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## **REV. BRIAN GENTLE, REV. WESLEY BROWN TO ADDRESS WINTER GRADUATES AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Rev. Wesley F. Brown, associate dean for external relations at Duke University Divinity School, will give the commencement address at Methodist College's 29th winter commencement exercise Friday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Approximately 131 students are slated to receive degrees.

An ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and a 1973 graduate of Methodist College, Rev. Brown received his Master of Divinity degree at Duke in 1976 and was appointed assistant to the dean for development at The Divinity School in 1981. Methodist College President M. Elton Hendricks will award Brown an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at the commencement.

The Rev. Dr. Brian Gentle, pastor of Haymount United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 10:30 a.m. A native of Melbourne, Australia, Dr. Gentle holds a B.A. degree from Wheaton College, a B.D. from Yale University, an M.A. from Columbia University, and a Ph.D. from Duke University. He has pastored five United Methodist churches in the North Carolina Conference and one in the New York Conference; he has also taught at Duke University Divinity School and at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

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**LOCAL/REGIONAL**

- Fay. Observer-Times
- Features  Education
- Sports  Religion Editor
- Business
- Paraglide (Ft. Bragg)
- The Daily Record (Dunn)
- The Pilot (S. Pines)
- News and Observer (Raleigh)
- Arts & Entertainment Calendar
- News  Education
- Features  Sports  Business
- Fifty Plus
- Challenger
- Up and Coming
- The Carolina Flyer (Pope AFB)
- Arts & Leisure
- Sanford Herald
- The News Journal (Raeford)
- The Sampson Independent

**Special Sections**

- Weekender
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- Applause
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- Entertainment Calendar  
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**RADIO**

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- WFAI
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- WCPE
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**TELEVISION**

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- WRAL-TV (5)
- WNCN-TV (17)
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- WECT-TV (6)
- WUNC-TV (4)

**CAMPUS**

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- Monarch Messenger
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- MC Today *of grads*

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

- PFSH
- Fay. Academy *Principal*
- TSHS
- DBHS
- EES
- SFHS
- SVHS
- CFHS
- WSH
- Reid Ross Classical HS
- Northwood Temple Acad.
- Massey Hill Classical HS
- JBHS

**OTHERS**

- Hoke Co. H.S.
- Pernell Swett H.S.
- Triton H.S.

**SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION**

- Fay. Area Conv. & Visitors Bureau
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- CASE III Notes

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- Fort Bragg Schools
- City of Fay. (Mayor's Office)
- Fay. Tech. Com. College
- Fay. Museum of Art
- Fay. Chamber of Commerce
- City of Fay. (Jason Brady)
- NC League of Savings Inst.
- Cumb. Co. Schools /Supt.s Office
- Cumb. Co. Schools / Public Affairs
- Cape Fear Regional Theatre
- Museum of the Cape Fear

- Western Harnett H.S.
- Harnett Central H.S.
- Pinecrest HS

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**METHODIST COLLEGE AWARDED DEGREES TO THE FOLLOWING DECEMBER 14, 2001:**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**Cape Fear Region**

**Fayetteville:** Melissa A. Cain, Theatre; Lina Jacobs, Accounting

**Fort Bragg:** Apolinar Ramirez, Spanish

**Lillington:** Evys Houg, Spanish

**Other States and Countries**

**San Antonio, TX:** Ursula Stevens-Alston, Spanish

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**Cape Fear Region**

**Fayetteville:** Aaron Balderston; Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Deborah A. Baughn, *magna cum laude*, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration and Accounting; Gregory Benefield, Business Administration; Shaun E. Bowman, Business Administration; Shonda R. Butler, Business Administration; Paul E. Caccia, Business Administration; Alaina L. Callahan, Political Science; Michelle J. Chagnon, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Jennifer L. Crawford, *summa cum laude*, Sociology; Cheryl L. Daniels, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Dennis J. DePriest, *magna cum laude*, Physical Education; Erin A. Dodson, History; Amy Jo Durand, *cum laude*, Biology with a Concentration in Zoology; George Charles Fisher, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Jakob Gerney, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; Johnnie A. Gleaves, Business Administration; Sharon Graves-Johnson, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Gwen Jocelyn Haliburton, *cum laude*, Sociology; Michael P. Heyward, Sports Management; Anthony H. Hibbert, Sports Medicine; Todd Graham Holmes, Sports Management; Michelle Nicole Hudson, Business Administration; Wendy Irene Isernia, *cum laude*, Education; Demetris Littrell Jenkins, Business Administration; Nicholas D. Jones, Business Administration & Marketing; Donna Wegner Keen, Business Administration; Karl J. Kumm, Business Administration; Loreta Ledaite-Narvaez, *cum laude*, Political Science; Lance Carlton Lindsey, *cum laude*, Business Administration; Sherré Ara Marshall, Sports Management; Vanessa Shyla Myers, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Robert Edwards Maki, *cum laude*, Criminal Justice & Sociology; Cherre A. Marshall, Sports Management; Senatra L. O' Neal, Mathematics; Robert C. Pinson, *summa cum laude*, Accounting; Michelle C. Prasn timer, Political Science; Patrick G. Puryear, Communication/Mass Media; Curtis S. Reagan, *magna cum laude*, Political Science, Samaria G. Richardson, Political Science; Jamie L. Schalla, Business Administration; Gerhard Schulz, *magna cum laude*, Molissia N. Simmons, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration; Warren D. Sias, History; Debra Reagan Todd, *cum laude*, Accounting; Shannon T. Willert, *magna cum laude*, Accounting; Alyson L. Yarborough, Business Administration

**Carthage:** Wesley Adam Scott, Sports Management

**Fort Bragg:** Molly J. Heatherly, *cum laude*, Education; Lois O. McCalmon, *cum laude*, Education; Susanne E. Swesey, *magna cum laude*, Political Science

**Hope Mills:** Charles P. Brigman, *cum laude*, Business Administration and Accounting; William Ray Simpson, *magna cum laude*, Business Administration; James F. Taylor, Computer Science

**Parkton:** Antoinette D. Scott-Jackson, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration;

**December 2001 Graduates of Methodist College**

**Raeford:** Anthony William Key, History; Kimberly Anne Lockamy, *cum laude*, History

**Sanford:** Arvel D. Bowers, *cum laude*, Accounting; April Michelle Parker, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration / Marketing

**Spring Lake:** Paul Derrick Welbourne, History

**Whispering Pines:** Sara Kristina Hoover, *magna cum laude*, Biology with a Concentration in Microbiology/Cell Biology

**Wade:** Rita Kay Lovick, Business Administration with a Concentration in Health Care Administration

**Other Areas of North Carolina**

**Four Oaks:** David P. Allen Jr., Computer Science

**Eden:** Phalania D. Hairston, Sports Management

**Emerald Isle:** Christopher Edward Barber, Physical Education

**Kenansville:** Mark L. Benton, Sports Management

**Kernersville:** Jason R. Marion, Physical Education

**Wilmington:** Triba Williams, Spanish

**Other States and Countries**

**Amsterdam, NY:** Paul Joseph Ruff, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Ann Arbor, MI:** Jacquilyn Edwards, *magna cum laude*, History; **Carson City, NV:** Sonja L. Cook, Business Administration; **Carencrola, LA:** Amy Lee Mitchell, History; **Charleston, SC:** Karen Middleton, Sociology; **Conyers, GA:** Matthew Kendrick Simons, Marketing with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Dunkirk, NY:** Denise M. Miles, *magna cum laude*, Accounting; **Farrell, PA:** Vivian Morrison-Forest, Chemistry/Sociology; **Florence, SC:** Toshiba Patrice Bozier, Business Administration & Marketing; **Gallatin, TN:** Johnnie A. Gleaves, Business Administration; **Gibbsboro, NJ:** Corrin Marie Whartenby, *cum laude*, Political Science; **Hebron, KY:** Patricia Lynn Smith, Physical Education; **Hillsboro Beach, FL:** John Richard Lambert, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Tennis Management; **Houston, TX:** William C. Zappa, *cum laude*, Sociology; **La Mirada, CA:** Tabitha M. Phillips, *summa cum laude*, Business Administration; **Lakeland, FL:** Jason Andrew McCarty, Sports Medicine; **Lithia, FL:** Kenneth D. Hiscock, Physical Education; **Moscow, Russia:** Evgeniya V. Sologub, *magna cum laude*, Accounting & Finance/Economics; **Naples, FL:** Michael L. Beattie, Physical Education; **Osmk, Russia:** Ekaterina A. Sivolapova, *cum laude*, Business Administration & Marketing; **Ridgeway, VA:** Michael Ware Moore, Marketing with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **South Dayton, NY:** Steven P. Stroltenberg, Computer Science; **Traverse City, MI:** Monica Krause, *cum laude*, Criminal Justice; **Trenton, NJ:** Gradia C. Junius, Biology with a Concentration in Microbiology/Cell Biology; **Virginia Beach, VA:** Kristia E. Jefferson, *cum laude*, Education; **Warrington, PA:** Anthony Barnargo, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management; **Wickliffe, OH:** William B. Whitney III, Business Administration with a Concentration in Professional Golf Management

**BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**

**Cape Fear Region**

**Fayetteville:** Sandra Berkey, Geroge Emmitt Carter III, *cum laude*; Chantel Nichols, Barbara J. Pachasa, *magna cum laude*; Sandra Reed, *cum laude*

**Dunn:** Carra Avery McLamb, *magna cum laude*

**Sanford:** Juanita Alee Yerry

**December 2001 Graduates of Methodist College**

**Other Areas of North Carolina**

**Salisbury:** James Kristopher Watson, *magna cum laude*

**Other States and Countries**

**Bel Air, MD:** Erin Lynn Updegrove, *magna cum laude*; **Cumming, GA:** Jaime Drummond Kutter; **Tallahassee, FL:** Gregory E. Lamendola, *magna cum laude*; **Watertown, NY:** Sarah Renee Kerley, *magna cum laude*

**BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AND CHEMISTRY**

**Cape Fear Region**

**Fayetteville:** Steven Russell Salisbury Jr., *magna cum laude*

**BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

**Cape Fear Region**

**Fayetteville:** Toni Evelyn Niola; Elizabeth Anne Ramos

**Clinton:** Angela H. Boone, *cum laude*

**Erwin:** Wendy Gail King Monds

**Hope Mills:** Karen Lee Richmond, *cum laude*; Wanda Odom

**Elizabethtown:** Jennifer A. Hester

**Other States and Countries**

**Peru, IN:** Sally A. Hernandez Ovalle; **Santa Isabel, Puerto Rico:** Laly DeJesus;

**Savannah, GA:** Donna Danette Cullins, *cum laude*

**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS**

**Cape Fear Region**

**Fayetteville:** Deborah Ann Baughn, Business Administration; Shaun Elliott Bowman, Music; Gwen Haliburton, Criminal Justice; Andy Christopher Harrison, Spanish; Melinda Marie Ritchie, General Studies; Catherine Roberts Silvestri, Business Administration

**Fort Bragg:** Ruel Carlos Delosreyes, Foreign Languages; Pedro Rolando Sanabria, Spanish

**Hope Mills:** Debra Annette Nicholson, Business Administration

**Raeford:** Anthony William Key, Sociology

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## **SPEAKERS URGE WINTER GRADUATES OF METHODIST COLLEGE TO 'CHANGE THE WORLD'**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—"We're not in Kansas anymore."

Addressing Methodist College's winter graduating class Dec. 14, the Rev. Wesley F. Brown '73 said the events of Sept. 11 were not unlike the trials faced by Dorothy and her three companions in *The Wizard of Oz*.

Just as the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Lion sought and found wisdom, love, and courage, Rev. Brown said many Americans have discovered a lot about community and have openly displayed their patriotism, love of family, and faith in God. "Sept. 11 has brought us face to face with our mortality," he said. "But character is developed through adversity and community."

The associate dean for external relations at Duke University Divinity School said the purpose of higher education is to teach people how to ask the right questions. "You will have more choices than many who went before you," he said. "Step out in faith and temper it with love. Be faithful. Be thankful. Be generous. Go out and change the world. Be someone's hero. Do something common uncommonly well. Until you've seen the Grand Canyon in person, you can't appreciate the challenge of being a pilgrim. You are well-prepared to make a difference."

The winter baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the Rev. Brian Gentle, pastor of Haymount United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. He entitled his address "Welcome to Fast Company."

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December 21, 2001

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May 15, 2001

DAVID ALLEN

**OMOWUNMI OGinni RECEIVES DEGREE AT METHODIST COLLEGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC** — <sup>David Field Allen Four Oaks, NC</sup> Omowunmi Oginni of <sup>Providence, RI</sup> received an <sup>Bachelor</sup> Associate of Science degree in <sup>Computer Science</sup> General Studies from Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC, <sup>Dec. 14, 2001,</sup> May 5, 1999. He is

the son of

guardian is Michael Olubodun of 26 Clematis Street in Providence.

Methodist College is a coeducational college of liberal arts and sciences currently

serving 2,100 students.

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