Lloyd Bailey, Dr. John F. Haught, Dr. J.R. Hustwit, and President Ben Hancock

Spring Fling, 2013

Participating in "Show You Care Day" makes a noticeable difference on our campus! On April 20, students, faculty, and staff worked on beautification projects, which were followed by the Second Annual Hancock Games and Spring Fling.





METHODIST UNIVERSITY HOLDS

Annual Southern Writers Symposium

Southern Writers Symposium Nurtures, Recognizes Authors



The winners of the Sandhills Young Writers Contest, Rebecca Riggs, Ergun Bicer, Zachary Meachum and Emily Pierce

Methodist University opened its doors to all writers March 1 and 2 for the annual Southern Writers Symposium, an event devoted to showcasing and encouraging creative writers.

Created at Methodist University in 1982, the Southern Writers Symposium features readings by well-known authors, hosts several panel discussions on various publications, workshops on writing, individual consultations and open mic readings. The Symposium also sponsors an emerging writers contest in fiction and poetry.

The Symposium began Friday evening in the Medical Lecture Hall with the Sandhills Young Writers Contest winners and a workshop with spoken-word poet Dasan Ahanu.

“We are excited to have spoken-word poet Dasan Ahanu as our featured speaker and workshop leader at the awards

ceremony,” said Symposium Director and English Instructor Brenda Jernigan. “His spoken word poetry has been featured on NPR, and he has won awards in regional and national poetry slams, competing as a founding member of the Bull City Slam team.”

The winners of the Sandhills Young Writers Contest, a new addition to the Symposium this year, represent four local counties and high schools. From Union Pines High School in Moore County, senior Emily Pierce’s story, “Burned Bridges,” won first place in fiction. From Richmond Senior High School in Richmond County, senior Zachary Meachum’s poem, “Patched Up,” took first place in poetry.

Ergun Bicer, a senior at South View High School and resident of Cumberland County, won second place in fiction with his story, “Fatal Love.” Rebecca Riggs, a junior at Chatham Central High School in Chatham County, received second place in poetry for her poem, “Shipwreck.”

On Saturday, authors and writers were treated to two panels on publishing — one from the author’s perspective and one from the editor’s perspective, with editors from the “Georgia Review,” “North Carolina Literary Review,” and “Main Street Rag.” Symposium participants also had the opportunity to take part in a workshop by New York publishing professional Lucinda Blumenfeld of Lucinda Literary, which centered on building an online presence and learning to market work. A reading by keynote speaker Howard Owen, author of “Oregon Hill” and nine other novels, took place over lunch, followed by an afternoon of workshops, films, and an open mic to end the day’s events.

The winners of the Emerging Writers Contest in the fiction category were: First place, “Walking Suzi,” by Ellis Anderson of Bay St. Louise, Miss.; second place, “Someone to Calm Me,” by Laura Steadham Smith of Tallahassee, Fla.; and third place, “Liberation,” by Jenni Moody of Huntsville, Ala. The winners in the poetry category were: First place, “Woodshed,” by Marty Silverthorne of Greenville, N.C.; second place, “Nightsweats” by Jen Karetnick of Miami Shores, Fla.; and third place, “Of Barbecue and Blood,” by Allyson Whipple of Austin, Texas.





N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Douglas McCullough, students, and President Ben Hancock

“Sea Of Greed” Author Tells Story of Undercover Operations

Methodist University hosted N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Douglas McCullough Nov. 9 as the 2012 Constitutional Law Day speaker.

McCullough is the author of “Sea of Greed,” which tells the true story of how a drug smuggling bust off the North Carolina coast led to the U.S. invasion of Panama. McCullough was personally involved as the prosecutor of the original case as the U.S. attorney who unraveled the Cayman Island cartel.

“It’s a fascinating account of the undercover operations, the major drug dealers, and the who’s who of the sports and celebrity world who were involved,” said Wendy Vonnegut, director of the Legal Studies Program at Methodist University. “It was a difficult case to prosecute.”

METHODIST UNIVERSITY MOVES FORWARD WITH SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

100 Percent Pass Rate

For the first time since 2002, the Methodist University Physician Assistant (PA) Program boasted a 100 percent pass rate on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE), resulting in all 33 students who took the test in December, graduating.

“The PA Program faculty and staff are exceedingly proud of each student in the class of 2012 for their accomplishments,” said PA Program Director Christina Beard. “We are confident our program and Methodist University have prepared them to be compassionate, competent healthcare providers who will contribute substantially and creatively to the PA profession.”

MU’s PA graduates frequently have a high pass rate on the PANCE, with a 97 percent pass rate in the previous year. The computer-based, multiple-choice exam assesses basic medical and surgical knowledge. Passing the PANCE is required to become a certified PA.

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

A proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Methodist University has begun the search for a program

director. The proposed new program will be added to the recently created School of Health Sciences. The University is advertising for candidates and hopes to have the position filled this semester.

Once a director is hired, the University will begin the accreditation process for the program. The Physical Therapy Program will seek accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) as well as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. CAPTE accreditation is required in order for students to be eligible to sit for the physical therapy licensure exam.

The University plans to house the program in the proposed Health Science Building. As well as a director, the University estimates hiring seven to nine additional faculty in the program.

Physical Therapy is one of several programs that are in the planning stages of being added to the School of Health Sciences. The University hopes to add programs in occupational therapy, speech therapy, a doctorate of physical therapy (DPT), and registered nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (R.N. to B.S.N.).



The 2012 graduates of the Physician Assistant Program earned a 100 percent pass rate on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam



President Ben Hancock, surrounded by faculty, students, the Board of Trustees, and community members, prepares to cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the new Professional Nursing Studies Program building in December 2012

Professional Nursing Building

The new Professional Nursing Building at Methodist University opened in fall 2012 in true fashion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, reception, facility tours and meet-and-greets with current nursing students.

The \$3.2 million facility opened for classes in 2013 and can accommodate enrollment of 200 pre-nursing and nursing students. Almost half of the 10,000 square-foot building houses the MU General Simulation Hospital, complete with an admitting/discharge area, pharmacy, two nurses stations, four critical care rooms, a pediatric ward, and a triage suite.

“To provide education and training that is aligned with the demands of actual nursing practice, Methodist University is placing an innovative emphasis on technology-based simulation training,” said President Ben Hancock.

As well as the high-tech surroundings, the hospital is equipped with six simulated patients—an infant, a six-year-old boy, an expectant mother, and two adult males, creating the real-life scenario of managing multiple patients simultaneously. The “patients” are life-sized computerized manikins that can speak and breathe, have heart and lung sounds, and can progress through a multitude of medical states from birth to death.

“Our students will have an additional edge, thanks to the unique experiences they will gain by training in the MU General Simulation Hospital,” said Hancock.

The facility also includes a 60-seat auditorium, classroom space, a computer lab, faculty and administrative offices, and a student lounge.

Veterans Writing Collective

ENCOURAGES SERVICE MEMBERS TO SHARE STORIES



The new year brought a new writing group, the Veterans Writing Collective, to Methodist University. The Collective, which is open to all active-duty military, veterans and their family members, held its first meeting in January.

The mission of the collective, which meets once a month, is to encourage the art of writing and to provide an environment in which participants offer honest, positive feedback on members' writing.

"The focus is on writing," said advisor Robin Greene. "Our group meetings will be conducted as workshops, which means that writers will gather to share their work, receive supportive feedback and learn about craft."

Greene said that there is a need for such groups as the military continues a lengthy stretch of overseas campaigns and deployment cycles. Also, family members and

veterans with experiences from previous wars are now looking for ways to tell their stories.

"Our goal is to honor veterans and encourage them to tap into their creativity as they offer unique glimpses into their experiences," Greene said. "Even family members have the opportunity to write creatively about their experiences."

Whether through fictionalized accounts, poetry, or personal stories, Greene believes writing helps the writer to process difficult memories and emotions in a manner that is empowering and transformative, giving the writer a critical distance sometimes needed to deal emotionally with the material.

"Too often stories are lost because we don't give ourselves permission to speak our truth," Greene said. "And traditionally, the military has trained men and women to be stoic – which is often interpreted as a mandate to be silent. But that's no longer the case."

One of Greene's students, Paul Stroebel, was exploring literature about war for a research paper on the subject before the group formed. Stroebel, a senior writing major and U.S. Army veteran, has found writing to be empowering and cathartic, and hopes that other veterans will find the same.

"I hope to work with the members as we all learn to refine our writing," Stroebel said. "We have a common experience in the U.S. military, and that experience informs our lives and our writing. As we learn to use that experience as a lens through which we see our work, we grow as writers."

The new group is already attracting attention and support from established local writers, like Appalachian State University Professor and North Carolina's Poet Laureate Joseph Bathanti, who was also one of the group's organizers.

Greene said that the group plans to eventually post members' works on the Veterans Writing Collective's website, www.methodist.edu/writingvets.

Free Tuition for Active Duty Military

In response to the sequestration-driven suspension of Military Tuition Assistance (TA) programs, Methodist University made free tuition available to active-duty personnel for up to four courses on post during the summer semester. The TA has since been restored, but Methodist is standing by its commitment and will not charge those students who enrolled in the free classes.

Step Afrika! Visits MU



Members of the *Step Afrika!* Cast perform during their visit to Methodist University Feb. 4. The group promotes the tradition of stepping in an educational, fun manner. *Step Afrika!*, an internationally renowned performance group, is the first performance group dedicated to the tradition of stepping.

Spring Break Chorale Trip

The Methodist University Chorale spent their spring break bringing the joy of music to audiences in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia with their annual spring break chorale tour. Singing at three schools, two churches and one college, the six-day tour incorporated *MU on the Move!* into its evening concerts.

The chorale tour included stops at Fayetteville Academy, Lumberton High School, Wrightsboro United Methodist Church in Wilmington, N.C.; Surfside United Methodist Church in Surfside, S.C.; Albert Simons Center for the Arts at the College of Charleston in Charleston, S.C.; the Francis Marion Hotel; and the Savannah Arts Academy in Savannah, Ga.

To see photos of the Chorale's spring break trip, see *MU on the Move!* on page 86.



The cast of Methodist University's production of "Godspell" pose for a group photo. "Godspell" was performed in the style of the National Theatre for the Deaf, which adds American Sign Language to spoken word and song. "Godspell" was performed over. *Standing, back row, left to right:* Crystal Bradley, Elysa Lenczyk, Cheryl Edson, Efrain Colon, Rica McDonald, Missy Mueller, Terry Levitt. *Seated on boxes:* Melissa Anne Cain, Chelsea Ferguson, Maria Canta, Music Director Charis Bean Duke. *Seated on floor:* Sylvia Duke, Micaela Cooper, Clayton Riddley, Ben Duke, Brandon Johnson



"A Play on Colors" artist, Sharron Parker, speaks with Mark Sternlicht, chair of the gallery's advisory board, at the opening reception of her art show in the David McCune International Art Gallery

Handmade Felt Displayed in David McCune International Art Gallery

The David McCune International Art Gallery became home to a creative handmade felt exhibit, entitled "A Play on Colors," in November. The show featured colorful handmade felt by Sharron Parker.

An opening reception in the art gallery Nov. 2 gave the public an opportunity to view Parker's work and take part in a special felt-making workshop. The exhibit ran through Dec. 12.

Parker received an undergraduate degree from Duke University and a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She studied education, art and interior design. Parker continued her study in textiles with classes at Penland School of Crafts, where she has returned to teach workshops in feltmaking. Her work has been exhibited throughout the U.S., and under the Art in Embassies Program, has recently been exhibited in Turkmenistan and Armenia.

“Harvey Littleton & Friends” Vitreograph Art Exhibit Debuts at David McCune International Art Gallery



Amit Kelkar and daughter Sara Kelkar enjoy the “Harvey Littleton & Friends” vitreograph show in the David McCune International Art Gallery

A new art exhibition of vitreograph prints, “Harvey Littleton & Friends,” opened Feb. 7 at the David McCune International Art Gallery in the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts.

Vitreography is the process of printing using glass plates, which can produce a wide range of results, depending on the technique of the artist. Littleton, now 90 and living in Spruce Pine, N.C., is considered the father of the American Studio Glass Movement. He developed the modern vitreograph process in 1974. Before that, he is credited with introducing the concept of studio glassblowing to artists.

Littleton retired from teaching in 1976 to focus on his own art. He moved to Spruce Pine and set up his glass studio, which included a press for vitreographs. Since 1981, artists from a variety of disciplines have worked with Littleton Studios to publish vitreograph prints.

“The prints are from over, more or less, 100 artists who co-published over a thousand individual editions, each contributing to the process of vitreography,” said Carol Littleton Shay, Littleton’s daughter, who spoke at the opening reception. “The artists were friends, former students, former colleagues, and almost anyone else Harvey could talk into trying out the process. Many of the artists did not have printmaking as their major media of artistic creation. They are glassblowers, ceramicists, or painters, for example.”

Many of the vitreograph prints featured in the exhibit were created by artists who are nationally and internationally known, such as Dale Chihuly, Erwin Eisch, Herb Jackson, Clarence Morgan and Tom Nakashima, among others.

Gallery Executive Director Silvana Foti was also one of the artists who visited the Littleton Print Studio, taking a workshop with master printer Judith O’Rourke in 2009.

“Last year, 2012, was the 50th anniversary of studio glass in America, so this exhibit is very timely,” Foti said.

Endowed Scholarship Luncheon

President Ben Hancock welcomed students and guests to this year's Endowed Scholarship Luncheon Nov. 16, 2012. More than 150 scholarship representatives, student recipients and staff attended the luncheon, which provides scholarship donors and representatives the opportunity to meet their scholarship recipients. The luncheon also provides students the opportunity to say thank you and learn more about the individuals who made their scholarship possible.

Andrew Harper, a recipient of the Louis Spilman, Jr. Endowed Religion Scholarship provided the invocation. Megan Wilson, Merit Scholarship recipient, and Gina Martinez, recipient of the C.C. Powers, Jr. & Wingate E., Sigmund B. & E.L. Swain Memorial Scholarship, were featured student speakers. They shared some of their experiences at Methodist and expressed their gratitude for the financial assistance provided by the 155 endowed and annual scholarships at Methodist.

This year's luncheon highlighted the G. Gordon Dixon '66 Endowed Education Scholarship. Mr. Dixon is a 1966 graduate and a former registrar of the University. Mr. Dixon has continued to be involved in the life of the University and currently serves on the Alumni Association Board.

For the 2011-2012 academic year, Methodist University awarded \$17.1 million in financial aid, which is 26 percent of the annual budget. The 155 endowed and annual scholarships provided \$2.1 million of this assistance. Approximately 95 percent of Methodist's students depend on scholarships and loans to attend the University.



Students and donor representatives enjoy meeting at the Endowed Scholarship Luncheon, Nov. 16, 2012



REEVES FAMILY CONTINUES LEGACY OF PHILANTHROPY



“The Stampede,” a bronze statue by American artist Frederic Remington, was recently donated to Methodist University by Mrs. Charles M. Reeves. Mrs. Reeves, along with her late husband, Charles M. Reeves Jr., has a long history of philanthropy with Methodist University, and this latest gift combines that commitment with Mrs. Reeves’ passion for art.

The sculpture, which was formerly a part of the Reeves collection, is the second Remington that the Reeves family has donated to the school. The first, “Horse Thief,” was donated in 1993 and displayed in Dr. Elton Hendricks’ office for many years. Both sculptures will now be displayed together for visitors to enjoy on campus.

“Methodist University is fortunate to have friends like the Reeves family who have been so generous over the years,” said President Ben Hancock. “The institution owes its founding and continued success to relationships such as these. This most recent donation will serve as a constant reminder of their generosity and spirit that is so well captured in Remington’s work.”

“The Stampede” was cast in the lost-wax method of bronze casting and was Remington’s last sculpture before he died in 1909. Remington’s sculptures, paintings, illustrations and writings often portrayed scenes from the Old West. A cast of one of his other sculptures, “The Bronco Buster,” famously resides in the Oval Office of the White House.

“Over the years that I visited with Charles and Sarah Reeves, I have noted the beautiful art work and the sculptures that they collected,” said Dean of the Reeves School of Business Joe Doll. “Mr. Reeves had a significant collection of Frederic Remington sculptures in his office; and the one that Mrs. Reeves has now given to us was one of his favorites. The interest and continued commitment of the Reeves family is most appreciated, and this new donation will be shared with the entire University community by being prominently displayed for all to appreciate.”

The Reeves family has been a longtime benefactor to the University. Mr. Reeves served on the Board of Trustees from 1979 to 1995 and among their many donations was the endowment in 1986 that started the school of business, which is named after Mr. Reeves. A Sanford businessman, he founded Provident Finance Company and was also involved in banking, railroad car leasing, and real estate development.

Mrs. Reeves graduated from Brenau College (now University) in 1939 and is a Trustee Emeritus at that university. In 1993, she received the Brenau University Community Service Award. Mrs. Reeves also served on the Methodist Board of Trustees from 1995 to 2005.



Left to right: Vice President for Business Affairs Gene Clayton, Dean of the Reeves School of Business Joe Doll and President Ben Hancock pose with “The Stampede” in the President’s Office

LOYALTY DAY WRAP-UP

It takes a great community to make a great university. This truth was demonstrated over the last few months as Methodist alumni, community members, trustees, faculty, staff and parents gave to surpass the Loyalty Day goal of \$130,000 for student scholarships. More than \$140,000 has been raised to provide students with a Methodist education through scholarships.

Loyalty Day is the time of year Methodist University asks friends and alumni to make a gift in support of education, as well as celebrates the loyalty of the individuals who believe in the significance of giving a donation to Methodist each year.

This year, Mr. Robert “Bob” Chaffin was awarded the Loyalty Day Supporter of the Year. Bob has supported Loyalty Day for 30 consecutive years and a total of 33 years overall. Bob first learned about Methodist University and Loyalty Day by being a Loyalty Day volunteer in 1980 and has been giving ever since. He is passionate about providing a way for students who are unable to afford an education.

This year, there was an increased effort from the faculty and staff to lead the fundraising effort with \$25,000. Forty-five staff members and 60 faculty members gave to surpass the goal, giving over \$28,000. The faculty and staff goal thermometer at the Methodist University entrance showed their progress and success.

“Loyalty Day is so much more than giving money,” said Trustee Dr. Ramon Yarborough. “It is about getting out into the community and talking to people about Methodist.”



Bob Chaffin, above, was this year’s Loyalty Day Supporter of the Year

The Foundation Board was another leader in this effort by recruiting 138 volunteers to go out into our community to talk about the great things happening at Methodist and encourage businesses and friends to give in support of this cause. Steve Driggers is president of the Foundation Board and proud graduate of the class of 1976.

“The Foundation Board is made up of hard-working, caring individuals from within our community who understand the importance of the role they play,” Driggers said. “They eagerly accept the responsibility of putting their teams together and soliciting for funds to achieve the established goal. What a great board to serve on!”

Loyalty Day was born out of a commitment for annual support made by the Fayetteville community in 1955 when Methodist University was established. That same support provides a critical foundation that strengthens the quality education Methodist provides its students. Not only has our community joined together to provide support to Methodist students, but Methodist students and faculty are giving back to our community.



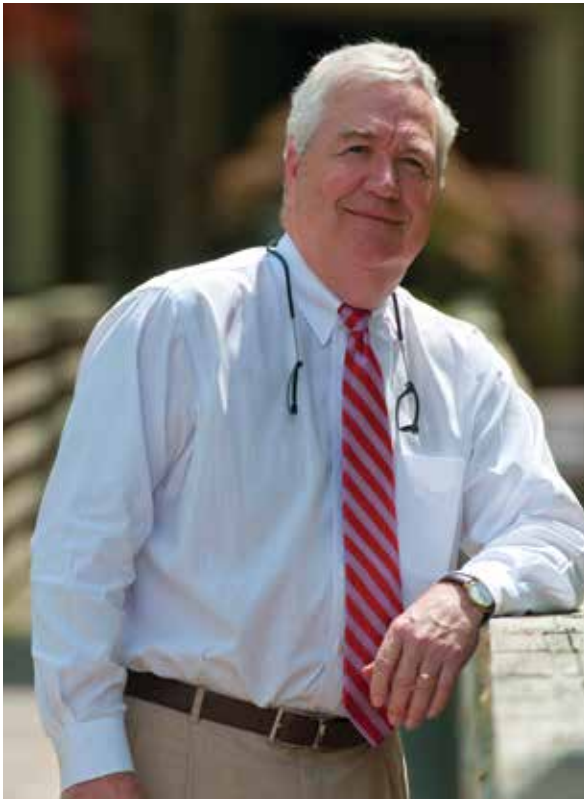
Loyalty Day Student Ambassadors Zack Sweet, Rica McDonald, Kevin Collins and Jeannie Snider with the filled thermometer that represented the faculty/staff fundraising goal

METHODIST UNIVERSITY'S PGA

Golf Management Program

AND ITS LINKS TO NATIONAL PROMINENCE

by Roxana Ross



Jerry Hogge is wielding a yellow highlighter and muttering names of past and current students as he goes through a list of golf courses. He's looking at the top 100 classic courses in the country according to "Golf Week" magazine, and the marker squeaks through another line every second as he methodically marks most of the courses on the first page. As he moves on to the next page, only 12 are unmarked.

After he's finished, 64 yellow lines show where MU students have a current or past professional presence in the most established golf clubs, resorts, and public courses in the country. A few pages over, he adds 32 more courses to the tally, counting from the magazine's list of top 100 courses that were built since 1960. Then he goes back to the top of the list and begins making checks, starting at No. 1, Pine Valley Golf Club.

"We've got the head pro at a few of these" he says, explaining the check.

Part way through the process, Sharon Kerr, the program's administrative assistant, comes in to help. It seems like they remember everyone. They use verbal shorthand, as people who have worked together for a long time, flashing through a shared mental scrapbook of the names and career paths of former students. First names, last names, that time a student's parent died, how another went on to open their own business, times an alumnus referred a student to the program – all sorts of tidbits are passed back and forth as they make sure they haven't forgotten any person or place.



Since the first classes started in 1986, there have been more than 1,000 alumni from the program, and Hogge probably does remember all of them, as he promises each group of freshmen that he will if they make it through the program. He says that effort to remember and stay in touch with alumni is one of the main reasons the program has found such continued success. Along with those alumni, the program is beginning to come into a new phase as those first graduates, now in their early 40s, find themselves in positions where they can significantly give back to the program in various ways.

“They are making inroads in the profession,” Hogge said. “We see alumni recommending students to us that they see at their facilities. We’re starting to achieve this type of recognition.”

“These individuals have done the work,” he modestly adds, “but it reflects back on the University. I would hope that we gave them a good foundation. So many of them have been successful in different areas. We have owner/operators, lawyers, CPAs, people in insurance, and at companies like Titleist and Footjoy.”

Looking at the network of alumni and internships that the program has built, Hogge can only describe it as “amazing.” Internships have been a component of the program since day one, and every summer since 1988 the staff has visited as many of the internship sites as possible, visiting with professionals all over America and “spreading the gospel” of the MU PGM Program. In large part because of the internship component, the program boasts a 100 percent job placement rate for graduates who want to go into the golf industry.

“When you look at the footprint of MU’s PGA Golf Management Program in America, it really covers from the right coast to the left coast and all points in between,” Hogge said. “Our footprint as a signature program of the University has brought national recognition to a very small school in North Carolina. Because of that, it’s becoming easier, even in this economy, to network with where we’ve been and where we’re trying to go.”



Another thing that has boosted the program is its official connection to the PGA. In 1999, the program was accredited by the PGA, making it one of a select few in the country. As part of that process, the program had to hire a full-time administrative assistant, which is where Kerr stepped into the picture.

“I have to say that Jerry is the PGM Program,” Kerr said. “He has done something unique with his vision of how you make a program the success that it is.”

Hogge is quick to spread the credit around, however. He points out the importance of Kerr, as well as program mainstays Bob Bruns, Steve Conley, Tom Inczauskis and Charles Koonce.

Bruns, who is the associate director and oversees the program’s educational component, has been at Methodist for seven years, with a background in owning and managing golf clubs as well as teaching and coaching. He says he appreciates the way alumni remain interested in up and coming students, and the double amount of catching up he gets to do when he visits students who are interning with alumni. When he’s not visiting interns, Bruns says he enjoys coming to campus every day.

“We’re the only program to have our own golf course and practice facility just for PGA Golf Management students,” Bruns said. “How nice is it to work, teach and play within a minute of my office. It’s not hard to come to work when you have these things waiting for you each day.”

Conley, one of the program’s assistant directors and the men’s golf coach, started out as the first PGM recruiter in 1986 and then became the men’s head golf coach in 1987. He rejoined the academic program in 1990 as an assistant director as well as coach. Conley stays in touch with his alumni through Facebook, Twitter, email and texts.

“I believe it’s important to maintain those relationships as well as promote what’s going on at their alma mater,” Conley said. “Our greatest strength is our staff of nine full-time people, of which, six are PGA professionals. Our alumni are also a huge asset since they are very successful in the golf industry.”



Chris Kelly



Drew King



Golf Range Association of America (GRAA)



TOP 50

Methodist University Golf Course was recently selected as a 2012 Golf Range Association of America (GRAA) Top 50 Range in the Private category. The award was listed in the January 2013 issue of *Golf Range Magazine* and on GolfRange.org.

"This award will be cherished by our prestigious alumni, faculty/staff, and students," said Robbie Fritz, head golf professional at Methodist. "The award demonstrates our commitment to player development and our passion for helping students become future golf professionals that can compete and play golf at a high level."

Jerry Hogge, director of PGA Golf Management, said, "The award is a tribute to Robbie Fritz, who recognized the quality of the practice facility and Steve Dockery our Golf Course Superintendent, who has maintained the facility on a daily basis. The students who use it daily appreciate everyone's efforts."

MU's on-campus 18-hole golf course has 10 acres of practice facilities where students can practice every shot in golf with target greens, bunkers, short game areas, and all-weather hitting bays. Methodist is the only PGA Golf Management University listed as a GRAA Top 50 Private Range.

"Our practice facilities have played a major role in the skill development of our students, preparing them to become PGA professionals, and in the success of our men's and women's golf teams, who have won a combined 35 NCAA DIII Championships," Fritz said.

"Since the redesign of our practice facilities in 2004, led by past president PGA of America Brian Whitcombe, we have added a wedge range, new target poles, and the Bernie Krick Teaching and Technology Center," Fritz said. "We are also grateful for the support of Titleist, which has greatly enhanced the image and effectiveness of our practice facilities."

Fritz credits the guidance of Hogge, and the support of alumni, such as Joey Wuertemberger, with the design of the first-class practice facilities.

Incauskis, the head women's golf coach, has been with the program for eight years, the first four of which he was the head professional/director of instruction. He believes the program's greatest strength is the student-athletes who come to Methodist for what he calls "the Division III experience:" athletics, academics and community service.

"The PGM Program has the best facilities available to our student-athletes and aspiring PGA professionals," Incauskis said. "The PGA program also has a highly skilled group of professional staff members to mentor our students."

Because of the women's golf team's long history of national championships – 25 of the last 27 years, including 15 in a row – Incauskis says alumni follow each season closely leading up to the Nationals in May.

"We've started a quarterly newsletter that is emailed to the alumni," Incauskis said. "Our team also has a very active Facebook following of alumni."



Koonce has been the internship director for 14 years.

“I have been involved with the placement of more than 2,500 golf management students at facilities across the country,” Koonce said. “While working on a daily basis with head golf professionals and directors of golf operations, I continue to be impressed with the national reputation our program, and the University, has within the golfing community. Also, the number of graduates now working at some of the country’s most distinguished country clubs and resorts speaks volumes for the remarkable success attributed to Jerry Hogge and his staff.”

As the program enters its next phase, Hogge is still looking forward to the future of the golf industry and the PGM Program. Though he thinks that there will be some facilities closing in the wake of the 1990s building boom, there will always be a strong demand for PGM graduates. At the same time, those graduates will be using more technology and working with a game that is broadening its focus to be a fun physical activity for the entire family.

“The game of golf is always going to be healthy, but the business sometimes gets sick,” Hogge said. “I think the industry is being driven more and more by technology, and that requires us to bring that same technology to students we are teaching today. Just about all of the golf professionals have iPhones, iPads, or that type of technology, at their fingertips. They’re using it to communicate with students, and there are apps on their phone to help teach the game of golf. We also see the technology changing in golf clubs.”

MU’s students are learning to use that technology, with software like PowerChalk, a web-based sports motion video program that can be used to analyze the mechanics of a golf swing as part of a lesson or for self-improvement. When the ongoing project to completely enclose the open-bay teaching facility is finished this fall, students will also have access to Foresight technology that will tell the launch angle and speed of hit golf balls. Hogge says he’s been eyeing the TrackMan radar technology, as well, that would track and analyze golf balls in flight. That doesn’t mean virtual golf pros will be replacing the real thing any time soon, however.

“You still have to train teachers and students to have a good eye for what’s right and wrong in a golf swing.”

The program has also embraced the PGA’s new educational program, with students now taking three teaching classes before graduating, rather than the old requirement of just one. The additional class time allows students to focus on different learning styles and emphasizes the different instruction methods for beginning, intermediate and advanced players.

The PGA has also initiated a new program called Golf 2.0 to increase the amount of players and get new people into the game. For Hogge, the core philosophy of Golf 2.0, that golf must change to be more user-friendly in today’s fast-paced, distraction-filled world, means emphasizing the health benefits of golf and finding ways to appeal to a wider range of players.

“We have plenty of people every year starting to play golf,” Hogge said. “But a large amount of people exit because it’s a difficult game.”

Some of the things that are happening as part of Golf 2.0 are the creation of Little League-like golf teams, more use of short games with the entire family, and the international expansion of golf as a game for everyone.



Brandi Schroeder, Robin Mason,
Megan Bickford, Kelsie Carralero
and Alex Michielini



Students in Methodist University's PGM Program



Loretta Giovannetone, Lizzie Blomgren and Steve Matheny

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“There are all these other sports competing for family time,” Hogge said. “So rather than nine or 18 holes, maybe the family plays four holes of golf. The most played holes here are ‘the loop,’ (holes 1, 16, 17, and 18) because you can play them in a short time.”

As for the international growth of the golf industry, one alumnus is teaching golf in China and some PGM students are already taking advantage of study abroad opportunities available through the Center for Global Education, travelling to Rennes Business School in France and going on Semester at Sea programs.

“We are seeing more of our students studying abroad,” Hogge said. “The first two students who went abroad were PGM students. I’d love to see us create a short week of taking Golf Management to Scotland and Ireland to see the history of the game.”

While PGM alumni are out in the world working to improve the industry, Hogge still sees things he’d like to do to improve the program on campus. More classroom space and adding yardage to the course are the main things on his wish list.

As for the students, Hogge said he hopes they remember to make time for a balanced life in the very busy world of golf and not lose sight of the fact that, at the end of the day, it’s still a game that they love to play.

“It’s a game they chose to make a business of, but it’s important to remember it’s a game,” he said.

It’s advice that Hogge realizes he didn’t always follow himself. One of his favorite pastimes is playing a quick nine holes with his own sons, and he tries hard to make that time. Over the years, he says he wished he made time for that more often, as well as playing more rounds with his students. Instead, he always made time for students off the course, whenever they needed him.



PGA Golf Management Class of 2006



Eric Ledbetter

That decision has been an investment that paid off, it seems. Knowing that the staff, the program, and Methodist University is improving the lives of young men and women is why he does what he does.

“The most rewarding thing is seeing how many alumni contact you just to say hi,” he said. “You realize that you do have an impact. To the amazement of many alumni, I have finally created a Facebook page. I hope to look at it as often as possible, but still have to keep up with the current students who need help. I think because this program is still associated with a church-affiliated school, that is one reason it makes a difference in some of their lives.”

Kerr agrees.

“The things I enjoy about our program are seeing the interactions between our staff and the students, how Jerry and I have this interaction on remembering our alumni,” she said. “It’s funny how he’ll remember one part and I can remember the other. The alumni are the best part of my job. I love seeing them at the PGA Show and keeping up with them on our Facebook page.”





Scan this code with your smartphone to visit the Facebook page for PGA Golf Management alumni

PGA GOLF MANAGEMENT (FORMERLY PGM)

Alumni

The alumni from Methodist University's PGA Golf Management Program have hit strong drives in the golf industry. These Monarchs are working in a variety of positions and proudly representing their alma mater across the country.



A HEAD OF THE GAME

Kevin Roberts '94, Business Administration
Director of Golf, Lake Winnepesaukee Golf Club
New Durham, N.H.

Now in his 10th year as the director of golf at Lake Winnepesaukee Golf Club, which was named one of the top 10 new private clubs in the country in 2004 by *Golf Digest*, Kevin Roberts still thinks about the great times he had in his senior year at Methodist, when he roomed with friends Lee Burrows, Brian Bishop and Jonathan Flynn in an on-campus apartment. And even though he graduated almost 20 years ago, he still speaks with Director Jerry Hogge every few months.

"I could write a book about Mr. Hogge and all of the ways he has helped me," Roberts said. "Mr. Hogge was a great mentor while I was at Methodist and I learned a great deal in the classes he taught. But he has been even more instrumental in my development as a golf professional since I have left school."

In 1995, Roberts applied for a position at The Dunes Golf & Beach Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C., but when he made it to the interview stage, he couldn't afford to fly down.

"Mr. Hogge talked to the director of golf at The Dunes Club, Cliff Mann, and persuaded him to give me a phone interview," Roberts said. "I got the job from the phone interview and believe it was the opening I needed to move in the direction of the private golf sector and eventually secure a job like the one I currently hold. I know I wouldn't have gotten that position without the help of Mr. Hogge and I am forever grateful to him for that."

Now, Roberts does his part to pass along some of the help that he received, whether as an employer of MU interns, or when he talks to young golfers about choosing Methodist University.



PUTT INTO PRACTICE

Marianne Atwell '01, Business Administration
Buyer, Pebble Beach Company
Pebble Beach, Calif.

A member of the women's golf team during her time at Methodist, Marianne Atwell calls Coach Kim Kincer "an inspiration," and considers golf team practices the most memorable and enjoyable times she had on campus.

"She always had time for us and loved us no matter how crazy we may have made her," Atwell said. "She is a big reason I decided to go back to school and obtain my MBA."

Atwell has kept in touch with Kincer and others in the program, especially through the annual PGA Show in Florida, where the Golf Management staff also puts together a special gathering for MU alumni.

"I enjoy seeing all of the staff at the show, and the fact that the Methodist booth is always the busiest – with alumni and current students as well as potential employers – reminds me that I chose the best PGM school possible," she said.

In June, Atwell will graduate with her MBA from Marylhurst University. She said Kincer taught her to continuously reach for new opportunities, and never to stop.

Before joining Pebble Beach two and a half years ago, Atwell was an assistant buyer for more than three years at Macy's in New York City. Prior to that, she was an assistant golf professional at two clubs. In 2006, she received her PGA membership.

At Pebble Beach, Atwell buys the hardgoods for all of the golf shops on the resort's four courses, as well as the women's golf apparel and the merchandise for the kids' shop. She also sees other MU alumni there from time to time, like recent graduates Mike Duncan and Caleb Wilson, who were hired on as assistant professionals after their internships ended in the fall.

"Methodist has a great reputation for quality students and graduates at Pebble Beach because of past students who have done their internships here," Atwell said.



PASSION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS

Billy Hoffman '05, Business Administration
Assistant Golf Professional, Westwood Country Club
Vienna, Va.

Growing up playing golf at Chevy Chase Club, Billy Hoffman chose Methodist when he decided golf would be his career path. Now entering his sixth year at Westwood Country Club, which just underwent a \$10 million course renovation, he was also the 2012 Middle Atlantic PGA Section Assistant Professional Association Player of the Year.

As a student, he interned at Four Streams Golf Club, Columbia Country Club and Congressional Country Club, where he was hired after graduation and where he received his Class A PGA membership in 2006.

"I spent three years at Congressional, where I learned every aspect of a golf operation and had the opportunity to be involved in the operations of two PGA Tour events," Hoffman said. "My passion for teaching exploded during my time at Congressional, where I taught nearly 400 lessons a year, conducted several one-week long junior golf camps and taught over 20 golf clinics a year."

After joining Westwood, his passion for playing also flourished.

"I have learned to enjoy every aspect of the game and respect everything it stands for," Hoffman said. "I love to compete in local and national tournaments and continue to thrive on the challenges and rewards of teaching. I consider myself a perpetual student of the game."

Where ever he goes, Hoffman said, he always finds a Methodist graduate in the golf program.

"If you are passionate about golf and truly love the game, Methodist is hands down the best place you can go," he said. "My time at Methodist was a lot of fun. I enjoyed all the golf courses within one hour of Fayetteville, I made friendships that will last a lifetime and found a beautiful wife as well!"



TEE PARTY

James Ondo '05, Business Administration
Head Golf Professional, The Apawamis Club
Rye, N.Y.

James Ondo is the head professional at The Apawamis Club in Rye, N.Y., but his career has taken him all over the United States. Before his current position, he worked as an assistant professional at Grandfather Golf and Country Club in Linville, N.C.; The Loxahatchee Club in Jupiter, Fla.; and Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y. As a student, he interned at St. Clair Country Club in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tournament Players Club at Jasna Polana in Princeton, N.J.; and Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, Calif.

Ondo was also a member of the men's golf team when he was a student, and says he enjoyed the fraternity and camaraderie of the team and the PGM Program.

"Being able to go 'downback' to work on my game and play golf with my fellow 'PGM Boys,' as Dr. Marr lovingly referred to us, each day was priceless," Ondo said. "I could not have had a better opportunity to develop as a player and teacher than I had with Methodist's world-class facilities. My experiences representing Methodist as a student-athlete were also very rewarding. Competing on a nationally ranked team, while traveling the country with Coach Conley and four of my best friends, was truly a special experience."

Ondo said Conley and Jerry Hogge had an immense impact on his life and career and that Hogge is a mentor who he calls regularly and continues to look to for help navigating the golf industry. He credits Conley for instilling players with a commitment to excellence and always demanding that they have respect for the community, school, teammates and themselves.

The rest of the PGM staff from his time at Methodist also have a place in Ondo's accolades, people who he said inspired him daily to be a better person and student-athlete.

"Sharon Kerr, David Durham, Kim Kincer, Charles Koonce, and Bernie Krick are remarkable individuals," Ondo said. "The PGM staff was more of a family than a faculty. There is not a day that goes by in the golf industry where I do not reflect on something I learned from each of those staff members. Being able to see the PGM staff, along with the president of our university, each year at the PGA Show is also very special to me."



THE DRIVE TO SUCCEED

Scott Reilly '06, Business Administration
Head Golf Professional, Philadelphia Country Club
Philadelphia, Pa.

One of Scott Reilly's first golf jobs was working with Bernie Krick on the driving range on campus.

"He was stern yet appreciative, and never shy to let you know of a teaching moment and what he expected," Reilly said. "He was a great role model and I learned a lot about club repair and fitting."

Since then, Reilly has gone on to become the head golf professional at Philadelphia County Club, where he has been since February 2012. His previous positions were at The County Club in Brookline, Mass., where he completed his last internship and worked for the last seven years, and The Jim McLean Golf School at Doral in Miami, Fla., where he spent two winters and became a certified instructor.

One of his more memorable moments at Methodist was playing in the Hogge Shootout with his friends, cheering for matching that came down to the last three holes.

"It was always so much fun," Reilly said. "And then, we'd go out afterwards and celebrate whether we won or lost."

From his first days at Methodist, Reilly said he appreciated the honesty that Jerry Hogge gave the students.

"He told it like it is, wanted the best for us, but gave perspective that you need to have patience and work hard," he said. "Classes that he taught were always fun, whether he would reflect on one of his past experiences, tell of another student, or a real world situation he knew of. He cares so much for the program and the students, it was always a pleasure when we got to see him come down on the range and talk to everyone with his big smile and laugh."



THE GAME PLAN

Thomas Hutton '10, Business Administration
Director of Junior Golf, Southern Texas PGA
The Woodlands, Texas

As the director of Junior Golf for the Southern Texas PGA, Thomas Hutton is helping to spread the game to the next generation of players. There, he oversees and manages one of the largest junior golf programs in the country, with 3,000 junior golf members ages 6-18 years old and 300 junior golf tournaments a year.

Hutton got a small taste of event planning when he was at Methodist, where he ran and organized Easter Jam for two years. He says this was one his most memorable experiences on campus.

"It allowed me to give the student body an unbelievable event on campus with some amazing music," he said. "It also allowed me to work closely with a lot of staff and students on campus."

Hutton credits Jerry Hogge for a lot of his motivation as a student, and as an alumnus. "He always had his door open to talk about anything and since I have graduated, he's been a big help in my professional career with advice and direction when I needed it," he said.

MU CELEBRATES USA SOUTH CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Adding to the conference win by the men's soccer team earlier in the year, Methodist took home a trio of USA South titles April 14 as the conference wrapped up its Spring Sports Festival. The men's golf team rallied from a four-stroke deficit after 36 holes to win its 29th conference crown and first since 2010. The women's tennis team outlasted CNU, 5-4, to claim its fourth consecutive, and sixth overall, tournament title. The sixth-seeded baseball team ran through the conference tournament unscathed to earn the program's first title since 2004.

METHODIST ANNOUNCES ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT REALIGNMENT

Head Football Coach Dave Eavenson announced in March that he would step down as Methodist University's head football coach.

As a result of the announcement, and combined with an increased emphasis on growing the University's academic and athletic programs, Methodist University also announced a realignment of staff positions within the Athletic Department.

"I look to the future with confidence and excitement," said Bob McEvoy, director of athletics. "The administrative changes will make our department even stronger, grow our athletic programs, and enable us to provide more support, programming, and oversight for our over 500 student-athletes and staff members."

Assistant Director of Athletics

Following Eavenson's personal decision to step down from the head coaching position, the University named him assistant director of athletics. Eavenson, a graduate of Methodist who spent 14 years on the Monarchs coaching staff, most recently served since 2011 as the team's head coach.

"I am extremely excited about the new vision for the future of Methodist University and its Athletic Department" said Eavenson. "As a proud graduate of Methodist, I look forward to contributing to the University and staying connected with the students in this expanded capacity."

While Eavenson was at the helm as head coach, the Monarchs finished the 2012 season at 5-5 overall and 4-3 in the USA South, winning each of their final three games, including two in overtime and a come-from-behind, 30-29, win over conference champion Christopher Newport in the season finale. The five wins marked the most in a single season for Methodist since 2007, when the Monarchs also finished at 5-5.

In Eavenson's new position as assistant director of athletics, he will assist with the management of 20 NCAA Division III athletic teams. His responsibilities will include the oversight of student-athlete recruitment and compliance duties, and other athletic affairs, to include fundraising and programming.

"Coach Eavenson is a valued alumnus and employee, and his many contributions have helped build the outstanding reputation of not only our football program, but of every aspect of our University," said President Hancock. "Signature people like Dave get things done.

Signature people like Dave are committed to excellence. We now look forward to benefitting from Dave's talents as he serves in another capacity at Methodist."

Head Football Coach

The University has named Associate Head Coach and Defensive Coordinator C.J. Goss head football coach.

"Coach C.J. Goss is a self-starter with an extremely high work ethic, and a great level of passion and commitment to Methodist University," said McEvoy. "C.J. will continue to develop the football program at MU."

Goss came to Methodist in 2005 following five years of service as defensive line coach at Brockport State. In 2006, Goss coached All-American George Sands, and in 2005, Goss coached three All-Conference wide receivers that helped break numerous individual and team passing records.

"The years ahead present an exciting opportunity to grow fundamentally, both on and off the playing field," said Goss. "The current coaching staff will continue to guide this program to a new platform, while building on its current successes."

A native of Syracuse, N.Y., Goss was a part of a Brockport State program that advanced to the NCAA Division III Playoffs for four straight seasons from 2000 to 2003.

Senior Associate Athletic Director | Senior Woman Administrator (SWA)

Women's Basketball Head Coach

Associate Athletic Director/SWA and Women's Basketball Head Coach DeeDee Jarman has been named senior associate athletic director, in addition to her other duties as senior woman administrator and head women's basketball coach. Jarman, a native of Kinston, N.C., is in her 16th season at the helm of the women's basketball team, and her 18th season at Methodist University. She is currently in her 13th year as the senior woman administrator for the Methodist athletic department, and in July of 2004, she added associate athletic director to her duties.

"I see this as an opportunity for Methodist University to take its athletic programs to an entirely new level," said Jarman. "This new administrative team will ensure our student-athletes have the resources to fulfill their full potential on the athletic fields, as well as in the classrooms."

ATHLETICS

2012-2013

FALL and WINTER SPORTS WRAP-UP

FALL

Methodist kicked off the 2012-13 year in athletics with one of its most successful fall seasons in recent memory. The men's soccer team captured its first-ever USA South Conference Championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1995. Football, under the direction of second-year head coach Dave Eavenson, won its final three games to finish at 5-5 overall, the most wins in a season since 2007 (5-5) and the volleyball team recorded its fifth straight winning season with a 16-12 record. A total of 23 athletes earned postseason recognition from the USA South and members of both the football and men's soccer teams took home all-region accolades from their respective coaches associations.



Julia LoGrasso defends the ball during a game

Cross Country

The Monarch cross country and track and field, under the leadership of first-year head coach Roland Whiting, got off to an encouraging start under the new regime. The men's team took fourth-place at the USA South Conference Championships, while the women's team came in seventh place. For the men, Sydney Machokoto earned First Team All-USA South honors by placing seventh at the conference meet, while Keneshia Bigelow was a third-team selection by virtue of her 20th-place finish overall.

Women's Soccer

The Monarchs finished 7-13 overall and 5-6 in the USA South, garnering the eighth seed in the conference tournament. Kristin Habig was an honorable mention all-conference selection at the conclusion of the season and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America awarded the Monarchs with the NSCAA Team Academic Award for maintaining a cumulative team GPA of 3.0 or better.

Volleyball

Methodist wrapped up its fifth winning season in a row with a 16-12 overall record and a 5-6 mark in conference play. The Monarchs were bested by nationally-ranked Christopher Newport, 3-0, in the quarterfinal round of the conference tournament. Senior Stephanie Wood earned Third Team All-USA South honors, the fourth time in as many years she was honored by the league. She finished her career ranked first at Methodist in blocks (331), second in hitting percentage (.308), third in service aces (181) and fourth in kills (1,110). Fellow senior Hayley Williams wrapped up her career just behind Wood in blocks with 242 total.





Football

The Monarchs won each of their final three games, including two in overtime, to finish the season 5-5 overall and 4-3 in league play. Of the Monarchs' five losses, their final three were by a combined 13 points, including a one-point loss to Greensboro (34-33), and a four-point loss to Maryville (28-24). A total of 13 players earned postseason recognition from the USA South, including four first team selections. Senior Breon Holmes, juniors Vaughn Cross and Brad Wade, and sophomore B.J. Minter were all named to the all-conference first team. Wade was also a D3football.com First Team All-South Region pick after placing in the Top 10 in the country in sacks and tackles for loss. To end the season, the Monarch coaching staff was selected to guide the South Team at the D3 Senior Classic Game in Salem, Va. In addition to the coaching staff, Methodist had four players selected to play in the game: seniors James Bevans, Seth Sandlin, Malcolm McCoy and Jacob Hunt.

John Papillon carries the ball toward the end zone



Max Reber follows through with his throw during a football game



Max Reber protects the ball during a play at a home football game



Men's Soccer

Methodist enjoyed its most successful season on the pitch in nearly 20 years, posting a 15-3-3 (5-1-2 USA South) record, earning its first Top 25 ranking in the coaches poll, winning its first-ever USA South Conference title and advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1995. Six players earned all-conference honors from the USA South and Eirik Nordseth (17g, 6a) and Eric McGinnis (15g, 10a) were both all-region selections after tying for 16th in the NCAA in scoring (40 points). Methodist, which finished the regular season ranked 23rd by the NSCAA, fell to No. 5 Stevens, 2-0, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Eirik Nordseth bypasses his opponent during a men's soccer game

WINTER WRAP-UP



Bryan Hockaday waits for a pass during a men's basketball game



Christina Schrader keeps control of the ball as opponents chase her down the court



Brianna Robinson eyes the competition during a women's basketball game

Men's Basketball

Methodist's men's basketball team closed out a 9-15 (6-8 USA South) season with a 70-62 loss to N.C. Wesleyan in the quarterfinals of the USA South Tournament. The Monarchs boasted eight freshmen on their roster and will lose just two players to graduation, for a team that made great strides toward the end of the season. One of those freshman, Keemon Ingram, led the USA South in three-point shooting, hitting on 47.1 percent (41-87) of his shots from long range. It was another of the fresh faces that provided the highlight of the year as Brandon Monk's double-clutch three-pointer as time expired gave MU an 85-82 home win over N.C. Wesleyan January 16 (Scan this code with your smartphone to see the video). At the end of the season, Bryan Hockaday took home Honorable Mention All-USA South laurels.



Women's Basketball

Highlighted by a seven-game winning streak early in the season, the Monarchs finished the season at 16-10 overall and 11-7 in conference play in earning the No. 5 seed in the conference tournament. Three players, Christina Schrader, Brianna Robinson and T.T. Taylor were named to the All-USA South Third Team. The Monarchs' marquee win of the season came in their annual Play 4Kay game on Feb. 16, when they knocked off No. 16 Ferrum, 64-61, behind 18 points from Schrader. The season came to an end with a 68-63 loss to fourth-seeded N.C. Wesleyan in the quarterfinals of the USA South Tournament.

Indoor Track & Field

Josh Harris' Field Athlete of the Year award at the Mason-Dixon Conference Championships highlighted the Monarchs' indoor season. The men finished in fourth place overall, while the women took fifth place in their first season under Head Coach Roland Whiting. Harris won both the shot put (12.66 meters) and the weight throw (14.57 meters). Other event winners for the Monarchs included Donte Smith in the 400m (49.61) and Bria Wilson won the long jump on the women's side with a distance of 5.12 meters. Smith's time of 49.61 in the 400m was a new school standard and he finished 21st in the country, narrowly missing a chance to compete at the NCAA Indoor National Championships. Matthew Hopkins also set a new school record in the 300m with a time of 37.28.

Men's Lacrosse

Lacrosse is often called the “fastest game on two feet” and thus, it should come as no surprise that the sport has seen a rapid increase in participation in the last decade. It is estimated by the 2014-15 academic year that at least 516 NCAA lacrosse teams (both men and women) will be competing. That expected number marks a 63 percent jump in the number of programs participating in just 10 years.

Methodist University joined the ranks of burgeoning lacrosse programs last April when it announced the addition of men's lacrosse (MU has had women's lacrosse since 2001) as the University's 20th varsity sport. Shortly thereafter, the Monarchs hired Zach Nedbalski as the program's first coach. The Monarchs will take the field in the spring of 2014 for their first actual contest, but despite not playing a single game yet, the program is up and running and Nedbalski has been hard at work building the inaugural team.

“Recruiting, lots of recruiting,” says Nedbalski when asked to talk about some of the things that go into the creation of a program. “You know, we are a first-year program so that can make things difficult in regards to recruiting. But at the same time, kids have a chance to make history, and be a part of something really special here. I think a lot of kids can buy into that.”

Trying to fill out an entire roster in one recruiting class is a daunting task to say the least. What makes it even more daunting is the fact that, while growing at a rapid rate, lacrosse is still regarded by many as a regional sport confined to the Northeast and the Mid-Atlantic. This has forced Nedbalski to seek potential student athletes from all over the country, he has secured commitments from students in the Carolinas, Virginia, Maryland, Georgia, as far west as Arizona, and as far north as New York.

“Lacrosse is still growing in the South and obviously isn't as widely played here as it is in, say, Baltimore,” Nedbalski points out. “The successes of programs like Duke and North Carolina have obviously helped spread the sport, but there is still work to be done.”

Recruiting challenges aside, being part of a fledgling program is nothing new to Nedbalski, who played at NCAA Division II Queens University in Charlotte on its inaugural team. Most recently, he also served as an assistant coach at Berry College for two years as the

Vikings played their initial two seasons of lacrosse. That playing and coaching experience at two different institutions that were just starting lacrosse has proved invaluable to Nedbalski since taking the helm at Methodist.

“I learned under two good coaches and great leaders,” points out Nedbalski. “I have seen what it takes to build a program from the ground up and create something that kids want to be a part of. Yeah, there are going to be bumps in the road, hopefully not too many, but I like to think that we can buck the myth of first-year programs struggling.”

Another challenge facing Nedbalski has less to do with getting kids to play for him, finalizing the schedule, or ordering equipment, but more to do with drumming up interest and awareness on campus. Given the regional nature of the sport, many students, faculty members and athletic staff members have never seen a men's lacrosse game live, or even televised for that matter. Educating the masses about the “fastest sport on two feet” is something that Nedbalski sincerely enjoys doing. His face lights up when asked questions about the game and he could spend all day offering his take on a sport that he grew up with.

“The reception on campus has been great so far. The people that know about men's lacrosse are excited to see it come to Methodist and those that are not as familiar with it are going to be in for a treat,” gushes Nedbalski. “It's a fast-paced game. It's high-scoring, physical and something I really think that the campus can get behind. I am really excited for this class to come in and to start practicing in the fall.”

Track & Field

The Methodist track & field team has experienced a phenomenal amount of success in the past several years. Since 2000, the men's team has made eight appearances at the NCAA Outdoor National Championships, the women's team has made four appearances, including a fourth-place finish last season, while the two teams have combined for three trips to the Indoor National Championships in that time.

Despite a coaching change prior to this season (Roland Whiting was brought in to replace Duane Ross who left for the head job at North Carolina A&T) and a retooled roster, expectations remain high for the Monarchs.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Five former student-athletes and one former coach made up the 15th class inducted into the Methodist University Hall of Fame. Among the athletes that were inducted were former women's volleyball player Jennifer Ellis '06, baseball player Brian Ford '98, women's lacrosse player Lindsey West Lutz '06, football player Chris Ronchetti '06, and men's soccer player Paul Smith '99. Kim Kincer, former head women's golf coach, was the final inductee.

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Leading the way for Methodist in the first season under Whiting have been a pair of athletes who are scratching the surface of what they are capable of.

Sophomore Donte Smith and freshman Joshua Harris have emerged as a pair of Monarchs to keep an eye on going forward.

Smith set a new indoor school record in the 400m in the indoor season, posting a time of 49.61 seconds at the Mason-Dixon Conference Championships en route to the conference crown. Smith, who seemingly set a new personal best in the event each time out this winter, finished the season ranked 21st in the country in the event, narrowly missing a chance to compete in the National Championships.

Harris, who also plays football for Methodist, was named the Mason-Dixon Field Athlete of the Year for his performance at the conference championship meet. He was a dual winner on the day, capturing the shot put with a heave of 12.66 meters, to edge out Evan Griffin of Shenandoah (12.62 meters). He then won the weight throw with a distance of 14.57 meters, well within striking range of the school record of 15.06 meters set by DeVonne Armstrong in 2004. Harris' performance was all the more impressive considering his inability to train for the track season while competing on the gridiron.

Despite the revamped roster that the change in leadership of the track & field teams, the early successes of both Smith and Harris give hope to the Monarchs returning to their championship form much sooner than later.



PLAY 4KAY

On Feb. 16, the women's basketball team hosted its sixth annual breast cancer awareness game. Formerly known as Pink Zone, the event, which has been rebranded Play 4Kay, raised nearly \$6,000 for breast cancer research, bringing the six-year total to roughly \$35,000.

The game, which featured a silent auction as well as a halftime ceremony to recognize breast cancer survivors in attendance, drew nearly 1,000 spectators and saw the Monarchs, who donned pink uniforms for the event, defeat 16th-ranked Ferrum, 64-61.

The women's basketball team was hardly the only Methodist team to participate in the event as the football team held a Play 4Kay game in the fall, and presented a check at halftime, while both the soccer and tennis programs conducted events with all of the proceeds going to the charity.

The Kay Yow Cancer Fund, in partnership with the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and The V Foundation, is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization committed to being a part of finding an answer in the fight against women's cancers through raising money for scientific research, assisting the underserved and unifying people for a common cause. To date, the Fund has raised over \$7 million in support of women's cancer research.

Head Women's Basketball Coach DeeDee Jarman thanked the entire athletic and campus community, as well as the Fayetteville community for all of their efforts in making this a worthwhile venture once again.



ALUMNI NEWS



B.o.B performs at a packed show on campus



The women's alumni basketball players before they split into teams for a game



Alumni relax at ScrubOaks during the Homecoming 2012 party, which featured entertainment by Dueling Pianos



Tournament Director of The Honda Classic and Executive Vice President, IGP Sports & Entertainment, Ed McEnroe '94 talks to business students as an Alumni in Residence the Friday of Homecoming, Nov. 2



Steve Driggers '76 announces the football game



Imani Payton performs at the Homecoming football game



Brian Bing is tackled by an opponent as Jacob Hunt runs to his rescue during the Homecoming game



Krista Sweeten (left) and Kaitlyn Leger take part in the Homecoming Parade



Monarch Homecoming 5K /Fun Run to benefit the Alumni Endowed Scholarship and Wounded Warrior Project

FAMILY WEEKEND

Homecoming 2012 was special this year because Family Weekend was also held Nov. 2-3.



Above, MU alumni and families enjoy "Lunch on the Green" provided by Carrabba's proprietor Mark Moses '97 on Saturday before the football game.



There was something to do for everyone at Homecoming 2012, including a KidZone with facepainting, games, and music



Family night out at the Cameo Art House Theatre downtown



MU Journey update

HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS



The Physician Assistant Program's alumni dinner Friday, Nov. 2



Students enjoy the Homecoming bonfire and pep rally Friday night, Nov. 2



Alumni and Faculty Author Jim Darden '69 and English Professor Robin Greene at the book signing



Alumni and Faculty Author Dr. Michael Potts at the book signing



Author Wanda Herring '66 speaks about writing and publishing as an Alumni in Residence the Friday of Homecoming, Friday, Nov. 2

New Alumni Awards Ceremony

By Lauren Cook Wike

Homecoming 2012 will be remembered for many things – a win on the football field, a beautiful day under the trees on the Davis Library Quad for Lunch on the Green with Carrabba's, and a great party rocking out to the sounds of Dueling Pianos at ScrubOaks Saturday night. But the most unique event was the new Alumni Awards Ceremony held Saturday, Nov. 3, in a packed Yarborough Auditorium. During the ceremony, the MU Alumni Association Awards were presented to four Distinguished Alumni and two Outstanding Faculty/Staff of the University, with Dr. Kelli Sapp '91, president of the MUA, presiding and President Ben Hancock, Jr., bringing greetings and helping to present the awards.



Alumni Association Award Recipients for 2012 *from left to right*: Capt. Manuel "Manny" Menendez, PA '04, Distinguished Alumni; Coach Tom Austin, Outstanding Faculty/Staff; Wanda Herring '66, Distinguished Alumni; Coach DeeDee Jarman, Outstanding Faculty/Staff; Ed McEnroe '94, Distinguished Alumni; Dr. Peter Murray accepting on behalf of Dr. Dwayne Mack '93, Distinguished Alumni; and President of Methodist University Dr. Ben Hancock

Distinguished Alumni

The Rev. Dr. Mike Safley '72 gave a moving tribute to recipient **Ed McEnroe '94**, who is executive vice president with IGP Sports & Entertainment Group and director of the Honda Classic Tournament on the PGA Tour. The Honda Classic has raised more than \$18 million for children's charities since its inception in 1972, and over \$4 million for charity since it moved three years ago to its present location at PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. McEnroe, who has been with IGP since 2006, said of his Methodist experience, "From the moment I first stepped on campus, I knew Methodist University was a special place. I connected easily to amazing people, both students and staff who were extremely helpful in developing structure in my life, building faith, and developing core values that I've carried with me into my professional and personal lives."

History Professor Dr. Peter Murray accepted on behalf of **Dr. Dwayne Mack '93**, who unfortunately could not attend due to work conflicts. Mack, who was one of Murray's students, spoke on campus in 2006 at Murray's request, giving a talk on the Selma Civil Rights Marches for Spring Convocation. Mack is an associate professor of history and holds the Carter G. Woodson Chair in African American History at Berea College in Kentucky. In 1996, he received his master's degree in American history at North Carolina Central University. He then began teaching American history at Washington State University. Dr. Mack earned his doctorate in 2002 from Washington State in American history and public history with a secondary field of study in Latin American history. He is author of numerous articles published in books, and has three book projects in progress, including "Long Road to Freedom: Berea College's Participation in the Selma to Montgomery March."

Bill Billings '68, fellow alumni author, introduced Distinguished Alumni Award recipient **Wanda Allen Herring '66**. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in English from Methodist, Herring taught in the Cumberland County school system and other area schools. For the past 20 years, she has resided in Florida, where she developed an interest in native plants, started a community gardening club, and wrote a gardening newsletter. Herring also has

experience in business, running her own import company and serving as an officer of a manufacturing company. In 1991, she returned to the field of education as a founder and director of the Adult Literacy Ministry of First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. For over 10 years, she was involved in teacher training, student evaluation and placement, and curriculum development. She co-authored "Hospitality English," a teacher's manual for English as a second language. Herring's fascination with her family's tales of the "good old days" growing up in rural Grays Creek, N.C., in the early 1900's inspired her to write a collection of short stories entitled "Down the Chicken Foot Road." She has since written two other books and is also a managing partner of Sharp and Schuler Press.

Captain Manuel "Manny" Menendez, P.A. '04 is the 2012 recipient of the U.S. Army Surgeon General's Physician Assistant Recognition Award. This high honor is given to one active-duty Army physician assistant each year who has made significant contributions to military medicine. In his nomination, Capt. Menendez's battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Marcus S. Evans, spoke highly of Manny's versatility and skills, often exercised under fire during combat. In 2011, Capt. Menendez deployed twice, each time serving as the lead medical officer for a joint special operations task force with more than 500 soldiers, providing expert medical support to more than 200 missions. He received a Bronze Star Medal and an Army Commendation Medal for his actions.

"His leadership, clinical acumen, knowledge and experience have made him an indispensable asset to the unit whether he is delivering life-saving, point-of-injury care on the battlefield or designing, developing and reviewing protocols and guidelines that can impact medical personnel throughout the army," Lt. Col. Evans said.

Off the battlefield, Capt. Menendez helped redesign the 3rd Ranger Battalion's Combat Trauma Management Course, the new format of which is now the standard followed by all four Army Ranger battalions. He developed the Advanced Ranger First Responder Course, which provides enhanced trauma management skills to the non-medical rangers of the battalion. Menendez, who is originally from Puerto Rico, joined the Army in 1997.

Outstanding Faculty/Staff

Stan Mozingo '87, one of **Head Baseball Coach Tom Austin's** All-American, All-Conference players, introduced Coach Austin and presented him with one of the Outstanding Faculty/Staff Awards. Austin has coached the Monarchs for 33 years and surpassed the 1,000-win mark this season. His teams have won 13 conference titles, made 20 NCAA appearances, and have made six trips to the NCAA World Series. In addition, Austin has coached 28 All-Americans and 128 First Team All-Conference selections. He has been selected as the region coach of the year seven times and conference coach of the year nine times. Austin has represented Methodist University and the Monarchs in a first-class manner for more than 30 years, and his influence on his players is evident in the numerous MU baseball alumni who have gone on to coach at the high school and college levels.

Doris Jackson Munoz '06 introduced her "mentor and inspiration," **Head Women's Basketball Coach DeeDee Jarman**. Coach Jarman, who was also honored with the Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award, has been

with the Lady Monarchs program since 1995. In recent seasons, the Methodist University women's basketball program has reached new heights, and a majority of that success is a credit to Coach Jarman. She is in her 17th season overall at Methodist and in her 13th year as the senior woman administrator for the Methodist athletic department, and in July of 2004, she added associate athletic director to her duties. In her 14 seasons as head coach, Jarman has amassed a 237-166 record, making her the winningest head coach in the history of women's basketball at Methodist. She ranks first all-time in victories at Methodist, and her winning percentage of .588 ranks second amongst any Lady Monarchs head coach. In addition to her coaching skills, Coach Jarman encourages her players to perform community service through a number of different programs, most notably their annual Play4Kay effort. She coordinates Special Olympics on campus and has a heart for service to our community. Since the award ceremony, Jarman has also recently been named senior associate athletic director, in addition to her other duties.

Call for Nominations

FOR THE 2013 METHODIST UNIVERSITY ALUMNI AWARDS

The Methodist University Alumni Association Board of Directors encourages you to nominate alumni, faculty, and staff for the 2013 Alumni Awards. Deadline for submissions is July 1, 2013. The awards will be presented during Homecoming at a special awards ceremony Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013. For more information and to nominate a deserving alumnus/a or faculty or staff member, visit us at Methodist.edu/alumni.

Distinguished Alumni Award:

Given for outstanding career achievement and service of the highest order to community

Outstanding Alumni Service Award:

Given for outstanding service and dedication to the Methodist University Alumni Association

Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award:

Given for excellence in teaching, involvement in the Methodist University community and the local community.

Alumni Soccer Weekend

Both the men's and women's soccer Teams had 7 vs. 7 tournaments the morning of Saturday, April 6. The weekend began with a golf tournament on Friday, dinner and concert Friday evening, soccer games Saturday morning, the Stoneybrook Steeplechase for the afternoon, and ended with dinner in downtown Fayetteville, N.C. Despite a rainy start on Friday, 25 Women's Soccer alumni participated throughout the weekend, and 30 Men's Soccer alumni came out to enjoy all the activities and see friends from college.



Men's Soccer alumni gather before their game

Board of Visitors' Basketball, Cheer & Dance Experience

On Saturday, Feb. 2, approximately 100 young women from the Cumberland County area and their families came to the campus for the seventh annual Board of Visitors' Basketball, Cheer & Dance Experience, hosted by the Methodist University Board of Visitors. Before the game, guests were treated to face-painting, giveaways from Chick-fil-A and Texas Roadhouse, a pop-a-shot game contest, and photos with the MU Lion mascot. Attendees were granted free admission to the Lady Monarchs vs. Mary Baldwin game. During halftime, the Lionettes and young participants performed a dance routine and members of the Board of Visitors tossed t-shirts into the crowd. Following the game, guests received mini basketballs and had the opportunity to get autographs from members of the Cheer, Dance, and Basketball teams. The two grand prize drawings were for a week of basketball camp and a week of cheer camp.

Sponsors for the event were JEB Designs (Nathan Howie); Professional Women of Fayetteville (Lynne Greene & Kitti Jo Finch); First Citizens (Nelson Morris); Wells Fargo (Wyatt Jenkins); Systel (Richard Craven); Bleeker Automotive Group (Travis Hibler); Tile, Inc. (Sean Aul); and Walsingham Group (Ed Petkovich). Board members who volunteered during the event were David Baskett, Dr. Kasmin Davis, Lynne Greene, Wyatt Jenkins, Travis Hibler, Carolyn Justice-Hinson, Nelson Morris, Ed Petkovich, Paige Walker '88 and Dr. Richard Walker. Board of Visitor members who served on the planning committee included: Chair, Nelson Morris; Sean Aul, Ben Chambers, Richard Craven, Dr. Kasmin Davis, Lynne Greene, Travis Hibler, Wyatt Jenkins, and Ed Petkovich.



Women's basketball player Kayla Pless autographs a basketball for a fan



Lionette Brittany McCoy autographs a basketball for Girl Scout fan, Ellie Fuchs

The following schools and groups were represented at the event.

Albritton Middle School
Berean Baptist Academy
Clement Elementary School
Ft. Bragg Middle School
Girl Scout Troop #172
Grays Creek High School
Harnett Central High School
Hermitage High School
Howard Hall Elementary School

Hunt High School
Jack Britt High School
Liberty Christian Academy
Mt. Pleasant High School
Pine Forest Middle School
Southview Middle School
Village Christian Academy
William T. Brown Elementary School

CLASS NOTES

BIRTHS

Louis “Luke” Evola ’73 and wife Karen welcomed their grandson, Matthew Thomas Evola, to the world in 2012. Matthew is now 16 months old.



Cindy Del Rosario Hogge ’97, husband Matthew Hogge and big brother Zachary welcomed Mason Perez Hogge into their family December 13, 2011 at 6:05 a.m.

Erin Yarborough McNair ’08 delivered daughter Nora Ann McNair into the world February 18, 2013. Nora weighed 8lbs., 12oz. and was 21 inches long.



Treniece Burton Watson ’11 and husband Willie Watson had their first child, Elliot Alexander Watson, October 16, 2012. He weighed 10lbs, 12oz. He is now 5 months old. The family resides in Sanford, N.C.

Genevieve Acosta ’12 graduated and delivered healthy twin girls, Bianca Isabelle and Nicolette Juliana, June 14, 2012.

WEDDINGS

Aaron Smith ’07 was married to Christopher Bumgarner at an intimate ceremony held at 4:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in historic downtown Fayetteville, N.C. A reception followed at the Metropolitan Room in Fayetteville. Aaron earned her degree in Accounting at Methodist and works with Griffin, Maxwell & Frazelle, and Christopher graduated from NC State University with a computer science degree.



Brian Goodwin ’10, 11M and Teresa Berens ’12 were married May 26, 2012 in Greensboro, N.C. **The Rev. Dr. Mike Safley ’72** officiated at the ceremony.



The Rev. Canon Jim Blanton ’67 recently returned from Bolivia, where he spent a month evaluating the needs of the churches in the Anglican Diocese of Bolivia. He is also a founding board member of Adelante Bolivia, a non-profit corporation dedicated to providing mission funding for the Diocese of Bolivia. Jim oversees missions for the churches of the Anglican Diocese of the South. The photo is taken near Tarija, Bolivia, near the Peruvian border.



Howard Arden ’70 made a pledge to straighten out the town’s finances when he ran for the office of town supervisor for North Castle, N.Y. Thanks to his work, the town entered 2013 with a surplus of \$800,000. “The surplus did not happen by accident,” said Howard. “As I promised when I ran for this position, I have managed North Castle like a business. We made good progress last year and I am optimistic about 2013. I have a wish list of things I’d like to see happen and the added flexibility gives us the opportunity to look into those.” Howard is the retired president and owner of Arden Business Systems, an office products company.

Angela Vurnakes ’71 was named marketing manager in the customer programs division of PWC Utilities in Fayetteville, N.C. She possesses 25 years of telecommunications and utility-related marketing experience.



J. Lee Warren, Jr. ’75 was installed as the new president of the North Carolina Register of Deeds Association during the organization’s conference October 15, 2012. Warren served as a Cumberland County commissioner from 1992 until May 2003. He was elected the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners three times. In May 2003, Lee was appointed to the office of Cumberland County Register of Deeds. He was elected to the office in 2004 and re-elected in 2008. He is running unopposed in 2012. Lee also served as chair of Methodist University’s successful Loyalty Day campaign for scholarships in February 2013, which has raised more than \$130,000 to benefit worthy students at Methodist.

Congratulations to MU alum **Thomas Pope ’78** for winning the national Catlin Motorsports Excellence in Journalism Award in the category of Daily Writing. This award “has been among the most coveted in motorsports journalism since it began in 1985. Reporters from top media outlets such as *USA Today*, *CBS Sports*, *Sports Illustrated* and *The Washington Post* have all been past winners.” Thomas is the sports editor for the *Fayetteville Observer*. He has designated that the \$1,000 scholarship that accompanies the award go to Methodist University and its students.



Meg Dixon '81 experienced a great deal of success with her first children's book published last fall. *Don't Go Fishing with a Caterpillar* was marketed by Trafford Publishers, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, GoodReads, American Library Association of America and Blue Ink. In January, the

book was presented at the Children Author's Festival in Seattle, Wash.

The Rev. Gil Wise '83's church, Solid Rock United Methodist in Cameron, N.C., was featured in the *Dunn Daily Record* March 7, 2013 on the celebration of the 10th anniversary of its Solid Start daycare program. This unique partnership was the first public school child care center operated by a church in North Carolina. It is the first five-star licensed child care center in the Harnett County and the first nationally licensed child care center in the county. Solid Start has grown to operate in several communities in Harnett County, and celebrated its 10th anniversary with a week of activities.

Terri Hart '85 joined Parks Building Supply in Fayetteville, N.C., as an inside sales coordinator. The Fayetteville native worked in land development for eight years.

Maj. John McRainey '86, chief jailer at the Cumberland County Jail, was named Outstanding Law Enforcement Executive of the Year by The National Alliance on Mental Illness for his support of a crisis intervention training program.

David Culbreth '87 has been promoted to budget analyst team leader with United States Army Europe located in Wiesbaden, Germany. Prior to this, David was the financial management analyst team leader for the United States Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) on Ft Bragg, N.C. David and his wife, **Dedra '88**, look forward to their new assignment and allowing their children, Savannah and Maxwell, to experience life abroad.

Steve Springthorpe '87 was named assistant coach on the Blue Devil women's soccer team at Duke University. Steve brings a total of 23 years of coaching experience at the collegiate level to the Duke staff after serving as head coach of both NC State University and Fresno State University. He graduated from MU in 1987 after playing goalkeeper four seasons for the Monarchs and was a two-time All-South Region selection and a three-time All-Conference selection. Following graduation, Steve played professional soccer for the Greensboro Dynamo for two seasons before beginning his coaching career.

Joseph Frana '89 was appointed principal at Astatula Elementary School in Lake County, Fla. "This is my first job as principal after teaching and coaching for 16 years, and being an assistant principal for seven years," said Joseph. He played basketball at MU and graduated with his degree in Physical Education. He earned a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction and a Specialist's degree in Educational Leadership from National Louis University.



Ericson P. Kimbel '92 was elected as a partner of the law firm of Leech Tishman in Pittsburgh, Pa. Eric practices in Leech Tishman's Construction and Litigation Practice Groups.

Rebecca Morton Jarman '94 was selected for induction into the USA South Athletic Conference's Hall of Fame. Induction ceremonies are May 5 in Greensboro. Rebecca was a member of the Methodist University women's soccer team from 1991 to '94, and is a two-time NCAA Division III All-American. A four-year starter, she led the Monarchs to three conference championships and two NCAA Division III tournament appearances. She was a four-time all-conference choice and the USA South Player of the Year in 1993 and '94. Rebecca ranks second in the Methodist women's soccer career record book with 30 goals and 68 points. She was inducted into the Monarch's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007.



Jodie Young Bailey '96's debut novel, *Freefall*, set at Ft Bragg, N.C., was released in November 2012.



Jonathan Mellette '97 successfully defended his thesis in October 2012 to become the first student at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University to be awarded a Doctor of Ministry degree in Preaching and Worship. Jonathan is an ordained elder in the United Methodist

Church and currently serves as the pastor of Florence United Methodist Church in Florence, Texas. He describes his call to ministry as “centered in worship and focused on preaching.” Jonathan has two children, Matthew and Grace. He lives in Florence with his wife Sheryl; son Matthew; three stepsons, Brennan, Connor and Dylan; and their beloved dogs, Ginger, Chloe and Max.

Triangle Business Journal unveiled its 2013 class of 40 Under 40 Leadership Award winners in March and **Jason Williams '98** of Raleigh, N.C. was among them. The 40 Under 40 awards recognize outstanding professionals under the age of 40 for their contributions to their organizations and to the community. Six judges from *TBJ* and the local business community poured over more than 300 qualified nominations to come up with the final list of 40 winners in the 2013 class. This year's class will be honored at an awards luncheon May 16 at the Durham Convention Center.

Kerry L. Clancy, PA '99, a physician assistant, joined Fayetteville Urgent Care and Family Medicine. He has 13 years of experience as a physician assistant at several medical facilities.

Felix Sarfo-Kantanka '99 took part in a charity basketball game that his firm, McGuireWoods Consulting, helped to sponsor in February 2013. The 2013 Capitol Square Basketball Classic took place at the Verizon Wireless Siegel Center at Virginia Commonwealth University. The event raised more than \$15,000 to benefit the VCU Massey Cancer Center. Featured were Governor Bob McDonnell and his staff versus a team comprised of lobbyists from across Virginia, which included Felix, an assistant vice president in McGuireWoods Consulting's Richmond office.

Congratulations to the following MU alumni for being named The Carolinas PGA Section's Special Awards and Honors Winners:

Brian Stewart '99, TaylorMade-Adidas Assistant Professional of the Year

Jessica Stewart '03, Public Merchandiser of the Year



Kalli Ziegler '01 was awarded the North Carolina Association of Realtors' Ben Ball Community Service Award at the North Carolina Realtors Convention in Savannah, Ga., September 2012. Kalli was nominated by the Fayetteville Area Association of Realtors and was selected for this honor over 80,000 licensed real estate agents due

to her continued community service to Fayetteville and Fort Bragg.



Teri (Almond) Johnson '04 began a new and thriving business called Grasshopper Golf in Charleston, S.C. Grasshopper Golf is now in nine schools in Charleston County and brings golf to children ages 3 through 10. Teri also earned honorable mention among the Top 50 U.S. Kids golf Instructors for 2012. Grasshopper Golf's website is

www.golfgrasshopper.com.

Ashleigh Radford Dipplito '05 is the new area sales manager for the Hilton Garden Inn Raleigh-Cary and the Doubletree by Hilton Raleigh-Cary. The properties are located beside Crossroads Plaza in Cary, N.C. Ashleigh, her husband, and her two boys have moved to the Raleigh area from Fayetteville, N.C.

The following alumni were named in the *Fayetteville Observer's* **40 Under 40** list of up-and-coming young professionals:

Jasmine Coleman '05, coordinator of the GoArmyEd program at Fayetteville Technical Community College

Doris Jackson Munoz '06, director of student activities at Methodist University

Cory Schneider '06, PGA teaching professional at The Point Golf Club in Powells Point, N.C. overcame two days of blustering winds to capture the 2013 Carolinas PGA Head Professional Championship *Supported by Sun Mountain* on Berkeley Hall Club's North Course in Bluffton, S.C. All Class 'A' Members of the Carolinas PGA Section (excluding PGA Tour Members and Assistant Professionals), Life Members and Master Professionals were eligible to compete in the CPGA Head Professional Championship.

Anastasiya Zavyalova '06 earned her Ph.D. in Business at the University of Maryland and now lives in Houston, Texas. She accepted a position as assistant professor at the Rice University School of Business last fall. “It has definitely been an exciting journey to go from Kazakhstan to MU to Maryland and now to Rice University,” said Anastasiya.

Richard Gutierrez '07 was appointed to the board of Progressive Insurance Military Employee Resource Group. He will serve as the communications coordinator for the group.

Matt Bova '09, a PGA assistant professional at Haig Point Club on Hilton Head Island, S.C., earned a qualifying spot in the RBC Heritage Tournament, which will be held in April 2013 on Hilton Head Island.

Andrew Madsen '09 was recently promoted to head professional at Hidden Creek Golf Club in Egg Harbor Township, N.J. Hidden Creek is ranked the 13th best private golf club in the U.S. by *Golf Digest*.



Hasten Wall '09 was profiled in the Elkin, N.C. *Tribune* "Tribute" for his work as general manager of Elkin Funeral Home. "It's a calling; it's not for everyone," Hasten said. "You have to love it. It's not just a job that you can come in and do every day." Wall started working at the

funeral home when he was 17 through the Elkin High School internship program. He studied financial economics at Methodist, and continued his education at Fayetteville Tech for funeral service. In his work, Hasten meets with families and helps them plan and organize funerals. "It's an honor to help a bereaved family when a loved one passes away," he said. He is also active in his community. Wall is a member of the Elkin Masonic Lodge, a treasurer for the Upper Yadkin Valley Habitat for Humanity, and a deacon at Elkin First Baptist.

Liam Friedman '11 was selected to appear on Golf Channel's "The Big Break." The series was filmed last summer at Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., and aired in September 2012 on the Golf Channel. Friedman played three seasons on the Methodist golf team and was a member of the 2010 NCAA Division III championship team. He is an assistant professional at Orchard Park Country Club in Buffalo, N.Y.



Vanessa Latham '11 recently accepted a position as a sales consultant at Scott Honda in West Chester, Pa.

Kristie Meave '11M was named senior vice president of marketing for Coldwell Banker Advantage and H&H Homes in Fayetteville, N.C. She will focus on corporate identity marketing and communications, and assist in an agent training initiative. She has more than 14 years of experience in marketing and communications.

Jason Trudell '11 has finished U.S. Army flight school training and has been promoted to 2LT. He is stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Kyle Beach '12 was hired as assistant food and beverage manager at Highland Country Club in Fayetteville, N.C. Kyle was interviewed and hired by Mr. Oz Hamzah, CCM, who teaches in the Methodist University M.B.A. program. Over the summer, Kyle interned at Carmel Country Club in Charlotte, N.C. as assistant food and beverage manager.

IN MEMORIAM

Lil Lloyd was a dear classmate and friend back in the 1980s when we both enjoyed activities and productions of the Methodist College Theater Department. We had so much fun and shared so much laughter as we assisted on the theater productions. Lil was always quick to listen and respond to any need there might have been whether it was personal or professional. As a Theater Club Member, Lil was a true Masque Key. I always thought of Lil Lloyd as a lady of honor and sincerity and I will always remember her beautiful smile. She will be dearly missed.

—Nona Fisher '88

Remembering...

THE REV. DR. EARL D. MARTIN



The Rev. Dr. Earl D. Martin, former sociology professor and chair of the Department of Sociology, died Feb. 22, at the age of 86. Earl taught at Methodist from 1968 to 1980 and was the founder of the social work internship at Methodist.

A native of Lynchburg, Va., Martin graduated from E.C. Glass High School, Lynchburg College, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Northwestern University, and Walden University. In 2004, he published his M. A. thesis, “Mary McLeod Bethune: Matriarch of Black America.” He also taught high school at Altavista High, Campbell County High, and Gretna High.

He was a retired elder in the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, having served pastorates in Illinois, Virginia, and North Carolina. Since retirement, he served as interim pastor of several churches in the Lynchburg area and was instrumental in starting the Lynchburg/Central Walk to Emmaus.

Dr. Martin is survived by his wife of 58 years, Margaret A. Martin ’71; a daughter, Kathy M. Crone and husband Don Crone; two sons, E. Scott Martin and John A. Martin; a granddaughter, Kelly M. Crone; a number of other relatives, and many friends.

MS. LOIS JANET LAMBIE



Hail to thee, our Alma Mater!
Raise we now our hearts to thee.
Singing forth our highest praises,
Pledging our deep loyalty.
Green shall grow thy fields of learning;
Gold shall glow thy torch of truth.
METHODIST UNIVERSITY, God go with thee
Now and through eternity.

Composer of Methodist University's alma mater, Lois Janet Lambie, a longtime area school teacher and choir director, died Feb. 10, 2013, at the age of 91. In 1967, Lambie's entry was chosen by the student body over other submissions. At the time, she was described as "a friend of the college and a teacher of Latin and director of the glee club and chorus at Seventy-First High School in Fayetteville" in the Methodist newsletter.

A member of the first class of the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Music Hall of Fame, Lambie earned her bachelor's degree from Wooster College and her master's degree from the University of Rochester. She came to North Carolina in 1943 to accept a position at Flora Macdonald College and, except for time in Pennsylvania to care for her mother, maintained her home in North Carolina thereafter.

Lambie joined the faculty of Seventy-First School in 1950, teaching music in the elementary grades and directing choral groups at the high school level. In school year 1959-1960, she received a leave of absence and served as president of the N.C. Classroom Teachers Association. Starting in 1960, she taught exclusively in the high school as she began teaching Latin and continued to direct the high school choral groups.

As well as Methodist University's alma mater, Lambie composed the alma maters for Seventy-First High School and several middle schools. She also composed several anthems which were performed by the choir at MacPherson Presbyterian Church, where she was a member and formerly served as choir director. Prior to her service at MacPherson, she played the organ and directed the choir at Village Presbyterian Church.

Miss Lambie is survived by her niece, Jean Lange and her husband, Leonard; nephews, Joe and John Lambie; and several grandnieces and grandnephews and their children.

To hear the alma mater performed by the MU Chorale, scan this QR code with your smartphone or visit methodist.edu/admissions/02MUAAlmaMater.mp3.



MU on the MOVE!

Thank you to all the members of the Monarch community who joined us at these recent *MU on the Move!* events. Check the schedule in the following pages to see when the next event is in your area.



You can also visit methodist.edu/alumni or the Methodist University Alumni page on Facebook for the most up-to-date information (facebook.com/MethodistUniversityAlumni).



Sept. 18, 2012: In Durham, *MU on the Move!* drew a group of alumni, retired faculty, MU Trustees, faculty, and staff. The Rev. Dr. F. Belton Joyner, former Trustee, and The Rev. Dr. Garland Knot, Faculty Emeritus were in attendance. Dr. Knott's former students were thrilled to see him.



Oct. 24, 2012: *MU on the Move!* went bowling in Charlotte, N.C. at Ten Park Lanes, owned by alumnus Patric Zimmer '89



Nov. 26, 2012: *MU on the Move!* and the MU Chorale celebrated the season with a reception in Reeves Auditorium on campus followed by an All Choirs Concert. Dr. Hancock introduced SGA President Will Patton to say a few words about the MU Journey and his experiences as a student.



Dec. 10, 2012: *MU on the Move!* traveled to New York, N.Y. to mid-town and met with several of our Big Apple alumni



Jan. 24, 2013: *MU on the Move!* visited the PGA Show at the Orlando Convention Center, where many PGA alumni can be found looking at new products and networking. Over 80 PGA alumni attended a meet and greet reception to see each other and hear from Dr. Hancock, Jerry Hogge, and others.

Feb. 26, 2013: *MU on the Move!* returned to Richmond, Va. on a rainy night to visit with many stalwart alumni who braved the elements, and some who drove long distances, to meet Dr. Hancock and hear a University update



March 7, 2013: *MU on the Move!* returned to Charlotte to support the Charlotte MU Alumni Steering Committee's first event of the year at The Music Factory. Two more events are scheduled this year, for April 27 at the Queen's Cup Steeplechase and Sept. 28 for Barbecue at Bob's (Bob Dunn '70) place on the lake.



Spring Break Chorale Tour with *MU on the Move!* Wilmington, N.C. March 8: Faculty Emeritus and former Choral Director Alan Porter conducts the Alma Mater; Elaine Porter and Alan Porter, both Faculty Emeritii, and Dr. and Mrs. Hancock at the reception following the concert.



UPCOMING *MU ON THE MOVE!* EVENTS

Come out to network with alumni, parents, and friends of Methodist University and learn about exciting new developments at the University! President Hancock and other Methodist faculty and staff will introduce you to the new Campus Master Plan, the new MU Journey designed to enhance student success, and ways you can plug in and engage in the emerging Monarch Network!

April 27, 2013 **Charlotte, N.C., Queen's Cup Steeplechase**
Join the Charlotte MU Alumni Chapter and Methodist University President Hancock at the MU Tent on the rail at Heartbreak Hill for an exciting day at the races!

June 15, 2013 **Hampton Roads, Va.**
Frogland Jam! at Ed "Tuna" Keil's '70

Sept. 28, 2013 **Charlotte, N.C.**
Barbecue at Bob's Place (Bob Dunn '70) on the lake

Jan. 22, 2014 **Orlando, Fla., Orlando Convention Center**
Meet and Greet Reception during the PGA Show, 4-6 p.m.

You'll also see *MU on the Move!* in the following cities in 2013-2014:

Fayetteville, N.C.
Winston-Salem/Greensboro, N.C.
Raleigh, N.C.
Pinehurst/Southern Pines, N.C.
Charlotte, N.C.
Boston, N.C.
Washington, D.C.
Richmond, Va.
New York, N.Y.

For more information about *MU on the Move!* events and to register online, please visit methodist.edu/alumni.



Surfside, S.C.: The Chorale shows a lighter side during their Saturday, March 9 performance at Surfside UMC in Surfside, S.C. Alumni joined students and church and community members for a reception prior to the concert.



Charleston, S.C.: An afternoon performance on the campus of the College of Charleston March 10 was followed by a reception at the nearby Francis Marion Hotel

Summer Camps

With more than 25 different Methodist University-sponsored summer camps available this year, there are plenty of options for children of all ages in a variety of subjects.

The newest camp offering is CSI-MU, the forensic science camp being offered for budding crime scene investigators, or kids who just want to learn about things like fingerprints, DNA, and other evidence gathering and analysis techniques. The Science Technology Education Mathematics (STEM) Camp also returns for a second year, along with the long-running Summer Jam (formerly Musicamp) and the many popular athletic camps.

Athletics

For more specific information on the athletic camps, visit mumonarchs.com and click on the button that says “MU Sports Camps,” or contact Nicole Lorencen with Methodist University Athletics at 910.630.7175 or nlorencen@methodist.edu.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Day Camp I | June 24–28
Overnight | July 11–14
Day Camp II | August 5–9

MEN’S SOCCER

Spring Break | April 1–4
Day Camp I | June 24–28
Day Camp II | August 5–9
Overnight | July 12–24

BOY’S BASKETBALL

Day Camp I | June 17–21
Day Camp II | July 15–19

GIRL’S BASKETBALL

June 24–28

FOOTBALL

July 7–11

CHEERLEADING

July 15–19

SOFTBALL

June 17–21

CO-ED GOLF

Jr. Golf Camp
June 17–21
9 a.m. – 12 p.m., ages 5 – 17
Advanced Golf Camp
June 24–27

*High school graduates
prior to college enrollment*

VOLLEYBALL

Beginners Volleyball Camp
July 22–23, *9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*
Advanced Volleyball Camp
July 25–26, *9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*
Setters Camp
July 29, *9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*
Hitters Camp
July 30, *9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

BASEBALL

Little Sluggers
June 17–19, *Ages 5 – 8*
Hitting Camp I
June 20–21, *Ages 7 – 18*
Hitting Camp II
June 27–28, *Ages 7 – 18*
Monarch Baseball Camp
June 24–26, *Ages 9 – 14*

STEM Camp

Science Technology Education Mathematics Camp is a day camp for students in grades 6, 7, and 8 and will run from June 17–21 in Keith Allison Hall. Students will be dropped off at 8:45 a.m. and picked up at 12:45 p.m. The registration deadline was April 30. For information about next year’s camp, contact Trenessa Gambrill at 910.630.7057 or email tgambrill@methodist.edu.

Crime Scene Investigation and Applied Forensics Camp

The CSI-MU camp is a day camp for students in grades 6, 7, and 8 and will run from June 17–21 in the Applied Forensic Lab in Hendricks Science.

Students will be exposed to crime scene processing principles in age-appropriate, fun, and exciting hands-on exercises. Activities will include searching for, processing, and analyzing evidence, and other parts of forensic science.

Students will be dropped off at 8:45 a.m. and picked up at noon. The registration deadline is May 15. For more information, contact Dave Pauly at 910.630.7420 or dpaul@methodist.edu.

Summer Jam

The residential music camp includes staying in the residence halls from check in on Monday, July 8 until Saturday afternoon on July 13. The residential camp is for students ages 11–18, with a special “Mini Jam” day camp for children ages 9 and 10. The deadlines to enroll are June 15 for the residential camp, and July 2 for Mini Jam. For more information, contact Deanne Renshaw at 910.630.7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu.



Scan the code for athletic camp dates, age groups, and details! To register, contact Nicole Lorencen, Methodist University Athletics Office Phone: 910.630.7175 | Email: nlorencen@methodist.edu

Upcoming Events AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY



- MAY 11** Spring Commencement
10 a.m. – Baccalaureate
2 p.m. – Graduation
- MAY 13** MBA Open House, 6 p.m.,
Yarborough Auditorium
- MAY 20** Summer Day Term I and
Evening Term IV begin
- MAY 23 - 25** Tarheel Quilters Guild | Riddle Center
- JUNE 1** USO of North Carolina Fifth Annual
Run for the Troops 5K | 8:00 a.m.
- JUNE 13** Annual Conference Dinner TBA
- JUNE 17** Summer Day Term II begins
- JULY 15** Summer Day Term III begins
- AUG. 19** Fall classes start

Thank you for participating in the phonathon!

More than 330 alumni participated in the last phonathon, helping Methodist University raise more than \$23,000 for student scholarships. Some of the students who participated in the phonathon are: standing left to right: Domonique Hollins, Jasmine Campbell, Alexis Amaker, Veli Ndzimandze, Billy Beddow, Kevin Collins, sitting left to right: Ariel Mitchell, Jeannie Snider, Dee Johnson, Andrew Davis, kneeling left to right: Maiya Vieux, and Aleshia Smith.





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Annual Conference Dinner TBA

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