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**THEATRE DEPARTMENT HOLDS OPEN AUDITIONS FOR
“THE ROBBER BRIDEGROOM”**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist University Theatre Department will be holding auditions (open to the community at large, as well as Methodist University students and faculty) for its upcoming musical *The Robber Bridegroom*. The auditions will be held in Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist University Campus Jan. 9 and Jan. 10 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Adapted from Eudora Welty’s Southern fairy tale by Alfred Uhry (*Driving Miss Daisy, Last Night of Ballyhoo, Parade*), the Tony Award-winning *The Robber Bridegroom* is set in the early days of the Mississippi Territory along the legendary Natchez Trace. Rosamund, the only daughter of the richest planter in the countryside, is being courted by the dashing Jamie Lockhart, while she can only think about the mysterious Bandit of the Woods. Added to the mix are the classic fairy tale elements of a wicked step-mother, a village simpleton, scheming villains (one of whom is only a disembodied head in a trunk), an unconventional case of double mistaken identity, and a country-fiddle flavored score at turns both rousing and hauntingly melodic.

A variety of roles are available for all levels of expertise, including:

Jamie Lockhart: A gentleman robber
Clement Musgrove: A rich planter
Rosamund: Musgrove's beautiful daughter
Salome: Musgrove's second wife
Goat: A simpleton
Goat's Mother
Airie: Goat's sister
Little Harp: A robber
Big Harp: The head of the robbers
A Raven: (Modern dance or mime experience is useful here)
Chorus: The townspeople of Rodney’s Landing, Mississippi

The performance will be held Friday-Saturday, Feb. 22-23 at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors, and \$4 for children.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES WINTER GRADUATES FROM THE
CAPE FEAR REGION**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University graduated a record 215 students during the 25th Annual Winter Commencement in the March F. Riddle Center Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007. Of these, 44 earned master's degrees, 21 in Medical Science; 13 in Justice Administration, the first to graduate from this program offered at the Justice Academy in Salemburg; and 10 in Business Administration, also the first to graduate from this new program offered at Pinehurst.

Students who graduated from Methodist University, but whose names do not appear on this list, have *specifically requested omission* from external publications. By request, all students who received a master's degree from Methodist University are listed, even if they are originally from out of the Cape Fear Region. The following Cape Fear Region students graduated from Methodist University Dec. 15:

Cumberland County

Elizabeth Adcox, James Bennett, Jr., Rafael Bernaola, Thomas Bergamine, Matthew Burleyson, Anastasiya Carney, Jorge Bravo-Carrizales, Rachel Carson, Jennifer Cartlich, Milton Wayne Coates, Amanda Kaye Collins, Isley Cotton, Sarah Caitlin Davenport, Ximena Davidson, Sarah Dillashaw, Laura Doolittle, Kristy Feltis, Phillip Paul Firrantello, Taka Fleming, Lakisha Flynn, Susan Heather Follum, Glenda Frazier, Alison Friend, Shino Fukunaka, Kimberly Gagnon, Raymona Goins, Kimberly Gordon, Briana Graham, Madelon Haskin, Bradley Hendren, William Henry, Stacy Hernandez, Benson Hoyle, Lindsey Huckbody, Patrick Scott Hurley, Thomas Inczauskis, Anneliese Jacobson, Elizabeth Kasbohm, Wayne Kearney, Jason Kent, Jens Klemsche, Jennifer Ann Lane, Autumn

Langston, Robert Lee, Sherry Leslie, Richard Lloyd, Jr., Krystina Lucas, Michael McDuffie, Carla McKenzie, Veronica McNeill, Erica Means, Sarah Merritt, James Milligan, Gabrielle Neal, Nancy Nelson, Katherine Noland, Emily Pardue, Jinae Perry, Phillip Patterson, Jinae Perry, Eunique Sade Phillips, Jeanne Pingitore, Lacy Pittman, Valerie Rawls, Kakeasha Richardson, Justin Rimbey, Michael Schubach, Mark Sears, Edward Remille Shipman, Bridgett Sims, Yvonne Simmons, Estelle Singletary, Carrienne Stramara, Mark Strickland, Linda Szulc, Alecia Talley, Betty Thaggard, Michael Townsend, Jennipher Vallery, Bruce Veeder, Richard Walters, Jr., Erin Watson, Anthony Westbrook II, Charlotte Williams, Denise Williams, Jennifer Lee Willoughby, Debra Yeatts, Marcy Zacherl

Harnett County

Debra Brown, Sarah Hammond, William Henry, Traci Lee, Jessica Peeken, Rachel Plotz

Hoke County

Cory Florence, Leilani Ham, Lynette Smith

Lee County

Leslie Stewart

Moore County

Scott Ellender, Lakisha Sanders

Robeson County

Deborah McBryde Brown

Sampson County

Amanda Harris

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BISHOP, AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Bishop Woodie W. White will speak at Methodist University's spring convocation in Reeves Auditorium at 11:00 a.m., Friday, Feb. 1, 2008. White is bishop in residence at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Ga. White's speech is titled "Our Common Ground." The event celebrates Black History Month and is free and open to the public.

During the height of the Civil Rights Movement, he was a leader among those who attempted to break down the barriers between white and African American Christians. In 1961, he was appointed the first black pastor of a predominantly white congregation in the history of Michigan Methodism. White was appointed as associate, and two years later, appointed as senior pastor. In 1963, he was jailed in Jackson, Miss., as part of an inter-racial team of Methodists fighting to open white Methodist congregations in the South. His witness for racial inclusiveness continued, and in 1967, he was the first black clergy person to be appointed to a staff position in the Detroit Annual Conference.

In 1969, he became the first executive director of the new United Methodist Church's Commission on Religion and Race. White served in this capacity until his election to the episcopacy in 1984 by the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. He served as an episcopal leader for twenty years—presiding over annual conferences in Illinois and Indiana. In both episcopal areas, he was the first African American bishop to administer these conferences.

During 1996-1997, he served as president of the International United Methodist Council of Bishops. In his episcopal retirement, he has taught at the Candler School of Theology of Emory University as its bishop in residence. According to Dr. Peter Murray,

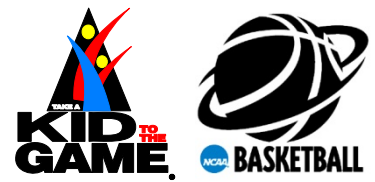
McLean professor of history at Methodist University, throughout his ministerial career, he has advocated that racial justice and reconciliation are integrally linked to racial inclusiveness, and that the Gospel message must be inclusive in order to be authentic.

He was born in New York, N.Y., and graduated from Paine College in Augusta, Ga. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Boston University's School of Theology. White holds honorary degrees from nine colleges and universities. He is the author of four books. Married to Kim Tolson, White has five children.

White will be introduced by Landon Bentham, president of Methodist University's Student Government Association. The Methodist University Choir, directed by Professor Michael Martin, will perform special music.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES ANNUAL “TAKE A KID TO THE GAME” DAY

Come support the Monarchs at their men’s and women’s basketball games February 6

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University has set a date for its annual NCAA® Basketball Take A Kid to the Game® day for Feb. 6, 2008 where they will host the Greensboro College Pride at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center on the campus of Methodist University. Area youth 14 and under are invited to attend this special event free of charge. Youth will have the opportunity to experience the college game-day atmosphere and some exciting action as they watch the Monarchs compete for a win over the Pride.

Methodist University is hosting one of more than 700 games that will be played across the nation as part of the Take A Kid to the Game (TAKG) program in its 13th season. The project is a grass roots initiative that attracts the nation’s youth and encourages adults to take kids to area college basketball games.

“It is our hope that adults in the community will bring their children out to experience a collegiate athletic event at Methodist University,” said DeeDee Jarman, head coach for the Lady Monarchs basketball team. “We’re expecting a record crowd to take part in the intense basketball action during both games!”

In addition to the Take a Kid to the Game activities, Miss Methodist 2007, Tiffanie Wagner, is hosting a health education night to teach children fun, physical activities and games to play inside when they are not able to go outside to play. Healthy, Active, and Very Educated (H.A.V.E.) is the platform Wagner created to promote health education among young children.

Adult tickets for this special game can be purchased at the door. For more information, contact the Methodist University Athletic Department at (910) 630-7175. For questions regarding H.A.V.E., please contact Melissa Jameson at (910) 630-7043.

NCAA Basketball® is a national sponsor of the Take A Kid to the Game program. To learn about other NCAA Women’s Basketball initiatives, please visit www.ncaa.org/bkbmarketingresource for more information.

TAKG is a grassroots marketing campaign created by Host Communications, Inc. to encourage alumni and fans to take their kids out to stadiums and arenas to experience intercollegiate athletics.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOST “THINK PINK” GAME FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Come support the cause at the women’s basketball game February 14

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University has partnered with the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) to host a “Think Pink” basketball game Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. In an effort to increase breast cancer awareness, the Monarchs are working hard to raise money for the Kay Yow/WBCA Breast Cancer Fund.

All fans wearing pink to the game will be admitted free with a donation to the Kay Yow/WBCA Breast Cancer Fund. The Methodist team will play in pink uniforms to show their support. For fans looking to support the cause, Methodist is selling “Think Pink” T-shirts, and plans to give away free T-shirts to the first 80 fans with a Methodist University ID card. Throughout the game, a silent auction will include autographed balls by NBA star LeBron James, North Carolina State Head Coach Kay Yow, University of Tennessee Head Coach Pat Summitt, and University of North Carolina Head Coach Sylvia Hatchell. All proceeds will go back to the breast cancer fund.

At halftime of the basketball game, Methodist will honor breast cancer survivors as another way to increase awareness regarding one of the most common invasive cancers among women in the United States.

The WBCA's "Think Pink" initiative is a global, unified effort for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's nation of coaches to assist in raising breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses, in communities and beyond. The WBCA began "Think Pink" in 2007 as an initiative to raise breast cancer awareness in women's basketball, on campuses and in communities. In 2007, more than 120 schools unified for this effort and helped make the inaugural year of the WBCA's "Think Pink" a success.

“Kay Yow has always been an inspiration to me—not only as a coach, but as a player,” said Methodist’s Head Coach Dee Dee Jarman. “She is devoted to North Carolina State, the Kay Yow/WBCA Breast Cancer Fund, and the game of basketball; we are delighted to have the opportunity to give back.”

Tickets for this special game can be purchased at the door. If you would like to pre-order a T-shirt, visit: <http://www.methodist.edu/monarchs/wbasketball/thinkpinkreg.html>. For more information, contact the Methodist University Athletic Department at (910) 630-7175.

About the WBCA

Founded in 1981, the WBCA promotes women's basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop a reputable identity for the sport and to foster and promote the development of the game as a sport for women and girls. For additional information about the WBCA, please visit wbca.org.



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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY LOYALTY DAY
SET FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Danny Highsmith, vice president of Beasley Broadcasting Group and this year's Loyalty Day chair, will lead 105 community volunteers as they canvass Cumberland County Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, seeking support for scholarships for Methodist University students. Eighty-five percent of Methodist's 2,100 students receive financial assistance, and scholarship funding for deserving students is a critical need.

“A Day of Support, a Lifetime of Difference,” is the theme for this year's campaign,” said Lauren Cook Wike, director of the University's annual fund. “Methodist has graduated 9,500 students, a third of whom live and work in our community and make a difference every day as teachers, physician assistants, entrepreneurs, bankers, pastors, and more. The scholarship support we are asking the community to give this Loyalty Day will help give our current students the same opportunities to make a difference in the future.”

This year's Foundation Board members are Mac Edwards, president; Gayle Nelson, vice president; Jeffery Baker, treasurer; Louis Feraca, immediate past president; Lauren Cook Wike, secretary; Frank Barragan III, Bill Bowman; Charles Broadwell; Alan Buffaloe; Jan Cobb; Kevin Dennison '95; Stephen Driggers '76; Mark Fisher; Bishop Kenneth Hill; Gwen Holtsclaw '68; Greg Klein; Barbara Lahiff; George Matthews; Dineen Morton; Jim Pittman; Vance Townsend; Julia Shaw; Phyllis Houston-Washington; and Jimmie Wood, IV '00.

The Loyalty Day Kick-off Breakfast is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Feb. 12 in the Green and Gold Café on the Methodist University campus. Media may R.S.V.P. for the Kick-off Breakfast by calling Melissa Jameson, director of University Relations, at (910) 630-7043.

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Photo caption: Methodist University Foundation Board Member George Matthews; Miss Methodist Tiffanie Wagner; Phyllis Houston-Washington and Gayle Nelson, both Board members; and Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, Methodist University president.



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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist University is calling for nominations for the following business awards, to be presented at the 31st Annual Stock Market Symposium, Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. Nominations and supporting materials should be directed to the Center no later than Friday, March 14 via fax: (910) 630-7657; e-mail: sgautam@methodist.edu; or mail to Methodist University, Center for Entrepreneurship, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, N.C., 28311.

American Business Ethics Award

(Sponsored by Society of Financial Service Professionals)

The American Business Ethics Award (ABEA) recognizes U.S. companies that exemplify high standards of ethical behavior in their everyday business conduct and in response to crises or challenges. Established in 1994 by the Society of Financial Service Professionals, this award program embodies the Society's 75-year advancement of sound business ethics in insurance and financial services, especially among its more than 25,000 members. The ABEA will recognize an employer with fewer than 250 employees at the annual Stock Market Symposium. Financial service companies and non-profit organizations are excluded from award consideration due to their close association with the Society.

Silver Spoon Award

The Silver Spoon Award is given to a person who, though not born with the proverbial spoon in his/her mouth, has originated and built a successful business recognized for its uniqueness in planning, production, or some other aspect of its operation. The business can be located anywhere in the United States.

Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award

The recipient must be a North Carolina resident who owns, has established, or manages a small business. The Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award committee will also consider the individual's creativity, innovativeness, and personal contributions to and involvement with the community.

Small Business Excellence Award

A small business is one that employs fewer than 300 persons and generates revenue of less than \$15 million per annum. The Excellence Award committee will also consider the creativity of the business, the uniqueness of the product, the welfare of the employees, and the contributions of the business to its community.

2007 Award Recipients

American Business Ethics Award: *David Lain*, David Lain Realtors

Silver Spoon Award: *Irvin Warren*, Warren Oil Company

Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award: *Doris McPhail Williams and Carolyn Naylor*, The Pilgrim Gifts and Antiques

Small Business Excellence Award: *Wade Hardin*, Wade Hardin Plumbing

For more information on the Call for Nominations or other Center for Entrepreneurship programs, please call (910) 630-7642.



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**LECTURE SERIES TO FOCUS ON
THE EXPANSION OF RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Two lectures focusing on religious diversity will be open to the public at Methodist University, Monday, February 25, 2008. Dr. Stephen J. Stein, Chancellor's Professor, Emeritus, at Indiana University, will speak on "Alternative Religious Movements in American History" at 11 a.m. and on "Reflections on the Globalization of American Religion" at 2 p.m. Dr. Stein's presentations are part of the annual Womack Lecture Series. The 11 a.m. lecture will take place in Yarborough Auditorium (Clark Hall), and the 2 p.m. lecture will be in the Science Auditorium (S222). There will be a luncheon at noon. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Stein has edited three volumes in the Yale University Press edition of *The Works of Jonathan Edwards*, co-edited with Catherine L. Albanese a series on "Religion in North America" published by Indiana University Press, and edited with Bernard McGinn and John J. Collins *The Continuum History of Apocalypticism* (New York: Continuum International Publishing Group, 2003). He also recently authored *Communities of Dissent: A History of Alternative Religions in America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2003) and *The Cambridge Companion to Jonathan Edwards* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007). Dr. Stein was the recipient of the Indiana University Trustees Award for Teaching Excellence in 2003.

The Womack Lecture Series strives to promote public awareness of religious scholarship by bringing an expert in the field of religion, philosophy, or ethics to Methodist University. The series recognizes the university's commitment to religion and its ecumenical spirit.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY RELEASES FALL 2007 PRESIDENT'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Two hundred and one students were named to the **President's List** at Methodist University for the 2007 fall semester.

To merit inclusion on the President's List, a student must achieve a 3.7 grade point average with at least 44.4 quality points during the semester on a total course load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of D, F, or Incomplete, and no developmental courses.

The following students earned a place on the President's List:

North Carolina

Arden: Patrick White

Asheville: Scott Russell

Benson: Stephen Bazan

Broadway: Kyle Cassidy

Buies Creek: Jennifer Hatcher and Jessica Hatcher

Butner: Ryan Stephenson

Cameron: Debra Brown, Darrell Dedeaux, and Courtney Kurinec

Clayton: Ashley Hale

Coats: Christopher Coats and Brian Raynor

Dunn: Geneva Runion

Erwin: Melinda Price

Fayetteville: Aaron Anderson, Leah Bartram, Anthony Baskett, Fallon Bethel, Stella Blankenship, Joy Anna Boone, Tiara Broadhurst, Sharon Brown, Mario Burnette, Tabitha Cable, Justin Cains, Karl Cepeda, Alyson Conyers, Ashley Cothran, Isley Cotton, Nadine Digiammarino, Sharley Ditmore, Bobette Donaldson, Constance Dunston, Laura Eckard, Yvonne Edmonds, Jill Flynn, Susan Follum, Abigail Forester, Elaine Frangakis, Raymon Goins, Denzil

Halliday, Erin Hamonko, Christopher Hollingsworth, Eileen Hood, Tia Imel, Julio Jimenez, Leah Johnson, Abhishek Kansakar, Nathan Krawczyk, Austin Lehmann, Rebecca Lewis, Erika Loftin, Krystina Lucas, Rodney Machokoto, Sanda Markovic, Pedro Massinga, Mame Mbodji, Theresa McCarten, Audrey Melton, Sarah Merritt, Ashley Miller, James Milligan, Christina Moore, James Moore, Frank Moses, Michael Murray, Richard Myers, Tina Newsome, Candateshia Pafford, Taisiya Petruchenya, Jeanne Pingitore, Manjola Prifti, Celestine Rainerimaldonad, Michael Reynolds, Elizabeth Roehl, April Romska, Christine Rudolf, Jacqueline Ruiz, Elena Sabakar, Benjamin Secrist, Irina Shamonova, Laura Sheedy, Bridgett Sims, Robert Steele, MadonaTartt, Joni Tellis, Danielle Tew, Caroline Thomas, Verres Thomas, Ainura Togisbayeva, Rudolph Valentine, Maxim Vershinin, Johanna Winter, Vincent Worrell, Xiangming Wu, Marcy Zacherl, and Max Zaldivar

Franklinville: Matthew Beitzel

Ft. Bragg: Wilson Cedeno, Glenda Frazier, Carie Green, Bobbie Marcoux, Jessica Moore, Ryan Slagle, Patricia Staggs

Godwin: Ashley Baggett

Greensboro: Norma Bradshaw

High Point: Jennifer Smith

Holly Springs: Ashlea Rice

Hope Mills: Darin Gilderoy, Regina Ingle, Kristi Kozak, Timothy Light, Krystal Leigh, Patton Spell, and Tenille Woodward

Jacksonville: Ashley Caldwell and Jordan Mercer

Kitty Hawk: Whitney Roberson

Knotts Island: Jennifer Hicks

Laurinburg: Allison Averitt

Monroe: Amber Smith

Raeford: Jennifer Cartlich, Cory Florence, Rayanne Herrera, Lynette Smith, and Melissa Wilson

Raleigh: Mary Johnson and Katherine Mason

Red Spring: Deborah Brown

Rocky Point: Sara Poling

Sanford: Christie Bolton, Robin Childress, Shala Cook, Sherry Pitts, and Jessica Worrell

Southern Pines: Lance Hoepner

Spring Hope: Courtney Bisette

Spring Lake: Sarah Hammond, Andrea Kolda, and Laura Sandler

Vass: Jessica Peeken

Wade: Elizabeth Adcox

Washington: Thomas Lee

Winston Salem: Kayla Talbert

Other States and Countries

Brighton, Colo.: Dawn Sanderson

Bear, Del.: Robert Prettyman

Delmar, Del.: Danielle Disharoon

Harrington, Del.: Benjamin Gray

Houston, Del.: Katherine Harbeson

Bradenton, Fla.: Stephen Fox

Idaho Falls, Idaho: William Hartenstein

Bloomington, Ill.: Danele Woods

Farmland, Ind.: Alex Burns

Valparaiso, Ind.: Emily Brown

Overland Park, Kan.: Joel Thomas

Bellingham, Mass.: Scott Peneau

Lenox, Mass.: Robert Peterson

Marlborough, Mass.: Eleazar Encarnacion and Rameses Encarnacion

Columbia, Md.: Bridget Holcomb

Davidsonville, Md.: Angelo Catucci

Lutherville, Md.: Kristyn Zeiler

Middletown, Md.: Lindsey Cosgray

Presque Isle, Maine: Michael Hersey

Liberty, Mo.: Ryan Burchett

Epsom, N.H.: Tiffany Mills

Gilsum, N.H.: Heather Schneider

Freehold, N.J.: Bradley Wynalek

Lambertville, N.J.: Robert Salyga

Elbridge, N.Y.: Heather Ford

Orchard Park, N.Y.: Corey Johnson

Scottsville, N.Y.: Scott Haake

Sherrill, N.Y.: Adam Seely

West Seneca, N.Y.: Shantell Dustin

Circleville, Ohio: Tiffany Tucker
Columbus, Ohio: Anthony Trace
Fleming, Ohio: Roy Farley
Hudson, Ohio: Paige Caldwell
Berwick, Pa.: Leighton Bull
Dover, Pa.: Nathan Friedman
Philadelphia, Pa.: Stephen Hosack
Waynesboro, Pa.: Joshua Arendt and Matthew Taylor
West Chester, Pa.: Mario Bevilacqua
Providence, R.I.: Sara Dickson
Houston, Texas: Elsie Muniz
League City, Texas: Kaitlin Flaherty
New Braunfels, Texas: Brandon Donohoe
Chesapeake, Va.: Candace Hudgins and Brian Inghram
Fredericksburg, Va.: Kelly Orpin
Gloucester, Va.: Catherine Ramsay
Lynchburg, Va.: William Coleman
Smithfield, Va.: Jacob Evans
Virginia Beach, Va.: Spencer Martin
Wheelock, Vt.: Colleen Long
Bothell, Wash.: Michael Olson
Olympia, Wash.: Kevin Breisch
Morgantown, W.Va.: John Brautigam

The **Dean's List**—honoring students who have achieved a 3.2 grade point average on a 13-point grading scale with 12 or more semester hours—will be released next week.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO PRESENT THE ANNUAL
TEMPLETON-BULLARD LECTURE ON SCIENCE AND RELIGION**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Margaret Wertheim, an internationally noted science writer and commentator, will speak on the Methodist University campus, Monday, March 10, 2008. Her topic will be: “On Space and Spirit: God, Physics, and the Culture Wars.” The event will be held in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall at 11:00 a.m. The presentation is part of the Templeton-Bullard Lecture Series on Science and Religion, and is free and open to the public.

Wertheim has lectured at colleges and universities around the world. She has written numerous scholarly articles and books, and has produced a dozen television programs and interactive videos that seek to bridge the gap between the sciences and religion. The lecture is the eighth of the Templeton Lecture Series; Wertheim delivered the second annual lecture in 2001.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY LIBRARY RECEIVES CONSERVATION
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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Treasured objects and artifacts held by Davis Memorial Library at Methodist University will be preserved for future generations with help from the IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf, a core set of conservation books, DVDs, and online resources donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal funding of the nation’s museums and libraries. IMLS and its cooperator, the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), will award a total of 2,000 free sets of the IMLS Bookshelf by the end of 2008.

“Methodist University recently celebrated fifty years of service, and we must make sure that the fifty-plus years of records and photographs held by the University Archives will still be in good shape at the one hundredth anniversary—and beyond,” said Arleen Fields, archives librarian at Davis Memorial Library.

“We are pleased to announce the first group of IMLS Bookshelf recipients. These small libraries and museums are taking up the charge to care for America’s heritage,” said Anne-Imelda Radice, director of IMLS. “A recent national study tells a sobering story about the state of America’s library and museum collections. Without immediate action, we stand to lose important collections that are at the heart of the American story.”

Methodist University is among the first to receive this set of resources based on an application describing the needs and plans for care of its collections. The IMLS Bookshelf focuses on collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries’ special collections, with an added selection of texts for zoos, aquaria, public gardens, and nature centers. It addresses such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally-specific conservation issues.

“The Lafayette Collection, the Huske-Gilmore Collection, and the Carolina College collection will also benefit from the guidance contained in the Bookshelf. Some items in those collections are over two hundred years old and need special care,” said Fields.

The IMLS Bookshelf is a crucial component of Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action, a conservation initiative that the Institute launched in 2006. IMLS began the initiative in response to a 2005 study by Heritage Preservation documenting the dire state of the nation’s collections. The multi-faceted, multi-year initiative shines a nationwide spotlight on the needs of America’s collections, especially those held by smaller institutions, which often lack the human and financial resources necessary to adequately care for their collections.

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development.

About Methodist University

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY RELEASES FALL 2007 DEAN'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Two hundred and eighty students were named to the **Dean's List** at Methodist University for the 2007 fall semester.

To merit inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.2 grade point average on a 13-point grading scale with 12 or more semester hours.

The following students earned a place on the Dean's List:

North Carolina

Fayetteville: Kaisha Ahye, Tracy Aldridge, Alba Ayala, Felicia Back, Jonathan Becker, Rafael Bernaola, Melissa Birdwell, Shelby Bixler, Royce Blackwood, David Brown, Jennifer Butler, Crystal Castle, Shawn Clay, Margaret Coates, John Coval, Damon Cussen, Sarah Davenport, Tiffany Delgado, Mackenzie Eckard, Christina Erben, Adam Farabaugh, Dwayne Faulkner, Kristy Feltis, Rosemarie Ferrell, Melissa Fisher, Ann Forsberg, Kelly Gatten, Ashley Genova, Laura Gilbert, Semere Girmehannes, Anna Gore, Stephanie Halbleib, Marc Halcomb, Lashaun Haley, Kentaro Hara, Rhonda Harris, Amanda Herbst, Sarah Howard, Misty Hucks, Jessica Hutzul, Anas Iqtait, Frankie Jackson, Malgorzata Jarema, Jessica Johns, Tyrone Jones, Kevin Jones, Sarah Keil, Jennifer Kiner, Deborah McBryde, India McDuffie, Michael McDuffie, Erica Means, Julie Melton, William Mooring, Marianne Mosch, Delia Niles, Sara Packard, Jennifer Pattison, Nicole Pavalski, Evelyn Peebles, Gina Penrod, Tiffany Prokop, Bernadette Raby, Lauren Ratley, Kristin Richards, Norma Robles, Sana Sabri, Todd Sackewitz, Shelly Savoy, Deepak Shrestha, Yashaswi Shrestha, Ekaterina Skripova, Shelby Smelcer, James Smith, Robert Stack, Ashlee Staver, Sabrina Steigelman, Jessica Sterling, Brandon Stevens, Manda Terry, Jason Tovar, Christopher Uriegas, Carrienne Volk, Ashley Voter, Jovette Walsh, Katrina Washington, Laura Wickens, Talesha Williams, Tyrone Williams, and Guillerminia Zamora

Fort Bragg: Jordan Block, Benjamin Carden, Margaret Coen-Rollins, Mabel Cole, and Sharon Salas

Hope Mills: William Bordeaux, Andrea Cooper, William Henry, Kristina Kalevas, Donna Maultsby, Jonathon Poole, Chrissy Sartin-Johnson, and Alicia Secord

Aberdeen: Carolina Brewer
Apex: Kyle Smith
Asheboro: Jessica Parris
Asheville: Robert Kisiah
Autryville: Joshua Andrade
Belmont: Deanna Piacente
Bladenboro: Brittany Purdie
Burgaw: Zachary Rivenbark
Burlington: Jameson Jones, Charles Roberts, and Courtnee Worth
Calabash: Marianne Benson
Cameron: Christine Gregory and Joshua Hardison
Candler: Dorothy Walker
Candor: Ronald Pemberton
Cary: Steven Magnusen, William Paige, and Kelly Shipkowski
Chapel Hill: Joseph Quinn
Charlotte: Lalage Katunga
Clayton: Shelly Horn
Clinton: Hilary Nimmo
Cornelius: Courtney Vail
Dunn: Lisa Sanders and Adam Tew
Durham: Anna Edge
Elizabethtown: Kiwana Davis, Reece Lancaster, and Stuart Murphy
Erwin: Lindsey Hargrove, Rebecca Marks, Adriana Wilson, and Meghan Neal
Fairmont: Jane Page
Fuquay Varina: Virginia Harrington
Goldsboro: Brian Lane
Goldston: Maggie Gaines
Graham: Anthony Allred
Henderson: Devontae Ragland
Jacksonville: Phillip Burlingame
Lexington: Ashley Fields
Lillington: Karen Havard, Annette Kuchcinski, and Rosalinda Meyer
Linden: Jessica Griffin
Lumberton: Zachary Pittman
Manteo: Travis Winstead
Moncure: Julia West
Monroe: Alexzandria Messer
Moorehead City: Benjamin Sanders
Mooreseville: Andrew Prascak
New Bern: Ross Shaffer
Parkton: Cathyrn Sinkovitz
Peachland: Kyle Eudy
Raeford: Erin Craig, Angela Goods, Patricia Jones, Timothy Reeves, Merrie Santana, Jacinth Tweede, and Bambi White
Raleigh: Cameron Carlile
Riegelwood: Hakeem Brown and Sharnee Grovner
Rocky Point: Christopher Sholar
Roseboro: Matthew Sessoms
Sanford: Karen Oldham

Siler City: Laura Clark
Southern Pines: Alexander Smith
Spring Lake: Maria Matthews, Michael Sadtler, Mustapha Silla, and Crystal Yost
Stedman: Dustin Autry, Bradley Baxley, and Steve Rightmyer
Sunset Beach: Matthew McHale
West End: Angela Thomas
Whitsett: Rashidah Jamison
Wilmington: Krystal Poirier

Other States and Countries

Bristol, Conn.: Richard Lebeau
Lone Tree, Colo.: James Peckham
Trumbull, Conn.: Daniel Hannibal
Ridgefield, Conn.: Brian Lopez
Woodbridge, Conn.: Frederick Geisinger
Delmar, Del.: Alison Baker
Millsboro, Del.: Jason Hastings
Carrabelle, Fla.: William Haddock
Jacksonville, Fla.: Lindsey Oliphant
New Smyrna Beach, Fla.: Jarrett Cory
Palm Beach Garden, Fla.: Evan Monteiro
Satellite Beach, Fla.: Eric Brimer
Norcross, Ga.: Susan Martin
Dalton, Ga.: Christopher McGrew
Albia, Iowa: Eric Duea
Preston, Iowa: Shane Eickert
Winthrop Harbor, Ill.: Steven Burkett
Schaumburg, Ill.: Jeffrey Gentes
Portland, Ind.: Alex Hunt
Greenwood, Ind.: Sean Lowry
Louisville, Ky.: Jennifer Crews
Amesbury, Mass.: Colby Wollitz
Duxbury, Mass.: Tyler Smith
East Longmeadow, Mass.: Andrew Quellet
Harwich, Mass.: Hannah Therrienkorswig
Hingham, Mass.: Patrick Cadigan
Northfield, Mass.: Garrett Hasanbasic
Annapolis, Md.: Scott Senerius
Delmar, Md.: Jason Layton
Denton, Md.: Ashley Schmitt
Hampstead, Md.: Christopher Fiorino
Queenstown, Md.: Kelsie Britt
Salisbury, Md.: Katherine Roth
Silver Spring, Md.: Colleen Delaney
Swanton, Md.: Nicole Raynovich
Saint Albans, Maine: Devin Gee
Manchester, Mich.: Dieter Wiedmayer
White Lake, Mich.: Emily Tucker

Mendota Heights, Minn.: Emily Jackson
Lees Summit, Mo.: Dustin Toner
Andover, N.J.: Richard Hagie
Clarksboro, N.J.: Brenda Chambers
East Windsor, N.J.: Preston Combs
Fort Lee, N.J.: Junko Suzuki
Mickleton, N.J.: Gregory Wingate
Ridgewood, N.J.: Thomas Hutton
Tenafly, N.J.: Emily Beck
Wrightstown, N.J.: Tiffany Yan
Bayshore, N.Y.: Thomas Blum
Binghamton, N.Y.: Nicholas Bezek
Clayton, N.Y.: Matthew Denesha
Clinton, N.Y.: Matthew Caister
Commack, N.Y.: Joshua Webb
Dryden, N.Y.: Joshua Lapointe
Elma, N.Y.: Brian Dauer
Hamburg, N.Y.: Gregory Fischer
Lackawanna, N.Y.: Liam Friedman
Massena, N.Y.: Benton Sullivan
Schenectady, N.Y.: Mason Colling
South Dayton, N.Y.: Landon Bentham
Tappan, N.Y.: Hevyn Diers
Trumansburg, N.Y.: Eric Koehler
Parma, Ohio: Sam Morrison
Saint Mary's, Ohio: Alex Spencer
Willoughby, Ohio: Allyson Burak
Ambridge, Pa.: James Casello
Bensalem, Pa.: William Fox
Boiling Springs, Pa.: Michael Cronin
Clarion, Pa.: Andrew Banner
Dillsburg, Pa.: Dan Ebner
Duncannon, Pa.: Dustin Kauffman
North Wales, Pa.: Brian Rashley
Pottstown, Pa.: Tara Tokonitz
Saegertown, Pa.: Christopher Schlosser
Tyrone, Pa.: Derrick Soellner
Union City, Pa.: Matthew Horvath
Warminster, Pa.: Brian Graefe
York, Pa.: Ryan Denner
Tiverton, R.I.: Devin Beck
Bluffton, S.C.: Alexander Holroyde
Darlington, S.C.: Leigh Manley
Florence, S.C.: Brandon Iseman
Georgetown, Texas: Sean Gregory
Harrisonburg, Va.: Aaron German
Midlothian, Va.: Brianna Cella
Richmond, Va.: Brittany Melton, Kasey Nichols, and Sanjar Radjabov
Salem, Va.: Michael Ferguson

Virginia Beach, Va.: Anthony Flores
Wautoma, Wis.: Ryan Carroll
Sheboygan, Wis.: Caline Daun
Green Bay, Wis.: Andrew Gibson
Weston, W.Va.: Patrick Boyle
Charles Town, W.Va.: Bobby Jones

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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES SECOND
BUSINESS SUCCESSION FORUM NETWORK PROGRAM**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) has announced the Business Succession Forum Network’s second program titled “Planning Your Business Exit.” The event will be held March 19, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Azalea/Dogwood Board Room of Fayetteville’s Hilton Garden Inn.

The speakers for the event include: H. Grant Perry, chartered financial consultant of Business Exit Partners; W.Y. Alex Webb, J.D., CPA, Webb & Graves, P.L.L.C.; T. Robert Ward, III, CPA, certified financial planner, Ward & Webb, P.L.L.C.; and Thomas Bell, business appraiser, Tom Keith & Associates. The moderator for the event is Wilson Teachey, president, Hubbard Pipe and Supply, and chair of the Business Succession Forum Network.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOLD MISS METHODIST PAGEANT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Student Activities at Methodist University will host the second annual Miss Methodist University Pageant Wednesday, March 19 at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Buzz Sutherland will be the master of ceremonies and stand up comedian for the night.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. The event is free to Methodist University students, faculty, and staff, and open to the public.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Pam McEvoy has been named the director of University Relations at Methodist University. McEvoy will oversee the institution's marketing efforts and serve as the University's official spokesperson. She assumed her new role last week.

McEvoy comes to the University from Child Advocacy Center, where she served as executive director. She was formally with the marketing department of Cape Fear Valley Health System, and also worked at Southern Regional Area Health Education Center (AHEC).

McEvoy serves as a board member of the Cumberland County Mental Health Center, where she is vice-chair of the Program Services Committee. Additionally, she is vice president of the Child Advocacy Centers of North Carolina's Board of Directors; McEvoy will become president of the Board July 1, 2008.

She is the wife of Bob McEvoy, director of Athletics at Methodist University. They have a son, Michael, who graduated from Methodist in May 2007, and a daughter, Lindsey, who is a senior at Meredith College. McEvoy has a Bachelor of Arts from Kent State University in Communications and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Duke University.

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CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP HOSTS STOCK MARKET SYMPOSIUM

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist University invites the public to the 31st Annual Stock Market Symposium on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. The Center is part of the University's Reeves School of Business.

The Stock Market Symposium will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. Tickets are \$50 per person, or \$375 for a table of eight. This year's keynote speaker, Ajit Dayal, has 22 years of experience in investment management and equity research. In addition to founding Quantum Advisors in 1990 (India's first equity research house), Dayal has worked with leading United States and United Kingdom financial advisory and asset management firms, either as a key member of the executive management team, or—through the advisor—as a joint venture partner or affiliate.

He holds his bachelor's degree in economics from Bombay University, and a master's degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In addition to the keynote address, the Center will honor five business leaders with the Small Business Excellence Award, the Silver Spoon Award, the Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and the Business Ethics Award.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO CELEBRATE 45TH ANNUAL SPRING
COMMENCEMENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will celebrate its 45th Annual Spring Commencement ceremony Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. There are currently 180 candidates for graduation.

The day's events will begin with a baccalaureate service at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Dr. Robert C. Christian, professor of English and chair of the English Department at Methodist University, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. He joined the Methodist College English faculty in September 1968, having just completed four years as pastor of Wesley Methodist Church in Paterson, New Jersey. He holds a B.A. degree from Western Maryland College, a Master of Divinity degree from Drew University, and a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. The Methodist College Alumni Association awarded him the Outstanding Faculty Award in 1990. This spring he received the first annual Alfred E. Cleveland Award for Excellence in Teaching, the highest award that a Methodist University faculty member can receive.

This year's commencement speaker is North Carolina Senator Anthony "Tony" E. Rand. The Honorable Tony Rand represents the 19th District in the North Carolina Senate and is the Senate Majority Leader. He is serving his tenth term in the state Senate representing portions of Cumberland and Bladen Counties. Rand is a 1961 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a 1964 graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law. In 2006, he served as Loyalty Day chair during Methodist University's 50th Anniversary year.

Seven R.O.T.C. cadets will be commissioned during the graduation ceremony. The three flags that will be presented this year are from Kazakhstan, Mongolia, and Nepal.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY HOSTS AN OPEN HOUSE SESSION FOR THE
PROFESSIONAL MBA AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host an information session and Open House for the on-campus Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree at Methodist University. The on-campus MBA program is being offered in addition to *The Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) at Pinehurst®*.

The Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in Clark Hall 123 in the Reeves School of Business. This face-to-face format will give prospective students the opportunity to ask questions, pre-register, and schedule a tour of the campus.

The program will be online with two on-campus weekend class sessions per term. The Professional MBA at MU is designed to allow students to continue their full-time careers while earning their degree in 15-18 months.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY AND UPS CO-HOST “DON’T DUMP - DONATE!”

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Partnering with UPS, Methodist University will wrap up Project 3D (Don’t Dump - Donate!) Friday, May 2, 2008. Methodist has served as a collection site for Catholic Charities—a non-profit agency serving all needy people in Cumberland and surrounding counties—since April 14. The collection site is located in the gravel parking lot behind the Riddle Center. Items that have been collected will be delivered to Catholic Charities by UPS and its employees Saturday, May 3.

The final collection times are as follows:

Thursday, May 1: 7 a.m. - 9 a.m.
 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday, May 2: 7 a.m. - 9 a.m.
 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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June 5, 2008

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING GRADUATES

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University graduated 171 students during the 45th Annual Spring Commencement May 3, 2008. Dr. Hendricks, Methodist University president, received flags from Mongolia and Nepal—bringing the total number of nations represented among MU alumni to 78. Seven graduates were commissioned as officers in the U.S. Army, joining the other 194 active duty military among MU alumni.

Students who graduated from Methodist University, but whose names do not appear on this list, have *specifically requested omission* from external publications.

North Carolina

Asheville: Scott Russell

Autryville: Katherine Matthews

Bladenboro: Brittany Purdie

Bonlee: Timothy Callicutt

Buies Creek: Jennifer Hatcher

Bunnlevel: Wendy Jones

Butner: Ryan Stephenson

Cameron: Darrell Dedeaux, Courtney Kurinec, and Karey Perez

Chapel Hill: Robert Kisiah

Clinton: Hilary Nimmo

Dunn: Craig Moore and John Peregoy

Durham: Whitney Slaughter

Erwin: Melinda Price

Fayetteville: Samuel Adams, Jaclyn Boneshefski, Joy Boone, Chantell Bowser, Crystal

Castle, Azjargal Chuluunbaatar, Sharley Ditmore, Elizabeth Dolph, Tomeka Everette, Chrystal Gillespie, Amber Graham, Virginia Griffith, Marc Halcomb, Majilio Himiya, Eileen Hood, Tia Imel, Samantha Inczauskis, Frankie Jackson, Malgorzata Jarema, Stephen Johns, Clara Lang, Doanie Lenoir, Joanna Lowery, Rayshonia Manuel, Theresa McCarten, Yvonne Mims, Michael Murray, Christopher Parker, David Phurrough, Michael Reynolds, Christine Rudolf, Elena Sabakar, Sana Sabri, Carlos Sanford, Portia Scott, Amy Slate, Eliecer Solano, Madonna Soriano, Robert Steele, Sonya Stokes, Masahiro Takahagi, Jason Tovar, Gina Vasquez, Erin Welden, Talesha Williams, Tyrone Williams, Larissa Wilson, and Vincent Worrell

Fort Bragg: Margaret Coen-Rollins, Tara Easley, Meghan Hennessey, and Sharon Salas

Gates: Sara Seiling

Godwin: Wesley Greenwood

Goldsboro: Brian Lane

Graham: Chelsale Hester and Stacey Vaughn

Grimesland: Jonathan Mularski

High Point: Jennifer Smith

Holly Springs: Ashlea Rice

Hope Mills: Marcus Hull, Timothy Light, Krystal Patton, Veronica Pierce, and Tenille Woodward

Indian Trail: Ryan Place

Jacksonville: Phillip Burlingame, Ashley Caldwell, Jordan Mercer, and Romin Pousson

Linden: Veronica Romero

Lumberton: Matthew Hunt

Moncure: Julia West

Moorehead City: Benjamin Sanders

Morrisville: Jonathan Rogers

New Bern: Lauren Holton

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Derby, Conn.: Brett Belade
Delmar, Del.: Alison Baker
Felton, Del.: William Culver
Houston, Del.: Katherine Harbeson
Gainesville, Fla.: Brandon Williams
Waynesboro, Ga.: Andrew Huddleston
Vernon Hills, Ill.: Lauren Hulse
West Yarmouth, Mass.: Kathryn Levins
Swanton, Md.: Nicole Raynovich
Edmore, Mich.: Andrew Martin
Clarksboro, N.J.: Brenda Chambers
Lambertville, N.J.: Robert Salyga
Camden, N.Y.: Kimberly Ward
West Sand Lake, N.Y.: Andrew Ginther
Circleville, Ohio: Tiffany Tucker

Berwick, Pa.: Leighton Bull

Fort Washington, Pa.: Brian Krebs

Darlington, S.C.: Matthew Parrish

Centreville, Va.: Randy Crabtree

Fairfax, Va.: Chrystal Bradley

Fredericksburg, Va.: Nicole McLaughlin

Virginia Beach, Va.: Spencer Martin

Yorktown, Va.: Marie Finley

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEES

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Board of Trustees welcomed the Reverend Dr. Samuel Wynn and J. Daniel Highsmith, Sr. to its membership in May 2008.

Fayetteville native Danny Highsmith has a long history with Methodist University. He is a former member of the Methodist College Foundation Board, and served as chair for the Loyalty Day Campaign in 2001 and 2008. His consistency in serving for many years as a volunteer for the campaign earned him the Loyalty Day Volunteer of the Year Award in 2007. Highsmith also chaired the Friends Division of the *Seeds on Good Soil, A New Season* campaign completed in 2006.

A graduate of Fayetteville High School and Campbell University, Danny and his wife, Faye, make their home in Fayetteville where he serves as regional vice president for the Beasley Broadcast Group. Highsmith, a 37-year Beasley veteran and radio broadcasting industry leader, previously served as general manager for Beasley station WKML-FM. Highsmith is a member of Snyder Memorial Baptist Church and serves on the board of the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and the board of the Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville. He is also a former president of the United Way of Cumberland County.

Dr. Sam Wynn became the superintendent of the Fayetteville District of the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church in June 2008. He is a native of Robeson County and a 1976 graduate of Pembroke State University where he served as an adjunct faculty member from 1994 to 1996. He received his Master's Degree from Asbury Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry from Drew Theological Seminary. A member of the Lumbee Tribe, Wynn served on the North Carolina Commission on Indian Affairs from 1995 to 1997 and was the executive director of The Native American International Caucus.

His appointments and involvement in the United Methodist Church have been numerous, to include serving as district superintendent of the New Bern District from 1996-2001, and most recently as senior pastor at Holland's United Methodist Church in Raleigh, N.C. Dr. Wynn, his wife Rosemary, and their son reside in Wake County, N.C.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY RELEASES SPRING 2008
DEAN'S LIST**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Two hundred and twenty-five students were named to the Dean's List at Methodist University for the 2008 spring semester.

To merit inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.2 grade point average on a 13-point grading scale with 12 or more semester hours.

The following students earned a place on the Dean's List:

North Carolina

Arden	Patrick White
Asheville	Scott Russell
Belmont	Deanna Piacente
Benson	Stephen Bazan
Bladenboro	Brittany Purdie
Broadway	Kyle Cassidy
Buies Creek	Jessica Hatcher
Bunnlevel	Jessica Noel
Burlington	Jeri Jackson
	Jameson Jones
Cameron	Karey Perez
	Kristin Richards
	Angela Thompson
Candler	Dorothy Camille Walker
Cary	John Duckworth
	Jessalyn Lykins
Chapel Hill	Robert Kisiah
Charlotte	Marcus Connor
	Lalage Katunga
Clinton	Audrey Jordan
Dunn	Geneva Runion
	Stormie Souter
	Kaitlyn Warren
	Sara Yeatman
Durham	Michael Poole
Elizabethtown	Stuart Murphy

Erwin

Fairmont

Fayetteville

Averi Grady

Lindsey Hargrove

James Barr

Aaron Anderson

Amber Barnhill

Stella Blankenship

Joshua Buckrucker

Nicole Butler

Crystal Castle

Margarita Caver

Margaret Coates

Ashley Cothran

Damon Cussen

Alice Davidson

Constance Dunston

Laura Eckard

Mackenzie Eckard

Heather Eckhardt

Melissa Fisher

Jason Freeman

Ashley Genova

Stephanie Halbleib

Cara Hale

Denzil Halliday

Rhonda Harris

Frankie Jackson

Stephen Johns

Tyrone Jones

Dzmitry Kanunnikau

Jennifer Kiner

Crystal Kistler

Andrea Kolda

Myles Larsen

Austin Lehmann

Hope Lipscomb

Kristopher Livingston

Erika Loftin

Tracy Martin

Nancy Mckoy

Ashley Miller

Candis Milligan

David Morris

Rahila Muhibi

Tina Newsome

Sandi Owens

Candateshia Pafford

Maria Pyanzina

Celestine Raineri-Maldonado

Kenneth Redd

	Amos Reed
	Philippe Riazantsev
	Melodie Robinson
	Bo Rong
	Radiance Sampson
	Laura Sheedy
	Yashaswi Shrestha
	Shelby Smelcer
	Ethan Smith
	James Smith
	Samantha Smith
	Robert Stack
	Robert Steele
	Nadia Stevenson
	Manda Terry
	Leslie Thomas
	Enrique Torres
	Sophia Townsend
	Rudolph Valentine
	Ashley Voter
	Perry Wall
	Eleanor Willis
	Larissa Wilson
	Amanda Wolfe
	Xiangming Wu
	Marsha Wynn
	Shawnta Young
	Max Zaldivar
Fort Bragg	Tara Easley
	Meghan Hennessey
	Michael Jones
	Jessica Moore
	Sharon Salas
	Patricia Staggs
	Benjamin Carden
	Jessica Webster
Fuquay-Varina	Tangela Robinson
Gates	Sara Seiling
Gold Hill	Ben Speights
Goldston	Jennie Price
Graham	Stacey Vaughn
Hillsborough	Chase Cates
Hope Mills	Angela Beyah
	Richard Cedeno
	Paul Garcia
	Hannah Kinlaw
	Veronica Pierce
	Alicia Secord
	Sandra Washington

Hubert	Charniqua Cheese
Jacksonville	Phillip Burlingame
	Ashley Caldwell
King	William Samuels
Laurinburg	Allison Averitt
Lumberton	Matthew Hunt
Monroe	Alexzandria Messer
Morrisville	Jonathan Rogers
New Bern	Lauren Holton
Parkton	Lawrence Adair
Peachland	Kyle Eudy
Raeford	Meaghan Adams
	Erin Craig
	Rickey Lizotte
	Timothy Reeves
	Darryl Washington
	Bambi White
Raleigh	Richard Bautista
	Mary Johnson
Red Springs	Deborah Brown
Reidsville	Christopher Peoples
	Erik Teague
Rocky Point	Christopher Sholar
Salemburg	Joshua Bass
Sanford	John Hites
	Christina Layson
	Karen Oldham
Smithfield	Austin Barbour
Southern Pines	Alexander Smith
Spring Lake	George Chacon
	John Coval
Stedman	Bradley Baxley
	Tina Faircloth
	Annette Webster
Sunset Beach	Matthew McHale
Wade	Jacqueline Ruiz
Washington	Cory Calloway
	Mollie Jefferson
Whitsett	Rashidah Jamison
Wilmington	Jessie Heath
Winston-Salem	Brett Harless

Other States and Countries

Lone Tree, Colo.	James Peckham
Bear, Del.	Robert Prettyman
Delmar, Del.	Alison Baker
Millsboro, Del.	Jason Hastings
New Castle, Del.	Joseph Brown

Gainesville, Fla.	Brandon Williams
Tarpon Springs, Fla.	Lindsey Davis
Trenton, Fla.	Samantha Arrington
Roswell, Ga.	Benjamin Patton
Idaho Falls, Idaho	William Hartenstein
Bloomington, Ill.	Matthew Bova
Kenilworth, Ill.	Alana Swain
Vernon Hills, Ill.	Lauren Hulse
Portland, Ind.	Alex Hunt
Duxbury, Mass.	Tyler Smith
Marlborough, Mass.	Eleazar Encarnacion
	Rameses Encarnacion
Northfield, Mass.	Garrett Hasanbasic
Osterville, Mass.	Chad Crocker
Delmar, Md.	Jason Layton
Easton, Md.	Kaitlin Mcguire
Queenstown, Md.	Kelsie Britt
Wye Mills, Md.	Robert Landry
Lewiston, Maine	Christopher Carrier
Saint Albans, Maine	Devin Gee
Hudson, Ohio	Paige Caldwell
Massillon, Ohio	Jessica Rambaud
New Middletown, Ohio	Kathryn Dick
New Philadelphia, Ohio	Matthew Gowins
Painesville, Ohio	David Angelotti
Strongsville, Ohio	Gregory Ciavarelli
Willoughby, Ohio	Allyson Burak
Boiling Springs, Pa.	Michael Cronin
Clarion, Pa.	Andrew Banner
Coudersport, Pa.	Ashley Stoudt
Easton, Pa.	Charles Hummers
Pottstown, Pa.	Tara Tokonitz
Tyrone, Pa.	Derrick Soellner
West Chester, Pa.	Joshua Kelley
York, Pa.	Erik Guttman
Tiverton, R.I.	Devin Beck
Warwick, R.I.	Kevin Morris
Bluffton, S.C.	Alexander Holroyde
Cayce, S.C.	Brandon Stoudemire
Georgetown, Texas	Sean Gregory
Chantilly, Va.	Kelsey Carter
Fredericksburg, Va.	Nicole McLaughlin
Lynchburg, Va.	William Coleman
Orange, Va.	Zachary Darnell
Richmond, Va.	Kasey Nichols
	Sanjar Radjabov
Salem, Va.	Michael Ferguson
Virginia Beach, Va.	Faith Dishmon

	Anthony Flores
	Kenneth Wolff
Rutland Town, Vt.	Robert Stedman
Sheboygan, Wis.	Caline Daun
Wautoma, Wis.	Ryan Carroll
Charles Town, W.Va.	Bobby Jones
Morgantown, W. Va.	John Brautigam

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY RELEASES SPRING 2008
PRESIDENT'S LIST**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Two hundred and four students were named to the President's List at Methodist University for the 2008 spring semester.

To merit inclusion on the President's List, a student must achieve a 3.7 grade point average with at least 44.4 quality points during the semester on a total course load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of D, F, or Incomplete, and no developmental courses.

The following students earned a place on the President's List:

North Carolina

Aberdeen	Carolina Brewer
Angier	Alisha Washington
Buies Creek	Jennifer Hatcher
Butner	Ryan Stephenson
Cameron	Darrell Dedeaux
	Christine Gregory
	Courtney Kurinec
	Jessica Wells
Cary	Kelly Shipkowski
Clayton	Ashley Hale
	Shelly Horn
Coats	Christopher Coats
Dunn	Lisa Sanders
	Adam Tew
Edenton	Brian Leary
Erwin	Rebecca Marks
	Melinda Price
	Adriana Wilson
Fayetteville	Joseph Warner
	Kaisha Ahye
	Randee Arnett
	Richard Bagley
	Trisha Barfield

Leah Bartram
Fallon Bethel
Melissa Birdwell
Royce Blackwood
Jaclyn Boneshefski
Anna Boone
Tiara Broadhurst
James Brown
Sharon Brown
Mario Burnette
Jennifer Butler
Justin Cains
Alyson Courtney Conyers
Kimberly Cooper
Orlando Damelio
Christina Deibert
Nadine Digiammarino
Sharley Ditmore
Bobette Donaldson
Christina Erben
Rosemarie Ferrell
Abigail Forester
Elaine Frangakis
Sakun Gajurel
Jessica Goldston
Braden Hestermann
Erika Holland
Christopher Hollingsworth
Eileen Hood
Sarah Howard
Malgorzata Jarema
Leah Johnson
Abhishek Kansakar
Sarah Keil
Rebekah Kelly
Rebecca Lewis
Rodney Machokoto
Ivana Maksimovic-Henry
Sanda Markovic
Pedro Massinga
Mame Mbodji
Theresa McCarten
Audrey Melton
Nikolas Mezias
Christina Moore
James Moore
Wayne Moore
Marianne Mosch
Frank Moses

Aimee Munzi
Michael Murray
Kandice Nickel
Christopher Parker
Jessica Pechette
Taisiya Petruchenya
Lauren Ratley
Brendalis Rios
Nelson Rodriguez
Elizabeth Roehl
April Romska
Christine Rudolf
Teresita Ruoff
Elena Sabakar
Todd Sackewitz
Irina Shamonova
Ekaterina Skripova
Amy Slate
Erin Swanson
Caroline Thomas
Ainura Togisbayeva
Jason Tovar
Maxim Vershinin
Erin Welden
Laura Wickens
Jennifer Wielgoszinski
Tyrone Williams
Vincent Worrell

Fort Bragg	Margaret Coen-Rollins Gable Gifford Stefanie Wood
Franklinville	Matthew Beitzel
Godwin	Ashley Baggett
Greensboro	Jerry Bates
Henderson	Devontae Ragland
High Point	Jennifer Smith
Holly Springs	Ashlea Rice
Hope Mills	Andrea Cooper Brent Deems Kristina Kalevas Kristi Kozak Timothy Light Donna Maultsby Krystal Patton Jonathan Poole Ervin Williams Tenille Woodward

Jacksonville	Romin Pousson
Kitty Hawk	Whitney Roberson
Knotts Island	Jennifer Hicks
Lillington	Annette Kuchcinski
Linden	Maleia Matt
Monroe	Amber Smith
Raeford	Brent Crowell
	Rayanne Herrera
	Tisha Ray
	Patricia Watkins
	Melissa Wilson
Rockingham	Erin Yarborough
Rocky Point	Sara Poling
Roseboro	Matthew Sessoms
Sanford	Christie Bolton
	Kelli Deese
	Sherry Pitts
	Jessica Worrell
Siler City	Laura Clark
	Daniel Page
Spring Hope	Courtney Bissette
Spring Lake	Marcelina Balajadia
	Karen Havard
	Mustapha Silla
	Crystal Yost
Stedman	Jennifer Strouble
Washington	Thomas Lee
Winston-Salem	Kayla Talbert

Other States and Countries

Brighton, Colo.	Dawn Sanderson
Woodbridge, Conn.	Frederick Geisinger
Harrington, Del.	Benjamin Gray
Houston, Del.	Katherine Harbeson
Bradenton, Fla.	Stephen Fox
Orlando, Fla.	Nan Bradshaw
Palm Beach Gard, Fla.	Evan Monteiro
Norcross, Ga.	Susan Martin
Senoia, Ga.	Benjamin Creighton
Albia, Iowa	Eric Duea
Bloomington, Ill.	Danele Woods
Greenwood, Ind.	Sean Lowry
Overland Park, Kan.	Joel Thomas
Louisville, Ky.	Jennifer Crews
East Longmeadow, Mass.	Andrew Ouellet

Lenox, Mass.	Robert Peterson
Annapolis, Md.	Scott Senerius
Davidsonville, Md.	Angelo Catucci
Denton, Md.	Ashley Schmitt
Lutherville, Md.	Kristyn Zeiler
Middletown, Md.	Lindsey Cosgray
Silver Spring, Md.	Colleen Delaney
Liberty, Mo.	Ryan Burchett
Epsom, N.H.	Tiffany Mills
Gilsum, N.H.	Heather Schneider
Lambertville, N.J.	Robert Salyga
Ridgewood, N.J.	Thomas Hutton
Tenafly, N.J.	Emily Beck
Clayton, N.Y.	Matthew Denesha
Elbridge, N.Y.	Heather Ford
Sherrill, N.Y.	Adam Seely
West Seneca, N.Y.	Shantell Dustin
Canton, Ohio	Mark Osborne
Circleville, Ohio	Tiffany Tucker
Parma, Ohio	Sam Morrison
Clairton, Pa.	Erica Nath
Dover, Pa.	Nathan Friedman
Felton, Pa.	Nathan Wishard
Philadelphia, Pa.	Stephen Hosack
Sewickley, Pa.	Courtney Fernandez
Waynesboro, Pa.	Joshua Arendt
	Matthew Taylor
West Chester, Pa.	Mario Bevilacqua
Whitehall, Pa.	Ryan Carfara
Windber, Pa.	Jodi College
Providence, R.I.	Sara Dickson
League City, Texas	Kaitlin Flaherty
Odessa, Texas	Maria Escobar-Machica
Fredericksburg, Va.	Kelly Orpin
Gloucester, Va.	Catherine Ramsay
Lynchburg, Va.	Verres Thomas
Smithfield, Va.	Jacob Evans
Wheelock, Vt.	Colleen Long
Bothell, Wash.	Michael Olson
Issaquah, Wash.	John Gudauskas
Wellsburg, W.Va.	Lucas Diserio
Weston, W.Va.	Patrick Boyle

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM TO
HOST THIRD ANNUAL “HOT SUMMER DAY 5K”**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist University Physician Assistant Program will be hosting the Third Annual “Hot Summer Day 5k” Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Care Clinic—a non-profit medical clinic in Fayetteville serving the uninsured and underinsured of Cumberland County.

The 5-kilometer (3.1 mile) run/walk will be held on the Methodist University campus. Registration and check-in begins at 7:00 a.m., and the race begins at 8 a.m. The cost is \$25 for pre-registration and \$30 for race-day registration. There is a \$5 discount for students and military personnel, and each participant will receive a free T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to age group winners and to the top three male and female finishers.

To register as a walker/runner or event sponsor, stop by the PA Program Building at 5107-B College Centre Drive, or e-mail hotsummerday5k@yahoo.com. For more information, visit <http://www.methodist.edu/paprogram/20085K.pdf> or call (910) 630-7531.



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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
WALLACE E. AND IRENE N. THORNE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University has received a gift of \$25,000 for the establishment the Wallace E. and Irene N. Thorne Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship was created by Wallace Thorne to honor the memory of his wife, Irene Newsome Thorne.

Wallace currently resides in the New Hope community of Wayne County, N.C., and remains active in their church, the Beston United Methodist Church. Wallace and Irene owned and operated Goldsboro Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc. until their retirement.

“I cannot think of a more appropriate way to honor someone than to give the gift of education that will enable graduates to go out and touch the lives of others,” said Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of Methodist University.

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO RECEIVE ADDITIONS TO LAFAYETTE
COLLECTION**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Items from Fayetteville’s 200th and 250th birthday celebrations for the Marquis de Lafayette will be transferred to Methodist University’s Davis Memorial Library at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008, at Cross Creek Park. Gillie Revel, daughter of former Fayetteville Postmaster William M. Shaw, will present news clippings and a commemorative folio of Lafayette stamps from the 1957 celebrations. The library will also receive a scrapbook compiled by Fayetteville Academy students containing materials from the 250th anniversary celebrations in Fayetteville.

The items will be presented during a ceremony to dedicate a time capsule at the base of the Lafayette statue in Cross Creek Park. Methodist University contributions to the capsule include a copy of the March 2007 program from a lecture about Lafayette held at Methodist University and a small plaque attached to the DVD of the 2007 celebrations stating that when the capsule is opened the content of the disc will be viewable at the Methodist University library.

As part of the 2008 observance of the Marquis de Lafayette’s birthday, materials from Methodist University’s Lafayette Collection will be on display at the Market House from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6 and again at the Sept. 26 Fourth Friday event from 6 to 10 p.m. Other events to be held downtown Sept. 6 include a “French dog” parade, fencing demonstrations, and colonial fun and games. For more information visit <http://www.lafayettesociety.org>.



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SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES THE “OFFICIAL OPENING”
OF SCHOOL WITH THE 2008 CONVOCATION**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University celebrates its forty-ninth academic year with the 2008 Fall Convocation set for Monday, Sept. 8, at 11 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Convocation is open to the public. The keynote speaker for the event is Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of the University.

Dr. Hendricks’ topic for Convocation is “You May Be Old Enough to Drink, But Are You Old Enough to Study Philosophy?”

This year’s student body includes 658 new students, which is the largest new-student population in university history. Of the 658 new students, 585 are undergraduate day students, and 73 are new graduate students. Four-hundred and thirty-one students are freshman (with 101 from the Cape Fear Region).

Athletic Director Bob McEvoy will present two Outstanding Athletic Awards, and Dr. Delmas Crisp, dean of the University, will introduce the new faculty, students in the Honors Program, and recipients of the Endowed Professorships. There will be a special musical presentation by the Methodist University Chorale.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY HONORS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
ITS THIRD PRESIDENT, DR. M. ELTON HENDRICKS**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Monday, Sept. 15, 2008, marks Dr. M. Elton Hendricks' 25th Anniversary as the third president of Methodist University.

As noted in *The Fayetteville Times*, Friday, Aug. 12, 1983:

“A college administrator with degrees in history, divinity, and physics Thursday became the third president of 27-year-old Methodist College. Dr. Melvin Elton Hendricks, 47, received unanimous approval of the Board of Trustees during a Thursday meeting in the Horner Administration Building on the campus. He will assume the presidency Sept. 15, replacing Dr. Richard Pearce, who is retiring to Florida.”

In honor of this milestone, and in observance of his wishes for minimal fanfare, a small reception will be held in the lobby of Reeves Auditorium from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 15, 2008. The event is open to the public, faculty, staff, students, Board members, and friends of the University.

With 25 years of service, Dr. Hendricks is the longest-serving president of all of the presidents and chancellors serving at four-year colleges and universities in North Carolina. In those years, he has brought about significant change.

“When I came to Methodist College in 1983, day program enrollment was below 600,” noted Dr. Hendricks. Total enrollment in 1983 was only 771. The primary focus of his leadership at (what was then) Methodist College was on the “educational possibility for which we were created.” Enrollment now, in 2008, is 2,118.

Here is a closer look at where we were then (1983) as compared with where we are now (2008):

	Then - 1983	Now - 2008
Total Enrollment:	771	2,118
Residential Enrollment:	248	901
Endowment:	\$1,262,818	\$15,325,129
Number of Employees:	110	519 (377 full-time and 153 part-time)
Operating Budget:	\$3,200,000	\$45,835,561
Number of Buildings:	21	51

Academic Programs:

19 (with no concentrations) Over 70 majors and concentrations

Under Dr. Hendricks' continued leadership, the University has plans for a new football field house, the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts, and a \$2.5 million physical expansion of the Physician Assistant Program.

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SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WITH UNITED WAY TO
*STOP HUNGER NOW***

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—According to *Stop Hunger Now's* Web site, 25,000 people die every day (1,041 per hour, 17 per minute, and one per three seconds) from hunger and malnutrition. Methodist University students, faculty, and staff will partner with volunteers from United Way of Cumberland County to pack meals for *Stop Hunger Now* Oct. 29, 2008. Packing will begin at noon and end at 3:00 p.m. in the Student Union at Berns Student Center. One-hundred volunteers will pack each hour for three hours.

There are two goals for the project:

- 1) Pack 30,000 meals in the Student Center on Oct. 29 for *Stop Hunger Now*—Students may sign-up to volunteer in the Campus Ministry Office beginning Oct. 10, 2008, or by calling (910) 630-7157.
- 2) Raise \$6,000 to cover the project's expenses—At \$0.20/meal, a \$1 donation will make five meals possible in poverty-stricken areas. Donations will be accepted at Chapel on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., or at the Campus Ministry Office at Methodist University from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. from now until Oct. 29, 2008.

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- Available upon request: Methodist University logo, United Way logo, *Stop Hunger Now* logo, and two/three photos from *Stop Hunger Now* in Raleigh.



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**CO-AUTHORS BENJAMIN AJAK AND JUDY BERNSTEIN TO SPEAK AT
METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—In conjunction with Methodist University’s newly-adopted freshman reading program (IDS 110), Benjamin Ajak and Judy Bernstein, co-authors of *They Poured Fire On Us From the Sky*, *The True Story of Three Lost Boys From Sudan*, will speak at Methodist University Oct. 27, 2008. Ajak is one of the “lost boy” refugees from Sudan. *They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky* is the required text for IDS 110. The presentation will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium, and is free and open to the public.

They Poured Fire On Us From the Sky is a true story of survival as told by three boys who lose everything during Sudan's civil war. They are forced to leave their homes and hide with snakes, scorpions, and hyenas as their houses burn, and their family and friends are slaughtered. These lost boys walk for months, days, and nights, crossing deserts and mountains to find refugee camps. They travel hundreds of miles, through lands inhabited by hungry crocodiles and lions, at risk of being kidnapped by Muslim and rebel armies. Many children die of hunger and thirst. Their story is a testament of courage amid extraordinary hardship.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY HOSTS ANNUAL BOOK SALE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University’s Davis Memorial Library will host its annual Book Sale of textbooks, paperbacks, and miscellaneous educational books from Oct. 6-20, 2008. Medical, math, and educational materials are being offered, and the Book Sale is open to the public.

The hours are Monday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Hardbacks are \$1 and paperbacks are available for 50 cents.

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MICROCREDIT SUMMIT CAMPAIGN SPEAKER TO PRESENT AT MU

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Anna Awimbo, a consultant and former research director of the Microcredit Summit Campaign—the largest global network of institutions involved in microfinance—will give a presentation about the Microcredit Summit Campaign Oct. 16, 2008, at 7 p.m. in Clark Hall’s Yarborough Auditorium at Methodist University. The event is free and open to the public.

What is Microfinance?

The area of microfinance was introduced to the world in 2006 when Bangladeshi economist Muhammad Yunus and his Grameen Bank were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their pioneering work in microcredit. Simply put, microcredit is the lending of small amounts of money to the world's poorest people, and has proven to be one of the most effective tools for improving the lives of women and their families in the developing countries.

About Methodist University

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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES THIRD
BUSINESS SUCCESSION FORUM NETWORK PROGRAM**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) has announced the Business Succession Forum Network’s third program titled “Web Design and Web Marketing.” The event will be held Oct. 22, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Azalea/Dogwood Board Room of Fayetteville’s Hilton Garden Inn. Registration is \$25 per person and free for members of BSFN95.

The speaker for the event is Jon Jordan, president and founder of Atlantic Business Technologies (Atlantic BT), Inc., a Web design and marketing firm. Jordan attended NC Wesleyan College and NC State University before starting Atlantic BT at the age of 19. The company now employs 28 full-time personnel and manages Web sites for more than 600 businesses. Atlantic BT owns and manages a large number of its own servers located in a state-of-the-art secure facility near Research Triangle Park.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY AND CONGRESSMAN BOB ETHERIDGE
ANNOUNCE \$397,503 IN FEDERAL FUNDING**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—U.S. Rep. Bob Etheridge will join Methodist University President Elton Hendricks and the Board of Trustees with \$397,503 in federal funds for the development of the Methamphetamine Education Training Program. The University program is interdisciplinary and will directly impact social work, justice studies, chemistry, and environmental and occupational management majors. The program will include training opportunities for law enforcement and community professionals as well. The announcement will take place Oct. 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Walter and Margaret Clark Hall.

Etheridge, with strong support from Representative Mike McIntyre and Senators Elizabeth Dole and Richard Burr, requested and secured the funding last year in the FY 2008 U.S. Department of Justice appropriations bill for its Community Oriented Policing Services' Methamphetamine Initiative. Methodist University completed the federal grant application and the funding has now been approved by the Department of Justice.

“The opportunity to develop an education program to combat methamphetamine is a privilege for Methodist University,” said President Hendricks. “Educating individuals about the visual signs, physical symptoms, odors, and chemicals associated with methamphetamine production and use will improve recognition and reporting of labs, allowing law enforcement to become engaged more quickly.”

Methodist University will purchase specialized forensic lab equipment and develop unique software for use in a combination of classroom, forensic science laboratory, and virtual simulation training. Students, law enforcement professionals, and community agency personnel will be educated in initial identification, crime scene entry and investigation,

evidence gathering, and protecting their own personal safety while dealing with the highly volatile chemicals used in the production of methamphetamine. Classroom training will provide the opportunity to learn about methamphetamine, how it is manufactured, the physical and mental effects of methamphetamine addiction, and the increased violence and other crimes associated with methamphetamine. Virtual scenarios will safely train individuals to recognize the indicators of clandestine labs so enforcement action can be initiated. Scenarios will include labs in residential and industrial settings, and a portable methamphetamine lab. Scent will be incorporated to aid in the identification of labs.

There will be multiple education and training opportunities associated with the program. For students enrolled in and seeking a four-year degree at Methodist University, a minor in interdisciplinary studies in clandestine labs will be developed. For law enforcement and community professionals already in the workforce who desire in-depth training, a two-year Associate of Science degree will be developed, along with certificate programs with continuing education credit. One of these programs will involve a One-Day First Responder Training Program developed in conjunction with the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI).

“These funds are great news for Methodist University and Cumberland County,” said U.S. Rep. Bob Etheridge. “This funding will help to respond to the methamphetamine epidemic that has plagued North Carolina communities, keeping our communities safe for our families to live, work, and play. These funds will not only expand Methodist University’s leadership in forensic science, but help our first responders fight the blight of meth-related crime through training in advanced crime-fighting technology and methamphetamine lab cleanup.”

U.S. Rep. Mike McIntyre said, “This federal funding puts Methodist University on the map as a national leader in the effort to improve communities, train students for careers in law enforcement, and build a brighter tomorrow! The \$397,503 in federal funds will allow Methodist to purchase specialized equipment and advanced technology to train law enforcement professionals to combat methamphetamine production and also deal with the removal and disposal of known labs. I applaud President Hendricks, the Board of Trustees, and the University for their vision and work on this initiative, and I was very pleased to assist in securing this funding.”

“I am proud to support Methodist University’s Methamphetamine Educational Training Project, which will help law enforcement officers combat this devastating drug,” said Senator Elizabeth Dole. “Additionally, I worked to pass the Combat Meth Act, which

fighters against methamphetamine production, trafficking and use. I am hopeful that, working together, we can win the war on methamphetamines.”

“I am pleased to see Methodist University receive this grant of \$397,503 from the Department of Justice to combat methamphetamine,” said Senator Burr. “The harm caused by the illegal use and manufacturing of methamphetamine in America is widespread and presents large challenges to law enforcement. Grants like this one are effective tools for our communities and law enforcement to work together to curtail the rapid spread of this destructive drug.”

Methodist University, Fayetteville’s only independent, four-year institution of higher education, is responding to the criminal justice system needs of the local community and the State of North Carolina. The Methamphetamine Education Training Program complements Methodist’s existing forensic science concentrations in justice studies and chemistry, and the weekend Master of Justice Administration (MJA) program.

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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES THE 35TH ANNUAL
ECONOMIC OUTLOOK SYMPOSIUM**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist University is pleased to announce its 35th Annual Economic Outlook Symposium, Thursday, Nov. 13 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. Guest speakers for the Symposium include Dan Dederick, chair of the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce, and Jeffrey J. Schappe, CFA, chief investment officer, BB&T Asset Management.

Schappe, keynote speaker for the evening, oversees management of BB&T Funds and variable and fixed annuities. He also leads the asset allocation team and process, and supervises the management of model portfolios used to construct separately-managed BB&T asset management accounts. Additionally, Schappe manages BB&T's \$1.6 billion defined benefit pension plan. Prior to 2004, he served as chief investment officer and portfolio manager at Citizens Advisers and director of research and portfolio manager at Conseco Capital Management. He has a Bachelor of Arts in journalism and a Master of Business Administration in finance, investment, and banking from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has appeared on CNBC and Bloomberg TV, and has been quoted in a number of national and international publications.

Dan Dederick, general manager and partner of Hendrick Chrysler Jeep, heads the Board of Directors of the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce. He moved to Fayetteville in 1989 from Orlando, Fla., to work with Rick Hendrick. He is a retired Lt. Colonel, US Marine Corps Reserve. Dederick has been active in economic development efforts, most recently as the vice chair for economic development. He was also the chair of the Fayetteville Area Economic Development Corporation in 2002-2003. He has

been on the Existing Industry Committee since 1992, and chaired the Existing Industry Committee twice.

Several awards will be presented at the Symposium including Entrepreneur of the Year Award, Business Person of the Year Award, Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year Award, and Greater Good Award. The event includes dinner and tickets can be purchased for \$50 per person or \$375 for a table seating eight.

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STUDENT ART EXHIBITION OPENS AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Jodi College, a senior art education major at Methodist University, will present “An Unexpected Twist” Nov. 23, 2008 – Jan. 2, 2009. College’s senior art exhibition will hang in the Mallett-Rogers House behind the University’s soccer field. An opening reception is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 23 from 2-4 p.m.

“My artwork is a vehicle through which I can express inner emotions that are within to develop my works of art,” says College. “Creating art is my way of describing myself without using words. Most of all my artwork is influenced by my family and emotional responses to my life’s experiences.”

College’s exhibition will feature over 15 pieces, including sculptures, paintings, drawings, and prints. “Experimentation with mixed media allows me the freedom to explore and express my artistic vision.”

The art exhibition is free and open to the public. Methodist University is an independent four-year institution of higher education with over 2,100 students from 41 states and 30 countries. Methodist University offers over 70 majors and concentrations, three master’s degree programs, and 19 NCAA III intercollegiate sports. For more information, please contact Silvana Foti, professor of art and chair of the Art Department, at (910) 630-7107.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO CELEBRATE 36TH ANNUAL WINTER
COMMENCEMENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will celebrate its 36th Annual Winter Commencement ceremony Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. There are 140 candidates for a Bachelor of Science degree, seven candidates for a Bachelor of Social Work degree, and eight candidates for an Associate of Arts degree. The University's Master of Justice Administration (MJA) Program has five candidates in its graduating class and there is one candidate from The Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) at Pinehurst®. Thirty-one students will receive their Master of Medical Science degree.

The day's events will begin with a baccalaureate service at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The Rev. David L. Harvin, pastor of Hay Street United Methodist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. This year's commencement speaker is North Carolina Representative Rick Glazier. Glazier teaches pre-trial law at Campbell University School of Law and criminal justice as an adjunct professor at Fayetteville State University. He has received numerous Legislator of the Year and Legislative Leadership Awards from statewide health, education, and law and justice organizations.

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