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DATE	TITLE	SENT TO MEDIA	IN HOUSE	TOTAL
12/18/00	PA Master's Program	76	8	84
12/19/00	December Graduation	75	7	82
12/1/00	Fall Enrollment	96	9	105
<b>Total</b>		<b>247</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>271</b>

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December 18, 2000

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Director of Public Relations

## **SPEAKERS URGE WINTER GRADUATES OF METHODIST COLLEGE TO SERVE OTHERS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Joyful living requires service to others.

That was the theme of two speeches given at Methodist College's 28th winter commencement exercises Dec. 15.

The commencement speaker was Dr. Assad Meymandi, a psychiatrist/neurologist from Raleigh, N.C. In an address entitled "A Few Thoughts on Life," Dr. Meymandi offered a 12-point prescription for joyful living.

"May your future be imbued with *barakat*," said Dr. Meymandi. "*Barakat* is a Sanskrit word that expresses the centrality, centricity and focus of God's abundance in the service of others."

The speaker said *barakat* encompasses the 12 characteristics of a joyful person: 1) an appreciation of life, 2) a thirst for knowledge, 3) curiosity and ideas, 4) love, 5) faith, 6) hope, 7) excellence, 8) personal growth, 9) altruism, 10) selflessness, 11) enthusiasm, and 12) service to others.

The baccalaureate speaker was the Rev. Dr. Peter Storey, a retired Methodist bishop from South Africa. In a sermon entitled "New Beginnings with God", Dr. Storey based his message on three Biblical passages from Luke (3:21-22, 4:1-2,16-21) which describe Jesus' *affirmation* at his baptism that he belonged to God, his *renunciation* of secular power offered him by the devil during his 40 days in the wilderness, and his *declaration* that God had

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## **Winter 2000 Commencement at Methodist College**

anointed him to preach the gospel to the poor and to liberate the human spirit.

“Each of you has special plans for your lives,” said Dr. Storey. “I hope you will help the poor, help others reach freedom, and bring new light to others. I hope your life will be a bit of good news from God.”

In other commencement activities:

—College President Elton Hendricks presented a citation of appreciation to Louis Spilman Jr. of Fayetteville. A retired businessman, a College trustee, and a member of Methodist's first graduating class (1964), Mr. Spilman was honored for his 30 years' service on the College's Board of Trustees.

—Dr. Hendricks presented a Methodist College Medallion to Dr. Meymandi in recognition of his service to his profession and to the arts.

—Marie Frohm presented the flag of her native Sweden to the College.

—Sabrina Sabin received the Sam Edwards Award, denoting her selection as the outstanding Evening College graduate in the Class of 2000.

Degrees were awarded to 117 persons at the winter commencement, bringing total membership in the Class of 2000 to 267. Thirty-three members of the winter class graduated with honors.

METHODIST COLLEGE AWARDED DEGREES TO THE FOLLOWING DEC. 15, 2000:

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**Cape Fear Region**

**Fayetteville:** Charles David Owens, *cum laude*, Music; Donald Murray Warren, Music and Business Administration; Marie Susanne Fohm, *cum laude*, Business Administration; Paula Andrea Palacio, Business Administration and Financial Economics.

**Ft. Bragg:** Lisa Renae Crews, *cum laude*, History; Richard H. McGuinness, *magna cum laude*, History and Spanish.

**Hope Mills:** Jonathan Jay Barber, Music; Julio E. Pizarro Andino, Spanish.

**Spring Lake:** Danielle Latisha Jones, English.

**Other States/Countries**

**Moorehead, KY:** Sara Elizabeth Anderson, *summa cum laude*, English.

**Nichols, SC:** Chadwick Huggins, *cum laude*, English.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**Cape Fear Region**

**Fayetteville:** Polly Amorginos, *cum laude*, Elementary Education; Raul Antequera-Garcia, *cum laude*, Business Administration with a concentration in Professional Tennis Management; Michael Gavin Christopher Baldauf, Political Science; Don C. Baden, Business Administration; Cindy Suzanne Bridges, *summa cum laude*, History; Tammy T. Brown, Biology; Vanessa Lynn Burnette, Accounting with a Concentration in Public Accounting; Angela Joy Carson, *magna cum laude*, Accounting with a Concentration in Managerial Accounting; Melanie S. Casey, *summa cum laude*, History; Joseph Charles Conner, *cum laude*, Financial Economics & Business Administration; Towanda Denise Cooper, Business Administration; Winnie Frances Smith Daws, History; Aimee Kristine Deca, Criminal Justice; Sara Jane Deming, *summa cum laude*, Business Administration and Accounting; Julia Ryan Dingle, Sociology; Jason Thomas Gentili, Business Administration and Marketing with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Andres Domingo Gomez III, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Heather M. Harris, Accounting and Marketing; Ginger Durden Hughes, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Charmaine Nicole Keel, Business Administration and Accounting; Thomas Nathan Litten, Sports Management; Mark William Lovell, Criminal Justice; Edgar G. Lupo, Jr., Biology with a Concentration in Zoology; Robert Francis Martin, *magna cum laude*, Business Administration; Sherri S. McCoy, *magna cum laude*, Elementary Education; Caroline Menor, Business Administration; La'Quata Murrain, Sociology; Tina Dianne Owens, Sociology and Criminal Justice; Anita Caldwell Paul, *cum laude*, Accounting and Finance/Economics; Chinedu Onochie Rapu, Biology with a Concentration in Microbiology and Cell Biology; Robert David Rutledge, *magna cum laude*, Business Administration; Christine L. Scholl, Business Administration and Marketing; Walker Winfield Scott III, Biology; Christie C. Sellers, *summa cum laude*, Elementary Education; James Michael Smith, Business Administration and Marketing; Matthew Daniel Tatman, *summa cum laude*, Finance/Economics and Business Administration; Gina Marie Thornton, Accounting; Michael John Trevisan, Business Administration; Rayfield Valentine, Jr., Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Carla Cummings Vaughn, Elementary Education; Tyronne Lawrence

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## WINTER 2000 GRADUATES OF METHODIST COLLEGE

Webner, *cum laude*, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Jaimee Swanson Wilcox, *summa cum laude*, Marketing; Dawn Marie Kane Willis, Business Administration; Jimmie S. Wood, Business Administration; Tammie Clay Wright, Business Administration; Joy Nichole Yancey, Criminal Justice.

**Fort Bragg:** Rhonda LeMora Brown, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration

**Dunn:** Donna Fay Turlington, *magna cum laude*, Business Administration.

**Erwin:** Terry Creswell Darling, *cum laude*, Business Administration.

**Hope Mills:** Charles O. Blansit, *summa cum laude*, Sociology; Iris Bowman, *cum laude*, Business Administration; Carolyn Reece Lawrence, *cum laude*, Elementary Education.

**Olivia:** Michael Carter Hall, Criminal Justice.

**Raeford:** Rose A. McIntyre, Criminal Justice.

**Sanford:** Marcie Elena Spell, Business Administration and Marketing.

**Spring Lake:** Benjamin Neil Cain, Political Science.

**Stedman:** Jason Todd Masker, Criminal Justice; Jared Wesley McCullen, Mass Communications.

### Other Areas of North Carolina

**Charlotte:** Chet Justin Capps, Physical Education.

**Benson:** Rodney Carson Parker, Physical Education with Teacher Licensure.

**Broadway:** Jason Scott McNeill, Criminal Justice.

**Garner:** Harden Junior Viers II, *cum laude*, Computer Science.

**Greensboro:** Elbony LaTeesa King, Criminal Justice.

**Jacksonville:** Laraby Shaun Jones, Sports Management.

**Princeton:** Bradley Kevin Massey, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management.

**Statesville:** Mickey Alan Jordan, Physical Education.

**Winterville:** Darnell Leroy Artis, Physical Education.

### Other States/Countries

**Hauppauge, NY:** Jefferson C. Bell, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **United Kingdom:** Jonathan Bennett, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Tennis Management; **Arroyo Grande, CA:** Jill Ann Catron, Sports Management; **Charleston, SC:** John L. Cooper, Jr., Physical Education with a Concentration in Sports Management; **Latrobe, PA:** Matthew William Dira, Business Administration and Marketing with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Palmyra, PA:** Christopher Bowen Frost, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Garrettsville, OH:** Scott Robert Galayde, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **North Fort Meyers, FL:** Luisa Rengelde Harrison, Spanish and Business Administration; **Cali, Colombia:** Juliana Suso Jaramillo, Business Administration; **Egg Harbor TWP, NJ:** David J. Lee, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Lake City, SC:** Abraham Lewis, *summa cum laude*, Sociology; **Miami, FL:** Joseph Michael Mura, Physical Education; **Brownville, NY:** Vincent Michael Paolozzi, Jr., Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Tampa, FL:** Carlos Pinnacle, History; **Seymour, IN:** Matthew Jacob Plumer, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Ft. Worth, TX:** James Christopher Sabin, *magna cum laude*, Business Administration; **White Settlement, TX:** Sabrina Janel Sabin, *summa cum laude*,

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## **ACCREDITING AGENCY GIVES METHODIST COLLEGE AUTHORITY TO OFFER THE MASTER'S DEGREE TO PA GRADUATES**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Officials of the Southern Association of College and Schools in Atlanta have authorized Methodist College to proceed with plans to award the master's degree to students completing its physician assistant program.

The College notified SACS in September of its desire for a "substantive change" in its status as an undergraduate institution. Methodist's PA graduates currently receive a Bachelor of Health Science degree; under the new program, they will receive a Master of Medical Science degree.

"We've been doing a graduate level curriculum from the outset," said Ron Foster, director of Methodist's physician assistant program. "Our PA students now take 107 semester hours of course work over a two-year period. Add to that the 81 hours of courses required for admission to the program and you have 188 semester hours or the equivalent of a bachelor's plus a master's degree."

"A master's level physician assistant program will be good for Methodist College, for our PA graduates, and for southeastern North Carolina," said College President M. Elton Hendricks. "I look forward to conferring these degrees in December 2003."

Last spring the College faculty and trustees approved a proposal from the PA faculty to adopt a master's degree-level physician assistant program. In the fall, the College submitted a

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## **METHODIST TO OFFER MASTER'S LEVEL PA PROGRAM**

rationale and detailed curriculum for the enhanced program to SACS and to the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

Foster said Methodist's PA program will be joining a national trend. "The number of physician assistant programs offering a master's degree has increased from 12 (of 120 programs) to over 50 in the last two years," he explained. "Moreover, the Association of Physician Assistant Programs and the American Academy of Physician Assistants now favor making the master's the standard entry-level degree to ensure standardization of the PA profession. In addition, little financial aid is available for students seeking a second bachelor's degree, and that hurts our recruitment efforts."

In making the transition from a bachelor's to a master's program, Methodist will add three courses worth a total of 18 semester hours to its current PA curriculum: a course in research methods and design, a statistics course, and a research project to be completed during the clinical (second year) preceptorship.

Methodist's PA program was started in 1996 and has graduated three classes to date, totaling 29 students. The first master's class would enter in Fall 2001 and graduate in December 2003.

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## **METHODIST COLLEGE ENROLLS 2,268 STUDENTS DURING FALL 2000**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist College enrolled a record 2,268 students during the Fall 2000 semester. That's a 15 percent increase over a Fall 1999 figure of 1,973.

"This marks the first time in the College's 41 years of operation that enrollment has exceeded 2,000 in any one semester," said College President Elton Hendricks. "This is a major milestone for us. To have 295 students more than we had last fall is very gratifying."

Evening and weekend enrollment increased 48 percent to 885 students. Enrollment in the regular day program grew 3 percent to 1,383. Following a national trend in higher education, Methodist is experiencing dramatic growth in the number of older, non-traditional students. College officials expect this trend to continue.

New degree programs, new marketing initiatives, and additional evening/weekend and online courses are also attracting new students. Methodist currently offers 51 undergraduate majors. In addition, the College offers more nationally-accredited programs and more intercollegiate sports (19) than many liberal arts colleges its size.

For the Spring 2001 semester, Methodist will offer 405 courses in the regular day program, 55 evening courses, 11 weekend courses, and five online courses. Evening/weekend/online classes begin the week of Jan. 2. Regular day classes start Jan. 9.

Methodist's spring class schedules—day, evening/weekend, and online—are posted at [www.methodist.edu](http://www.methodist.edu) on the World Wide Web.