

May 1995 Press Releases  
Monthly Report

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## METHODIST COLLEGE AWARDED DEGREES TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS MAY 7, 1995

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

#### Cape Fear Region

Fayetteville: Camisha Marie Bell, sociology; Delana Dale Epps, sociology; Sherrie Lee James, religion and writing; James Kenneth Mahan, Jr., communications/mass media; Victor Jose Roman-Ortiz, Spanish; Vicki Lynn Ronsick, mathematics, magna cum laude; Brian Gerard Scott, political science, summa cum laude; Karen M. Wrancher, political science, magna cum laude.

Fort Bragg: Robert James Cook, political science, cum laude; Alison Kristine Thetford, history, summa cum laude.

Spring Lake: Pamela G. Thibodeau, English, cum laude.

#### Other Areas of the State

Durham: Brendan A. Elwell, communications/mass media. Greenville: Benjamin Edward Wells, religion with a concentration in Biblical studies, magna cum laude.

Havelock: Jan Nicholson Hill, religion and psychology, cum laude. Oxford: Medina Nigel Jones, English.

#### Other States

Fernandina Beach, Fla.: Anne Lorraine Rawls, fine arts management with a concentration in music. Bennettsville, S.C.: Amiri Bernarb Hooker, religion.

#### Other Countries

Greece: Efharis Caroline Kelessidou, criminal justice.

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

#### Cape Fear Region

Fayetteville: Michelle Marie Anderson, business administration, magna cum laude; Paolo M. Barlettai, history and political science, summa cum laude; David Jack Beck, business administration; Jamie Lynn Blankenship, sociology; Gloria Isabel Boisvert, biology with a cellular and microbiology concentration; Julie Louise Caples, political science, cum laude; Sherri Lee Carl, computer science, magna cum laude; Mary Tilley Choi, business administration, summa cum laude; Paul M. Crenshaw, criminal justice, summa cum laude; David Edward Curro, business administration, cum laude; Spiredula Julie Dais, elementary education; Chiquetta Yvette Harris Davis, accounting; Donovan Mitchell Deaver, Jr., political science; Patricia Mizen Dennis, biology with a zoology concentration; Donald William East, Jr., business administration with a concentration in professional golf management; Barbara Joan Frye, political science and sociology; Elizabeth Gerhard, sociology; Christy S. Grady, biology with a cellular and microbiology concentration, summa cum laude; Michael Graham, elementary education; John Reid Green, Jr., political science, cum laude; Susan Elli Hopermann-Paris, biology; Thomas R. Kirby II, business administration, cum laude; Kimberly Elise Lovely, physical education; Dana Monique Mack, biology; Susan Renee McGehee, criminal justice, cum laude; Elizabeth D. Mena, sociology; Bethany Kauffman Raub, sociology; Deborah E. Santos, sociology, summa cum laude; Pamela Jean Strickland, accounting, cum laude;

William Kenneth Tyson, business administration, cum laude; Robert K. Vierkant, business administration, summa cum laude; Elizabeth Anne Weaver, sociology; Jonathan Dean White, criminal justice; Tina Mascia Winesette, special education studies; Phillip Eric Wolford, Sr., history and political science.

Fort Bragg: Gayle Marie Harrigfield, history, cum laude; Susanne Carmen Keil, business administration, magna cum laude; Diana Desir e Nix, sociology and psychology; Jaymie M. Spohn, biology; Joan Marie Workman, accounting, magna cum laude.

Autryville: Sheila Rose Sessoms, accounting.

Broadway: Allen R. Lasater, physical education with a concentration in professional sports management.

Clinton: Richard Anthony Walters, Jr., business administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

Dunn: Leigh Ann Hinson, physical education.

Hope Mills: George Lacy Ansley, accounting and business administration; James E. Jones, sociology.

Lillington: Rhonda Holder Kinton, business administration; Elizabeth Beck Dickerson Morris, criminal justice/legal studies.

Linden: Robert Eric Corzette, physical education.

Lumber Bridge: Cynthia M. Champagne, elementary education, cum laude.

Sanford: Seth Thomas Cox II, business administration; Kandice Leigh Pedley, business administration.

Spring Lake: Marilyn A. Arneson, business administration, magna cum laude; Mary Elizabeth Goins, sociology.

St. Pauls: Stephen L. Cooksey, physical education.

Salemburg: Andrea Gail Hairr, special education.

Stedman: Pamela Owens Williams, business administration.

Vass: Charlotte Broyles Wholters, educational studies, cum laude.

#### **Other Areas of the State**

Apex: Britt Poling Morton, physical education. Four Oaks: Dana S. Parker, elementary education, summa cum laude. Harrells: Linda Johnson Hood, business administration, cum laude. Harrisburg: Edwin E. Heidtke, business administration, magna cum laude. Jacksonville: Karen Sue Murphy, biology with a zoology concentration. Lexington: Maria Christina Barber, special education. Norwood: Stephen Marshall Howell, business administration; Snow Hill: Bryan Harrell Harris, communications/mass media.

#### **Other States**

Fort Payne, Ala.: Aaron Michael Burt, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. San Luis Obispo, Calif.: Robert Sean Rheinhardt, criminal justice. Wethersfield, Conn.: Jonathan Charles Nelson, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Fort Meade, Fla.: Tammy Ailene McBride, biology with a cellular and microbiology concentration, summa cum laude. Lakeland, Fla.: Wayne H. Redman, business administration with a concentration in professional tennis management. New Port Richey, Fla.: Cara R. Vandenberghe, biology with a cellular and microbiology concentration, cum laude. Anderson, Ind.: Benjamin Jon Van Ness, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Moville, Iowa: John Lanham, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Marion, Ky.: Neil Gordon Guess II, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management.



Augusta, Maine: James J. Nickerson, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management; David J. Sibley, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Frederick, Md.: Richard Glenn Parker, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Millersville, Md.: Ellen Lynn Westcoat, sociology, cum laude. Watertown, Mass.: Richard Charles Mancuso, Jr., business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Wiggins, Miss.: Michael James Ballard, criminal justice, cum laude. Helena, Mont.: Shawn Michael Cucciardi, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Fremont, Neb.: Jon A Vodehnal, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Paulsboro, N.J.: Michael John Hoffman, business administration. Toms River, N.J.: John Joseph Germano, physical education. Washington Township, N.J.: Michael R. Buccerone, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Cicero, N.Y.: Carmen Serbio III, business administration. Haines Falls, N.Y.: Jason Arthur Hommel, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Port Jefferson Station, N.Y.: Eric T. Peterson, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Webster, N.Y.: Scott David Ellender, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Wellington, Ohio: Ryan Matthew Farago, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Central City, Pa.: David Wesley Leach II, computer science. Harleysville, Pa.: Cassandra Beth Paugh, business administration with a concentration in health care administration. Huntingdon, Pa.: Dayna J. Collins, accounting, magna cum laude. Newport, R.I.: Austin Chase Gurney, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. North Charleston, S.C.: Margaret Anne Berry, mass communications. Howe, Tex.: William Bradley Hamilton, physical education with a concentration in sports management. Colonial Heights, Va.: Charles Ryan Jenkins, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Roanoke, Va.: Andrew Theil Shuck, business administration with a concentration in professional golf management. Rutland, Vt.: Joseph Patrick McKearin, business administration.

#### **Other Countries**

Korea: Bok-Soon Cho, business administration. Saudi Arabia: Ilham Ahmad Totonji, elementary education, summa cum laude. Taiwan: John Si-Chiang Yang, accounting and business administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

#### **BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

Fayetteville: Willie James Joseph; Thomas De-Haven Merritt; Laina Michelle Smith, cum laude.

#### **BACHELOR OF MUSIC**

Fayetteville: Louis Earl Seymour II, music education and vocal performance; Kimberly Ruth Weaver, music education.

#### **BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE**

Fayetteville: Marta A. García-Prieto Male, associate degree concentration in paralegal technology.

#### **ASSOCIATE OF ARTS**

##### **Cape Fear Region**

Fayetteville: Camisha Marie Bell, psychology; Charles F. Esswein, Jr., general studies; Teddy William Jernigan, health science; Jane Elizabeth Mocabee, accounting;



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Barry Keith Stitely, general studies.

Fort Bragg: Christopher Carson, Spanish; Teresa Christine Costner, Chinese.

Dunn: Johnny Vargas, Jr., political science.

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**Honors**

Summa Cum Laude—3.90

Magna Cum Laude—3.70

Cum Laude—3.40

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Director of Public Relations

**BRENDAN A. ELWELL GRADUATES FROM METHODIST COLLEGE WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Brendan A. Elwell of Durham graduated from Methodist College May 7th with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications/Mass Media.

Methodist College is a four-year college of liberal arts and sciences with a current enrollment of 1,700 students.

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**HILL GRADUATES FROM METHODIST COLLEGE WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS  
DEGREE IN RELIGION AND PSYCHOLOGY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Jan Nicholson Hill, of Havelock, graduated cum laude from Methodist College May 7th with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Psychology.

Methodist is a four-year college of liberal arts and sciences with a current enrollment of approximately 1,700.



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**JONES GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN ENGLISH**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Medina Nigel Jones, of Oxford, graduated from Methodist College May 7th with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

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**RAWLS GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN FINE ARTS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Anne Lorraine Rawls, of Fernandina Beach, graduated May 7 from Methodist College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Arts Management with a concentration in music.

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**AMIRI BERNARB HOOKER GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN RELIGION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Amiri Bernarb Hooker, of Bennettsville, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion.

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**AMIRI BERNARB HOOKER GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN RELIGION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Amiri Bernarb Hooker, of Bennettsville, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion.

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**SESSOMS GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Shelia Rose Sessoms, of Autryville, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting.

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**COOKSEY GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Stephen L. Cooksey, of St. Pauls, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education.

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**WHOLTERS GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Charlotte Broyles Wholters, of Vass, graduated cum laude from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in educational studies.

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**MORTON GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Britt Poling Morton, of Apex, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education.

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**PARKER GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Dana S. Parker, of Four Oaks, graduated summa cum laude from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

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**MURPHY GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BIOLOGY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Karen Sue Murphy, of Jacksonville, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a zoology concentration.

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**BARBER GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN SPECIAL  
EDUCATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Maria Christina Barber, of Lexington, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education.

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**HOWELL GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Stephen Marshall Howell, of Norwood, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

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**HARRIS GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN COMMUNICATIONS/MASS MEDIA**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Bryan Harrell Harris, of Snow Hill, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications/Mass Media.

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**BURT GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Aaron Michael Burt, of Fort Payne, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**RHEINHARDT GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Robert Sean Rheinhardt, of San Luis Obispo, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

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**NELSON GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Jonathan Charles Nelson, of Wethersfield, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**MCBRIDE GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BIOLOGY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Tammy Ailene McBride, of Fort Meade, graduated summa cum laude from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a cellular and microbiology concentration.

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**REDMAN GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Wayne H. Redman, of Lakeland, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional tennis management.

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**VANDENBERGHE GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BIOLOGY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Cara R. Vandenberghe, of New Port Richey, graduated cum laude from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a cellular and microbiology concentration.

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**VANNESS GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Benjamin Jon VanNess, of Anderson, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**LANHAM GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—John Lanham, of Merville, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**GUESS GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
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**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Neil Gordon Guess II, of Marion, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**NICKERSON GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—James J. Nickerson, of Augusta, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**SIBLEY GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
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**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—David J. Sibley, of Augusta, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**PARKER GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
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**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Richard Glenn Parker, of Frederick, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**WESTCOAT GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Ellen Lynn Westcoat, of Millersville, graduated cum laude from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology.

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**MANCUSO GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Richard Charles Mancuso, Jr., of Watertown, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**BALLARD GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Michael James Ballard, of Wiggins, graduated cum laude from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

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**CUCCIARDI GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
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**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Shawn Michael Cucciardi, of Helena, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**VODEHNAL GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Jon A. Vodehnal, of Fremont, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**HOFFMAN GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Michael John Hoffman, of Paulsboro, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He is the son of Harry and Barbara Hoffman.

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**GERMANO GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN PHYSICAL  
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**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—John Joseph Germano, of Toms River, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education.

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**BUC CERONE GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
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**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Michael R. Buccerone, of Washington Township, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**SERBIO GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
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**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Carmen Serbio III, of Cicero, N.Y., graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

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**HOMMEL GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
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**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Jason Arthur Hommel, of Haines Falls, N.Y., graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**PETERSON GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Eric T. Peterson, of Port Jefferson Station, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**ELLENDER GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Scott David Ellender, of Webster, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**FARAGO GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
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**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Ryan Matthew Farago, of Wellington, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**LEACH GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN COMPUTER  
SCIENCE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—David Wesley Leach II, of Central City, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

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**PAUGH GRADUATES WITH BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Cassandra Beth Paugh, of Harleysville, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in health care administration.

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**GURNEY GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Austin Chase Gurney, of Newport, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**BERRY GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN MASS  
COMMUNICATIONS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Margaret Anne Berry graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications. She is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Evans of North Charleston.

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**HAMILTON GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—William Bradley Hamilton, of Howe, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education with a concentration in sports management. Brad is the son of Mrs. Judi Gentry.

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**JENKINS GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Charles Ryan Jenkins, of Colonial Heights, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**SHUCK GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Andrew Theil Shuck, of Roanoke, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in professional golf management.

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**MCKEARIN GRADUATES WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Joseph Patrick McKearin, of Rutland, graduated from Methodist College May 7 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

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**METHODIST COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SUMMER YOUTH THEATRE PROGRAMS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Methodist College Theatre Department will offer two youth theatre programs this summer, one for teenagers and one for younger children.

The Teenage Theatre Program for 13-18 year-olds will be held June 12-July 7. The Children's Theatre Program for 8-12 year-olds is slated for July 17-August 4. Enrollment in both programs is limited to 20 students.

Matt Bullock and Phoebe Hall will serve as instructors. Matt Bullock is an award-winning director, actor, and playwright who attended the Julliard School. Phoebe Hall is a speech and theatre instructor at Methodist with 14 years experience as a professional actress/teacher.

The teenage classes will last four weeks and culminate with a full-scale dramatic production; the cost is \$150. The children's classes will last three weeks and culminate with a special show for parents; the cost is \$55.

For an application or additional information on either program, please contact Matt Bullock at 486-8322.

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May 8, 1995

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## **METHODIST COLLEGE GRADUATES 135 AT 32ND SPRING COMMENCEMENT**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Speaking at Methodist College's 32nd spring commencement May 7, professor emeritus Bruce Pulliam urged the Class of 1995 to cherish the religious values learned in the past and to face future challenges with zeal and selflessness.

In an address entitled "The Two Faces of Janus—Looking Toward the Past and the Future," Mr. Pulliam reflected on the aims of Methodist College—pursuit of truth, equality of opportunity, community, and spiritual growth.

He also challenged the graduates to "merge mind and will" in order to address future challenges. The five challenges he enumerated were: continuing the process of learning, becoming more involved in the political process, finding new ways to excite the tasks of reasoning and of developing moral sensibilities, helping to solve global problems (overpopulation, war, environmental degradation), and distributing wealth in ways that will combat hunger and illiteracy.

During the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning, Rev. Bill Lowdermilk, Methodist's vice president for church and community relations, compared life to climbing a series of ladders. He advised the graduates to resist the trivial pursuit of material wealth, personal recognition, and social status. He said those who truly love God will nurture their faith and willingly serve others; moreover, they will be able to climb any ladder and master any of life's transitions.

Methodist College awarded 136 degrees to 135 persons at the school's 32nd spring commencement. Thirty-nine students graduated with honors.

Dr. Elton Hendricks, college president, presented an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree to Peggy Kirk Bell of Southern Pines, and Methodist College Medallions to Bruce Pulliam of Fayetteville and Dr. Mary Emily Miller of Frederica, Del.

Tammy Murphy, a December 1994 graduate, received the L. Stacy Weaver Award, denoting her selection by the faculty as the senior who best exemplified academic excellence, spiritual development, leadership, and service.

Two graduates—Efharis Caroline Kelessidou of Greece and John Si-Chiang Yang of Taiwan—presented the college with flags of their native countries.

Eight Army ROTC graduates took the Oath of Allegiance and were commissioned second lieutenants. Paolo M. Barlettai, Robert James Cook, Julie Louise Caples, Sherri Lee Carl, Michael John Hoffman, Stephen Marshall Howell, Robert Sean Rheinhardt, and Phillip Eric Wolford, Sr.

(A complete list of May graduates is enclosed.)

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**METHODIST COLLEGE GIVES HONORARY DEGREE TO PEGGY KIRK BELL**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist College awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree May 7 to Mrs. Peggy Kirk Bell of Southern Pines.

The owner of Pine Needles Resort was cited for her achievements as a professional golfer, instructor, and businesswoman, and for her generous support of charitable causes.

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**METHODIST COLLEGE AWARDS MEDALLION TO DR. MARY EMILY MILLER**

**FAYETTEVILLE NC**—Methodist College honored Dr. Mary Emily Miller of Frederica, Delaware May 7 by awarding her a Methodist College Medallion.

A retired history professor, she taught at Salem State College, Park College, and Methodist College. She was cited for her work as a health insurance counselor to Delaware's Medicare recipients, as an advisor to historical commissions and maritime museums, and as a teacher, biographer, and book reviewer.

Dr. Miller was dean of women and assistant professor of history at Methodist College from 1962-64. The Methodist College Medallion honors persons for outstanding professional and civic achievements.

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### **KERRY OLIASTRO NAMED MISS METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Kerry Elizabeth Oliastro, a senior elementary education major from Ellwood City, Pa., assumed the title Miss Methodist College in September 1994. She succeeded Tiffany Allen of Fayetteville.

Kerry has been named to the President's List and the Dean's List at Methodist, has served as a resident adviser, and has played on the Methodist College softball team.

*Bonnie Davis  
The Courier-Times  
Roxboro, NC*

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May 9, 1995

Bill Billings  
Director of Public Relations

### **METHODIST COLLEGE AWARDS MEDALLION TO BRUCE PULLIAM**

**FAYETTEVILLE NC**—Methodist College honored Roxboro native Bruce Pulliam May 7 by awarding him a college medallion.

Mr. Pulliam taught history and political science at Methodist from 1962-88. The Methodist College Medallion is awarded for outstanding professional and civic achievements.

Bruce Pulliam was cited for his service on the boards of Fayetteville Technical Community College and Fayetteville State University, his work for the Republican Party, his strong support of the arts, his work with the Fayetteville Human Relations Commission, and his service to Methodist College.

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May 16, 1995

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## METHODIST COLLEGE PAYS TRIBUTE TO BILL LOWDERMILK

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist College honored Bill Lowdermilk May 13 with a retirement dinner, tributes by colleagues and friends, and the presentation of two special gifts.

Over 400 persons gathered to say thanks to "Uncle Bill" for 32 years of devoted service to Methodist College. Rev. Lowdermilk will be retiring at the end of June as Methodist's vice president for church and community relations.

Dinner in the Berns Student Center was followed by a program in Reeves Auditorium emceed by Rev. Mike Safley, vice president for student life. The first speaker to pay tribute to the honoree was Charles K. McAdams, Methodist's first director of public relations and the man who hired Bill Lowdermilk in 1963. He was followed by Betty Neill Parsons, Class of '64; Rev. Ray Gooch, Class of '72; the original Monarch Quartet (Richard Butler '88, Steve Creech '89, Everett McDonald '89, and Byron Pritchard '90); Dr. Richard Pearce, president of Methodist College from 1973-83; Rev. Tommy Smith, Fayetteville District superintendent of the United Methodist Church; and Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of Methodist College.

Dr. Hendricks presented Rev. Lowdermilk with a mantel clock, engraved with a note of thanks, and announced that the college had named the main street on campus "Lowdermilk Drive."

Dr. Lowdermilk responded by thanking those who had inspired and helped him over the years: Rev. Joe Bostic, Charles McAdams, Methodist College staff and students. "I've had the best possible life here," he said. "It has been *fun*, but it's time for a change."

He expressed hope that the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and the Fayetteville community would continue to support the college with pride and enthusiasm. He closed by saying: "In the words of the 'Alma Mater', 'Methodist College, God go with thee, now and through eternity'—in service to the students entrusted to her and the church and community who birthed and nurtured her."

The program concluded with the audience singing "Hymn of Promise," a hymn selected by Bill Lowdermilk, and the "Methodist College Alma Mater."

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## **METHODIST COLLEGE LAITY FRIENDS HOLD INAUGURAL MEETING**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Methodist College Laity Friends Association held its inaugural meeting April 29, with 20 members and three college trustees in attendance.

College officials spoke to the group about college admissions, the upcoming capital campaign, and the church relations program. Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, college president, highlighted new and innovative developments at Methodist College. After the meeting the visitors toured the campus and had lunch in the Alumni Dining Room.

The Laity Friends Association will meet twice a year to learn more about the college and to help implement local church programs.

Association members who attended were: Don and Ophelia Taylor, Thomas and Jan Walden, Lynn and Norma Aaron, Robert and Kathryn Self, Elizabeth Hall, "Legs" Johnson, Mabel Cummings, Ruth Cade, Albert Stanley, Thomas and Peggy Spencer, John and Dot Tracy, Helen McDonald, Ann Faust, Bill and Katie Bryant.

College trustees who attended were: Jane Johnson, Robby Lowry, and Ted Carter.

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## **ABEL ROSA NAMED CHEERLEADING COACH**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Abel Rosa of Fayetteville has been named head cheerleading coach and director of volunteer services at Methodist College, effective August 1.

A former Methodist College cheerleader, he graduated in May 1994 with a degree in physical education. He secured his teacher certification at Methodist last fall and taught health and physical education at Hope Mills Junior High School during the spring semester. He is a 1990 graduate of Westover High School.

"I hope to keep our winning tradition going," said Rosa. "I'm excited about being back and grateful for the opportunity to work at Methodist."

Dr. H  
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