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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES WINTER GRADUATES

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University graduated 188 students during the 37th Annual Winter Commencement Dec. 19, 2009. Two graduates—Jerry Ray Bates and Alex J. Sepulveda—were commissioned as officers in the U.S. Army. The commencement ceremony took place 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

Fayetteville: Bonnie Jean Adamson, Brian C. Adamson, Jerry Ray Bates*, Richard F. Bautista**, Tiara Broadhurst***, Mario A. Burnette**, Karamo Ceesay, Genevieve J. Chase-Thomas, Lucas Diserio, Kyle Gregory Dodson, Constance Dunston, Adam Joseph Farabaugh, Abigail Eileen Forester**, Mary Rebecca Forgach, Kelly Jean Gatten, Ashley Nicole Genova**, Bianca Leona Goo, Cara Maureen Hale, Lashaun Haley, Evelyn Renee Hall, Rhonda L. Harris*, Ydonna S. Hopper, Tamela Johnson, Kathy Jo Jones, Jason Fredrick Kahlenbeck, Jacqueline Kenney, Jessica Kouba, Shaun Marshall, Siemyra L. McNeill, Tony James Mezera, Jonathan Edward Mitchell, Sam Andrew Morrison**, Glen Artur Nino, Brandy Renee Norris, Ashley Lee Odvody, Richard Pollock, Amos D. Reed, Emily Christine Rodriguez, Stephen Ernie Rushing, Amy Samperton, Emily Sasser, Alex J. Sepulveda, Mariaeugenia Alvarez Sierra, John Southworth*, Whitney A. Sowers, Aura Sweeney, Ainura Togisbayeva**, Chappell Anne Tommasi, Sophia M. Townsend, Marilyn Patricia Wicker, and Stefanie R. Wood***

Angier:	Michael Alexander Hill
Asheboro:	Ralph Wade Norton and James Odell Smith
Autryville:	Joshua R. Andrade and Gary Bradley Jackson
Benson:	Amanda Warren Lee
Burlington:	Charles Ryan Roberts
Cameron:	Brice T. Lott
Candler:	Rebecca Gasperson
Carrboro:	Jennifer Marie Swierz
Cary:	Rachel Ann Shaarda
Chapel Hill:	Douglas Boemker
Charlotte:	Shameeka Nicole Wansley
Eagle Springs:	Taron Lamar Stubbs
Eure:	Cameron Lee Tinkham
Falcon:	Teva Dellabalma
Fort Bragg:	NicolasPerez
Fuquay Varina:	Virginia A. Harrington
Garner:	Tammy R. Boyette
Hampstead:	Melinda Morgan Meyer
Hickory:	Nicklaus Kivett Cannon
Holly Springs:	Jeremy Legg
Hope Mills:	Jenifer Rene Agee, Brent Eugene Deems***, Lewis Scott Oatman, and Kenneth M. Washington
Kannapolis:	Adrienne M. Keelor
King:	Jared Richard Boyles
Linden:	Bobette N. Donaldson and Mary L. Hupp*
Monroe:	Angela M. Young
Moyock:	Keely Anne Shafer
Oriental:	Michael J. Twichell
Raeford:	Sheila Berry, Angela M. Goods, and Kamille J. Resetz
Raleigh:	Jennifer West Roach, Jacob Michael Taylor, and Nicole Upah
Red Springs:	Deborah Brown and Jacqueline Marie Hunt
Roanoke Rapids:	Carl Burke
Rockingham:	Brian Hough

Rutherfordton:	Michael Paul Bryant
Saint Pauls:	Joshua Douthit
Salemburg:	Jasmin Brown and Amanda Stewart
Salisbury:	Patrick Doleman
Sanford:	Christine Gregory, Christina M. Layson, and Wesley Whitman Vann
Siler City:	Lance Aaron Wilkie
Southern Pines:	Michael Kevin Criscoe
Southport:	Rafael Bernaola
Spring Hope:	Catherine C. Murray
Spring Lake:	Allen M. McNamara and Donna L. Wilson
Stedman:	Ashley Dawn Frazee
Wake Forest:	Taylor Fischer
Waxhaw:	Stephanie Wighton
Willow Springs:	Richard Joseph Huether
Wilmington:	Krystal Poirier
Wingate:	Devin James Goodman

Other States and Countries

Birmingham, Ala.:	Eric Heath Eshleman
Irondale, Ala.:	Brian Paul Hillsinger
Spanish Fort, Ala.:	Martin Ross Henne
Gold Canyon, Ariz.:	Eric Michael Duea
Colorado Springs, Colo.:	Diane Colette Starrantino
Danbury, Conn.:	Kyle Scott Fera
Greenwich, Conn.:	Salvatore James Caputo
New Castle, Del.:	John Brown and Joseph Brown
Blountstown, Fla.:	Desmond Anthony Martin
Deland Fla.:	Rebekah Lynn White
Jacksonville, Fla.:	Courtney Erin Bull and William Crissman
Lakeland, Fla.:	Matthew Rueben Jones
Oakland Park, Fla.:	David Austin Hooper
Orlando, Fla.:	Nan M. Bradshaw and Sean E. Davidson
St. Petersburg, Fla.:	Desmond Brian Keane

Tarpon Springs, Fla.:	Lindsey Davis
West Palm Beach, Fla.:	Kristin Chamberlain
Bloomington, Ill.:	Matthew Gunn Bova
Vernon Hills, Ill.:	Oksana Snegur
Portland, Ind.:	Alex Randall Hunt
Winona Lake, Ind.:	Trent Barlow**
Bellingham, Mass.:	Scott David Peneau*
Duxbury, Mass.:	Tyler Andrew Smith
Leominster, Mass.:	Logan Decarolis
Shirley, Mass.:	Brad Michael Wheatley
Waltham, Mass.:	James Whittemore Walden
Chevy Chase, Md.:	Patrick Bernard Hanna
Delmar, Md.:	Jason M. Layton
Denton, Md.:	Ashley M. Schmitt*
Silver Spring, Md.:	Brittany V. Coleman
Midland, Mich.:	Barton Brooks Bowser
White Lake, Mich.:	Emily Elizabeth Tucker
Barrington, N.H.:	Michael Stephen Dooda
Exeter, N.H.:	Patrick Arthur Thornell
Northfield, N.H.:	Stephen Louis McPherson
Fort Lee, N.J.:	Junko Suzuki
Jobstown, N.J.:	Matthew Richard Beers
Mickleton, N.J.:	Gregory William Wingate
Brockport, N.Y.:	Andrew David Madsen
Niskayuna, N.Y.:	Justin Mark Klemballa
Scotia, N.Y.:	Thomas A. Cooper
Gibsonia, Pa.:	Wesley Randall Mensing
Jenkintown, Pa.:	Deanna Romeo
North Wales, Pa.:	Brian Joseph Rashley
Philadelphia, Pa.:	Stephen M. Hosack** and Matthew Jason Moroz
Valencia, Pa.:	Jacob Walter Pleczkowski
West Chester, Pa.:	Joshua David Kelley
Providence, R.I.:	Sara Bethany Dickson***

Charleston, S.C.:	Kristin P. Richards
Pawleys Island, S.C.:	Brian Richard Gehrman
Spartanburg, S.C.:	Tazz Lorenzo Petty
Missouri City, Texas:	Brandon Robert Cunningham
Bristow, Va.:	Philip Mark Betterly
Culpeper, Va.:	Susan Benton Jeffries
Salem, Va.:	Michael E. Ferguson and Brittani Marie Surratt
Virginia Beach, Va.:	Brittney Marie Noe
Bremerton, Wash.:	Aimee Munzi
Green Bay, Wis.:	Andrew Jack Gibson*
Morgantown, W.Va.:	John Daniel Brautigam***
Heidelberg, Germany:	Patricia Anne Staggs*

Academic Honors

****Summa Cum Laude*: Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.90 and above

***Magna Cum Laude*: GPA of 3.70 and above

**Cum Laude*: 3.5 and above

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Methodist University President Retiring
Dr. M. Elton Hendricks announces retirement from the University in his 27th year of service

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JANUARY 7, 2010
MARIA SIKORYAK-ROBINS
DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University President Melvin Elton Hendricks announced today in the meeting of the Board of Trustees' Executive Committee that he will retire from his position in July of 2010. He asked the Executive Committee of the Methodist University Board of Trustees to begin the search for a new president, indicating that he would remain in his position until July 1, 2010, unless the Board deemed it useful for him to stay longer. He informed the Methodist University community shortly after the meeting of the Executive Committee.

"I delayed my retirement until our accreditation work was done," said Dr. Hendricks. All institutions accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' (SACS) Commission on Colleges (COC) are required to undergo a review for reaffirmation of accreditation every ten years; the Commission reaffirmed Methodist University's accreditation in December 2009. "Now that MU is 'recommendation free,' I feel 'free to go.' The University needs a president who can envision programs, innovations, and financial campaigns of longer duration than is appropriate at my age. While the reputation and status of Methodist University are stronger than they have ever been, our long-term future is not guaranteed. Methodist University still needs creativity and innovation. New programs often require three to five years to mature. I am not at an age to provide that long-term leadership."

Dr. Hendricks and his wife, Jerry, have three grown children and four grandchildren. They currently reside on the Methodist University campus and are members of Hay Street United Methodist Church.

"This is a sad day for Methodist University, but a happy day for Dr. Hendricks and Jerry as they move forward into a new chapter of their life," said Harvey T. Wright II, chair of the Board of Trustees and a 1970 graduate of Methodist College. "Dr. Hendricks has led the University to a level of excellence and has never taken his eye off the mission of our University."

In 1983, when President Richard Pearce retired, the Trustees appointed Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, academic dean at Randolph Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, to be the third president of Methodist University (then Methodist College). He assumed the presidency Sept. 15, 1983, and is the longest-seated president—now beginning his 27th year—at a private institution in North Carolina. He is also an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. Dr. Hendricks holds a Ph.D. in physics from the University of South Carolina, a Master of Divinity from Duke University, and a bachelor's degree in history from Wofford College. He is also a graduate of Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management with a number of published articles about Methodism and physics.

Originally from Savannah, Ga., Dr. Hendricks started his career in the United States Navy as a naval flight officer. After serving his country, he served a local congregation as a Methodist minister, and then began his teaching career at Eisenhower College. He has also taught at his alma mater, Wofford College, where he served as both the school's residence hall education program director and as director of Admissions. He went on to become the academic dean of Randolph-Macon College. After serving briefly as acting president of Randolph-Macon College, he came to Methodist University as president.

Dr. Hendricks is a member of the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities Executive Committee, the Fayetteville-Cumberland Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Military Affairs Committee, the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the United Methodist Church, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Fayetteville Economic Development Corporation, the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County, and is the current president of Cape Fear Industries. He is on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Cumberland County, and he is a member of the Pope Special Activities Committee and the Fayetteville Kiwanis Club.

"I will miss the relationship with the friends of Methodist University, many of whom became my personal friends, especially the Board of Trustees, the faculty, the staff, the students, and the alumni," said Dr. Hendricks. "I have been blessed at Methodist with wonderful colleagues and fellow workers. I have enjoyed and appreciated them. Any success of the University that has attended our years together has been the work of many good people. I have been a fortunate man indeed," said Dr. Hendricks. "I give thanks to God for placing me among such people."

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

	Then - 1983	Now
Total Enrollment:	771	2,183
Day Enrollment:	771	1,658
Residential Enrollment:	248	949
Endowment:	\$1,262,818	\$15,033,751
Number of Employees:	110	545 (382 full-time and 163 part-time)
Operating Budget:	\$3,200,000	\$48,563,826
Academic Programs:	19 (with no concentrations)	Over 70 majors and concentrations

"Regarding my remaining time at Methodist University, in the language of the farmers around whom I grew up, 'I will plow to the end of the row,'" said Dr. Hendricks.

"He has impacted thousands of lives in a positive way during his years at Methodist, and he and Jerry will be truly and deeply missed," said Wright.

Methodist University is an independent four-year institution of higher education with over 2,100 students from 41 states and 30 countries. Methodist University offers over 70 majors and concentrations, three master's degree programs, and 19 NCAA III intercollegiate sports. For a brief history of Methodist University, please visit <http://www.methodist.edu/Home/history.htm>. For additional information, please contact the Office of University Relations at (910) 630-7043/7114.



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**THE BELK FOUNDATION AWARDS METHODIST UNIVERSITY \$250,000
FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Belk Foundation has awarded a \$250,000 grant to Methodist University for the construction of a Human Anatomy Laboratory and Medical Lecture Hall. The new building will provide necessary facilities for the expansion of Methodist University's Physician Assistant (PA) Program.

The program, begun in 1996, has produced 189 physician assistants who practice predominantly in North Carolina, but also serve throughout the nation and overseas in the military. Currently, 129 Methodist PAs practice in 32 North Carolina counties, many of which are medically underserved.

Methodist's PA Program—one of only five in the state—is currently approved to admit up to 34 new students each year, for which the program receives over 300 applications. To further expand access to health care and create additional jobs in North Carolina, Methodist plans to expand its Physician Assistant Program's annual enrollment from 34 to 47 students (a 38 percent increase). In order to do so, however, the University must first expand its existing facilities by constructing a 7,778 square foot Medical Lecture Hall and a 4,516 square foot Human Anatomy Laboratory.

Tentative approval has been received from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), its accrediting body, for the increase—the needs of which translate into a classroom capable of seating 150 students, and an anatomy lab capable of accommodating 50 students and 12 cadavers. Methodist University launched its *Prescription for Success* campaign in January 2008 to raise the \$2.8 million needed to construct the buildings. To date, gifts and pledges of \$1.8 million have been received. Construction is anticipated to begin no later than January of 2010. Both buildings will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified.

In speaking of the PA Program and The Belk Foundation gift, Methodist University President Elton Hendricks said, “We are proud of the quality of health care practitioners produced by our Physician Assistant Program. It is fitting that The Belk Foundation, who supported us in the early years of our development as a college and university, is partnering with us to positively impact access to health care across our state.”

Belk, through John W. Hensdale, played an important role in the foundation and early years of Methodist University. Hensdale came to Fayetteville in 1926 to open and manage the city’s first Belk department store and was a member of the Fayetteville College Steering Committee that worked to bring Methodist College to Fayetteville in 1956. He then served on Methodist’s Board of Trustees from 1963 through 1978. Hensdale Chapel, on the Methodist University campus, is named in his honor.

“The Belk Foundation is pleased to support the outstanding efforts of Methodist University to strengthen our state’s health care system by preparing students to become physician assistants who can serve in areas where access to medical services are severely lacking,” said Katie B. Morris, chair of The Belk Foundation board of directors. “We hope that our grant will enable Methodist to continue building a strong Physician Assistant Program that will benefit people across the state especially those in underserved areas.”

About Methodist University

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About The Belk Foundation

The Belk Foundation is a private, family foundation founded in 1928. Over the past 10 years, it has awarded grants totaling more than \$33 million to non-profit organizations and causes benefiting communities in a 16-state region stretching from Texas to Maryland. The mission of The Belk Foundation is to support deserving educational, health and youth

organizations located in the communities where Belk associates live and work. For more information about The Belk Foundation, contact Johanna Anderson at (704) 426-8322 or by e-mailing Johanna_Anderson@belk.com.



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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Two hundred and thirty students were named to the fall 2009 **Dean's List** at Methodist University. To merit inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.50 or better grade point average (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

Fayetteville: Joscelyn Lea Abreu, Jacqueline Leigh Lan Alvarez, Wayne Lee Anderson, Camay Barnes, Lorleila Bartlett, Richard F. Bautista, Haley Danielle Beauchamp, William Beddow, Jeff Birdwell, Tiara Broadhurst, Jamesha Latrece Brown, Tamesha Vontrece Brown, Timothy William Brown, Jennifer Butler, Brian J. Carroll, Abdoulie Ceesay, Staci Lynn Chiomento, Kristin Lyn Cleary, Christopher Andrew Combs, Madyson Breonna Cooper, Kim Marie Cunningham, Tifanni G. Dash, Crystal Marie Dawson, Dayne T. Delabastide, Dimple Dutt, Maida Elezovic, Catherine E. Ewing, Jennifer Farland, Dwayne A. Faulkner, Aleksandra Fetisova, Melissa Fisher, Robert Richard Gamble, Andrea D. Garcia, Ashley Nicole Genova, Salima A. Hamed, Vanessa Janay Hines, Erika N. Holland, Amy E. Huffman, Kevin L. Hyde, Anas Iqtait, Kevin J. Jones, Jason Fredrick Kahlenbeck, Qendresa Krasniqi, Vanessa J. Latham, Michael Brown Lewis, Joshua Jeriel Lopez, Byron B. Lowe, Rodney Machokoto, Marco Antonio Marin, Sanda Markovic, Tracy L. Martin, Henrietta Elise McKoy, Ashley Suzanne Meyers, Mangaliso M. Mohammed, John Moore, Hansel S. Ong, Fredy H. Oxom, Chase G. Pattillo, Alexander Allen Peets, Rimoni Pogia Peniamina, Deanna T. Piacente, Jasmine Vionna Pigford, Lauren Kay Ratley, Ethan Robert Rohrs,

Christopher Andrew Romeo, Anastasiya Saakova, Jose Pablo Salas-Rojas, Alex J. Sepulveda, Heather Nicole Shackelford, Jo-ETTA Renae Simmons, Shannon Olivia Simmons, John Southworth, Cynthia Ann Stallings, Nicole Latrelle Thompson, Laziz Tursunov, Jenny Yomaira Wayland, Danielle Tew Willis, Amanda Lynn Wolfe, Andrea Woodard, Theresa Woodard, Michelle Denise Wright, Peter H. Yusckat, and Max E. Zaldivar

Arden: Patrick L. White

Autryville: Joshua R. Andrade

Belmont: Christine M. Ellington

Cameron: Brianne E. Hendrick and Paul Robert Scott Stroebel

Camp Lejeune: Rodney Williams

Cary: Kevin Maurice Collins and Kelly Anne Shipkowski

Charlotte: Jamias D. Clark

Coats: Brittany A. Davis

Conover: Kaitlyn Rose Leger

Dunn: Whitney B. Moore and Kaitlyn B. Warren

Durham: Michael Harry Poole

Eden: Danielle Marie Minichello

Elizabethtown: Rivers Quinn Lancaster

Erwin: Adriana Monique Wilson

Falcon: Teva Dellabalma

Fort Bragg: Valerie Burton, Nichole Lynne Houy, and Samuel Robinson

Fuquay Varina: Virginia A. Harrington

Godwin: Ashley D. Baggett

Greensboro: Mustafa Bashir Ali

Hamlet: Sara K. Altman

Hampstead: Melinda Morgan Meyer

Hamptonville: Tiffany A. Webster

Hope Mills: William Austin Bordeaux, Hannah Kinlaw Herring, Shawn Eugene Lovette,
Donna Maulsby, Lauren Ashley Smith, and Beverly Renee Williams

Jackson: Arch Freeman Harrell

Kinston: Allan-Jamal Meadows

Kitty Hawk: Whitney Katherine Roberson

Linden: Bobette N. Donaldson
Marshville: James Alfred Boshers
Matthews: Rachel Elaine Purser
Midway Park: Heather Michelle Brayton
Mooreseville: Andrew Michael Prascak
Mount Pleasant: Nathan Michael Kindley
New Bern: Jillian A. Reed
Newton: Katherine Elizabeth Scheller
Oriental: Michael J. Twichell
Pinehurst: Catherine Elaine Ballard
Raeford: Danny Jaramillo, Anthony W. Phillips, Timothy Wayne Reeves, and Mary B. Rose
Raleigh: Aziel Ben Faison and Katherine Elizabeth Meindl
Rocky Point: Courtney A. Benton
Roseboro: Matthew W. Sessoms
Saint Pauls: Christopher N. Douthit
Salemburg: Joshua C. Bass
Sanford: Samantha C. Arrington, Stephen Mark Avent, Christine Gregory, John M. Hites,
Laura Jo Love, Timothy Michael Scheuerman, and Erin Lynn Weidman
Spring Lake: Monica B. Cauffield, George Chacon, Russell Froat, Patricia Ann Hurley, and
Crystal Lee Rohwer
Stedman: Stephen Lambert Horne and Mark A. Osborne
Tyner: Landon R. Jordan
Wadesboro: Tameka Yvette Jefferies
Washington: Thomas D. Lee
Wilkesboro: Dylan Thomas Johnson
Wilmington: Jordan Emily Adams, Orlando Gonzalez-Moreno, and Jessie E. Heath

Other States

Sterling, Conn.: Robert H. Glass
Stratford, Conn: Michael Harry Groves
Houston, Del.: James Enrico Draper Bell
Bradenton, Fla.: Stephen F. Fox
Tallahassee, Fla.: Hayley Lane Williams

Norcross, Ga.: Susan L. Martin
Senoia, Ga.: Megan Glea Rourke
Valdosta, Ga.: Kristen Dawn Gault
Idaho Falls, Idaho: William S. Hartenstein
Frankfort, Ill.: Kevin Soutar Wickham
Harvey, Ill.: Andre L. Thomas
Kenilworth, Ill.: Alana M. Swain
Fort Campbell, Ky.: Treniese L. Kirklen
Acton, Mass.: Joseph J. Dargin
Arlington, Mass.: Jason Paul Mills
Barre, Mass.: Nicholas Michael Kowal
Boxborough, Mass.: Marissa Michelle Hippenmeyer
Marlborough, Mass.: Eleazar C. Encarnacion
New Braintree, Mass.: Lucas John Langelier
Woburn, Mass.: Michael D. McLaughlin
Davidsonville, Md.: Angelo J. Catucci
Middletown, Md.: Lindsey Marie Cosgray
Easton, Md.: Kaitlin Elizabeth McGuire
Denton, Md.: Ashley M. Schmitt
Snow Hill, Md.: Dylan Newell Pusey
Novi, Mich.: Charles James Mallo
Troy, Mich.: William James Patton
Mendota Heights, Minn.: Emily A. Jackson
Liberty, Mo.: Ryan T. Burchett
East Windsor, N.J.: Preston Arthur Ray Combs
Freehold, N.J.: Bradley J. Wynalek
Hoboken, N.J.: Ashley Mariette Smulders
Pine Hill, N.J.: Crystal Lynn Metzger
Ridgewood, N.J.: Thomas R. Hutton
Sea Girt, N.J.: Daniel K. Omalley
Tenafly, N.J.: Emily A. Beck
Westfield, N.J.: Abigael Elizabeth Clarkson

Batavia, N.Y.: Michael R. Harrower
Horseheads, N.Y.: Mark C. Reynolds
Levittown, N.Y.: Bryan W. Beiersdorfer
Saugerties, N.Y.: Jordan Myles Joy
Schenectady, N.Y.: Mason Ross Colling
Walworth, N.Y.: Michael Matthew Dobbins and Alexis Anne Vanetten
Painesville, Ohio: David Joseph Angelotti
Batavia, Ohio: Tyler R. Hawk
Dayton, Ohio: Maeve Catherine Harper
Frazeesburg, Ohio: Lauren Kayci Miller
Massillon, Ohio: Jessica Nicole Rambaud
Saint Marys, Ohio: Alex R. Spencer
Elk City, Okla.: Jessica Casandra Ann Greene
Allentown, Pa.: Andrew Todd Schwepfinger
Clairton, Pa.: Erica Faye Nath
Coplay, Pa.: Aaron M. Dreher
Spartansburg, Pa.: Stephanie Marie Ongley
Waynesboro, Pa.: Matthew Paul Taylor
Murfreesboro, Tenn.: Christine Nichole Wheeler
Fort Hood, Texas: Haley Ann Ambrose
League City, Texas: Kaitlin Jean Flaherty
Dripping Spring, Texas: Patrick Vancura
Chatham, Va.: Katelyn Malia Dockery
Fredericksburg, Va.: Lysuelle Maria Slaughter
Herndon, Va.: Kelsey Lynn Carter
Lynchburg, Va.: William Neal Coleman
Stafford, Va.: Alyssa Michelle Hara
Virginia Beach, Va.: Kenneth Zachary Wolff
Northfield, Vt.: Nicholas Gonneville
White River Jun, Vt.: Adam John Trottier
Amery, Wis.: Kelsey Ann Magnine
Wautoma, Wis.: Ryan Jeffrey Carroll

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Sixty-seven students were named to the fall 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. The following students were named to the **President's List**:

North Carolina

Fayetteville: Wilma Allen, Alan Louis Alvarado, Richard C. Bagley, Fallon N. Bethel, Justin Michael Cains, Gonzalo C. Camina, Alexander Neal Combs, Monica Shonea Crumpler, Thomas L. Dixon, Angie Marie Durand, Elaine Frangakis, Sakun Gajurel, Jasmina Gobeljic, Jaclyn M. Horn, Gwendolyn R. Jones, Abhishek Kansakar, Kristi N. Kozak, Howard L. Lattimore, Nancy D. May, Mame C. Mbodji, Sierra Marie McWilliams, James Moore, Marianne Mosch, Taisiya Petruchenya, Vivian Hood Pigford, Kimberly Michelle Rodriguez, Whitney A. Sowers, Marie Diane Stephens, Caroline Nichole Thomas, Geralynn Weaver, and Stefanie R. Wood

Cherryville: Amanda Suzette Beam

Clinton: Alexandria Maria Bass

Dunn: Geneva Runion and Lisa M. Sanders

Elizabethtown: Rachel Elizabeth Evans

Erwin: Lindsey Michelle Hargrove and Rebecca A. Marks

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Pinehurst: Manoela Mota Kinney
Raeford: Jeremy Kamphuis
Southern Pines: Alexander Michael Smith
Spring Lake: Kimberly Ann Hull and Donna L. Wilson
Wingate: Devin James Goodman

Other States

Yuma, Ariz.: Jennifer Kaylene Hamel
Brighton, Colo.: Dawn L. Sanderson
Watkinsville, Ga.: Bradley Stephen Thomas
Bloomington, Ill.: Danele Kelsie Woods
Overland Park, Kan.: Joel Thomas
Lutherville, Md.: Kristyn M. Zeiler
Dover, Pa.: Nathan P. Friedman
Honesdale, Pa.: Andrew Carey Cliff
Bristow, Va.: Philip Mark Betterly
Chesapeake, Va.: Brian D. Inghram
Fredericksburg, Va.: Heather Renee Anderson and Kelly Renee Orpin
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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES FIRST
BUSINESS SUCCESSION FORUM NETWORK PROGRAM**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) has announced the Business Succession Forum Network’s first program of 2010 titled “Face of the Future: Challenges and Opportunities for Small Business.” The event will be held Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, 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.

The speakers for the event are Patric Zimmer and Robert “Bob” Dunn. Zimmer is president and founder of Development Advisors—a business consulting firm focused on helping companies select the best location for their operations, and the negotiation of incentive packages with local, state, and private agencies. He has over 16 years of experience in the location consulting, economic development, and real estate investment fields. Dunn, a graduate of Methodist College (now University), co-founded The Finley Group in 1985 after advising clients in the banking industry for more than 20 years. He currently serves as president and chief restructuring officer of Southern Management Corporation, a financial services company that operates 209 branch offices in six states.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOLD MISS METHODIST PAGEANT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Student Activities at Methodist University will host the fourth annual Miss Methodist University Pageant Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

Ball in the House will be performing throughout the pageant and the event is open to the public. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and the event is free to Methodist University students, faculty, and staff. Thirteen contestants will be judged on talent, evening wear, and the on-stage interview.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY NORTH CAROLINA BOARD
OF NURSING TO START PROGRAM**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University officials attending the State Board of Nursing meeting this morning learned that the university’s proposal for a nursing program was approved unanimously with no recommendations. Students who enter the university in the August 2010 semester can begin the pre-nursing program in preparation for admission into the Professional Nursing Studies program in their junior year. These students will earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Methodist University has a history of success with its programs involving the medical sciences. Its’ physician assistant program is deemed to be one of the best in the Southeast.

Recruiting efforts began immediately after the State Board of Nursing announced its approval. The Admissions Office reports that 116 students interested in the nursing program have already applied. A campaign to inform others was launched today to 10,000 prospective students who have indicated an interest in a nursing degree program. Ms. Mary Hall, Methodist University’s Director of Nursing, commented on, “how amazing it is to have the State Board of Nursing recognize a unique BSN program by giving it approval with no recommendations and I am looking forward to welcoming the first group of students to campus next August.”

Prospective students interested in this program may contact the MU Admissions Office at 910.630.7027 or 800.488.7110.

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MU Hosts Candlelight Vigil and Continues Campus-wide Relief Efforts

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Students in Economics Anonymous (pictured), a student organization established in 2008 at Methodist University, are organizing a candlelight vigil for the victims of the recent Haiti Earthquake. The vigil will be held outside of Hensdale Chapel around the Bell Tower at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010.



The Methodist University Gospel Choir will perform during the event and the Rev. Dr. Mike Safley, vice-president for university relations and campus minister, will conduct the prayer session. The club members also extend a special invitation to the Haitian community living in the surrounding counties.

"It's not just about Haiti, it's about addressing issues, raising awareness, and doing what we can at the college level to contribute for the good of humanity," says Abhishek Kansakar, the treasurer of Economics Anonymous.

"We are working right now to help alleviate the immediate problems facing those who were affected by the earthquakes," said Karen Reid, faculty advisor of Economics Anonymous and assistant professor of economics. "It is likely that a group from Methodist will be going to Haiti in the spring of 2011 to help with rebuilding. We know it will take a substantial amount of time and resources for Haiti to recover from this crisis. Economics Anonymous, along with all of the other members of the Methodist community who are helping us, will continue to promote awareness and organize fundraising efforts."

Faculty, staff, students, friends, and a number of organizations on campus are pulling together to help those affected by the earthquakes. The Campus Ministry Office has organized a collection of prepackaged health relief kits that will be donated to the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Items that must be included in the kit include:

- One "hand" towel (cannot be larger than 17" x 27"— no kitchen or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- One set of fingernail clippers (no emery boards)
- One bath-sized bar of soap
- One single toothbrush (regular size, not multi-packs)
- One large tube of toothpaste
- Six adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

Only the items listed above are to be placed in a gallon sized Ziploc bag and dropped off at the Campus Ministry Office.

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SPRING CONVOCATION FEATURES MUSICAL OFFERING

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host spring convocation Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The event celebrates Black History Month, and is free and open to the public.

The *MU Chorale*, Jazz Band, music department faculty, and *One Voice Gospel Choir* will present an African American musical offering.

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FEBRUARY 1, 2010

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SPRING CONVOCATION FEATURES MUSICAL OFFERING

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host spring convocation Monday, Feb. 8, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The event celebrates Black History Month, and is free and open to the public. Convocation, which was originally scheduled for today, Feb. 1, 2010, has been postponed due to weather conditions.

The *MU Choral*, Jazz Band, music department faculty, and *One Voice* Gospel Choir will present an African American musical offering.

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Methodist University Hosts Book Sale

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FEBRUARY 2, 2010
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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University's Davis Memorial Library will host a Book Sale of children's books and teachers' materials Friday, Feb. 19, and Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010.

The selection of children's stories and textbooks will sell for \$1 - \$5. The Book Sale will be open to faculty, staff, students, and the public Friday from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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MU Hosts Kick-Off Breakfast for Loyalty Day

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University hosted its Loyalty Day Kick-off Breakfast this morning from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. in the Green and Gold Café on the Methodist University campus.

"This is a highly anticipated event within our county that does a lot of good for our students," said George Matthews, president of the Methodist University Foundation Board.

Over 90 percent of Methodist University students receive some form of scholarship or financial aid. Loyalty Day provides members of the community with an opportunity to canvass Cumberland County seeking support for scholarships for Methodist University students.

"Education provides the framework to understand the world around us," said this year's Loyalty Day chair, North Carolina Senator Margaret Dickson. "Beyond our family and our moral values, nothing is more important than education."

"I know that each and every person could be doing something else today, but you have chosen to be a volunteer," said Dickson. "The work you do today will touch the lives of people you will never know."

Yalita Rivers, a junior majoring in music at Methodist University, also spoke at the event. With regard to the option of a 2010 candy apple red BMW or a junior at Methodist University, Rivers asked, "What are you investing in—the present or the future? It takes more than just a red light to stop us from making a better tomorrow."

Several members of Methodist University's Board of Trustees attended the event, including Harvey T. Wright '70, chair; O. Ray Manning, Jr. '73, vice chair; J. Daniel 'Danny' Highsmith, Sr.; Don Price; and Dr. Louis Spilman, Jr. '64. Today marked Dr. Spilman's 45th Loyalty Day. In addition to a number of faculty and staff members, the Methodist University Gospel Choir, students from the Student Government Association, and MU cheerleaders came in support of the event.

This year's Foundation Board members are: William L. Bowman, Jan Cobb, Kevin Dennison '95, Stephen Driggers '76, Kensley Edge, Louis C. Feraca, Linda Goff, Kenneth L. Hill, Marilyn Holstein, T. J. Jenkins (treasurer), Jennifer L. Kirby '02, Esq., Joy Kirkpatrick '93, Barbara Lahiff (vice-president), George Matthews (president), Dineen Morton, Sharon Moyer, Dr. Bryant Murphy, Gayle Nelson, Bill Pannhoff, Terry Sasser '84, Frank Scott, Guyla Wilkinson '92, Phyllis Washington, and Lauren Cook Wike (secretary).

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The National Association of Social Workers- North Carolina Chapter has named the social work department at Methodist University as its recipient of the Advocate of the Year award. The award will be presented at the annual ethics conference and awards ceremony on March 5, 2010 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Mr. Jack Register, MSW, LCSW, Director of Advocacy and Legislations stated that the social work department had been selected because of “the work that your students in 2007 and 2008 laid the foundation for the 2009 Title Protection bill. “ He said, “Your students represent social work advocacy at its best and the profession is better because of their efforts.”

The social work department of Methodist University worked for title protection for social workers in North Carolina. The faculty and students worked with delegates from Cumberland County and other BSW programs throughout North Carolina. In May 2009, title protection was introduced to state house of representatives as bill number 1168, by Representative Rick Glazier (Cumberland County). The bill was passed and signed into law by Gov. Beverly Purdue.

This project began in the spring of 2007, by a group of students in the Social Work Policy 372 class. The students recognized the lack of title protection for social workers and were concerned about the impact this had on clients, social workers, and the overall welfare of the human services environment. The project was based on two main ideas: 1. how other states in the United States recognized social work through title protection, and 2. that social work education is targeted at meeting the specialized needs of at risk populations. The students researched how other states addressed title protection and built a proposal of how North Carolina could incorporate title protection. The students also researched the educational requirements of Social Work versus other human service majors to show how social work is a career that is fine tuned to meet the needs of clients. Representative Margret Dickson (Cumberland County) met with the students to discuss the need for title protection and what factors needed to be addressed to further the project. On the advice of Representative Dickson the students continued to fine tune the proposal to illustrate how other states had incorporated title protections and the possible benefits of title protection. These students then took their proposal to meet with the delegates from Cumberland County, and engaged in an exchange of ideas with the delegates.

Due to the state legislation’s work schedule the proposal could not be introduced into the house until May 2009. In the spring of 2008, the Methodist University Social Work Program continued to follow the progress of other states seeking title protection as well as build support with other BSW programs in the state. The faculty, current students, and returning students met again with Representative Dickson to update her on new findings. This collaboration resulted in a letter writing campaign to other

BSW programs. The letters explained the purpose and goals of Methodist University Social Work program in regards to title protection, and asked for support from these programs. The other BSW programs responded favorably and worked in support of title protection in North Carolina. It was at this time that the members of Methodist University social work department joined forces with the National Association of Social Workers.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University's premiere touring choral ensemble, the Methodist University Chorale, will present a concert at the Christ United Methodist Church, 3101 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC on February 21 at 4:00pm. The group will present works from different musical epochs by several composers/groups including Stephan Barnicle, Jester Hairston, Kings Singers, G.P. da Palestrina, Francis Poulenc, Charles Stanford, Sting, and Eric Whitacre. Special performances will include soloists from the group, men's and women's literature, and the MU Chamber Singers.

The ensemble consists of approximately twenty-four vocalists and performs traditional/advanced choral literature from all periods. Students who have been active in choral ensembles in high school or college are encouraged to audition for this choir. In addition to its regular concert schedule, the Chorale will be touring to New York City this spring. Students in this group are selected through a voice placement process and earn substantial scholarships.

For more information, please contact the church secretary, Sharon, at (910) 484-3340.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist women's basketball team has partnered with the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) to host a "Pink Zone" basketball game Feb. 13 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.

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.

Any breast cancer survivors interested in participating in the event should contact DeeDee Jarman at (910) 630-7283 or djarman@methodist.edu.

For more information visit the Pink Zone central at:
<http://www.mumonarchs.com/sports/2009/1/19/pinkzone09.aspx?id=72>

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SCHOLARSHIP HONORS THE LIFE OF RICHARD E. MORAN

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—In honor of her husband, Richard E. Moran, Maria Moran has established the Richard E. Moran Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded annually to a full-time day student of Methodist University.

Richard E. Moran was a husband, father, son, and patriot. He was a member of the United States Army and served in Desert Storm. Maria Moran, who works in the Admissions Office at Methodist University, says she established the scholarship in honor of her husband's love for his children and his service to this country.

First preference for the \$1,000 scholarship will be given to a junior or senior writing major with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. The Office of Financial Aid will determine the number of scholarships awarded, and in addition to academic achievement, selection will be based on financial need.

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**LECTURE SERIES FOCUSES ON “CYBER WARFARE:
ARE WE PREPARED?”**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—John Bumgarner, an investigator and consultant in the strategic and economic consequences of cyber attacks, will speak on “Cyber Warfare: Are We Prepared?”

The lecture will take place at Methodist University Feb. 19, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. in the Clark Hall Auditorium. The presentation is part of the Terry Sanford Lecture Series, and is free and open to the public. Immediately following the lecture, Bumgarner will host an informal discussion in the Alumni Dining Room of the Berns Student Center.

Bumgarner serves as research director at the U.S. Cyber Consequences Unit. In 1997, he earned his bachelor’s degree in political science from Methodist College (now University). He holds two master’s degrees; the first is in information systems management and the second is in security management. He is a senior research fellow in international security studies at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy of Tufts University. Bumgarner has lectured at the Naval Postgraduate School, traveled to 40 countries, and worked with the CIA, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense, Department of State, National Security Agency, and the U.S. Special Operations Command.

Since the Series began in 2001, expert lecturers have been invited to promote public awareness of current political affairs. The Series’ namesake, Terry Sanford, lived a life of noted public service. He served as an Army paratrooper in World War II, and received the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart. After earning a law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill, he practiced law in Fayetteville and was the first chair of the Methodist College Board of Trustees. He then went on to become a state senator, the governor of North Carolina, and a United States senator.

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**MU 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 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:

- Friday, **Feb. 26**, 2010: Open House with classroom visitations and the opportunity to sit in during a class
- Monday, **March 22**, 2010: Informational Open House

The face-to-face Open House format will give prospective students the opportunity to ask questions, pre-register for the fall 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.

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

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) has announced the Business Succession Forum Network’s second program of 2010 titled “How to Manage Employees in Uncertain Times.” The event will be held Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, 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.

The three speakers for the event are Carol Stephens, firm administrator at the Law Firm of Hutchens, Senter & Britton, P.A.; Brad Loase, owner, Express Employment Professionals; and J. Reynold Jernigan, manager of Fayetteville’s Customer Contact Center, Piedmont Natural Gas. Stephens attended Wingate College and has over 20 years of experience as a non-profit administrator. Loase is a graduate of Penn State University and has been at the Express Employment Professionals (Fayetteville office) since 2002. He has worked to grow the business to be in the top ten percent of all Express Employment Professionals, and one of the top human resources companies of Cumberland County. Jernigan earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Wake Forest University. His 25 years of experience in the natural gas industry has been focused on the promotion of the company’s product and services, and customer service.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University Development Corporation, a subsidiary of Methodist University, has recently purchased 10 acres of land, previously owned by Ample Lending, in close proximity to King's Grant Golf and Country Club. The purchase includes the property on which the club house, tennis courts, and swimming pool are currently located as well as the environmental areas surrounding the 9th and 18th greens. Impressive appearance and landscaping improvements of the pro shop area and entrance/driveways are currently underway. Additionally, exterior repairs and fresh paint of the Golf Pro Shop and Event Gazebo are scheduled to be completed in March.

The Corporation is seeking a quality developer/builder to design and complete an appropriate residential development that will enhance the future growth of King's Grant. It is hoped that this development will improve the attractiveness of King's Grant for current and future membership. Methodist University remains optimistic and wishes to encourage the construction of a new club house and banquet facilities in partnership with the membership of King's Grant.

King's Grant Golf Management, LLC and Methodist University are excited about the possibilities of such a venture. With the purchase of new maintenance/grounds equipment and the hiring of our Director of Golf, Mr. Kevin Kriews (1991 Graduate of MU), the university continues to strive for excellence in the operations and management of King's Grant.

King's Grant has seen dramatic improvements in all of its playing surfaces over the past six months, including the implementation of new drainage enhancements. This improvement is credited to the hard work of the new Superintendent, Adam Gordon, his staff, and the new grounds equipment. As the 2010 golfing season fast approaches, King's Grant Golf and Country Club is prepared to offer a quality playing surface for its members and the Fayetteville/Cape Fear region.

Methodist University is home to the largest PGA Golf Management program in the country with just under 300 students. The young men and women in this program are also able to take advantage of the facilities at King's Grant. With continued development and growth, the PGA Golf Management program can utilize its operations and business structure as a "live" case study to be discussed in the academic classroom. The facility has also played host to many of our

students during their internships and as part time employees throughout the year. The value that this adds to our students' education is unmatched by any other program in the country.

Methodist University continues to march forward in the cadence of progress in times of economic adversity.

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**MU STUDENTS PARTNER WITH FACVB TO COMPLETE
VIDEO PROJECT**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Under the direction of Dr. Sharon Kendrick, assistant professor of business administration in the Reeves School of Business and director of the Resort Management (RMT) Program, and in partnership with the Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (FACVB), five Methodist University students completed a video project for their Resort Management (RMT) 350 Tourism/Resort Sales and Marketing class.

To complete an item listed on the FACVB’s cultural tourism marketing task list, the students conducted and compiled over 40 interviews from a number of locations, asking participants, “What does patriotism mean to you?” To reward participants who completed an interview, the students collected items for a gift basket and distributed coupons from local businesses. Four videos have been uploaded on YouTube titled “What does patriotism mean to you?” (Part I and Part II) and “We the People” (Part I and Part II).

The following Methodist University students worked on the project: Kaitlin McGuire, a senior majoring in RMT/marketing; Michael Doyne, a junior majoring in RMT; Britton Mullis, a junior majoring in PGA golf management, Alex Spencer, a junior majoring in RMT and PGA golf management; and Amanda Wolfe, a junior majoring in RMT.

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PAM MCEVOY
DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University Theatre presents *Crimes of The Heart* at Reeves Auditorium February 25 -27th at 8:00 p.m. and on the 28th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students (on campus only—MU students, faculty and staff will be admitted free if they show MU ID). This show is not recommended for young children.

The director, Maegan Owens, is from Hope Mills and a graduate of South View High School. She is a graduating senior at Methodist studying technical theatre and is hoping to pursue a career in professional stage management. She has assisted within the Methodist University theatre, The Gilbert Theater, and Cape Fear Regional Theatre with stage management, props, costuming and many other projects. Ms. Owens says, “*Crimes of the Heart* is the story of three sisters and their dramatic hardships which should drive them apart, but end up bringing them closer together. It’s a story about growing up and living with your mistakes, falling in and out of love, along with a possible attempted murder. But, at the end of the day, the Magrath sisters find that they can face whatever the future holds as long as they are there for each other. “

The play is the winner of the 1981 Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award. An astonishing first play, initially presented by the Actors Theatre of Louisville, then Off-Broadway, and then on Broadway, where it established the author as a major voice in American theatre. Warm-hearted, irreverent, zany and brilliantly imaginative, the play teems with humanity and humor as it examines the plight of three young Mississippi sisters betrayed by their passions.

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MU PRESENTS B.F. STONE LYCEUM

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The fourteenth annual B.F. Stone Lyceum will be held at 7 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Dr. Christopher Cronin, assistant professor of political science, will present his paper “Where’s the Christian Left? The Social Gospel and the Democratic Party.” Responding to the paper will be Dr. Peter Murray, professor of history, and the Rev. David Harvin, senior pastor of Hay Street United Methodist Church. The event is free and open to the public.

“Though perhaps not polite topics for the dinner table, religion and politics are a dynamic and divisive combination,” said Dr. Cronin. “Their intersection has been of great interest to me since my days as an Air Force brat observing the different political cultures of New York, Connecticut, South Carolina, the United Kingdom, Colorado, Texas, Vermont, Massachusetts, and now North Carolina. My undergraduate experience at St. Michael’s College (Vermont) and subsequent graduate work at the University of Massachusetts Amherst have allowed me to pursue, in some detail, one of these intersections between a political movement and a religious movement.”

The discussion is part of the B.F. Stone Lyceum Series, which was established in 1998 with a gift from the estate of B.F. Stone. The mission of the discussions is to foster scholarly interaction among the faculty, students and the community-at-large. Stone was a pharmacist, philanthropist and active layman in the United Methodist Church.

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MU ANNOUNCES SECOND ANNUAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The second annual MU Jazz Festival will take place in Reeves Auditorium at 6:00 p.m., March 20, 2010. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the event is free and open to the public.

The Fayetteville Jazz Orchestra and a host of area high school jazz bands will perform. The featured artist is Smooth Jazz Bassist David Dyson, with accompanying music by Skip Walker (drums), Ziad (saxophone), Fred McLean (guitar), and Matt Kelly (keyboard).

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— On March 30th, 2010 Methodist University will be hosting its second annual Easter Jam 2010. The program is presented by Campus Ministries. The night will feature renowned Christian artist Charlie Hall (Passion Worship Leader)! The concert has no admission charge. The doors open at 6:30PM and the concert begins at 7:30PM in Reeves Auditorium on campus.

Partners for this event are Best Buy Fayetteville and Chick-fil-A Ramsey Street. If attendees pre-register for the event at the following website, www.methodist.edu/easterjam, they can earn a chance to win incredible Best Buy products throughout the night (must be present to win). Also, Chick-fil-A will be providing a free concert t-shirt to the first 200 people at the event as well as selling food prior to the concert.

“We are excited to bring the city of Fayetteville onto our lovely campus and have a praise and worship night together as one community,” said Thomas Hutton, student chairman for Easter Jam 2010 and President of the MU Student Government Association. “We are very blessed to have partnered with Best Buy and Chick-fil-A and appreciate their donations and time.”

Charlie Hall has been travelling for over 15 years entertaining friends and strangers with his great musical talent. He carries a songwriting sense that aims to capture the dense images of his life with God. His new collection of songs, *The Bright Sadness*, echoes his life long journey of how life is and how life should be.

The program will be an exciting night for all attendees and anyone interested is encouraged to come out and enjoy a night at Methodist University praising and worshipping together.

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**MU HOSTS OPEN HOUSE SESSION IN JACKSONVILLE FOR THE
PROFESSIONAL MBA AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host an Open House session April 13, 2010, for the on-campus Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program at Methodist University. The Open House session will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Baymont Inn and Suites on Western Boulevard in Jacksonville, N.C.

The face-to-face Open House format will give prospective students the opportunity to ask questions, pre-register for the fall semester, and schedule a tour of the campus. Dr. Warren McDonald, director of the MBA program, will facilitate the session. The MBA cohort's concentration is in organizational management and leadership.

"The uniqueness of the program comes in its focus area, organizational management and leadership, which is broad, but meets the needs of many areas of business," said Dr. McDonald. "This program provides students with the skills needed to become successful managers and leaders. Today, those skills are interrelated, and we feel the combination is a niche for us that has proven to be successful."

The 12-course program blends online coursework 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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March 26, 2010

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DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The National Association of Social Workers- North Carolina Chapter has named the social work department at Methodist University as its recipient of the Advocate of the Year award. The award will be presented at the annual ethics conference and awards ceremony on March 5, 2010 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Mr. Jack Register, MSW, LCSW, Director of Advocacy and Legislations stated that the social work department had been selected because of “the work that your students in 2007 and 2008 laid the foundation for the 2009 Title Protection bill. “ He said, “Your students represent social work advocacy at its best and the profession is better because of their efforts.”

The social work department of Methodist University worked for title protection for social workers in North Carolina. The faculty and students worked with delegates from Cumberland County and other BSW programs throughout North Carolina. In May 2009, title protection was introduced to state house of representatives as bill number 1168, by Representative Rick. Glazier (Cumberland County). The bill was passed and signed into law by Gov. Beverly Purdue.

This project began in the spring of 2007, by a group of students in the Social Work Policy 372 class. The students recognized the lack of title protection for social workers and were concerned about the impact this had on clients, social workers, and the overall welfare of the human services environment. The project was based on two main ideas: 1. How other states in the United States recognized social work through title protection, and 2. That social work education is targeted at meeting the specialized needs of at risk populations. The students researched how other states addressed title protection and built a proposal of how North Carolina could incorporate title protection. The students also researched the educational requirements of Social Work versus other human service majors to show how social work is a career that is fine tuned to meet the needs of clients. Representative Margret Dickson (Cumberland County) met with the students to discuss the need for title protection and what factors needed to be addressed to further the project. On the advice of Representative Dickson the students continued to fine tune the proposal to illustrate how other states had incorporated title protections and the possible benefits of title protection. These students then took their proposal to meet with the delegates from Cumberland County, and engaged in an exchange of ideas with the delegates.

Due to the state legislation's work schedule the proposal could not be introduced into the house until May 2009. In the spring of 2008, the Methodist University Social Work Program continued to follow the progress of other states seeking title protection as well as build support with other BSW programs in the state. The faculty, current students, and returning students met again with Representative Dickson to update her on new findings. This collaboration resulted in a letter writing campaign to other BSW programs. The letters explained the purpose and goals of Methodist University Social Work program in regards to title protection, and asked for support from these programs. The other BSW programs responded favorably and worked in support of title protection in North Carolina. It was at this time that the members of Methodist University social work department joined forces with the National Association of Social Workers.

PHOTO: Methodist University Social Work Department

Pictured from left to right: Professor Mary Deyampert-McCall, Social Work graduate, Ms. Susan Follum, Representative Rick Glazier (NASW Legislative Advocate of the Year), Professor Deborah Murray, Dr. Anna Scheyett (President of NASW-NC), Dean, School of Public Affairs and Professor of Social Work, Dr. Bonita Belcastro and pictured in the rear: Department Chair and Associate Professor of Social Work, Professor George Hendricks.

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CFE HOSTS 33RD ANNUAL STOCK MARKET SYMPOSIUM

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) at Methodist University hosted its 33rd Annual Stock Market Symposium March 31, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville.

This year's keynote speaker was Dr. Robert Froehlich, senior managing director of The Hartford Mutual Funds. He said the question at this time last year revolved around whether or not there would be an economic recovery; the question this year, he said, involves sustainability.

"Most investors will miss this," he said. "They do not believe this will be sustained." In fact, he believes this will be the "greatest stock market rally that no one ever participated in."

Dr. Froehlich then shared his prediction for the future: 1) businesses will start spending money again; 2) a panic inventory rebuild will take place; 3) the global economy will be much stronger than people think; 4) the consumer will spend, but he or she will spend differently.

"I am here to tell let you all know that we are not dead," he said. "We're going to shop in every economic cycle." What will change, however, is where and how the U.S. consumer decides to spend; Dollar General, he said, is opening 600 new stores in six months, ultimately employing 5,000 people.

In closing, Dr. Froehlich noted that as long as the economy is growing at trend growth or above, investors should stay focused on dividend paying stocks. "The dividend paying energy sector is a great place to be right now," he said.

The CFE presented four awards to local businesspersons. Ralph Huff, who started H&H Homes in 1991, was the recipient of the Silver Spoon Award. F. Royal “Buzz” Loyd, Jr., an award-winning builder with Loyd Builders, received the Small Business Excellence Award. He is a 1990 graduate of Methodist College and an active supporter of what is now Methodist University. Kenneth C. Lancaster, Jr., of Lancaster, Helms & Player Real Estate, Inc., was the recipient of the American Business Ethics Award. The Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award went to Laura Schindler, owner of Advanced Physical Therapy Solutions (APTS).

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Photo attached – Pictured above (L-R): Ralph Huff, recipient of the Silver Spoon Award; F. Royal “Buzz” Loyd, Jr., recipient of the Small Business Excellence Award; Kenneth C. Lancaster, Jr., recipient of the American Business Ethics Award; Laura Schindler, recipient of the Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award.





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MU MAY 2010 CALENDAR EVENTS

Date	Event	Details
1	Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra Concert	Mussorgsky: <i>Pictures at an Exhibition</i> 8:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 433-4690
2	Methodist University All-Choirs Concert	Featuring: Chamber Singers, Chorale, Men's and Women's Chorus, and Show Choir 7:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free
7	Fayetteville Symphonic Band Concert	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7602 or lwells@methodist.edu Admission is free
8	2010 PA Golf Tournament: Tee It Up for Healthcare!	9:30 a.m. King's Grant Golf & Country Club Contact: (910) 630-7615 or jmish@methodist.edu Brochure Tournament on Facebook
14	Cumberland Oratorio Singers Concert	<i>Jazz Reflections</i> featuring music by some of the jazz greats! 7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 822-4447 or jpotter25@nc.rr.com Tickets are \$12, free to MU faculty, staff, and

		students (with ID)
15	Baccalaureate Service	10:30 a.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7031 or pellis@methodist.edu Admission is free
15		2:00 p.m. March F. Riddle Center Contact: (910) 630-7031 or pellis@methodist.edu Admission is free Seating by ticket only until 1:45 p.m.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— TEMPLETON-BULLARD LECTURE ON SCIENCE AND RELIGION.

The annual Templeton-Bullard Lecture in the field of Science and Religion will be held at Methodist University on Monday, April 26, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. The lecture will be presented at Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall on the university campus, 5400 Ramsey Street in Fayetteville, NC.

The topic is: "The Battle Over Evolution: Who's Fighting Whom About What?" This is a battle that has raged for a century and a half, involving federal courts, public schools, churches, and textbook committees.

Presenting is the distinguished lecturer, The Rev. Dr. Ted Peters, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, a graduate of the University of Chicago, who teaches at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and The Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley, CA).

In addition to voluminous publications on the human genome project, he has co-authored such volumes as: *Bridging Science and Religion* (2003), *God and Evolution* (2006), and *A Scientific and Theological Commentary on Darwin's Origin of Species* (2008).

The public is invited to the lecture which is available at no cost of admission. Inquiries may be directed to Lloyd Bailey by calling 910.630.7118 or 919.489-8731. Or email him at lloyd@duke.edu.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The installation of a chapter of Sigma Delta Pi will take place Sunday, April 18, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel on the campus of Methodist University. Chapter Advisor Cristina Francescon, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Modern Languages and Literature, will oversee the ceremony. The following students will be initiated into the Sigma Delta Pi: Juan F. Bobadilla, Wilson H. Ceden, M. Francisca Frisone, Rocio Casteneda Ochiltree, and J. Nicole Yard.

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

FAYETTEVILLE, NC— The annual Templeton-Bullard Lecture on Science and Religion will be held at Methodist University Monday, April 26, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. The lecture will be in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall on the Methodist University campus. The presentation is part of the Templeton-Bullard Lecture Series on Science and Religion, and is free and open to the public.

The Rev. Dr. Ted Peters of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and a graduate of the University of Chicago will speak on “The Battle over Evolution: Who’s Fighting Whom about What?” Dr. Peters teaches at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and The Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. In addition to authoring several publications about the human genome project, he has co-authored such volumes as *Bridging Science and Religion* (2003), *God and Evolution* (2006), and *A Scientific and Theological Commentary on Darwin's Origin of Species* (2008).

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**SPORT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM HOSTS STUDENT-ATHLETE
FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist University Sport Management Program will host a student-athlete scholarship and financial aid workshop Saturday, May 1, 2010, at 10 a.m. in Clark Hall on the campus of Methodist University.

The workshop is designed to help future student-athletes understand the process for obtaining scholarships, and how to maximize their potential to receive financial aid awards for divisions I, II, III, NAIA, and junior colleges. Coaches and representatives from local universities will be present to speak about scholarship and financial aid opportunities available to prospective college student-athletes.

The workshop is open to high school students and their parents, and lunch will be provided. MU Sport Management students will provide resume writing and highlight film services to interested students. There is a \$20 fee per family to attend.

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APRIL 22, 2010

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DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC— The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist University continued its series with “Secrets of Succession Planning” at the Hilton Garden Inn on Thursday, April 22nd. Mr. Eugene Bain, Chair of the Business Succession Forum Network and White and Bain Financial Services presided over the meeting. He introduced the three speakers, Mr. Bob Allen, Sr., Chair of D.R. Allen & Son, Inc.; Mr. Haddon M. Clark III, Vice President of the Sampson-Bladen Oil Company and Mr. Louis Cox, President of Holt Oil Company.

Formal succession planning is relatively new in the current business culture. The speakers agreed that it is very important and should be considered carefully on a company by company basis. Since everyone has plenty of “everyday type work” to do, Mr. Clark said that the family members of his company decided to hire a firm to help them identify and achieve their succession goals. “By paying someone to look into this for us, we paid more attention and were able to take a realistic look at the company,” he said.

Mr. Allen’s company was founded in 1942 by his father and from an early age he knew it would become his life as well. History repeated itself with he and his son. With new leadership came new direction and new opportunities. His granddaughter was in attendance and she represents the fourth generation in the family business. Mr. Allen’s advice was to, “teach the next generation the value of a good work ethic, to be able to adjust from generation to generation and to plan for succession.” He stated that, “having an imperfect plan is better than no plan at all.” It is standard practice with his company to modify the plan almost every year.

The Sampson-Bladen Oil Company was founded by Mr. Clark’s grandfather. Later his father and three uncles took over and there never seemed to be a need for a succession plan as they all “worked hard, worked smart and worked together.” He represents the third generation and the company has grown a great deal and is much more complicated. He said that he told his children not to expect a job at the company when they graduated from college because he wanted them to have an incentive to do well in school and learn that there are no guarantees. He said that in the future if they show that they have a commitment to the company then they would be welcomed.

With ever changing economic times, changing government and industry standards, changes in the family and new taxation laws it is necessary to prepare for the future by taking the time to do the difficult work in planning for succession.

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Photo: Mr. Louis Cox, Mr. Bob Allen, Mr. Haddon Clark



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**PRESIDENT HENDRICKS POSTPONES RETIREMENT
UNTIL SEARCH PROCESS IS COMPLETE**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of Methodist University, has announced that he will not be leaving his position as president until the completion of the nationwide presidential search.

“The pace of the search for a new president is such that the Board [of Trustees] has asked me to remain through the rest of this calendar year,” he wrote in a memorandum to faculty and staff. “Academic Search, the consulting firm with whom the Board is working, has informed the Board that a search done with the appropriate thoroughness will take many months.”

He further explained that when the new president has been identified and a date has been set for his or her arrival, Dr. Hendricks would leave a few weeks in advance of the arrival of the new president. He and his wife, Jerry, will move out of the president’s home on the campus of Methodist University at the end of the spring semester; this will enable the Board of Trustees to plan for the appropriate repairs and upgrades.

Dr. Herman Collier, Jr. and Dr. James “Jim” Davis, of Academic Search, Inc., have been named consultants for Methodist University’s presidential search. Dr. Collier served as president of Moravian College and Theological Seminary for 17 years, and upon his retirement, he was named President Emeritus. Before joining Academic Search in 1998, he served as interim president of four independent institutions: Salem Academy and College, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Chowan University, and Lees McRae College. He has held leadership positions on the Pennsylvania Commission of Independent Colleges and Universities, and the Foundation for Independent Colleges.

Conducting two to three searches per year, Dr. Collier has completed 20 searches for a range of independent institutions, many in the South and several of them church-related. Among the thirteen collegiate institutions he has served are Wabash College, Kalamazoo College, and Sarah Lawrence College. In addition, he has assisted with searches for several theological seminaries and Eastern Virginia Medical School. He holds degrees in chemistry from Randolph-Macon College and Lehigh University. Prior to his career in higher education, he was a research chemist in the Organic Chemicals Department of E. I. duPont de Nemours Company.

Dr. Davis retired as president of Shenandoah University in 2008 after 26 years of service. During his career as president, he served in executive leadership positions for many professional organizations and committees, including over 20 visiting committees and the Criteria and Reports Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He served as president of the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities of Virginia, president of the United Methodist organization for colleges and universities, and as a board member of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Over 30 years ago, Dr. Davis served in the General Assembly of Virginia-House of Delegates for three terms; he has since been appointed to state boards and agencies during nearly every year of his career. He holds an associate degree from Ferrum College, a bachelor's degree of history from Randolph Macon College, a Master of Arts from Virginia Tech, and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Florida State University. He formed an educational consulting company and joined Academic Search in 2009.

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MU HOSTS BUILDING DEDICATION CEREMONY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host a building dedication ceremony for the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

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. Named in honor of local artist David McCune, the building also contains the David McCune International Art Gallery. 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. The dedication ceremony is open to the public.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES 2010 AWARD RECIPIENTS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University held its annual awards ceremony April 12, 2010 in Reeves Auditorium. What follows is a list of award recipients for the 2009-2010 academic year, along with the recipients' class status (if applicable) and hometown city and state.

Anthony J. DeLapa Art Achievement Award

Aaron Wayne Casteel, freshman
Winston Salem, N.C.

The Professors' Spanish Award

Amber Barnhill, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

Willis C. Gates Music Award for Excellence in Performance

Colin Neal, freshman
Holly Springs, N.C.

Cumberland Oratorio Singers Choral Award

Lucas Perry, freshman
Fayetteville, N.C.

Will Coleman, junior
Lynchburg, Va.

Monarch Theatre Award

Jeff Gentes, junior
Schaumburg, Ill.

Maegan Owens, senior
Hope Mills N.C.

Joe Cannata Memorial Award

Taylor Cotton, sophomore
Fayetteville, N.C.

Sakun Gajurel, senior
Nepal

Robert S. Christian English Achievement Award

Caroline Thomas, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

Pulliam Award

Alejandro Flores, senior
Fort Bragg, N.C.

George and Lillian Miller Award

John Moore, sophomore
Fayetteville, N.C.

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Plyler Award in the School of Arts and Humanities	Maegan Owens, senior <i>Hope Mills N.C.</i>
Writing Center Achievement Award	Yuridia Rosario, junior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Outstanding Health Care Administration Student Award	Ashley Odvody, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Charles M. Reeves, Jr. Outstanding Scholar	Michael Olson, senior <i>Bothell, Wash.</i>
David G. Wilson Community Service Award	Milca Baptista, sophomore <i>East Timor</i>
Samuel J. Clark Award in Accounting	Michael Olson, senior <i>Bothell, Wash.</i>
Ronald P. Kirchner Award in Resort Management	Joseph “Boogie” Tate, Jr., junior <i>Gastonia, N.C.</i>
William “Bill” Bailey Memorial Marketing Award	Brittany Campbell, sophomore <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Coach Larry Kirchner Gold Medal Award	Stephen Fox, junior <i>Bradenton, Fla.</i>
Wenda D. Johnson Leadership Award	Coma Armstrong, senior <i>Lumberton, N.C.</i>
Sport Management Rookie of the Year Award	Courtney Creech, freshman <i>Wendell, N.C.</i>
PGA Golf Management Outstanding Senior Female	Alana Swain, senior <i>Kenilworth, Ill.</i>
PGA Golf Management Outstanding Senior Male	Thomas Hutton, senior <i>Ridgewood, N.J.</i>
PGA Golf Management Outstanding Junior Female	Emily Jackson, junior <i>Mendota Heights, Minn.</i>
PGA Golf Management Outstanding Junior Male	Joel Thomas, junior <i>Overland Park, Kan.</i>
Outstanding Social Work Student	Jolanna Watson, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Outstanding Social Work Senior	Elaine Frangakis, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Outstanding Justice Studies Service Award	Max Zaldivar, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Outstanding Justice Studies Graduate Award	Fallon Bethel, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>

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Lura S. Tally Award for Leadership Excellence	Amber Barnhill, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Methodist University President's ROTC Award	Todd Sackewitz, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Outstanding Political Science Student Award	Alexander Smith, senior <i>Southern Pines, N.C.</i>
Wenda D. Johnson Physical Education Major of the Year Award	Laura Gilbert, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
HOPE Exercise Science Award	Brian Leary, senior <i>Edenton, N.C.</i>
American Institute of Chemists Student Award	Kelly Shipkowski, senior <i>Cary, N.C.</i>
The Mendeleevium Medallion	Marianne Mosch, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award	Kim Hull, sophomore <i>Spring Lake, N.C.</i>
Balaez-Ambrose Mathematics Award	Dawn Sanderson, junior <i>Brighton, Colo.</i>
Ott-Cooper Science Award	Justin Cains, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Clark Memorial Science Service Award	Manoela Kinney, junior <i>Pinehurst, N.C.</i>
Senior Athletes of the Year Award	Female: Susan Martin <i>Norcross, Ga.</i>
	Male: Brian Leary, senior <i>Edenton, N.C.</i>
Annual Award for Excellence in Academic Advising	Dr. Lori Brookman Cornwell
Exemplary Teacher Award from the	Mrs. Jan Turner
General Board of Higher Educational Ministry of the United Methodist Church Distinguished Professor of the Year Award	Ms. Nancy Alexander
Alfred E. Cleveland Award for Excellence in Teaching	Dr. Peggy Batten

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Fayetteville Rotary Club Dr. William P. Lowdermilk
Student Achievement Award

(Awarded at a separate ceremony)

Matt Hanshaw, sophomore
Marietta, Ga.

Abhishek Kansakar, junior
Nepal

Reece Lancaster, sophomore
Elizabethtown, N.C.

Jolanna Watson, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

Alan Preston, junior
Delmar, Del.

Yashaswi Shrestha, junior
Nepal

Kristyn Zeiler, junior
Lutherville, Md.

Adriana Wilson, junior
Erwin, N.C.

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**BUILDING DEDICATION CEREMONY REAFFIRMS
COMMITMENT TO THE ARTS**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University hosted a building dedication ceremony for the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

Dr. Hendricks opened the ceremony noting that as history unfolds, “We value and treasure civilizations that make contributions to the world of art. The addition of the visual arts building will help us focus on those contributions that have been made in the world of art.”

William F. Bethune, a Fayetteville resident, provided the major gift to make possible the building.

“I think a lot of this university,” said Bethune. “There is no place in North Carolina like it.” The staff members at Methodist University, he said, have made a lasting impact. “When you see dedicated staff members, you’ll find a dedicated program.”

“He has certainly left a legacy that will last for many years,” said Harvey Wright, chair of the Board of Trustees, speaking of Bethune.

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 also contains the David McCune International Art Gallery named in honor of local artist David McCune.

“We want enthusiasm,” said McCune, noting that much of his success can be attributed to Methodist University. “Without the arts, it becomes very boring.”

Silvana Foti, professor of art and chair of the Art Department, said the completion of the building is the culmination of a 30-year vision. Of Bethune and McCune, she said, “They truly are friends and mentors in our lives, and I thank them both.”

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES PROFESSIONAL WRITING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University’s Department of English and Writing will host an information session Sunday, May 23 to introduce the Professional Writing Certificate Program it will launch this fall. Slated for 3 to 5 p.m. in S-122 of the New Science Building, the session will include a brief overview of the program, an introduction to program faculty, a question-answer session, and refreshments. The department is now actively recruiting students for the program.

Designed primarily for working adults but also open to current MU students, the program consists of six courses totaling 18 semester hours: four regularly scheduled evening courses and two new courses open only to those accepted for the program. Three courses are scheduled for the fall semester and three more for the spring 2011 semester. The first certificates will be awarded in May 2011.

Fall 2010 course offerings will be “The World of Publishing: From Idea to Text” (full semester), “Desktop Publishing” (Fall Evening Term I), and “Advanced Grammar” (Fall Evening Term II). Courses slated for Spring 2011 are “The World of Publishing: Writing for Business and the Business of Writing” (full semester), “Copyediting and Proofreading” (Spring Evening Term I), and “Technical Writing” (Spring Evening Term II).

The Professional Writing Certificate Program is the result of six months work by five English faculty members who studied similar programs offered at other colleges and universities and conducted an online needs assessment survey of Fayetteville area residents. A complete program proposal, including goals, program budget, and course syllabi won faculty approval April 23, 2010.

“Our online survey revealed a lot of interest in this program,” said Dr. Kelly Walter Carney, chair of the Department of English and Writing. “At least 40 persons were seriously interested in enrolling, and we would like to enroll at least 10 persons in our first class this fall. We will make extensive use of guest lecturers: writers, copyeditors, and publishing executives as we seek to help writing professionals and aspiring writers hone their skills. The program will be collaborative and practical, with the students in the full semester courses forming teams, critiquing the work of their peers, and taking field trips.”

Dr. Walter Carney said the program will initially consist of undergraduate courses, but may be converted to a graduate program later. She said students will receive Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for each course satisfactorily completed.

Applicants for the program will follow a two-step process: 1) complete a simple MU at Night application form and 2) write a two-page sample essay in response to a prompt. Both documents can be accessed at <http://www.methodist.edu/writing/index/index.htm>.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO CELEBRATE 47TH ANNUAL SPRING
COMMENCEMENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will celebrate its 47th Annual Spring Commencement ceremony Saturday, May 15, 2010, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. There are currently 150 candidates for graduation. Six United States Army R.O.T.C. cadets will be commissioned during the graduation ceremony, and five graduating seniors will present flags from Brazil, Costa Rica, Palestine, Western Sahara, and Senegal.

The day's events will begin with a baccalaureate service at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Bishop Alfred Wesley Gwinn, Jr. will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Before coming to North Carolina, Bishop Gwinn served ten years at Lexington Centenary United Methodist Church in Kentucky. His initiatives helped the congregation transition into an \$11 million facility, and ultimately, worship attendance more than doubled, as the congregation became the largest in the conference. In addition to parenting a new multicultural congregation, he developed an ongoing ministry partnership with a congregation in Brazil. Bishop Gwinn has pastored rural, town, inner city, and urban congregations, as well as an African-American congregation during his over 40 years of diverse ministry service.

This year's commencement speaker is Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of Methodist University. Dr. Hendricks announced in January that he would be retiring after 27 years of service at Methodist University; his retirement, however, has been postponed until the search process is complete. Dr. Hendricks has a bachelor's degree in history from Wofford College and a Master of Divinity from Duke University. He earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in physics from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Hendricks has been a Methodist pastor, a professor of physics, director of admissions at Wofford College, and a naval flight officer in the U.S. Navy.

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MU's RMT/CMAA Club Members Attend Quarterly Meeting

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Eight students majoring in business administration with a concentration in resort and club management (RMT), and members of RMT/CMAA (Club Manager's Association of America) Club, attended the Carolinas Chapter CMAA spring quarterly meeting in Asheville, N.C.

The event was held April 18-19 at the Grove Park Inn and Country Club of Asheville, N.C. The students attended two education sessions, a networking dinner, and the chapter's business meeting. Bob Losyk, founder and president of Innovative Training Solutions—a consulting firm in Greenville, N.C.—presented a six-hour workshop divided into two segments: "Workforce 2020: Preparing for the Workforce Challenges of Tomorrow" and "Get A Grip! Overcoming Stress and Thriving in the Workplace."

"Throughout the meeting days, students made important industry contacts within the Carolinas, and benefitted greatly from the networking opportunities," said Lauren Sandoval, recruit and intern coordinator for RMT at Methodist University. "Two students found paid summer internships—sophomore Victor Alvarez will intern at the Country Club of Asheville and junior Christopher Nuta will complete an internship at Old Town Club in Winston Salem."

Sandoval said the group has scheduled student visits for the 2010-2011 academic year, including a visit to the Governor's Club in Chapel Hill, Highland Country Club, Pinehurst Resort and Spa, and Figure Eight Island Yacht Club in Wilmington. Hosted by Brian Boss, clubhouse manager of the Yeaman's Hall Club in Charleston, the group will tour Charleston, S.C. and its local clubs.

What follows is a list of those who attended the quarterly meeting:

- Christine Wheeler (sophomore, president of RMT/CMAA Club)
Murfreesboro, Tenn.
- Richelle Modolo (sophomore, vice-president)
Guilford, Conn.
- Anastasiya Saakova (senior, secretary)
Uzbekistan
- Aleksandra Fetisova (freshman, treasurer)
Russia
- Michael Doyne (junior, member)
Palm Bay, Fla.
- Stanley Pajak (junior, member)
Lexington Park, Md.
- Christopher Nuta (junior, member)
Davie, Fla.



- Victor Alvarez Mendoza (sophomore, member)
Nicaragua
- Lauren Sandoval (RMT advisor)

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Seventy-nine students were named to the spring 2010 **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**:

Name	City and State	Class Status
Randee Arnett	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Richard Bagley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Lorleila Bartlett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Alexandria Bass	Clinton, N.C.	Senior
Amanda Beam	Cherryville, N.C.	Senior
Dandra Bennett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Courtney Benton	Rocky Point, N.C.	Sophomore
Tara Bland	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Marina Bovorsamy	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
James Bristol	Holly Springs, N.C.	Senior
Steven Brown	Clermont, Fla.	Freshman
Justin Cains	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kelsey Carter	Herndon, Va.	Senior
Angelo Catucci	Davidsonville, Md.	Senior
Abdoulie Ceesay	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Staci Chiomento	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

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Alexander Combs	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Lindsey Cosgray	Middletown, Md.	Senior
Marcus Cox	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Kim Cunningham	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Ivette Davis	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore
Thomas Dixon	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Angie Durand	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Christine Ellington	Belmont, N.C.	Sophomore
Eleazar Encarnacion	Marlborough, Mass.	Junior
Mayra Ferrer-Villamil	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Alejandro Flores	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Stephen Fox	Bradenton, Fla.	Junior
Lori French	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nathan Friedman	Dover, Pa.	Junior
Russell Froat	Spring Lake, N.C.	Junior
Laura Gilbert	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Greene	Ann Elk City, Okla.	Junior
Jennifer Hamel	Yuma, Ariz.	Junior
Brianne Hendrick	Cameron, N.C.	Junior
Erika Holland	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jaclyn Horn	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Janna Huffstutler	Spring Lake, N.C.	Junior
Kimberly Hull	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Thomas Hutton	Ridgewood, N.J.	Senior
Gwendolyn Jones	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Abhishek Kansakar	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jennifer Kiner	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Rebecca Sue King	Lillington, N.C.	Sophomore
Manoela Kinney	Pinehurst, N.C.	Senior
Kenneth Leonard	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Jessalyn Lykins	Apex, N.C.	Senior
Rodney Machokoto	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

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Richard Martin	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Freshman
Candace Massengill	Benson, N.C.	Freshman
Nancy May	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Mame Mbodji	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Katharine McCoy	Southern Pines, N.C.	Senior
Kaitlin McGuire	Easton, Md.	Senior
Katherine Meindl	Raleigh, N.C.	Freshman
Ashley Meyers	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Mangaliso Mohammed	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
James Moore	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Marianne Mosch	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Michael Olson	Bothell, Wash.	Senior
Nolan Outlaw	Albertson, N.C.	Freshman
April Pardo	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Junior
Celestine Raineri-Maldonado	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Rambaud	Massillon, Ohio	Senior
Lauren Ratley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jillian Reed	New Bern, N.C.	Sophomore
Timothy Reeves	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Cavis Rodney	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Megan Rourke	Senoia, Ga.	Senior
Dawn Sanderson	Brighton, Colo.	Senior
Marie Stephens	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bradley Thomas	Watkinsville, Ga.	Freshman
Caroline Thomas	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Joel Thomas	Overland Park, Kan.	Senior
Alisha Washington	Angier, N.C.	Senior
Jenny Wayland	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Danele Woods	Bloomington, Ill.	Senior
Kristyn Zeiler	Lutherville, Md.	Junior
Tiffany Zellhart	Greenville, N.C.	Senior

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING GRADUATES

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University graduated 163 students during the 47th Annual Spring Commencement May 15, 2010. The commencement ceremony took place in the March F. Riddle Center.

The following graduates were commissioned as officers in the United States Army: Charles Coldiron, Jennifer Farland, Jennifer Kiner, Hilary Nimmo, Todd Sackewitz, and Alexander Smith. In a custom inaugurated at MU in 1985, five graduating seniors presented flags during the ceremony: Manoela Kinney (Brazil), Margina Coccozza-Bendana (Costa Rica), Anas Iqtait (Palestine), Mame Coumba Mbodji (Senegal), and Salek Maoloud-Lebaihi (Western Sahara).

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

Academic Honors

****Summa Cum Laude*: Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.90 and above

***Magna Cum Laude*: GPA of 3.70 and above

**Cum Laude*: 3.5 and above

Name	City and State	Honors
Terri Allen	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Michelle Anderson	White Plains, Md.	
**Samantha Arrington	Sanford, N.C.	Dean's List
Stephen Avent	Sanford, N.C.	Dean's List
Allison Averitt	Laurinburg, N.C.	

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Antonio Bartee	Alachua, Fla.	
Tiffany Battle	Rocky Mount, N.C.	
*Stephen Bazan	Benson, N.C.	
*Emily Beck	Tenaflly, N.J.	Dean's List
Matthew Beitzel	Franklinville, N.C.	
Lara Bell	Fayetteville, N.C.	
***Fallon Bethel	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Eric Blalock	Apex, N.C.	
*Tara Bland	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Thomas Blum	Bay Shore, N.Y.	
**Heather Brayton	Midway Park, N.C.	Dean's List
Kevin Breisch	Olympia, Wash.	
Bret Brennan	Horsham, Pa.	Dean's List
James Bristol	Holly Springs, N.C.	President's List
Emil Brown	Roseboro, N.C.	
Genika Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	
*Jennifer Butler	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
**Justin Cains	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Kelsey Carter	Herndon, Va.	President's List
Anthony Cassone	Apex, N.C.	
Taylor Cates	Hillsborough, N.C.	
Amber Cava	Clinton, N.C.	
Julia Cava	Alexandria, Va.	
George Chacon	Spring Lake, N.C.	Dean's List
Margina Coccozza	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Charles Coldiron	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
**Lindsey Cosgray	Middletown, Md.	President's List
John Coval	Spring Lake, N.C.	
Douglas Crawley	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Joshua Crumpler	Newton Grove, N.C.	
Kent Culmer	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Bradley Davis	Aberdeen, N.C.	

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***Dayne Delabastide	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Andrea Distefano	Albany, N.Y.	
Thomas Dixon	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Michael Dooley	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Tara Doyle	Forest, Va.	Dean's List
**Dimple Dutt	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
*Jennifer Farland	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Alejandro Flores	Fort Bragg, N.C.	President's List
**Sakun Gajurel	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
William Gallagher	Keene, N.H.	
Kristen Gault	Valdosta, Ga.	Dean's List
*Laura Gilbert	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Christine Goin	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Brian Goodwin	Greensboro, N.C.	Dean's List
Anna Gore	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Averi Grady	Erwin, N.C.	Dean's List
Sanid El-Haoua	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Casey Haigler	Monroe, N.C.	
Brittany Hall	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Denzil Halliday	Fayetteville, N.C.	
*Lindsey Hargrove	Erwin, N.C.	Dean's List
Roxanne Harris	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Pedro Hernandez	Southern Pines, N.C.	
*Erika Holland	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
*Shelly Horn	Clayton, N.C.	
*Nichole Houy	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Marvis Howell	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Janna Huffstutler	Spring Lake, N.C.	President's List
Anas Iqtait	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Jeri Jackson	Burlington, N.C.	
Mary Jackson	Erwin, N.C.	
William Jackson	Autryville, N.C.	

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Kevin Jones	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Landon Jordan	Tyner, N.C.	Dean's List
*Lalage Katunga	Charlotte, N.C.	
Kurt Kelly	Wilmington, N.C.	
Cattina Kentcy	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Cortney Kerns	Henderson, N.C.	
Davana Kessler	Brockway, Pa.	
*Jennifer Kiner	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Hannah Kinlaw	Hope Mills, N.C.	Dean's List
***Manoela Kinney	Pinehurst, N.C.	President's List
***Kristi Kozak	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Paul Lathan	Belmont, N.C.	
Brian Leary	Edenton, N.C.	Dean's List
Anthony Liuzza	Atlanta, Ga.	
Brian Lopez	Ridgefield, Conn.	
Byron Lowe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Jessalyn Lykins	Apex, N.C.	President's List
Rodney Machokoto	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
**Salek Maoloud-Lebaihi	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Marco Marin	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Sanda Markovic	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
**Rebecca Marks	Erwin, N.C.	President's List
*Donna Maulsby	Hope Mills, N.C.	Dean's List
Joshua May	Fayetteville, N.C.	
***Mame Mbodji	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
*Kaitlin McGuire	Easton, Md.	President's List
Cameron McLaughlin	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Tieisha McNeil	Fayetteville, N.C.	
***Sierra McWilliams	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Crystal Metzger	Pine Hill, N.J.	Dean's List

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Ashley Meyers	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Maureen Molter	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Pamela Morgan	Apalachin, N.Y.	
**Marianne Mosch	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Kiho Mushiga	Linden, N.C.	
Hilary Nimmo	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Melissa Owen	Roseboro, N.C.	
Maegan Owens	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Robert Oxley	Edgewater, Md.	
Chase Pattillo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Nicole Pavalski	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jessica Pechette	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Alexander Peets	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Christopher Peoples	Reidsville, N.C.	
Neil Perron	Quechee, Vt.	
***Taisiya Petruchenya	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Deanna Piacente	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Jessica Rambaud	Massillon, Ohio	President's List
Lauren Ratley	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
**Timothy Reeves	Raeford, N.C.	President's List
Jordan Riojas	Hope Mills, N.C.	
*Whitney Roberson	Kitty Hawk, N.C.	Dean's List
Cavis Rodney	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Brian Ross	North Attleboro, Mass.	
*Todd Sackewitz	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Shelly Savoy	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Alicia Secord	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Jonathan Self	Fairport, N.Y.	
**Matthew Sessoms	Roseboro, N.C.	Dean's List
**Kelly Shipkowski	Cary, N.C.	Dean's List
Tyler Sigman	Winfield, W.Va.	Dean's List
Cathryn Sinkovitz	Parkton, N.C.	

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Alexander Smith	Southern Pines, N.C.	Dean's List
Ethan Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
James Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Ashley Smulders	Hoboken, N.J.	Dean's List
Matthew Starr	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Joseph Tate	Gastonia, N.C.	
Erik Teague	Reidsville, N.C.	Dean's List
Andre Thomas	Harvey, Ill.	Dean's List
***Caroline Thomas	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
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Thomas Tollevsen	Cameron, N.C.	
Brusana Van Wagner	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Christina Varnell	Kill Devil Hill, N.C.	
Tiffanie Wagner	Spring Lake, N.C.	
Alisha Washington	Angier, N.C.	President's List
Brad Wheatley	Shirley, Mass.	
Kristen Whitehurst	Garner, N.C.	
*Beverly Williams	Hope Mills, N.C.	Dean's List
*Danielle Willis	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Eric Wilson	Greensboro, N.C.	Dean's List
*Johanna Winter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
**Danele Woods	Bloomington, Ill.	President's List
Tiffany Yan	Wrightstown, N.J.	Dean's List
Alexander Ybarra	Hope Mills, N.C.	Dean's List
Max Zaldivar	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Tiffany Zellhart	Greenville, N.C.	President's List

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Two hundred and sixteen students were named to the spring 2010 **Dean's List** at Methodist University. To merit inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.50 or better grade point average (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**:

Name	City and State	Class Status
Jordan Adams	Wilmington, N.C.	Freshman
Wilma Allen	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Alan Alvarado	Midland, Texas	Sophomore
Jacqueline Alvarez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Heather Anderson	Fredericksburg, Va.	Sophomore
Laren Anderson	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Wayne Anderson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Nadia Arellano	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Rosaura Arreola	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Samantha Arrington	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Daniel Aston	Cameron, N.C.	Sophomore
Stephen Avent	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Frank Aycock	Boone, N.C.	Senior
Ashley Baggett	Godwin, N.C.	Junior
Larry Bagley	Godwin, N.C.	Sophomore
Catherine Ballard	Pinehurst, N.C.	Junior

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Amber Barnhill	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Joshua Bass	Salemburg, N.C.	Senior
Haley Beauchamp	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Devin Beck	Tiverton, R.I.	Senior
William Beddow	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Bryan Beiersdorfer	Levittown, N.Y.	Sophomore
Fallon Bethel	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Michelle Bohannon	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
James Boshers	Marshville, N.C.	Freshman
William Boyle	Bloomfield Hill, Mich.	Sophomore
Heather Brayton	Midway Park, N.C.	Senior
Bret Brennan	Horsham, Pa.	Senior
Celena Brock	Linden, N.C.	Sophomore
Tamesha Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Allyson Burak	Willoughby, Ohio	Senior
Ryan Burchett	Liberty, Mo.	Senior
Valerie Burton	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Junior
Matthew Caister	Clinton, N.Y.	Senior
Paige Caldwell	Hudson, Ohio	Junior
Gonzalo Camina	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Ryan Carroll	Wautoma, Wis.	Senior
Monica Cauffield	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Charles Coldiron	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
William Coleman	Lynchburg, Va.	Senior
Daniel Colosi	Scottsville, N.Y.	Junior
Madyson Cooper	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Rachel Cornett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jarrett Covar	Pikeville, N.C.	Sophomore
Danielle Crawford	Cameron, N.C.	Freshman
Monica Crumpler	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Brittany Davis	Coats, N.C.	Sophomore
Lawrence Dawson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior

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Dayne Delabastide	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Daniel Dessauer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Katelyn Dockery	Chatham, Va.	Freshman
Tara Doyle	Forest, Va.	Senior
Aaron Dreher	Coplay, Pa.	Sophomore
Mackenzie Eckard	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Heather Eckhardt	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Maida Elezovic	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Adorya Elliott	Raleigh, N.C.	Sophomore
Rachel Evans	Elizabethtown, N.C.	Sophomore
Jeffrey Fallier	East Moriches, N.Y.	Sophomore
Jennifer Farland	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Dwayne Faulkner	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ninotchka Ferrer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Kaitlin Flaherty	League City, Texas	Junior
Samuel Foley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Aaron Franklin	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Adam Franks	Kure Beach, N.C.	Sophomore
Maria Frisone-Barrera	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Ivan Fuentes	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Caitlin Funk	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Maggie Gaines	Goldston, N.C.	Senior
Sakun Gajurel	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Robert Gamble	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Robert Glass	Sterling, Conn.	Sophomore
Jasmina Gobeljic	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Nicholas Gonneville	Northfield, Vt.	Freshman
Brian Goodwin	Greensboro, N.C.	Senior
Matthew Gowins	New Philadelphia, Ohio	Senior
Averi Grady	Erwin, N.C.	Senior
Stephanie Halbleib	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lindsey Hargrove	Erwin, N.C.	Senior

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Maeve Harper	Dayton, Ohio	Freshman
Jordan Harris	Bean Station, Tenn.	Senior
William Hartenstein	Idaho Falls, Idaho	Junior
Garrett Hasanbasic	Northfield, Mass.	Junior
Jason Hastings	Millsboro, Del.	Senior
Tyler Hawk	Batavia, Ohio	Junior
Jeffrey Headman	Conneaut, Ohio	Sophomore
Jessie Heath	Wilmington, N.C.	Sophomore
Jason Hentschel	Pleasantville, N.Y.	Junior
Aryn Hicks	Hickory, N.C.	Junior
Vanessa Hines	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Alexander Holroyde	Bluffton, S.C.	Senior
Stephen Horne	Stedman, N.C.	Sophomore
Nichole Houy	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Marvis Howell	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Amy Huffman	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Kevin Hyde	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Brian Inghram	Chesapeake, Va.	Senior
Emily Jackson	Mendota Heights, Minn.	Junior
Danny Jaramillo	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Tameka Jefferies	Wadesboro, N.C.	Junior
Qingsong Jiang	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Brianda Jones	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Tiffany Jones	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Jordan Joy	Saugerties, N.Y.	Freshman
Jesse Kane	Cape Coral, Fla.	Freshman
Treniese Kirklen	Fort Campbell, Ky.	Senior
Jonathan Kocmich	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Nicholas Kowal	Barre, Mass.	Freshman
Kristi Kozak	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kraiwee Kumvachirapitak	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Howard Lattimore	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

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Brian Leary	Edenton, N.C.	Senior
Jeremy Lee	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Kaitlyn Leger	Conover, N.C.	Freshman
Shemuel Lewi	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Joshua Lopez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Matthew Lumpkin	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Kelsey Magnine	Amery, Wis.	Sophomore
Johntavis Mallary	Gainesville, Fla.	Freshman
Marco Marin	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Susan Martin	Norcross, Ga.	Senior
Maegan Matthews	Cameron, N.C.	Sophomore
Jennifer Lee Maxwell	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore
Michael McLaughlin	Woburn, Mass.	Freshman
Sierra Marie McWilliams	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lauren Miller	Frazeyburg, Ohio	Junior
Miranda Miller	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jason Mills	Arlington, Mass.	Freshman
Danielle Minichello	Eden, N.C.	Sophomore
Bernadette Nations	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Colin Neal	Holly Springs, N.C.	Freshman
Kasey Nichols	Richmond, Va.	Junior
Hansel Ong	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Stephanie Ongley	Spartansburg, Pa.	Freshman
Kelly Orpin	Fredericksburg, Va.	Junior
Fredy Oxom	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Rachel Paone	Denville, N.J.	Sophomore
Seth Pattan	Rockingham, N.C.	Sophomore
Chase Pattillo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Courtney Pearson	Clinton, N.C.	Freshman
Alexander Peets	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Rimoni Peniamina	Lillington, N.C.	Junior
Robert Peterson	Greenville, N.C.	Senior

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Cindy Petithomme	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Anthony Phillips	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Deanna Piacente	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Astrid Poncelinderauco	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Michael Poole	Durham, N.C.	Junior
Michael Porter	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Rachel Poteet	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Rachel Purser	Matthews, N.C.	Freshman
Dylan Pusey	Snow Hill, Md.	Freshman
Alana Rauhoff	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Allison Ray	Wilson, N.C.	Freshman
Whitney Roberson	Kitty Hawk, N.C.	Senior
Samuel Robinson	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Yuridia Rosario	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Geneva Runion	Dunn, N.C.	Senior
Anastasiya Saakova	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Lisa Sanders	Dunn, N.C.	Junior
Nicholas Sauls	Severn, Md.	Sophomore
Shelly Savoy	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Katherine Scheller	Newton, N.C.	Freshman
Matthew Sessoms	Roseboro, N.C.	Senior
Heather Shackelford	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Ashley Shelton	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Kelly Shipkowski	Cary, N.C.	Senior
Tyler Sigman	Winfield, W.Va.	Senior
Jo-Etta Simmons	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Shannon Simmons	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Alexander Smith	Southern Pines, N.C.	Senior
Brian Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Ethan Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Samantha Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Tiffany Stephens	Linden, N.C.	Senior

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Lynda Strock	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Paul Stroebel	Cameron, N.C.	Freshman
Alana Swain	Kenilworth, Ill.	Senior
Matthew Taylor	Waynesboro, Pa.	Junior
Erik Teague	Reidsville, N.C.	Senior
Andre Thomas	Harvey, Ill.	Senior
Noel Thompsen	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Angela Thompson	Cameron, N.C.	Senior
Nicole Thompson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Candice Tynes	Smithfield, N.C.	Junior
Patrick Vancura	Dripping Spring, Texas	Sophomore
Alexis Vanetten	Walworth, N.Y.	Freshman
Michael Wall	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Joshua Walsh	Erwin, N.C.	Sophomore
Kaitlyn Warren	Dunn, N.C.	Junior
Jolanna Watson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Erin Weidman	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Sharilyn Wells	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Christine Nichole Wheeler	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Sophomore
Patrick White	Arden, N.C.	Senior
Sandy White	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Isuru Wijesundara	Spring Lake, N.C.	Freshman
David Wilkinson	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Freshman
Hayley Williams	Tallahassee, Fla.	Freshman
Danielle Willis	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Adriana Wilson	Erwin, N.C.	Junior
Aimee Wilson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Donna Wilson	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Eric Van Wilson	Greensboro, N.C.	Senior
Ben Winchester	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Freshman
Johanna Winter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Amanda Wolfe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior

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Kenneth Wolff	Virginia Beach, Va.	Senior
Theresa Woodard	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Bradley Wynalek	Freehold, N.J.	Senior
Tiffany Yan	Wrightstown, N.J.	Senior
Alexander Ybarra	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Ms. Kay Norris from the Highlands Chapter of the American Red Cross accepts a check from the Methodist University student, Alex Peckham. The Sport Event class at the university raised the funds for Haitian relief efforts as part of their end of semester project.

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From: Maria Sikoryak-Robins
To: University Relations
Date: 6/4/2010 9:42 AM
Subject: Congratulations from North Carolina State Representative Rick Glazier
Attachments: Methodist Letterhead _Deans List__2.pdf

North Carolina State Representative Rick Glazier has asked the Office of University Relations to distribute the attached letter to the 216 students who were named to the Dean's List.

Best regards,
Maria

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Representative Rick Glazier
North Carolina General Assembly
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June 3, 2010

Greetings!

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to you for being named to the Methodist University Dean's List for the spring semester of 2010. This is an honor bestowed on only a select few at Methodist, and is a considerable achievement.

In addition to representing Cumberland County at the General Assembly, I am also a college professor and am well aware of the time demands placed on today's undergraduates. The ability to balance the other obligations on your time with a great work ethic is a commendable attribute and one that I trust will serve you well into your professional and adult life.

I commend you for receiving this honor and look forward to following your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Glazier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Rick Glazier
Member, North Carolina House of Representatives

From: Maria Sikoryak-Robins
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Best regards,
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June 6, 2010

Greetings!

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to you for being named to the Methodist University President's List for the spring semester of 2010. Given the incredibly high grade point average required for this distinction, this is truly a remarkable achievement.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— On July 14th, Becker CPA Review courses will begin at Methodist University. This is a first for the Fayetteville area and a first for the university. The review courses are for accountants who want to be prepared to sit for the CPA exam. The review courses are open to anyone who wants to review for the CPA exam. The next closest review course for the Fayetteville area is in Raleigh. The course at Methodist University will be offered on Monday and Wednesdays from 6 pm-10pm.

Those interested in these courses can get more details about the classes, the cost and how to register at:

http://www.becker.com/accounting/cpaexamreview/locations_sched/us.cfm?state=NC&CFID=1134783&CFTOKEN=82723815

Click on Fayetteville.

Becker will have a 6% price increase beginning July 1, 2010. To avoid this increase those interested should register by July 1st. The 0% financing that was in effect for college students and recent grads, has now been extended to all, with the exception of those set up through firms, corporations or Keller students.

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INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES LIBRARIAN PRESENTS AT POSTER SESSION

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Courtney Mack, instructional services librarian at Methodist University, successfully presented a poster session on "*Library Competency Sessions at Methodist University*" at the 5th Annual Information Literacy Conference at Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, N.C., June 17, 2010. The session highlighted the transformation and assessment of the library competency test within ten years.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Mindy Prouty has been named associate director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Fund. A native of Seattle, Wash., she served as director of Membership Programs and Development from 2005-2007 at the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation, in Monterey, Calif., prior to moving to Fayetteville. Prouty has a bachelor's degree in business with a focus on project management from American InterContinental University.

Rhonda McMillan has been named gift records coordinator for Methodist University. Originally from Troy, Missouri, and a graduate of Buchanan High School, Rhonda has lived in the Fayetteville area since 1990. She has 18 years of account management and customer service experience. Before joining Methodist University, she was employed by Butlers Electric Supply for 12 years. She was most recently employed by Cumberland County Schools. McMillan, her husband James, who is a 1989 graduate of Methodist University, and their family reside in Wade, North Carolina.

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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES CALL FOR PAPERS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC— The 21st Southern Writers Symposium announces its first call for papers. For the conference being held February 25-26, 2011, organizers are seeking papers that explore connections between the literature of the U.S. South and that of the rest of the Americas, including Latin American literature, Canadian literature, and literature associated with the United States as a whole rather than with the South in particular. Presenters might explore ways in which specific southern writers, general trends in southern literature, and themes considered uniquely southern connect to writers, trends, and themes outside the U.S. South, but within the Americas.

The organizers are soliciting proposals for papers or panels exploring the relationship between southern and Latin American literature. Building on Gabriel Garcia Marquez's claim that "Latin America begins at the Mason Dixon Line," the 21st Southern Writers Symposium will highlight similarities and influences connecting the literatures produced below that line. However, authors are also encouraged to submit papers exploring connections between the South and the rest of the United States and/or Canada.

The second call for papers will be forthcoming in September 2010 and 250-word abstracts will be due by October 15. Additionally, the 21st Southern Writers Symposium will launch its first Emerging Writers Contest. Winning writers will share their work in a Saturday session.

In 1982, the Methodist University Southern Writers Symposium was created to encourage scholarship on southern literature and culture, as well as to celebrate the writings of contemporary southern authors.

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Professor of English, at (910) 630-7551. For more information about the contest, please go to www.methodist.edu/sws/index.htm or contact Brenda Jernigan, instructor of English, at (910) 630-7454 or by e-mailing bjernigan@methodist.edu.

University Senate Approves Methodist University for Continued Listing as a United Methodist-Related Institution

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of Methodist University, has announced that Methodist University was approved by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church for continued listing, without qualification, as a United Methodist-related institution. Based on the recommendation of the Commission on Institutional Review, Dr. Hendricks was informed of the approval June 30, 2010, after a meeting of the University Senate was held June 24, 2010.

The University was evaluated on the aspects that follow: institutional integrity, program quality, sound management and financial health, and church relatedness. According to an excerpt from the University Senate's report, "Only rarely has the team seen an institution such as Methodist University where the traditions and principles of The United Methodist Church so thoroughly permeate the institution. The University is rightly proud of the many student organizations which are related to its mission as a United Methodist institution."

Over 300 students participate weekly in organizations and activities, such as Bible Study for male and female students, worship held Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. throughout the academic year, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), which is the largest student organization on campus. The University sponsors a praise and worship band, Common Ground, and One Voice, an international Gospel choir. The Rev. Dr. Michael Safley, vice president for University Relations and Campus Ministry; Jan Turner, Instructor of ESL/TESL; and Sam Morrison, director of University Events, have organized two spring break mission trips for work teams of up to 16 students to go to Belize and the Bahamas. Additionally, the University offers Pastor's Certificates, which provide \$1,000 scholarships to any United Methodist student from the pastor's congregation. The general education curriculum requires that students complete two religion courses and a church leadership minor has been implemented for students interested in lay church leadership training.

According to the report, "Much of the relationship [with the United Methodist Church] is attributable to the University president, who has made the relationship important during his years at the institution."

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**MU 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 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, Sept. 13, 2010**
- **Monday, Oct. 11, 2010**

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 either organizational management and leadership or health care administration. The 12-13 course program is completed online with two weekend class sessions per eight-week term. The Professional MBA at MU is designed to allow students to continue their full-time careers while earning their degree in 16-18 months. The application deadline for spring is **October 19, 2010**.

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MU OFFERS CTA CERTIFICATION TO RMT STUDENTS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Following the completion of a training session offered by the Fayetteville Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau (FACVB), Sharon Kendrick, Ph.D., assistant professor and director of the Resort and Club Management Program (RMT) at Methodist University, has earned Certified Tourism Ambassador (CTA) certification. Dr. Kendrick plans to incorporate this training and certification in her RMT 350 class (Tourism/Resort Sales and Marketing) offered to MU students this fall.

“In addition to the required course material, each RMT student will have a chance to earn CTA status,” said Dr. Kendrick. “Through the promotion of tourism, hospitality sales, and marketing efforts, each student will be able to represent MU to the community with a deeper knowledge about Fayetteville and Cumberland County.”

The CTA certification pinning ceremony will take place Aug. 24, 2010. On Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010, Ashleigh Dippolito, a 2005 RMT graduate of Methodist University and the hospitality communications manager for the FACVB, will be a guest speaker in RMT 350.

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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 of 2010 titled “Is a Trust Always the Best Tool for Asset Protection?” The event will be held Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Wellington Room of Fayetteville’s Holiday Inn Bordeaux. BSFN registration is \$25 per person and free for members of BSFN95.

Williford McCauley, an attorney with McCauley & Person, LLP in Fayetteville, will be the speaker for the BSFN. McCauley practices primarily in the areas of estate planning, estate administration, and business law. He is a graduate of Davidson College, Wake Forest University, and New York University. The moderator for the event is Eugene Bain of White and Bain Financial Services.

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TACO BELL PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT FALL CONVOCATION

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host its 2010 Opening Convocation Monday, Sept. 13, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The keynote speaker for the event is Greg Creed, president and chief concept officer (CCO) of Taco Bell Corporation. Creed will be speaking about leadership. The event is free and open to the public.

Athletic Director Bob McEvoy will announce the Scholar Athletes of the Year, McLean Coach of the Year, and the recipient of the Sykes Cup Award. Dr. Delmas Crisp, dean of the University, will introduce the new faculty.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY HOSTS ANNUAL BOOK SALE

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Davis Memorial Library at Methodist University will host its annual Book Sale from Sept. 28, 2010 to Oct. 10, 2010. The event is free and open to the public.

Paperbacks will be sold for 50 cents and hardbacks for \$1.00. The hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Friday from 8 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Recent popular fiction, scientific, religious, social science, and educational materials will be offered, along with many other topics and titles.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES THIRD-PARTY
CALL FOR COMMENTS**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Education Department at Methodist University is hosting an accreditation visit by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) April 2 – April 6, 2011. The Education Department is a part of the School of Science and Human Development at Methodist University.

Interested parties are invited to submit third-party comments for review by the visiting team. Please note that comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered, and should specify the party's relationship to the institution (i.e., graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduate, etc.).

Please submit written comments to the Board of Examiners at the address that follows:

Board of Examiners
NCATE
2010 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 500
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Copies of all correspondence, which must be received by NCATE no later than two months prior to visit, will be sent to the institution for response. NCATE will not consider anonymous comments.

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**FACULTY MEMBER INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN
REUNION EXHIBITION**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Kerry Scott Jenkins, assistant professor of graphic design at Methodist University, has been selected as one of 100 alumni to participate in *Reunion: Invitational Exhibition of 100 Alumni* at East Tennessee State University (ETSU).

The event is a part of the celebration organized by ETSU's Department of Art and Design, University Alumni Programs, and the Slocumb Galleries to commemorate the 100th-year anniversary of the institution. The exhibition will take place Oct. 11 – Oct. 29, with a closing reception Oct. 29 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Slocumb Galleries.

“ETSU's Department of Art and Design has an extensive program list offering degrees in graphic design, drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, fibers, jewelry and metals, printmaking, photography, art education, and art history,” said Jenkins. “So, to be included within only 100 of their graduates for this invitational exhibit was a great source of pride.”

Faculty members at ETSU were asked to recommend alumni to participate in the exhibition's events, which include the artists' reception, round table discussion by former faculty about the history of the Department of Art and Design, film/video art showing, gallery talks by select alumni, and a campus-wide voting for *Who's Art will be Featured in Art History Books in 100 Years?* The purpose of the exhibition is to celebrate the achievements of students and alumni of ETSU's Department of Art and Design, and to encourage students and alumni to celebrate the improvements that have been made over the years.

Jenkins earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Western Carolina University and a Master of Fine Arts from ETSU. He became a member of the Methodist University faculty in 2007.

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**AUTHOR AND FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST TO HOST
BOOK SIGNING AND LECTURE**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Best-selling author, Michael Capuzzo, and Richard Walter, a forensic psychologist and expert criminal profiler, are scheduled to visit Methodist University for a book signing and lecture Oct. 1, 2010.

About the Book Signing

Michael Capuzzo will hold a book signing in the Berns Student Center on the Methodist University campus Oct. 1, 2010, from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. He will hold a second book signing Oct. 2, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Fayetteville, N.C.

About the Book: *The Murder Room*

Michael Capuzzo's novel, *The Murder Room: The Heirs of Sherlock Holmes Gather to Solve the World's most Perplexing Cold Cases*, is based on famous cases taken on by the Vidocq Society—a secretive cold case investigation society formed in 1990 by William “Bill” Fleisher, Richard Walter, and Frank Bender. Some of the cases in the book include *The Case of the Prodigal Son*, an account of investigators solving the murder of a millionaire's son who ran away and was murdered by a girlfriend; *The Fast Food Killer*, a story about a murder that took place at a fast food restaurant before its closing time; and *The Boy in the Box*, an account about a 50-year-old murderer from Philadelphia. The book also gives readers an opportunity to learn more about William “Bill” Fleisher, a former FBI agent turned private eye, and Richard Walter, an expert profiler of psychopaths and serial killers. Capuzzo has written for various popular crime shows such as *CSI*, *Bones*, and *America's Most Wanted*.

(more)

About the Lecture

Richard Walter, forensic psychologist and expert criminal profiler, will present a lecture about criminal profiling and behavior analysis Oct. 1, 2010. The lecture will take place in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Following the lecture, Michael Capuzzo will discuss *The Murder Room* from 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. The event will end with a 30-minute Q&A from 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and all attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions.

ABC News 20/20 Special

The Murder Room will be featured in an ABC News 20/20 special scheduled to air Oct. 1, 2010.

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SPORT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM CREATES NEW PARTNERSHIP

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist University Sport Management Program is partnering with Elastic Therapy Inc. (ETI) to develop marketing strategies for targeting the sports performance industry sector. ETI is a private label manufacturer of compression hosiery with a focus on selling almost exclusively to businesses in the medical sector.

According to Greg Combs, B.S., M.A., Ed.D., assistant professor and director of the Sport Management Program at Methodist University, the main goal is for students involved in the program to gain experience in conducting research, and writing marketing and promotion plans. “Another important aspect is the implementation and control of such plans. Hopefully students will see the value in the ‘theory to practice’ application of this relationship with ETI. Students may also find additional internship and employment opportunities during this process,” said Dr. Combs.

“First and foremost, we want the students to have fun with this project,” said David Stubbs, director of marketing at ETI. “Business and industry need to share the real-world experience more often via fine universities like Methodist, so that students can make better career decisions.”

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES 37TH ANNUAL
ECONOMIC OUTLOOK SYMPOSIUM**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist University is pleased to announce its 37th Annual Economic Outlook Symposium, Thursday, Oct. 21 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville N.C. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. Guest speakers for the Symposium include Mark Vitner, managing director and senior economist at Wells Fargo, and Christopher Bostock of Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Bank of America Corp.

Vitner, keynote speaker for the evening, is responsible for tracking U.S. and regional economic trends. Based in Charlotte, N.C., he writes for the company's *Monthly Economic Outlook* report, the *Weekly Economic & Financial Commentary*, and provides regular updates about the housing markets, commercial real estate, regional economies, and inflation. Vitner's commentary has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *BusinessWeek*, and other publications.

Bostock is the senior resident director and vice-president at the Fayetteville Office of Merrill Lynch. He currently serves as chair of the Board of Directors for the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce, the Community Development Foundation Board of Directors, and the Cumberland County Mental Health Board.

Several awards will be presented at the Symposium, including Entrepreneur of the Year Award, Business Person of the Year Award, Greater Good Award, and Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year 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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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY CHORALE TO PERFORM AT PRE-SEASON
NBA BASKETBALL GAME**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Under the direction of Michael Martin, M.M.Ed., M.M., director of choral activities and music education, the *Methodist University Chorale* will perform the national anthem at the beginning of an NBA pre-season basketball game Oct. 6, 2010 at the Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville, N.C.

The Charlotte Bobcats will take on the Oklahoma City Thunder. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the performance by the *Methodist University Chorale* will take place at 7:15 p.m.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCES RECORD ENROLLMENT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University has experienced a significant growth this fall in its new-student, day program, graduate, and overall enrollments.

“Welcoming new students to the campus in the fall is always an exciting event,” said Dr. Hendricks, president of Methodist University. “This year it is especially exciting at MU because of the record enrollment that we are experiencing.”

“This is the first time in the history of Methodist University that we have enrolled over 500 freshmen,” said Rick Lowe, vice-president for Enrollment Services. In the fall of 2009, Methodist University enrolled 469 students in its freshman class.

“Our freshman class of 530 students comes to MU from 31 states and 21 nations. This is also our largest enrollment ever from the Cape Fear Region,” said Lowe.

What follows is a look at the current enrollment compared with the previous record enrollment numbers.

<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Previous Record</i>	<i>Fall 2010</i>
Day-Student Enrollment	Fall 2009: 1,658	1,902
Residential Student Enrollment	Fall 2009: 949	1,079
Graduate Student Enrollment	Fall 2009: 182	201
Overall Enrollment	Fall 2004: 2,277	2,343*

* This number may change at the end of fall evening II drop/add period Nov. 5, 2010

(more)

As a result of its explosive residential growth, Methodist University has contracted off-campus housing to accommodate students. A decision about expanding the residential housing options on campus will likely be made in the near future.

“This record is particularly meaningful to me because it will be the last time for me to officially participate in this event,” said Dr. Hendricks. “I will be retiring in a few months. Having enjoyed this welcoming ceremony for over 30 years, it is especially exciting that my last time to do this is on the occasion of such a successful enrollment.”

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American Marketing Association Chapter Launches Speaker Series

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OCTOBER 6, 2010

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DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University's Collegiate Chapter of the American Marketing Association (AMA) held the first of its three-part speaker series titled "Where the Rubber Meets The Road: The True Story of Marketing."

The first presenter was Bill Bowman, owner and publisher of Up & Coming Weekly. Bowman provided an overview of marketing and talked about the changes that have taken place in the field over the last decade.

"Mr. Bowman reminded the audience that even though someone is not majoring in marketing, everyone is a marketer," said Brittany Mullins, president of MU's AMA Collegiate Chapter.

The students also set up an information booth at the 32nd annual International Folk Festival held in downtown Fayetteville Sept. 24-26, 2010. Students distributed information about the International Program at Methodist University, in addition to brochures that outline AMA activities and benefits.

"This was a perfect opportunity to show how the International Program and the Club Managers Association of America have had a positive impact on the students here at MU," said Amanda Wolfe, vice-president of MU's AMA Collegiate Chapter. "It is exciting to be a part of something that can help so many campus organizations meet their goals."

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY AWARDED TITLE III GRANT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University was awarded a Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$400,000 per year for five years.

“Technology is an integral part of the modern world,” said Dr. Hendricks, president of Methodist University. “A good 21st century education has to help students feel not only comfortable with, but also to use the evolving technology creatively. This competitive grant from the Department of Education will enable Methodist University students to achieve these goals.”

“I am thrilled to learn that Methodist has received a five-year, \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education—effective immediately—to upgrade technology on campus,” said Dr. Delmas Crisp, vice president for academic affairs and dean of Methodist University.

According to Dr. Crisp, this grant will help those within Methodist University create a culture of excellence through three inter-related initiatives: 1) the integration of student data management technology that will *engage* faculty and staff across divisional and departmental lines and with students for essential, timely academic interventions; 2) the addition of instructional technology that will *enrich* the learning experience for all students; and 3) the incorporation of end-user technology that will *empower* students to take control of their learning outcomes and give faculty and staff a robust tool to continue enhancing academic programs and student services.

“We plan to integrate state-of-the art technology in our classrooms and within our curriculum,” said Dr. Don Lassiter, vice president for planning and evaluation, and dean of the School of Graduate Studies. “One curriculum that will serve as a model of this new technology integration is the new Nursing Program.”

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Dr. Lassiter, who will direct the Title III project, added that the initiatives for the next five years flow directly from goals set forth in the University's Strategic Plan and that University personnel will be trained on the use of the new tools.

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Methodist University Hosts Wesley Heritage Seminar

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host a "Wesley Heritage Seminar" Nov. 12-13, 2010, in the Medical Lecture Hall, the newest addition of the Physician Assistant (PA) Program Complex on the campus of Methodist University.

The seminar will include a screening of *Wesley*, panel discussions, and a celebration of the Moravian Love Feast. The cost for attending the screening and panel discussion on either day is \$5.00, and all events are open to the public.

Following the screening Friday, Nov. 12 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a question and answer period with the producer, the Rev. John Jackman, and actor Burgess Jenkins. Saturday's events will include a matinee of the full length movie at 2:00 p.m., followed by a panel presentation and discussion. Dr. Mark Wethington, president of the Wesley Foundation, will be the moderator. Panelists include Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, president of Methodist University; the Rev. John Jackman, producer; the Rev. Phil Bauguess, Moravian pastor; actor Burgess Jenkins, and the Rev. Gayle C. Felton. The seminar concludes with the celebration of the Moravian Love Feast led by the Reverend Phil Bauguess.

Wesley is a film based closely on the actual events of the life of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church. The film captures the tragedy of Wesley's love life, as well as the controversy that surrounded his ministry.

For more information or to make reservations, please contact Donna Wilson, director of ministry events and administrative services, at (910) 630-7157 or send an e-mail to dlwilson@methodist.edu.

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MU HOSTS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW DAY PANEL DISCUSSION

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host its Constitutional Law Day panel discussion Oct. 22, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall on the campus of Methodist University. The event is free and open to the public.

Leslie Jean, an individual who spent nine years in prison for a crime he did not commit, will speak about how his life was changed by his conviction. North Carolina State Representative Rick Glazier and attorney Rebecca Britton both represented Leslie Jean pro bono and will participate in the panel discussion. Attorney Joe Cheshire, who represented Greg Taylor—the first person to be found innocent by the North Carolina Innocence Commission—will also be a part of the panel. Cheshire will discuss how the Leslie Jean Case helped create the Innocence Commission and how Leslie Jean’s case has impacted the criminal justice system.

“I want the students to see how one case can make such a difference in all our lives, and how important it is to protect the constitutional rights that we seem to take for granted,” said Wendy Vonnegut, director of legal studies at Methodist University.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Methodist University is celebrating Homecoming 2010 October 22-23. Here is the link to Homecoming events happening on campus this weekend:

http://www.methodist.edu/alum_dev/pdfs/2010%20Homecoming%20Brochure.pdf.

One of the best times to catch the Monarch spirit will be between 11:30 and kickoff at 1:00. Student and alumni events will be taking place in the Spirit Zone adjacent to the football stadium.

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MU Professor Emeritus to Appear on WRAY-TV

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OCTOBER 27, 2010

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DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Rev. Dr. Robert Christian, Professor Emeritus at Methodist University, will serve on a panel for a television program titled "Ask the Pastor" that will air on WRAY-TV Channel 30 Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

WRAY-TV, owned and operated by Tri-State Christian Television, is licensed to Wilson, North Carolina, and serves the metropolitan area of Fayetteville and Raleigh Durham.

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MU HOSTS WESLEY HERITAGE CELEBRATION

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The seminar will include a screening of *Wesley*, panel discussions, and a celebration of the Moravian Love Feast. The event is free for Methodist University faculty, staff, and students. The cost for general admission to the screening and panel discussion on either day is \$5.00, and all events are open to the public.

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MU ANNOUNCES VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will honor the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Services, as well as those who continue to serve, in a ceremony Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010.

The ceremony, which is open to the public, will take place from 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. in front of the flagpole outside of the Horner Administration Building. The guest speaker for the event is U.S. Army Chaplain (Col.) John Hash. The Veterans Day Ceremony is sponsored by the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Program at Methodist University.

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**MU PROFESSOR DESIGNS THIRD BOOK ABOUT THE
BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Photographer J. Scott Graham and columnist Elizabeth C. Hunter collaborated with Kerry Scott Jenkins, assistant professor of graphic design at Methodist University, to create their newest book, “Blue Ridge Parkway, Road to Discovery.”

The coffee table book is Graham’s third self-published book about the Blue Ridge Parkway, and his second coffee table book. Graham creates images of national parks, forests, and historic sites throughout the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Hunter, who has been writing about the Blue Ridge Parkway for 25 years, is the author of the book. She is a columnist and contributing editor for “Blue Ridge Country Magazine,” and author of “Blue Ridge Parkway, America’s Favorite Journey” and “Traveling the Blue Ridge Parkway, A Guide to America’s Most Scenic Drive.”

Jenkins has designed all three of Graham’s books. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Western Carolina University and a Master of Fine Arts from East Tennessee University. Jenkins became a member of the Methodist University faculty in 2007. In October, he was selected to return to East Tennessee University to participate in its “Reunion: Invitational Exhibition of 100 Alumni.” The event was a part of the commemoration celebration for the institution’s 100th year anniversary. Jenkins plans to donate a copy of the book to Methodist University’s Davis Memorial Library.

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Foster Elected President Elect for NC Academy of Physician Assistants

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NOVEMBER 16, 2010

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Ron Foster, M.A., M.S.P.A.S., P.A.-C., was elected president elect for the North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants.

Starting in January of 2011, he will serve a three-year term. Foster will serve one year as president elect, one year as president, and one year as immediate past president. Currently, he is the University's medical officer, director of the women's wellness clinic on the campus of Methodist University, and associate professor of clinical medicine (OB/GYN). Foster has long served Methodist University as director of its Physician Assistant Program.

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DR. HANCOCK NAMED PRESIDENT OF METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Harvey T. Wright II, chair of the Board of Trustees, has announced that Dr. Ben E. Hancock, Jr. will serve as the fourth president of Methodist University.

Dr. Hancock succeeds Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, who is retiring after serving as the president of Methodist University for 27 years. Dr. Hancock will take office March 1, 2011.

“We feel that Dr. Hancock is a strong strategic planner who has a passion for the educational experience that a private, co-educational liberal arts university can offer,” said Wright. “The new president is committed to the University’s mission of engaging, enriching, and empowering students to strive for academic, spiritual, and social/civic excellence.”

The selection of Dr. Hancock is the result of a nationwide search led by Academic-Search, Inc. and a 13-person search committee. The Presidential Search Committee began reviewing applications after August 1, 2010.

“I am truly honored to serve as the next president of Methodist University and to continue the excellent work of Elton Hendricks and the Board of Trustees,” said Dr. Hancock. “I have been so impressed with the faculty, staff, and students at the University during my visits. Methodist is fortunate to have such capable leadership and caring people associated with the University.”

Dr. Hancock has served as vice-president for university advancement at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, since July 1, 2006. He has been responsible for overseeing the administrative areas of University Advancement, which include the following: University Development, Advancement Services, Alumni Programs, and the Alumni

Center. He has served on the University's Strategic Planning Committee and has led the University through a comprehensive \$200 million Ball State Bold Campaign.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to lead the institution during an unprecedented period of growth in enrollment and expanding impact on the State of North Carolina and beyond," said Dr. Hancock. "We are looking forward to joining and being active members of the Methodist campus and Fayetteville community."

Prior to serving at Ball State University, he served from 1989 – 2006 as vice-president for institutional advancement at Albion College in Michigan. He was responsible for the areas of alumni and parent relations, communications, corporate and foundation relations, development, gift and estate planning, and capital campaigns.

From 1984 – 1989, Dr. Hancock served as executive director of the Boise State University Foundation in Boise, Idaho. In this position, he served as chief development officer, provided leadership for the Foundation's Board of Directors, and directed all development activities, including special fund-raising campaigns, major gifts, corporate and foundation relations, and annual giving. Prior to 1984, he served in advancement positions at Penn State University, Maryville College, and James Madison University.

Dr. Hancock earned a Bachelor of Arts in Russian studies and a master's degree in education from James Madison University in Virginia. He earned a Ph.D. in comparative and international education from the University of Virginia. His dissertation was titled, "The Role of Philanthropy in the Development of British Higher Education during the Victorian Period (1851-1919)."

Dr. Hancock has traveled extensively throughout the United States and abroad. In 1988, he received a Fulbright Fellowship at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. In 1998, he received a Russell Mawby Fellowship at Oxford University, and in 1999, he received a Visiting Fellowship at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. From 2005-2009, he was a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Higher Education at the University of Melbourne. He has been active with the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and has led and attended advancement conferences in the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand. He and his wife, Debbie (a special education teacher), have five adult children: Jessie, Sarah, Ben III, Matthew, and Andrew, and two grandchildren.

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MU HOSTS 38th ANNUAL WINTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will celebrate its 38th Annual Winter Commencement Ceremony Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center.

There are currently 220 candidates for graduation.

United States Army R.O.T.C. cadet Cindy Petithomme will be commissioned during the ceremony. As a part of a custom that was inaugurated at Methodist University in 1985, two international graduating seniors will present flags to Dr. Hendricks, president of Methodist University. Gladys Reyes will present the flag of Honduras and Binh “Vicky” Tran will present the flag of Vietnam.

The day’s events will begin with a baccalaureate service at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The Rev. Leonard E. Fairley, district superintendent of the Rockingham District of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church (NCCUMC), will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. A native of Laurinburg, N.C., the Rev. Fairley earned a Bachelor of Arts in religion and philosophy from Pfeiffer College, and a Master of Divinity from Duke University. He has served as the district superintendent since July 1, 2005.

This year’s commencement speaker is James H. Maynard, chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of Investors Management Corporation, which is the parent company of Golden Corral Corporation. Born and raised in Onslow County, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from East Carolina University. Maynard and William Carl opened the first Golden Corral restaurant Jan. 3, 1973, on Bragg Boulevard in Fayetteville. Much of Maynard’s research for this venture was conducted in the Davis Memorial Library on the campus of Methodist University.

He has been widely recognized for his accomplishments. In 2009, Maynard was inducted into the North Carolina Business Hall of Fame. In 2007, he received the Multi-Unit Foodservice

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Operators Pioneer Award, and in 2003, he was presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine—one of the most prestigious honors awarded by the Governor of North Carolina. In 1984, the Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist University presented to him the Silver Spoon Award.

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