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Dean's List, Fall 2011

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Kelsie Anne	Carralero	Milford	CT
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Jaron Matthew	Cayton	Fayetteville	NC
Kyona C.	Chaney	Durham	NC
Rachel Lynn	Chapman	Claremont	NC
Bridget Nicole	Chavis	Fayetteville	NC

Katherine Elizabeth	Clancy	Fayetteville	NC
Cassidy Nicole	Conley	Spring Lake	NC
Heather Lynn	Cook	Fayetteville	NC
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Michael Devlin	Mccabe	Stedman	NC
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Bryan Dan	Morales	Fayetteville	NC
Nyoma Clement	Nickonora	Fayetteville	NC
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Methodist University's Center for Excellence in Justice Administration announces its first 2012 seminar focused on homicide investigation coupled with a cold case presentation: *Analyzing and Interpreting Behavior in the Serial Murder And Sexual Homicide & Agency Cold Case Presentations* on Thursday, January 26th in Reeves Auditorium from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This opportunity is open to all law enforcement officers, crime analysts, and crime scene investigators, and is **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**. The Center for Excellence in Justice Administration is funding the entire cost of this seminar and there is no cost to seminar participants.

This lecture will provide violent crime investigators, crime scene technicians, medical examiners, coroners, forensic nurses, and attorneys assigned to investigate, process, conduct examinations, and prosecute such cases a framework for analyzing the dynamic interaction that occurs between the offender, victim, and scene and then using that analysis to interpret crime attributes such as motive, victimology, risk level, cause of death, weapon use, injury severity, and the degree of planning and organization. Examination of these various behavioral attributes will be applied to complex homicide and sexual assault cases and examines behavioral linkage in serial homicide cases. This lecture will also include discussion of investigative and prosecutorial considerations and the awareness of the important aspects of evidence collection and processing.

The afternoon will be spent in reviewing one or more unsolved homicide case(s) presented by an agency to the audience and panel of experts. Participants will gain hands on experience analyzing the manner of death and investigative protocols. For those investigators who are interested in having a case examined, you should contact Mr. Dave Pauly, Seminar Coordinator, for details on presentation format and time requirements.

The key presenter/trainer will be Mark Safarik, M.S., Vidocq Society Member (VSM) Supervisory Special Agent (Ret.). Mr. Safarik served with the renowned Behavioral Analysis Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mark's television series *Killer Instinct* premiered in September 2011, and can be viewed on MSNBC's *Cloo Channel* on Saturday evenings.

Special guests will include Katherine M. Brown, Ph.D. who is an assistant professor of Criminal Justice in the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences at the University of New Haven (UNH) where she teaches courses related to investigation, research methods and statistics. Dr. Brown is the Vice President of the Homicide Research Working Group. She is also a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and The Vidocq Society.

Returning special guest and panel member from the previous seminar will be Supervisory Special Agent Steve Chancellor, M.A., Forensic Science Consultant, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID). Special Agent Chancellor has 37 years in law enforcement, including over 20 years with Army CID, and approximately seven years with the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation (MBI) as a Senior

Crime Scene Analyst and Director of the MBI Cold Case Unit. SA Chancellor is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and a Member of the American Academy of Forensic Science. He is the co-author of the book *Death Investigations*, by Jones and Bartlett (release date 6 February, 2012, www.Amazon.com) and a book on sex crimes with an expected release date of September, 2012.

Those interested in attending should contact Professor Dave Pauly, MFS, VSM, FBI NA (Session 195); Phone: 910.263.4720 or Email: dpaul@methodist.edu.

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MU JANUARY 2012 CALENDAR EVENTS

Date	Event	Details
23	Womack Lecture in Religion on Spirituality: the Enduring Connection of Humanity and the Divine.	<p>11 AM and 2:00 PM * Yarborough Auditorium * Clark Hall</p> <p>The speaker, Louay M. Safi, Ph.D., will present, The lecture will examine the notion of spirituality in the Qur'an as Islam's sacred book presents human spirit as a finite instance of the divine spirit, emanating from it and empowered to act in its behalf through history. The lecture will explore the purpose of human life from a Qura'nic perspective and meaning of the divine presence in human history.</p> <p>Dr. Safi currently serves as Common Word Fellow at the Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University. He also serves as an associate faculty with the Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis, and a non-resident fellow with the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU). Dr. Safi currently serves as Common Word Fellow at the Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University. He also serves as an associate faculty with the Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis, and a non-resident fellow with the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU).</p> <p>He is a prolific author and frequent speaker on issues of human rights, Middle East, peace, leadership, and Islam and the West, and an advocate of human rights and civil liberties. He published eleven books, including The Qur'anic Narrative (Praeger 2008), Tensions and Transitions in the Muslim World, (University Press of America, 2003), Peace and the Limits of War (IIIT 2001), and The Challenge of Modernity (University Press of America, 1994).</p> <p>Dr. Safi is a founding member and former board member of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (CSID)</p>

		<p>(1999-2007). He also served as communications and leadership development director (2009) and executive director of the Leadership Development Center (2004-08) of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA).</p> <p>He has appeared on numerous radio and TV programs, including CNN, BBC, Monte Carlo, Fox News, PBS, Middle East TV (MBC), Al-Jazeera TV, Voice of America, Malaysian Television, Syrian TV, and others.</p> <p>For more information contact Dr. Brey at 910.630.7090 or SBrey@methodist.edu.</p>
26	Business Succession Forum Network Meeting	<p>(For Business Calendar)</p> <p>Methodist University's Center for Entrepreneurship hosts first meeting of the year at Hilton Garden Inn. For more information contact Maria Taro at 910.630.7642 or mtaro@methodist.edu</p>
26	Free seminar for law enforcement personnel only.	<p>Methodist University's Center for Excellence in Justice Administration announces its first 2012 homicide seminar featuring a former FBI profiler and current Vidocq Society member who will conduct a presentation on <i>Analyzing and Interpreting Behavior in the Serial Murder And Sexual Homicide</i> followed by <i>Agency Cold Case Presentations</i> scheduled for Thursday, January 26th in Reeves Auditorium from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information contact dpauly@methodist.edu</p>
27-28	SEBDA All-District Band Festival	<p>Reeves Auditorium</p> <p>Contact: (910) 630-7062 or samorrison@methodist.edu</p> <p>Practices take place each day with a concert at the end of the second day.</p> <p>Admission is free</p>
28	MU Women's Basketball, Cheer & Dance Experience	<p>2:00 PM * Riddle Center</p> <p>This event is for grade school, middle and high school girls and is hosted by the Methodist University Board of Visitors. Girls will be treated to pre-game events and prizes, watch the Monarch Women's Basketball team take on Christopher Newport University; see the Marching Monarch Drumline team and Monarch Dance team perform at halftime; and after the game have the opportunity to meet members of the Women's Monarch Basketball, Cheer, and Dance teams. There will be giveaways for everyone. Admission to all events is free and everyone is welcome. Those interested in attending should RSVP to 910.630.7200 or klee@methodist.edu</p>



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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University Announces the Physician Assistant Program’s Class of 2011 first time pass rate on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE). Christina P. Beard, PA-C, MPAS, program director of the university’s physician assistant program announced that the pass rate is 97% (31 out of 32 students). The overall class average on the PANCE was the highest in school history at 598. The maximum score reported by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants is an 800. Ms. Beard reported, “Until this year, the maximum score has never been achieved by any student in our program,” and, “Of the students who passed, five received the maximum score of 800!” Those five students are: Traci Dolbeer recently moved to Maryland and is seeking a position in family practice; A.B. Lehmann, who is working at FastMed Urgent Care in Garner; Jared Litty, who is working at the Cape Fear Valley Health System’s Emergency Department; after the completion of the 27-month PA program, Tiffany Mills, taking some time to travel before seeking employment in the Fayetteville area; and, Dana Shumate, was recently married and is seeking employment in the Wilkesboro, NC area.

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University hosts Annual Womack Lecture in Religion. Noted Islamic author and scholar Dr. Louay Safi will be speaking at Methodist University on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 11 am and again at 2 pm in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall. The lectures are free and open to the public.

Dr. Safi is this year's featured speaker for Methodist University's Annual Womack Lecture in Religion. His series of two lectures will explore the Christian-Muslim encounter and the meaning of human life from an Islamic perspective.

His lecture titled **“The Christian-Muslim Encounter: Cultural Exchange and Theological Convergence”** will examine the historical encounter between Christianity and Islam, namely the tremendous cultural and philosophical/theological exchange between Christianity and Islam, as well as the implications of the current cultural and religious encounter of the two world religions.

His lecture titled **“Spirituality: The Enduring Connection of Humanity and The Divine”** will engage the audience in a discussion of sacred Islamic texts, which present the human spirit as a finite instance of the divine spirit—the human spirit coming from the divine spirit and acting on the divine spirit's behalf throughout history. The lecture will also explore the meaning of the divine presence in human history from an Islamic perspective and how the connection between humans and the divine impacts our lives and relationships today.

Dr. Louay Safi is a scholar of Islam and the Middle East and an advocate of Arab and Muslim–American rights. He is a prolific author and frequent speaker on issues of human rights, Middle East peace, and Islam and the West. He is an advocate of human rights and civil liberties.

Dr. Safi has appeared on numerous radio and TV programs, including CNN, BBC, Fox News, PBS, Middle East TV (MBC), Al-Jazeera TV, Voice of America, Malaysian Television, and Syrian TV.

Dr. Safi is also an active online blogger, discussing current topics touching the lives of Arabs, Arab Americans, and Americans, including his insights on many popular and controversial topics. To read his blog or for more information on Dr. Louay Safi please visit his website: www.louaysafi.com.

Methodist University is an independent four-year institution of higher education with over 2,400 students from 41 states and 53 countries. Methodist University offers over 70 majors and concentrations, three master's degree programs, and 19 NCAA III intercollegiate sports. For additional information on the upcoming Womack Lecture featuring Dr. Safi or information on Methodist University, please call (910) 630-7043. E-mail: pmcevoy@methodist.edu.





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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Mr. Chun Kenny Tien has successfully met the required standards set forth by the Collegiate Recreational Sports Professional Registry Commission to be named a Registered Collegiate Recreational Sports Professional. This certification comes from the College Recreational Sports Professional Registry Commission which is a part of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA). The NIRSA is considered the leading national association for campus recreation.

Mr. Tien graduated from Methodist University in 2002 with a double major and a minor. He received his MBA from Otterbein University in 2006. He started working at MU in 2006 as the Assistant Director of Campus Recreation and Intramural Programs (CRIMP) before later being named Director.

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MU HOSTS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, CHEER, AND DANCE EXPERIENCE

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University will open its doors Saturday, Jan. 28, for a special free event showcasing the MU Women's Basketball, Cheer and Dance teams, and the Marching Monarchs pep band and drum line.

The main event starts at 2 p.m. when the women's basketball team takes the court against Christopher Newport University in the Riddle Center, but the fun starts at 1 p.m. with free pre-game events and prizes. After the game, the MU teams will be available for autographs at a meet and greet reception. The annual event is hosted by the MU Board of Visitors, whose purpose is to increase community awareness and goodwill for Methodist University.

"There will be giveaways, a hoops competition, and people can have their picture taken with the King Monarch mascot," said Krista Lee, assistant director of development and liaison to the Board of Visitors.

Lee said she hopes to see about 200 people from the community attend. Last year's event drew about 100 people, and more than that have RSVP'd this year.

"There are several Girl Scout groups coming, local school groups, cheerleading groups, church leagues, and people who want to bring their grandchildren," said Lee.

Normally, all basketball games are open to the public, but cost \$4 for adults or \$2 for children.

Athletic Director Bob McEvoy said this match up should be a good one to watch.

"Saturday's game with Christopher Newport University puts two of the top teams in the conference together," said McEvoy. "The games are always hard-fought battles and close. The Methodist women captured the first game between the two teams this year by a score of 64-60."

As well as seeing if the Monarchs, led by women's basketball Head Coach DeeDee Jarman, can improve their 8-9 record, McEvoy said the afternoon will be about community.

"We really enjoy having the Fayetteville community on our campus, and being able to showcase not only our campus, but our student athletes and coaches, as well," he said.

Not to be outdone by the three athletic teams, the 32-member pep band is looking to shine when it plays at half time, including a first-time breakout performance by the 12-member drum line. The Monarch dance team will also perform.

"It's going to be a huge game," said Charles Dumas, director of athletic bands. "We have some new music that we're going to play for the first time at the game and it will be a good show. It will be loud and people will love it."

The event is sponsored by the MU Board of Visitors, Walsingham Group, First Citizens Bank, Professional Women of Fayetteville, and Jeb Designs.

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MU FEBRUARY 2012 CALENDAR EVENTS

Date	Event	Details
3	Friends of Music presents Commedia dell'arte with Dr. Leslie Pasternak	7:30 PM, Reeves Auditorium Dr. Pasternak is an actress, playwright, historian and teacher. Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free.
3	James Buckland Guitar Recital	7:30 PM, Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free.
6	Convocation	11:00 AM, Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7031 or pellis@methodist.edu Admission is free.
8	Miss Methodist Pageant	7:00 PM. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7022 or djackson@methodist.edu Admission is free.
13	MBA Program Open House	6:00 PM, Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall Contact: (910) 630-7493 or away@methodist.edu Admission is free.
17	Friends of Music presents Anthony Taylor Clarinet Recital	7:30 pm, Hensdale Chapel Mr. Taylor is assistant professor of clarinet at UNC-Greensboro. He will be joined by Ms. Inara Zandmane, collaborative pianist. Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free.
18	Play 4 Kay Events	The Methodist University Student Athletic Training Association will host a Play 4Kay 4K (2.4 miles) Run/Walk to support breast cancer awareness. All proceeds will go to the Kay Yow Cancer Fund and the Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation Friends of the Cancer Center. Participants should meet and register at the Reeves Auditorium Parking Lot at 7:30 AM with the race beginning at 8:00 AM. The cost is \$10 for students and \$20 for

		<p>non-students. Fee includes a Play 4Kay t-shirt. For more information contact Sara Altman at saltman@student.methodist.edu or Brooke Corley at bcorley@student.mentodist.edu</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>Play 4 Kay Events</p>	<p>Methodist University has partnered with the Kay Yow Cancer Fun to host a “Play 4Kay” basketball game Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. In an effort to increase breast cancer awareness, the Monarchs are working hard to raise money for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund and the Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation Friends of the Cancer Center.</p> <p>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 t-shirts and a new pint glass. Items can be purchased prior to the event at MU basketball games or online. Throughout the game, a silent auction will include autographed items as well as special golf packages and much more!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The national event was rebranded this year after formerly operating as "Pink Zone" under the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). The mission remains the same: a nation of coaches raising breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses, in communities and beyond. The WBCA began "Pink Zone" (formerly Think Pink) in 2007 as an initiative to raise breast cancer awareness in women's basketball, on campuses and in communities. Over the last four events, the Monarchs have raised more than \$15,000 toward breast cancer awareness.</p> <p>“Kay Yow has always been an inspiration to me—not only as a coach, but as a player,” said Methodist's Head Coach DeeDee Jarman. “She was devoted to North Carolina State, the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, and the game of basketball; we are delighted to have the opportunity to give back.</p> <p>Tickets for this special game can be purchased at the door. For more information, contact the Methodist University Athletic Department at (910) 630-7175 or visit www.mumonarchs.com/play4kay.</p> <p>Breast cancer survivors interested in participating in the event should contact DeeDee Jarman at (910) 630-7283 or</p>

		<p>djarman@methodist.edu.</p> <p>Apparel Order Form</p> <p>Play 4Kay Central</p> <p>About the Kay Yow Cancer Fund</p> <p>The Kay Yow Cancer Fund was officially founded on December 3, 2007, from the vision of the organization's namesake Kay Yow, former North Carolina State University head women's basketball coach.</p> <p>Kay Yow was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1987, and passed away on January 24, 2009, after facing her third bout with the disease. Before her death, she joined forces with the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and The V Foundation for Cancer Research to form the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization committed to being a part of finding an answer in the fight against women's cancers through raising money for scientific research, assisting the underserved and unifying people for a common cause.</p> <p>Since the Fund's inception, \$1,300,000 has been raised for scientific research focused on women's cancers thanks to the generosity and continued support of our donors.</p> <p>For more information contact Coach Jarman at 910.630.7283 or djarman@methodist.edu</p>
<p>23-26</p>	<p>MU Theatre Department presents Steve Martin's <i>Picasso at the Lapin Agile</i></p>	<p>Thurs-Sat. 8 PM, Sun. 2 PM, Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7105 or pwilson@methodist.edu Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens. This production is not recommended for young children -- if we had to rate it, we'd rate it PG-13. The show is called <i>Picasso at the Lapin Agile</i>, and it was written by Steve Martin, yes, <u>that</u> Steve Martin. Martin imagines what might have happened if Picasso had met Albert Einstein at the moment just before they each made their seminal contributions to the 20th century. The Lapin Agile was/is a real cabaret bar in the Montmartre section of Paris (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lapin_Agile).</p>



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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY PREPARES FOR
STOP HUNGER NOW EVENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—In an average week, the dining staff at Methodist University prepares 6,200 meals on campus. On Monday, Feb. 6, members of the University community will come together to package 50,000 meals in four hours.

The University will be joining Fayetteville's effort to pack one million meals in 2012 for the Stop Hunger Now program, an international hunger-fighting organization.

"As an institution of higher learning, it is imperative that the University be a place where issues of importance are recognized," said Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Jane Weeks Gardiner, who was pivotal in bringing the program to Methodist University. "As this University increases its emphasis on global awareness and citizenship, a project such as Stop Hunger Now can serve as both an educational and philanthropic activity. We can bring increased awareness to the very real need throughout the world for hunger relief. Simultaneously, we can also directly assist thousands of people by sending these meals to people around the world in desperate need."

Four hundred volunteers, made up of students, faculty, alumni, and staff members, will work in one-hour shifts from noon to 4 p.m. in Berns Student Center, which will be transformed for the afternoon. Gone will be the table tennis games and TV-watching chairs, and in their place will be long rows of tables holding tubs of dehydrated vegetables, soy, rice, and flavoring, which volunteers will precisely combine in assembly lines.

The University last participated in the program in 2008, when volunteers packaged 30,000 meals. Gardiner called the 2008 event "one of the most memorable days" she's had at MU in the last 26 years.

"Just like the upcoming event, we staged the assembly of the packages of food in Berns Student Center," said Gardiner. "Hundreds of students, faculty, and staff came to participate. In fact, we had more people who wanted to work than we could accommodate. I would say that the spirit and energy of community engagement for an important cause was contagious that day."

Through the use of volunteer labor and space, the program manages to keep costs low while creating each high-protein, dehydrated meal. The meals are packaged to serve six people, at a cost of 25 cents per serving, and are designed to be filling and highly

nutritious, with 21 essential vitamins and minerals. They are also easy to transport, store and distribute. Most of Stop Hunger Now's meals are sent to support school feeding programs around the world in impoverished areas. Since its establishment in 1998, Stop Hunger Now has provided more than 50 million meals across the world.

Leading up to this event, Methodist University will hold its 2012 Spring Convocation at 11 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

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**FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT METHODIST PRESENTS
COMMEDIA DELL'ARTE**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.— Methodist University's Friends of Music will raise the curtain on the comedy of renaissance Italy Friday, Feb. 3, when Dr. Leslie Pasternack presents "Commedia dell'Arte: Grotesque! Fantastic!" at 7:30 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

Dr. Michael Martin, director of music education, said Pasternack's performance will be part lecture and part demonstration, exploring the past and continuing influences of 16th and 17th-century Italian improvised comedy on fine art and popular culture.

"Using commedia-inspired half-masks, Leslie Pasternack will demonstrate some of the key components of early commedia performance," said Martin.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, Pasternack will continue her visit by giving two acting workshops on the Methodist University campus for performers who want to increase their physical presence and sense of embodied character. Participants will explore the ideas of size, physical leads, status play, embodied action, as well as the overall decrease of physical tension which hampers many performers.

The first workshop is only for MU students and is closed to the public, but the second 90-minute workshop is open to the public, and begins at 10:45 a.m. The workshop costs \$15 per participant, and checks can be made out to the Collegiate Student Music Association of MENC.

Pasternack is an actor, director, playwright, historian, teacher and mask-maker. She is the first of the school's Friends of Music guest artist series to perform this semester. Dr. Pasternack holds a Ph.D. in theatre history from the University of Texas at Austin and is a graduate of the Dell'Arte School of Physical Theatre.

Friends of Music is a community organization that supports the Methodist University Music Department through membership drives and donations. The group also provides a departmental scholarship for music students.

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MU Chorale Offers Singing Valentines

Nothing tells someone you care like a singing Valentine from the MU Chorale. An ensemble of singers will serenade your sweetheart at home, at work, or anywhere you choose in the greater Fayetteville area on February 14, 2012 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Choose from three delivery options ranging from \$15 - \$25. All proceeds benefit the MU Chorale's spring concert tour. Call Michael Martin at 910.630.7153 or e-mail mmartin@methodist.edu for more information. (30 seconds)

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY HOSTS SIXTH ANNUAL
MISS METHODIST PAGEANT**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—The sixth annual Miss Methodist Pageant will take place Wednesday, Feb. 8, in Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist University campus.

The contest to see who will wear the crown will start at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Admission is free with a Methodist University ID, or \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

The current Miss Methodist, Fayetteville native Lacey Truelove, will pass her title to one of 12 Methodist ladies who will be competing for the crown. The contestants will be judged in four categories: talent, interview question, formal wear, and the opening number.

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LOYALTY DAY SET FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2012

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—The 56th annual Methodist University Loyalty Day campaign for student scholarships will take place with the campaign’s culmination Tuesday, Feb. 7. This year’s chair of the Loyalty Day campaign is Don Price, a Methodist University trustee, Fayetteville businessman, and father of an MU alumnus.

Methodist University and its graduates represent a significant economic, cultural, and educational resource in Fayetteville, which is what residents envisioned when Methodist University was founded by a group of Fayetteville citizens in 1955. Ever since then, the community has continued to support the University through the annual Loyalty Day—a day in which businesses and individuals come together to invest in their community’s future by raising money for student scholarships.

The Loyalty Day campaign started Jan. 19 with a kickoff at the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce’s Coffee Club breakfast. On Tuesday, February 7, 2012, Loyalty Day volunteers will meet for lunch at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville to officially turn in their fundraising tallies. University President Ben E. Hancock Jr. will speak and Mayor Tony Chavonne is expected to read the Loyalty Day proclamation for the City of Fayetteville. This year’s Supporter of the Year will also be announced.

The funds raised through the Loyalty Day campaign go directly to scholarships for deserving students. More than 90 percent of MU students depend on financial assistance, and the University devotes more than 27 percent of its budget to scholarships. Last year, Methodist awarded \$15.1 million in financial aid to students, like Cameron native Tevin Rogers, Class of 2014.

“I am a truly thankful recipient of an endowed scholarship at Methodist,” said Rogers. “Understanding that there are people in the community who care about my education encourages me to strive harder to achieve my goals and dreams.”

Students who are from Cumberland County, along with the rest of North Carolina, may need additional scholarships, as some government tuition grant programs are no longer available.

“With the restructuring of North Carolina legislative tuition grants, many North Carolina students will experience cuts in financial aid from the state, so our scholarships are even more critical than ever,” said Robin Davenport, vice president for Institutional

Advancement. “As of fall 2011, 69 percent of the overall student body are from North Carolina.”

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY HOSTS MBA PROGRAM
OPEN HOUSE SESSION**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University will host its next Open House session for the on-campus Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program Monday, Feb. 13, 2012. The session will be held at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall, which also houses the Reeves School of Business.

This is the second of this semester's face-to-face MBA Program events designed to offer prospective students the opportunity to ask questions, pre-register for the fall 2012 semester, and schedule a tour of the campus. The remaining Open House sessions will be held March 19, April 16, and May 14.

Students in the MBA Program choose a concentration of either organizational management and leadership or health care administration. The Professional MBA Program is designed to allow students to continue their full-time careers while earning their degree in 16-18 months. The 12 to 13-course program is completed online with two weekend class sessions per eight-week term.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN
NCICU ETHICS BOWL**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University students will participate in North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities' (NCICU) inaugural Ethics Bowl competition this weekend, February 10-11. The competition's focus will be "Ethics in the Workplace," and it will be held at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C.

Methodist will be one of 14 NCICU schools competing in the debate, and will bring a team of three students: senior Laura Burkart, a nursing major; sophomore Nyoma Clement Nickonora, a financial economics major; and junior Marissa Smith, a middle grades education major. Dr. J.R. Hustwit, chair of the Religion and Philosophy Department, is the MU campus coordinator for the event.

"We have three hardworking students going to the tournament this weekend," said Hustwit. "They will be competing against students from independent schools all over North Carolina. What they have in common is an interest in the process of moral deliberation as it applies to the real world. They are all interested in figuring out the right thing to do in situations that could happen to all of us."

Each round of the contest will begin with a hypothetical ethical case. The teams will be asked to prepare a five-minute response to the case and present their argument. Opposing teams will be given an opportunity to question the validity of each response. The round will end with a concluding statement given by each team.

The debates will be scored by a panel of trained judges that include business and community leaders from across the state. The teams will be evaluated on the quality of their argument, research, presentation style and moral theory. Each round will be facilitated by trained moderators who also are business and community leaders in North Carolina.

"For this very first competition, my hope is that our students will have a rewarding experience, be able to network with business leaders in the community, and that we lay the foundation for a successful program in years to come," said Hustwit.

The NCICU Ethics Bowl is designed to provide an academic experience that increases student awareness about applying ethics in leadership, decision-making, interpersonal relationships and other issues in today's society. NCICU chose the theme "Ethics in the Workplace" to help encourage a sense of social responsibility and

accountability among students at independent colleges and universities. The purpose of the competition is to emphasize the importance of being able to apply ethical standards to situations students inevitably will face as future local, state and national leaders.

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**REEVES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REINSTATES
BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—The Charles M. Reeves School of Business at Methodist University announces the renewal of its Business Advisory Board, with seven newly appointed members and three reappointed members.

The new board members are: Pat Corso, executive director of Moore County Partners in Progress and franchisee/partner of Pinehurst Donuts, Inc.; Michael Nagowski, CEO/president of Cape Fear Valley Health System; Tim Richardson, city executive with First Citizens Bank; Les Griffin, Methodist University trustee and president of Cape Fear Financial Services, Inc.; Dena D. Breece '00, financial manager for Cumberland County; Jonathan Kiger '94, general manager-operations at Primo Water Corporation; and Tom Keith, founder and owner of Tom J. Keith and Associates, Inc.

Bill Bowman, publisher of "Kidsville News!" and "Up and Coming Weekly;" Lana Witiak, administrator for Carolina Imaging, Inc.; and David G. Wilson, executive-in-residence for Reeves School of Business and retired president of Fasco Consumer products, were reappointed to the board.

The Business Advisory Board assists the Reeves School of Business with information and advice needed to meet the changing needs of business and society, supports the school's programming and annual awards given by the Center for Entrepreneurship, and assists with fund-raising efforts.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY THEATRE DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT
STEVE MARTIN'S *PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE***

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—The Methodist University Theatre Department will present Steve Martin's *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* Thursday, Feb. 23 – Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, and \$7 for seniors and students. Show times are 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. Sunday.

Picasso at the Lapin Agile opened in 1993 and enjoyed a successful off-Broadway run.

The story centers around the imaginary meeting of two of the twentieth century's greatest figures, Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein, at a real Parisian bar featured in Picasso's self-portrait *Au Lapin Agile*. The date is October 8, 1904, and both men are on the verge of great achievements—the next year, Einstein published his Special Theory of Relativity, and in 1907 Picasso painted his masterpiece *Les Femmes d'Alger (O. J. R. Version O)*. On this night at the Lapin Agile, the two men debate the merits of art versus science in shaping the twentieth century.

“The play attempts to explain, in a light-hearted way, the similarity of the creative process involved in great leaps of imagination in art and science,” said Martin, quoted in the *La Grande Observer*.

Picasso at the Lapin Agile contains adult content and some mild language, so it is not recommended for younger children.

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**SMITHSONIAN ASTRONOMER AND HARVARD UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR
TO SPEAK AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY'S BULLARD-TEMPLETON
LECTURE**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Smithsonian astronomer and Harvard University professor Dr. Owen Gingerich will speak at Methodist University Monday, March 26 for the annual Bullard-Templeton Lecture. The lecture series brings one distinguished speaker to campus each year to explore the relationship between science and religion.

Gingerich's lecture, "Are We Alone in the Cosmos?" will be held at 11 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall on the Methodist University campus. Attendance is free and open to the public.

"This is a very rare opportunity to hear one of the world's foremost astronomers talk about a topic of wide interest, namely, whether we are alone in the Universe," said Methodist University Professor of Religion Dr. Lloyd Bailey. "Among the more than 400 planets that have been discovered circling other stars, are any of them earth-like? What are the implications, religious or political, of such a discovery?"

An internationally known speaker, Gingerich is the research professor of astronomy and of the history of science at Harvard University. He also holds the title of senior astronomer emeritus at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. A leading authority on Renaissance astronomers Johannes Kepler and Nicholas Copernicus, he was awarded the Polish government's Order of Merit for his studies on Copernicus' "De revolutionibus orbium celestial." ("On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres")

Gingerich is a former vice president of the American Philosophical Society and has served as chairman of the U.S. National Committee of the International Astronomical Union and councilor of the American Astronomical Society. In 2000 he won the American Astronomical Society's Doggett Prize for his contributions to the history of astronomy.

Professor Gingerich has been interviewed for The History Channel's educational series, "The Universe," and also has an asteroid named in his honor.

Originally founded in 2000 under a Templeton grant, the Bullard-Templeton lecture series was renamed in 2006 after Howard A. Bullard Jr. and Marta Bullard, whose generosity helped establish an endowment to fund the lecture series on campus.

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**TOM DAGLIS JOINS THE REEVES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE PROFESSIONAL TENNIS MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University recently hired Tom Daglis as the director of the Professional Tennis Management (PTM) Program, which is a part of the Reeves School of Business. Daglis is president of the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) and is certified as a master professional by the USPTA, one of only about 165 master professionals worldwide.

Daglis received a bachelor's degree from Columbus State University in Columbus, Ga., and a master's degree from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich. Daglis has been active in the tennis industry for more than 30 years, and in 2006, he was awarded with the USPTA's Alex Gordon National Professional of the Year award. The award is given to a USPTA professional in recognition of his or her performance as a teacher, coach and player, as well as their contributions to the tennis industry. In 2010, he was inducted into the USPTA Southern Hall of Fame.

With this background, Daglis brings to Methodist University a unique understanding of and network of connections to the \$6 billion tennis industry, which will greatly benefit Methodist University's PTM students.

"I enjoy working with tomorrow's tennis teachers," said Daglis. "I hope to make a significant impact on the Methodist University Professional Tennis Management program and develop our future tennis industry leaders."

The Professional Tennis Management Program at Methodist University combines a degree in any business discipline with an accredited concentration in professional tennis management, preparing students for careers as tennis instructors, club managers and equipment technicians, among others. Daglis will work closely with Alesia Cotman, who has served as the assistant director of the PTM Program since August 2011.

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KELSEY MAGNINE CROWNED MISS METHODIST

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Kelsey Magnine, a 21-year-old business administration major, is the new Miss Methodist at Methodist University. The sixth annual pageant was held on Feb. 8 in Reeves Auditorium, with 12 MU students vying for the crown in a display of beauty, talent, and charm. An audience-participation vote also raised \$400 for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

Magnine, who comes from Amery, Wis., was crowned by the retiring Miss Methodist, Lacey Truelove. The pageant runners-up were: First Alternate Nur Syazwani Sazali, a sophomore from Singapore majoring in political science; Second Alternate Melissa Duffield, a fine arts management major from Conneaut Lake, Penn.; and Miss Congeniality Tina Nesbitt, of Kenly, N.C., who is a sophomore majoring in accounting. Magnine, who recited an original poem for her talent, had never competed in a pageant before. She said the biggest emotion she felt when her name was announced was relief.

“I entered the pageant because I have always wanted to get more involved with the University,” Magnine said. “I never had an easy way of doing it, but I committed to this and made it through. I love this place more than I ever thought I would. I just want people to know how special it really is. I’m so glad I took a chance and put myself out there like this.”

A member of MU’s championship women’s golf team, Magnine was also excited to see all of her teammates supporting her at the pageant.

“I really did it for them,” Magnine said. “I wanted them to see that there are so many exciting things they can accomplish if they put their heart into it.”

The annual Miss Methodist pageant is presented by Methodist University’s award-winning Student Activities Committee. The winner of the title represents the school throughout the year at events on and off the campus.

During the farewell to the retiring Miss Methodist, Student Activities Director Doris Jackson said dedication shown by Truelove would be hard to beat.

“We have been blessed with Lacey this year,” said Jackson. “She has gone above and beyond her duty and we were blessed to have her for all she has done, not only here at Methodist, but in the community as well. She has been so involved.”

Judging this year’s pageant were Debbie Hancock, wife of Methodist University President Ben E. Hancock Jr.; Ava Walker, wife of Dean of Students William Walker;

Miss Fayetteville Dogwood Festival Queen Erika Taylor; Center State Salon owner Donna Frazzey; and MU Dining Service Manager Dee Jackson.

The other contestants, their year, hometown and major were as follows: Krista Sweeten, junior, Mullica Hill, N.J., elementary education; Courtney Pearson, junior, Clinton, N.C., music education; Latia Ford, junior, Fayetteville, N.C., psychology; Stormey Molina, junior, New Orleans, La., social work; Knolan Johnson, freshman, Fayetteville, N.C., special education; Jasmine Jones, junior, Dunn, N.C., justice studies; Stephanie Perez, freshman, Fayetteville, N.C., nursing; and Brittany Wiggs, junior, Bailey, N.C., biology.

During the pageant's intermission, audience members had a chance to place money in jars to vote for who they thought should win. The audience vote, which Magnine also won, contributed 5 points to the judges' score and raised \$400. Those funds, along with money raised by other University groups, will be donated to the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, a breast cancer research and awareness fundraiser. Methodist University's official Play 4Kay women's basketball game is tomorrow, Saturday, Feb. 18.

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**LIEUTENANT GENERAL HELMICK TO SPEAK AT
METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Lieutenant General Frank G. Helmick, commanding general of the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, will speak at 11 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist University campus Monday, Feb. 27.

Helmick, who will speak about his experiences in Iraq and leadership, previously commanded the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, along with the NATO Training Mission in Iraq before coming to Fort Bragg in 2009.

“It is an honor to have General Helmick on campus, giving us an opportunity to not only recognize his many contributions to our country, but also to celebrate our relationship with Fort Bragg,” said Methodist University President Ben E. Hancock, Jr. “With our emphasis on leadership at the University, having someone of General Helmick’s caliber share his perspectives will be a memorable experience for everyone who attends.”

Helmick’s leadership credentials extend to numerous command and senior staff positions in his military career, including past assignments serving on the Joint Staff and as senior military advisor to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. Among his many awards are the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, and the Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster.

Methodist University is proud to bring this speaker from the military community to campus, continuing its commitment to supporting military servicepersons and their families through military-friendly education opportunities, employment, Army ROTC, and other activities, such as Methodist University’s chapter of Chi Delta Chi.

Also coming to campus soon is the U.S. Army Forces Command’s Army Ground Forces Band, which will perform a free concert in Reeves Auditorium at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 3. The patriotic, family-friendly concert will offer the community an opportunity to hear 64 world-class musicians perform a mix of music from classics by John Philip Sousa and Glen Miller to more contemporary pieces like John Williams’ “The Raiders of the Lost Ark March.”

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MU MARCH 2012 CALENDAR EVENTS

Date	Event	Details
2-3	Handbell Festival Concert	3/2: 5-10 PM; 3/3: 9:15 AM to 3:15 PM with a concert at 3:30 PM. March F. Riddle Center Admission is free.
2	Valerie Hartzell Guitar Recital	7:30 P.M. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free.
3	Army Ground Forces Public Concert	7:00 P.M. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7062 or samorrison@methodist.edu Admission is free.
16	Sixteenth Annual B.F. Stone Endowed Lyceum	The event will take place on Friday, March 16, 2012 at 7 P.M. in the Clark Hall's Yarborough Auditorium, with refreshments to follow. <i>Effects of Education Policy on Homeless Children</i> presented by Dr. George Hendricks, Chair, Department of Social Work, Methodist University, His presentation, evaluates the effects of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001 on academic achievement of homeless children. Respondents: Dr. Terri Moore Brown, Chair, Department of Social Work, Fayetteville State University and Diana Bowman, Director of the National Center for Homeless Education. ABSTRACT: Congressional concern about homeless students resulted in the McKinney-Vento Act (MCKV) in 2001, which

		<p>provides funds to local educational agencies (LEAs). MCKV is almost a decade old, yet no evaluations of its academic effectiveness have been reported. This study evaluated whether normally housed students in Grade 6 scored higher than homeless students in Grade 6 in reading and math on the end-of-grade (EOG) test and whether homeless students in Grade 6 from counties that received MCKV funding scored higher in reading and math on EOG tests than those from counties that did not. Data from 2006 and 2007 for Grade 6 were provided by the North Carolina (NC) Department of Public Instruction. About 20% of the state's LEAs received MCKV grants, which created a treatment group (funded counties) and a control group (non-funded counties). Based on <i>t</i> tests, the normally housed students scored significantly higher on EOG reading and math tests. A comparison of the mean scores for homeless students from funded counties compared to homeless students from unfunded counties did not support the hypotheses that MCKV grants to funded counties did improve the academic achievement of homeless students. All observers agree that MCKV provides valuable services to homeless students, but these do not improve their academic achievement. The positive social change implication of this study is that concerned educators can use these results to lobby legislators to fund training for teachers, counselors and social workers to increase their understanding of the special needs of homeless students and thus improve their academic performance.</p> <p>For more information contact (910)630-7089 or vbajc@methodist.edu.</p>
<p>16-17</p>	<p>4th Annual MU Jazz Festival</p>	<p>MU Jazz Ensemble starts the festival on Friday, March 16 at 7:30 PM in Reeves Auditorium. On Saturday March 17 the band performances will begin at 330 PM. The MU Jazz Ensemble will perform at 6:00 PM and the Fayetteville Jazz Orchestra will perform at 7:30 PM, all in Reeves.</p> <p>Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free.</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>22nd Southern Writers Symposium</p>	<p>9:00 A.M. Medical Lecture Hall-Physician Assistant Complex Contact: (910) 630-7454 or bjernigan@methodist.edu</p>

		Created in 1982, the Methodist University Southern Writers Symposium is designed to encourage scholarship on southern literature and culture, as well as to celebrate the writings of contemporary southern authors.
17	Methodist University Athletic Training Department/MUSATA, in celebration of National Athletic Training Month, is offering a one day Scout Event on campus.	<p>9 AM to 1 PM \$15 per scout Hands-on activities, stations, and examples help give Boy Scouts and Webelos the opportunity to meet the requirements of the First Aid Merit Badge or the Webelos Readyman Activity Pin. All scouts will receive a folder with worksheets from U.S. Scouting.org, pencil, as well as snacks and drinks. In addition, scouts needing American Red Cross Certification in First Aid or CPR and AED can be certified for additional cost. Reservations must be made before March 12th. For more information contact Michele Harling at 910-482-8263 or hckharling@aol.com with any questions. Registration drop off and payment may be completed at the Cumberland Scout Shop. All checks should be made out to Oconeechee Council. For groups, email to reserve your troop/pack spots by March 12th. Late registration adds \$5. Please arrive on campus between 8- 8:30 am.</p>
19	MBA Program Open House	<p>6:00 P.M. Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall</p> <p>Contact: (910) 630-7493 or away@methodist.edu Admission is free IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING EARNING YOUR MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE, AND HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MBA PROGRAM, THESE INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS ARE A MUST! METHODIST UNIVERSITY OFFERS MBA CLASSES WITH A FOCUS ON ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP EACH FALL AND WITH A FOCUS ON HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION EACH SPRING</p>
23	Presidential Inauguration of Dr. Ben E. Hancock, Jr.	<p>10 AM to Noon: The public is invited to view the inaugural showcase displays depicting the Methodist University journey, and to hear about undergraduate research projects.</p> <p>2:00 PM Inauguration of Methodist University's 4th president, Dr. Ben Hancock.</p> <p>Contact: (910) 630-7043 or pmcevoy@methodist.edu Admission is free.</p>

24	Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra Concert	7:30 P.M. Reeves Auditorium
29	Music Educators National Conference Concert	7:30 P.M. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu
30	Friends of Music presents Dan Oxley, Trumpet	7:30 P.M. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free. Mr. Oxley is a freelance international gospel performing artist.
30	Easter Jam Concert	7:00 P.M. Doors open at 6:30. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7062 or samorrison@methodist.edu Admission is free with one non-perishable food item per person. The concert features Josh Wilson; Manna Church's Chris Fletcher and Common Ground.

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SOUTHERN WRITERS SYMPOSIUM SET FOR MARCH 17

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University will host the twenty-second annual Southern Writers Symposium March 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Medical Lecture Hall. The symposium will include readings, panel discussions, individual consultations, book sales, and signings. Winners of the symposium's Emerging Writers Contest will be recognized and read from their winning work.

The 2012 winners of the Emerging Writers Contest for fiction are: first place, "The Mayor of Biscoe" by Claudette Cohen; second place, "Interior Design" by Carolyn Cone Weaver; and honorable mention, "Down East Girl" by Julie Davis. Poetry winners are: first place, "The Ever-Chamber" by Andrew McFadyen-Ketchum; second place, "Into the Meadow" by Connie Jordan Green; and honorable mention, "Telling the Loved Ones" by Claudette Cohen.

"The judges felt that all Emerging Writers Contest finalists' work was strong and award-worthy," said Brenda Jernigan, instructor of English. "We appreciate all contest submissions and the careful reading by our judges to determine the winners."

Final judge for fiction entries in the Emerging Writers Contest was this year's keynote speaker Darnell Arnoult, writer-in-residence and assistant professor of English at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn. She authored the prize-winning collection "What Travels With Us: Poems" (LSU Press) and the novel "Sufficient Grace" (Free Press). She is a regular faculty member of the Table Rock Writers Workshop, Tennessee Young Writers Workshop, John C. Campbell Folk School, Learning Events, and the Appalachian Writers Workshop. Arnoult received the Weatherford Award for Appalachian Literature, SIBA Poetry Book of the Year, and Mary Frances Hobson Medal for Arts and Letters. In 2007, she was named Tennessee Writer of the Year by the Tennessee Writers Alliance.

Judging poetry finalists for the Emerging Writers Contest was David Rigsbee, a featured writer in this year's symposium and author of 20 books and chapbooks. His new book, "School of the Americas" is forthcoming in the spring of 2012. He is co-editor of *Invited Guest: An Anthology of Twentieth Century Southern Poetry* (University of Virginia Press), chosen as a "notable university press book" for 2001 by the American Library Association. He received the 2009 Black River Poetry Prize, the 2010 Sam Ragan Award, the Oscar Arnold Young Award, and a 2012 Pushcart Prize.

In addition to readings by Arnoult and Rigsbee, the 2011 Longleaf Press poetry chapbook contest winner, Nausheen Eusuf, will read from her winning work "What Remains." Eusuf is a doctoral student in English at Boston University.

"The symposium is a wonderful event for people who have an interest in creative writing, or who want to get help with their own writing," said Jernigan. "People who attend the Southern Writers Symposium can hear great writers, meet like-minded people, and get help with their own writing."

Individual consultations are available to symposium registrants who submit their fiction, creative nonfiction and poetry by March 9. These one-on-one consultations offer registrants the opportunity to improve their writing by meeting with members of the symposium's morning panel.

Symposium admission is \$25, which includes lunch. Admission to registrants submitting work by March 9 for the individual consultation, in addition to the symposium and lunch, costs \$45. Methodist University student admission is free to the symposium only, or \$10 to attend the lunch.

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**LIEUTENANT GENERAL FRANK HELMICK SHARES INSIGHT WITH
THE METHODIST UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Lieutenant General Frank G. Helmick gave a candid talk about his experiences in Iraq, addressing lessons learned, issues left unsolved, and dispensing leadership advice to a nearly full Reeves Auditorium at Methodist University Monday, Feb. 27.

LTG Helmick, who is commanding general of the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, commanded the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq, along with the NATO Training Mission in Iraq before coming to Fort Bragg in 2009. His speech was attended by Fayetteville community and military members, students, Army ROTC cadets, and Methodist University employees.

LTG Helmick started and ended his talk on the same note, reminding people to have fun and love what they do.

“If you go through life and you take yourself too seriously, that could be a challenge for you,” said LTG Helmick. “Take your work seriously, but not yourself seriously.”

LTG Helmick focused most of his hour-long discussion on events leading up to the closing of the war in Iraq, and the issues the leaders of both countries faced in that time. The concept of closing a war and leaving completely, he said, was new for the U.S. and had never been done before; he pointed out that the U.S. maintains bases around the world in places of previous conflict, such as Germany and Japan, among others.

Being a good leader, LTG Helmick said, is all about relationships. Leaders should be caring, have sincerity, and make other people feel important. Leaders are allowed to make mistakes, as long as they are original mistakes, he said.

“As a leader, you don’t have all the answers,” he said. “Believe it or not, there are good answers that pipe up from the bottom, and good leaders listen to some of that stuff that’s filtered up from the bottom.”

According to LTG Helmick, knowing the best use for different employees, helping people get promoted, and giving others credit for successes are also actions of a good leader.

After LTG Helmick spoke, President Ben E. Hancock Jr. gave him the President's Medallion for his valor and patriotism. The medallion is the school's highest non-academic award.

President Hancock said it was beneficial to everyone at the school to hear about LTG Helmick's experiences and insights on leadership, especially since one-fifth of Methodist's students are active military, veterans, or have family members who serve in the military. Many of the faculty and staff are also former military personnel.

"If you look at General Helmick and his role as commanding general, there are so many things he has accomplished, so many things that he means to this community, so many things that he means to this country," President Hancock said when he introduced LTG Helmick.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES THE INAUGURATION
OF ITS FOURTH PRESIDENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Ben E. Hancock Jr., Ph.D., will be sworn in as the fourth president of Methodist University Friday, March 23, 2012. The Inauguration and Investiture ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium, and will include a formal procession of trustees, distinguished guests, and faculty and staff, with a reception following the ceremony.

Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium and Inauguration Showcase

Pre-ceremony events include an Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium and Inauguration Showcase in the upper level of Berns Student Center from 10 a.m. to noon, with additional undergraduate research presentations at designated areas around the Methodist University campus. Undergraduate research and creativity is the subject of one of the four task forces that President Hancock announced in the fall as part of the new “Methodist University Journey” initiative. The Inauguration Showcase, which is open to the public, will feature additional campus initiatives and programs, and focus on the Center for Student Success and the work of the Community Engagement, Globalization, and Leadership Task Forces. The “Methodist University Journey” focuses on increasing opportunities for students to be engaged inside and outside of the classroom, fulfilling the institution’s motto to engage, enrich, and empower its students and community.

About President Hancock

Dr. Hancock has been president of Methodist University since March 2011. He succeeded Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, who retired after serving as president of the University for 27 years. The Presidential Inauguration will formally install the new president, and is an opportunity to celebrate Methodist University in a way that has not happened in over a quarter of a century. Since taking office, Dr. Hancock has joined the University as it is working through a five-year Strategic Plan, and a period of

unprecedented growth that includes a record enrollment of more than 2,400 students and a record student residential population of more than 1,200 students.

President Hancock came to Methodist University from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., where he served for five years as vice president for university advancement at the 18,000-student public university. Before serving at Ball State, Dr. Hancock served as vice president for institutional advancement for 17 years at Albion College in Michigan. Like Methodist University, Albion College is a small, private college with ties to the Methodist Church.

Dr. Hancock graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor of Arts in Russian Studies in 1974, and a Master of Education in counseling and higher education administration in 1975. In 2004, he completed a Ph.D. in comparative and international education at the University of Virginia.

He and his wife, Debbie, a special education teacher, have five adult children: Jessie, Sarah, Ben III, Matthew, and Andrew, and three grandchildren.

Inauguration Events

During the ceremony, Executive Vice President and Academic Dean Delmas S. Crisp Jr., Ph.D., will serve as master of ceremonies. The dress for the Inauguration is casual. In addition to the Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium, a student invitational art exhibit, "Crossing Over," will be open for public viewing Friday, March 23 from 9 a.m. – noon in the David McCune International Art Gallery located within the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts. The exhibit will remain open March 24 - May 5 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Student Activities Committee (SAC) is planning a celebration of the Inauguration titled "Benanza," which will take place Thursday, March 22, from 8 p.m. – midnight.

A full schedule of events, history of Methodist University and its past presidents, virtual guest book, and more can be found on the Inauguration website at www.methodist.edu/inauguration. The content of the site will be updated continuously leading up to the event and afterward.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES THE 16TH B.F. STONE
ENDOWED LYCEUM**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University will feature its 16th B. F. Stone Endowed Lyceum March 16 at 7 p.m. in the Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall on campus. This is an annual event that honors a Methodist faculty member for his or her scholarship.

This recipient this year is Dr. George Hendricks, chair of the Methodist University Department of Social Work. His presentation is titled “Effects of Educational Policy on Homeless Children,” and his lecture will describe his study of the impact of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001 on academic achievement of homeless children, and suggest some ways the act could be improved.

“The McKinney Act of 2001 is the most important federal legislation aimed at improving the educational experience of homeless students, who are increasing in numbers across the United States,” said Dr. Hendricks. “This program has never been the subject of an empirical evaluation.”

Under the format of the lyceum, his lecture will be followed by responses from two experts on homelessness, Dr. Terri Moore Brown, chair of the Department of Social Work at Fayetteville State University, and Diana Bowman, director of the National Center for Homeless Education in Greensboro.

Dr. Hendricks, who has been associated with the University for 11 years, was a social worker in Cumberland County Schools for 12 years prior to coming to Methodist University.

The event is organized by Dr. Vida Bajc of the Methodist University Department of Sociology, who was the recipient of the 15th B. F. Stone Endowed Lyceum last spring. Dr. Bajc will introduce the speaker. Methodist University President Ben E. Hancock, Jr. will present the mission of the Lyceum, which is to foster scholarly interaction among faculty, students, and the larger community.

The endowed lecture series began in 1998 with a generous gift from the estate of Mr. B.F. “Doc” Stone, a pharmacist from Elizabethtown, N.C. Stone was a respected and active member of the Methodist Church and a longtime supporter of the University. Admission is free and open to the public.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY'S RESORT MANAGEMENT CLUB EARNS
RECOGNITION AT CMAA WORLD CONFERENCE AS A
CHAPTER ORGANIZATION**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University's Resort Management (RMT) Club was recently accepted as a chapter organization of the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA). The club was officially recognized for reaching Student Club Chapter status Feb. 25 in New Orleans at the CMAA World Conference.

The group accepted its chapter status from Damon J. DiOrio, chief executive officer of Charlotte Country Club in Charlotte, N.C., who is the secretary-treasurer of CMAA's national board of directors.

"This is a huge award for our students and for the MU campus," said Dr. Sharon Kendrick, assistant professor of business administration, director of the Resort and Club Management Program, and one of the club's advisors. Al Stratta, the program's executive in residence, is also an advisor.

The RMT club's student officers are President Richelle Modolo, Vice President Victor Alvarez-Mendoza, Secretary Kyle Beach, and Treasurer Patrick Hamel.

Some of the requirements to be recognized as a CMAA chapter include maintaining a minimum of 10 members, having a CMAA-approved hospitality curriculum, participating in club tours, and being involved with the local senior chapter. Methodist University is one of only four schools in North and South Carolina to reach official chapter status. Chapter status gives the group national recognition, as well as eligibility for student chapter grants for travel to the CMAA World Conference.

Brian Boss, club manager at Yeamans Hall Club in Charleston, S.C., is the group's chapter liaison. He is a Methodist University alumnus and a graduate of the Professional Golf Management Program.

CMAA has more than 1,200 student members and maintains 42 student chapters and colonies at colleges and universities throughout the United States. Any student who is studying hospitality management at a four-year college or university may apply for a CMAA student membership even if there is not a chapter currently on the campus.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO OFFER MASTER OF EDUCATION PROGRAM

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University has announced the launch of its fourth master’s degree program, the Master of Education (M.Ed.) Program. The first course of the program will begin Monday, June 11, 2012.

Students in the Master of Education Program will choose a concentration in either literacy or special education. The program is designed to be completed in two years, taking classes over four regular semesters and two summers. During the fall and spring, the program will blend online and on-campus classes, while summer classes will consist of face-to-face instruction. This program is pending approval of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and State Board of Education.

“We are excited to offer this to the practicing teachers in the community as they continue to hone their skills as professional educators,” said Dr. Sue Godwin, associate professor of education, who was instrumental in designing the program and will be the director of the program. “We asked members of a Professional Community Committee what a master teacher looks like and designed the program to meet the needs and expectations in today's schools.”

The 36-semester-hour program will include 18 hours of core courses and 18 hours of courses specific to the concentration. Upon graduation, students will have earned additional licensure for teaching in their concentration. Their concentration will lead to NC professional licensure in reading or special education—general curriculum.

Applications for the program are currently being accepted, with a target of 18 to 25 students for the first cohort. For the full list of admission requirements and a link to the application, please visit <http://www.methodist.edu/med/>. Some of the main admission requirements include a bachelor’s degree in either elementary education or special education, a recognized teaching license, and a recommended combined GRE score of qualitative and quantitative of 1000 or MAT score at the 50th percentile. Tests must have been taken within the past 5 years.

The Master of Education faculty members are Dr. Sue Godwin, Dr. Jennifer Williams Mour, and Dr. Yvonne Nolan.

Methodist University's School of Graduate Studies offers a Master of Medical Science in physician assistant studies, a Master of Business Administration, and a Master of Justice Administration.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY PRESENTS FOURTH ANNUAL
JAZZ FESTIVAL**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—The fourth annual Methodist University Jazz Festival will take place Saturday, March 17, in Reeves Auditorium on the MU campus. The festival will start at 6 p.m., and admission is free and open to the public.

“We do this festival every year to give area bands an opportunity to perform, and to open our doors and welcome new faces to our campus,” said Charles Dumas, director of athletic bands at Methodist.

As well as the MU Jazz Monarchs, Southern Vance High School Jazz Band will also perform. The groups will play a mix of jazz styles, including Funk, Latin, Swing and Rock. Buddy Rich’s Channel One Suite will be performed, featuring MU’s own set drummer, sophomore Brandon Barry.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TAKE A
“SWIPE OUT OF HUNGER” IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INASMUCH**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University students recently took a “swipe out of hunger” in our community by providing breakfast meals on two occasions for the homeless served by Operation Inasmuch.

For one week in the fall semester, and again in the spring semester, Methodist University students had the opportunity to take a “swipe out of hunger” by making a \$2 donation to Operation Inasmuch when they swiped their Methodist University ID card in the University’s Green and Gold Café. Faculty and staff could swipe their cards and make a \$4 donation. The money was used to buy meals for the homeless.

The American Marketing Association’s (AMA) Collegiate Chapter at Methodist University campaigned for a month to encourage students campus wide to participate by distributing signs and mailbox stuffers, speaking to campus organizations, hanging door postings, and even writing on the sidewalks asking the students to take a swipe out of hunger.

Initially, that was the entire plan, but as the AMA students got involved, they wanted to take their project further. As the project matured, the students did not simply want to buy breakfast for the homeless, they wanted to cook and serve it as well. They found a way to do this by partnering with Sodexo at Methodist and did a joint venture to feed the homeless breakfast at the Operation Inasmuch shelter.

“This was the second time we conducted this community engagement project for Operation Inasmuch and with each event, it becomes more and more successful,” said Sherill McMillian, president of the Methodist University AMA Collegiate Chapter. “The students campus wide are excited about doing this project each semester and look forward to making a difference in the lives of the people who rely on the services provided by Operation Inasmuch.”

The students and Sodexo staff brought, cooked, and served breakfast at the shelter on Hillsboro Street Wednesday, March 14.

“It was a blessing for these students to take on such a project and they did it in a matter of 40 days, from start to finish, with plans to make this a permanent community engagement semester project,” said AMA sponsor Dr. Mark Kendrick, who is also on the board of directors for Operation Inasmuch. “The partnership that has developed between

our students, Sodexo, and Operation Inasmuch has simply been amazing. When the project first started last semester, the students were worried about getting enough swipes to provide enough food for one breakfast program at Operation Inasmuch. With this last project, the students at Methodist University donated enough meals that we can provide two days of breakfast meals for Operation Inasmuch. We are very proud of our students and their contributions to the Fayetteville community.”

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOST STUDENT ART INVITATIONAL

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—There will be an opening reception for the Student Artist Invitational “Crossing Over” Saturday, March 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Methodist University. The reception will be in the [David McCune International Art Gallery](#), where the show is located, inside the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts.

The event is free and open to the public. There will also be an unrelated performance by the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra happening at 7:30 p.m. in the nearby Reeves Auditorium on campus.

Seventeen MU students were selected and invited to participate in the show, based on the quality of their professional works. Those student artists are: Joscelyn Abreu, Jordan Adams, Kyonghwa Bouriaque, Ashley M. Carter, Aaron Casteel, Thomas Chase Counts, Michele da Costa, Adam Davila, Doo Lee, Tiffany Parsons, Michael J. Reynoso, Anthony Rose, Cindy Santa Cruz, Min Jeong Song, Lynda Ward, Brenden Scott Wilson, and Devon Wilson.

There was also a competition among all of the art students to design the invitations, posters and banner for the event. The winner, Aaron Casteel, was awarded a \$100 prize for his “Crossing Over” concept. His design uses an aerial view of the gallery space to depict a face.

“From our perspective, 'Crossing Over' is about moving from being a student with a student's stigma into the art world as a professional,” said Casteel. “The title also acknowledges Silvana Foti crossing over from the chair of the Art Department to the Gallery Executive Director. Also, we as the Art Department crossed over from holding our gallery shows in the front of Reeves Auditorium to being able to show our work in a real gallery.”

The Art Department's new facility opened in 2010, moving the department out of the Reeves Auditorium building and into its own space.

Casteel said the title could also refer to the installation of Methodist University's fourth president, Dr. Ben E. Hancock, Jr. The president's formal [Inauguration](#) will be held Friday, March 23, 2012. The show, which is separate from the Inauguration, will be open March 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. Afterward, the show will be on display from March 24 to May 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOST FREE EASTER JAM
CONCERT**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Christian recording artist Josh Wilson will headline this year’s Easter Jam concert in Reeves Auditorium at Methodist University Friday, March 30. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert will start at 7 p.m. With the donation of one or more non-perishable food item, admission to the concert is free.

“Easter Jam is an opportunity to hear one of the best up and coming Christian artists in the country for free, while supporting one of the most needed causes in our area,” said Sam Morrison, assistant director of the Center for Student Success and university relations event coordinator.

Wilson has several Christian Radio hits currently, including “I Refuse,” “Before the Morning” and “Fall Apart.”

This is the fourth annual concert hosted by MU Campus Ministry. The event will also include performances by Manna Church’s Chris Fletcher and the University’s own worship band, Common Ground.

All food collected during the concert will benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank. Campus Ministry has set a goal of 500 pounds of non-perishable food to be donated at the concert, and has challenged youth groups, churches, clubs and other organizations to help support this goal.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES THIRD BSFN PROGRAM

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Rebranding and the importance of integrating digital marketing will be the focus of the Business Succession Forum Network’s third workshop this year, which will be held Thursday, March 29.

The BSFN is sponsored by the Methodist University Center for Entrepreneurship. The lunch lecture will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free to BSFN member or \$25 for nonmembers, and includes lunch.

Shelley Kelly, president and CEO of Kelly MarCom, will share an in-depth case study of a recent brand transformation she led. She will also talk about the importance of integrating digital marketing, such as social media tools, into the rebrand. Her talk is titled: “Rebranding: Go Big or Go Home – Transforming an Established Brand.”

Kelly and her husband, Jamie Kelly, started the marketing communications firm Kelly MarCom in 1996. A graduate of North Carolina State University, she has received numerous accolades for her professional successes. She was one of the *Triangle Business Journal’s* “Top 40 Under 40” in 2007. In 2005, she was given the Women in Business award from the Triangle Business Journal, and in 2006, she won the Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business Owner of the Year award. In 2010, she was honored as a Stevie Award Finalist. This international business competition recognizes women that have made contributions both in business and the community.

The Business Succession Forum Network was launched in 2000 to connect business owners with experts in the field of business succession. This program emphasizes education and networking.

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Methodist University APRIL 2012 CALENDAR EVENTS

Date	Event	Details
April 1 To May 5th	"Crossing Over" Student Artist Invitational	David McCune International Art Gallery Bethune Center for Visual Arts 10 am - 5 pm M-F Exhibit on Display Admission is free For more information contact 910.630.7107 or sfoti@methodist.edu
2	Awards Day	11 am Reeves Auditorium Admission is free For more information contact 910.630.7031 or pellis@methodist.edu
6	Foreign Film Series presents <i>Micmacs</i>	French with English subtitles 7:00 pm Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7058 or jenwilliams@methodist.edu Admission is free
8	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00 am O'Hanlon Amphitheater Contact: (910) 630-7157 or dlwilson@methodist.edu Admission is free
13	MU Student Honors Recital	7:30 pm Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free
14	March of Dimes Walk for Babies	Registration, 9:00 am Walk Begins, 10:00 am Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7043 or pmcevoy@methodist.edu
15	Registration Deadline for STEM (Science,	Sponsored by the School of Science and Human Development To be held June 11-15, 2012 from 8:45 am - 12:00 pm daily Allison Hall

	Technology, Education, and Math) Day Camp	Contact: (910) 630-7057 or tgambrill@methodist.edu
16	Program: Homicide Investigation and Cold Case Seminar	Presented by the MU <u>Center for Excellence in Justice Administration</u> Featuring Cpt. Tom Bevel (ret.), Oklahoma City Police Department and Supervisory Special Agent Steve Chancellor, U. S. Army Criminal Investigation Division <u>Open to law enforcement officers, crime analysts, and crime scene investigators ONLY</u> ; Closed to the Public 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7420 or dpauly@methodist.edu Admission is free; Registration is required
16	MBA Program Open House	6:00 pm Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7493 or away@methodist.edu Admission is free
20	Foreign Film Series presents <i>Das Schreckliche Mädchen</i>	German with English subtitles 7:00 pm Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7058 or jenwilliams@methodist.edu Admission is free
20	All-Choirs Concert	7:30 pm Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu
25	Concert on the Quad	12:00 pm Quad Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free
26	Fayetteville Symphonic Band & MU Jazz Band Concert	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free



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METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO OFFER STEM DAY CAMP

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Young and curious scientists will explore a variety of topics at the 2012 Science Technology Education Mathematics Summer Day Camp at Methodist University the week of June 11. Registration for the event closes on April 15, and the registration fee is \$150, which includes a daily snack.

An expected 30 middle school children will attend the STEM camp for five days of fun and engaging educational activities on the themes of Mathematical Masterpieces, Virtual Reality and Robotics, Health and Forensic Science, Day of Discovery and Magic, and Creative Writing sySTEM. All of the camp sessions will be facilitated by MU faculty from the subject area.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon each day in Keith Allison Hall on the MU campus, with drop off at 8:45 a.m. and pick up by 12:10 p.m. On the last day, Friday, June 15, there will be a pizza party and Author's Chair, where students will share their original poems and collaborative stories.

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**MU STUDENTS PLACE IN THE ALL-TIME TOP 20 IN AN
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS STRATEGY SIMULATION**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Four Methodist University business students recently placed in the all-time top 20 in an international business strategy simulation.

The students, Jessica Britt, Kelsey Magnine, Justin Miller and Alex Pisano, called their team “Bike America” in the MikesBikes simulation. In the eight-week long simulation, teams of undergraduate seniors or first year MBA students from around the world run bicycle manufacturing companies. The students draw on their business knowledge to make decisions and compete against the other bicycle firms. Each week in the simulation is equal to one year in the real world, with students addressing issues such as manufacturing, customers, suppliers and employees. Winners are determined by the final share holder value at the end of the simulation.

Bike America ended the competition with a shareholder value of \$818.69 per share, which placed them at No. 4, all time, in the world. The team displaced Southern New Hampshire University, which moved down to No. 5.

All of the students are in Instructor Michael Wayland’s Business Policy and Strategy class. Two other MU teams have placed in the all-time top 20 in the past, taking first and 12th place in 2011. MikesBikes is an educational competition run by New Zealand company Smart Sims.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM
TO HOST THIRD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University's Physician Assistant Program will host its third annual golf tournament Friday, May 4, at the Gates Four Golf and Country Club.

The golf tournament will raise money for The Care Clinic and costs associated with the Class of 2013's national board review. The cost to play for individual players is \$75, or \$60 for MU faculty/staff. Registration fees include lunch, and corporate sponsorship fees are also available.

The tournament's structure is four-person captain's choice scramble. Registration opens at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. Unlimited complimentary range balls will be provided to all participants beginning at 10 a.m. There will also be Hole-In-One prizes of a brand new 2012 Hyundai Accent on the front 9 and \$1,000 on the back 9. Both prizes are courtesy of Lee Hyundai of Fayetteville.

The Methodist University Physician Assistant Program was established in 1996 and has sent nearly 280 graduates into practice all over the United States. The program boasts a 97 percent overall pass rate on the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE). The Class of 2011 had five students with maximum scores on the PANCE, which had never before been achieved in the history of the program.

The highly successful program takes pride in the review session that each student attends prior to taking the PANCE, which helps ensure that each student is prepared for the exam. Fund raisers such as this golf tournament help the students attend a review for their national certification exam. Other unique features of the Methodist University program include the full cadaver lab and anatomy lab.

The Care Clinic is a free treatment center that provides medical care to low-income and uninsured residents of Cumberland County. It first opened its doors in 1993 and operates under four major principles: compassion, assistance, referral, and education, all of which are vital components of healthcare today.

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and 19 NCAA III intercollegiate sports. For more information or to register for the tournament, contact Jennifer Mish, director of PA admissions and administration, at 910.630.7615. For more information about the Methodist University Physician Assistant Program, please visit www.methodist.edu/paprogram. The Care Clinic of Fayetteville's official website is www.thecareclinic.org.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES 2012
AWARD RECIPIENTS**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University held its annual awards ceremony Monday, April 2, 2011 in Reeves Auditorium. What follows is a list of award recipients for the 2011-2012 academic year, along with the class status (if applicable), and hometown city and state of each recipient.

Anthony J. DeLapa Art Achievement Award

Jocelyn Abreu, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

Willis C. Gates Music Award for Excellence
in Performance

Taira Lobban, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

Cumberland Oratorio Singers Choral Award

Chuck Stephenson, junior
Springville, N.Y.

Monarch Theatre Award

Nick Owen, senior,
Roseboro, N.C.

Robert S. Christian English Achievement Award

Jennifer Wood, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

George and Lillian Miller Award

Daniel Dessaur, senior
Spring Lake, N.C.

Plyler-Knott Award in Religion

Anthony Bishop, senior
Fayetteville, N.C.

Marie C. Fox Philosophy Award

Robert Gamble, graduate student
Fayetteville, N.C.

Joe Cannata Memorial Award

Maria Berrera-Frisone, senior
Quito, Ecuador

Writing Center Achievement Award	Barbara Cooper, junior <i>Sanford, N.C.</i>
Outstanding Health Care Administration Student Award	Genevieve Acosta, senior <i>Raeford, N.C.</i>
Charles M. Reeves, Jr. Outstanding Scholar	Jeffrey Headman, senior <i>Conneaut, Ohio</i>
David G. Wilson Community Service Award	Brittany Mullins, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Walter B. Clark Maximum Effort Award	Nyoma Clement Nickanora, sophomore <i>South Sudan</i>
Samuel J. Clark Award in Accounting	Jacob Cruz-Taitague, junior <i>Linden, N.C.</i>
Ronald P. Kirchner Award in Resort Management	Anastasiya Saakova, senior <i>Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>
William “Bill” Bailey Memorial Marketing Award	Christopher Harper, junior <i>Yadkinville, N.C.</i>
Coach Larry Kirchner Gold Medal Award	Chris McLaren, junior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Wenda D. Johnson Leadership Award	Jacob McSwain, sophomore <i>Southern Pines, N.C.</i>
Sport Management Rookie of the Year Award	William Zeoli, sophomore <i>Holly Springs, N.C.</i>
PGA Golf Management Outstanding Senior Female	Kelsey Magnine, senior <i>Amery, Wis.</i>
PGA Golf Management Outstanding Senior Male	Robert Glass, senior <i>Sterling, Conn.</i>
PGA Golf Management Outstanding Junior Male	Nick Gonneville, junior <i>Northfield, Vt.</i>
Deborah Murray Outstanding Social Work Student	Maren Comfort, senior <i>Sanford, N.C.</i>
Outstanding Social Work Senior	Princess Mercer, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Outstanding Justice Studies Service Award	Alysa Freeborough, senior <i>Warren, Pa.</i>

Outstanding Justice Studies Graduate Award	Jacob Drumheller, senior <i>Raeford, N.C.</i>
Outstanding Criminal Justice Scholar Award	Elicia (Furtado) Kieser, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
The Publisher's Award	Matthew Snowberger, junior <i>Melrose, Fla.</i>
Lura S. Tally Award for Leadership Excellence	Jenny Wayland, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Methodist University President's ROTC Award	Nicholas Sauls, senior <i>Severn, Md.</i>
Outstanding Political Science Student Award	Marissa Kuzbyt, senior <i>Plainsboro, N.J.</i>
Pauline Longest Education Award	Megan Tew, senior <i>Dunn, N.C.</i>
Wenda D. Johnson Physical Education Major of the Year Award	Nathan Kindley, senior <i>Mount Pleasant, N.C.</i>
Exercise Science Award	Olivia Florence, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
American Institute of Chemists Student Award	Nolan Outlaw, senior <i>Albertson, N.C.</i>
The Mendeleevium Medallion	Courtney Benton, senior <i>Rocky Point, N.C.</i>
CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award	Taylor Tipton, freshman <i>Saint Joseph, Mo.</i>
	Mariama Jabati, freshman <i>Sierra Leone</i>
Balaez-Ambrose Mathematics Award	James Council, senior <i>Fayetteville, N.C.</i>
Ott-Cooper Science Award	Nolan Outlaw, senior <i>Albertson, N.C.</i>
Clark Memorial Science Service Award	Matea Peric, senior <i>Bosnia and Herzegovina</i>

Senior Athletes of the Year Award	Ashlynn Chavis, senior <i>Maxton, N.C.</i>
	Trey Such, senior <i>Sanford, N.C.</i>
Annual Award for Excellence in Academic Advising	Dr. Pamela Strickland Associate Professor of Accounting
Exemplary Teacher Award from the General Board of Higher Educational Ministry of the United Methodist Church	Dr. David Turner Professor of Speech
Distinguished Professor of the Year Award	Dr. Eric See Assistant Professor of Justice Studies
Alfred E. Cleveland Award for Excellence in Teaching	Mrs. Pat Jones Distinguished Service Professor of Mathematics
McLean Endowed Professors	Ms. Robin Greene Professor of English
	Dr. Rebecca Wendelken Professor of History

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Award Descriptions

The Joe Cannata Memorial Award is given in memory of Joe Cannata, a former sociology student. The recipient is a senior sociology major selected by the sociology faculty in recognition of academic achievement and service in advancement of the discipline.

The Robert S. Christian English Achievement Award was established in 2002 by the English Department faculty to honor Dr. Robert S. Christian for his many years of service to the department and to the university as a whole. The award is presented annually to the graduating senior English major deemed to be most worthy of receiving the award by members of the English Department faculty. Only graduating English majors with an overall GPA of 3.40 or higher in courses counting toward fulfillment of requirements for the major in English will be considered. Other distinguished contributions to the intellectual and cultural life of the department and of the university as a whole will be evaluated. The award consists of an honorarium of \$200 and a certificate.

The Plyler Award in the School of Arts and Humanities, established as the Plyler Humanities Award in 1988 by Dr. Lorenzo Plyler and his family in memory of the late Elizabeth (Betty) Plyler, consists of \$100 presented to a graduating senior in the School of Arts and Humanities chosen by the Chairs of the Departments within the School of Arts and Humanities.

The Annual Award for Excellence in Academic Advising was established during the 2009-2010 academic year by the Academic Advising Committee to honor excellence in Academic Advising. The award is presented annually to one or more academic advisors who demonstrate superior knowledge, skills in developmental advising and the ability to foster exemplary mentoring relationships. The award consists of a \$100 honorarium, an acrylic, individual trophy, and a memorial plaque inscribed with the recipient's name. The memorial plaque is proudly displayed in the Horner Administration Building.

The Cumberland Oratorio Singers Choral Award is given annually by the Cumberland Oratorio Singers to a member of the Methodist University Chorus whom the conductor feels most nearly embodies the characteristics of an ideal choral singer. It is an award of \$100 and an engraved plaque.

The Anthony J. DeLapa Art Achievement Award is given in memory of Dr. Tony DeLapa for his service as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chair of the Education Department. It is presented to a junior or senior Art or Art Education major selected by the Fine Arts Division. The award is based on academic excellence, contributions to the arts, and potential as an artist. The award consists of a \$250 honorarium, a certificate, and inscription of the recipient's name on a permanent plaque displayed in the Fine Arts Division.

The Willis C. Gates Music Award for Excellence in Performance was established by the music faculty in 1979 to honor Dr. Gates, one of the original faculty members of Methodist College and the first Chair of the

Department of Music. The award is presented to the student deemed by the music faculty to be the finest performing artist of the academic year. The student's name is inscribed on a plaque that is on permanent display at the university and on a smaller plaque commemorating the award.

The George and Lillian Miller Award, established by Methodist College's first Dean of Women, who was also a member of the History Department, is presented to the history student with the greatest academic potential. The student must have completed 18 s.h. of work in history by or during the second semester of his/her junior year. The honorarium is a \$50 United States Government Bond or the cash equivalent.

The Pulliam Award was established in 1994 to honor Bruce R. Pulliam, Associate Professor of Social Science. The fifty-dollar honorarium is presented to the graduating History major with the highest G.P.A. in History.

The Professors' Spanish Award was established in 2009 by the chair of the department of modern languages to recognize the advancement of students majoring/minoring in Spanish. It is given to the student with the highest academic potential. Students whose native tongue is Spanish are not eligible. It consists of a \$50.00 check and a certificate of recognition.

The Outstanding Justice Studies Graduate Award is presented to the outstanding justice studies graduate in recognition of outstanding leadership, service and academic achievement. The recipient is chosen by the justice studies faculty.

The Outstanding Justice Studies Service Award is presented to the outstanding justice studies student in recognition of outstanding loyalty and service to the justice studies program. The recipient is chosen by the justice studies faculty.

The Outstanding Political Science Student Award was established by the Department of Government Studies in 2002 to recognize a student who has exhibited outstanding leadership, service, and academic achievement. The student must be majoring in Political Science and selected by Department faculty. The award usually consists of a \$250 honorarium and a certificate of recognition. The student's name will be inscribed on a plaque permanently displayed in the Trustees' Building.

The Outstanding Social Work Senior and Student Awards were established by the Social Work Department to honor top students as selected by the Social Work faculty, in recognition of leadership, service and academic achievement.

The Lura S. Tally Award for Leadership Excellence was established in 1999 to recognize a student who has exhibited outstanding leadership. The recipient must be minoring in Leadership Studies, be a rising senior, and have a demonstrated record of leadership excellence. The student is selected by Leadership Program faculty and representatives from the Advisory Board of the Tally Center. The award consists of a \$500 honorarium and a certificate of recognition. The student's name will be inscribed on a plaque that is on permanent display at the university.

The Clark Award in Accounting honors Samuel J. Clark, Director of Computing at Methodist University and a previous Registrar and Director of Extension Services. Clark came to the Methodist College as an Instructor

of Accounting. This award is given yearly to the most outstanding junior or senior Accounting major based on a vote of the faculty of the Accounting Department. It consists of a \$100 United States Savings Bond.

The Outstanding Health Care Administration Student Award was established in 1995 by the Sandhills Healthcare Executives Forum, a local affiliate of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). The award is presented annually to a Health Care Administration graduating senior for scholastic achievement, service to the community, and for active membership in the ACHE. The award consists of a \$250 honorarium and a plaque; in addition, the individual's name will be permanently inscribed on a memorial plaque.

The Wenda D. Johnson Leadership Award is presented by the Sport Management Association in memory of Dr. Johnson, who served as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Methodist University. It honors a sport management student leader for outstanding contributions to the co-curricular life of the University, growth in leadership roles, and creative involvement in campus life.

The Coach Larry Kirchner Gold Medal Award was established in 2006 by Dr. Mary Kirchner, her husband Charles, and her four sons to honor her father, Lawrence Wayne Kirchner (1937-2002), for his lifelong contributions to inner-city athletic programs. Coach K. coached several Detroit area baseball players who went on to play professional baseball, as well as countless young men who benefited from his example of generosity and sportsmanship. This award is given to the most outstanding junior or senior in the Sport Management program, as determined by the Sport Management faculty. The award consists of a \$100 honorarium, a certificate, and inscription of the recipient's name on a memorial plaque permanently displayed in the Reeves School of Business.

The Sport Management Rookie of the Year Award is given to an outstanding freshman or sophomore. It recognizes a student who has been actively involved in the Sport Management program and demonstrates potential in his or her chosen career.

The Ronald P. Kirchner Award in Resort Management was established in 2006 by Dr. Mary Kirchner to honor her uncle, Ronald Paul Kirchner (1936-2004) for his contributions to the resort industry. Mr. Kirchner was a founder and owner of the Hartland Glen Golf Club and maintained an interest in golf and resorts throughout his life. This award is given to the most outstanding junior or senior in the Resort Management program, as determined by the Resort Management faculty. The award consists of a \$100 honorarium, a certificate, and inscription of the recipient's name on a memorial plaque permanently displayed in the Reeves School of Business.

The Outstanding Marketing Student Award recognizes an outstanding student majoring in marketing. Selection is based on academic achievement, participation in class and extracurricular activities, and potential for future success. The recipient is chosen by the Marketing faculty.

The Charles M. Reeves, Jr. Outstanding Scholar Award was established in 1993 to honor Mr. Charles M. Reeves, Jr. The award is presented to an outstanding senior at Award's Day. The recipient must have 106 s.h. for the academic semester ending in December and should be involved in extracurricular activity, preferably in the business areas. The award consists of a \$100 honorarium and a certificate of recognition.

The David G. Wilson Community Service Award was established in 1983 by Joe Doll to honor the first Executive-in-Residence in the Reeves School of Business. It is presented to a business student for outstanding service to the non-University community and consists of a \$100 honorarium, a framed certificate, and inscription of the student's name on a plaque displayed in Clark Hall.

The Writing Center Achievement Award will be given by the Methodist University Writing Center to the student who has shown the greatest progress in his or her writing during the current academic year. The recipient will receive a Certificate of Achievement and a \$50 gift card from Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

The American Institute of Chemists Student Award is sponsored by the American Institute of Chemists Foundation, Inc. to a senior student majoring in the area of chemistry, chemical engineering, or biochemistry who demonstrated a record of ability, leadership, and professional promise. The award consists of a certificate and a one-year Student Associate membership in the American Institute of Chemists Foundation.

The Balaez-Ambrose Mathematics Award was established in 1969 to honor Dr. Ofelia M. Balaez and Mr. Robert B. Ambrose, Professors of Mathematics. It is presented to the mathematics student with the greatest academic potential. The student must have completed 18 s.h. of work in mathematics by or during the second semester of his/her junior year. The award consists of \$100 in cash and a certificate of recognition.

The Clark Memorial Science Service Award was established in 1984 by the Biology faculty to honor Dr. Fred E. Clark, Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Biology. It is given to the student making the greatest contribution to the Science Department programs and activities.

The CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award is sponsored by CRC Press LLC to a student who is currently enrolled in the General Chemistry course on the basis of outstanding academic achievement in chemistry. The award consists of a complimentary copy of the CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics and a commemorative scroll to be mounted on the inside cover of the book.

The Wenda D. Johnson Physical Education Major of the Year Award was established in 2006 to honor a student for outstanding character, high academic performance, professionalism, and community service.

The Ott-Cooper Science Award was established in 1971 by Mrs. Pauline Longest to honor the first and second Chairmen of the Science and Mathematics Division, Drs. Charles N. Ott and William C. Cooper. It is presented to a senior science major for scholastic achievement, interest, participation in Science Department activities and potential for success in a science-related career. The award consists of \$100 and a certificate of recognition.

The PGA Golf Management Outstanding Student Awards (funded jointly by The Acushnet Company & PGA Golf Management Staff) is given to the outstanding male and female students in their respective classes (Juniors and Seniors) who have shown outstanding performance in the classroom represented by a 3.25 cumulative GPA or above and during their Internship Experiences, successful completion of all PGA Checkpoints to date, service to the PGA Golf Management Program, service to the University, and service to the Community.

The Fayetteville Rotary Club William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Awards were established in 1995 by the Fayetteville Rotary Club to honor Reverend Lowdermilk for both his service to Rotary International and his 32-year service to Methodist College from 1963-1995. Nominations for the annual award

come from students, faculty, and staff, based on set criteria, including meeting the “Four-Way Test” of Rotary. Award recipients are selected by representatives from the University and the Fayetteville Rotary Club. Eight awards are now given annually. Four winners receive a \$1,000 cash award and a \$4,000 MU scholarship; another four students receive a \$1,000 cash award and a \$2,000 scholarship. Winners’ names are inscribed on a plaque that is on permanent display in the Alumni Dining Room at Methodist University.

The Methodist University President’s ROTC Award is presented to the cadet who has displayed the highest level of leadership and military excellence since entering ROTC.

The Mendeleevium Medallion was established in 2010 by the chemistry faculty and is presented to a graduating Chemistry major. The recipient is selected by the Chemistry and Physical Science faculty in recognition of exceptional academic achievement and active involvement and service within the department. The winner must also have graduate or professional school aspirations. The award consists of a medallion, certificate, and monetary award.

The Senior Athlete of the Year Awards—Senior Female Athlete of the Year and Senior Male Athlete of the Year— are presented annually. A vote of the head coaches determines the recipients. Criteria include a minimum 2.0 G.P.A., athletic achievement and good character.

Marshals for 2009 Graduations were selected by a faculty vote from nominees from the sophomore and junior classes on the basis of academic standing. To be eligible, the student must have been a full-time student for two semesters.

The Exemplary Teacher Award from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church honors an outstanding teacher who exemplifies excellence in teaching; civility and concern for students and colleagues; commitment to value-centered education; and service to students, the institution, and the community. The recipient is selected by the university president and the academic dean and receives a certificate of appreciation and a \$500 award.

The Distinguished Professor of the Year Award is presented to a faculty member who has made a distinct difference in the teaching climate of the college in such areas as: model classroom teaching, campus leadership, pioneering teaching methodology, creative course development and/or instructional support. The distinguished teacher selected will receive a taxable \$1,000 grant.

The Alfred E. Cleveland Award for Excellence in Teaching was established in 2008 by Al Cleveland, chairman of the Methodist University Board of Trustees, to honor a faculty member who personifies excellence in mastery of his or her discipline, teaching methods, attitude, and interaction with students. Nominees must have taught full-time at Methodist for at least three academic years. The recipient is chosen by a selection committee comprised of the President, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and two students—the president of the Student Government Association and the Chief Marshal for the current academic year. This is the highest teaching award given at Methodist University and includes a \$4,500 honorarium.

The Monarch Theatre Award is given to the students who have contributed the most during the season to Methodist University Theatre Department productions, either in performance on stage or as technical support staff backstage.



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MU CHALLENGE TO BENEFIT WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—The MU Challenge, “Run, Ride, Fight Gone Right” will be start at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 21, in Wade, N.C. Organized by the students of Methodist University's Event and Facility Management class, the MU Challenge will raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project. Students chose the “Fight Gone Right” name in reference to the soldiers supported through the charity, who have already had a “fight gone bad.”

Participants can choose between competing in a 1-kilometer walk, 5- or 10-kilometer run, a bike ride (18, 36 or 54 miles) or a “biathlon” event that includes the 54-mile ride and 10-kilometer run. The 'Fight Gone Right' element of the challenge is comprised of the run and bike events, as well as some exercise activities that would often been seen in a CrossFit gym. Participants can register for some or all of the events, depending on whether they want a short walk or an intense work-out.

“The purpose of this event is to both benefit the Wounded Warrior Project and provide the students of this Event and Facility Management class the opportunity to acquire 'hands on' experience of hosting an event,” said Nimocks International Professor of Business and Professor of Sport Management Dr. Greg Combs. “They chose the Wounded Warrior Project because it’s a charity close to the hearts of many, not just in Fayetteville, but throughout the United States.”

The MU Challenge will start and end at the Wade Community Fire Department, at 3926 Church St., Wade, about 15 minutes east of the Methodist University campus.

The entrance fees on the day of the event are: \$15 for 1, 5 and 10k run or walk, \$25 for 18, 36 and 54 mile bike ride, and \$40 for the combination of “Run, Ride, Fight Gone Right. Discounts are available with advance registration online at <http://www.active.com/cycling/wade-nc/run-ride-fight-gone-right-2012>. Finishers will receive a set of MU Challenge dog tags.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES 49TH ANNUAL
SPRING COMMENCEMENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University will celebrate its 49th Annual Spring Commencement Ceremony Saturday, May 5, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. Frank Brown Holding, Jr. will deliver the commencement speech and the Rev. Michael Fletcher will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

Holding is chairman and chief executive officer of Raleigh-headquartered First Citizens BancShares Inc. and its First Citizens Bank subsidiary. He was elected chairman in February 2009 and has served as chief executive officer since January 2008. He is a member of the third generation of the Holding family to lead the bank, which was founded in 1898. Prior to his current duties, Holding was elected president of First Citizens in 1994. He previously served in a variety of other senior management positions for the bank in Charlotte, Raleigh, Wilmington, Swansboro and Fayetteville, where he served as a top bank executive for five years, from 1989 to 1991.

Holding currently serves as chairman of the North Carolina Chamber and is on the board of many organizations, including BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Campbell Law Board of Visitors, Mount Olive Pickle Company, and the Institute for Defense and Business. A native of Smithfield, N.C., he received a bachelor's degree in business from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master of Business Administration from The Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania.

Before the commencement, Methodist University will hold a pre-baccalaureate reception for graduates and parents in front of Reeves Auditorium. The baccalaureate service will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The baccalaureate is a brief religious ceremony traditionally performed at faith-based higher education institutions, with prayers for students and a sermon. This year's sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Fletcher, who has been senior pastor of Manna Church in Fayetteville for more than 25 years.

There currently 180 candidates for graduation. Eight Army ROTC cadets will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army: Brenda Conteh, Kemisha Drew, Ashley Selfridge, Christopher Romeo, Richard Rivera, Nicholas Sauls, Sondra Thompson and Andrea Candlish. In a custom inaugurated at Methodist University in

1985, graduating student Mustapha Saleh will present the flag of Algeria, Alexis Lanza will present the flag of Belize, and Reifa Tangon will present the flag of Indonesia. The flags and a list of their donors are permanently displayed in the Berns Student Center. Additionally, Methodist University will announce the Distinguished Graduate and award the L. Stacy Weaver Award.

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MU APRIL 2012 CALENDAR EVENTS

Date	Event	Details
2	MU Retirement Reception	Methodist University will hold a reception in honor of four faculty members who are retiring. Between them, they have given a combined 103 years of service to Methodist University. The reception is open to the public and will be held in the lobby of Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist University campus from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The retiring faculty and their times at Methodist are: Dr. Sid Gautum, 44 years; Patricia Jones, 30 years; Dr. Elizabeth Belford-Horan, 18 years; and Dr. Robert Ritzema, 11 years.
Ending May 5th	<u>"Crossing Over" Student Artist Invitational</u>	David McCune International Art Gallery Bethune Center for Visual Arts Exhibit on Display Mar. 26 - May 5 10 am - 5 pm M-F No admission charge
4	Physician Assistant Program 3rd Annual Golf Tournament	Gates Four Golf & Country Club May 4 For more information about the Methodist University Physician Assistant Program, log onto our official website at: www.methodist.edu/paprogram or For more information about The Care Clinic of Fayetteville, log onto their official website at: http://www.thecareclinic.org About the Methodist University Physician Assistant Program Golf Tournament The Methodist University Physician Assistant Program was established in 1996 and has sent nearly 280 graduates into practice all over the United States.

		<p>Methodist University has a passion for excellence that spills over into the quality of the health care professionals who graduate each year. A key reason for our continued success is the review session that each student attends prior to taking the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE). This review helps ensure that each student is prepared for the exam. Fund raisers such as this golf tournament will help the students in Methodist University's Physician Assistant Program attend a review for their national certification exam.</p> <p>Most importantly, this year's golf tournament will also help benefit The Care Clinic of Fayetteville. The Care Clinic is a free treatment center that provides medical care to low in-come and uninsured residents of Cumberland County. It first opened its doors in 1993 and operates under four major principles: Compassion, Assistance, Referral, and Education, all of which are vital components of healthcare today.</p> <p>MUPAP maintains a commitment to better health-care and excellence. Did you know...</p> <p>the Methodist University PA Program (MUPAP) boasts a 97% overall pass rate on the PANCE.</p> <p>The Class of 2011 had 5 maximum scores on the PANCE, which has never been achieved in the history of the program.</p> <p>MU is one of the only PA Programs to offer a full cadaver lab, reserved strictly for PA Students.</p> <p>The MUPAP receives over 450 applications a year for 40 seats.</p> <p>The MUPAP just recently open the doors to a full Anatomy Lab and 168 seat Medical Lecture Hall.</p>
5	Baccalaureate Service	Reeves Auditorium May 5 at 10:30 am
5	Graduation	March F. Riddle Center 2:00 pm Admission by ticket only until 1:45 pm
14	MBA Program Open House	Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall 6:00 pm Contact: (910) 630-7493 or away@methodist.edu Admission is free



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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL
HOLTSCLAW LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University’s Student Leaders at Methodist (SLAM) program recently selected sophomore Nyoma Clement Nickonora to receive the inaugural Holtsclaw Leadership Award.

The award will be given annually to a student who has successfully completed the Student Leaders at Methodist program and has demonstrated, through design or implementation of programs, the ability to lead with integrity, character, dedication and vision, as well as inspiring other students to lead.

“Mr. Nickonora certainly met the criteria for this award,” said Harriet Stevenson, coordinator of the SLAM program. “As a sophomore, he is the president of the MU Model United Nations Club, a club which he courageously revived. He inspired club members and led a team of fourteen students to a conference at UNC Charlotte, where the team was recognized with the highest award handed out at the conference.”

Nickonora also recently won a 2012 Davis Projects for Peace award, along with two other students, Talata Evers and Joy Minalla. Their joint project, “Rebuilding the Ruins and Promoting Peace,” will allow them to renovate a library this summer in St. Joseph’s Secondary school in South Sudan, Nickonora’s home country. The project will also purchase textbooks and teachers’ materials for the library, and the MU students will provide a series of workshops and seminars to empower students with the skills necessary to succeed.

Nickonora also has served as treasurer for the Methodist University International Club and secretary for the Monarch Leaders of the 21st Century organization.

The Holtsclaw Leadership Award is named in honor of the distinguished leadership that has been shown by Tim and Gwen Holtsclaw, both Methodist graduates and successful business owners in Fayetteville.

“I couldn’t be happier with this year’s recipient,” said Tim Holtsclaw. “I expect great things out of this young man, and Gwen and I are happy that we could recognize him with this leadership award.”

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WITH GOODWILL
INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR PROJECT 3D**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University’s “Project 3-D, Don’t Dump, Donate” is underway on campus for the fourth year. Project 3-D collects and donates clothing and other items during the end of the school year, as students are moving out of the residence halls. This year’s collection will again be given to Goodwill Industries of Eastern North Carolina. Last year, students engaged in the project collected enough items to fill more than half of a tractor-trailer container.

Goodwill representatives will be on campus **Friday, May 4, at 10 a.m.** to formally accept the donations. The items in the trailer will be moved and distributed afterward. Donations are currently being accepted from students, faculty and staff until Monday, April 7.

“We were very pleased with the amount of donations and what we got last year,” said Becky Lytle, a representative from the agency’s Durham office. “The nice thing about this effort is it’s a great opportunity for college students to learn about us and gives them the opportunity to donate to us when they have items they no longer need. It’s a great way to recycle and rescue items, and that’s a great benefit.”

Goodwill Industries of Eastern North Carolina is one of 182 autonomous Goodwill organizations in North America, and 48 associate organizations in 34 countries. The organization uses the sale of donated items to fund job training programs throughout the world.

“Anything we get that we can sell in our stores helps us with the programs and services we offer to Eastern North Carolina and the world,” said Lytle.

The newest of the Eastern North Carolina organization’s 35 stores opened on April 19 at 9550 Cliffdale Road, Fayetteville. A second Fayetteville store is located on Raeford Road.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY HONORS FOUR RETIRING FACULTY MEMBERS FOR 103 YEARS OF COMBINED SERVICE

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University will hold a reception Wednesday, May 2, in honor of four faculty members who are retiring. Between them, they have given a combined 103 years of service to Methodist University. The reception is open to the public and will be held in the lobby of Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist University campus from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The retiring faculty and their times at Methodist are: Dr. Sid Gautum, 44 years; Patricia Jones, 30 years; Dr. Elizabeth Belford-Horan, 18 years; and Dr. Robert Ritzema, 11 years.

Gautum is best known as the founder and director of the Methodist University Center for Entrepreneurship, which he started in 1973. He is a professor of financial economics and was recently honored for his work with the CFE at the Stock Market Symposium earlier this month.

Jones is a Distinguished Professor of Mathematics who was recently awarded the 2012 Alfred E. Cleveland Award for Excellence in Teaching.

“She’s good with students,” said Mathematics Department Chair Dr. Shivappa Palled. “The students like her very much.”

Belford-Horan is a professor in the Education Department and the coordinator for middle grades. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and was the first woman president of the Fayetteville Rotary Club.

Ritzema is a professor of psychology and the chair of the department.

“Bob Ritzema is one of the people who make working at Methodist University a joy,” said Dr. Steven Brey, the dean of the School of Arts and Humanities. “It was a comfort always knowing I could count on him, and I speak on behalf of my colleagues in saying that he will be missed.”

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY HONORS FOUR RETIRING
FACULTY MEMBERS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—The Methodist University community honored four retiring faculty members Wednesday, May 2, at a farewell reception held to thank them for their time with and service to the University.

The event was held in the newly-renovated lobby of Reeves Auditorium, where friends and family members of the retirees mingled with current Methodist University employees and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres. Recognized were Dr. Sid Gautam, Professor Patricia Jones, Dr. Elizabeth Belford-Horan, and Dr. Robert Ritzema. The four were honored with personal recognitions from coworkers and appreciation gifts from the University. Each received a crystal Tiffany bowl inscribed with their name and years of service.

“We are so fortunate for their service, for their contributions to Methodist, for their contributions to this community, and I think there’s no better evidence of that than the great turnout that’s here this afternoon to honor these four individuals,” said President Ben Hancock.

Dr. Gautam has been a part of Methodist University for 44 years. He is best known as the founder and director of the MU Center for Entrepreneurship, which he started in 1973. He is a professor of financial economics and was recently honored for his work with CFE at the Stock Market Symposium earlier this month. Professor Joe Doll, dean of the Reeves School of Business, credited Dr. Gautam for his success in helping many others find success as entrepreneurs.

“Sid’s done so much in the community,” said Doll.

Patricia Jones is retiring after 30 years with Methodist. She is the Distinguished Service Professor of Mathematics and recently was awarded the 2012 Alfred E. Cleveland Award for Excellence in Teaching. Her coworker, Dr. Margaret Folsom, said Jones was a favorite with students because she presented math in a way that was not intimidating.

“She takes a lot of the fear out of math,” said Dr. Folsom. “... How can you be afraid of a course taught by somebody as colorful, and as cheerful and as downright nice as Pat?”

Dr. Belford-Horan is a professor in the Education Department and the coordinator for Middle Grades. Retiring after 18 years at Methodist, she is a Paul Harris Fellow. Dr. Jaunita Heyward, a colleague of Dr. Belford-Horan, recognized her friend for serving as the first woman president of the local Rotary club, giving many hours of community service, and the friendly attitude she uses to greet everyone.

Dr. Ritzema, a professor of psychology and the chair of the department, retires with 11 years at MU. He came into teaching after roughly 20 years as a practicing therapist. His colleague, Dr. Katharine Snyder, praised him for his work advising students in the psychology club and his volunteer counseling work in the community and prisons.

“He feels a passion to give psychology away, and he gives psychology away to those who are most unfortunate and in dire circumstances,” said Dr. Snyder.

Dr. Hancock thanked everyone for attending at the end of the reception.

“It’s important that we take the time to recognize the contributions of these four individuals,” said Dr. Hancock. “I think one of the reasons that Methodist is such a special place is the value we place on our colleagues, the value we place on teaching, the value we place on our students and on this campus. I think it’s one of the things that sets us apart.”

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES 49TH ANNUAL
SPRING COMMENCEMENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Telling students to live meaningful, interest-bearing lives, Frank B. Holding Jr. shared motivational life lessons with Methodist University’s graduating class Saturday, May 5.

Holding, who is chairman and chief executive officer of Raleigh-headquartered First Citizens BancShares Inc. and its First Citizens Bank subsidiary, was the commencement speaker at Methodist University’s 49th annual spring commencement, held in the March F. Riddle Center on campus. The University conferred 160 degrees.

Framing his speech in terms of what he knows best—banking—Holding gave six pieces of advice he has learned from his career: there are opportunities out there, even in difficult times; character is essential; always keep your life’s checkbook balanced; relationships matter; invest in long-term growth; and take all you’ve invested in yourself and give back with interest.

“An interest-bearing life is one in which you take all those long-term investments that you made on yourself, and give back a portion to your community, your church, or your world,” said Holding. “Each year, students at this University demonstrate the importance of giving back with interest. They are engaged in numerous service opportunities, from blood drives to food drives.”

Holding encouraged the graduates to take their diplomas and use them to write the next pages in the stories of their meaningful lives.

“Scripting a meaningful life is really about being intentional,” said Holding. “Like good writing, it takes a great deal of thought, lots of editing, rewriting, and hard work, and sometimes the plot doesn’t turn out the way you intended. You have to persevere and be ready to change and grow.”

After his speech, there were several special recognitions. The University awarded honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees to Holding and Harvey T. Wright II ’70.

Holding has been CEO of First Citizens since 2008. He was elected as chairman in 2009. He is a member of the third generation of the Holding family to lead the bank, which was founded in 1898.

Holding also currently serves as chairman of the North Carolina Chamber and is on the board of many organizations, including BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Campbell Law Board of Visitors, Mount Olive Pickle Company and the Institute for Defense and Business.

Wright, who graduated from Methodist in 1970, has served on the University's Board of Trustees for 18 years and has been chair of the Board of Trustees for the last four years. He led the search for the new president and was active in the adoption of the Master Plan. Wright is a senior vice president with Merrill Lynch, where he has been employed for 35 years.

Wright was honored for his many years of service to the school, which most recently includes a generous commitment of \$5 million to establish an endowed scholarship fund. The Harvey and Mary Fermanides Wright Scholarship is the largest single gift to the University in its history. The Wright Scholars Program will be the highest merit scholarship offered by Methodist University. The scholarship program will begin in the 2013-14 academic year, when an estimated five students will be selected to each receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

Next recognized were six Army ROTC cadets, Andrew Candlish, Kemisha Drew, Richard Rivera, Christopher Romeo, Nicholas Sauls, and Sondra Thompson, who were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army during the ceremony.

Three international students were also recognized as being the first students from their countries to graduate from Methodist. As is tradition, Mustapha Saleh from Algeria, Alexis Lanza from Belize, and Reifa Tangon from Indonesia, presented the University with their national flags, which will be added to the display of flags at special events and on permanent display in the Berns Student Center. With those additions, there are now 92 international flags on display.

Brittany Davis, an applied exercise science major, was the recipient of the L. Stacy Weaver Award. The University gives the award, named after Methodist University's first president, to an outstanding member of the graduating class for academic excellence, spiritual development, leadership, and service.

The last recognition before the degrees were presented was chemistry major Nolan Outlaw, who was this semester's Distinguished Graduate.

Before the commencement, the Rev. Michael Fletcher spoke at the baccalaureate service in Reeves Auditorium. The baccalaureate service is a brief religious ceremony traditionally performed at faith-based higher education institutions, with prayers for students and their families, and a sermon.

Fletcher, who has been senior pastor of Manna Church in Fayetteville for more than 25 years, encouraged students to press on and reach forward to God's plan. His sermon, "Open the Can," taught the lesson of looking for and seizing opportunities.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES
SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—There are many summer camp activities taking place this season at Methodist University. Some of the events listed below are sponsored by the University, and some are hosted by other organizations.

Annual Conference Session

The Annual Conference Session (ACS) for Youth is an N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church activity that will be held on campus from July 18-23. Registration is open to high school students and ends June 27. The total cost is \$250. More information can be found at <http://nccumc.org/youth/>.

Boot Camp for Budding Entrepreneurs

The next Boot Camp for Budding Entrepreneurs will be held in June 2013. For more information, please contact the Center for Entrepreneurship at 910.630.7642.

EDGE-U-Cation camp

This cheerleading camp is hosted by Cheer Ltd. and runs from June 17-20. The camp is open to all skill levels, grades 6 through 12. Students can register as day or residential campers, and basic costs range from \$155 to \$375. For more information, check out <http://www.cheerltd.com/campsclinics/>.

Laird College Consulting

The Focus on College Camp is designed to help 11th-grade students master the process of applying to college. Weeklong sessions are July 9-13 from 9 a.m. to noon and July 23-27 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Methodist University. The cost is \$150 with the registration deadlines on June 18 and July 2. For more information, call 910.487.9266.

Methodist University Athletic Camps

For a full listing of all 26 of the MU-sponsored athletic camps, go to <http://www.methodist.edu/> and click the link that says “Athletic Summer Camps” under the Events section on the left side of the page. There are camps for baseball, basketball, dance, football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball. Most of the camps have different sessions for varying skill levels. All of the camps are day-only events, with the exception of certain soccer camps. There will be ongoing sessions from June 11 through Aug. 10. For more information, call 910.630.7175.

North Carolina State Ballet

This is an intensive workshop at Methodist University on July 22-28 with up to six hours daily with professional staff. A second week will be at Charlotte Blume Studios July 29-Aug. 3. Camps include a performance at Methodist University. The cost for each session is \$390. For more information call 910.485.4695 or visit <http://ncstateballet.com/events/intensive.html>.

Science Technology Education Mathematics (STEM) Summer Day Camp

The Science Technology Education Mathematics Summer Day Camp offers a variety of topics including mathematics, natural sciences, health science, forensic science, computer robotics, virtual reality experience, and creative writing during the week of June 11. Registration for this camp closed April 15. More information can be found at <http://www.methodist.edu/academics/pdfs/stem.pdf>.

Summer Jam

This MU music camp is open to ages 9 to 18 and runs from July 9-14. MU music faculty and music students will work with campers in ensembles, electives, and fun-packed activities during this exciting week. Complete information on Summer Jam can be found at <http://www.methodist.edu/music/musiccamp.htm> or by calling 910.630.7100. Participants can register for a residential or day camp experience. Basic costs range from \$75 to \$410, with a nonrefundable deposit of \$100 due by May 15.

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**SUMMER BOOK SALE RUNS JUNE 11-17 AT
DAVIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—The Davis Memorial Library on the Methodist University campus will soon host its annual summer book sale.

The book sale is open to the public and will run from June 11 to June 17 during the library's regular hours. The Davis Memorial Library, which is located on the Methodist University campus, will be open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m.

“We have popular fiction books and nonfiction books available for sale,” said Angela Duncan, circulation manager. “There are also books on science, history, religion, and education materials. There are many titles and topics to choose from.”

Prices for hardback books start at \$1 and paperback books cost 50 cents each. The money raised during the book sale will help the library enhance its collection, building, programs, and services.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO OFFER EVENING COURSES
AT FORT BRAGG**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University will begin offering on-post courses at Fort Bragg to support the military community. This fall, courses in leadership, environmental and occupational management, and business will be offered through MU at Night, with three courses available. Registration begins June 25, 2012 for Evening Term I in the fall.

“These classes are part of the two majors being offered on Fort Bragg, an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree with a concentration in leadership and management, and the Bachelor of Science in environmental management,” said Yasmin Rivera, Methodist University’s director at Fort Bragg. “We hope to have more classes available in the future.”

Rivera said the environmental and occupational management degree is expected to be popular on post because the degree enhances many of the different Army jobs at Fort Bragg. The A.A. degree is a good choice for soldiers who are not sure if they can commit to the length of time needed for a bachelor's degree right now.

“Many senior enlisted service members can earn their two-year AA degree in just one year, because Army training courses can be transferred to complete the leadership concentration,” said Rivera. “The A.A. in leadership and management transfers easily into any bachelor's degree and directly into our B.S. in management.”

The first course, Theories and Techniques of Leadership (LSS 325), will run from Aug. 20 to Oct. 13, on Mondays and Wednesdays. From Oct. 22 to Dec. 15, two courses will be available, Environmental Science (ENM 101) and Management and Organization (BUS 343). ENM 101 will run Mondays and Wednesdays, and BUS 343 will run Tuesday and Thursdays. All of the courses are each worth three semester credit hours, and the times for each will be from 5:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Enrolled Methodist University students can take these three courses regardless of their major, with no prerequisites. The cost for active-duty students is the same as attending a class on the main campus, \$250 per credit hour. Non-active duty students can also enroll in these courses at the standard evening rate, which is slightly higher.

The courses will be offered at the new location for Methodist University's Fort Bragg Office, which will relocate in July to 4520 Knox Street, Building 1-3571, Fort Bragg, next to FORSCOM Headquarters. The MU at Fort Bragg Office is currently located in the Education Center on Fort Bragg, Building 2-1105. The office serves as a one-stop shop for service members and their dependents interested in information on or assistance with Methodist University admissions, advisement, financial aid, and other business.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING GRADUATES

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University conferred 160 degrees during the 48th Annual Spring Commencement May 7, 2011. The commencement ceremony took place in the March F. Riddle Center.

The following United States Army R.O.T.C. cadets were commissioned during the ceremony as second lieutenants: Andrea Candlish, Kemisha Drew, Richard Rivera, Christopher Romeo, Nicholas Sauls, and Sondra Thompson.

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Students who graduated from Methodist University, but whose names do not appear on this list, have **specifically requested omission** from official releases and 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
Genevieve Acosta	Raeford, N.C.	Dean's List
Sara Altman	Hamlet, N.C.	
Anthony Autry	Elizabethtown, N.C.	
Catherine Ballard**	Pinehurst, N.C.	
Christopher Banks	Fayetteville, N.C.	

Lindsie Bentham	South Dayton, N. Y.	Dean's List
Courtney Benton***	Rocky Point, N.C.	President's List
Teresa Berens	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Antony Bishop	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Devonne Blackshear	Bryans Road, Md.	
Brittany Britt	Chadbourn, N.C.	
Celena Brock***	Linden, N.C.	President's List
Jessica Bunnells	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Kenya Cameron	Dunn, N.C.	
Andrea Candlish	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Allen Cannon	Raeford, N.C.	
Angie Carter***	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jarrett Covar	Pikeville, N.C.	Dean's List
Courtney Creech	Wendell, N.C.	
Brittany Davis**	Coats, N.C.	Dean's List
Ivette Davis*	Southern Pines, N.C.	Dean's List
Kemisha Drew	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Jacob Drumheller**	Raeford, N.C.	
David Duvall	Indianapolis, Ind.	
Maida Elezovic**	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Christine Ellington**	Belmont, N.C.	Dean's List
Rachel Evans**	Elizabethtown, N.C.	Dean's List
Jeffrey Fallier	East Moriches, N. Y.	Dean's List
Ambrosia Fenwick	Fredericksburg, Va.	
Olivia Florence***	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Michelle Fontaine	Raeford, N.C.	
Monica Forler	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Adam Franks*	Garner, N.C.	
Juan Galaviz	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jeremy Helms	Rural Hall, N.C.	Dean's List
Rebecca Holmes	Linden, N.C.	
Sharon Horne	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jessica Iversen	Cameron, N.C.	
Elicia Kieser	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Nathan Kindley	Mount Pleasant, N.C.	
Rebecca King***	Lillington, N.C.	President's List
Marissa Kuzbyt*	Plainsboro, N.J.	President's List
Megan Lee**	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Katherine Lister	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Mahlia Majka	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Derek McGill	Raeford, N.C.	
Peaches McNair	Raeford, N.C.	Dean's List

Danielle Minichello*	Eden, N.C.	Dean's List
Whitney Moore*	Dunn, N.C.	Dean's List
David Morris	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Kiho Mushiga	Linden, N.C.	
Leslie Nunn	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Nolan Outlaw***	Albertson, N.C.	President's List
Seth Pattan*	Rockingham, N.C.	Dean's List
Matea Peric**	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Grace Purvis	Robbins, N.C.	
Aaran Quincey	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Kenneth Redd	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jillian Reed*	New Bern, N.C.	Dean's List
Elizabeth Rice	Rougemont, N.C.	
Richard Rivera	Sanford, N.C.	
Yuridia Rosario	Fayetteville, N.C.	
James Russell	Deltona, Fla.	
Leanne Russell	Germantown, Md.	
Nicholas Sauls*	Severn, Md.	Dean's List
Lee Shorey	Salemburg, N.C.	
Ashley Skipper	Troy, N.C.	
Jarin Spradley	Kannapolis, N.C.	
Julianne Summers***	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Asia Thompson	Greensboro, N.C.	
Sondra Thompson*	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Patrick VanCura**	Dripping Spring, Texas	Dean's List
Brittany Verner	Goldsboro, N.C.	
Sandra Washington	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Annette Webster	Stedman, N.C.	
Ashley Williams	New Bern, N.C.	Dean's List
Aimee Wilson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Nicole Yard	Fayetteville, N.C.	

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY NAMES NEW TRUSTEES

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist University Board of Trustees recently welcomed three new members. Mr. Peter M. Broome, retired Lieutenant General Frank G. Helmick, and Ms. Linda B. Huff '74 were presented to the Board of Trustees May 17, 2012 and will begin their four-year terms July 1, 2012.

“Methodist University prides itself in attracting signature people who share their talents with the campus,” said University President Ben E. Hancock Jr. “These three new trustees, with their exceptional backgrounds, will enable us to continue to move forward with our culture of excellence.”

The additions raise the number of board members to 38. They join the board with backgrounds in international and local business and management, leadership, logistics, and insights into the military, golf and construction fields.

“I feel these three newly selected board members will be an excellent addition to our Board of Trustees,” said Harvey T. Wright II, current chair of the Board of Trustees. “We are continuing to strengthen our board in pursuit of excellence at Methodist University. With their unique talents and experiences, they will make very beneficial contributions to our board.”

The trustees also elected Mr. David K. “Bud” Taylor Jr. '68, as a trustee emeritus and reelected seven board members, Dr. Richard R. Allen Sr., Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan, retired General John W. Handy '66, Mr. J. Daniel Highsmith Sr., Mr. Jerry A. Keen '65, Mr. Earl D. Leake '73 and Mr. George W. Miller Jr.

Broome is the vice president for Business Development and Partnerships with Acushnet, the parent company of Titleist and FootJoy golf brands. A nearly \$1.4 billion company, Acushnet is a leading manufacturer and marketer of golf balls, golf club, golf shoes and golf gloves, as well as producing many other golf items and accessories.

Originally from Brockville, Ontario, Canada, Broome now lives in Barrington, R.I. He is a graduate of McGill University in Montreal, Quebec. Before joining Acushnet, Broome was general manager of Taylor Made Canada, where he created a Canadian operation for the golf brand. He is a board member of We Are Golf and vice chairman of the United States Golf Manufacturers Council. His daughter, Valerie Broome, is an accepted student in MU's Physician Assistant Program.

Helmick retired this month after a 37-year career in the U.S. Army. He was the commanding general for Fort Bragg and the XVIII Airborne Corps, which he took over in 2009. Helmick was also the deputy commanding general of operations for the U.S. Forces – Iraq. He plans to relocate to the Virginia/District of Columbia area and pursue a career in the private sector. One of his daughters, Christina Helmick, attended Methodist University.

Helmick is a graduate of West Point U.S. Military Academy and held numerous command and senior staff positions before his last stint at Fort Bragg, including commanding the Southern European Task Force in Italy and serving as senior military advisor to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. In February, Helmick received the Methodist University Medallion after speaking on campus about leadership and his experiences with the Iraq war.

Huff is a Fayetteville resident and president of H&H Homes. She graduated from Methodist College in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in music. She was a music teacher in Hoke County for 13 years before joining her husband, Ralph Huff, in the homebuilding business. H&H Homes was ranked as the fastest growing builder in the U.S. in 2009 and named the 51st largest homebuilding company in the nation by *Builder Magazine* in 2011. In May, she was honored by MU's Center for Entrepreneurship as Woman Entrepreneur of the Year.

Huff is active in many community organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Home Builders Association and the Parade of Homes, First Presbyterian Church, the Board of the Fayetteville Symphony, and the Gala Committee of the Cape Fear Valley Health System. She is also a leader in arts and education, as a supporter of Friends of Music at Methodist University, the Hoke County Choral Arts program, and special projects with Cumberland County schools.

Taylor has served as a member of the Methodist University Board of Trustees since 1993. He graduated from Methodist College in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. He is an active and respected member of Hay Street United Methodist Church and president of D.K. Taylor Oil Company.

“It is a distinct privilege to honor Mr. Taylor for his exemplary board service by bestowing this emeritus status,” said Hancock.

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**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM GRADUATE RECEIVES
U.S. ARMY SURGEON GENERAL'S PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
AWARD**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—A graduate of the Methodist University Physician Assistant Program has been awarded the U.S. Army Surgeon General's Physician Assistant Recognition Award. This high honor is given to one active duty Army physician each year who has made significant contributions to military medicine.

Captain Manuel "Manny" Menendez was presented with the award May 9 at a ceremony at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. Capt. Menendez is a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment and stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. He graduated from the Methodist University Physician Assistant Program in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in health science.

Capt. Menendez was one of 38 nominees for this year's award. In his nomination, Capt. Menendez's battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Marcus S. Evans, spoke highly of his versatility and skills, often exercised under fire during combat. In 2011, Capt. Menendez deployed twice, each time serving as the lead medical officer for a joint special operations task force with more than 500 soldiers, providing expert medical support to more than 200 missions. He received a Bronze Star Medal and an Army Commendation Medal for his actions.

"His leadership, clinical acumen, knowledge and experience have made him an indispensable asset to the unit whether he is delivering life-saving, point-of-injury care on the battlefield or designing, developing and reviewing protocols and guidelines that can impact medical personnel throughout the army," said Lt. Col. Evans.

Off the battlefield, Capt. Menendez helped redesign the 3rd Ranger Battalion's Combat Trauma Management Course, the new format of which was adopted by the entire regiment and is now the standard followed by all four Ranger battalions. He developed the Advanced Ranger First Responder Course, which provides enhanced trauma management skills to the non-medical rangers of the battalion, and he improved protocol for pain management and helped to revise the Ranger Medic Handbook and the Physician Assistant Handbook.

Biology Professor Dr. Margaret Folsom, who was Capt. Menendez's advisor when he was a student, said he was never a person to step away from helping others.

After the news broke that many first responders had been trapped in the Twin Towers Sept. 11, 2001, she remembered he immediately wanted to help.

“He started talking about what, if anything, could be done by students at Methodist to help with this situation,” said Dr. Folsom. “That was so very Manny. He is action-oriented and caring, so he’s not going to sit around caring idly, he’s going to do something about it.”

Christina Beard MPAS, PA-C, '03, director of the PA Program, was also an undergraduate MU student with Menendez. The program transitioned from a bachelor’s level to a master’s level program in 2001.

“Manny is a hard-working, caring and intelligent man who is well deserving of the award,” said Beard. “He has a love for family, medicine and his country that is admirable. Methodist is proud to call him one of our own.”

Capt. Menendez, who is originally from Puerto Rico, joined the Army in 1997. He is married to Wendy Menendez, also a Methodist alumnus, class of 2005. They have a daughter, Emily.

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**SUMMER BOOK SALE EXTENDED THROUGH JUNE 24
AT DAVIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Davis Memorial Library on the Methodist University campus has extended its annual summer book sale and lowered prices.

The book sale, which is open to the public and began June 11, will now run until June 24 during the library's regular hours. The Davis Memorial Library, located on the Methodist University campus, will be open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m.

“We have popular fiction books and nonfiction books available for sale,” said Angela Duncan, circulation manager. “There are also books on science, history, religion, and education materials. There are many titles and topics to choose from.”

Starting today, June 18, prices for hardback and paperback books will drop to 25 cents each. The money raised during the book sale will help the library enhance its collection, building, programs, and services.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Seventy-four students were named to the spring 2012 President's List at Methodist University. To merit inclusion on the President's List, a student must achieve a 3.90 grade point average (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	Hometown City and State or Country	Class status
Esra Al-Shawafi	Yemen	Sophomore
Immaculate Apchemengich	Uganda	Junior
Emily A. Baldwin	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Crystal Lynn Barchacky	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Courtney A. Benton	Rocky Point, N.C.	Senior
Alexandra Leigh Bowman	Newport, N.C.	Junior
Celena Renae Brock	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Forina Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Elizabeth Nicole Burgos	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Laura Elizabeth Burkart	Godwin, N.C.	Senior
Keith A. Burroughs	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Yankiel Camaraza	Davenport, Fla.	Sophomore
Noah Matthew Camp	Jacksonville, N.C.	Sophomore
Cyrille E. Carrere	France	Freshman
Christopher Carter	Shelby, N.C.	Junior
Joshua Palmiter Clarke	Capron, Va.	Sophomore
Margaret M. Coates	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nicole Anton Cole	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Stephanie Dawn Corder	Memphis, Tenn.	Senior

Veyra V. Cottie	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Kelly Rae Dauteuil	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Michael Andrew Duprey	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Maida Elezovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Erin Elizabeth Fegley	Morehead City, N.C.	Sophomore
Vanessa Ashley Feola	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Elizabeth Ferraro	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Olivia Nicole Florence	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alysa Ann Freeborough	Warren, Pa.	Senior
Erik Fritts	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Lawrence B. Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jasmina Gobeljic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Elaine Marie Grant	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ilene M. Henderson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Mireille M. Hernandez	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Jaclyn M. Horn	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Tammy Jean Horton	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Marshall Burgess Howington	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Serge Iraguha	Rwanda	Junior
Mariama Jabati	Sierra Leone	Sophomore
Jonathan C. Kearns	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Chelsie Louise Keene	Newton Grove, N.C.	Junior
Veronica Arlene Kelly	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Rebecca Sue King	Lillington, N.C.	Senior
Brandt Gendreau Kittredge	Torrington, Conn.	Sophomore
Marissa A. Kuzbyt	Plainsboro, N.J.	Senior
Doo Lee	South Korea	Senior
Jeremy Anthony Lee	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kelsey Ann Magnine	Amery, Wis.	Senior
Kahley Krystle McCune	Corry, Pa.	Junior
Marcy Rae McKee	Milford, Del.	Junior
Princess Natesha Mercer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jason Paul Mills	Arlington, Mass.	Senior
James Richard Moran	Lillington, N.C.	Junior
Franklin D. Oates	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Stephanie Marie Ongley	Spring Creek, Pa.	Senior
Nolan Lewis Outlaw	Albertson, N.C.	Senior
Ankita K. Patel	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gregory John Patterson	Elon, N.C.	Junior
Anastasiya Saakova	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Tracy A. Smith	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Junior
Brian E. Soutullo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Zachary Wright Spivey	Clarendon, N.C.	Sophomore
Cynthia Ann Stallings	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Thomas D. Strayhorn	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Jessica Ann Swartz	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Lindsay Nicole Tippet	Middlesex, N.C.	Sophomore
Taylor Marie Tipton	Saint Joseph, Mo.	Sophomore

Lacey Anne Truelove	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Fernandus L. Vinson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
James E. Walker	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Annie Sudarmo Wells	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Christine Nicole Wheeler	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Senior
Isuru Nalinda Wijesundara	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Vanita Young	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Two hundred and fifty-three students were named to the spring 2012 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	Hometown City and State or Country	Class status
Robert T. Abbott	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Joscelyn Lea Abreu	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Genevieve Antoinette Acosta	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Davis Weston Agnew	Linesville, Pa.	Junior
Jeirilyn Alston	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Manuel Ignacio Alvarez	Winter Park, Fla.	Sophomore
John Frank Archer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Tyler Alexander Arnold	Virginia Beach, Va.	Senior
Rosaura Arreola	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Cody Alan Ausherman	Kissimmee, Fla.	Sophomore
Milton A. Barker	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Michelle L. Bass	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Shanita R. Bassit	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Veronica J. Bates	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gina Marissa Battistone	Northfield, Ohio	Sophomore
Bryan W. Beiersdorfer	Levittown, N.Y.	Senior
Kimberly Anne Bell	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Morgan Paige Bell	Dunn, N.C.	Junior
Bryan Nicholas Bennett	Raeford, N.C.	Freshman

Lindsie E. Bentham	South Dayton, N.Y.	Senior
Kenesha Regina Bigelow	Mebane, N.C.	Sophomore
Christopher Andrew Biggins	Clarksville, Md.	Junior
Ryan Dickens Bledsoe	Hope Mills, N.C.	Freshman
Marine Boix	Nantes, France	Freshman
Kyonghwa Bouriaque	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Kelsie Dianne Bowman	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
William B. Boyle	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Senior
Melissa Braddock	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Elodie Brasey	Rennes, France	Freshman
Ethan Harvey Brogden	Mount Olive, N.C.	Sophomore
Ebony Renee Brown	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Tamesha Vontrece Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Hannah Korin Brown	Southern Pines, N.C.	Sophomore
Mato Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Mark T. Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Robert John Bruns	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Elnetta C. Buck	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gloria M. Bueno	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Stephanie Ann Buffaloe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jaron Matthew Cayton	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Abdoulie Ceesay	The Republic of The Gambia	Senior
Adriana E. Chavez-Reyna	Mexico	Freshman
Ashlynn Nicole Chavis	Maxton, N.C.	Senior
Alfonce T. Chitate	Zimbabwe	Senior
Maren Comfort	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Cassidy Nicole Conley	Spring Lake, N.C.	Junior
Christopher Michael Conley	Utica, N.Y.	Senior
Heather Lynn Cook	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Brooke Corley	Wingate, N.C.	Senior
Jarrett Anthony Covar	Pikeville, N.C.	Senior
Jacob Cruz-Taitague	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Mark J. Czechowski	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Joshua Steve Darder	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Mohammed Darkhawaja	Palestine	Sophomore
Andrea Shea Davids	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Brittany A. Davis	Coats, N.C.	Senior
Ivette Renee Davis	Southern Pines, N.C.	Senior
Cheryl Samantha Davis-Triplett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Vanessa Dee	Hope Mills, N.C.	Freshman
Tyler W. Deltondo	McMurray, Pa.	Senior
Daniel S. Dessauer	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Anita Djonlic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sophomore
Garrett Allen Domingue	Spring, Texas	Senior
Aaron M. Dreher	Coplay, Pa.	Senior
Dzenana Dzanic	Bosnia	Junior
Jessie Lynn Earp	Waterloo, N.Y.	Junior
Thomas D. Edwards	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

Jennifer L. Eggerling	Cameron, N.C.	Freshman
Christine M. Ellington	Belmont, N.C.	PG*
Brett W. Emery	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Melissa Eslinger	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Ashley A. Evanich	Paris, Ohio	Senior
Rachel Elizabeth Evans	Elizabethtown, N.C.	Senior
Brianne Hendrick Evans	Cameron, N.C.	PG
Jeffrey Ryan Fallier	East Moriches, N.Y.	Senior
Gerard Harrison Falls	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alexandra Fetisova	Russia	Senior
Nicole Fink	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Miguel Uribe Flores	Asheboro, N.C.	Senior
Alesha Traneen Fredrick	Roseboro, N.C.	Junior
Larry Jordan French	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Michael Francis Frisina	Corry, Pa.	Senior
Zachary Davis Frisino	Clarks Summit, Pa.	Sophomore
Eduardo Marling Gallero	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Shake Surenovna Galstyan	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Junior
Ashley Nicole Gandt	Depew, N.Y.	Freshman
John E. Garcia-Diaz	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Christina Marie Gavlinski	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Robert H. Glass	Sterling, Conn.	Senior
Olivia Gabrielle Grace	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Amy Grant	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Vashti Graves	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Robert Leon Green	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Sabrina M. Greer	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Donovan Lee Grierson	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Lisa Ann Gross	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore
Emily Elizabeth Guidry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Crystal Yvonne Hamby	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lois Naa Merley Hammond	Ghana	Sophomore
Serena Lynne Hare	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Andrew Michael Harper	Apex, N.C.	Junior
Makeeka Harris	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Michael R. Harrower	Batavia, N.Y.	Senior
Jaclyn Gloria Hayes	Clifton Park, N.Y.	Junior
Jeffrey W. Headman	Conneaut, Ohio	Senior
Jeremy Devon Helms	Rural Hall, N.C.	Senior
Ryan Michie Hengerer	Hillsborough, N.J.	Junior
Linden Madeline Hiller	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Marissa Michelle Hippenmeyer	Columbia, Mo.	Junior
Katlyn L. Holmes	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Brooke Nicole Hood	Lynn Haven, Fla.	Junior
Casey Joe Horne	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Alexandra N. Huff	Riley, Kan.	Sophomore
Gabrielle Elizabeth Isaac	Mooresville, N.C.	Sophomore
Frank D. Jackson	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore

Patrick Gerard Jacobs	Smithfield, N.C.	Junior
Ashley Elizabeth Johnson	New Bern, N.C.	Senior
James Michael Johnson	Fremont, N.C.	Senior
Joyce Noel Johnson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Colin Oneal Johnson	Orlando, Fla.	Sophomore
Michael C. Judge	Triangle, Va.	Junior
Nucharin Kantapasara	Thailand	Junior
Maranda Leighann Keeney	Dunn, N.C.	Senior
Tonya Kelly	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Artur Khalikov	Russia	Senior
Elicia Furtado Kieser	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Andrew Walker King	Woburn, Mass.	Senior
Jonathan Edward Kocmich	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Qendresa Krasniqi	Kosovo	Senior
Bella Myfanwy Lafountain	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Julieta Lainez-Barahona	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Lorraine Lamola	South Africa	Sophomore
Douglas Hunter Lane	Micro, N.C.	Junior
Travis Bryon Law	Deltaville, Va.	Senior
Filip Lazarevic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sophomore
Megan Marie Lee	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kaitlyn Rose Leger	Conover, N.C.	Senior
Angela Berry Lewis	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Brandon M. Loux	Spring Lake, N.C.	Freshman
Nicholas Robert Maestretti	New Bern, N.C.	Sophomore
Whitney A. Mallery	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Blain Zewdu Manale	Ethiopia	Sophomore
Gina Marie Martinez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jose Alfredo Martinez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Marianty Mavros	Guatemala	Junior
Reginald Jerome Mayberry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Erin Elizabeth McAuliffe	Littleton, N.C.	Sophomore
Michael D. McLaughlin	Woburn, Mass.	Senior
Joshua McLaurin	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Sherill McMillan	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Peaches D. McNair	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Chase Asher McWhorter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Julie Melton	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Stephanie M. Michael	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Junior
Danielle Marie Minichello	Eden, N.C.	Senior
Danielle C. Miranda	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Whitney B. Moore	Dunn, N.C.	PG
Amber Marie Moorefield	High Point, N.C.	Sophomore
Bryan Dan Morales	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Cordney K. Morehead	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Brittany Tisdale Mullins	Fayetteville, N.C.	PG
Leon Fitzgerald Murphy	Roseboro, N.C.	Senior
Elizabeth Ashley Neal	Reidsville, N.C.	Junior

Caleb Rye Newbill	Linesville, Pa.	Junior
Nyoma Clement Nickonora	South Sudan	Junior
Laone Oagile	Botswana	Sophomore
Jessica Ann Oder	Chesapeake, Va.	Freshman
Christina Maria Odom	Spring Lake, N.C.	Freshman
Michelle Renee Orndorff	Raleigh, N.C.	Senior
Alejandro Junior Ortiz-Gonzalez	Cameron, N.C.	Sophomore
Tiffany Parsons	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Aaron L. Pate	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Seth William Pattan	Rockingham, N.C.	PG
Alina Payankova	Belarus	Junior
Lindsey Gayle Payne	Sanford, N.C.	Sophomore
Tiffany Pearson	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Rimoni Pogia Peniamina	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Matea Peric	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Leigh Ann Philbee	Matthews, N.C.	Sophomore
Mekala Jo Poirier	Vass, N.C.	Sophomore
Ashley Mechelle Prows	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Aleksandra Przulj	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Mickael Queouron	France	Freshman
Kevin Joseph Quinn	Cresson, Pa.	Sophomore
Allison Deirdre Ray	Wilson, N.C.	Senior
Jillian A. Reed	New Bern, N.C.	PG
Gasper A. Rich	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Rachel Mejia Rieder	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Ashley Nicole Robinson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Emilee Marie Rodeffer	Eastover, N.C.	Junior
Rebecca Michele Rodriguez	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Junior
Christopher Andrew Romeo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Mildred Romeu	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Brittnee Renee Romeu	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Paris V. Ryan	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Desiree Ann San Nicolas	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Christina Lynne Sanchez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Nicholas W. Sauls	Severn, Md.	Senior
Jonathan Franceu Savage	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Katherine Elizabeth Scheller	Newton, N.C.	Senior
Andrew Michael Schrum	Montrose, Colo.	Senior
Andrew Joseph Schweer	Cincinnati, Ohio	Senior
Mary Katherine Scott	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Violeta Serna-Ramirez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Manqoba S. Shabangu	Swaziland	Junior
Lucas Gene Shields	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Smirna Sinanovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sophomore
Brian Olin Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Donnie Spell	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Kristopher Ross Spicer	Mesa, Ariz.	Sophomore
Arcelia Staggers	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior

Reginald A. Stephenson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Heather Elizabeth Strickland	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Paul Robert Scott Stroebel	Cameron, N.C.	Senior
Rebekah R. Suleski	Raleigh, N.C.	Senior
Julianne J. Summers	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Zachary Michael Sweet	Madison, Maine	Junior
Krista Emily Sweeten	Mullica Hill, N.J.	Junior
Andrew L. Sykes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Mark Joseph Tarentino	Somerville, N.C.	Senior
Rebecca Lee Tate	Laurinburg, N.C.	Junior
Casey Owen Taylor	Fallston, Md.	Sophomore
Sondra Sophia Thompson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Thomas J. Toscano	Smithtown, N.Y.	Senior
Jacob Adam Trigoboff	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Yvette C. Tyson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Mike Anthony Valdez	Parkton, N.C.	Senior
Patrick VanCura	Dripping Spring, Texas	Senior
Antonio Vega	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Ana Alessia Vega-Rios	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Joseph Donald Vegerano	Winston-Salem, N.C.	Senior
Eric C. Ventura	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Antonia Leonore Verhine	Sanford, N.C.	Junior
Sophia Walfall	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Dorothy C. Walker	Flagstaff, Ariz.	Senior
Whitney Renee Walker	Swansboro, N.C.	Senior
Amanda Gwen Wall	Hampstead, N.C.	Sophomore
Thomas J. Walter	Cheektowaga, N.Y.	Senior
Jenny Yomaira Wayland	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Christopher Joseph Webster	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Sarah E. Wheeler	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jonathan Tyler Wiles	Graham, N.C.	Senior
Elizabeth M. Willbond	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Ashley K. Williams	New Bern, N.C.	Senior
Detra Williams	Autryville, N.C.	Senior
Hayley Lane Williams	Tallahassee, Fla.	Senior
James Andrew Williams	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Dennis Caleb Williams	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Aimee Lynn Wilson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Devon A. Wilson Ziccardi	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jennifer Anne Wood	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Theresa Woodard	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Tyler Wayne Younger	Chatham, Va.	Senior
Bei Bei Zhou	China	Junior
Edward A. Zielonka	Midlothian, Va.	Senior
Rosetta Zigler	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore

* *Post graduate student*

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**FIVE METHODIST UNIVERSITY STUDENTS EARN
PTR CERTIFICATION**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Five of Methodist University’s Professional Tennis Management (PTM) students were recently certified with the Professional rating by Professional Tennis Registry (PTR), the largest global organization of tennis teachers and coaches. Professional is the highest rating available from the PTR’s comprehensive examination.

Robert Clayton of Hilton Head, S.C.; Bryan Hodge of Williamson, N.Y.; Rachel Purser of Matthews, N.C.; Timothy Scheuerman of Sanford, N.C.; and Andrew Schrum, of Montrose, Colo., were all certified in Junior Development, with an emphasis on 10-and-under tennis. Purser was also certified in Performance with a Professional rating. All of the students are seniors, with the exception of Clayton, who is in his junior year.

Methodist Women’s Tennis Coach Francie Barragan earned the Junior Development certification, receiving a Professional rating. She is also a certified Professional in Adult Development.

PTR is dedicated to educating, certifying and servicing tennis teachers and coaches around the world in order to grow the game.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY NAMES NEW
DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University President Ben Hancock is proud to announce Marty V. Cayton has been named the new director of the Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) in the Reeves School of Business.

Cayton, a 1990 MU alumnus, is owner and president of Amerizon, Inc. He will start in his new position Monday, July 2. Along with the directorship comes an appointment as an assistant professor of business administration. Methodist University plans on expanding its educational offerings in entrepreneurship, taking advantage of a minor in entrepreneurship available to students interested in going into business.

“Methodist University is so pleased to have attracted someone of Marty Cayton’s caliber to serve as the new director of the Center for Entrepreneurship,” said Dr. Hancock. “His experience as an entrepreneur, knowledge of the Center and its programs, and commitment to the community make him the ideal person to move the Center forward, building upon the success of long-time director Dr. Sid Gautam.”

Gautam, who retired earlier this year, founded the CFE in 1973, with a mission to help entrepreneurs succeed in business. Since then, the CFE has delivered exceptional educational experiences, networking opportunities, and recognition for entrepreneurs, students, small business owners and professionals in Eastern North Carolina.

Cayton has been very active with the Center for Entrepreneurship for the last six years and also sits on the advisory board for the CFE. In 2009, the CFE named him Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year, and this year his company won the CFE’s American Business Ethics Award.

“We are so fortunate that we found an entrepreneur and successful business executive right here in the Fayetteville community who is prepared to direct the many community programs of the Center for Entrepreneurship and has many new entrepreneurial ideas to enhance the Center’s continual growth,” said Joe Doll, dean of the Reeves School of Business.

After an enlistment with the U.S. Navy, Cayton started working at his family’s company, North Carolina Communications, in 1988 while he attended Methodist University to earn a Bachelor of Arts in business. He was promoted to business manager and was responsible for the company’s sale in 1995. Cayton joined the new company, Mobex, and ran its Midwest division. After leaving Mobex, he purchased many of the

company's acquisitions, including the original family business. These acquisitions became Amerizon Wireless in 2003. Cayton also earned a master's degree in business from Taylor University in 2005.

Cayton is a member of the YMCA Board of Directors in Fayetteville, and he is on the Board of Visitors and the Alumni Board at Methodist University. He and his wife, Joy, and three of their four children—Jed, Jenna, and Jocelyn—are active members at Village Baptist Church, while their oldest son, Jaron, is a junior at Methodist University and an active member at Fayetteville Community Church.

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MU STUDENTS ENGAGE IN A GLOBAL PEACE PROJECT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—As South Sudan marked its one-year independence anniversary Monday, July 9, two Methodist University students were engaged in a summer project designed to cultivate peace in the area, which has seen decades of conflict.

Financial economics major Nyoma Clement Nickonora, a junior, and political science/international relations major Talata Evers, a sophomore, are originally from the region. They designed the project with fellow South Sudanese student Joy Minalla, who attends Macalester College in Minnesota. All three were born in what was then Sudan, but spent time as refugees in neighboring countries before getting scholarships to study at United World College schools.

In 2009, the students visited Yei, a town in the southern part of the country, where they saw firsthand how much of the area had been destroyed in Sudan's civil war, which was a protracted on-off conflict for 39 of the last 57 years.

Their project, "Rebuilding the Ruins and Promoting Peace" won one of this year's Davis Projects for Peace grants and was one of eight projects submitted by Methodist University students. College students across the country design and undertake "Projects for Peace" around the world, thanks to philanthropist Kathryn W. Davis. Now 105 years "young," Davis launched Projects for Peace on the occasion of her 100th birthday in 2007 and has renewed her commitment every year since. In 2012, nearly \$1.25 million was awarded in \$10,000 grants to students submitting the winning proposals for projects to be completed over the summer.

With the \$10,000 grant, the students have renovated the library of St. Joseph Secondary School in Yei, purchased textbooks and teaching materials, and are holding workshops on study skills while emphasizing the need for women's education in community development and youth involvement in the community's leadership. The school has about 450 students, but the library's resources will also benefit students in neighboring schools.

"The renovation of the library is all done," Nickonora said in an email July 3. "We just moved new study tables and book shelves into the library this last week. Yesterday, we received some of the text books from Kampala (Uganda). Today, we are receiving the second order of the books and tomorrow we shall be receiving all the books from Kampala."

On a website the students designed for their project, <http://www.youtheducationforpeace.org>, the students explain how they hope the library and books will help promote peace.

“This project will give youths a ticket out of poverty. Educated girls can eventually give their own families a good start in life. Educated boys can escape a family cycle of hard labor. This will have a ripple effect on their families and community.”

The project began June 1, when the students met with administrators and assessed the school’s need for textbooks. As well as purchasing the books, the students will also categorize, label and shelve them in the library.

The students are also holding study strategy seminars with the local students. In August, the students will hold a seminar on the importance of women’s education.

“We did one academics seminar, (‘Going Beyond Your Potential in Academics,’ and some alternative paths to a successful future) with the students,” Nickonora said in his email. “Today we did one workshop that focuses on problem-solving approaches. We gave the students different scenarios and divided them into groups. It was interesting. Tomorrow, we shall have a student leadership seminar with all the prefects and other student leaders.”

Before the students left the United States, they held additional fundraisers to help pay for their travel to South Sudan, which was not covered by the grant. The students held bake sales, asked for donations through their website, and from faculty and staff.

“They are moving along well within their time line,” said Jana Moore, International Programs assistant director at Methodist University. “With four to five weeks left to complete things, they will surely be able to meet all the planned goals and hopefully complete any additional seminars and training they had hoped to fit in should time allow.”

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**KAITLIN FLAHERTY NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
FOR THE PROFESSIONAL TENNIS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Kaitlin Flaherty has been named assistant director for the Professional Tennis Management (PTM) Program at Methodist University. Flaherty will assume her new role Aug. 13, 2012.

A graduate of the Methodist University PTM Program, Flaherty earned a Bachelor of Science with majors in business administration and marketing, and a concentration in professional tennis management. She graduated magna cum laude. In December of this year, Flaherty will complete Methodist University's Master of Business Administration Program. A native of League City, Texas, Flaherty joined the Office of Admissions staff as an admissions counselor in Oct. 2011.

"Kaitlin is a perfect fit for our PTM Program, having had first-hand experience with our program, competing for the Methodist Lady Monarchs as a former #1 singles player, and possessing a university admissions background that will be valuable in her recruiting role," said Tom Daglis, director of the PTM Program. "We are fortunate to have her as part of the PTM team."

Methodist University's PTM Program is housed in the Reeves School of Business. The program is ideal for students interested in pursuing a career in the tennis industry.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOST OPEN HOUSE SESSION FOR THE
PROFESSIONAL MBA PROGRAM**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host an Open House session for the on-campus Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program Monday, Aug. 13, 2012. The session will be held at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall, which also houses the Reeves School of Business.

This is the first of this semester's face-to-face MBA Program events designed to offer prospective students the opportunity to ask questions, pre-register for the spring 2013 semester, and schedule a tour of the campus. The remaining Open House sessions will be held Sept. 10, Oct. 8 and Nov. 5.

Students in the MBA Program choose a focus in either organizational management and leadership or health care administration. The Professional MBA Program is designed to allow students to continue their full-time careers while earning their degree in 16-18 months. The 12 to 13-course program is completed online with two weekend class sessions per eight-week term.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EVENTS
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The fall semester is about to be underway at Methodist University, with classes starting Aug. 20, and many events in the areas of the arts, athletics, family entertainment, and speaking engagements are open to the community.

Below is a list of upcoming community calendar events. Admission to Monarchs athletic events is free for most sports. Admission to football games is free for children under 6 or with a Methodist University ID, \$3 for school-age students and seniors, and \$6 for adults.

Aug. 13 – The Professional MBA Program at Methodist University will hold an open house for anyone interested in learning more about the program. Methodist University offers MBA classes with a focus on organizational management and leadership each fall, and with a focus on health care administration each spring. The open house session starts at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall. This event is free.

Aug. 31 – MU Associate Professor of Music Dr. Scott Marosek will hold a piano recital at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. Marosek will play music by Robert Schuman, Claude Debussy, and MU Music Department Chair Dr. Keith Dippre. For more information on Marosek, please visit www.methodist.edu/music/calendar or www.scottmarosek.com. This event is free.

Sept. 1 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a football home game against Washington and Jefferson College. Game starts at 1 p.m.

Sept. 5 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a men's soccer home game against Randolph College. Game starts at 5 p.m.

Sept. 7 – MU Adjunct Instructor Linda Cotter will hold a flute recital at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. This event is free and presented by the MU Friends of Music.

Sept. 7 – The Department of Modern Languages and Literature will present its first foreign film of the year. This event is free. For more information, contact Dr. Jennifer Williams at 910.630.7058.

Sept. 8 – The third annual Operation Homefront 5K will be held at MU. This event benefits the children of N.C. military families, especially those enduring deployment and injuries. For more information, please visit www.freedom5knc.org.

Sept. 8 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a men's soccer home game against Sewanee University at noon.

Sept. 9 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a men's soccer home game against Birmingham-Southern College at noon and football against Orangeburg Calhoun Prep at 2 p.m.

Sept. 10 – Fall Convocation will take place in Reeves Auditorium at 11 a.m.

Sept. 10 – The Professional MBA Program at Methodist University will hold an open house for anyone interested in learning more about the program. MU offers MBA classes with a focus on organizational management and leadership each fall, and with a focus on health care administration each spring. The open house session starts at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall. This event is free.

Sept. 12 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women's soccer home game against University of Mary Washington at 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 13 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women's volleyball home game against William Peace University at 7 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center.

Sept. 14 – The first speaker of this year's Nimocks Speaker Series is to be announced. The series focuses on international topics. The event will start at 11 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall. This event is free.

Sept. 15 – The Cape Fear River Run 5K and 10K will start at 7 a.m. for the 10K and 9 a.m. for the 5K, with packet pick-up beginning at 6 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. The event is sponsored by the MU PA Program and Road ID. Entry costs range from \$25 to \$45, with profits defraying costs for the PA program student's board reviews. For more information, or to register, go to www.methodist.edu/paprogram/5K10Krun.pdf.

Sept. 15 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a men's soccer home game against Averett University at noon, women's soccer against Peace College at 2 p.m., and women's tennis in the Methodist Invitational.

Sept. 16 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women's soccer home game against Lynchburg College at 2 p.m., football against Jireh Prep, and the women's tennis in the second day of the Methodist Invitational.

Sept. 17 – The first of this semester’s Reeves School of Business Executive Speakers will be MU Center for Entrepreneurship Director Marty Cayton. Cayton will speak at 11 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium. This event is free.

Sept. 19 – The MU Center for Excellence in Justice Administration (CEJA) presents author Katherine Ramsland, who will speak in Yarborough Auditorium, time to be determined. Ramsland has written 43 books and more than 1,000 other pieces on subjects ranging from the supernatural to serial killers. She is also a psychology professor and forensic psychologist. CEJA develops and provides non-credit development experiences for justice professionals in North Carolina and contiguous states. This event is free.

Sept. 19 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women’s soccer home game against Chowan University at 3 p.m., and then the men’s soccer against Chowan at 5 p.m.

Sept. 20 – The Reeves School of Business Center for Entrepreneurship will present its last Business Succession Forum Network program of the year at 11 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. The speaker will be H. Dabney Smith, managing partner of Mosaic Capital Partners, LLC. Lunch is included in the \$25 registration fee.

Sept. 21 – The MU Friends of Music will present a voice recital featuring Shannon French and Erin Matson 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. The event is free.

Sept. 22 – The Stop Child Trafficking Now 5K will be held on the MU campus beginning at 10 a.m. at Sink Field. For more information, visit ncstophumantrafficking.wordpress.com.

Sept. 26 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women’s volleyball home game against Salem College at 7 p.m.

Sept. 29 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a football home game against Greensboro College at 1 p.m., and women’s soccer against Christopher Newport University at 2 p.m.

Sept. 30 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women’s soccer home game against Mary Baldwin College at 2 p.m. and football against Greenville Prep at 2 p.m.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT 2012-2013 DATES

Scott Marosek Recital
August 31, 2012 | 7:30 p.m.
Hensdale Chapel

Linda Cotter Flute Recital
September 7, 2012 | 7:30 p.m.
Hensdale Chapel

Shannon French/Erin Matson Voice Recital
September 21, 2012 | 7:30 p.m.
Hensdale Chapel

Phoenix Park-Kim Piano Recital
October 19, 2012 | 7:30 p.m.
Hensdale Chapel

Fayetteville Symphonic Band
October 25, 2012 | 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium

Jason McKinney Voice Recital
November 2, 2012 | 7:30 p.m.
Hensdale Chapel

All-Choirs Concert
November 16, 2012 | 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium

Yuletide Feaste
November 30
& December 1, 2012 | 7:30 p.m.
Hay Street UMC

Fayetteville Symphonic Band
December 6, 2012 | 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium

**MU Concert Band/
MU Jazz Monarchs**
December 9, 2012 | 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium

Faculty Recital
January 18, 2013 | 7:30 p.m.
Hensdale Chapel

Guillermo Ayerbe Violin Recital
February 1, 2013 | 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium

Army Ground Forces Band Chamber Ensemble
February 15, 2013 | 7:30 p.m.
Hensdale Chapel

Matt Olson Jazz Trio
March 1, 2013 | 7:30 p.m.
Hensdale Chapel

**MU Concert Band/
MU Jazz Monarchs**
March 8, 2013 | 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium

Fayetteville Symphonic Band
March 21, 2013 | 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium

Jazz Festival
March 22 & 23, 2013 | 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium

Cape Fear New Music Festival
April 6-7, 2013 | Times TBA
Hensdale Chapel

Guitar Night
April 19, 2013 | 7:30 p.m.
Hensdale Chapel

**MU Concert Band/
MU Jazz Monarchs**
April 25, 2013 | 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium

All-Choirs Concert
April 26, 2013 | 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium

Fayetteville Symphonic Band
May 2, 2013 | 7:30 p.m.
Reeves Auditorium



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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC ANNOUNCES
FALL 2012 PERFORMANCE SEASON**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist University Department of Music announces its fall 2012 performance season. MU faculty, students, and special guests are scheduled to perform a variety of public concerts and recitals, most of which are free to attend. The Friends of Music Guest Artist series is sponsored by a grant from the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Arts Council.

Aug. 31 – MU Associate Professor of Music Dr. Scott Marosek will hold a piano recital at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. Marosek will play music by Robert Schuman, Claude Debussy, and featuring a work by MU Music Department Chair Dr. Keith Dippre. For more information on Marosek, please visit www.scottmarosek.com. The event is free.

Sept. 7 – MU Adjunct Instructor Linda Cotter will hold a flute recital at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. She will perform music by Charles-Marie Widor, Ian Clarke, Otar Taktakishvili, and Gary Schocker. Cotter will be joined by guest artist John Samuel Roper on flute and accompanied by MU Associate Professor of Music Dr. Scott Marosek on piano. The event is free and presented by the MU Friends of Music.

Sept. 21 – The Friends of Music will present a voice recital featuring adjunct faculty Shannon French, mezzo-soprano, and guest artist, UNC Pembroke faculty Erin Matson, soprano, at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. The event is free.

Oct. 19 – The Friends of Music will present a piano recital featuring guest artist Phoenix Park-Kim at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. The Korean pianist began playing at the age of 5 and gave her first public performance when she was 7 years old. She has performed in various music festivals, including the Aspen Summer Music Festival, ARIA International Summer Academy, and the Summer Music School in Siena, Italy. The event is free, thanks to the generous support of the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Arts Council.

Oct. 25 – The Fayetteville Symphonic Band (FSB) will hold a concert in Reeves Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The Fayetteville Symphonic Band (FSB) is comprised of community members and MU students. This event is free.

Nov. 2 – The Friends of Music will present a voice recital featuring guest artist Jason McKinney at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. Originally from Milwaukee, McKinney graduated from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. As a concert soloist, he has been featured with the North Carolina Symphony and has performed to critical acclaim in Europe, Mexico, the U.S.A., and Australia. The event is free, thanks to the generous support of the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Arts Council.

Nov. 16 – The MU All-Choirs Concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. This is the annual end-of-the-semester concert for the Music Department's four vocal groups: The Noblemen men's ensemble, The Treble Tones women's ensemble, Chorale, and Chamber Singers. The event is free.

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 – The annual Renaissance-style holiday dinner production, “A Yuletide Feaste” will return to the Fellowship Hall at Hay Street United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. on both nights. More details will be released at a later date.

Dec. 6 – The Fayetteville Symphonic Band will hold a concert in Reeves Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. This event is free.

Dec. 9 – The MU Concert Band and the MU Jazz Monarchs will play a joint concert at 7:30 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The Concert Band plays a variety of concert band/wind band literature from throughout the 20th century, and the Jazz Monarchs is a big band group. Both are directed by MU Music instructor Charles Dumas. The event is free.

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**LINDA COTTER**

September 7, 2012 | Hensdale Chapel
 April 6 & 7, 2013 | Hensdale Chapel

Linda Cotter is a flutist and piccoloist in the Fayetteville, N.C. area. In the fall semester of 2008, she began her studies as a doctoral

candidate at Louisiana State University and was the substitute flute professor for the semester. She is currently the adjunct flute professor at Methodist University, flutist with the Carolina Philharmonic, substitutes in area orchestras, and she also has a thriving flute studio.

While in Atlanta from May 2010 to May 2011, Mrs. Cotter was the piccolo player for the Tara Winds Concert Band and recently soloed with them on their Fall Concert and at University of Southern Mississippi in February. While in Louisiana, she was the 3rd flute/piccolo for the Baton Rouge Symphony and was the principal flutist with the Louisiana Sinfonietta. She was principal of the LSU Wind Ensemble during the two years of coursework for the DMA, as well as the two years of her master's degree. She also played with the LSU Symphony Orchestra for two years while getting her master's degree.

**PHOENIX PARK-KIM**

October 19, 2012 | Hensdale Chapel

Korean pianist Phoenix Park-Kim, began playing the piano at the age of five and gave her first public performance at seven years old. Since then, she has delighted audiences

in recital, orchestral, and chamber music performances. In 1997, she graduated summa cum laude from Yonsei University in Seoul, where she received in 1999 bachelor's degrees in both Piano Performance and English Literature. In 1999, she came to the U.S.A. to study with Dr. Lian Tan at Miami University on a full tuition scholarship, where she received in 2001 a Master of Music and served as a graduate teaching assistant. In 2005, she completed the Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance at the University of Missouri in Kansas City's Conservatory of Music under the tutelage of Dr. Robert Weirich and served as his teaching assistant.

**JASON MCKINNEY**

November 2, 2012 | Hensdale Chapel

Originally from Milwaukee Wis., Mr. Jason S. McKinney graduated from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, where he studied voice with soprano Marilyn Taylor and tenor Glenn

Siebert, Conducting with Maestro James Allbritten, and composing with Kenneth Frazelle. Jason was the winner of the 2001 and 2002 Civic Music Association of Milwaukee's Harold Levin scholarship competition and was awarded the Judges Choice award at the 2001 Metropolitan Opera's district competition. Jason has gone on to perform at such prestigious venues as The Kennedy Center, The White House, The Semper Opera House in Dresden, Germany, The Hamburgische Staatsoper, The Festspielhaus in Baden-Baden, Germany, Opera Kommische in Berlin Germany, Teatro Massimo Bellini in Catania, Sicily, and The Theatre Carre in Amsterdam Netherlands.

**XI YANG**

April 6-7, 2013 | Hensdale Chapel

Xi Yang began his distinguished music career when he was a student at the Conservatory of Music in Beijing, China, where he studied both violin and viola Performance. He had his first solo debut when he was

9 years old. By the age of 12 he was making an average of 200 solo appearances a year in China. He won the National Violin Competition in Shanghai and made his solo debut with the Beijing Philharmonic Orchestra. He has played for two U.S. Presidents and is currently the assistant concertmaster and assistant conductor and soloist with the Raleigh Symphony Orchestra.

**KEVIN STREICH**

April 6-7, 2013 | Hensdale Chapel

Dr. Kevin M. Streich, clarinetist, maintains an active performing and teaching career, performing regularly with the North Carolina Symphony, the Mobius Wind Quintet, the Fayetteville Symphony

Orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle, and the Raleigh Civic Chamber Orchestra. He holds a doctorate in Clarinet Performance from Michigan State University, as well as a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut. Dr. Streich currently works as the Clarinet Professor at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Xi Yang, Kevin Streich, Nathan Leyland and Linda Cotter will be performing in the Methodist University premier of Arnold Schoenberg's "Pierrot Lunaire," part of the Cape Fear New Music Festival.

**MATT OLSON JAZZ TRIO**

March 1, 2013 | Hensdale Chapel

A native of Racine, Wis., Matt Olson is associate professor of saxophone and Director of Jazz Studies at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. He holds a

Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a Master of Music in Jazz Pedagogy and Bachelor of Music in Saxophone Performance from Northwestern University.

Accompanying Matt Olson will be freelance bassist Ron Brendle, a recipient of two North Carolina Arts Council Jazz Composer Fellowship Grants, and pianist Keith Davis, who is the jazz piano instructor at Furman University, where he also assists with the jazz ensemble and jazz combo.

**NATHAN LEYLAND**

April 6-7, 2013 | Hensdale Chapel

Nathan Leyland, born in Butler, Pa., later moved to Lynchburg, Va., and began his cello studies in the public schools at the age of nine. After moving to Ohio, he began

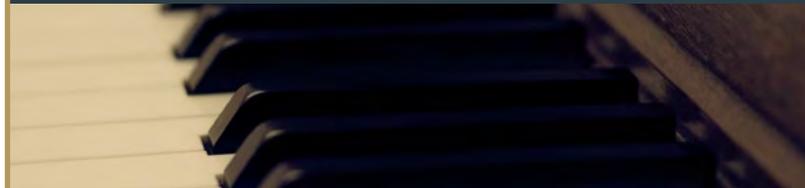
studies with Richard Bell, associate principal cellist with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and in Connecticut studied with Laura Kane, former principal cellist of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra. Nathan attended the Manhattan School of Music, where he studied with Tchaikovsky Competition gold medalist Nathaniel Rosen, a former student and teaching assistant to the late Gregor Piatigorsky. Mr. Leyland has performed as soloist with the Hartford Symphony, Manchester Symphony Orchestra, The Southeastern Ohio Symphony Orchestra, Des Moines Symphony Orchestra, and the Welsh Hills Chamber Orchestra, to name a few. He is currently the principal cellist in the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, and the Carolina Philharmonic and is an active freelance musician in the region.

**GUILLERMO AYERBE**

February 1, 2013 | Reeves Auditorium

Guillermo Ayerbe is originally from Jersey City, N.J. He began studying the violin at the age of 3 under his father, who had studied the violin himself at a

young age. At the age of 6, he began studying with Rafael Wenke of the Ukrainian Music Institute of America, New York Branch. During his younger years, Guillermo won various solo competitions in and around the New York area, performing at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. He was brought to Fayetteville in 1991 after joining the military and was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne until 1995. After completing his commitment, he joined the Fayetteville Symphony in 1995 and became concertmaster in 1997. Along with his classical music career, he also enjoys blending the sounds of his violin with rock, pop, and other styles of music.

**ARMY GROUND FORCES BAND CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**

February 15, 2013 | Hensdale Chapel

The Army Ground Forces Band was organized as the Fourth Infantry Regiment Band on July 21, 1845, in New Orleans, La. The history of this unique band began with the Mexican War, where its members fought heroically, becoming the only Army band to receive a combat distinction from the President of the United States. On September 21, 1846, during the Battle of Monterey, members of the band captured an enemy artillery battery and turned it against the Mexican army. In recognition of this heroic action, President Zachary Taylor, who had commanded the Fourth Infantry Regiment during the war, authorized the band to wear red piping on its dress uniforms, commemorating its distinguished wartime service.





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MU SEPTEMBER 2012 CALENDAR EVENTS

Date	Event	Details
7	Presentation/lecture	Date/Time: Friday, September 7th, 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. Location: Clark Hall, Yarborough Auditorium Speaker: Historian and journalist Mr. Marc Leepson from Loudoun County, VA. Author of a recent book on General Lafayette. Topic: "Lafayette: Lessons in Leadership from the Idealist General" Series: Tally Leadership Center Guest Speaker Series Mr. Leepson will be in Fayetteville for the annual Lafayette birthday celebration that weekend, so our event is being included in some of the promotion for Lafayette's birthday. Contact: (910) 630-7488 or aziegler@methodist.edu Admission is free
7	Foreign Film Festival: <i>Das Schreckliche Mädchen (The Troublemaker)</i>	German with English subtitles Presented by Department of Modern Languages and Literature 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7058 or jenwilliams@methodist.edu Admission is free
7	Faculty Recital	Featuring Linda Cotter, adjunct instructor of flute Presented by Friends of Music at Methodist 7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free
8	Operation Homefront 5K	9:00 a.m. Reeves Auditorium Gathering Site Contact: (910) 630-7062 or smorrison@methodist.edu
10	Fall Convocation	11:00 a.m.

		Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7031 or pellis@methodist.edu Admission is free
10	Professional MBA Program Open House	6:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7493 or away@methodist.edu Admission is free
14	Nimocks Speaker Series	Speaker TBA 11:00 a.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7047 or lemmanuel@methodist.edu Admission is free
15	PA Program 5K/10K Run/Walk 5K and 10K	The Physician Assistant Class of 2013 will be hosting an on-campus competitive and non-competitive 5K and 10K run/walk on Saturday, September 15th to raise funds for their national board review course. If you are interested in participating please see the attached registration form and waiver. All MU students, fac/staff and PA alumni will receive a \$5 discount. We do not allow strollers or pets in either run. To help with planning we are requesting that you submit your registration form no later than Sept. 4th although we will accept registrations up until the day of. Contact: (910) 630-7615 or jmish@methodist.edu
17	Reeves School of Business Executive Speaker	Professor Marty V. Cayton, Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship 11:00 a.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7047 or lemmanuel@methodist.edu Admission is free
19	Investigative Psychology, Serial Killers, and Criminal Minds	Presentation by author Dr. Katherine Ramsland Sponsored by the MU Center for Excellence in Justice Administration 3:30 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7420 or dpauly@methodist.edu Admission is free The art of crime scene analysis relies on knowledge about criminal behavior, mental illness, and personality disorders. Dr. Katherine Ramsland will describe the role that forensic psychology plays in the criminal justice system, focusing on her research into serial murder. Dr. Katherine Ramsland teaches forensic psychology and criminal justice at

		DeSales University, specializing in the psychology of forensic investigations and serial murder. She has appeared on numerous talk shows and documentaries, consulted with writers for <i>CSI</i> and <i>Bones</i> , and published over 1,000 articles and 45 books, including <i>The Forensic Psychology of Criminal Minds</i> . A limited number of Dr. Ramsland's books will be available in the MU Bookstore.
20	Business Succession Forum Network Program	Keynote Speaker: Mr. H. Dabney Smith, managing partner of Mosaic Capital Partners, LLC 11:00 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn Contact: (910) 630-7642 or cfe@methodist.edu Lunch is included in the \$25 registration fee. There is no charge for BSFN members. All attendees must RSVP to cfe@methodist.edu or call 910-630-7642.
21	Foreign Film Festival	Foreign Film Festival: <i>La Historia Oficial (The Official Story)</i> Spanish with English subtitles Presented by Department of Modern Languages and Literature 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7058 or jenwilliams@methodist.edu Admission is free
21	Faculty Recital	Featuring Shannon French and Erin Matson, adjunct instructors of music Presented by Friends of Music at Methodist 7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free
27-30	Drama	The Troupe , Methodist University's improvisation group, returns with a new show! Reeves Auditorium 9/27-9/29 at 8 p.m. 9/30 at 2 p.m. No admission will be charged Contact: (910) 630-7103 or pwilson@methodist.edu



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**MU STUDENTS COLLECT AND DELIVER SUPPLIES TO
LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University students recently donated boxes of school supplies to Walker Spivey Elementary School, delivering the supplies Friday, Aug. 24, in time for the elementary students' return Monday, Aug. 27. The MU Cheer and Dance teams and the MU Social Work Club sponsored the supplies drive during the first week of classes.

Five boxes of items like notebooks, backpacks, pencils and crayons were collected. Tameka Delmar, who recently joined Methodist University as head cheerleading coach, said she was looking for a project to get her students involved and connected to the community.

"I'm big on giving back to the community and helping," said Delmar. "While we were gearing up for back to school, I wanted to also help those who may not be able to get school supplies."

Dr. Carla Fagan, chair of the Social Work Department, said the group chose Walker Spivey because the school's population – 97 percent of the students receive free school lunch – used to be at the Pauline Jones Elementary School.

"Several years ago, the Social Work Club adopted the Pauline Jones Elementary School, which serves children who are from low-income households and children who are classified as homeless," Fagan said. "The Social Work Club provided books for their library, outings for the students, and a garden next to the school building."

When the Cumberland County School Board moved the school to a new location, Principal Rudy Tatum asked the Methodist University group to continue the connection.

"The Social Work Club will continue to support the school with donations of time and supplies," Fagan said.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOST OPENING CONVOCATION

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University’s opening convocation will be Monday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. University President Ben E. Hancock Jr. will address the Methodist University community, announce a major gift to the University, and speak on the importance of community partnerships.

The University holds the convocation assembly once a semester in the fall and spring. The fall convocation is often a platform for the University to announce new initiatives or good news.

This year’s freshmen, many of whom will be in attendance, are the first students to begin the “MU Journey” when they first arrive on campus. This initiative provides all MU students with four pathways, including Leadership, Community Engagement, Global Education, and Undergraduate Research and Creativity. The pathways are designed to provide students with experiences outside of the classroom that distinguish a Methodist University education from any other. The MU Journey seeks to engage, enrich, and empower MU’s students and community, while preparing students for productive careers and lives of meaning and purpose.

The success of the first two of the pathways will rely much on the creation of partnerships in the surrounding community as students become involved in special projects and internships. Hancock has referred to 2012-13 as “The Year of Partnerships,” with the goal of identifying and celebrating these relationships in ways he will speak about at the Convocation.

“These partnerships will come from every sector, including health care, business, education, the arts, not-for-profits, military and religious organizations, among others,” said Hancock. “Furthermore, we will bring ‘experts in residence’ from each of these sectors to campus to help us maximize the benefits from these partnerships.”

Hancock said he is looking forward to the many ways that these partnerships will help take Methodist University programs and initiatives to the next level.

“Our community partners will ensure that we meet this expectation and deliver the very highest educational experience to our students,” said Hancock.

Partnerships are also important for Hancock’s vision of the Monarch Network, which will mobilize MU affinity groups and other volunteers to serve as partners well beyond the Cape Fear Region, embracing alumni, parents and friends of the MU community.

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**RACHEL PURSER TO SPEAK AT FIRST NIMOCKS
INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER SERIES EVENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will present the first event of the 2012-2013 Nimocks International Speaker Series Friday, Sept. 14, at 11 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall.

Senior Rachel Purser, who in 2011 spent a semester abroad studying at Rennes School of Business in France, will speak about her global education experience. The event is free and open to the public.

The Nimocks Speaker Series is part of the International Business Studies Program, designed to encourage students in the Reeves School of Business, faculty and staff to participate in international travel. The funding for the speaker series is from the Col. (Ret.) David R. Nimocks International Professorship of Business endowment, which was established by David R. Nimocks, Jr. and his wife, Elisabeth B. Nimocks in 2005. Part of the endowment is designated to provide funding for speakers, workshop and conference attendance, international travel, or any other purpose deemed to contribute positively to the international scope of the Reeves School of Business curriculum and/or faculty.

“By encouraging our students to study and travel abroad, they will have a greater appreciation and more effectively recognize the importance of living and working in an interdependent world,” said Dr. Gregory Combs, director of the Reeves School of Business’ International Business Studies Program. “Faculty members’ travel experiences abroad will enhance their curriculum in the classroom, as they will be able to apply the knowledge gained from visiting other countries.”

“Providing our students and faculty with up to date international business information will stimulate a greater interest for our students and faculty to travel abroad and incorporate real-world international business issues into the classroom,” Combs said.

Global education is just one pathway of the MU Journey initiative, which encompasses opportunities for leadership, global education, community engagement, and undergraduate research and creativity.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION GIFT

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University announced today that the school has received a commitment for a \$1 million endowment. President Ben Hancock Jr. made the announcement during his State of the University address at the opening convocation ceremony. The legacy donation was given by the estate of Richard and Etta Aiken Butler.

Hancock praised the Butlers for “their generosity, their love of students, their love of higher education, their love of the Methodist Church—having been lifelong Methodists—and their belief in Methodist University and what it stands for.”

“I am pleased to announce today, a commitment that these two individuals have made to Methodist University for \$1 million for scholarships,” Hancock said.

Hancock then recognized Al and Sandra Haskins, the trustees of the Richard Perry Butler Trust, calling them “good stewards,” and thanking them for their presence at the convocation.

Richard Butler, who died in November 2011 at the age of 93, served in the U.S. Army from 1940 to 1944 before moving to Durham and working in securities, where he began to be involved in investing. Richard and Etta were married in 1945, until her death in 2003.

The endowment will fund two scholarships, one for undergraduates and one for graduate students enrolled in the Physician Assistant Program.

Hancock’s address focused on three themes: promise, partnerships, and philanthropy. Hancock told the audience in Reeves Auditorium that partnerships and donations such as this one were critical to the future of the University. He said that as well as seeking to double the number of President’s Society donors, those who give \$1,000 to \$4,999 to the University in a given year, the University’s endowment must be increased, as well.

“We need to double our endowment in the next five years if we’re going to continue to meet the needs of our students and future generations of students,” Hancock said. “That’s good news, right? But it won’t happen without partnership. It won’t happen without generous people who step forth and support us and believe in us.”

Before announcing the endowment, he talked about volunteer groups like the Methodist University Board of Trustees, Alumni Association Board, Board of Visitors and Foundation Board, among many others, who help make Methodist University

successful. One of the University's goals is to increase and formally identify more community partners.

"We will, in the coming year and beyond, be identifying at least 100 partnerships that we will be establishing with organizations off campus, whether they are businesses, organizations, churches, the military, education, you name it," Hancock said. "They are all here to support the University and provide ambassadors, visiting fellows if you will, that will support what we're doing here at the University and make sure that we enhance the educational opportunities by having these visiting fellows that will come to campus as representatives of these 100 partnerships."

At the end of the convocation, Athletic Director Bob McEvoy recognized several people in the University's athletic community for their performances on and off the field in the previous year. Head Women's Golf Coach Tom Incauskis was recognized at the Coach of the Year. Marcy McKee, a physical education major and member of the softball team, and Greg Patterson, an accounting major and member of the men's tennis team, were recognized as the male and female Scholar-Athletes of the Year, an award for student athletes with the highest GPA. Women's track and cross country athlete Ashlynn Chavis was awarded the Sykes Cup, given to the most outstanding athlete of the year.

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MU STUDENTS TO ASSIST BICYCLE MAN MOSES MATHIS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University students have started a new Community Engagement project this semester, in partnership with Moses Mathis, locally known as “The Bicycle Man.”

Since 1991, Mathis has been collecting and fixing bicycles and donating them to children. His website, thebicycleman.com, states an estimate that he’s given away about 12,000 bikes since he started. Beginning this Saturday, Sept. 15, groups of MU students plan to visit The Bicycle Man’s warehouse during several Saturdays over the next few months to help Mathis prepare for his annual Christmas bicycle giveaway.

The students involved in the project will come from the MU peer mentor group, freshmen in Engage Living Learning Communities, the Resort Management Club, the American Marketing Association club, and classes taught by Dr. Mark Kendrick, director of the Center for Community Engagement, and Dr. Sharon Kendrick, director of the Resort and Club Management Program.

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FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST TO SPEAK AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Author and forensic psychologist Dr. Katherine Ramsland will give a lecture at Methodist University on the subject of serial killers and forensic psychology, Wednesday, Sept. 19. The event is free and open to the public.

Ramsland will speak at 3:30 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall. Before she speaks in Yarborough, there will be a book signing at 2 p.m. in Berns Student Center. Copies of some of her books will be available in the campus book store, also located in Berns. It is recommended guests arrive early.

“She is a very entertaining speaker,” said Dave Pauly, assistant professor of justice studies and director of the Applied Forensic Science Program. “Ramsland has a knowledge base in the forensic sciences, psychology, and serial killers that makes her an amazing person to talk to, learn from, and listen to during seminars and lectures.”

Ramsland has written more than 40 books and more than 1,000 other pieces on subjects ranging from the supernatural to serial killers. Three of her most recent books are *Psychopath, Snap!*, and *The Ivy League Killer*, published this year. As well as speaking internationally on forensic psychology, forensic science and serial murder, she has appeared on numerous documentaries and TV shows as an expert in her fields.

Also a psychology professor, she holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology and philosophy from Northern Arizona University, master’s degrees in clinical psychology from Duquesne University, forensic psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and criminal justice from DeSales University, and has a doctorate in philosophy from Rutgers University.

The event is hosted by the MU Center for Excellence in Justice Administration (CEJA), and the Criminal Justice and Applied Forensic Science Association (CJFSA). CEJA develops and provides non-credit development experiences for justice professionals in North Carolina and contiguous states. The CJFSA is a Methodist University association dedicated to expanding learning outside the classroom for students interested in various forensic science disciplines, psychology, justice studies, and other majors.

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MU THEATER SCHEDULE INCLUDES IMPROV, *DOUBT*, AND *GODSPELL*

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist University Department of Theatre is pleased to announce its schedule for the 2012-2013 academic year. The first show will be the student-generated improvisation project *The Troupe Has the Last Laugh*, which will run Friday, Sept. 27, to Sunday, Sept. 30. In November, the department will present *Doubt*, an award-winning play by Jon Patrick Shanley that was made into a movie in 2008. For the spring, the department will do a special Theatre for the Deaf version of *Godspell* and plans to close out the year with a production directed by students enrolled in MU's play directing course.

All of the shows will take place in Reeves Auditorium, with shows starting at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Except for *Godspell*, all of the shows will be small-stage productions, with seating for about 70 people.

The Troupe Has the Last Laugh

The Troupe is the name of MU's improv company, led by student Jeremey Arnold. The group was started last year, when they appeared in *All in the Timing* and *Troupe or Dare*. There is no cost to attend the production.

"The show will consist of a series of improvisation games, including games not seen in past performances," said Dr. Evan Bridenstine, assistant professor of theater. "The games include standards seen on the television show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, such as 'scenes from the bowl,' which invited audience members to write down topics and have the cast improvise moments or scenes."

Bridenstine said the students have a lot of fun during the show, and that fun runs over into the audience.

"They're looking at the whole, 'Mayan calendar predicts the end of the world,' foolishness, which seems funny on its own," he said.

Doubt

The second show of the fall will run Nov. 8-11. *Doubt* is directed by Bridenstine and designed by Dr. Paul Wilson, chair of the theater department. The plot of the play centers on Sister Aloysius a nun and leader of a parish school in 1964, who suspects that

a priest has acted inappropriately with one of the students. Regular admission is \$10, or \$7 for seniors, military, and students, and \$4 for children. Admission is free with an MU ID. Because of the subject matter, attendance is not recommended for young children. Tickets will not be available in advance.

“The questions it raises—and refuses to answer—are relevant on a fairly constant basis,” Bridenstine said. “As Father Flynn asks in the first line of the play, ‘What do you do when you're not sure?’ The act of questioning is the point. The answer to Flynn's initial question is up to the individual audience member.”

Doubt casts Paul Woolverton as Father Flynn, Shannon Bailey-Bloodworth as Sister Aloysius, Teresa Hammonds as Sister James, and Rica McDonald as Mrs. Muller. Woolverton and Baily-Bloodworth are members of the Fayetteville community, and Hammonds and McDonald are MU students. Auditions for MU theater productions are usually open to the local community as well as the campus community.

Wilson and Bridenstine said they were both excited to welcome back Bailey-Bloodworth, who has appeared in several past performances at MU, often with her husband, Robert Bloodworth, an MU professor emeritus and also a professional actor.

“Shortly after I first got here, Robert and Shannon were kind of our in-house Lunt and Fontanne,” Wilson said.

Spring Semester

Godspell will run Feb. 21-24 and Feb. 28-March 3, 2013. While the lines will still be spoken and the songs sung aloud, the performers will also use American Sign Language (ASL). Auditions for the musical theater classic will be in late November or early December.

“Anyone who’s seen a production by the National Theatre for the Deaf or any other production done this way knows how it brings a whole new dimension to the performance, not just for the hearing-impaired, but for the hearing-active as well,” said Wilson, who is also directing and designing the show. “Auditionees won't have to know ASL beforehand, but it would certainly be an advantage. Anyone who doesn't know the slightest thing about ASL still will be able to pick up enough to carry them through the show.”

The last production will be a show of the theater students’ directing class projects, coordinated by Bridenstine. The unnamed show will run from April 18-21, 2013.

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ART EXHIBITION SET TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 19

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—A new exhibition, “Exotic Encounters,” opens Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the David McCune International Art Gallery in the Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. The show features paintings from the safaris of artist Paula Fitzpatrick, an active member of The Cape Fear Studios in Fayetteville.

There will be an opening reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the gallery on Sept. 19, which is free and open to the public. Afterward, the exhibit will run through Oct. 24 during regular gallery hours. This semester, the gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday. There is no cost to visit the gallery.

For many years, Fitzpatrick has been painting African animals that she observed in private parks and public zoos, but in 2004 she visited Kenya and Tanzania to see the animals in their natural habitat. She took her art supplies with her, and returned with inspiring memories. From that trip, the works in “Exotic Encounters” were born.

“After returning home with visions of animal herds walking through my head as I slept, I began a new style of animal paintings,” she said. “The landscape played a more important part of the design than previously. As the collection grows the animals have become a smaller part of the artwork, with emphasis on portraying the place and emotion of the moment I am remembering.”

Wildlife has been the most prominent feature in Fitzpatrick's artwork for many years. Her love of the outdoors and animals has promoted her active involvement with many non-profit and wildlife organizations.

“As I paint I can still recall the air, smells and the excitement of being just feet away from a phenomenal creature that still invokes excitement,” Fitzpatrick said. “Emotion often dictates the manner in which portray I a specific subject. I want you to feel the tension, excitement, and sheer joy as I still feel it.”

Fitzpatrick has been exhibiting professionally since 1982. She received her bachelor's degree from Appalachian State University, and a Master of Arts in teaching from the University of South Carolina and two years of post-graduate studio art. She taught for 12 years before changing her career to a full-time artist.

“I was thrilled to be asked to show my work in the new art museum at Methodist University,” she said. “I have participated in many exhibits over the years, but this will be

my first solo museum exhibition. I met Professor Silvana Foti at Cape Fear Studios, where she became familiar with my work several years ago.”

Foti, the executive director of the McCune Gallery, said that Fitzpatrick’s safari exhibit is a great introductory show to bring students to experience the gallery. A few of the paintings were on display at the African-themed President’s International Student Welcome Dinner the week before the exhibit opens. Because MU has students from many parts of Africa on campus, Foti said she hopes the exhibit will be especially interesting to international students, who may see the images as welcomingly familiar rather than exotic.

“Her pieces are playful, colorful, and filled with the gorgeous life of the African savanna,” Foti said. “It’s an attractive show and a lot of people will enjoy the subject matter. It’s geared to a vast audience.”

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES 39TH ANNUAL
ECONOMIC OUTLOOK SYMPOSIUM**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The 39th Annual Economic Outlook Symposium will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25, at Embassy Suites of Fayetteville. The symposium is presented by the Center for Entrepreneurship, part of the Methodist University Reeves School of Business.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Joel Naroff, president and founder of Naroff Economic Advisors, a strategic economic consulting firm. According to his website, naroffeconomics.com, he is a nationally recognized economic forecasting expert and has received numerous honors, including the National Association for Business Economics Outlook Award in 2007 and 2011. In 2008, he received both the Lawrence Klein Award as the top Blue Chip forecaster and the Bloomberg Business News' top economic forecaster award. He was MSNBC's top forecaster in 2006.

Naroff received bachelor's degrees in economics and chemistry from Stony Brook University and a doctorate in economics from Brown University. He was also a tenured professor in the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

An important part of the Economic Outlook Symposium is the presentation of four awards: Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Greater Good Award, and Entrepreneur of the Year. Award nominations are now being accepted for each category.

Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year is awarded to a graduate of Methodist University who has shown promise for a successful career. Business Person of the Year is given to an executive who makes great contributions, not only to the successful operation of local business and industry, but also to the civic and cultural life of the community. The Greater Good Award goes to a professional who has shown kindness, charity, humanity, love, and friendship to his/her associates. Entrepreneur of the Year is presented to a risk-taker in the free enterprise system: a person who sees an opportunity and then devises strategies to achieve specific objectives.

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MU APRIL 2012 CALENDAR EVENTS

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13	Warrior Angels 5K	8:00 a.m. Reeves Auditorium Gathering Site Contact: (910) 630-7268 or kathomas@methodist.edu
19	Friends of Music at Methodist	Phoenix Park-Kim Piano Recital (Hensdale) 7:30 pm Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free
19	Foreign Film Festival	<i>Where Do We Go Now?</i> Arabic with English subtitles Presented by Department of Modern Languages and Literature 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7058 or jenwilliams@methodist.edu Admission is free
24	Stop Hunger Now	To volunteer or donate!  STOP HUNGER NOW 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

		<p>Berns Student Center</p> <p>JOIN US! Participate in the collaborative, community-wide effort to pack one hundred thousand meals in 2012! Berns Student Center Registration is required. Register by contacting Charlotte Brown at 910.630.7242 or chbrown@methodist.edu for more information. Anyone can donate 25¢ for a meal. Our goal for October is 40,000 meals.</p>
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18	Careers in Geology	Presentation on Careers in Geology w/ free pizza! Room 222, Hendricks Science Complex - 5:30-7:30 PM The Carolinas Section of the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (www.aegweb.org) will present a seminar on careers in geology. The presentations will be very informal – three geologists will talk for about twenty minutes each on their careers in engineering geology, environmental geology, and public-sector geology. During the presentations and afterwards, they will answer questions from the audience. Contact: (910) 630-7556 or jdembosky@methodist.edu .
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SOUTHERN WRITERS SYMPOSIUM ANNOUNCES WRITING CONTESTS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Southern Writers Symposium (SWS) is now accepting submissions for two contests for its event March 2, 2013. Submissions for the Emerging Writers Contest and the Sandhills Young Writers Contest are due by Jan. 7, 2013.

Created at Methodist University in 1982, the Southern Writers Symposium is an annual one-day event devoted to showcasing and encouraging creative writing. Besides sponsoring an emerging writers contest in fiction and poetry, the Symposium will feature readings by well-known authors, and will encourage aspiring writers through panel discussions on publication, workshops on the craft of writing, individual consultations, and open mic readings.

“This is the first time that we are sponsoring a young writers contest for high school students in the Sandhills region,” said organizer and English Instructor Brenda Jernigan. “Also, for the first time, writers can submit their work online.”

The Emerging Writers Contest will accept entries in the categories of fiction and poetry. The first-place writer in each category will be invited to read from his or her winning work at the conference on March 2, and receive a cash award of \$300. Second place writers will receive \$200. All winners will be invited to attend the Symposium. The contest is open to writers who meet at least two of the following criteria: currently live in the South, are natives of the South, or write about the South.

Additionally, writers must have not yet published a full-length volume in the genre that they are entering. For example, writers are still eligible for the emerging fiction writers contest if published in volume form in nonfiction or poetry. There is a \$15 per entry fee. Fiction entries can be up to 5,000 words and must be typed and double-spaced. Poetry entries can contain a maximum of five poems, or a total of ten typed pages.

The Southern Writers Symposium invites students in grades 9-12 from Cumberland, Harnett, Lee, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Hoke, Robeson, Chatham, and Montgomery counties to submit an original work of fiction and/or poetry. The first-place writer in each category will win a cash award of \$100, and second place winners will receive \$50.

There is no entry fee for the Sandhills Young Writers Contest. Students can submit short story manuscripts of up to 4,000 words. Poetry entries may be in any verse form and consist of one poem or a group of poems with no more than 60 lines total.

Students may submit one entry in each category, and will be disqualified for more than one entry in each category.

For both contests, all entries must not have been previously published in any form, or have won recognition in any other contest. Simultaneous submissions are acceptable.

To apply online, visit southernwriters.submittable.com/submit. To enter by mail, entries must include a cover sheet with the author's name, address, phone number, e-mail address, title, and genre of work submitted. Emerging Writers entries should also include a brief bio and statement that the author meets the eligibility guidelines. Sandhills Young Writers entries should include the names of the student's high school and English teacher, and a statement that the work is entirely the author's own creation. The author's name should not appear anywhere on the manuscript. Entries should be mailed to: Southern Writers Symposium, Emerging Writers Contest (or Sandhills Young Writers Contest), Department of English and Writing, Methodist University, 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville NC 28311.

Winners of the contests will be announced on the SWS website, methodist.edu/sws, by Feb. 1, 2013. Entries will not be critiqued or returned. For more information, contact Jernigan at 910.630.7454, or southernwriters@methodist.edu

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EVENTS
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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The fall semester is in full swing at Methodist University, with students finishing midterms and alumni making plans for Homecoming. Many events in the areas of the arts, Monarchs sports, family entertainment, and speaking engagements are open to the public.

Below is a list of upcoming community calendar events, all of which are free unless otherwise noted. Admission to Monarchs athletic events is free for most sports. Admission to football games is free for children under 6 or with a Methodist University ID, \$3 for school-age students and seniors, and \$6 for adults. Basketball game admission is \$4 for adults or \$2 for children.

Oct. 13 – Take a walk to support breast cancer patients at Ft. Bragg by participating in the Warrior Angels Battle Buddy Boogie 5K fun run/walk. The event starts at 8 a.m. in front of Reeves Auditorium. Registration is \$25 and includes a race T-shirt. For more information, or to register, visit warriorangels.org.

Oct. 13 – Listen to an “Out of this World” performance by the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, who will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The concert will include selections from E.T., Star Trek, The Planets, and the premiere of a piece composed by MU professor Keith Dippre. Tickets can be purchased at fayettevillesymphony.org, and cost \$5 for students, \$20 for military and seniors, and \$25 for adults. Tickets are free with a Methodist University ID card.

Oct. 13 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a several home games. Men's soccer vs. **LaGrange College** at noon, women's volleyball vs. **Piedmont College** at noon (Dig Pink, breast cancer awareness game), football vs. **Maryville College** at 1 p.m., women's soccer vs. **LaGrange College** at 2 p.m., and women's volleyball plays again at 4 p.m., vs. **Greensboro College**.

Oct. 14 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women's soccer home game against **Piedmont College** at 2 p.m., and then the men's soccer team plays **Piedmont College** at 4 p.m.

Oct. 15 – Slim Goodbody, an educational children's performance that teaches about health and body issues, will perform two shows at Reeves Auditorium, "Bodyology" at 9:55 a.m. and "Lighten Up!" at 11:40 a.m. Tickets are \$7 and available at slimgoodbody.com.

Oct. 17 – Methodist University's Chamber Singers will sing and there will be a presentation on Haiti by the Musgraves at the weekly worship service held in Hensdale Chapel at 11 a.m. The Musgraves will also join the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meeting at 8 p.m.

Oct. 17 – Jesse James will speak on campus about domestic violence and the story of his daughter, Holley Wimuc, an Army nurse at Womack Army Medical Center, who was murdered by her husband. He will be joined by Dr. Sharon Cooper, a world-renowned expert on child trafficking and abuse. The event will be at 3:30 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium.

Oct. 18 – The Carolinas Section of the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists will present a seminar on careers in geology, starting at 5:30 p.m. in Room 222 of the Hendricks Science Complex. Geologist Paul Weaver, David L. Brown and Rick Kolb will speak about their careers in engineering geology, environmental geology, and public-sector geology. During the presentations and afterwards, they will answer questions from the audience.

Oct. 19 – The Methodist University Physician Assistant (PA) Program will host its annual "White Coat Ceremony" at 6 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The ceremony is an opportunity for PA students, family and friends to acknowledge the commitment that the students have made to the service of others in the field of health care. Donning the white coat, a symbol of the medical profession, is a rite of passage into the role of clinician.

Oct. 19 – The Friends of Music will present a piano recital featuring guest artist Phoenix Park-Kim at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. The Korean pianist began playing at the age of 5 and gave her first public performance when she was 7 years old. She has performed in various music festivals, including the Aspen Summer Music Festival, ARIA International Summer Academy, and the Summer Music School in Siena, Italy. The event is free, thanks to the generous support of the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Arts Council.

Oct. 19 – MU's Foreign Film Festival continues with 2011's "Where Do We Go Now?" directed by Nabine Labaki. The movie is from Lebanon and is in Arabic, with English subtitles. The movie will be shown at 7 p.m. in Room 122 of the Hendricks Science Complex.

Oct. 19 – The next speaker in this year's Nimocks Speaker Series is student Dave Fernandes, who talk about his travels in Sweden last spring. The series focuses on

international topics. The event will start at 11 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall.

Oct. 20 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a football home game against **Ferrum College** at 1 p.m. The game is the team's annual breast cancer awareness game.

Oct. 21 – Fayetteville International Youth Symphony Orchestra Concert will perform at 6:30 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

Oct. 24 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women's soccer home game against **North Carolina Wesleyan College** at 3 p.m., and again when women's volleyball plays **Averett University** at 7 p.m.

Oct. 25 – The Fayetteville Symphonic Band (FSB) will hold a concert in Reeves Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 25 – The 39th Annual Economic Outlook Symposium will be 6:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites of Fayetteville. The symposium is presented by the Center for Entrepreneurship, part of the Methodist University Reeves School of Business. This year's speaker will be Dr. Joel Naroff, president and founder of Naroff Economic Advisors, a strategic economic consulting firm.

All attendees must RSVP in advance by Oct. 10. Registration and sponsorship costs vary and include dinner at the event. For more information, or to RSVP, visit Methodist.edu/cfe or contact cfe@methodist.edu, or 910.630.7642.

Oct. 26 – MU's Foreign Film Festival continues with 2011's "*Le gamin au vélo*" (*The Kid with a Bike*), directed by Jean-Pierre Dardenne and Luc Dardenne. The movie is in French with English subtitles and will be shown at 7 p.m. in Room 122 of the Hendricks Science Complex.

Oct. 29 – The Reeves School of Business' Executive Speaker Series continues with Doug Peters, president of the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce, who will speak at 11 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium.

Oct. 29 – Dr. Robert C. Neville of Boston University will be the speaker at this year's Womack Lecture. Neville will give two lectures in the PA Building Lecture Hall, "Conceiving Ultimate Reality: The Dialectic of Transcendence," at 11 a.m. and then "Engaging Ultimate Reality: The Abundance of Symbols," at 2 p.m. The Womack Lecture Series is an endowed, annual lecture series designed to promote public awareness of religious scholarship by bringing an expert in the field of religion, philosophy, or ethics to Methodist University to deliver two scholarly lectures. The lecture is named for and honors Dr. Samuel J. Womack and Mrs. Norma Womack.

Nov. 2 and 3 – **[Homecoming](#) and [Family Weekend](#)**

Events on Friday include an Alumni Reunion Reception, Hall of Fame Banquet, and a Physician Assistant Program Dinner and Silent Auction. Events on Saturday include a 5K/Fun Run, campus tours, Kid Zone, Alumni Awards Ceremony, Monarch Parade,

Tailgating, and a 1 p.m. football home game against Averett University. Some of these events have a cost and/or require pre-registration. For more information, visit methodist.edu/alumni/homecoming or call 910.630.7167.

Nov. 2 – The Friends of Music will present a voice recital featuring guest artist Jason McKinney at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. Originally from Milwaukee, McKinney graduated from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. As a concert soloist, he has been featured with the North Carolina Symphony and has performed to critical acclaim in Europe, Mexico, the U.S.A., and Australia. The event is free, thanks to the generous support of the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Arts Council.

Nov. 2 – An art show featuring the textile works of North Carolina artist Sharron Parker opens Nov. 2 and runs through Dec. 12 in the David McCune International Art Gallery in the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts. There will be an opening reception from 6-8 p.m. on Nov. 2, and a workshop on handmade felt Nov. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Space is limited for the workshop and there is a workshop fee. Call 910.630.7107 to RSVP

Nov. 5 – The Professional MBA Program at Methodist University will hold an open house for anyone interested in learning more about the program. MU offers MBA classes with a focus on organizational management and leadership each fall, and with a focus on health care administration each spring. The open house starts at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall. This event is free.

Nov. 8 – Ret. Major General Rodney Anderson will visit campus for the day as an “Expert in Residence” focusing on leadership. As part of the day, he will give a public lecture, time and location to be announced.

Nov. 8-11 – The MU Theater Department presents “Doubt.” Shows will start at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Regular admission is \$10, or \$7 for seniors, military, and students, and \$4 for children. Admission is free with an MU ID. Because of the subject matter, attendance is not recommended for young children. Tickets will not be available in advance.

Nov. 9 – N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Douglas McCullough will be the speaker for Constitutional Law Day. He is the author of “Sea of Greed,” which tells the true story of how a drug smuggling bust off the North Carolina coast led to the U.S. invasion of Panama. McCullough was personally involved as the prosecutor of the original case. He will speak at 11 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium.

Nov. 9 – MU’s Foreign Film Festival continues with 2008’s “*Pranzo di ferragosto*” (Mid-August Lunch), directed by Gianni di Gregorio. The movie is in Italian with English subtitles and will be shown at 7 p.m. in Room 122 of the Hendricks Science Complex.

Nov. 14 – The second annual Wesley Heritage Celebration will include a student contest for original, creative projects about the founders of Methodism. The student

whose project is judged the best by a panel of judges will win a \$500 prize. David Worthington, director of the New Room in Bristol, England, will be the keynote speaker.

Nov. 15 – The 4th annual Pangea show will start at 7 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Pangea is a multicultural showcase of student performances put on by the International Club.

Nov. 15 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a men's basketball home game against Lynchburg College at 7 p.m.

Nov. 16 – The MU All-Choirs Concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. This is the annual end-of-the-semester concert for the Music Department's four vocal groups: The Noblemen men's ensemble, The Treble Tones women's ensemble, Chorale, and Chamber Singers.

Nov. 20 – Chamber Theatre presents “Encore!!” at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The show is designed for middle and high school students and covers several short story classics. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit chambertheatre.com.

Nov. 30-Dec. 1 – The second annual “A Yuletide Feaste” dinner returns to Hay Street United Methodist Church. Presented by Friends of Music at Methodist University and the MU Music Department, the Renaissance-style dinner and performance will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall. Seating begins at 7 p.m. Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$30 per person for groups of two or more.

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 – Dance Theatre of Fayetteville presents “The Nutcracker” in Reeves Auditorium. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students K-12.

Dec. 3-4 – Cumberland County's All County Band Festival will be in Reeves Auditorium.

Dec. 6 – The Fayetteville Symphonic Band will hold a concert in Reeves Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 8 – The Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra will perform a mix of selections from “Les Miserables” and holiday favorites at 7:30 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at fayettevillesymphony.org, and cost \$5 for students, \$20 for military and seniors, and \$25 for adults.

Dec. 9 – The MU Concert Band and the MU Jazz Monarchs will play a joint concert at 7:30 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The Concert Band plays a variety of concert band/wind band literature from throughout the 20th century, and the Jazz Monarchs is a big band group. Both are directed by MU Music instructor Charles Dumas. The event is free.

Dec. 15 – Winter Commencement will start at 2 p.m. in Riddle Gymnasium. The Baccalaureate ceremony will be at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium.

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JESSE JAMES TO SPEAK AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Jesse James, father of Holley Wimuc, will speak at Methodist University at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 17 in Yarborough Auditorium.

James will talk about domestic violence and the story of his daughter, who was an Army nurse when she was murdered by her husband. He will be joined by Dr. Sharon Cooper, a world-renowned expert on child trafficking and abuse. The event is free and open to the public.

“This is a personal story from someone who suffered the loss of a child,” said event organizer Dr. Warren McDonald, chair of MU’s Health Care Administration Program. “There can be no greater loss. His goal is to speak on college campuses across America.”

Wimuc was killed in 2008. Her husband, Marine Corporal John Wimuc, is currently serving a life sentence for her murder. James, who is also the dean of admission at University of Dubuque, has shared her story in churches, colleges, and other venues in support of domestic violence programs.

“He says if he can save one person from the fate his daughter had, he’ll have been successful,” McDonald said.

The event ties in with the University’s Red Flag Campaign going on this month, a public awareness effort designed to address dating violence and promote the prevention of dating violence on college campuses. The campaign encourages people to speak out when they see warning signs—“red flags”—for dating violence in a friend’s relationship.

Posters and red flags went up across campus Wednesday, Oct. 10, promoting the campaign. More information on the campaign can be found at theredflagcampaign.org.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOST SEMINAR ON
GEOLOGY CAREERS**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host geologists from the Carolinas Section of the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (AEG) Thursday, Oct. 18, for a seminar on geology careers. The seminar, which is free and open to the public, will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 222 of the Hendricks Science Complex.

Geologist Paul Weaver, David L. Brown and Rick Kolb will each speak for about 20 minutes on their careers in engineering geology, environmental geology, and public-sector geology. During the presentations and afterwards, they will answer questions from the audience. Topics in the news, such as fracking, may also be discussed.

“This event is for anybody who is interested in the science, but also anyone interested in the law,” said Dr. John Dembosky, associate professor of geology. “There are a lot of legal issues they deal with.”

Weaver is the current chair of the Carolina Section of AEG and the Geotechnical Engineering Transportation Department Manager with ESP Associates based out of Ft. Mill, S.C. Brown works at the Fayetteville regional office of the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) Superfund Section, Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch. Kolb works for environmental-consulting firm Duncklee & Dunham in Cary, N.C., and is a representative on the N.C. Board for the Licensing of Geologists.

AEG is a national organization with sections throughout the United States and in South Africa and Canada. According to the section’s website, AEG contributes to its members’ professional success and the public welfare by providing leadership, advocacy, and applied research in environmental and engineering geology. For more information, visit aegcarolinas.org.

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2012 WESLEY HERITAGE CELEBRATION SET FOR NOV. 14

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The 2012 Wesley Heritage Celebration will be Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Methodist University, featuring a talk by David Worthington, manager of The New Room at John Wesley’s Chapel in Bristol, England. The celebration will also continue last year’s inaugural contest for MU students by showcasing an original project by a Methodist University student that honors John Wesley, the founder of Methodism.

In a talk titled, “Methodism Comes to America: The Bristol Connection,” Worthington will tell the amazing story of John Wesley’s ministry in Bristol. The MU Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Michael Martin, will lead the singing. The worship service and lecture will take place at 11 a.m. in Hensdale Chapel on the Methodist University campus.

The luncheon that follows the morning part of the celebration is free. Immediately after the luncheon, the winner of the Wesley Creative Project Contest will be announced and introduced. The winner will then present his or her project to those assembled in the Alumni Dining Room.

Worthington’s visit will be part of a six-day speaking tour of several United Methodist churches in four U.S. states. The New Room is the first and oldest Methodist chapel in the world, built in 1739, and is considered the cradle of the early Methodist movement. Built by John Wesley, it contains the historic chapel and the Wesleys’ living quarters. Today, the building is maintained by a trust and is open to tourists, with a Communion service every Friday. For more information on the site, visit newroombristol.org.uk.

The Wesley Heritage Celebration tradition started in 2004, when Dr. Elbert and Lois Wethington of Durham, N.C., endowed a fund at Methodist to support an annual event celebrating the school’s Wesleyan heritage. For the last nine years, the Wesley Heritage Celebration Fund and Methodist University have sponsored various events at Methodist to honor the legacy of John Wesley and Charles Wesley. These have included Steven Kimbrough, baritone, giving a concert of Charles Wesley hymns; a musical production entitled “Ride! Ride!” based on John Wesley’s life, and the showing of a modern feature film about Wesley with a panel discussion by Wesley scholars and several actors from the film.

Last year, Dr. Wethington, who is a retired religion professor, challenged Methodist University personnel to find a new way of engaging Methodist University students more directly in the annual Wesley Heritage Celebration. The result was a contest in which 2,400 MU students were invited to submit proposals for creative, multimedia projects that would showcase the lives and legacies of John Wesley and/or Charles Wesley. Students were encouraged to let their creative imaginations soar and create a video; an original piece of art, music, or drama; or even a Wesley-style sermon in modern language.

The winner of the contest received a \$500 cash prize for creating a project judged to honor John Wesley in the most creative and engaging way. A committee made up of Heritage Fund officers, faculty and staff at Methodist, and United Methodist clergy and/or lay members reviewed the student projects in late October and chose Matthew Snowberger's Wesley-style sermon entitled "Timeless Love for America" as the winner. A junior and a United Methodist from Keystone Heights, Fla., Snowberger delivered the sermon at the Wesley Heritage Celebration luncheon Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011 in the Alumni Dining Room of the Berns Student Center. This year's winner will also receive a \$500 prize.

While the public is cordially invited to both parts of the Nov. 14 Wesley Heritage Celebration at Methodist University, seating is limited, and will be honored on a first come, first served basis. Persons interested in attending the Wesley celebration lunch should reserve a space by sending an email to Donna Wilson, director of campus ministry programs, at dlwilson@methodist.edu by Nov. 7.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY TO PACK MEALS FOR
STOP HUNGER NOW**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University students, faculty, staff, and friends will pack meals Wednesday, Oct. 24, for Stop Hunger Now. Packing will begin at noon and end at 4:00 p.m. in the Student Union in Berns Student Center. One-hundred volunteers will pack in one-hour shifts for four hours.

Since the establishment of the Raleigh-based international hunger relief agency in 1998, over 76 million meals have been packed through collaborative meal-packing efforts—538,316 of those meals were packed this week, according to Stop Hunger Now’s website. The Methodist University community has participated annually since 2008.

There are two goals for this campus-wide project: 1) pack 40,000 meals in the Student Center Oct. 24 for Stop Hunger Now; and 2) raise \$10,000 to cover the project’s expenses—at \$0.25/meal, a \$1 donation will make four meals possible in poverty-stricken areas.

“I am thrilled to see the Methodist University community coming together in high spirits to support hunger relief around the world,” said Charlotte Brown, residential coordinator for Cape Fear Commons. “This meaningful project could not happen without the participation and support from many students, faculty, staff, student organizations, and other community members. The meals that the Methodist University community will package in four hours Wednesday will make an impact on someone that will last a lifetime.”

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**“A PLAY ON COLORS” HANDMADE FELT EXHIBITION
SET TO OPEN NOV. 2**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—A new exhibition, “A Play on Colors,” opens Nov. 2 at the David McCune International Art Gallery in the Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. The show features handmade felt by Sharron Parker.

There will be an opening reception from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the gallery Nov. 2, which is free and open to the public. Afterward, the exhibit will run through Dec. 12 during regular gallery hours. This semester, the gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and by appointment. There is no cost to visit the gallery.

Sharron Parker received an undergraduate degree from Duke University and a master’s degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She studied education, art, and interior design. Parker continued her study in textiles with classes at Penland School of Crafts, where she has returned to teach workshops in feltmaking. Her work has been exhibited throughout the U.S., and under the Art in Embassies Program, has recently been exhibited in Turkmenistan and Armenia.

A workshop with the artist will take place Nov. 17 from 10:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For information on fees and registration, contact Executive Director Silvana M. Foti at 910.GALLERY or 910.425.5379. Registration for the workshop is limited to 12 participants.

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10:30 AM - 4 PM

For Information contact Silvana Foti (910 - 630 - 7107)

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOST WOMACK LECTURES

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Dr. Robert Cummings Neville will speak in the Physician Assistant Program's Lecture Hall at Methodist University Monday, Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. His topics include "Conceiving Ultimate Reality" and "Engaging Ultimate Reality." The presentation is part of the annual Womack Lecture Series and the lectures are open to the public at no charge.

Dr. Robert Cummings Neville has taught at Yale University, Fordham University, Wesleyan University, the State University of New York (SUNY) Purchase, and SUNY Stony Brook, as well as Boston University. He writes and teaches in the fields of philosophy, religious studies, and systematic theology. He is especially interested in metaphysics ("God the Creator"), philosophical cosmology ("Recovery of the Measure"), ethics ("The Puritan Smile" and "Eternity and Time's Flow"), religious semiotics ("The Truth of Broken Symbols" and "Symbols of Jesus"), and cross-cultural comparative philosophy and theology, with a comparative specialty in Chinese philosophy and religion ("Ritual and Deference: Extending Chinese Philosophy in a Comparative Context and Deference" and "Boston Confucianism"). He is currently working on a systematic philosophical theology that pulls together these interests in a new theory of religion with a comparative, pragmatic, and homiletical orientation.

The Womack Lecture series strives to promote public awareness of religious scholarship by bringing an expert in the field of religion, philosophy, or ethics to Methodist University. The lectures are intended to raise moral and spiritual issues in the public consciousness and to provide an educational and cultural service to the community.

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

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DOUG PETERS TO SPEAK AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University’s Reeves School of Business will host Doug Peters, president and CEO of the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce, as part of its Executive Speaker Series. Peters will speak Monday, Oct. 29, at 11 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

“He’s going to talk about the partnership relationship between the Chamber and the Center for Student Engagement at MU, and its relationship with student learning projects for students in the Charles M. Reeves School of Business,” said Professor Joe Doll, dean of the Reeves School of Business.

Part of Peters’ presentation will also be about the function and role of the Chamber of Commerce in representing member businesses.

In September, MU and the Chamber announced the partnership, which will include teams of MU students working with the Chamber’s staff and members on a series of projects.

The Executive Speaker Series will next host alumni Ed McEnroe ’94, executive vice president of IGP Sports & Entertainment, the company that designs and operates professional golf tournaments such as The Honda Classic. McEnroe will speak Nov. 2 at 11 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY PRESENTS EXPERT IN RESIDENCE
LECTURE SERIES FEATURING MAJOR GENERAL RODNEY ANDERSON**



FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Major General Rodney O. Anderson (Ret.) will speak at Methodist University Thursday, Nov. 8, as the first speaker in the new Expert in Residence lecture series.

Anderson will give his presentation, “What Makes YOU an Outstanding Leader?” at 11 a.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall. The event is free and open to the public. He will also speak to freshmen in the “Empower” First Year Experience classes at 9:30 a.m. and a group of ROTC cadets 2:15 p.m.

“Creating opportunities for students and community members to hear and interact with distinguished experts in various fields is a cornerstone of a quality university,” said President Ben Hancock Jr. “Methodist University is committed to delivering these unique experiences to enrich our local and campus communities.”

A native of Ellore, S.C., Anderson retired this year after a 33-year career in the U.S. Army, leaving his most recent position as deputy commander of the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg. His other recent duty was as director of Army Force Management in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff in Washington, D.C.

“General Anderson is eminently qualified to speak about the art and practice of leadership,” said Dr. Drew Ziegler, director of the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development, which is sponsoring this event. “As a troop leader at all levels of command both in combat and in garrison, General Anderson knows first-hand the challenges and rewards of effective leadership.”

Anderson’s career included a wide range of battery, battalion, brigade and general officer command and staff positions. Anderson served as aide-de-camp to Lieutenant General Calvin A. H. Waller, who was commander of I Corps and DCINC, USCENTCOM during Desert Shield/Storm. He also served four tours in the 82nd Airborne Division, commanded the 25th Division Artillery and served as executive assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Richard B. Myers.

Anderson has served overseas in Korea, Italy and Hawaii, and in operational deployments for Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada, Operation Desert Shield/Storm in Saudi Arabia and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

He is a graduate of Wofford College, Command and General Staff College and the Naval War College, where he earned a Master of Arts in strategic and national security studies. His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

He and his wife, Linda, have three children, Lindsay, Danielle, and Rodney Jr.

The mission of the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development is to prepare Methodist University students for effective leadership by empowering them with the knowledge, values, skills, and experiences necessary to achieve positive change in community life and in the workplace.

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2-3	Homecoming and Family Weekend	Contact: (910) 630-7167 or lwike@methodist.edu
5	Professional MBA Program Open House	6:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7493 or away@methodist.edu Admission is free
8-11		November 8-11: MU Theatre presents Jon Patrick Shanley's <i>Doubt</i> Reeves Auditorium 11/8-11/10 at 8 p.m. 11/11 at 2 p.m. \$10 for general admission \$7 for seniors, military, and students \$4 for children (not recommended) Free to the MU community Point of contact: Evan Bridenstine ebridens@methodist.edu 630-7104

9	Constitutional Law Day Lecture	Featuring NC Appellate Court Judge Doug McCullough discussing his new book, <i>Sea of Greed</i> 11:00 a.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7491 or wendy@methodist.edu Admission is free
9	Foreign Film Festival	<i>Pranzo di ferragosto (Mid-August Lunch)</i> Italian with English subtitles Presented by Department of Modern Languages and Literature 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7058 or jenwilliams@methodist.edu Admission is free
14	2012 Wesley Heritage Celebration	<p>The 2012 Wesley Heritage Celebration will feature a talk by David Worthington, manager of The New Room at John Wesley’s Chapel in Bristol, England. The celebration will also continue last year’s inaugural contest for MU students by showcasing an original project by a Methodist University student that honors John Wesley, the founder of Methodism.</p> <p>In a talk titled, “Methodism Comes to America: The Bristol Connection,” Worthington will tell the amazing story of John Wesley’s ministry in Bristol. The MU Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Michael Martin, will lead the singing. The worship service and lecture will take place at 11 a.m. in Hensdale Chapel on the Methodist University campus.</p> <p>The luncheon that follows the morning part of the celebration is free. Immediately after the luncheon, the winner of the Wesley Creative Project Contest will be announced and introduced. The winner will then present his or her project to those assembled in the Alumni Dining Room.</p> <p>While the public is cordially invited to both parts of the Nov. 14 Wesley Heritage Celebration at Methodist University, seating is limited, and will be honored on a first come, first served basis. Persons interested in attending the Wesley celebration lunch should reserve a space by sending an email to Donna Wilson, director of campus ministry programs, at dlwilson@methodist.edu by Nov. 7.</p>
16	All-Choirs Concert	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free
19	Community Thanksgiving Service and One Voice Concert	7:00 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7157 or dlwilson@methodist.edu Admission is free

<p>30-12/1</p>	<p>Yuletide Feaste</p>	<p>At Hay Street UMC</p> <p>Friends of Music at Methodist and the Methodist University Music Department will host a Renaissance-style dinner Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1 in the Fellowship Hall at Hay Street United Methodist Church. “A Yuletide Feaste” will feature an elegant four-course meal catered by Sodexo, a festive banquet hall setting, a large cast of costumed characters straight out of Tudor England, and MU students singing carols appropriate for the Christmas season.</p> <p>“Last year’s inaugural event was very successful for us,” said Dr. Michael Martin, associate professor of music and director of choral activities and music education at Methodist. “We used a script similar to one I used several years ago at Kent State University.”</p> <p>Seating begins at 7:00 p.m., and the feaste begins at 7:30 p.m. After all guests are seated, a trumpet fanfare will announce the procession of Queen Elizabeth I and her court. The queen’s court will then sing “The Wassail Song” and offer a toast. As each course is served, members of the queen’s court will speak their parts, and singers from the MU Chorale will perform several seasonal carols. Carols from the Renaissance period include “Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake,” and “The Boar’s Head Carol.”</p> <p>This year, two new musical groups will take part in the festivities. Coventry Carolers, a Fayetteville-based choral ensemble, and the UNC-P Musik Gruppe will both perform music from the Renaissance. Dr. Larry Wells of the MU music faculty will again deliver the trumpet fanfares.</p> <p>For the dinner’s first course, guests will be served wassail, bread, and butter. A second course will consist of squash soup with assorted cheeses and fresh fruit. The main course will feature a choice of smoked pork loin or Bishopsgate Chicken, with bowls of browned potatoes and a fresh seasonal root vegetable medley. Vegetarians will be offered bowls of whole wheat pasta with mushrooms in a cream sauce. The fourth and final course will be a flaming figgy pudding with custard sauce.</p> <p>“We mailed out 400 invitations to the dinner in late October,” said Brian Harris, president of Friends of Music, “but the feaste is open to the general public, and we would like very much to fill the hall both Friday and Saturday nights. We can seat 140 persons each night. All proceeds will go to the Methodist University Music Department. On behalf of Friends of Music and the MU Music Department, I would also like to thank our friends at Hay Street Church for the use of their beautiful fellowship hall.”</p> <p>Tickets to “A Yuletide Feaste” are \$35 per person or \$30 per</p>
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		<p>person for groups of two or more and must be purchased in advance. Persons desiring tickets should send a check to Brian Harris at PO Box 64515, Fayetteville, NC 28406, payable to Friends of Music at Methodist University, writing <i>November 30</i> or <i>December 1</i> on the <i>for</i> line to indicate the preferred evening. Tickets will be mailed to the purchasers; in the event of a sellout, the checks of those for whom no seats are available will be promptly returned.</p>
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**SENIOR-LEVEL STUDENTS TO OFFER AREA NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS GRAPHIC DESIGN ASSISTANCE**



FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Senior-level graphic design students at Methodist University are looking for local non-profit organizations that would like some creative assistance.

Students in Assistant Professor Kerry Jenkins' Graphic Design Workshop course will donate their services during the spring semester to create a variety of marketing and promotional materials for organizations. The course is part of the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design Program.

“This is an opportunity for the students to have real-world projects, and for area organizations to have creative development which would normally be budget prohibitive,” Jenkins said. “The students handle the creative development projects free of charge and any production costs involved after that become the organizations' responsibility.”

Organizations can request designs for a variety of projects, such as logos, direct mail pieces, stationery systems, posters, magazine and newspaper advertising, brochures, annual reports, newsletters, or billboards.

To take advantage of this opportunity, groups should go online to www.methodist.edu/art/gdworkshop.htm, download and return the public service request form to explain the organization's needs. The deadline to apply is Jan. 7, 2013. For more information, visit the website at www.methodist.edu/art and click the “GDW” icon.

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MU NOVEMBER 2012 CALENDAR EVENTS

Date	Event	Details
2	Alumni in Residence presentations	Wanda Herring '66, Alumni in Residence, will give a talk in Davis Library at 2:00 p.m. on Family Reading. Topics include: How to Make Time for Reading; Tips for Encouraging Children to Read; and, Learn How to Explore a Book. She will also be available to speak to creative writing students and aspiring authors of all kinds about writing and publishing in a session in Hendricks Science Complex 122 at 11:00 a.m., Friday, Nov. 2. Admission is free.
2	Opening Reception for Sharron Parker's Art Exhibition	Contact: (910) 630-7107 or sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org Admission is free Exhibit Dates: November 2 - December 12, 2012 Gallery Hours: Tues. - Fri.: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 12 - 4 p.m.; Closed Sundays
2	MU Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet	6:30 p.m. Berns Center For tickets or more information call 910/630.7175
2	Voice Recital	Featuring Jason McKinney Presented by Friends of Music at Methodist 7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free
2-3	Homecoming and Family Weekend	Contact: (910) 630-7167 or lwike@methodist.edu
5	Professional MBA Program Open House	6:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7493 or away@methodist.edu Admission is free
7	Davis Memorial	Davis Memorial Library's second author book talk and lunch

	Library presents “Are You Booked For Lunch?”	<p>event of the “Are You Booked For Lunch?” series will feature Dr. Michael Potts, who will discuss his book, “End of Summer.” The lunch will run from noon to 1 p.m. in the Alumni Dining Room in Berns Student Center. The event is free, but seating is limited and will be distributed on a first-come basis to the first 60 people.</p> <p>For more information, contact Library Director Tracey Pearson at 910.630.7587 or send an email to tpearson@methodist.edu.</p>
8	Methodist University Presents Expert in Residence Lectures Series Featuring Major General Rodney Anderson	<p>11:00 a.m. Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall This is the first in a series. Major General Anderson will present, “What Makes YOU an Outstanding Leader?” The event is free and open to the public.</p>
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“SEA OF GREED” AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will host N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Douglas McCullough as the 2012 Constitutional Law Day speaker. He will speak at 11 a.m. Nov. 9 in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

McCullough is the author of “Sea of Greed,” which tells the true story of how a drug smuggling bust off the North Carolina coast led to the U.S. invasion of Panama. McCullough was personally involved as the prosecutor of the original case as the U.S. attorney who unraveled the Cayman Island cartel.

“It’s a fascinating account of the undercover operations, the major drug dealers and the who’s who of the sports and celebrity world who were involved,” said Wendy Vonnegut, director of the Legal Studies Program at Methodist University. “It was a difficult case to prosecute.”

Constitutional Law Day is an annual event at Methodist University that brings a lecturer or discussion panel to campus to speak on various aspects of the constitution.

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CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION TO FEATURE SPEAKER



FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Dr. J. Oliver Williams will speak at Methodist University Nov. 20 on the topics of China, studying abroad and his research in China. Williams will speak at 3 p.m. in the Nursing Building’s auditorium. The event, which is sponsored by the Center for Global Education, is free and open to the public.

“Dr. Williams is considered an expert in matters of international relations with China and has done much research there,” said Dr. Felicia Malissen, director of the Center for Global Education. “People who are interested in studying abroad in China should plan to come to this event.”

Williams is a political science professor at North Carolina State University, where he has taught since 1969. In 2006, he received a Fulbright Research Fellowship in China. He received his bachelor’s degree from East Carolina University and a master’s degree and doctorate from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Williams is currently researching and writing a manuscript about the political transition of Hong Kong, the implementation of civil service reform in China and human rights in East Asia. For more information on Williams, visit faculty.chass.ncsu.edu/jowilliams/jow.htm.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY KAPPA DELTA PI CHAPTER INDUCTS
16 MEMBERS**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University’s Tau Xi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, is pleased to announce the induction of 16 new members at a ceremony held on campus Oct. 15.

“This Kappa Delta Pi induction was exceptional as it was the first initiation that included graduate students from the inaugural class of the Master of Education program,” said Janice Luce, coordinator of the new Master of Education Program. “The inductees included two education professors, eight Master of Education candidates and six Teacher Education candidates.”

Kappa Delta Pi inducts only those individuals who have exhibited the ideals of scholarship, integrity in service, and commitment to excellence in teaching and its allied professions. Selection as a member of the international honor society is based on high academic achievement, a commitment to education as a career, and a professional attitude that assures steady growth in the profession.

Founded in 1911 at the University of Illinois, Kappa Delta Pi is the largest honor society in education, representing 582 undergraduate and professional chapters and more than 45,000 active members. Its most distinguished members over the last century have included Margaret Mead, Albert Einstein, George Washington Carver, and current leaders in education Howard Gardner, Maxine Greene, and Carol Gilligan.

A photo of the inductees present at the ceremony can be found [HERE](#). Below is a list of the 14 student inductees and their hometowns.

Amanda Charles	Sanford, N.C.
Denise Countryman	Fayetteville, N.C.
Linden Hiller	Onida, S.D.
Shaunee Howard	Fayetteville, N.C.
Maranda Keeney	Dunn, N.C.
Katie Knodel	Dunn, N.C.
Brittany Murillo	Fayetteville, N.C.
Rena Parker	Fayetteville, N.C.
Christa Rhodes	Jacksonville, N.C.

Yasmeen Robbins
Kimberly Steffen
Krista Sweeten
Constance Wells
Michaela White

Fayetteville, N.C.
Fayetteville, N.C.
Mullica Hill, N.J.
Fayetteville, N.C.
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The purpose of Kappa Delta Pi is to encourage high professional, intellectual, and personal standards and to recognize outstanding contributions to education. The society endeavors to maintain a high degree of professional fellowship among its members and to quicken professional growth by honorary achievement in the educational field.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES 40TH ANNUAL WINTER
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University announces its 40th annual Winter Commencement Ceremony Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. Before the graduation ceremony, there will be a baccalaureate service in Reeves Auditorium at 10:30 a.m.

The commencement speaker will be Gene Clayton, Methodist University's vice president for business affairs. Clayton has worked at a variety of positions at Methodist over the years, and he will receive a Doctor of Humane Letters at the ceremony. The baccalaureate speaker will be Bishop Hope Ward, who recently returned to the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

"Gene will be speaking in recognition of his 50 years of service to Methodist University and his many contributions to our campus and community," said President Ben E. Hancock, Jr.

Before coming to Methodist, Clayton graduated from Catawba College with a bachelor's degree and from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Master of Education. An integral member of the Methodist community for nearly half a century, Gene's place at MU has been in the middle of many of the stories of firsts and milestones in the University's overall history. He is a member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church, and together with his wife, Patricia, they have two children, Christy and Cathy.

During commencement, the University will also recognize Terri Union with the University Medallion.

"Ms. Union has been very active in the Fayetteville community and a tireless advocate for Methodist University," Hancock said. "She is a trustee emeritus and has served on several University advisory boards."

Union recently announced her plans to retire from the Fayetteville Public Works Commission (PWC) after serving on the board for 10 years. She was the first woman ever appointed to the board and served twice as chair of the commission. During her time served, she helped improve the working relationship between the city and PWC, helped negotiate the power supply contract with Progress Energy, and helped provide prudent oversight responsibility for the city's utility service. Terri is also the former owner and president of Union Corrugated Co., and past president of the Fayetteville Area Plant

Managers Association. She has an extensive history of philanthropy and community involvement, and was presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2004. After 25 years as a trustee, she obtained emeritus status on the Methodist University Board of Trustees. She and her husband, Carlos Zukowski, have four children and 11 grandchildren.

Ward is a native of North Carolina, and this fall she returned to the state after eight years as the resident bishop of the Mississippi Conference. She attended Duke University and Duke Divinity School. She and her husband, Mike, have two children and one grandchild.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY STUDENTS PARTNER WITH
PINE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO MENTOR
HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University will host 150 Pine Forest High School (PFHS) students on campus Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. as part of an ongoing Community Engagement project that connects MU students with PFHS juniors and seniors mentoring high school freshmen.

The PFHS students, who have been working with a group of about 25 MU students throughout the semester and last summer, will gather in the Physician Assistant Medical Lecture Hall for a formal welcome and recognition from representatives from the Cumberland County Schools and the University, followed by a moderated panel discussion featuring MU student leaders.

“The MU students are leaders and peer mentors, and they will discuss how they stay the course in their mentor and leadership roles, how they deal with setbacks, and how to be encouraging,” said Dr. Sharon Kendrick, director of the Resort and Club Management program. Her students are involved in planning and organizing the event.

Cumberland County Board of Education member Kim Fisher and PFHS Principal Jane Fields are scheduled to be present to welcome and congratulate the students for their efforts during the semester, as well as MU President Ben E. Hancock, Jr.

The students will break for lunch at 12:30 before ending the day with a campus scavenger hunt. Every student that attends will be given a MU backpack.

“This is a year-long project, so this visit is to show our appreciation to the students and encourage them as we get to the half-way mark,” said Dr. George Hendricks, associate professor in social work and dean of the School of Graduate Studies. “This is a pilot program, with Methodist, and the second year that Pine Forest High School has had its mentoring program.

Pine Forest’s program places selected juniors and seniors in a mentoring program with students in the 9th grade. MU’s students joined the process to help mentor the upperclassmen

who were learning to be mentors at their high school. There are about 400 freshmen at Pine Forest, and administrators hope that this program will help more freshmen make it through to the next year and become sophomores.

“Very few partnerships like this exist,” Hendricks said. “We want to create a model for other schools and hope that it will be replicated. This links the community together.”

The MU program began when a group of students at the University hatched the idea before the semester began, meeting throughout the summer to get the program started in the fall. One of the students, Sydney Machokoto, biology major and junior, is also a peer mentor at Methodist.

“By involving myself with this program, I knew I would both learn and share my experience with these young men and women as they shared with me,” Machokoto said. “They have a vision, they have goals, and they have a drive.”

Dr. Mark Kendrick, director of the Center for Community Engagement, expressed his admiration for the MU students, who come from a variety of study fields and became involved in the project without the goal of a grade at the end of the semester or year.

“There is not a roadmap to do this,” Kendrick said. “They created a whole plan on what to do and worked on a brochure. These students are actively involved with the whole project, and they’ve run with it.”

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MU DECEMBER 2012 CALENDAR EVENTS

Date	Event	Details
2	Moravian Love Feast	<p>7:00 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7157 or dlwilson@methodist.edu Admission is free</p> <p>For 270 years the members of the Moravian Church family make it their custom to celebrate special occasions by sharing with friends a simple meal, a “lovefeast.” A Love Feast is a Singstunde which incorporates as simple meal. In the spirit of reverence and joy that Christ is present in our lives, MU invites the community to participate with song, a sweetened bun and coffee.</p>
5	Methodist University Building Dedication Ceremony for the Nursing Building	<p>11:00 a.m. Methodist University Campus Nursing Building is located behind Clark Hall Reception to follow. Contact: (910) 630-7200 or jwanger@methodist.edu Please</p> <p>To provide education and training that is aligned with the demands of actual nursing practice, Methodist University is placing an innovative emphasis on technology-based simulation training. Almost one-half of the 10,000 square foot Nursing building houses the MU General Simulation Hospital, complete with an admitting/discharge area, pharmacy, triage, two Nurses Stations, four critical care rooms, a pediatric ward, and a triage suite. Within the hospital, students provide care to six simulated patients—an infant, a six-year old boy, an expectant mother, and two adult males, creating the real life scenario of managing multiple patients simultaneously. The “patients” are life-sized computerized manikins that can speak and breathe, have heart and lung sounds, and can progress through a multitude of medical states from birth to death.</p>

		<p>The entire hospital is connected by forty-one ceiling-mounted 360 and zoom cameras for audiovisual playback teaching/learning opportunities, with live observation from any computer. This is an integral part of the Medical Education Technologies, Inc. (METI) LearningSpace, the “brain” of the simulation hospital. This system integrates simulators, skills trainers, and standardized patient programs to help create, deliver, assess, evaluate, and manage all aspects of learning. Professional Nursing is one of the programs in Methodist’s new School of Health Sciences, demonstrating the University’s commitment to providing qualified healthcare professionals in the region. The program has enrolled over 200 pre-Nursing students in its first three years.</p>
6	Fayetteville Symphonic Band’s Holiday Concert	<p>7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free</p>
6	MU at Night Open House	<p>6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7074 or lgravitt@methodist.edu Admission is free</p> <p>If you are interested in taking classes in the evening at MU, this evening will have representatives from all the departments who will be happy to discuss their programs with you.</p>
9	MU Concert Band/MU Jazz Monarchs Concert	<p>7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu Admission is free</p>
15	MU Baccalaureate	<p>10:00 a.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7031 or pellis@methodist.edu Admission is free The baccalaureate speaker will be Bishop Hope Ward, who recently returned to the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.</p>
15	MU Graduation	<p>2:00 p.m. March F. Riddle Center Contact: (910) 630-7031 or pellis@methodist.edu Admission is free and by ticket only until 1:45 p.m.</p> <p>Graduation speaker is the university’s Vice President of Business</p>

		<p>Affairs, Mr. Gene Clayton. Mr. Clayton has been with the University for fifty years. He will be receiving a Doctor of Humane Letters at the ceremony. During commencement, the University will also recognize Ms. Terri Union with the University Medallion.</p>
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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOST MU AT NIGHT OPEN HOUSE
SESSION**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University's evening program, MU at Night, will host an open house session Dec. 6, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium of Clark Hall. The open house is free and designed for anyone who is interested in learning more about MU at Night or Methodist University's certificate programs.

After the open house, there will also be a separate event at 7:30 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium, when the Fayetteville Symphonic Band and Methodist University Concert Band will hold a concert.

Enrollment is now open for MU at Night's spring 2013 Term I semester, which starts Jan. 7, 2013. Term II begins March 18.

MU at Night provides educational opportunities for non-traditional students such as working adults, those with family responsibilities, and military personnel. Courses are designed for exploring new careers, upgrading professional skills or providing individual enrichment. Each regular semester includes two eight-week terms, with an additional term in the summer.

Weekend classes, which are held on Friday evening or Saturday morning, are also offered. Several of the majors offered by Methodist University can be attained entirely through night or weekend classes, leading to Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, or Bachelor of Science degrees. While day, online, and courses at Fort Bragg are available, the following majors are available entirely through MU at Night:

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Business Administration with a Health Care Administration Concentration
- Environmental and Occupational Management
- History
- Justice Studies
- Political Science
- Sociology
- Spanish (A.A. only)

The following certificate programs are also available entirely through night and weekend classes:

- **Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG | K-12) add-on licensure** – Teachers holding a current North Carolina Continuing License or Initial License may enroll in the program.
- **Professional Writing Certificate Program** – This 18-semester-hour, two-semester sequence of courses sharpens writing and document design skills and broadens professional opportunities. Students in this program enhance their writing and editing skills, gain experience with new communications technologies, and network with publishing professionals. Although it is recommended that students take all six courses in order and within one year, students may elect to apply for the program and take one or more classes per semester to complete the Professional Writing Certificate on a multi-year plan.
- **Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)** – The Department of Modern Languages and Literature, in cooperation with the Department of Education, offers a program of four courses designed to acquaint students to language study and help them gain an understanding of the process of learning another language, along with effective methods and skills needed to assist speakers of other languages who are learning English. A certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language will be awarded to the candidates who have completed this program and have at least 60 semester hours of college-level credit.

For more information on the open house, or MU at Night, contact Linda Gravitt, assistant dean of MU at Night and Summer School, at lgravitt@methodist.edu or 910.630.7074.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES NURSING BUILDING
DEDICATION CEREMONY**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will hold a dedication ceremony for the new Professional Nursing Studies Building Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012, at 11 a.m. After the ribbon-cutting, there will be a reception, tours of the facility, and opportunities to meet with current nursing students.

The \$3.2 million facility opened for classes this semester and can accommodate enrollment of 200 pre-nursing and nursing students. Almost half of the 10,000-square-foot building houses the MU General Simulation Hospital, complete with an admitting/discharge area, pharmacy, triage, two Nurses Stations, four critical care rooms, a pediatric ward, and a triage suite.

“To provide education and training that is aligned with the demands of actual nursing practice, Methodist University is placing an innovative emphasis on technology-based simulation training,” said President Ben Hancock Jr.

As well as the high-tech surroundings, the hospital is equipped with six simulated patients—an infant, a six-year old boy, an expectant mother, and two adult males, creating the real life scenario of managing multiple patients simultaneously. The “patients” are life-sized computerized manikins that can speak and breathe, have heart and lung sounds, and can progress through a multitude of medical states from birth to death.

As the students care for the manikins, their work is captured on video for review. The entire hospital is connected by 41 ceiling-mounted 360-degree and zoom cameras for audiovisual playback teaching/learning opportunities, with live observation from any computer. This is an integral part of the Medical Education Technologies, Inc. (METI) LearningSpace, the “brain” of the simulation hospital. This system integrates simulators, skills trainers, and standardized patient programs to help create, deliver, assess, evaluate, and manage all aspects of learning.

“Our students will have an additional edge, thanks to the unique experiences they will gain by training in the MU General Simulation Hospital,” said President Hancock.

The facility also includes a 60-seat auditorium, classroom space, a computer lab, faculty and administrative offices, and a student lounge.

The Professional Nursing Studies Program is one of the programs in Methodist University's new School of Health Sciences, demonstrating the University's commitment to providing qualified health care professionals in the region. The program has enrolled over 200 pre-nursing students in its first three years. The first cohort of students will graduate in the spring of 2014.

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Professional Nursing Studies

BUILDING DEDICATION *Ceremony*



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012
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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ELECTS TWO TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University announces the election of two new members to the Board of Trustees. John “Mac” Healy and Dr. William “Dickson” Schaefer were elected at the board’s October 13 meeting.

“Methodist University is so fortunate to have community leaders of this stature join our Board of Trustees,” said President Ben E. Hancock Jr. “They continue the tradition of outstanding community involvement that has been a hallmark of the University throughout its history. We are particularly pleased to gain their expertise in leadership, business, and health care—three emphasis areas for the University.”

“These newly-selected members will be an excellent addition to our Board of Trustees,” said Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan, current chair of the Board of Trustees. “Together, we will continue to do all we can to further the goals and objectives of Methodist University, as we collectively seek to engage, enrich, and empower our students and community.”

John “Mac” Healy

John “Mac” Healy is president of Healy Wholesale Company and has lived in Fayetteville since 1978. He graduated from Wake Forest University in 1980 with a bachelor’s degree in sociology.

Healy Wholesale has been in operation since the mid-1970s, when Healy’s father, Fritz Healy, purchased a distributing business in Greensboro. The business moved to Fayetteville when it acquired Smithson Beverage Company in 1978. Today, Healy Wholesale distributes almost 100 different varieties of beer and wine.

Healy is chairman of the board of directors at First Citizens Bank/Fayetteville and president of the Independent Beverage Association of North Carolina and the Fayetteville Museum of Art’s board of directors. He is a member of the Airborne and Special Operations Museum’s advisory board of directors and the Pentagon’s Joint Civilian Orientation Conference. He is also on the board of the Cumberland Community Foundation, Cape Fear Regional Theatre, and Cape Fear Industries.

He is a member of MU’s Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development Advisory Board, the David McCune International Art Gallery Advisory Board, and a past member of the MU Board of Visitors.

Healy and his wife, Linda, have two children. They attend Highland Presbyterian Church, where he is an elder.

Dr. Dickson Schaefer

An orthopedic surgeon, Schaefer is a partner in and president of Fayetteville Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, where he has practiced since 2001.

A Fayetteville native, he graduated from Fayetteville Academy in 1984. He has a bachelor's degree in business management and economics from North Carolina State University, and a doctorate from Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He is also a diplomate of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Schaefer has been honored as the 2012 Distinguished Graduate from Fayetteville Academy, for his service in Iraq with the U.S. Army Reserve, and by Cape Fear Valley Health System in 2006 with the Most Team Oriented Award.

Schaefer is a current member of the local advisory board of First Citizens Bank, the Southern Medical Association, the Southern Orthopaedic Association, North Carolina Orthopaedic Association and Cumberland County Medical Society.

Schaefer is a supporter of MU's Loyalty Day, the Boosters Club, and cheerleading and baseball teams. He and his practice have been preceptors for students in MU's Physician Assistant Program for several years.

He and his wife, Emily King, have four children. He is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES NEW FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University announces the addition of 10 new members of the Foundation Board. Members of the Foundation Board serve three-year terms and are added through the recommendations of existing board members or other MU staff.

The purpose of the 24-member board is to organize the community fundraising efforts surrounding Loyalty Day, which raises money for student scholarships at Methodist University. Loyalty Day is a university tradition that dates to 1955. Next year's Loyalty Day will be Feb. 12, 2013.

Below are the new Foundation Board members:

Randy Bullard '76 is a Fayetteville native. He is a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and is a 1976 graduate of Methodist University. He and his wife, Gulie, attend Northwood Temple Church.

Kevin Bunn is the executive vice president of New Century Bank and has been in banking for more than 26 years.

Jo Beth Allen Johnson is a Fayetteville native. She is a community volunteer and is active in many organizations in the community and in her church, Haymount United Methodist.

Laura Leal is the general manager at the Hampton Inn Cross Creek. She and her husband, Nelson, who is a police officer with the City of Fayetteville, have a son, Patrick. Laura is a member of the Fayetteville Area Hospitality Association.

Keith Love is the president of Ensystex. He and his wife, Kim, have two children, Samantha and Grayson.

Chase Mitchell is the new branch manager at the Methodist University BB&T location. His wife, Brenda, teaches at Jack Britt in Fayetteville.

Tim Price '91 is the co-owner and vice president of LaFayette Ford Lincoln. He graduated from Methodist University in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Tim Richardson is the area vice president of First Citizens Bank. A graduate of Appalachian State University in banking and finance, he is married to Vicki Richardson and a member of Haymount United Methodist Church.

Keith Tilghman has called Fayetteville home since 1994. He is a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch and is married to Sarah Tilghman. He earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from East Carolina University.

Greg West is a licensed general contractor and owner of Westan Homes. He is serving his third term on the Cumberland County Board of Education. He and his wife, Kristie, and their three children are members of Snyder Memorial Baptist Church.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY CLOSES MAIN ENTRANCE FOR FIVE WEEKS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University announces that it will close the main entrance to the university beginning on Monday, December 17th at 6:00 a.m. The entrance will be closed for approximately five weeks while an enhancement to the entrance takes place.

As an alternative to the main entrance, Stacey Weaver /College Center Drive will be open for both entering and exiting campus. This entrance will allow access to the PA Complex, BB&T Bank, as well as, the main campus. The North Gate on campus will be open during the day for exiting the campus only. The entrance on Kinwood Drive at the Village will be manned and open during the day for both entering and exiting campus Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Additionally, the intersection at Joe Stout View Drive and Lowdermilk Drive will be closed for construction beginning Monday.

Although this closing corresponds to the beginning of the university's holiday break, which should reduce traffic significantly, new traffic patterns can be confusing. The university asks that if you are planning to visit the university, please be careful.

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**MU OPEN HOUSE TO HIGHLIGHT GRADUATE PROGRAMS
AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University's School of Graduate Studies will host an open house Jan. 17, 2013 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Physician Assistant Program's Medical Lecture Hall facility. The event is free and open to the public.

Methodist University offers four graduate degree programs, including a Master of Medical Science (MMS) in Physician Assistant (PA) Studies, a Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA), a Master of Justice Administration (MJA), and a Master of Education (M.Ed.).

Representatives from all four programs will be at the open house to talk to prospective students. Attendees will learn about specific program requirements, application processes, deadlines for admissions, and curriculum components. Prospective students will have the opportunity to interact with current graduate students.

Methodist University School of Graduate Studies extends the University's overall mission to the graduate level, combining a professional emphasis with scholarship and critical analysis, and instilling in its graduates the importance of lifelong learning to support professional development.

The deadline to apply for the MBA Program is May 19, and the application deadline for the MJA Program is June 15. The M.Ed. Program begins its next cohort in the summer 2013, with an application deadline of May 15. Applications to the next available cohort of the PA Program have a March 1 deadline.

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MU JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2013 CALENDAR EVENTS

Date	Event	Details
JANUARY 2013		
7	MU	Classes begin
12	VETERANS WRITING COLLECTIVE	2-4:00 p.m. Trustees Building, Room 340 Contact: rgreene@methodist.edu or reking@methodist.edu or go to www.methodist.edu/writingvets This will be the first meeting of the Collective. The mission of the Veterans Writing Collective is to encourage the art of writing and to provide a workshop environment in which participants offer honest, positive feedback on members' writing. The group is open to writers of all genres. The meetings are free. All active-duty military, veterans, and family members are welcome.
14	MBA Open House	6:00 pm Yarborough Auditorium Clark Hall Contact: (910) 630-7493 or away@methodist.edu Admission is free
17	School of Graduate Studies Open House	6:00 p.m. Medical Lecture Hall in the Physician Assistant Complex Discussion on the university's graduate programs: Physician Assistant (MMS), Justice Administration (MJA), Business Administration (MBA), and, Education (Med) Contact: Dr George Hendricks 910.630.7056 / ghendricks@methodist.edu Admission is free
18	Methodist	7:30 p.m.

	University Faculty Recital	Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu
19	Miss Fayetteville Pageant	7:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: Heather McManus at hhmcmanus@gmail.com
21	Martin Luther King Day	No classes
26	Gilbert Theatre Glee Concert	5:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: http://www.gilberttheater.com/contact-us/
FEBRUARY 2013		
1	Friends of Music	Guillermo Ayerbe Violin Recital Reeves Auditorium 7:30 pm No admission charge Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu
4		Spring Convocation Reeves Auditorium 11:00 am Contact: (910) 630-7031 or pellis@methodist.edu No admission charge
4	Step Afrika	8:00 pm Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7022 or dmunoz@methodist.edu No admission charge STEP AFRIKA! is the first professional company in the world dedicated to the tradition of stepping. Founded in December 1994, the company is celebrated worldwide for its efforts to promote an appreciation for stepping and the dance tradition's use as an educational tool for young people. Step Afrika! reaches tens of thousands of Americans each year and has performed on many stages in North & South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Caribbean. Based in Washington, DC, Step Afrika! is DC's first and only Cultural Ambassador representing the city and nation at events around the world. The company completes an annual 50-city tour of colleges and theaters from Maine to Mississippi and is a national model for the use of stepping in education, espousing themes such as teamwork, academic achievement and cross-cultural understanding. Step Afrika! is a frequent partner of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Washington Performing Arts Society and has graced some of America's most prestigious stages from the White House to the

		Lincoln Center in New York City.
6	Miss Methodist Pageant	Reeves Auditorium 7:00 p.m. Contact: (910) 630-7022 or dmunoz@methodist.edu No admission charge
11	MBA Open House	Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall 6:00 p.m. Contact: (910) 630-7493 or away@methodist.edu Admission is free
12	Loyalty Day Campaign for Student Scholarships	Contact: (910) 630-7169 or klee@methodist.edu
15	Friends of Music	Army Ground Forces Band Chamber Ensemble Hensdale Chapel 7:30 pm No admission charge Contact: (910) 630-7100 or drenshaw@methodist.edu
21-24 & March 3rd	Godspell	Presented by the Methodist University Theatre Department 8:00 p.m. (Thursdays - Saturdays) 2:00 p.m. (Sundays) Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7105 or pwilson@methodist.edu Admission is free with MU ID Other admission prices pending



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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EVENTS

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The spring term at Methodist University starts Jan. 7, and the semester is shaping up to be full of activities. However, you do not have to be a student to enjoy much that Methodist University has to offer the local community. Many events in the areas of the arts, Monarchs sports, family entertainment, and interesting speakers are open to the public.

Below is a list of upcoming events, all of which are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. If you are a media outlet interested in more detailed information on one of these events, please contact the Office of Marketing and Communications.

Admission to Monarchs athletic events is free for most sports. Admission to basketball games is free with an MU ID, \$4 for adults or \$2 for children.

Jan. 2 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a men's basketball home game against Guilford College at 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 4 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women's basketball home game against North Carolina Wesleyan College at 7 p.m.

Jan. 5 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women's basketball home game against Christopher Newport University at 2 p.m. and then at the men's basketball home game against Christopher Newport University at 4 p.m.

Jan. 6 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a men's basketball home game against Maryville College at 4 p.m.

Jan. 7 – Classes start

Jan. 9 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a men's basketball home game against Greensboro College at 7 p.m.

Jan. 11 – Guest performer Sharyn Edwards will hold a piano recital at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel.

Jan. 12 – The first meeting of the Veterans Writing Collective will start at 2 p.m. in Trustees Building Room 340. The writing group is for active-duty military, veterans, and family members. For more information, contact Professor Robin Greene, rgreene@methodist.edu.

Jan. 14 – The Professional MBA Program will hold an open house at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall. For more information, contact Anne Way, away@methodist.edu.

Jan. 15 – MU Adjunct Instructor Elizabeth Winstead will hold a voice recital at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. Winstead, a lyric soprano, will present a program including works from Handel, Faure, Debussy, and Strauss, among other composers. Dr. Scott Marosek will accompany on piano.

Jan. 16 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women's basketball home game against Greensboro College at 5:30 p.m. and then at the men's basketball home game against North Carolina Wesleyan College at 7 p.m.

Jan. 17 – The School of Graduate Studies will hold an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Physician Assistant Program's Medical Lecture Hall. Methodist University offers four graduate degrees, including a Master of Medical Science (MMS) in Physician Assistant (PA) Studies, a Professional Master of Business Administration (MBA), a Master of Justice Administration (MJA), and a Master of Education (M.Ed.). For more information, contact Dr. George Hendricks in the Office of Graduate Studies at 910.630.7056 or ghendricks@methodist.edu.

Jan. 17 – The kickoff event for Loyalty Day will be at the Chamber Coffee Club. Loyalty Day is MU's annual scholarship fundraising event, and it will take place all over Fayetteville on Feb. 12. For more information, contact Krista Lee at klee@methodist.edu.

Jan. 18 – The Music Department will hold a Faculty Recital at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. This recital will feature both MU's full-time and adjunct faculty members. Specific program and performers are TBA.

Jan. 19 – The Miss Fayetteville Pageant will be held at Reeves Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Jan. 21 – The 4th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Challenge Day of Service will be hosted at Methodist University. The event is in collaboration with Fayetteville State University and Fayetteville Technical Community College. Participants can register in advance at 2013MLKDAY.Eventbrite.com. Registration on the day of the event is open from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Berns Student Center. Groups will then depart to several sites in the community to work on service projects from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Participation is open to the community. Some of the participating service organizations are: American Red Cross, Veterans Empowering Veterans, Fresh Touch Ministries, Salvation Army, and Haymont Rehabilitation and Nursing.

Jan. 24 – The Center for Excellence in Justice Administration will hold a Homicide/Cold Case Seminar. **This event is not open to the public.** For more information, contact Dr. Darl Champion, champion@methodist.edu.

Jan. 26 – Campus Ministry will hold a 5K race to raise funds for its Spring Break 2013 service abroad trip. Entry is \$20, or \$10 with an MU ID. The work team will travel to Nicaragua for the project, which will run March 11 to 15. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. in the lobby of Reeves Auditorium, and the race begins at 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact Sam Morrison, smorrison@methodist.edu.

Jan. 26 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women's basketball home game against LaGrange College at 2 p.m.

Jan. 27 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women's basketball home game against Piedmont College at 2 p.m.

Jan. 30 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a men's basketball home game against Ferrum College at 7 p.m.

Feb. 1 – The Friends of Music will present a blended classical/contemporary violin recital featuring local guest artist Guillermo Ayerbe at 7:30 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The event is free, thanks to the support of the Fayetteville Arts Council.

Feb. 2 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a baseball home game against Roanoke College at 1 p.m. and at the women's basketball home game against Mary Baldwin College at 2 p.m. Before and after the basketball game, the annual MU Women's Basketball, Cheer, and Dance Experience will be hosted by the MU Board of Visitors. This is a free event with pre-game activities, children's hoops competition, giveaways, post-game autographs, meet and greets, and photos with King. For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 910.630.7200.

Feb. 3 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women's basketball home game against Averett University at 2 p.m. and at a baseball home game against Roanoke College at 2 p.m.

Feb. 3 – Guest performer and Virginia Tech Trumpet Professor Jason Crafton will hold a recital at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel.

Feb. 4 – Spring Convocation, program TBA.

Feb. 4 – *Step Afrika!* will perform at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The professional dance company is based in Washington, D.C., and has performed around the world. Admission is free.

Feb. 6 – The Seventh Annual Miss Methodist Pageant will begin at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The current Miss Methodist, Kelsey Magnine, will pass her title to another MU woman. Admission is \$5 at door, or free with an MU ID.

Feb. 6 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a men's basketball home game against Averett University at 7 p.m.

Feb. 7 – A new art exhibit, featuring the vitreograph prints of Harvey Littleton and friends of the Littleton Studios, opens at the David McCune International Art Gallery in the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts. The exhibit runs through April 7. For more information, contact Gallery Executive Director Silvana Foti, sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org.

Feb. 9 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a women's tennis home game against Fayetteville State at 1 p.m.

Feb. 11 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a baseball home game against Danville Community College at 2:15 p.m.

Feb. 11 – The Professional MBA program will hold an open house at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall. For more information, contact Anne Way, away@methodist.edu.

Feb. 12 – MU's annual scholarship fundraising event, Loyalty Day, will take place all over Fayetteville. For more information, contact Krista Lee, klee@methodist.edu.

Feb. 12 – Career Services will host the Student Leaders at Methodist Group for an Etiquette Dinner. Students will go through a formal dinner and be taught proper etiquette for a professional of business meal. **This event is not open to the public.** For more information, contact Director of Career Services Antoinette Bellamy, abellamy@methodist.edu.

Feb. 13 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a baseball home game against College of The Albemarle at 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 15 – The Friends of Music will present a concert featuring special guests, the Army Ground Forces Band Chamber Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. This event is free.

Feb. 15 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a baseball home game against North Carolina Wesleyan College at 5 p.m.

Feb. 16 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a softball home game against Guilford College at 1 p.m., men's and women's tennis home games against Guilford College at 1 p.m., a women's basketball home game against Ferrum College at 2 p.m., a baseball home game against North Carolina Wesleyan College at 3 p.m., and a men's basketball home game against Piedmont College at 4 p.m. The women's basketball game is also a Play4Kay fundraising event, with proceeds to benefit the Kay Yow Cancer Fund and Cape Fear Valley Foundation Friends of the Cancer Center. Admission is free if you wear pink and make a donation. For more information or if you are a breast cancer survivor and would like to participate in this event, contact Coach DeeDee Jarman at djarman@methodist.edu.

Feb. 17 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a baseball home game against North Carolina Wesleyan College at 2 p.m., a women's basketball home game against Maryville College at 2 p.m., and a men's basketball home game against LaGrange College at 4 p.m.

Feb. 18 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a baseball home game against Southeastern Community College at 3 p.m.

Feb. 20 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a baseball home game against Wake Tech at 3 p.m.

Feb. 21-24 and Feb. 28-Mar. 3 – The MU Theater Department's production of "Godspell" will run over two weekends, Thursday through Sunday. The show will be produced in the style of the National Theatre for the Deaf, which adds American Sign Language to the spoken and sung lines. For more information, contact Dr. Evan Bridenstine, ebridens@methodist.edu.

Feb. 22 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a softball home game against Huntingdon College at 3 p.m., and a softball home game against University of Mary Washington at 5 p.m.

Feb. 23 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a softball home game against Case Western Reserve University at 3 p.m. and at a softball home game against Lynchburg College at 5 p.m.

Feb. 26 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a baseball home game against Immaculata University at 6 p.m.

Feb. 27 – Come out to cheer on the Monarchs at a baseball home game against Hampden-Sydney College at 4 p.m.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES VETERANS WRITING
COLLECTIVE**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—A new writing group, the Veterans Writing Collective, is being formed at Methodist University for active-duty military, veterans, and family members. The group will have its first meeting on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Trustees Building Room 340 on the MU campus.

The mission of the collective, which will meet once a month, is to encourage the art of writing and to provide an environment in which participants offer honest, positive feedback on members' writing. The group is open to writers of all genres and there is no cost to participate. The workshop meetings will run for two hours, and at the first meeting and then every third meeting the group will also host a credentialed writer for a special one-hour presentation on some technical aspect of writing. Regular times and dates for meetings will be set after the collective holds its first meeting.

"The focus is on writing," said English and Writing Professor Robin Greene, who is advising the group. "Our group meetings will be conducted as workshops, which means that writers will gather to share their work, receive supportive feedback, and learn about craft."

Greene said that there is a need for such groups as the military continues a lengthy stretch of overseas campaigns and deployment cycles. Also, family members and veterans with experiences from previous wars are now looking for ways to tell their stories.

Though she is an unlikely candidate to organize the group – Greene is not a veteran – she was contacted by several different organizations over the summer who were looking for something like this in the Fayetteville community: a group devoted to military-related writing in a safe environment where they could be free to tell stories that might otherwise shock or offend people who had not been exposed to similar experiences.

"Our goal is to honor veterans and encourage them to tap into their creativity as they offer unique glimpses into their experiences," Greene said. "Even family members have the opportunity to write creatively about their experiences. Frequently, in the cry for service stories, we neglect their stories."

Whether through fictionalized accounts, poetry, or personal stories, Greene believes writing helps the writer to process difficult memories and emotions in a manner that is empowering and transformative, giving the writer a critical distance sometimes needed to deal emotionally with the material.

“Too often stories are lost because we don’t give ourselves permission to speak our truth,” Greene said. “And traditionally, the military has trained men and women to be stoic – which is often interpreted as a mandate to be silent. But that’s no longer the case. Throughout America, and here in our hometown, the voices of our warriors and their family members are finding outlets to be heard.”

As Greene was fielding phone calls looking for a military-related writing group, one of her students, Paul Stroebel, was exploring literature about war for a research paper on the subject. Stroebel, a senior writing major and U.S. Army veteran, has found writing to be empowering and cathartic, and hopes that other veterans will find the same. He will facilitate the group’s meetings.

“I hope to work with the members as we all learn to refine our writing,” Stroebel said. “We have a common experience in the U.S. military, and that experience informs our lives and our writing. As we learn to use that experience as a lens through which we see our work, we grow as writers.”

The new group is already attracting attention and support from established local writers, like Appalachian State University Professor and North Carolina’s Poet Laureate Joseph Bathanti, who was also one of the group’s organizers. When he took the poet laureate post in September, Bathanti announced that he wanted to work with veterans to share their stories through poetry. He has hopes that writing workshops like the Veterans Writing Collective will be duplicated across the state.

“I’m interested in working with the Fayetteville group precisely because of their location and because what they are doing dovetails so nicely into my mission as Poet Laureate,” Bathanti said. “I’m hoping also to lead workshops for the group this spring in Fayetteville.”

Greene said that the group plans to eventually post members’ works on the Veterans Writing Collective’s website, www.methodist.edu/writingvets. The site also has a bibliography of books and articles related to war and the military, along with other resources. In the future, the group may also hold public readings of their work on campus or at other locations.

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