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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY LOYALTY DAY SET FOR FEBRUARY 10**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Honorable Lyndo Tippet, North Carolina Secretary of Transportation and this year’s Loyalty Day chair, will lead over 100 community volunteers as they canvass Cumberland County Tuesday, Feb 10, 2009 to seek support for scholarships for Methodist University students. An increasing percentage—over 90 %—of Methodist’s 2,100 students receive financial assistance, and scholarship funding for deserving students is a critical need.

“As a businessman and, for the past eight years, head of the second-largest state agency, I understand the value of a good education,” said Chairman Tippet. “As a former Methodist Trustee and Foundation Board member, I can assure you that your investment in the University and its students with a Loyalty Day gift for scholarships is crucial, particularly in light of the need for a more highly educated workforce to see us through the economic challenges we face on the local, state, and national level,” he concluded.

This year’s Foundation Board members are Gayle Nelson, president; George Matthews, vice-president; Barb Lahiff, treasurer; Lauren Cook Wike, secretary; Mac Edwards, immediate past president; Jeffery F. Baker; Bill Bowman; Alan Buffaloe; Jan Cobb; Kevin Dennison ’95; Stephen Driggers ’76; Louis Feraca; Bishop Kenneth Hill; Marilyn Holstein; Gwen Holtsclaw ’68; T. J. Jenkins; Jennifer Kirby ’02; Joy Kirkpatrick ’93; Dineen Morton; Sharon Moyer; Bill Pannhoff; Phyllis Houston-Washington; Guyla Wilkinson ’92; and Jimmie Wood, IV ’00.

The Loyalty Day Kick-off Breakfast is scheduled for 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Feb. 10 in the Green and Gold Café on the Methodist University campus. Media may R.S.V.P. for the Kick-off Breakfast by calling Pam McEvoy, director of University Relations, at (910) 630-7043.

For more information, to make a contribution, or to volunteer for Loyalty Day 2009, call (910) 630-7200, e-mail [lwike@methodist.edu](mailto:lwike@methodist.edu), or visit [www.methodist.edu](http://www.methodist.edu) and see upcoming events.



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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES FIRST  
BUSINESS SUCCESSION FORUM NETWORK PROGRAM OF THE YEAR**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) has announced the first Business Succession Forum Network of the year, “Estate and Business Succession Planning in 2009,” which will be held Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009. The event will be held from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Azalea/Dogwood Board Room of Fayetteville’s Hilton Garden Inn. BSFN registration is \$25 per person and free for members of BSFN95.

The speaker for the event is William “Bill” Pate, J.D., of Poyner Spruill, LLP. Prior to joining Poyner Spruill, Pate was an associate with Stubbs, Cole, Breedlove, Prentis & Biggs, PLLC in Durham from 2004-2007. He currently practices in the area of trusts and estates. Pate earned his Juris Doctorate and Master of Business Administration from Campbell University in 2004. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2001.

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## **METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOST "PINK ZONE" 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 "Pink Zone" basketball game Feb. 14 at 2 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 and Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation Friends of the Cancer Center.

All fans wearing pink to the game will be admitted free with a donation to support breast cancer awareness. The Methodist team will play in pink uniforms to show their support. For fans looking to support the cause, Methodist is selling "Pink Zone" T-shirts. Shirts can be purchased prior to the event at MU basketball games or online through the athletics Web site. Throughout the game, a silent auction will include autographed balls by North Carolina State Head Coach Kay Yow, University of Tennessee Head Coach Pat Summitt, University of North Carolina Head Coach Sylvia Hatchell and her team, Syracuse University Head Coach Jim Boeheim and former NBA star Michael Jordan.

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 "Pink Zone" 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 "Pink Zone" (formerly Think Pink) in 2007 as an initiative to raise breast cancer awareness in women's basketball, on campuses, and in communities. Last year, the Methodist University women's basketball program raised \$3,350 to present to Kay Yow for her fund.

"Kay Yow has always been an inspiration to me—not only as a coach, but as a player," said Methodist's Head Coach DeeDee 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. For more information, contact the Methodist University Athletic Department at (910) 630-7175.

Breast cancer survivors interested in participating in the event should contact DeeDee Jarman at (910) 630-7283 or [djarman@methodist.edu](mailto:djarman@methodist.edu).

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](http://wbca.org).



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**DAVIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY TO HOLD VINYL LP SALE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Almost 3,000 vinyl LP record albums will be offered at a public sale to be held Feb. 7-19 at Davis Memorial Library at Methodist University. The collection consists primarily of classical recordings, both ex-library holdings and donations, but popular music is also well-represented.

Arleen Fields, archives librarian at Davis Memorial Library says, “Our main goal is to find new homes for these items, or at least keep them out of the landfill. If we make a little money along the way, even better!”

The first day of the sale each disc will be \$1; after that each album or set (regardless of how many discs are included) will be 50¢. From Friday, Feb. 20 to Sunday Feb. 22 anything left over will be free for the taking. Three metal units which hold approximately 600 albums each, two turntables, two receivers, two dual cassette decks, and two multi-CD players will also be sold. Bowls (suitable for snacks, planters, organizers, etc) made from recycled vinyl LPS will be available for sale. Instructions for creating other items (such as clocks and jewelry holders) from old records will be provided. Approximately 700 albums will be kept by the library in open stacks for browsing. CD backups (listening copies) will be made upon request. Lists of items offered for sale (in PDF and MS Excel format) are available at: [http://www.methodist.edu/library/archspec/archives/LP\\_sale.htm](http://www.methodist.edu/library/archspec/archives/LP_sale.htm).

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Lauren Sandoval has been named recruit/intern coordinator for Methodist University's Resort and Club Management Program. Sandoval will work closely with the director and faculty to establish, implement, and accomplish recruitment and internship goals. She will oversee the recruitment of students and placement of current students into internship positions.

Sandoval assumed her new role at the end of the fall 2008 semester. She graduated from the University of Florida in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in recreation, hospitality, and event management. A native of Miami, Fla., she is bilingual in English and Spanish. Sandoval has studied abroad in Germany, Spain, and England.

The Resort and Club Management Program is housed in Methodist University's Center for Resort Business (CRB). Students majoring in business administration, marketing, and/or financial economics may concentrate in resort and club management.

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**AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Dorothy Spruill Redford will speak at Methodist University's spring convocation in Reeves Auditorium at 11:00 a.m., Monday, Feb. 2, 2009. Redford's presentation, which is free and open to the public, will begin Methodist University's observation of Black History Month.

In addition to a number of related topics, Redford lectures on African-American genealogy and Antebellum history. She is the recipient of the Congressional Black Caucus Carter G. Woodson Award, resolution from the Commonwealth of Virginia General Assembly, and has joined Dr. John Hope Franklin in receiving the North Carolina Humanities Council John Tyler Caldwell Award. She is a member of the East Carolina University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi and has appeared in "Roots of Resistance" and "Roots, Celebrating 25 Years." She serves on several boards, including the African American Advisory Board for Monticello and Fortress Monroe. In 2006, she was a Portsmouth (Virginia) Notable.

Redford will be introduced by Derrick Soellner, president of MU's Student Government Association. The Gospel Choir, *One Voice*, will perform special music. Copies of *Somerset Homecoming: Recovering a Lost Heritage* will be available for sale at the event.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY RELEASES ITS FIRST HISTORY BOOK**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University will release *From Cotton Field to University: A History of Methodist University, 1956-2006*, March 9, 2009.

Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, university president, will introduce the author and accept the book at 3:30 p.m. in S-222 of the Science Auditorium. Copies will then be presented to all MU faculty and staff who reserved a copy.

Written by William H. “Bill” Billings, a 1968 graduate of Methodist, the hard cover book contains 642 pages of annotated history, 250 photographs, 92 pages of appendices, and an every-name index, for a total of 788 pages. Billings began work on the project in 2002.

“I am delighted that we now have a detailed history of our school,” said Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, university president. “Our first fifty years were difficult at times, but the journey from a cotton field to a university was clearly worth taking.”

“When I asked Bill to take on this project,” said Dr. Hendricks, “I lent him histories of other colleges and universities from my personal library. He was also given access to college trustees’ minutes, transcripts of oral history interviews, and all the archives housed in the college library, including student publications. I think the history he has written is thorough, scholarly, and interesting.”

Billings worked one year full-time on the history and five years half-time (20 hours per week). He describes the project as “overwhelming at times” because of the large volume of material he encountered. “Our library has excellent archives,” said Billings, “including 100,000 images dating back fifty years. It helped a great deal that I had worked here for fifteen years and attended Methodist College from 1964-68. I was an eyewitness to twenty of our first fifty years.”

The author said six years of research and writing led him to four conclusions about Methodist College/Methodist University:

- 1) Fayetteville was an ideal place to build a college
- 2) The pioneers who built Methodist had a clear vision of what a Christian liberal arts college should be and worked hard to make that vision a reality
- 3) Methodist College/University staff, students, and alumni have distinguished themselves in many fields
- 4) President M. Elton Hendricks has found niche markets for Methodist and extremely talented personnel which have enabled the school to grow and prosper and become a small university

Billings is preparing a 30-minute “book talk” for presentation to area churches and civic groups interested in the history of Methodist University. To schedule a “book talk,” please contact the author weekday mornings at (910) 630-7509 or weekday afternoons at (910) 630-7032.

Copies of *From Cotton Field to University* may be purchased in the Methodist University Bookstore for \$22.95 or ordered online at [www.methodist.edu/alumni](http://www.methodist.edu/alumni). For more information, contact Bill Billings, university historian, at (910) 630-7509.

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**CO-AUTHORS TO RECEIVE AWARD AND PRESENT IN CHICAGO**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Dr. Sharon Kendrick, assistant professor of business administration in the Reeves School of Business and director of Resort and Club Management, and her co-author, Dr. Melody Wollan, assistant professor of management at Eastern Illinois University, have been awarded the Best Overall Paper on Conference Theme for the Midwest Business Administration Association (MBAA).

To be eligible for the award, Dr. Kendrick and her co-author's paper was selected from among eleven meritorious papers that were submitted to the North American Management Society (NAMS), which is affiliated with the larger MBAA. The co-authors look forward to receiving their award from Irwin/McGraw Hill, Inc. and to presenting their findings in Chicago at the March 2009 MBAA National Conference.

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**CFE ANNOUNCES SECOND BSFN:  
“HOW TO SURVIVE TOUGH TIMES”**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) has announced the second Business Succession Forum Network (BSFN) of the year, “How to Survive Tough Times,” which will be held Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009. The event will be held from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Azalea/Dogwood Board Room of Fayetteville’s Hilton Garden Inn. BSFN registration is \$25 per person and free for members of BSFN95.

The speakers for the event include:

**Scott Baker**  
*Senior Vice President, Commercial  
Banking  
First Citizens Bank*

**Marty Cayton**  
*Amerizon Wireless*

**Louis Cox**  
*President, Holt Oil Company, Inc.*

**Anna Hodges Smith**  
*Co-Owner / President / Account  
Executive  
Hodges Associates*

**Jay Wyatt**  
*President, Valley Auto World*

**Moderator: Eugene Bain**  
*White and Bain Financial Services  
Chair, Business Succession Forum  
Network*

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**MU ANNOUNCES FIRST ANNUAL JAZZ FEST**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The first annual MU Jazz Fest will take place in Reeves Auditorium at 6:00 p.m., Feb. 28, 2009. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the event is free and open to the public.

The featured artist is Skip Walker and Macrorhythm:

Skip Walker: Drums

Rodney Shelton: Keyboards/Bass

Joe Lindsay: Guitar

Ziad: Saxophones

Guest Soloist: Mike Wallace (Flute)

The Fayetteville Jazz Orchestra, MU Jazz Ensemble, Southview High School Jazz Ensemble, and Cape Fear High School Jazz Ensemble will also perform.

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**METHODIST TO HOST WOMACK LECTURES**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Dr. Stephen Braude, professor of philosophy and chair of the Philosophy Department at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, will speak at Methodist University Monday, Feb. 23 at 11:00 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. His topics will include, “Taking Physical Mediumship Seriously” and “Do We Survive Death? The State of the Debate,” respectively. Dr. Braude’s presentation is part of the annual Womack Lecture Series. The lectures will take place in Yarborough Auditorium (Clark Hall) and are open to the public at no charge. There will also be a luncheon at noon.

Professor Braude is past president of the Parapsychological Association, editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Scientific Exploration*, and the recipient of several grants and fellowships, including Research Fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the BIAL Foundation in Portugal. He has published more than 60 philosophical essays.

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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**MU PRESENTS ANNUAL BULLARD-TEMPLETON LECTURE ON  
SCIENCE AND RELIGION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University will feature its annual lecture on Science and Religion at 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 9, 2009. The lecture will be held in Yarborough Auditorium (Clark Hall) on the Methodist University Campus.

Since this year is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin, the focus will be on his thought and impact upon various historical movements. Professor Karl Giberson, who has widely published on the topic, will present the lecture. Dr. Giberson earned a Ph.D. in physics at Rice University, with additional studies at Oxford University and Dartmouth College. He is currently a professor of religion at Eastern Nazarene College and director of the Forum on Faith and Science at Gordon College. In 1996, he received a Templeton Foundation Award for “Outstanding Course in Science and Religion.”

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**MU ANNOUNCES 20<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL SOUTHERN WRITERS SYMPOSIUM**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The 20th Biennial Southern Writers Symposium will return to Methodist University Feb. 27-28, 2009. The event, themed *North Carolina Writers*, will feature scholars from around the country who will present papers on southern writers and explore their relationships to the southern literary canon. This year's Symposium also features readings, talks, and panel discussions by contemporary North Carolina writers including Jill McCorkle, Pamela Duncan, David Payne, Jaki Shelton Green, Amy Knox Brown, Steve Lautermilch, and Dasan Ahanu.

Most of the papers presented at the Symposium will focus on North Carolina writers, from Charles Chesnutt to Robert Morgan and from Harriet Jacobs to Lee Smith. The featured scholarly presenters include Margaret Bauer and Dr. Lucinda MacKethan.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES WINTER GRADUATES**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University graduated 202 students during the 36th Annual Winter Commencement ceremony Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. The University's Master of Justice Administration (MJA) Program had five candidates in its graduating class and there was one graduate from The Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) at Pinehurst®. Thirty-one students received their Master of Medical Science degree.

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

**North Carolina**

**Apex:** Lindsay Blackley

**Bladenboro:** Shannon Alford

**Buies Creek:** Jennifer Hatcher

**Cameron:** Sherry Pitts

**Chapel Hill:** Joseph Quinn

**China Grove:** Philip Dayvault\*

**Clayton:** Amanda Pollard\* and Ashley Hale

**Dunn:** Adam Tew

**Durham:** Adegboyega Orelaja

**Elizabethtown:** Kiwana Davis

**Fayetteville:** Nurzhan Amanov, Mia Armstrong, Alicia Bates, Landon Bentham, Emily Bilog, Mara Brown, Curtis Burnett, Sharron Brown, Tereasa Brown, Alyson Conyers, Kimberly Cooper, Andrew Dempster, Constance Dunston, Janice Goldsmith, Heather Gustafson, Tezra Hamilton, Billy Herring, Molly Hoeffner\*, Dana Horne, Allison Hines,

Julio Jiminez, Rebecca Kelly, James Knight, Rebecca Lewis, Kristopher Livingston, Amber McClelland, Toney McCray, India McDuffie, Felecia Nieves, April Palomar, Jennifer Pattison, Rebecca Pena, Douglas Peters\*, Melodie Robinson, Bo Rong, Brendalis Rios, Alex Sepulveda, Laura Solano, Adam Sippy, Sonia Smith, Christina Starkey, Theresa Steimle\*, Leslie Thomas, April Thomas, Kandice Thorne, James Taylor\*, Anna Rogers, and Ashley Voter

**Fort Bragg:** Curtis Squires and Susan Washington

**Garner:** Brian Reed

**Goldsboro:** Vincent Hall and Christina Poythress\*

**Graham:** Chelsale Hester and Stacey Vaughn

**Hope Mills:** Bridget Thompson

**Jacksonville:** Daryl Lawrence, Jr.

**Leland:** Charles Bost

**Lillington:** Maria Matthews and Jamie Wicker\*\*

**Linden:** Millie Locklear and Tony Paylor

**Lumberton:** Brett Taylor

**Manteo:** Travis Winstead

**Morrisville:** Jonathan Faggart\*

**Morganton:** Jimmy Izaguirre

**Mt. Airy:** Jennifer Kerley\*

**Oakboro:** Brett Morton

**Oriental:** Amber Waldrop

**Pembroke:** Shannon Hershberger\*

**Pinehurst:** Robert Thomas\*

**Raeford:** Erin Craig and Terrance Musgrove

**Salisbury:** Richard Anderson, Gregory Hannold\*\*, and Timothy Schenk

**Saluda:** Brandon Hayden

**Sanford:** Christie Bolton, Marian Bullard\*, Karen Oldham, and Jessica Worrel

**Seagrove:** Krystal Richardson\*

**Spring Lake:** Marcelina Balajadia

**Thomasville:** Daniel Whicker\*\*\*

**Wendell:** Bryan Cauley\*\*

**Willow Spring:** Teneja Gay\*

**Wilmington:** Talmadge Schultz

**Other States and Countries**

**San Diego, Calif.:** Shannon Larson

**Bristol, Conn.:** Richard Lebeau

**Higganum, Conn.:** Christopher Bull

**Altamontespring, Fla.:** Olga Saprygina\*

**New Smyrna Bch, Fla.:** Jarrett Cory

**Sebring, Fla.:** Hollie Hurner\*

**St. Petersburg, Fla.:** Patricia Watkins

**Lihue, Hawaii:** Gabrielle Bontea

**Waialua, Hawaii:** Paul Raduziner

**Preston, Iowa:** Shane Eickert

**Amesbury, Mass.:** Colby Wollitz

**East Longmeadow, Mass.:** Andrew Ouellet

**Lunenburg, Mass.:** Rob Jobin

**Taunton, Mass.:** Lindsay Leitao

**Chester, Md.:** Ryan Brandt

**Frederick, Md.:** Christopher Komons

**Wye Mills, Md.:** Robert Landry

**Saco, Maine:** Nichloas Boutin

**Saint Albans, Maine:** Devin Gee

**Oronoco, Minn.:** Emily Purrington\*

**Epsom, N.H.:** Tiffany Mills

**Hopewell, N.J.:** Greg Carver

**Marlton, N.J.:** Eric McBane

**Avon, N.Y.:** Greg Stanton

**Binghamton, N.Y.:** Nicholas Bezek

**Buffalo, N.Y.:** Shantell Dustin

**Clayton, N.Y.:** Matt Denesha

**Elma, N.Y.:** Brian Dauer

**Floral Park, N.Y.:** Michael Sweeney

**Lake View, N.Y.:** Sean Coleman

**Orchard Park, N.Y.:** Corey Johnson

**Sauquoit, N.Y.:** Paul Reid

**Woodgate, N.Y.:** Richard Sutton

**New Middleton, Ohio:** Kathryn Dick

**Fleming, Ohio:** Roy Farley

**Strongsville, Ohio:** Gregory Ciavarelli

**Boiling Springs, Pa.:** Michael Cronin

**Dillsburg, Pa.:** Daniel Ebner

**Duncannon, Pa.:** Dustin Kauffman

**Pottstown, Pa.:** Tara Tokonitz

**Reading, Pa.:** Julie Fetterman\*

**Slatington, Pa.:** Jonathan Nederostek

**Stoystown, Pa.:** Adam Fitzgerald

**Union City, Pa.:** Matthew Horvath

**Whitehall, Pa.:** Ryan Carfara

**York, Pa.:** Ryan Denner

**Warwick, R.I.:** Kevin Morris, Jr.

**Chesapeake, Va.:** Michael Demara

**Chesterfield, Va.:** Sean Brennan

**Singers Glen, Va.:** Justin Keith

**Athens, Wis.:** Bryan Arnold

**Neillsville, Wis.:** Michael Schield

**Charles Town, W.Va.:** Bobby Jones

**Lewisburg, W.Va.:** Joshua Wagaman

**Weston, W.Va.:** Patrick Boyle

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\*\* *Graduate of the Master of Justice Administration (MJA) Program*

\*\*\* *Graduate of the Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program*

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT'S AND DEAN'S LISTS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Seventy-nine students were named to the fall 2008 **President's List** at Methodist University. To merit inclusion on the President's List, a student must achieve a 3.90 GPA with at least 46.8 quality points during the semester on a total course load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of *D*, *F*, or *I* (Incomplete) and no developmental courses. The following students were named to the **President's List**:

**North Carolina**

Bayboro: Amber Waldrop  
Belmont: Christine Ellington  
Cameron: Brianne Hendrick  
Cherryville: Amanda Beam  
Clayton: Ashley Hale  
Clinton: Alexandria Bass  
Coats: Brittany Davis  
Dunn: Adam Tew  
Elizabethtown: Kiwana Davis

**Fayetteville**: Kaisha Ahye, Richard Bagley, Leah Bartram, Richard Bautista, Arthur Berger, Tiara Broadhurst, Sharron Brown, Tereasa Brown, Jennifer Butler, Alyson Conyers, Kimberly Cooper, Dana Craig, Christina Deibert, Dayne Delabastide, Bobette Donaldson, Dimple Dutt, Dustin Golding, Allison Hines, Erika Holland, Christopher Hollingsworth, Abhishek Kansakar, Kristi Kozak, Bobbie Marcoux, Mame Mbodji, Audrey Melton, James Moore, Aimee Munzi, Felecia Nieves, April Palomar, Taisiya Petruchenya, Brendalis Rios, Melodie Robinson, Laura Sheedy, Caroline Thomas, Ashley Voter, Jenny Wayland, and Talesha Williams

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**President's List (continued)**

Fort Bragg: Ryan Slagle, Tiffany Stephens, and Stefanie Wood

Hope Mills: Andrea Cooper, Brent Deems, and Lynda Strock

Knotts Island: Jennifer Hicks

Monroe: Amber Smith

Murfreesboro: Christine Wheeler

Newland: Kimberley Gragg

Oakboro: Brett Morton

Pinehurst: Manoela Kinney

Raeford: Erin Craig and Richard Dooley

Rocky Point: Courtney Benton

Sanford: Christie Bolton and Jessica Worrell

Spring Lake: Marcelina Balajadia and Kimberly Hull

**Other States and Countries**

Sterling, Conn.: Robert Glass

Harrington, Del.: Benjamin Gray

Senoia, Ga.: Megan Rourke

Overland Park, Kan.: Joel Thomas

Davidsonville, Md.: Angelo Catucci

Denton, Md.: Ashley Schmitt

Lutherville, Md.: Kristyn Zeiler

Silver Spring, Md.: Colleen Delaney

Epsom, N.H.: Tiffany Mills

Providence, R.I.: Sara Dickson

Dripping Spring, Texas: Patrick Vancura

Grapevine, Texas: Sean Teeter

Dumfries, Va.: Devonne Blackshear

Bothell, Wash.: Michael Olson

## **Dean's List**

One-hundred and ninety-one students were named to the **Dean's List** at Methodist University for the 2008 fall semester. To merit inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.50 or better GPA with at least 42.0 quality points during the semester on a total course load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of *D*, *F*, or *I* (Incomplete) and no developmental courses. The following students were named to the **Dean's List**:

### **North Carolina**

Angier: Alisha Washington

Apex: Jessalyn Lykins

Arden: Patrick White

Autryville: Jacob Sims

Bladenboro: Shannon Alford

Cameron: Rebecca Diaz, Maegan Matthews, and Robert Tollefsen

Cary: Kelly Shipkowski

Chapel Hill: Joseph Quinn

Clarendon: Robbie Fore

Clayton: Shelly Horn

Coats: Christopher Coats and Amanda Stewart

Cornelius: Courtney Vail

Edenton: Brian Leary

Elizabethtown: Rachel Evans and Stuart Murphy

Erwin: Averil Grady, Lindsey Hargrove, and Rebecca Marks

Fayetteville: Jessica Adkisson, Victor Alvarez-Mendoza, Aaron Anderson, Mia Armstrong, Lorleila Bartlett, Alicia Bates, Jerry Bates, Fallon Bethel, Joan Bieri, Tara Bland, Michelle Bohannon, David Brown, Mario Burnette, Justin Cains, Gonzalo Camina, Staci Chiomento, Lawrence Dawson, Andrew Dempster, Laura Eckard, Mackenzie Eckard, Maida Elezovic, Elaine Frangakis, Sakun Gajurel, Laura Gilbert, Kentaro Hara, Dana Horne, Dzmityr Kanunnikau, Jennifer Kiner, Alexis Lanza, Howard Lattimore, Austin Lehmann, Kristopher Livingston, Rodney Machokoto, Gildelbrandt Martinez, Katherine McCandless, Ashley Meyers, Charnese Miller-Easter, Michael Monk, Christina Moore, Kristin Morris, Marianne Mosch, Hansel Ong, Candateshia Pafford, Jennifer Pattison, Jessica Pechette, Alexander Peets, Rebecca Pena, Matea

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**Dean's List (continued)**

Peric, Celestine Raineri-Maldonad, Richard Ramos, Shelly Savoy, Brandy Slicker, Sonia Smith, Marie Stephens, Kandice Thorne, Rudolph Valentine, Maxim Vershinin, Perry Wall, Laura Wickens, Amanda Wolfe, Peter Yusckat, Max Zaldivar

Ft. Bragg: Valerie Burton, Benjamin Carden, Wilson Cedeno, Jeannine Cuevas-Sanchez, Erik Fritts, Elizabeth Goughnour, Angela Guigni Hernandez, Marjorie Mayville, Kenneth Skinner, Patricia Staggs

Franklinville: Matthew Beitzel

Fuquay Varina: Virginia Harrington and Tangelia Robinson

Godwin: Larry Bagley

Goldston: Maggie Gaines and Jennie Price

Greensboro: Brian Goodwin

Hickory: Nicklaus Cannon

Hillsborough: Kristi Ray

Hope Mills: William Bordeaux, Paul Garcia, Shawn Lovette, Donna Maulsby, Jonathan Poole, Alana Rauhoff, and Michael Tyler

King: William Samuels

Kitty Hawk: Whitney Roberson

Linden: Millie Locklear and Maleia Matt

Lumberton: Zachary Pittman

Manteo: Travis Winstead

Midway Park: Heather Brayton

Mooreseville: Andrew Prascak

New Bern: Jillian Reed

Oxford: Elspeth Desrosiers

Pinehurst: Catherine Ballard

Raeford: Brent Crowell, Joseph Hernandez, Rickey Lizotte, and Megan Rose

Red Springs: Deborah Brown

Rocky Point: Sara Poling and Christopher Sholar

Roseboro: Matthew Sessoms

Sanford: Stephen Avent, Nathan Bright, Barbara Cooper, and Karen Oldham

Spring Lake: George Chacon, Russell Froat, Maria Matthews, and Raul Smith

Stedman: Veronica Bates

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**Dean's List (continued)**

Wallace: Matthew Partin

Waxhaw: Sarah Rowell

Winston-Salem: Kayla Talbert

**Other States and Countries**

Brighton, Colo.: Dawn Sanderson

Millsboro, Del.: Jason Hastings

Bradenton, Fla.: Stephen Fox

Orlando, Fla.: Nan Bradshaw

Norcross, Ga.: Susan Martin

Albia, Iowa: Eric Duea

Pella, Iowa: Kiley Kraayenbrink

Idaho Falls, Idaho: William Hartenstein

Bloomington, Ill.: Danele Woods

Hillsboro, Ill.: Chad Zimmerman

Kenilworth, Ill.: Alana Swain

Toledo, Ill.: Holly Shupe

Winona Lake, Ind.: Trent Barlow

Bellingham, Mass.: Scott Peneau

Marlborough, Mass.: Eleazar Encarnacion and Rameses Encarnacion

Frederick, Md.: Christopher Komons

Middletown, Md.: Lindsey Cosgray

Mendota Heights, Minn.: Emily Jackson

Liberty, Mo.: Ryan Burchett

Epping, N.H.: Nichole Mylott

Freehold, N.J.: Bradley Wynalek

Hoboken, N.J.: Ashley Smulders

Somerville, N.J.: Mark Tarentino

Tenafly, N.J.: Emily Beck

Voorhees, N.J.: Kristina Wolfrom

Hamburg, N.Y.: Gregory Fischer

Levittown, N.Y.: Bryan Beiersdorfer

West Seneca, N.Y.: Shantell Dustin

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**Dean's List (continued)**

Monroe, Ohio: Kevin Enchelmeyer  
Parma, Ohio: Sam Morrison  
Saint Marys, Ohio: Alex Spencer  
Willoughby, Ohio: Allyson Burak  
Elk City, Okla.: Jessica Redd  
Clairton, Pa.: Erica Nath  
Coudersport, Pa.: Ashley Stoudt  
Philadelphia, Pa.: Stephen Hosack  
Sewickley, Pa.: Courtney Fernandez  
Waynesboro, Pa.: Joshua Arendt and Matthew Taylor  
Goose Creek, S.C.: Christine Hood  
League City, Texas: Kaitlin Flaherty  
Odessa, Texas: Maria Escobar-Machica  
Bristow, Va.: Philip Betterly  
Fredericksburg, Va.: Kelly Orpin  
Gloucester, Va.: Catherine Ramsay  
Lynchburg, Va.: Verres Thomas  
Richmond, Va.: Kasey Nichols  
White River Jun, Vt.: Adam Trottier  
Wautoma, Wis.: Ryan Carroll  
Morgantown, W.Va.: John Brautigam

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES “BUSINESS DAY”**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—In an effort to generate awareness about current issues in the job market and business in the current economic climate, the Reeves School of Business at Methodist University and Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) have created “Business Day.” Business Day will take place Wednesday, March 11, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall.

“As we prepare our future business leaders, we are excited to promote a program that not only increases awareness of campus activities, but also provides our students with the chance to interact with current business leaders,” said Jeff Zimmerman, dean of the Reeves School of Business.

SIFE is an international non-profit organization active on more than 1,400 university campuses in 48 countries. SIFE teams create economic opportunities in their communities by organizing outreach projects that focus on market economics, entrepreneurship, personal financial success skills, personal success skills, and business ethics.

“This program is important to enhancing the quality of our education and offering our students information to make more informed decisions about their personal lives and career choices,” said Zimmerman.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOST 13TH ANNUAL  
B.F. STONE LYCEUM: “HAPPINESS: LET’S STOP PURSUING IT”**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host a lyceum Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. to discuss an academic paper titled “Happiness: Let’s Stop Pursuing It,” presented by Dr. Robert Ritzema, professor of psychology. Respondents to the paper include Dr. Michael Potts, professor of philosophy, and Dr. Kelly Walter-Carney, associate professor of English.

Dr. Ritzema is a clinical psychologist who has worked for approximately 25 years treating emotional problems, particularly depression, anxiety, and personality disorders. His practice has emphasized the use of cognition, faith, and personal stories to facilitate emotional healing. He has more than ten years of experience in higher education and a longstanding interest about the topic of happiness, which he has blogged about since the summer of 2008 (<http://bobritzema.wordpress.com/>). Dr. Walter-Carney is the chair of the English Department at Methodist University. She earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in comparative literature from Pennsylvania State University and taught at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, Calif., for 14 years. Dr. Potts earned his M.Th. from Harding University Graduate School of Religion, his M.A. from Vanderbilt University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia.

The event is part of the B.F. Stone Lyceum Series, which started in 1998 with a gift from the estate of B.F. Stone. The mission of the discussion is to foster scholarly interaction among the faculty, students, and the community at-large. Stone was an Elizabethtown pharmacist, philanthropist, and active layman in the United Methodist Church. The proceeds from his estate have also been used to endow student scholarships.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO OFFER AH&LA CERTIFICATION  
IN FALL 2009**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Beginning in the fall 2009 semester, Methodist University students majoring in business administration with a concentration in resort and club management will have the opportunity to earn additional certification from the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AH&LA).

The certification options include:

- 1) Managing Hospitality Human Resources
- 2) International Human Resource Management in the Hospitality Industry
- 3) Hospitality Sales and Marketing
- 4) Resort Development and Management
- 5) Contemporary Club Management
- 6) Introduction to Hospitality

According to Dr. Sharon Kendrick, director of Resort and Club Management, these professional certificates are recognized throughout the hospitality industry. Pam McEvoy, director of University Relations, said, “It has been proven that certificates and diplomas from the Educational Institute of AH&LA open doors to graduates looking for careers in the lodging industry. We’re excited to offer students this opportunity.”

The Methodist University resort management concentration program prepares students for upper-level management positions by providing broad-based knowledge of every department in a hospitality operation, as well as an understanding of management principles. Students may also take courses in food and beverage management, sales and marketing management, accounting and financial management, human resources management, international hotel management, and club management in preparation for a position as head of a department or specialty within a hospitality operation.

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**MU BREAKS GROUND FOR THE WILLIAM F. BETHUNE  
CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS**



**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University faculty, staff, students, and friends will break ground for the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts April 9, 2009. The ground breaking ceremony, which is open to the public, will begin at 11:00 a.m. on the Methodist University Campus. William F. Bethune, a Fayetteville resident, provided the major gift to make possible the building.

The 8,844 square foot [floor plan](#) includes a printmaking studio, painting studio, graphic design lab, photography lab, digital photo studio, and drawing and art education space. The building will contain the David McCune International Art Gallery, which is named in honor of local artist David McCune. In addition to student shows, the gallery will showcase local, regional, national, and international artists. The facility is designed with a butterfly-angled roofline and incorporates exposed wood ceilings and beams.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY HOSTS TWO OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS FOR THE  
PROFESSIONAL MBA AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University will host two Open House sessions for the on-campus Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree at Methodist University. Beginning August 14, 2009, Methodist University will offer a new MBA cohort with a concentration in organizational management and leadership. The on-campus MBA program is offered in addition to *The Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) at Pinehurst®*.

The first Open House is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall. The second Open House is set for Tuesday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium. This face-to-face format will give prospective students the opportunity to ask questions, pre-register, and schedule a tour of the campus.

The 12-course 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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**MU HOSTS A ONE-DAY STUDENT ART EXHIBITION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—A student art show led by Justin Gray, a junior art major from Charlotte, N.C., will take place April 1, 2009, in the south lobby of Reeves Auditorium. The one-day art exhibition is free and open to the public from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., with an informal reception from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The exhibit will feature sculpture, paintings, drawings, and graphic design works of eight to ten Methodist University students. According to Peggy Hinson, professor of art at Methodist University, the show provides a way for students to make their creative work through the academic year visible to the MU and Fayetteville community. The exhibition will be on display again April 9, 2009, during the ground breaking ceremony for the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts. The permanent art collection, which is also open to the public, is currently on display in the Mallett-Rogers House.

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**SIMMONS CROWNED 2009 MISS METHODIST**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Deanna “Michelle” Simmons, a 20-year-old sophomore from Autryville, N.C., was crowned Miss Methodist University Wednesday, March 18, 2009. Simmons, who is majoring in elementary education with a concentration in special education, is the daughter of Ronnie and Barbara Simmons of Autryville, N.C. She is a graduate of Lakewood High School. The role of Miss Methodist University is to serve as a spokesperson and model student for the university and the surrounding community. After graduation, Simmons hopes to teach special education in the surrounding communities.

Keva Wilson, a senior from Wilmington, Del., majoring in music education, was named first runner-up, and Melinda Roberts, a junior from Wilmington, N.C., was named second runner-up. Roberts is majoring in environmental and occupational management.

The third annual Miss Methodist Pageant was held in Reeves Auditorium. Contestants were judged on talent, evening wear, and the on-stage interview. The Master of Ceremonies was comedian Pete Holmes, who has been featured on VH1.

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**SPORT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION HOSTS WORKSHOP ABOUT  
OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Sport Management Association at Methodist University will host a workshop about obtaining financial assistance, athletic recruiting, preparing highlight films, writing cover letters and resumes, and applying for federal student aid. The workshop will be held April 18 from 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall on the Methodist University campus.

This workshop is intended to help area high school students and their families understand the ways athletic recruiting differs among Division I, II, and III schools. “The general concepts are out there, but they are hard to find,” said Greg Combs, Ed.D., coordinator of the Sport Management Program and associate professor of sport management. “This will make understanding the process easier for local high school students.”

Methodist University students will offer insight to applying for and obtaining financial assistance. The cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per family and the money will go directly to the MU Sport Management Association. Members of the association attend conferences throughout the academic year that are related to the study of sport management.

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<http://www.methodist.edu/business/sportsm.htm>.





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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

<b>Date of Event</b>	Saturday, April 4, 2009
<b>Time of Event</b>	7:30 a.m.: Registration Opens 9:00 a.m.: Ride Start Time 9:15 a.m.: Run Start Time
<b>Location of Event</b>	Wade Community Fire Department 3926 Church Street Wade, NC 28395
<b>Title of Event</b>	“Crankin for Crohn’s Bike, Run and Duathlon ‘Funraiser’ Event”
<b>Notes</b>	<p><b>Students from Methodist University’s Sport Management Association</b> will participate in the first annual Crankin for Crohn’s Spring Cycle/Run/Duathlon. All proceeds will be donated to the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America.</p> <p>The distances for the event are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 22mi, 44mi, and 66mi bike ride</li><li>- 5k and 10k run</li><li>- 66mi and 10k duathlon</li></ul> <p>Registration fee: \$20</p>
<b>RSVP to</b>	Greg Combs, director of the Sport Management Program at Methodist University, at (910) 630-7660 or <a href="mailto:gcombs@methodist.edu">gcombs@methodist.edu</a> .



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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO DEDICATE “COACH SINK FIELD”**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University will honor the life and work of John “Mike” Sinkovitz, known affectionately around campus as “Coach Sink,” by dedicating the new intramural sports field to him. Everyone is invited to attend the naming ceremony April 21, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. The field is located near the president’s house on the Methodist University campus.

Sinkovitz, 71, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008, from injuries he suffered in a car accident. A memorial service was held on the campus of Methodist University Dec. 10, 2008, and he was laid to rest in the Arlington National Cemetery Friday, Feb. 13, 2009. He came to Methodist in 1989 as an assistant football coach, and after three years, he assumed the position of director of intramurals. In the spring of 1994, the student recreational area beside the Riddle Center was built. This area was named “The Sink” for Mike, who supervised the project.

Mike Sinkovitz, for 19 years (1989-2008), provided tireless and selfless commitment to Methodist University and its students. “He ran a good race,” said the Rev. Dr. Mike Safley, vice-president of University Relations. “He inspired us to do our best and challenged us to never quit.”

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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP HOSTS  
32ND ANNUAL STOCK MARKET SYMPOSIUM**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist University invites the public to the 32nd Annual Stock Market Symposium Tuesday, April 28, 2009. The Stock Market Symposium will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Doubletree Hotel in Fayetteville. Tickets are \$50 per person, or \$375 for a table of eight.

This year's keynote speaker is Jeff Saut, chief investment strategist and managing director of equity research with Raymond James & Associates. Saut previously served as managing director of research at Roney & Co., which has since been acquired by Raymond James & Associates. He also served as managing director of equity capital markets for Sterne, Agee & Leach, Inc. After he graduated from St. Andrews in 1971, Saut started his career on a trading desk in New York City and became the trade desk manager in 1972. In 1973, he joined E.F. Hutton, where he started to follow equities and write research. He worked as a securities analyst for Wheat First Securities, and then Branch Cabell, where he ran the equity research group as director of research and portfolio manager for the firm's affiliate, Exeter Capital Management.

Saut has appeared on Wall Street Week, CNBC, Bloomberg TV, USA Networks, Fox TV, NPR, and local radio and TV networks. He has been quoted in *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Barron's*, *Washington Post*, *Business Week*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *Fortune*, and *SmartMoney*.

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

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**MU SIFE TEAM WINS REGIONAL COMPETITION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University’s SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) team won the SIFE USA Regional Competition held in Atlanta, Ga., March 30. The competition was one of 16 regional competitions held throughout the United States in March and April. The team will advance to the 2009 SIFE USA National Exposition in Philadelphia, Pa., May 10-12, 2009.

“We are very proud of what our SIFE team has accomplished this year,” said Jeff Zimmerman, dean of the Reeves School of Business. “The fact that our team won the regional competition is just the logical conclusion of outstanding effort. We are excited about sending our team to the national competition and we are very confident that they will do a great job.”

There are currently 19 students on the SIFE team at MU. In the history of SIFE at MU, only two teams have won regional competitions (1997 and 2004). SIFE is an international non-profit organization active on more than 1,400 university campuses in 48 countries. SIFE teams create economic opportunities in their communities by organizing outreach projects that teach market economics, entrepreneurship, personal financial success skills, and business ethics. During this academic year, the Methodist University SIFE team organized seven projects in the Fayetteville community. In an effort to generate awareness about current issues in the job market and business in the current economic climate, the Reeves School of Business at Methodist University and SIFE hosted “Business Day.”

“Wining the regional competition was a great accomplishment for our students,” said Jim Marcin, professor of marketing and SIFE advisor. “More importantly, however, is the fact that these students have had an impact on the residents of Fayetteville and the members

of our community. They now have a better understanding about the importance of giving back.”

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO CELEBRATE 46TH ANNUAL SPRING  
COMMENCEMENT**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University will celebrate its 46th Annual Spring Commencement ceremony Saturday, May 2, 2009, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. Six United States Army R.O.T.C. cadets will be commissioned during the graduation ceremony. There are currently 150 candidates for 152 degrees.

The day's events will begin with a baccalaureate service at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The Rev. Samuel Duncan "Mack" McMillan III, superintendent of the Rocky Mount District of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. He is an ordained elder and has been a full member of the North Carolina Conference since 1989. The Rev. McMillan began his appointive ministry in the Rocky Mount District, serving as the student associate at First United Methodist Church in Roanoke Rapids. He has also served Pikeville-Mt. Carmel in the Goldsboro District, Mt. Zion in the Raleigh District, Riverside in the Elizabeth City District, and as founding pastor of New Beginnings in Youngsville. Appointed by Bishop Alfred Gwinn at the end of the 2008 Annual Conference, the Rev. McMillan left St. Luke United Methodist Church in Laurinburg to join the Rocky Mount District.

This year's commencement speaker is Bishop William H. Willimon, currently serving the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is a graduate of Wofford College, Yale Divinity School, and Emory University, and he has pastored churches in South Carolina and Georgia. For twenty years, he served as dean of the chapel and professor of Christian Ministry at Duke University. The Rev. Dr. Willimon has authored nearly sixty books, and has given lectures and taught courses at over 16 colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia.

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### **AUTHOR TO DISCUSS IMMIGRATION STRUGGLES**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University has selected Paul Cuadros' *A Home on the Field* as the common reading text for fall 2009. All freshmen students will read this text in their interdisciplinary seminar course. Cuadros will be the speaker at Opening Convocation Sept. 11, 2009. The presentation, which is free and open to the public, will be at 11:00 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

Cuadros, the son of Peruvian immigrants, is an award-winning investigative reporter who joined the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2007 as an assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Based on his personal experience, *A Home on the Field* is set in Siler City, N.C., where Cuadros was the coach of a newly-formed Latino high school soccer team. The locals, who consider their "football" field to be sacred ground, are skeptical—both on and off the soccer field—about the influx of Mexicans and other Latin Americans. Cuadros illustrates within the text the cultural isolation that immigrant workers experience as they try to make their lives in America. *A Home on the Field* has been described as "a parable about faith, loyalty, and trust." (Harper Collins)

The entire Methodist University community was invited to participate in the selection of a freshman reading text. A 12-member selection committee, which consisted of faculty, staff, alumni, and students, reviewed 16 nominated texts before selecting *A Home on the Field*.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING 2009 GRADUATES**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University graduated 140 students during the 46th Annual Spring Commencement ceremony Saturday, May 2, 2009, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. Students who graduated from Methodist University, but whose names do not appear on this list, have *specifically requested omission* from external publications.

**North Carolina**

Apex, N.C.: Amanda Underwood

Bunnlevel, N.C.: Amanda Noel

Burlington, N.C.: Jameson Jones and Courtnee Worth

Cameron, N.C.: Robert Tollefsen

Clinton, N.C.: Anthony King

Coats, N.C.: Christopher Coats (*cum laude*)

Dunn, N.C.: Sara Yeatman

Durham, N.C.: Elliott Bisplinghoff

Elizabethtown, N.C.: Stuart “Patrick” Murphy (*cum laude*)

Fayetteville, N.C.: Syed Ali, Leah Bartram (*summa cum laude*), Melissa Birdwell, Royce

Blackwood, Nicole Butler (*cum laude*), Ashley Cothran (*cum laude*), Nadine

DiGiammarino (*cum laude*), Dionne Drakes, Laura Eckard, Christina Erben,

Adrienne Ezzell, Rosemarie Ferrell (*magna cum laude*), Ann Forsberg, Kentaro Hara,

Shabakka Herring, Jovannique Hines, Brittany Honeycutt, Leah Johnson (*magna cum laude*), Lora Johnson, Tyrone Jones, Dzmitry Kanunnikau (*magna cum laude*), Sarah

Keil (*cum laude*), Misty Koch, Andrea Kolda, Austin Lehmann (*magna cum laude*),

Ivana Maksimovic-Henry, Bobbie Marcoux (*magna cum laude*), Willie McPhatter,

Stacey Milbern, Frank Moses (*cum laude*), Samantha Mounts, Rahila Muhibi, Tina

Newsome, Ksenia Nikolaeva, Sara Packard, Gina Penrod, Aubrette Reid, Billye Rivas, Irina Shamonova (*cum laude*), Shelby Smelcer, Adonis Stanley, Jessica Sterling, Tricia Subero, Erin Swanson, Robin Tittley, Wilfredo Torres, Rudolph Valentine (*magna cum laude*), Perry Wall, and Laura Wickens (*magna cum laude*)

Ft. Bragg: Benjamin Carden (*cum laude*)

Fuquay Varina, N.C.: Tangela Robinson

Gold Hill, N.C.: Ben Speights

Goldsboro, N.C.: Chantell Bowser

Hillsborough, N.C.: Chase Cates

Hope Mills, N.C.: Valerie Bell, Andrea Cooper (*magna cum laude*), Paul Garcia, and Ervin Williams

Hubert, N.C.: Natasha Sunday

King, N.C.: William Samuels

Knotts Island, N.C.: Jennifer Hicks (*summa cum laude*)

Lake Junaluska, N.C.: Charles Carswell

Linden, N.C.: Maleia Matt

Magnolia, N.C.: Willie Barnette

Monroe, N.C.: Alexzandria Messer and Amber Smith (*summa cum laude*)

Raeford, N.C.: Bernadette Raby, Tisha Ray (*cum laude*), and Audrey Szigedi,

Raleigh, N.C.: Zachary Greenhaw and Shannon Vivian

Red Springs, N.C.: Michael Carter

Rocky Point, N.C.: Sara Poling (*summa cum laude*) and Christopher Sholar

Sanford, N.C.: Tabitha Cable

Shallotte, N.C.: Stacie Canady

Smithfield, N.C.: Austin Barbour

Spring Lake, N.C.: Laura Sheedy (*magna cum laude*)

Stedman, N.C.: Jaron Burkhardt and Tina Faircloth

Waxhaw, N.C.: Sarah Rowell

Whispering Pines, N.C.: Jennifer Brophy

Whiteville, N.C.: Dustin Proctor

Winston Salem, N.C.: Drew Dull and Kayla Talbert (*summa cum laude*)

### **Other States and Countries**

Rancho Mirage, Calif.: Robert Galusky

Harrington, Del.: Benjamin Gray (*summa cum laude*)

Smyrna, Del.: Keva Wilson

Wilmington, Del.: Scott Sklar

Orange Park, Fla.: Michelle Denmark

Doraville, Ga.: Brock Aaron

Hillsboro, Ill.: Chad Zimmerman

Greenwood, Ind.: Sean Lowry

Rushville, Ind.: Dylon Miller

Valparaiso, Ind.: Emily Brown

Davenport, Iowa: Mary Flaherty

Hanover, Md.: Rachel Valentine

Laurel, Md.: Joyce Lane

Queenstown, Md.: Kelsie Britt

Silver Spring, Md.: Colleen Delaney (*cum laude*)

Lees Summit, Mo.: Kyle Sanders

Concord, N.H.: Robert Lakeman

Gilsum, N.H.: Heather Schneider (*cum laude*)

Baldwinsville, N.Y.: Ann Ferrara

Blauvelt, N.Y.: Craig Coombes

Erie, Pa.: Patrick Wiley

Sewickley, Pa.: William Colbert

Vandergrift, Pa.: Samantha Gamble

Cayce, S.C.: Brandon Stoudemire

Charleston, S.C.: Dezzire Gilliard

Georgetown, Texas: Sean Gregory

Fort Lee, Va.: Max Jean Philippe

Lynchburg, Va.: Verres Thomas

Newport News, Va.: James Gunderson

Oak Hill, Va.: Henry Jenkins

Richmond, Va.: Sanjar Radjabov

Rutland Town, Vt.: Robert Stedman

Sheboygan, Wis.: Caline Daun

**Academic Honors**

*Summa Cum Laude* – 3.90 GPA

*Magna Cum Laude* – 3.70 GPA

*Cum Laude* – 3.50 GPA

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING 2009 PRESIDENT'S LIST**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Eighty-two students were named to the spring 2009 **President's List** at Methodist University. To merit inclusion on the President's List, a student must achieve a 3.90 GPA with at least 46.8 quality points during the semester on a total course load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of *D*, *F*, or *I* (Incomplete) and no developmental courses. Students who have been named to the President's List at Methodist University, but whose names do not appear on this list, have *specifically requested omission* from external publications. The following students were named to the **President's List**:

**North Carolina**

Benson: Stephen Bazan

Cameron: Brianne Hendrick

Cherryville: Amanda Beam

Clinton: Alexandria Bass

Coats: Lori Busby

Dunn: Brittany Davis

Elizabethtown: Maida Elezovic

Erwin: Rachel Evans

Fayetteville: Leah Bartram, Arthur Berger, Tiara Broadhurst, Wilson Cedeno, Alexander Combs, Dayne Delabastide, Nadine DiGiammarino, Dimple Dutt, Christina Erben, Melissa Fisher, Averi Grady, Kimberly Hord, Leah Johnson, Abhishek Kansakar, Kristi Kozak, Mame Mbodji, Christina Moore, James Moore, Frank Moses, Gina Penrod, Taisiya Petruchenya, Shelly Savoy, Shelby Smelcer, Erin Swanson, Marie Stephens, Erin Swanson, Danielle Tew, Jovannique Townsend, Rudolph Valentine, Stefanie Wood, and Sara Yeatman

Ft. Bragg: Jessica Webster

Fuquay-Varina: Tangelo Robinson

Hope Mills: Andrea Cooper, Brent Deems, Alana Rauhoff, and Lynda Strock

Knotts Island: Jennifer Hicks

Linden: Celena Brock

Monroe: Amber Smith

Pinehurst: Manoela Kinney

Raeford: Timothy Reeves  
Rocky Point: Courtney Benton and Sara Poling  
Roseboro: Matthew Sessoms  
Spring Lake: Mark Hayes, Kimberly Hull, and Laura Sheedy  
Winston Salem: Drew Dull

**Other States and Countries**

Harrington, Del.: Benjamin Gray  
Bradenton, Fla.: Stephen Fox  
Orlando, Fla.: Nan Bradshaw  
Senoia, Ga.: Megan Rourke  
Idaho Falls, Idaho: William Hartenstein  
Bloomington, Ill.: Danele Woods  
Mattoon, Ill.: Nicholas Heller  
Overland Park, Kan.: Joel Thomas  
Davidsonville, Md.: Angelo Catucci  
Lutherville, Md.: Kristyn Zeiler  
Queenstown, Md.: Kelsie Britt  
Silver Spring, Md.: Colleen Delaney  
Hoboken, N.J.: Ashley Smulders  
Fort Lee, N.J.: Junko Suzuki  
Ridgewood, N.J.: Thomas Hutton  
Monroe, Ohio: Kevin Enchelmeyer  
Elk City, Okla.: Jessica Greene  
Dover, Pa.: Nathan Friedman  
Philadelphia, Pa.: Stephen Hosack  
Waynesboro, Pa.: Matthew Taylor  
Kingsport, Tenn.: Amelia Willis  
Bothell, Wash.: Michael Olson  
Wautoma, Wis.: Ryan Carroll  
Morgantown, W.Va.: John Brautigam

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING 2009 DEAN'S LIST**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Two-hundred and three students were named to the spring 2009 **Dean's List** at Methodist University. To merit inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.50 or better GPA with at least 42.0 quality points during the semester on a total course load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of *D*, *F*, or *I* (Incomplete) and no developmental courses. Students who have been named to the Dean's List at Methodist University, but whose names do not appear on this list, have *specifically requested omission* from external publications. The following students were named to the **Dean's List**:

**North Carolina**

Apex, N.C.: Jessalyn Lykins

Arden, N.C.: Patrick White

Belmont, N.C.: Christine Ellington

Benson, N.C.: Jennifer Williams

Bunnlevel, N.C.: Jessica Noel

Burgaw, N.C.: Zachary Rivenbark

Cameron, N.C.: Maegan Matthews, Jason Reichle, Benjamin Thomas, and Robert Tollefsen

Carthage, N.C.: Jodi Morris

Cary, N.C.: Kelly Shipkowski

Charlotte, N.C.: Lalage Katunga

Clayton, N.C.: Shelly Horn

Clinton, N.C.: Anthony King

Coats, N.C.: Christopher Coats

Dunn, N.C.: Lisa Sanders

Durham, N.C.: Michael Poole



Edenton, N.C.: Brian Leary

Elizabethtown, N.C.: Stuart Murphy

Erwin, N.C.: Lindsey Hargrove, Rebecca Marks, and Adriana Wilson

Fayetteville, N.C.: Jessica Adkisson, Gregory Archi, Richard Bagley, Lorleila Bartlett, Jerry

Bates, Thierry Baudouin, Richard Bautista, Dandra Bennett, Fallon Bethel, Joan Bieri, Jeff Birdwell, Melissa Birdwell, Tara Bland, Crystal Bowers, Elnetta Buck, Nicole Butler, Justin Cains, Ashley Cothran, Lawrence Dawson, Nickolas Deane, Christina Deibert, Laura Eckard, Mackenzie Eckard, Heather Eckhardt, Jennifer Farland, Rosemarie Ferrell, Eulanda Fogg, Brittani Ford, Sakun Gajurel, Ashley Genova, Laura Gilbert, Choya Gilliam, Stephanie Halbleib, Erika Holland, Nichole Houy, Jessica Johnson, Tyrone Jones, Dzmitry Kanunnikau, Jennifer Kiner, Andrea Kolda, Howard Lattimore, Harry Louque, Bobbie Marcoux, Pedro Massinga, Willie McPhatter, Sierra McWilliams, Ashley Meyers, Michael Monk, Marianne Mosch, Aimee Munzi, Tina Newsome, Matea Peric, Sylvaine Plan, Rachel Poteet, Alexandre Puyfoulhoux, Lauren Ratley, Gasper Rich, Kerman Rodriguez, Christopher Romeo, Jose Salas-Rojas, Heather Shackelford, Jo-Etta Simmons, Brandy Slicker, James Smith, Whitney Sowers, Adonis Stanley, Kristi Tatum, Caroline Thomas, Ainura Togisbayeva, Maxim Vershinin, Perry Wall, Jenny Wayland, Laura Wickens, Amanda Wolfe, Katherine Youngs, and Max Zaldivar

Ft. Bragg, N.C.: Valerie Burton, Alejandro Flores, Elizabeth Goughnour, Angela Guigni-Hernandez, and Nicolas Perez

Gastonia, N.C.: Joseph Tate

Godwin, N.C.: Rachel Shaffer

Hampstead, N.C.: Melinda Meyer

Hamptonville, N.C.: Tiffany Webster

Harrells, N.C.: Harry Lanier

Hickory, N.C.: Nicklaus Cannon

Hillsborough, N.C.: Chase Cates

Hope Mills, N.C.: Paul Garcia, Donna Maultsby, and Ervin Williams

Jacksonville, N.C.: Vanessa Latham

Kill Devil Hill, N.C.: Ashley Stoudt

King, N.C.: Jared Boyles and William Samuels

Laurinburg, N.C.: Allison Averitt

Linden, N.C.: Laren Anderson, Bobette Donaldson, and Maleia Matt  
Midway Park, N.C.: Heather Brayton  
New Bern, N.C.: Jillian Reed  
Pinehurst, N.C.: Catherine Ballard  
Raeford, N.C.: Brent Crowell, Cindy Petithomme, Bernadette Raby, and Megan Rose  
Rocky Point, N.C.: Christopher Sholar  
Salemberg, N.C.: Joshua Bass  
Sanford, N.C.: John Hites  
Smithfield, N.C.: Austin Barbour  
Southern Pines, N.C.: Alexander Smith  
Spring Lake, N.C.: Michael Dooley, Crystal Rohwer, and Mustapha Silla  
Stedman, N.C.: Annette Webster  
Washington, N.C.: Thomas Lee  
Winston Salem, N.C.: Kayla Talbert

**Other States and Countries**

Brighton, Colo.: Dawn Sanderson  
Sterling, Conn.: Robert Glass  
Millsboro, Del.: Jason Hastings  
Trenton, Fla.: Samantha Arrington  
Norcross, Ga.: Susan Martin and Kristen Gault  
Bloomington, Ill.: Matthew Bova  
Kenilworth, Ill.: Alana Swain  
Winona Lake, Ill.: Trent Barlow  
Portland, Ind.: Alex Hunt  
Albia, Iowa: Eric Duea  
Bellingham, Mass.: Scott Peneau  
Marlborough, Mass.: Eleazar Encarnacion  
Annapolis, Md.: Scott Senerius  
Denton, Md.: Ashley Schmitt  
Easton, Md.: Kaitlin McGuire  
Middletown, Md.: Lindsey Cosgray  
Liberty, Mo.: Ryan Burchett

Barrington, N.H.: Michael Dooda  
Clarksburg, N.J.: Joseph Colletti  
Hillsborough, N.J.: Edward Zielonka  
Mickleton, N.J.: Gregory Wingate  
Somerville, N.J.: Mark Tarentino  
Wrightstown, N.J.: Tiffany Yan  
Batavia, N.Y.: Michael Harrower  
Cheektowaga, N.Y.: Thomas Walter  
Hamburg, N.Y.: Gregory Fischer  
Lackawanna, N.Y.: Liam Friedman  
Niskayuna, N.Y.: Justin Klemballa  
Schenectady, N.Y.: Mason Colling  
Conneaut, Ohio: Jeffrey Headman  
Hudson, Ohio: Paige Caldwell  
Massillon, Ohio: Jessica Rambaud  
Parma, Ohio: Sam Morrison  
Willoughby, Ohio: Allyson Burak  
Clairton, Pa.: Erica Nath  
Horsham, Pa.: Bret Brennan  
North Wales, Pa.: Brian Rashley  
Sewickley, Pa.: Courtney Fernandez  
Valencia, Pa.: Jacob Pleczkowski  
Waynesboro, Pa.: Joshua Arendt  
West Chester, Pa.: Joshua Kelley  
Providence, R.I.: Sara Dickson  
Bluffton, S.C.: Alexander Holroyde  
Dripping Spring, Texas: Patrick Vancura  
League City, Texas: Kaitlin Flaherty  
Odessa, Texas: Maria Escobar-Machica  
Ashland, Va.: Faye Charles  
Chantilly, Va.: Kelsey Carter  
Fredericksburg, Va.: Brion Kelly and Kelly Orpin  
Gloucester, Va.: Catherine Ramsay

Lynchburg, Va.: Verres Thomas

Newport News, Va.: James Gunderson

Richmond, Va.: Brittany Melton, Kasey Nichols, and Sanjar Radjabov

Salem, Va.: Michael Ferguson

Rutland Town, Vt.: Robert Stedman

White River Jun, Vt.: Adam Trottier

Green Bay, Wis.: Andrew Gibson

Amery, Wis.: Kelsey Magnine

Wellsburg, W.Va.: Lucas Diserio

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY HOLDS OPEN AUDITIONS FOR  
*RIDE! RIDE!***

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University will be holding auditions (open to the public, as well as Methodist University students and faculty) for the upcoming musical, *Ride! Ride!* The auditions will be held in Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist University campus Aug. 20-22, 2009.

The two-act musical, based on actual events in the life of John Wesley, premiered in London in 1976. The production was designed and produced by Peter Coe, the original producer of *Oliver*. The show has since been performed in all parts of the world. The plot highlights the courage and risk-taking of early Methodists—particularly Martha Thompson, who begins a ministry to the inmates of the notorious asylum, Bedlam.

The cast of 19 includes a chorus, and both singing and non-singing roles. John Wesley (baritone) and Martha Thompson (soprano) will be the two principal roles, and there are six secondary leads that include three men, two women, and one male child or teen. Lesser speaking and/or singing roles include three men, four women, and one female child or teen. There are several roles that are not walk-on parts and do not require singing. All persons auditioning are asked to bring a musical selection they feel comfortable singing and be prepared to provide information about availability for rehearsals.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY STUDENT WINS REAL TO REEL  
POSTER CONTEST**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Cleveland County Arts Council (Shelby, N.C.) has named Kacey M. Jenkins, a rising sophomore at Methodist University, winner of its Tenth Annual Real to Reel International Film Festival poster contest. The poster will promote the Council's event, which will be held July 22-25, 2009 at Joy Performance Center in Kings Mountain, N.C.

Jenkins is in Methodist University's Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) program with a concentration in graphic design. She created the winning entry during her first graphic design studio course in the spring semester. This was also the first graphic design studio course open to all MU students—the graphic design program started in the fall of 2007.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY HOLDS OPEN AUDITIONS FOR  
*RIDE! RIDE!***

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University will be holding auditions (open to the public, as well as Methodist University students and faculty) for the upcoming musical, *Ride! Ride!* The auditions will be held in Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist University campus Aug. 20-22, 2009.

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**MEMBERS OF ECONOMICS ANONYMOUS ADDRESS  
GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN ISSUES**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Students in Economics Anonymous, a student organization established in 2008 at Methodist University, are fund-raising this spring to provide aid to Palestinian refugees who are supported by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). The students are concentrating their efforts on raising money to help refugees in the Gaza Strip, which is a coastal strip of land that borders Egypt and Israel. The United Nations created UNRWA in 1949 and its sole purpose is to improve the living conditions of refugees who are in need due to the Arab-Israeli conflicts.

“It is exciting and moving to see students committed to responding to the needs of others,” said Dr. Elton Hendricks, president of Methodist University. “The Gaza region is a particularly distressed area. The new organization at Methodist University, Economics Anonymous, is helping all of us to realize what needs to be done and what can be done. I am proud of them.”

Members of Economics Anonymous believe their efforts will spread awareness about the crisis in the Gaza Strip, both locally and regionally. The campaign has already received support from students, faculty, and staff members at Methodist University.

“Humanitarian aid for Gaza is significantly important at this point of time,” said Anas Iqtait, a member of Economics Anonymous. “Since thousands of people are in need of food, water, and other basic necessities, we have decided to help.”

“Though our club is young, we have accomplished a lot in a short time, from bringing in speakers, making trips to the Federal Reserve System, and attending an event with the Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus,” said Karen Reid, faculty advisor of the Economics Anonymous Club. “This new endeavor is—by far—the most ambitious and

exciting. It provides our students and the community an opportunity to learn about issues they may not have been aware of and to help others in need.”

Economics Anonymous currently has 18 members and is open to people of all backgrounds and majors who have an interest in economics or helping people. The club currently has members from Bosnia, Columbia, Eritrea, France, Nepal, Palestine, Zimbabwe, and the United States. The Gaza project is the first of the club’s endeavors that will raise awareness and funds for a variety of humanitarian issues around the world.

“Our project in the fall of 2009 will be about the child soldiers of Uganda,” said Reid. “The presentation will include the documentary, *Invisible Children*, and we hope that the film makers will be present for the showing.” Economics Anonymous is also currently researching a North Carolina-based project for next year.

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**MU HOSTS THREE OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL  
MBA AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University will host three Open House sessions for the on-campus Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program at Methodist University. The Open House sessions will be held in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- Monday, **Aug. 31**, 2009
- Monday, **Sept. 14**, 2009
- Monday, **Sept. 28**, 2009

Although classes do not begin until Jan. 8, 2010, the application deadline for the spring semester is Oct. 1, 2009. The face-to-face Open House format will give prospective students the opportunity to ask questions, pre-register for the spring semester, and schedule a tour of the campus. The MBA cohort's concentration is in organizational management and leadership. The 12-course program is completed 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.

“The combination of both online and personal instruction really allows you to experience the best of both worlds,” said Jamie Legg, director of Admissions at Methodist University and a student in the MBA program. “The residency weekends allow you to interact with top-notch faculty members, while the online instruction between residency weekends allows you to work at your own pace and have a life outside of the MBA program. The residency weekends are a key to my success in the program—faculty members relate complex material in a more traditional learning environment, which is difficult to replicate in an online environment.”

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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES CALL FOR  
NOMINATIONS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) at Methodist University is calling for nominations for the following business awards, to be presented at the 36th Annual Economic Outlook Symposium, Oct. 15, 2009. Nominations and supporting materials should be directed to the Center no later than Friday, Sept. 14 via fax: (910) 630-7657; e-mail: [sgautam@methodist.edu](mailto:sgautam@methodist.edu); or mail to Methodist University, Center for Entrepreneurship, 5400 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, N.C., 28311.

**1. Entrepreneur of the Year Award (2008 Recipient: Earl Brock)**

This award is presented to a risk-taker in the free enterprise system: a person who sees an opportunity and then devises strategies to achieve specific objectives.

**2. Business Person of the Year Award  
(2008 Recipient: Joseph Bryant Raynor, Jr)**

The Business Person of the Year Award is given to an executive who makes great contributions, not only to the successful operation of local business and industry, but also to the civic and cultural life of the community.

**3. Greater Good Award (2008 Recipient: George Quigley)**

This award is presented to a professional who has shown kindness, charity, humanity, love, and friendship to his/her associates.

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# Call for Award Nominations 2009

## Entrepreneur of the Year Award Business Person of the Year Award Greater Good Award

To be presented at the 36th Annual Economic Outlook Symposium  
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Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please submit supporting material -- e.g. newspaper articles, letters of recommendation, other awards received.

**Deadline for nominations: Monday, September 14, 2009**

Please mail, fax or e-mail nomination materials to:  
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### **METHODIST UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES THE “OFFICIAL OPENING” OF SCHOOL WITH THE 2009 CONVOCATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Paul Cuadros will be the speaker at Opening Convocation Sept. 11, 2009. The presentation, which is free and open to the public, will be at 11:00 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Methodist University selected Paul Cuadros’ *A Home on the Field* as the common reading text for fall 2009. All freshmen students will read this text in their interdisciplinary seminar course.

Cuadros, the son of Peruvian immigrants, is an award-winning investigative reporter who joined the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2007 as an assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Based on his personal experience, *A Home on the Field* is set in Siler City, N.C., where Cuadros was the coach of a newly-formed Latino high school soccer team. The locals, who consider their “football” field to be sacred ground, are skeptical—both on and off the soccer field—about the influx of Mexicans and other Latin Americans. Cuadros illustrates within the text the cultural isolation that immigrant workers experience as they try to make their lives in America. *A Home on the Field* has been described as “a parable about faith, loyalty, and trust.” (Harper Collins)

The entire Methodist University community was invited to participate in the selection of a freshman reading text. A 12-member selection committee, which consisted of faculty, staff, alumni, and students, reviewed 16 nominated texts before selecting *A Home on the Field*.

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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 “Get your Business BRAC-READY.” The event will be held Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Azalea/Dogwood Board Room of Fayetteville’s Hilton Garden Inn. BSFN registration is \$25 per person and free for members of BSFN95.

The speakers for the event are Scott D. Dorney, executive director of the North Carolina Military Business Center (NCMBC), and Diana Potts, military business coordinator for the NCMBC. Eugene Bain of White and Bain Financial Services and BSFN chair, will moderate the program.

“Our focus is on the specifics,” said Dr. Sid Gautam, founder and director of the CFE at Methodist University. “We are interested in exploring the opportunities and preparing small businesses as they take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

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**AUTHOR CHALLENGES STUDENTS TO THINK ABOUT  
IMMIGRATION ISSUES**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University celebrated the beginning of its fiftieth academic year with Opening Convocation today at 11 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Dr. Hendricks, Methodist University president, noted that not only is today a day to reflect on the lives of those who died Sept. 11, 2001, but it is also a day to be grateful for all of those who sacrificed their lives in service to others.

Thomas Hutton, Student Government Association (SGA) president, said three words came to mind when he thought of Sept. 11. The first word was “geometry”—the class he was sitting in when he heard the news. Secondly, he thought of the family and friends he could not get in contact with because he did not have a cell phone. Finally, he thought of “community.” Hutton remembers that eleven people from his hometown of Ridgewood, N.J., lost their lives Sept. 11. “I saw the U.S.A. as one body,” he said.

Paul Cuadros, the author of *A Home on the Field*, spoke at Convocation. Cuadros, the son of Peruvian immigrants, is an award-winning investigative reporter who joined the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2007 as an assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. The book was selected as the common reading text for all freshmen students this fall. Cuadros illustrates within the text the cultural isolation that immigrant workers experience as they try to make their lives in America. The story is set in Siler City, N.C., where Cuadros was the coach of a newly-formed Latino high school soccer team.

“It is a fact that the current immigration system is broken,” he told the students, faculty, and staff members. “People have a justifiable right to be upset about how their community is changing.” As a result, he advised the audience to become informed

consumers, examine moral equations, and think critically. “Being the loudest and the angriest does not make you right,” he said. “Let that be the first lesson you learn in college.”

Cuadros anticipates that by 2042, America will become something else. “[The year] 2042 is your generation’s real challenge,” he said. “What is this change going to mean for this country? For many people, it’s a very scary thing.” For Cuadros, however, it is America’s reality; the way to react, he said, is by doing what is right versus doing what is easy.

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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES THE 36TH ANNUAL  
ECONOMIC OUTLOOK SYMPOSIUM**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist University is pleased to announce its 36th Annual Economic Outlook Symposium, Thursday, Oct. 15 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 B.Grant Yarber, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Capital Bank Corporation and Capital Bank.

Yarber, keynote speaker for the evening, joined Capital Bank in July 2003. He was promoted to chief operating officer (COO) in August 2003, and then president and COO in January of 2004. In May of 2004, at 39 years of age, Yarber was named president and CEO, making him one of the youngest CEOs of a publicly-traded U.S. financial institution. He is responsible for the strategic and operational leadership of 34 Capital Bank locations across the state of North Carolina and management of over \$1.7 billion in total assets.

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. Dederick 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, 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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**PROFESSOR APPOINTED TO MARKETING ADVISORY TEAM**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Gregory M. Combs, Ed.D, Director, Sport Management, Reeves School of Business at Methodist University has been selected by the USA Triathlon (USAT), the U. S. National Governing Body for Triathlon of the U.S. Olympic Committee to serve as a member of the marketing advisory team. He will act as a sounding board for the marketing and communications staff. He will be involved with working for USAT on marketing and communication plans for the 2010 upcoming season. These plans will include ideas about existing events, as well as, evaluating partners that USAT might need to consider bringing on board. Dr. Combs will be providing feedback on USAT’s website revamp for ways to better engage current members and ways to increase the renewal rate or recruitment of first time triathletes.

Currently, he and his students are conducting research at four upcoming USAT sanctioned triathlons in North Carolina. The focus of their study will be addressing some of the aforementioned issues, as well as, issues concerning sponsorship-brand loyalty and potential cross promotions within existing sponsorship categories at USAT events. They hope to find what percentage of USAT athletes support those companies who support their passion. Previous studies have found that athletes who are fairly new to the sport are willing to alter their buying behavior versus those who have competed longer and have a stronger affinity to a particular brand. The study will pose some questions to determine if the findings are the same at regional level events. There is a chance that they may find a different result since most of USAT’s research has been conducted at national and international level events.

At the end of the study they will share their findings with USAT and some of their top partners once the report is finalized. Dr. Combs said, “The students are getting exposure and real-world experience. It certainly does not hurt to have this type of experience on their resume when interviewing for a job or applying to graduate school.”

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**PROFESSOR OF GRAPHIC DESIGN LAUNCHES WEB SITE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Kerry Jenkins, assistant professor of graphic design at Methodist University, has completed the writing, design, and programming of [www.peatah.org](http://www.peatah.org). This non-profit educational site—initially designed to be a teaching aid for his courses in typography—is open for project submissions from professors and students around the world.

“The ‘projects’ page will hopefully grow quite a bit with contributions from other typography and design classes,” he said. “I especially think the area schools would be an excellent audience for the site and would hope other professors may find the site helpful in their own classes.”

Jenkins earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts in graphic design from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C., and his Master of Fine Arts in graphic design from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tenn. He is the recipient of two print media “Best of Show” awards, two “Judges’ Choice” awards, and 68 ADDY® awards collectively across twelve annual Tri-City Metro Advertising Federation American Advertising Awards®.

“If you think about it, all graphic design can be reduced to three main components: images, type, and layout,” said Jenkins. “Not only do I feel type is a full third, in a rank of importance, I would put it at the top. This is why I felt compelled to create the site—not just for me, but to spread some wisdom to combat the acceptance of the status quo these days, which has dropped way off in quality and in typographers’ ‘art’ from the ‘pre-Mac’ days.”

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCES RECORD  
NEW-STUDENT AND DAY PROGRAM ENROLLMENT**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University experienced a significant growth this fall in its new-student and day program enrollment. The freshman class grew from its previous all-time high of 431 to 469 students.

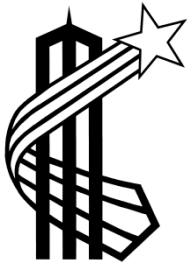
Of the 469 enrolled freshmen, 31 percent are Presidential Scholars with an average grade point average (GPA) of 3.79 and an average SAT score of 1112. Recipients of this honor are eligible for renewable scholarships ranging from \$5,750 to \$17,500 per year for up to four years.

“Seventy-five of the 469 new students this year are from Cumberland County, which is the largest new-student attendance we have ever had from within the county,” said Rick Lowe, vice-president for Enrollment Services.

Day program enrollment, according to Michael Hadley, assistant dean for Institutional Research and Effectiveness, is at a record high—up three percent from 1,603 last fall to 1,657 this fall. “We have also experienced a 26 percent increase in our graduate enrollment, increasing from 145 students last year to 182 students this year,” said Hadley.

“I believe this record enrollment is a reflection of the outstanding opportunities we provide to our students and the growing reputation of Methodist University,” said Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of Methodist University.

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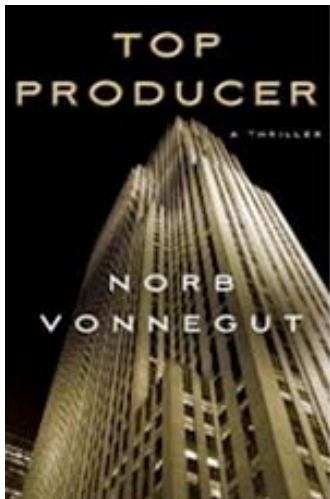
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## Norb Vonnegut

*Wealth Management Advisor  
Author of the New Thriller  
Top Producer*



Monday, October 5th, 2009, 11:00-11:50 a.m.  
Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall



Working on Wall Street's front lines prepped Norb Vonnegut to write this Wall Street thriller. As a wealth management professional Vonnegut has deep experience on both the "buy" and "sell" sides. He has worked for the big investment banks: Morgan Stanley, Paine Webber, and Kidder, Peabody, and more recently for a New York wealth management boutique. Three days after graduating from Harvard College, Vonnegut began his financial career with Citicorp in the Philippines, and then moved to Chase Manhattan in New York and Australia. He earned an MBA from Harvard .

Transparency on Wall Street is the aspect of wealth management that distresses him the most. Vonnegut frequently found himself defending clients from the potential pitfalls of financial opportunities with obscure or inordinately complex features. Writing TOP PRODUCER, his novel about Wall Street hijinks gone fatal (pure fiction, definitely hyperbolic), was his way of exploring situations that challenge our sense of right and wrong.

More about the book is at the website [www.norbvonnegut.com](http://www.norbvonnegut.com) .

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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. 12-23, 2009. Popular fiction, science and religion, 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. Recent fiction will sell for \$5, hardbacks for \$1, and paperbacks will be available for 50 cents.

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**MU ALUMNUS TO SPEAK ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Southeastern Center for Environmental Excellence (SECEE) will host its first Guest Lecture Series Friday, Oct. 16, 2009. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room of Berns Student Center.

Michael McEvoy, a 2007 graduate of Methodist University, will speak at the event. McEvoy earned his Bachelor of Science in environmental and occupational management (ENM) with a concentration in regulatory compliance and a minor in legal studies. Following his graduation from MU, he worked for the James Austin Company. The company makes store brand household products ranging from bleach and antibacterial soap to swimming pool shock and windshield washer fluid. McEvoy helped put in place an environmental department for the company, which at the time, had two process areas and 35 employees. He is currently an environmental manager at INVISTA™ in Wilmington, N.C. The company is one of the largest privately owned companies in the world.

“In my work experience, I inherited two broken environmental programs; the industry is looking for educated individuals who will help maintain compliance and regulate day to day actions,” said McEvoy. “By performing these actions, we are not only saving our companies money, we are thanklessly saving lives and resources.”

McEvoy will speak about his background and his interest in environmental compliance, his current responsibilities at INVISTA™, and the need for environmental careers.

“I believe there is no career path more critical to the future of society than choosing a career path in environmental studies,” said McEvoy. “There should be a certain excitement

around MU's ENM Program because graduates of the program make up the future of the environment.”

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**MU HOSTS SECOND EVENT OF THE 2009-2010  
NIMOCKS SPEAKER SERIES**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The second event of the 2009-2010 Nimocks Speaker Series—“Western Sahara: The Forgotten People of Africa’s Last Colony”—will be held Oct. 23, 2009, at 11 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall.

Methodist University students Salek Maoloud Lebaihi (senior) and Mustapha Saleh (sophomore), both from Western Sahara, will speak at the event. In a petition before the Fourth Committee during the United Nations Hearing on the Western Sahara Oct. 6-7, 2009, Lebaihi asked, “How long do Saharawis have to wait to exercise their right of self-determination?” During his petition, he added, “The people of Western Sahara have been waiting for more than three decades for an opportunity to have a say in their future. Self-determination is not just a basic right, but also one of the main principles that led to the founding of the United Nations. The Committee must act and use its influence to allow the Western Sahara people to participate in a referendum and exercise their right of self-determination.”

The Nimocks Speaker Series is funded through the Col. (Ret.) David R. Nimocks International Professorship of Business. The purpose of the 2009 fall/winter series is to expose Methodist University students and interested individuals to new cultures, and encourage them to travel and study abroad.

The Nimocks International Professor of Business serving from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013 is Dr. Gregory Combs. Dr. Combs is an associate professor of sport management and coordinator of the Sport Management Program at Methodist University. Dr. Combs received his B.S. from Eastern Illinois University and his M.A. and Ed.D. from the University of Northern Colorado. He has been involved in coaching and working in the sport industry for nearly 25 years and served in the United States Army for 12 years.



The International Studies Program introduces Methodist University business students, faculty, and staff to foreign cultural, social, and business environments to broaden their horizons and perspectives concerning business and their roles in the global community through guest speakers, workshops, conferences, travel abroad, and an International Business Reference Library.

Future events are planned for Nov. 16 and Dec 4, 2009, and Methodist University students who studied abroad during the 2008-2009 academic year will also speak at these events. All presentations will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall on the Methodist University campus.

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**LECTURE SERIES TO FOCUS ON LOVE AND JUSTICE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Two lectures focusing on love and justice will be open to the public at Methodist University Monday, Nov. 9, 2009. Nicholas Wolterstorff, Ph.D., is faculty emeritus of philosophical theology at Yale Divinity School, where he has held the Noah Porter Professorship of Philosophical Theology. He will speak on “Love and Justice: What’s the Problem?” at 11 a.m. and on “Love and Justice: What’s the Solution?” at 2 p.m.

Dr. Wolterstorff’s presentations are part of the annual Womack Lecture Series. Both lectures, which are free and open to the public, will take place in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark on the Methodist University campus.

Dr. Wolterstorff has written books on metaphysics, aesthetics, political philosophy, epistemology, and the philosophy of religion. In the fall of 1993, he gave the Wilde Lectures at Oxford University. In the spring of 1995, he gave the Gifford Lectures at St. Andrews University. He has been president of the American Philosophical Association and of the Society of Christian Philosophers.

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 lectures are intended to raise moral and spiritual issues in the public consciousness, and to provide an educational and cultural service to the community.

The series is named for Dr. Samuel Womack and Norma Womack. Dr. Womack was the university’s first instructor in religion and organized the Department of Philosophy and Religion. He also served as the academic dean before retiring in 1984. His wife, Norma, graduated from the university and served as a librarian until her retirement in 1988.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTS 2010-2015 STRATEGIC PLAN**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Methodist University Board of Trustees voted Oct. 24, 2009 to adopt the fifth Strategic Plan in the history of Methodist University. Implementation of the plan will guide strategic decision-making for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2015. These goals are targets for Methodist University to be a top-choice, comprehensive university that attracts and retains a capable and diverse student body.

“The foundation for a culture of excellence relies on an ambitious plan and a noble vision,” said Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of the University. “The goals in the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan provide a framework for an engaging, enriching, and empowering environment; I am confident the MU community will be motivated to fulfill these goals.”

The work of the current Strategic Planning Committee began in April 2009 when President Elton Hendricks appointed Dr. Delmas Crisp, vice-president for Academic Affairs and dean of the University, to chair this strategic planning process. The Strategic plan draws upon the work of these earlier committees and the input collected during two campus-wide Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis sessions held in April 2009. During those half-day sessions on a Saturday, approximately 125 faculty, staff, students—both undergraduate and graduate, and alumni—met to brainstorm strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that face Methodist University in the next five years.

Shortly afterwards, school deans nominated faculty to serve, and the vice-president for Student Development and Services nominated a student representative. President Hendricks approved administrators to serve, and Mr. Harvey Wright appointed two Trustees to serve.

The Strategic Planning Committee identified the following over-arching goal and six University-wide goals that developed out of the seven “Sub-Reports” representing each unit of the University.

## **2010-2015 STRATEGIC PLAN**

### **Over-Arching Goal**

Methodist University will be a top-choice, comprehensive university that attracts and retains a capable and diverse student body by providing relevant traditional and professional academic programs and an overall culture of excellence through highly qualified and motivated faculty and staff in an engaging, enriching, and empowering environment.

### **University-Wide Goals**

#### **1. Culture of Excellence**

Methodist University will create a culture of excellence among the faculty, staff, and students.

#### **2. Revenue and Resources**

Methodist University will increase revenue through the development and implementation of new academic and certificate programs; through the expansion of major gift giving, planned giving, and corporate, foundation, and government funding; through increased full-time undergraduate day enrollment; through increased retention of full-time day, freshman-to-sophomore students; through increased occupancy in residence halls; and through securing a new bond.

#### **3. Enrollment**

Methodist University will grow the undergraduate day program through recruitment and retention by 15 percent from 2010 to 2015 while continuing to enhance the academic profile of the freshman class.

#### **4. Physical Facilities**

Methodist University will improve and add physical facilities from 2010 to 2015.

#### **5. Technology**

Methodist University will upgrade its administrative and academic technology from 2010 to 2015 to provide better service to students, faculty, and staff.

#### **6. Global Citizenship**

Methodist University will increase global awareness and global citizenship among its students, faculty, and staff from 2010 to 2015 by increasing environmental and social awareness; by enhancing existing programs; and by developing new programs that focus on the global society for faculty, students, and staff.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES PANGEA SHOW**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The International Programs Office and the International Student Club will present “Pangea” Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, in Reeves Auditorium. The show will begin at 7 p.m., and it is free and open to the public.

“Pangea is being presented to promote cultural and environmental understanding through a series of presentations and skits,” said George Blanc, vice-president for Student Development and Services. “These presentations will underscore the reality that we are all members of a global community in which the actions of one member of that community affect all other members.”

The program will begin with a presentation of the flags, and will feature dancing, acting, singing, and verbal presentations. Those participating in the show include international students, and members of fraternities and sororities on campus.

“We often speak about globalizing our campus community; Pangea will offer a perfect opportunity to do so and to help introduce many of our students to a world that they have never experienced,” said Blanc.

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**MU HOSTS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University hosted its 2009 Scholarship Luncheon on Friday, November 6, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. in the Nimocks Fitness Center. Seventy-one scholarship representatives, 62 students, and 21 staff members attended the event, including representatives from the United Methodist Foundation and the North Carolina Community Foundation.

Krystal Poirier, a recipient of the Louis D. & Bernadine L. Thomas Scholarship and the William P. Lowermilk Scholarship, spoke at the event. “You are making a big impact—thank you for helping me get my four-year degree.” Poirier is a senior from Wilmington, N.C., who will graduate in December with a Bachelor of Science in biology.

Yalita Rivers, a music major and recipient of the Louis D. & Bernadine L. Thomas Scholarship, also spoke at the event. “I will be the first one in my family to graduate from college,” she said. “I will turn a childhood of defeat into a future of success.” Rivers is from Lumberton, N.C., and will graduate in May of 2012.

“We rejoice in your successes and we are delighted that we can help you along the way,” said Dr. Robert Christian, who has been a part of the Methodist University community since 1968. Dr. Christian served 40 years as a full-time professor of English. His wife, Kathy, served 20 non-consecutive years as a nurse and library assistant. After his retirement, Dr. Christian returned to Methodist University to teach part-time. The Robert S. and Kathryn F. Christian Scholarship, is awarded to a junior or senior majoring in English or writing with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.4 or higher. “Our major contribution has been years of service,” said Dr. Christian, adding that they had recently included Methodist University and their beloved church in their will.

For the 2008-2009 academic year, Methodist University awarded \$10.2 million in financial aid; the 159 endowed and annual scholarships provided an additional \$1.1 million of additional assistance. Approximately 90 percent of all students rely on scholarships and loans to attend Methodist University. Dr. Elton Hendricks, in expressing appreciation to scholarship representatives, said "I recognize that an overwhelming majority of the students at Methodist University would not be able to experience what they experience here without your support; I am very conscious of your generosity."

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Mrs. Kathryn Christian  
Robert S. & Kathryn F. Christian  
Scholarship

Mrs. Jennifer Thomas  
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Bob and Kathryn Christian with student Caroline Thomas, recipient of the Dr. Robert S. and Kathryn F. Christian Endowed Scholarship



David and Kay Edwards, representatives of the Edgar & Lois E. Draughon and Janie Bell Edwards Gibson Scholarships with their recipient Mahila Burgess, along with students Krystal Poirier and Yalita Rivers, who both spoke at the luncheon



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

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) has announced the Business Succession Forum Network’s fourth program titled “Green Procurement Opportunities with the Department of Defense.” The event will be held Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Azalea/Dogwood Board Room of Fayetteville’s Hilton Garden Inn. BSFN registration is \$25 per person and free for members of BSFN95.

Eugene Bain of White and Bain Financial Services, and BSFN chair, will moderate the program. The speaker for the event is Diana Potts, military business coordinator for the North Carolina Military Business Center (NCMBC). As a part of the North Carolina Community College System, the NCMBC helps businesses identify and compete for federal prime and subcontract opportunities. Potts has worked for the government in various capacities, including 13 years as a military field agent in Berlin. She is the recipient of the Congressional Medal of Distinction for Environmental Efforts, the Congressional Order of Merit for Environmental Service, the 2006 Business Woman of the Year for North Carolina, and the 2007 National Leadership Award.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES  
VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University will honor the men and women who have served in the United States Armed services in a ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009. The ceremony, which is open to the public, will take place at 7:30 a.m. in front of the flagpole outside of the Horner Administration Building. The guest speaker for the event is a 1979 graduate of Methodist College and retired U.S. Army Colonel Joseph Smith. He has served in a variety of command and staff positions, in both Infantry and Special Forces.

Colonel Smith's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Command General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, and the Army War College. He has earned two master's degrees—one in strategic studies and the other in management. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation with "V" Device and two Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the National Defense Service Medal. He is also the recipient of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, and the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation. Colonel Smith is married to the former Denise Shachnow of Southern Pines, N.C., and he and his wife have four children, Rachele, Alexander, Andrea, and David.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO CELEBRATE 37TH ANNUAL WINTER  
COMMENCEMENT**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University will celebrate its 37th Annual Winter Commencement ceremony Saturday, December 19, 2009, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. Two United States Army R.O.T.C. cadets will be commissioned during the graduation ceremony. There are currently 199 candidates graduation.

The day's events will begin with a baccalaureate service at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The Rev. Dr. Dennis Sheppard, pastor at Hope Mills United Methodist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Dr. Sheppard is a 1977 graduate of Methodist College and a long-time member of the Clergy Friends Association of what is now Methodist University. He has participated in a number of campus projects, ranging from painting Hensdale Chapel and residence halls on campus, to building benches in the Student Union and participating in a number of alumni events. In 2006, the Alumni Association presented him with the Outstanding Alumni Service Award. In 2007, Sheppard was presented with the Hope Mills Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award at a dinner sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America.

This year's commencement speaker is United States Senator Richard Burr. After a successful Senate campaign in 2004, Burr became the 52nd United States Senator from North Carolina, and the first person from Winston-Salem to be elected to the Senate. He was sworn into office January 3, 2005, and serves on the following Senate Committees: Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Energy and Natural Resources; Veterans Affairs, where he serves as the ranking Republican member; the Armed Services Committee; and the Select Committee on Intelligence.

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**SACS REAFFIRMS METHODIST UNIVERSITY'S ACCREDITATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—President Elton Hendricks recently announced the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' (SACS) Commission on Colleges (COC) has reaffirmed Methodist University's accreditation. All institutions accredited by the COC are required to undergo a review for reaffirmation of accreditation every ten years.

The SACS-COC reaffirmation process involved three parts:

- I. **Off-Site Process:** "Preliminary Findings" - Compliance certification was submitted and preliminary findings were reported to the institution.
- II. **On-Site Process:** "Report of the Reaffirmation Committee" - A focused report and quality enhancement plan (QEP) were submitted, and an on-site visit was hosted on the campus of Methodist University.
- III. **Commission Review:** "Action Letter" - A response to the report was issued and an action letter was commissioned indicating a reaffirmation of accreditation.

"I am grateful to all the members of the MU community who worked so hard," announced Dr. Hendricks. "All of us in some way had a part in this achievement, but there were a number of people who worked particularly hard and spent great time and energy making this happen. I am particularly grateful to Don Lassiter's leadership." Dr. Lassiter serves as the vice president for planning and evaluation at Methodist University.

Methodist University is an independent four-year institution of higher education with over 2,100 students from 41 states and 30 countries. The institution offers over 70 majors and concentrations, three master's degree programs, and 19 NCAA III intercollegiate sports. Methodist University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Methodist University. For additional information pertaining to the reaffirmation of accreditation, please contact the Office of Planning and Evaluation at (910) 630-7081/7550.