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**MU JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2013 CALENDAR EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>JANUARY 2013</b>		
<b>7</b>	<b>MU</b>	Classes begin
<b>12</b>	<b>VETERANS WRITING COLLECTIVE</b>	<p>2-4:00 p.m.            Trustees Building, Room 340            Contact: <a href="mailto:rgreene@methodist.edu">rgreene@methodist.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:reking@methodist.edu">reking@methodist.edu</a> or go to <a href="http://www.methodist.edu/writingvets">www.methodist.edu/writingvets</a></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The meetings are free.</p> <p>All active-duty military, veterans, and family members are welcome.</p>
<b>14</b>	<p><b>The Reeves School of Business and Tally Leadership Center Present</b></p> <p><b>Lorraine Peoples</b></p> <p><i>Vice President, IT Performance Management, The Estee Lauder Companies Inc.</i></p>	<p>11:00 – noon Presentation on “International Business”            Yarborough Auditorium</p> <p>Lorraine Peoples has served as the Vice President for IT Performance Management at The Estee Lauder Companies since 2010. A key member of the Global Information Systems leadership team, Lorraine manages over \$1 Billion in expenses and project spending. Prior to assuming her current position, Lorraine served as Vice President of the Internal Controls Department of Estee Lauder and as a Senior Manager at Deloitte &amp; Touche, specializing in audit, risk assessment, and controls.</p> <p>3:30 Group Presentation, Alumni Dining Room in Berns Student Center: “Women As Leaders: A Discussion”</p> <p>Contact: Joel Thomas at <a href="mailto:jthomas@methodist.edu">jthomas@methodist.edu</a> or at</p>

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<b>14</b>	<b>MBA Open House</b>	6:00 pm Yarborough Auditorium Clark Hall Contact: (910) 630-7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>17</b>	<b>School of Graduate Studies Open House</b>	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 / <a href="mailto:ghendricks@methodist.edu">ghendricks@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>18</b>	<b>Methodist University Faculty Recital</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a>
<b>19</b>	<b>Miss Fayetteville Pageant</b>	7:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: Heather McManus at <a href="mailto:hmcmanus@gmail.com">hmcmanus@gmail.com</a>
<b>21</b>	<b>Martin Luther King Day</b>	No classes
<b>26</b>	<b>Gilbert Theatre Glee Concert</b>	5:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: <a href="http://www.gilberttheater.com/contact-us/">http://www.gilberttheater.com/contact-us/</a>
<b>FEBRUARY 2013</b>		
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<b>4</b>	<b>MU Spring Convocation</b>	Reeves Auditorium 11:00 am Contact: (910) 630-7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a> No admission charge
<b>4</b>	<b>Step Afrika</b>	7:00 -8:00 pm Reception in lobby 8:00 Performance Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7022 or <a href="mailto:dmunoz@methodist.edu">dmunoz@methodist.edu</a> No admission charge

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<b>21-24 &amp; March 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Godspell</b>	<p>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 <a href="mailto:pwilson@methodist.edu">pwilson@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free with MU ID Other admission prices pending</p>





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**Methodist University Announces Temporary Ingress/Egress Procedures**

**Fayetteville, NC.** –Temporary entrance and exit procedures for getting on and off of the MU campus.

The main entrance to Methodist University, Lowdermilk Drive, is currently closed due to construction and will not be open to the general public for some weeks. Please note that the right turn lane for northbound motorists on Ramsey Street approaching Lowdermilk Drive, as well as the inbound and outbound lanes of the university's main entrance, are blocked and marked as "CLOSED". In addition, through-traffic on Lowdermilk Drive may still be impeded by construction work at the intersection of Stout View Drive when classes begin on January 7th.

Northbound or southbound motorists on Ramsey Street may use the university entrance at College Centre Drive/Stacey Weaver (near the Burger King) and Ramsey Street. This entrance/exit is available 24 hours a day.

Until further notice, the Kinlaw Service Gate located on Kinlaw Drive will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day for motorists to enter and exit campus.

The North Gate at the intersection of Lowdermilk and Robert Johnson Drives will be open for motorists to exit the campus from 6:00 a.m. to midnight each day.

With these temporary changes in place the university is asking drivers to please drive extra carefully as not all motorists will be aware of these changes.

Check the MU website, [www.methodist.edu](http://www.methodist.edu), regarding any updates.



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**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM ANNOUNCES 100 PERCENT PASS  
RATE FOR GRADUATING CLASS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—In December, 33 Methodist University [Physician Assistant \(PA\) Program](#) graduates took the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE), resulting in a 100 percent pass rate for the graduating class.

“The PA Program faculty and staff are exceedingly proud of each student in the class of 2012 for their accomplishments,” said PA Program Director Christina Beard. “We are confident our program and Methodist University have prepared them to be compassionate, competent healthcare providers who will contribute substantially and creatively to the PA profession.”

MU’s PA graduates frequently have a high pass rate on the PANCE, with a 97 percent pass rate in the previous year. This is the first time the program has boasted a 100 percent pass rate since 2002. The computer-based, multiple-choice exam assesses basic medical and surgical knowledge. Passing the PANCE is required to become a certified PA.

“Each PA Program graduate deserves recognition for his or her outstanding academics and innovative clinical experiences,” said President Ben E. Hancock Jr. “Methodist University’s School of Health Sciences is committed to providing education and training that is aligned with the demands of the health care industry, and these students are a testament of that commitment.”

The MU PA Program was implemented in 1996 at the bachelor’s level and transitioned in 2003 to a master’s level program. Ninety-six percent of the graduates are actively practicing PAs in a variety of medical settings and specialties. Well over half of the graduates practice in North Carolina. The program is housed in state-of-the-art facilities that include an Anatomy Lab and a Medical Lecture Hall.

**School of Graduate Studies Open House**

Later this month, 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. Representatives from all four graduate programs—Physician Assistant Program, Master of Justice Administration

Program, Master of Business Administration Program, and Master of Education Program—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.

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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES BSFN PROGRAM**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Avoiding scammers who target businesses will be the focus of the first Business Succession Forum Network (BSFN) program of the year, which will be Thursday, Jan. 24.

The BSFN is sponsored by the Methodist University Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE). The luncheon program will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Admission is free to BSFN members or \$25 for nonmembers, and includes lunch.

Special Deputy Attorney General David Kirkman, from the N.C. Department of Justice, will be the speaker.

Kirkman has served as an enforcement attorney in the Consumer Protection Division of the N.C. Attorney General's Office for the past 25 years. The agency enforces the state's Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act and related state and federal consumer protection statutes.

An expert in laws and regulations governing telemarketing, Kirkman regularly brings enforcement cases alleging telemarketing fraud, Do-Not-Call violations, and illegal robocall practices. He is most known for his work against elder fraud and cross-border fraud, but also handles issues involving the payment processing industry, invoice scams, home repair fraud, and new home construction.

In November of 2006, the Raleigh News and Observer recognized Kirkman as its "Tar Heel of the Week" because of his efforts to fight elder fraud. He is a graduate of Davidson College and the University of North Carolina School of Law.

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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**MU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, CHEER AND DANCE EXPERIENCE SET FOR FEB. 2**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Methodist University Board of Visitors will host the annual MU Women's Basketball, Cheer and Dance Experience Saturday, Feb. 2 in the March F. Riddle Center. Starting at 1 p.m., there will be pregame events and prizes for youth, including face-painting and basketball contests, and a grand prize of one week at a summer 2013 basketball camp. At 2 p.m., the women's basketball team plays Mary Baldwin College.

This special event is geared toward girls of all ages, up to and through high school, but the game and pregame fun is open to everyone and free of charge. Normally, all basketball games are open to the public, but cost \$4 for adults or \$2 for children.

"This event is a perfect opportunity for young girls in the Fayetteville community to come out and experience a college basketball game," said Women's Basketball Head Coach DeeDee Jarman. "Whether the girls are interested in basketball or not, they can enjoy activities sponsored by our cheerleaders and dance team. We have a fun day planned for all ages."

During halftime, the Monarch Drumline and the Monarch Dance Team will perform. After the game, there will be a meet and greet reception and a chance to get autographs from the women's basketball, cheer and dance teams.

"Our student athletes enjoy interacting with everyone who comes out to this event," Jarman said.

The event is sponsored by the MU Board of Visitors, JEB Designs, First Citizens Bank, Professional Women of Fayetteville, Callahan & Rice Insurance Group, Tile Inc., Bleecker Electric Car Company, Walsingham Group, and Wells Fargo Advisors. The purpose of the Board of Visitors is to increase community awareness and goodwill for Methodist University.

Groups such as Girl Scout Troups, youth sports teams, or church leagues are encouraged to RSVP. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Jessica Wanger at 910.630.7200.

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**“HARVEY LITTLETON & FRIENDS” VITREOGRAPH EXHIBIT OPENS  
FEB. 7 AT THE DAVID McCUNE INTERNATIONAL ART GALLERY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—A new art exhibition of vitreograph prints, “Harvey Littleton & Friends,” opens Thursday, Feb. 7, at the David McCune International Art Gallery in the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts.

On Feb. 7, there will be an opening reception from 6 to 9 p.m., with a gallery talk at 7 p.m. by Littleton’s daughter, Carol Littleton Shay. The exhibit will run through April 7.

Vitreography is the process of printing using glass plates, which can produce a wide range of results, depending on the technique of the artist. Littleton, now 90 and living in Spruce Pine, N.C., is considered the father of the American Studio Glass Movement. He developed the modern vitreograph process in 1974. Before that, he is credited with introducing the concept of studio glassblowing to artists.

Previously, glass was considered an industrial material, and any glasswork beyond fusing existing glass required factory facilities. Littleton challenged that notion in 1962, when he led two seminal glassblowing workshops at The Toledo Museum of Art. In 1963, he taught the first university program for glass in the United States, at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Littleton retired from teaching in 1976 to focus on his own art. He moved to Spruce Pine and set up his glass studio, which included a press for vitreographs. Since 1981, artists from a variety of disciplines have worked with Littleton Studios to publish vitreograph prints.

“The prints are from over, more or less, 100 artists who co-published over a thousand individual editions, each contributing to the process of vitreography,” Shay said. “The artists were friends, former students, former colleagues, and almost anyone else Harvey could talk into trying out the process. Many of the artists did not have printmaking as their major media of artistic creation. They are glassblowers, ceramicists, or painters, for example.”

Many of the vitreograph prints featured in the exhibit were created by artists who are nationally and internationally known, such as Dale Chihuly, Erwin Eisch, Herb Jackson, Clarence Morgan, and Tom Nakashima, among others.

Gallery Executive Director Silvana Foti was also one of the artists who visited the Littleton Print Studio, taking a workshop with master printer Judith O'Rourke in 2009.

"Last year, 2012, was the 50th anniversary of studio glass in America, so this exhibit is very timely," Foti said. "Harvey is such a well-known and respected artist, as are the many other high-caliber artists whose work is in the exhibit, I think a lot of people in the arts community will want to see these prints. We're very excited to have this vitreograph show at Methodist University."

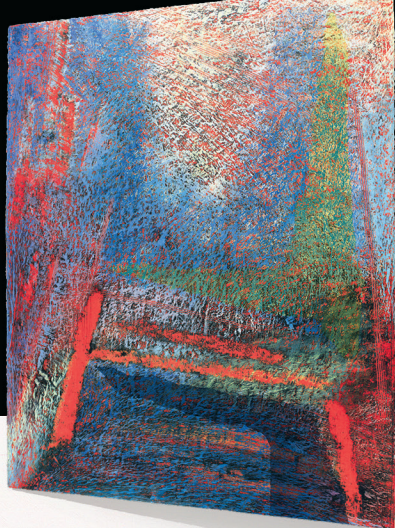
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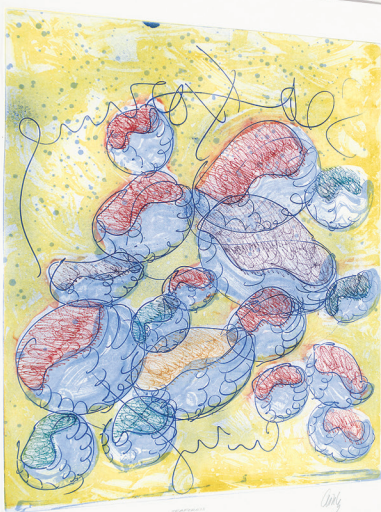
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PRESENTS



Herb Jackson: *End of the Shadow*

# HARVEY LITTLETON & FRIENDS



GALLERY HOURS

Tues.–Fri.:  
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday:  
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

& BY APPOINTMENT

Dale Chihuly: *Sea Forms*

## a new exhibition of VITREOGRAPH PRINTS

( prints from glass plates )

featuring Dale Chihuly, Erwin Eisch, Herb Jackson,  
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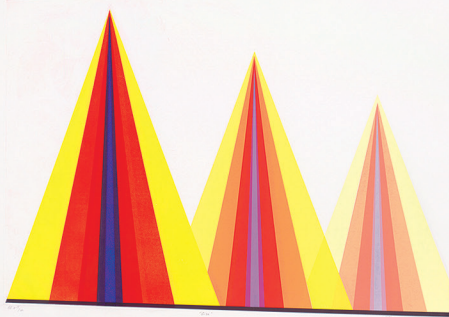
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7	<b>Art Exhibition: Harvey Littleton &amp; Friends</b>	Opening Reception 6:00-9:00 p.m. Gallery Talk by Carol Littleton Shay at 7:00 p.m. Exhibit Runs February 7 - April 7 <u>David McCune International Art Gallery</u> Contact: (910) 630-7107 or <a href="mailto:sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org">sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org</a> Admission is free  Gallery Hours: Tuesday –Friday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday noon to 4 p.m.
8	<b>Foreign Film Series: <i>Mujeres a borde de un ataque de nervios</i> (Women on the Edge of a Nervous Breakdown)</b>	In Spanish with English subtitles Presented by the Department of Modern Languages & Literature 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
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16	<b>Play4Kay Breast Cancer Awareness Game</b>	2:00 p.m. Riddle Center Breast cancer survivors will be recognized at half time. After the game they will be celebrated for their strength and courage. There will also be a silent auction, giveaways, t-shirts, and much more. Contact: Coach DeeDee Jarman at 910/630.7283 or <a href="mailto:djarman@methodist.edu">djarman@methodist.edu</a> No admission charge
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28	<b>The 15th annual BF Stone Lyceum: "Between Cavalier and Cracker, Tara and Tobacco Road: The Marginalized Middle in Southern Literature of the 1930s"</b>	7-8 p.m. Medical Lecture Hall, Auditorium Presented by Dr. Emily Wright of the Methodist University English Department. Dr. Peter Murray of the Methodist University History Department and Dr. Margaret Bauer, Professor of English at East Carolina University and Editor of the North Carolina Literary Review, will serve as respondents. The mission of the BF Stone Lyceum is to foster scholarly interaction among faculty, students, and community residents. The lecture series was endowed with a generous gift from the estate of Mr. B. F. (Doc) Stone, a pharmacist from Elizabethtown, North Carolina. Please mark your calendars for this important event in the life of Methodist University as we continue the conversation started over 15 years ago. Contact: (910)630-7056 or <a href="mailto:ghendricks@methodist.edu">ghendricks@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
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1	<b>Matt Olson Jazz Trio</b>	Presented by Friends of Music at Methodist University 7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a>

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8	<b>MU Concert Band/MU Jazz Monarchs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
9	<b>Handbell Choir Concert</b>	3:30 p.m. March F. Riddle Center Admission is free
16	<b>ALS Walk/Run</b>	10:00 a.m. Outside Reeves Auditorium Contact: <a href="http://webnc.alsa.org/site/TR/Walks/NorthCarolina?pg=entry&amp;fr_id=8860">http://webnc.alsa.org/site/TR/Walks/NorthCarolina?pg=entry&amp;fr_id=8860</a>
17	<b>NC State Ballet presents "Ballet Classics"</b>	3:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: <a href="http://www.ncstateballet.com/performances/classics.html">http://www.ncstateballet.com/performances/classics.html</a>
18	<b>Bullard-Templeton Lecture</b>	Speaker and Topic TBA 11:00 a.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7118 or <a href="mailto:lloyd@duke.edu">lloyd@duke.edu</a> Admission is free
18	<b>MBA Open House</b>	6:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
21	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
22	<b>Foreign Film Series: <i>La tigre e la neve (The Tiger and the Snow)</i></b>	In Italian with English subtitles Presented by the Department of Modern Languages & Literature 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
23-24	<b>MU Jazz Festival</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free





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**Promotion Announcement**

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES THE PROMOTION OF  
DAWN AUSBORN TO ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND CONTROLLER**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University announces the promotion of Dawn Ausborn from the university’s controller to associate vice president for Business Affairs and controller. Effective Dec. 1, 2012, Ausborn joined the President’s Cabinet and now serves as a senior member of the University’s management team.

“This promotion not only recognizes Dawn’s service to Methodist, but also underscores the importance of our efforts in strategic finance and in developing a new budget model for the University,” said President Ben Hancock. “Dawn’s talents have served this institution well, and we look forward to her future contributions in this leadership position.”

Ausborn received a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Methodist in 1989. She worked six years with public accounting firm Murphy and Black Accountants, in Fayetteville, before joining Methodist in 1995 as an accountant. She became a certified public accountant in 1996 and received a master’s degree in human resources in 2000. She was promoted to assistant controller in 1996 and to controller in 2003.

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**MU TO HOST MISS METHODIST PAGEANT**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The seventh annual Miss Methodist Pageant will be held Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013, in Reeves Auditorium at 7 p.m. The event is open to the public, and admission costs \$5 for adults or \$3 for children under 12. Admission is free to Methodist University students, faculty, and staff.

“Each year the pageant gets bigger,” said Doris Munoz, director of Campus Life. “This year, we have the most students we have ever had participating. We have 19 awesome contestants.”

The contestants will be judged on their performance in the pageant’s opening number, talent, interview, and formal wear categories. There will also be a People’s Choice component, where the audience can vote for their favorites by making donations during intermission. All of the money raised for the People’s Choice contest will go to the MU’s Play 4Kay fundraiser.

“The great thing about our pageant is that it’s very laid back and easy going,” Munoz said. “Our goal for the pageant is for everyone to have fun.”

There will also be entertainment from MU’s men’s chorus, The Noblemen. At the end of the night, the current Miss Methodist, Kelsey Magnine, will pass her title to another female MU student.

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**LONGSTANDING LOYALTY DAY HISTORY ROOTED IN A TRADITION  
OF LOCAL SUPPORT**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University’s Loyalty Day is rooted in a tradition of local support older than the school itself. Before the then-named Methodist College opened to its first class in 1960, secular and religious community leaders gathered pledges and donations from the local community for a small, private, liberal arts college that would be built in Fayetteville.

“The institution owes its very founding to community leaders who believed in the philosophy of university-community partnerships,” said President Ben Hancock. “Loyalty Day is rooted in a longstanding tradition of community support, and it provides an opportunity to highlight the promise we make to every new student who comes through our gate that he or she will receive an exceptional education. We are grateful the community is enhancing our ‘culture of excellence,’ as there has never been a great university without a great community.”

In 1956, the Fayetteville College Foundation, which was renamed the Methodist University Foundation, pledged to raise an annual contribution of \$50,000. For most years as far back as 1968, the second Tuesday in February has served as Loyalty Day, a community fundraising event. This year’s Loyalty Day will be **Feb. 12, 2013**. A kickoff event was held at the Fayetteville Regional Chamber’s Coffee Club Jan. 17.

“Loyalty Day was born out of the commitment for annual support made by the Fayetteville community in 1956, when Methodist was established,” said Krista Lee, MU’s director of the Annual Fund. “Since then, Fayetteville businesses and individuals have come together annually to celebrate and support Loyalty Day as an investment in our students and our community’s future.”

In 2006, when the Fayetteville College Foundation turned 50, the university development staff reviewed its records and found that many families had consistently supported the school and Loyalty Day through successive generations.

This year’s Loyalty Day chair, Cumberland County Register of Deeds J. Lee Warren Jr., is one of those second-generation supporters. He’s also an alumnus from the Class of 1975.

“I remember my father writing a check every year to Methodist,” Warren said. “This was prior to my decision to even attend Methodist. He wasn’t doing it because I was a student; he was doing it because, like all the rest of the community members, he was trying to support the institution.”

Years later, Warren would become a Loyalty Day volunteer himself.

“There were a number of years during Loyalty Day when I would make phone calls, go out and pick up checks. I always tried to have all my contacts made prior to the actual Loyalty Day. Early on, it was geared toward going out into the community and making your visits, and they actually did do that on Loyalty Day. But I was never one for waiting to the last minute to do something. I liked to have a lot of mine in hand prior to the day.”

Like the original board, the current Foundation is made up of business owners and community leaders from all walks of life in Cumberland County. The Office of Institutional Advancement estimates that more than 550 local leaders have served on the Foundation since it formed, with thousands more community members serving over the years as Loyalty Day volunteers, making phone calls, personal visits, and other efforts to appeal to residents and businesses for the fundraising event.

Kickoff events for Loyalty Day have often been held in different Fayetteville locations, such as a dinner and rally in 1958 at the old Fayetteville High School, which is now named Terry Sanford High School, or at the Chamber of Commerce’s Coffee Club meeting in the Holiday Inn Bordeaux, as has been the norm for the past several years. Another longstanding tradition is the reading of a mayoral proclamation, recognizing the official Loyalty Day in the City of Fayetteville.

Loyalty Day volunteer, alumna, and retired MU employee Lynn Clark first started volunteering in the mid-1980s. To her, Loyalty Day is just as much about the Fayetteville community as it is the university.

“It was just something everybody did,” Clark said. “Methodist was very much meant to be a community-oriented college, and that association has continued.”

Though Loyalty Day was originally about raising funds to help the college operate, in 2005, the focus shifted to student scholarships, something that MU dedicates more than 26 percent of its budget to each year. With more than 95 percent of Methodist University students receiving financial aid, many students would not be able to attend the university without scholarships like the ones funded through Loyalty Day. In the 2011-2012 academic year, MU awarded \$17.1 million in financial aid to students.

As the University grows and evolves with a new president, a new Master Plan, and the new MU Journey, the Loyalty Day tradition remains strong. While the school’s reputation has traveled around the world, its roots are still deep in Fayetteville and Cumberland County.

“Methodist has, of course, grown,” Clark said. “But in growing, it has also grown in its appeal to a lot of people. I can’t tell you how many people have told me they’ve been treated by one of our Physician Assistant graduates, or played golf at a club managed by one of our PGM graduates. We have sent out excellent educators, clergy, health care providers, and business leaders all over the world. They represent Cumberland County well. People realize that it’s not the little college down Raleigh Road anymore.”

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**SPRING CONVOCATION AND STEP AFRIKA! PERFORMANCE  
SET FOR FEB. 4**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—In celebration of Black History Month, Methodist University will hold two cultural events Monday, Feb. 4, 2013, in Reeves Auditorium. At 11 a.m., Spring Convocation will celebrate hip-hop music and dance, as well as modern African American poetry. Later in the day, the University will host a performance at 8 p.m. by Step Afrika!, an internationally renowned performance group. The show will be preceded by a reception in Reeves lobby at 7:15 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

**Convocation**

For the last several years, Spring Convocation has focused on African American music and art, covering topics like jazz, the Harlem Renaissance, and the blues.

“Following in the model we’ve established, this year’s Spring Convocation’s theme will be about hip-hop,” said History Professor Peter Murray, who organized the event. “Student performers will highlight the convocation and Dr. Patrick O’Neil and Librarian Tracey Pearson will provide commentary on the origins of hip-hop and its contribution to contemporary culture.”

Performers during the hour-long event will include the Marching Monarchs; “Triple Threat,” the MU step team; and a number of student performers. Besides music and dance, student will also read selections of modern African American poetry by Nikki Giovanni, Audre Lord and Anna Deveare Smith.

“Because hip-hop is a broad category that has evolved over time, the program will particularly highlight this form of music that includes social commentary and address significant issues to the African American community,” Murray said.

**Step Afrika!**

Step Afrika! is the first professional company in the world dedicated to the tradition of stepping. Founded in 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. Based in Washington, D.C., Step Afrika! has performed around the world.

“Methodist University is incredibly excited to be able to host such an internationally renowned artist in Step Afrika,” said Assistant Director of Student Activities Ryan Bowyer. “We believe that this event will highlight the cultures of step in an incredibly fun, entertaining, and educational manner. The community can expect a high energy, enlightening, and fun step show that will broaden their cultural horizons.”

Before the performance, there will be a reception in the lobby of Reeves Auditorium at 7:15 p.m. Attendees will be greeted by students from the International Program in traditional dress.

There will also be a step performance by Triple Threat and the gumboot dance by students in the International Club before Step Afrika takes the stage.

Triple Threat, Methodist University’s first official co-ed step team, was founded in the spring of 2012 by Shatora Curry and Jasmine Pigford with the goal to educate, entertain and expose the students of Methodist University to the art of “step dancing,” while promoting self-development, community service and raising social awareness.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY STUDENT GROUP TO HOST  
OXFAM AMERICA HUNGER BANQUET**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—A new group at Methodist University has made it their mission to provide students with events that educate and raise awareness of social justice issues. Called SoJu, short for “social justice,” the group is a subcommittee of the Student Activities Committee and is planning several events this semester that address hunger, homelessness, and sexual assault.

SoJu’s first event will be an Oxfam America Hunger Banquet® Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Berns Student Center. The group is hoping to get at least 100 students to register in advance to participate. Participation is free, but the event is not open to the public. All of the food will be provided by Sodexo.

“The goal of the Hunger Banquet is to change the way people think about poverty and hunger,” said SoJu organizer Charlotte Brown, a residential coordinator at MU. “We will focus on food distribution around the world as well as issues related to food insecurity in our own community.”

Hunger Banquet is an interactive meal where not everyone is served the same type or amount of food. The breakdown of meal types will reflect income statistics from World Bank Development Indicators’ 2007 report.

“A participant draws a random card when she or he arrives at the event,” said Ryan Bowyer, assistant director of campus life and another SoJu organizer. “That card represents a particular income level—low, middle, or high—which determines the type of meal the participant will be served.”

If a student is lucky, he will be in the top 15 percent and draw a high income level card, ensuring he will be served a sumptuous meal. The 35 percent of participants who find they drew a card for the middle-income tier will be served a simple meal of rice and beans, while the remaining 50 percent of students who make up the low-income tier will help themselves to small portions of rice and water.

The random nature of the meal represents the real-life chances that some people are born into prosperity or poverty. During the meal, participants will learn about the many reasons for hunger around the world, none of which are a global shortage of food. Afterward, the students will share their thoughts and be invited to take action through Oxfam programs.

“Through this event, students will experience what it means to be impoverished and they will understand how our actions toward hunger and poverty have a profound effect on the rest of the world,” Brown said. “Few students will leave with full stomachs, but almost all participants will leave with a stronger understanding of the causes and effects of poverty, and ultimately feel empowered to stand against hunger.”

SoJu is planning a March 20, 2013 homelessness-awareness event called Cardboard City, and an April 11, 2013 event about sexual assault called Take Back the Night.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOST 17TH ANNUAL  
B.F. STONE ENDOWED LYCEUM**



**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University announces the recipient of the 17th annual **B.F. Stone Endowed Lyceum** honor, Dr. Emily Wright. Every year, one of Methodist University's faculty is chosen for his or her scholarship to present at the lyceum, a special lecture and response event. Wright's presentation, "Between Cavalier and Cracker, Tara and Tobacco Road: The Marginalized Middle in Southern Literature of the 1930s," was selected from among nine submissions.

The B.F. Stone Endowed Lyceum was created to foster scholarly interaction among faculty, students, and the larger community. The event, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013, in the Medical Lecture Hall in the Physician Assistant complex.

"I do hope people from the community come to the lyceum," Wright said. "We'll be talking about a group of pre-Civil War Southerners who usually don't get much attention: nonslaveholding whites. Many people don't know that 3/4 of white southerners did not own slaves, and those people had a lot in common with other American settlers. That's what my paper is about, and I can't wait to hear the responses of my colleagues."

Dr. Wright teaches composition, American literature, women's literature, and Southern literature at Methodist University. She has been at MU since 2002. Wright has also directed the Southern Women Writers Conference at Berry College in Rome, Ga., as well as the Southern Writers Symposium at Methodist University. Her research focuses on the way the South is represented in American discourse. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Emory University, a Master of Arts in teaching from Georgia State University, and M.A., Master of Philosophy, and doctoral degrees from Columbia University.

Under the format of the lyceum, Wright's lecture will be followed by responses from two experts, MU History Professor Dr. Peter Murray and East Carolina University English Professor Dr. Margaret Bauer.

Dr. Murray joined Methodist University in 1988. He holds a B.A. in history from Wofford College and a doctorate from Indiana University. He is the author of

“Methodists and the Crucible of Race, 1930-1975” and is currently researching American civil rights leader James Forman.

Dr. Bauer is the Rives Chair of Southern Literature at ECU, is editor of the North Carolina Literary Review, and will also be one of the featured writers at this year’s **Southern Writers Symposium**, which will be held on the two days after the lyceum, Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 2013, in the Medical Lecture Hall.

After the responses, there will be a time for questions from the audience.

This year’s event is organized by Dr. George Hendricks, dean of the School of Graduate Studies, who was the recipient of last year’s lyceum honor. As is tradition, the previous year’s recipient organizes the next event and introduces the speakers.

“The B.F. Stone Endowed Lyceum has been a tradition of academic discourse at Methodist University for the past 17 years,” Hendricks said. “It is an honor to be selected by your peers to present in your individual discipline of study. With his generous gift, Mr. B.F. Stone started the discussion. Faculty members have honored his generosity by continuing the discussion on a wide range of topics, including an alternative approach to national energy security, homelessness, the religious left and conflict boundaries among Jerusalem’s Christians. The B.F. Stone Endowed Lyceum continues to engage, enrich and empower our world through the dissemination of academic thought.”

The lyceum was first held in 1997, and the event became known as the B.F. Stone Endowed Lyceum 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.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING THEATRE  
PRODUCTION**



**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Methodist University Department of Theatre will present “Godspell” Feb. 27-March 3, 2013, in Reeves Auditorium. The show will start at 8 p.m. each day except Sunday, when it will start at 2 p.m. All tickets will be for general seating, available at the door at a cost of \$10 for adults, \$7 for high school and college students, \$4 for children, or free with an MU ID.

The classic musical is a family-friendly retelling of the Gospel According to Saint Matthew, and this version will also tell the story in a way that will probably be new to people who have seen the show before. While the lines will still be spoken and the songs sung, the performers will also use American Sign Language.

“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 Theater Chair Dr. Paul Wilson, who is also directing the show.

Leading the 16-person cast is Efrain Colón, who plays Jesus. Colón is a regular in the Horrible Folks Comedy Show and has appeared at the Gilbert Theater in “The Rocky Horror Show” and “Musical of Musicals: The Musical!” He has also performed in “Godspell” before, at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

“I was Judas/John the Baptist in UNCP’s production at the Givens Performing Arts Center in 2011,” Colón said. “Returning as Jesus is an honor. I thought it would be

great to try during the last production, so now I get to. This is also my first show as the lead, so I'm excited."

Colón said "Godspell" is one of his favorites because the music is fun to sing and much of the show is very light-hearted.

"The message is simple: Treat others as you would have them treat you and, above all, always show love," Colón said. "Sounds cheesy, but it still rings true."

"Godspell" was first performed as a master's thesis project conceived and directed by John-Michael Tebelak at Carnegie-Mellon University in 1970. After it caught the attention of some New York producers, the show was given music by Stephen Schwartz and began an off-Broadway run in 1971. It became a movie in 1973, and in 2011 had a Broadway revival.

Wilson said he thinks the appeal of "Godspell" lies in the story's focus.

"For me, it strips the mysticism aspect out of Christianity and concentrates on the essence of what Christ was trying to do," Wilson said. "He was first and foremost a teacher. He was trying to build a community based on an idea, rather than a concept like tribe, or village, or family. The idea was, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself.'"

It doesn't hurt that the music is good, either.

"It's definitely one of those that you can leave humming the tunes," Wilson said. "'Day by Day' is probably the best known song from Godspell, but there are lots of others that are good, old-fashioned toe-tappers."

For MU's production, the musical director is Charis Bean Duke, a composer who has a long resume of work with local theater companies and has taught at the University as an adjunct professor. Elizabeth Mines, owner of Angelic Arts School of Dance, is the show's choreographer, and Melissa "Missy" Mueller is the guest lighting designer. The rest of the cast is made up of Methodist University students and a cross-section of talent from the Fayetteville theater scene.

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**SIX MU STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN SECOND ANNUAL NCICU  
ETHICS BOWL**



**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Six Methodist University students will compete this Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8 and 9, 2013, in the second annual Ethics Bowl hosted by North Carolina Independent Colleges and University (NCICU). Methodist will be among 18 independent colleges and universities competing at the event, which will be held at Campbell University School of Law in Raleigh, N.C. This year's theme is "Ethics in Communications."

This year's team from MU consists of Rica McDonald, junior mass communications major; Brian Weir, junior social work major; Jasmina Gobeljic, senior international relations major; Kevin Zhang, junior mathematics major; David Meigs, freshman chemistry major; and Derek Smith, sophomore writing major. The final round of debate and trophy presentation will begin at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the auditorium at Campbell University School of Law.

Dr. J.R. Hustwit, chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, is the MU campus coordinator for the event.

"The goal here is to sharpen the students' ethical reasoning abilities, which is a skill sought after by employers, and valuable in its own right," Hustwit said. "These students have worked very hard over the past year, and we expect to solve many of the world's problems this weekend."

The debates will be scored by a panel of three judges that include business and community leaders from across the state. The teams will be evaluated on the quality of their arguments, research, presentation style, and moral theory.

"Interestingly, in the Ethics Bowl, both teams may take the same position," Hustwit said. "They are judged on how well they defend their position, whatever that might be."

The NCICU Ethics Bowl is designed to provide an academic experience that increases awareness and discourse about applying ethics in leadership, decision-making, interpersonal relationships and other issues in today's society. The purpose of the

competition is to emphasize the importance of being able to apply ethical standards to situations students will inevitably face as future local, state, and national leaders.

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**MU FEBRUARY – APRIL 2013 CALENDAR EVENTS**

Date	Event	Details
<b>FEBRUARY 2013</b>		
7	<b>Art Exhibition: Harvey Littleton &amp; Friends</b>	Opening Reception 6:00-9:00 p.m. Gallery Talk by Carol Littleton Shay at 7:00 p.m. Exhibit Runs February 7 - April 7 <u>David McCune International Art Gallery</u> Contact: (910) 630-7107 or <a href="mailto:sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org">sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org</a> Admission is free  Gallery Hours: Tuesday –Friday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday noon to 4 p.m.
8	<b>Foreign Film Series: <i>Mujeres a borde de un ataque de nervios</i> (Women on the Edge of a Nervous Breakdown)</b>	In Spanish with English subtitles Presented by the Department of Modern Languages & Literature 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
11	<b>MBA Open House</b>	Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall 6:00 p.m. Contact: (910) 630-7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
12	<b>Loyalty Day Campaign for Student Scholarships</b>	Luncheon at Haymount United Methodist Church. Contact: (910) 630-7169 or <a href="mailto:klee@methodist.edu">klee@methodist.edu</a>
15	<b>Friends of Music</b>	<b>Army Ground Forces Band Chamber Ensemble</b> Hensdale Chapel

		<p>7:30 pm  Presented by Friends of Music at Methodist University  No admission charge  Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a></p>
15	<p><b>Foreign Film Series:</b>  <i>Inch'Allah Dimanche</i>  (Sunday God Is Willing)</p>	<p>In French and Arabic with English subtitles  Presented by the Department of Modern Languages &amp; Literature  7:00 p.m.  Hendricks 122  Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a>  Admission is free</p>
16	<p><b>Play4Kay Breast Cancer Awareness Game</b></p>	<p>2:00 p.m.  Riddle Center  Breast cancer survivors will be recognized at half time. After the game they will be celebrated for their strength and courage. There will also be a silent auction, giveaways, t-shirts, and much more.  Contact: Coach DeeDee Jarman at 910/630.7283 or <a href="mailto:djarman@methodist.edu">djarman@methodist.edu</a>  No admission charge</p>
21	<p><b>ARCOS FILMS PRESENTS</b>  <i>Switch</i>  The film goes beyond the politics to deliver the straight answers on energy   <i>Directed by Harry Lynch and Featuring Energy Expert Dr. Scott Tinker</i></p>	<p><b>Screening at Methodist University 5:30pm</b>  <b>Elton Hendricks Science Complex, Room 222</b>  <b>Admission is free.</b>  Guests: Mr. Reggie Wallace of the Fayetteville PWC &amp; Mr. Jeff Dayton of Southeast Solar, LLC1.   Mr. Reggie Wallace, Power Plant Manager at the Fayetteville Public Works Commission - (info provided by PWC) Reggie Wallace has served as Manager of the Butler-Warner Generation Plant at the Fayetteville Public Works Commission for nearly 19 years. He has also served as Interim Chief Operating Officer – Electric Systems Division. Prior to joining PWC, Wallace spent 20 years in the investor owned utility industry. An active member of the community, Wallace currently serves on the Combined Air Team (CombAT). A joint effort to improve air quality between Sustainable Sandhills, the Fort Bragg Air Team, the Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO), and the NCDENR Division of Air Quality. He is also a member of the SERC Reliability Corporation (previously known as the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council), a nonprofit corporation responsible for promoting and improving the reliability, adequacy, and critical infrastructure of the bulk power supply systems. A native of Fayetteville, Wallace is a graduate of North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering.   Mr. Dayton specializes in sales and training for the installation of alternative energy equipment, such as solar and geothermal systems.</p>



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<b>27 to March 3rd</b>	<b>Godspell</b>	<p>Presented by the Methodist University Theatre Department  8:00 p.m. (Thursday - Saturday)  2:00 p.m. (Sunday)  Reeves Auditorium  Contact: (910) 630-7105 or <a href="mailto:pwilson@methodist.edu">pwilson@methodist.edu</a>  Admission is free with MU ID  Other admission prices pending</p>
<b>28</b>	<b>The 15th annual BF Stone Lyceum: "Between Cavalier and Cracker, Tara and Tobacco Road: The Marginalized Middle in Southern Literature of the 1930s"</b>	<p>7-8 p.m.  Medical Lecture Hall, Auditorium  Presented by Dr. Emily Wright of the Methodist University English Department.  Dr. Peter Murray of the Methodist University History Department and Dr. Margaret Bauer, Professor of English at East Carolina University and Editor of the North Carolina Literary Review, will serve as respondents.  The mission of the BF Stone Lyceum is to foster scholarly interaction among faculty, students, and community residents. The lecture series was endowed with a generous gift from the estate of Mr. B. F. (Doc") Stone, a pharmacist from Elizabethtown, North Carolina. Please mark your calendars for this important event in the life of Methodist University as we continue the conversation started over 15 years ago.  Contact: (910)630-7056 or <a href="mailto:ghendricks@methodist.edu">ghendricks@methodist.edu</a>  Admission is free</p>
<b>MARCH 2013</b>		
<b>1-2</b>	<b>Southern Writers' Symposium: Celebrating Emerging Writers</b>	<p>Friday night: 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Medical Lecture Hall located in the Physician Assistant Program Complex.  Features readings, workshops, presentations, individual consultations workshop, film presentation and more.  Featured writers and speakers include Dasan Ahanu, Margaret D. Bauer, Beth Copeland, Stephen Corey, M. Scott Douglass, Brad Johnson, Howard Owen, Michael Potts, and Megan Roberts.  Costs: Friday night only-\$5. Two –day registration includes lunch but no consultations: \$35. Extra costs for submitting hard or online copies of work.  For more information go to <a href="http://www.methodist.edu/sws/index.htm">www.methodist.edu/sws/index.htm</a> or contact Brenda Jernigan at 910/630.7454 or at <a href="mailto:bjernigan@methodist.edu">bjernigan@methodist.edu</a>.</p>
<b>1</b>	<b>Matt Olson Jazz Trio</b>	<p>Presented by Friends of Music at Methodist University  7:30 p.m.</p>

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9	<b>Handbell Choir Concert</b>	3:30 p.m. March F. Riddle Center Admission is free
16	<b>ALS Walk/Run</b>	10:00 a.m. Outside Reeves Auditorium Contact: <a href="http://webnc.alsa.org/site/TR/Walks/NorthCarolina?pg=entry&amp;fr_id=8860">http://webnc.alsa.org/site/TR/Walks/NorthCarolina?pg=entry&amp;fr_id=8860</a>
17	<b>NC State Ballet presents "Ballet Classics"</b>	3:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: <a href="http://www.ncstateballet.com/performances/classics.html">http://www.ncstateballet.com/performances/classics.html</a>
18	<b>Bullard-Templeton Lecture</b>	Dr. John F. Haught will present, "Darwin and God: What Is The Problem?" Dr. Haught's area of specialization is systematic theology, with a particular interest in issues pertaining to science, cosmology, evolution, ecology, and religion. He lectures internationally on many issues related to science and religion. 11:00 a.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7118 or <a href="mailto:lloyd@duke.edu">lloyd@duke.edu</a> Admission is free
18	<b>MBA Open House</b>	6:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
21	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
22	<b>Foreign Film Series: <i>La tigre e la neve (The Tiger and the Snow)</i></b>	In Italian with English subtitles Presented by the Department of Modern Languages & Literature 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
22-23	<b>MU Jazz Festival</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. 23 <sup>rd</sup> from 5 – 9 p.m. Reeves Auditorium

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<b>5</b>	<b>Easter Jam</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Featuring Leeland and Common Ground Contact: (910) 630-7062 or <a href="mailto:smorrison@methodist.edu">smorrison@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>6-7</b>	<b>Cape Fear New Music Festival</b>	Presented by Friends of Music at Methodist University Times TBA Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>12 through May 11</b>	<b>Senior Show for Methodist University Graphic Design students</b>	There is a reception on the 7 <sup>th</sup> time to be announced.
<b>12</b>	<b>Foreign Film Series: <i>Les intouchables</i> (<i>The Untouchables</i>)</b>	In French with English subtitles Presented by the Department of Modern Languages & Literature 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>13</b>	<b>March of Dimes Walk for Babies</b>	Registration 9:00 a.m. Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Outside Reeves Auditorium For more information contact Pam McEvoy at (910) 630-7043 or <a href="mailto:pmcevoy@methodist.edu">pmcevoy@methodist.edu</a>
<b>13</b>	<b>Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium
<b>14</b>	<b>Celebration of Special Needs Children</b>	3:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium
<b>15-19</b>	<b>Methodist University's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium</b>	Events will take place all week. Monday/15 <sup>th</sup> : Faculty Presentations 11-noon, locations TBD. Tuesday/16 <sup>th</sup> : Students reading their poetry at a TBD location and time. Wednesday/17 <sup>th</sup> : Symposium Day. Two student sessions where various presentations will be offered at a TBD locations; student keynote address at 8:30 a.m. and presentations 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; 2 <sup>nd</sup> student keynote address at 1 p.m. with presentations 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Awards in Reeves Auditorium 3:45 p.m. – 5 p.m.

		<p>Keynote speaker at 7 p.m. Speaker TBA.</p> <p>Thursday/18<sup>th</sup>: Students reading their poetry at a TBD location and time.</p> <p>Friday 19<sup>th</sup>: 11 a.m. – noon Faculty presentations. Locations TBD.</p> <p>Senior Show for graphic design students. The show will be presented April 19-May 11. There will be a reception on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 p.m. in the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts. Admission is free.</p> <p>For more information call Pam McEvoy at 910.630.7043 or <a href="mailto:pmcevoy@methodist.edu">pmcevoy@methodist.edu</a>.</p>
17	<b>Methodist University Awards Day</b>	<p>3:45 p.m. – 5 p.m.</p> <p>Reeves Auditorium</p> <p>Contact: (910) 630-7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a></p> <p>Admission is free</p>
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18	<b>Presentation on Cyber-bullying</b>	<p>This is part of the Anne Frank Exhibit Schedule</p> <p>Dr. Eric See will present on how social media is being used to bully others in today's society.</p> <p>7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall</p>
19	<b>MU Guitar Night</b>	<p>7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Hensdale Chapel</p> <p>Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a></p> <p>Admission is free</p>
24	<b>Jazz Concert on the Quad</b>	<p>12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Bell tower on the Quad</p> <p>Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a></p> <p>Admission is free</p>
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26	<b>All-Choirs Concert</b>	<p>7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Reeves Auditorium</p> <p>Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a></p> <p>Admission is free</p>
28	<b>Brave Soldier Challenge</b>	<p>9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Sink Field</p>



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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND  
PHYSICAL SCIENCE TO HOST FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University's Department of Chemistry and Physical Science will present a free screening of the film "Switch," at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013, in the Elton Hendricks Science Complex, Room 222. This event is open to the public.

Advertised as a nonpartisan, revolutionary film by documentary studio Arcos Films, "Switch" is directed by Harry Lynch and features energy expert Dr. Scott Tinker as narrator. The screening will also include two special guest speakers, Jeff Dayton of Fayetteville-based Southeast Solar, and Reggie Wallace, power plant manager at the Fayetteville Public Works Commission. This screening is one of more than 250 that have happened at universities across the country who are participating in the Geological Society of America's Energy Awareness and Efficiency Program.

The film addresses issues in today's energy debates, such as whether or not fracking is polluting water supplies, the possible dangers of nuclear power, the future of rising gas prices, the concept of "clean" coal, and the future of renewable energy sources.

"I feel that energy resources are important to every citizen," said event organizer Dr. John Dembosky, a geology professor in MU's Chemistry and Physical Science Department. "As a global community, everyone must know where their energy currently comes from and what energy options are available in the future. A goal of 'Switch' is to open a dialog with all Americans about how our energy needs will and can be met within our lifetimes. This is why the event is being sponsored by the Geological Society of America, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the American Geosciences Institute, and the Verizon Foundation."

Over the course of the two years it took to film the documentary, Tinker traveled the world, exploring leading energy sites from coal to solar and oil to biofuels, most of them highly restricted and never before seen on film. He also spoke to international leaders in government, industry, and academia. In the end, he attempts to cut through the confusion to a practical path for future energy.

Tinker is the director of the Bureau of Economic Geology and the State Geologist of Texas. He holds the Allday Endowed Chair and is the acting associate dean of

Research in the Jackson School of Geosciences at The University of Texas at Austin. Before coming to the bureau, he worked for Marathon Oil's research division.

After the movie, the two local guests will speak briefly with their comments on the film and take questions from the audience.

Dayton specializes in sales and training for the installation of alternative energy equipment, such as solar and geothermal systems. Southeast Solar has extended business throughout the eastern United States.

Wallace has served as manager of the Butler-Warner Generation Plant at the Fayetteville Public Works Commission for nearly 19 years. He has also served as interim chief operating officer in the Electric Systems Division. Prior to joining PWC, Wallace spent 20 years in the investor-owned utility industry. He holds a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from North Carolina State University.

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**SIX-STUDENT TEAM EARNS FIRST PLACE IN NCICU'S SECOND ANNUAL ETHICS BOWL**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University congratulates the six-student team who competed in and won the second annual Ethics Bowl on Feb. 8 and 9, 2013. The bowl, which is hosted by North Carolina Independent Colleges and University (NCICU), pitted 18 independent colleges and universities against each other at Campbell University School of Law in Raleigh, N.C. This year's theme was "Ethics in Communications."

Competing in the final round against Wake Forest, the victory was almost a surprise for the MU team, which took home a large silver trophy along with the title.

"I am very proud to announce that the MU Ethics Bowl team has defied all odds, and returned from their tournament as state champions," said Dr. J.R. Hustwit, chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion and the MU campus coordinator for the event.

The team enjoyed an early victory against Chowan University in a case concerning media blackouts during hostage situations. Then, the team reeled from a razor-thin loss to St. Andrews in a case concerning journalists using deceit to report undercover.

Day two saw MU winning two of two normal division rounds. The first victory was against Gardner Webb in a case about when to reveal infidelity among friends. The second victory was against Livingstone College in a case about patient confidentiality.

"This put MU at the top of their division, and pitted them against returning champions Wake Forest in the final round," Hustwit said. "After a passionate debate, underdog MU won the competition, and the state ethics bowl championship. It's a real Cinderella story!"

The winning team consisted of Rica McDonald, junior mass communications major; Brian Weir, junior social work major; Jasmina Gobeljic, senior international relations major; Kevin Zhang, junior mathematics major; David Meigs, freshman chemistry major; and Derek Smith, sophomore writing major.

Similar to a debate tournament, the Ethics Bowl also places emphasis on ethical reasoning. The debates were scored by a panel of three judges that included business and community leaders from across the state. The teams were then evaluated on the quality of their arguments, research, presentation style, and moral theory.

“Interestingly, in the Ethics Bowl, both teams may take the same position,” Hustwit said. “They are judged on how well they defend their position, whatever that might be.”

The NCICU Ethics Bowl is designed to provide an academic experience that increases awareness and discourse about applying ethics in leadership, decision-making, interpersonal relationships and other issues in today’s society. The purpose of the competition is to emphasize the importance of being able to apply ethical standards to situations students will inevitably face as future local, state, and national leaders.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SOUTHERN WRITERS SYMPOSIUM**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University’s Southern Writers Symposium will be held Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 2013, but the deadline to register is noon Monday, Feb. 25. Advance registration for the event, which includes lunch Saturday, is recommended. Very limited walk-in registration is available on a first come, first served basis.

Registration costs \$35 or \$55, with the addition of an individual writing consultation. Writing for critiques must be submitted by Feb. 22. Attendance is free for MU students, faculty, and staff, with an additional charge for lunch or consultation. Attendees can register online, at [southernwriters.eventbrite.com](http://southernwriters.eventbrite.com), or print a registration brochure from [methodist.edu/sws](http://methodist.edu/sws).

Created at Methodist University in 1982, the Southern Writers Symposium is an annual 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.

The symposium will open Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Medical Lecture Hall. Friday night’s activities will include the presentation of the Sandhills Young Writers Contest Winners and a workshop for students and teachers, featuring spoken word poet Dasan Ahanu. To attend only on Friday night, there is a \$5 admission charge, which will go to fund future Young Writers prizes.

“We are excited to have spoken-word poet Dasan Ahanu as our featured speaker and workshop leader at the awards ceremony on March 1,” said Symposium Director and English Instructor Brenda Jernigan. “His spoken word poetry has been featured on NPR, and he has won awards in regional and national poetry slams, competing as a founding member of the Bull City Slam team. We’re very fortunate to have someone of his talent to kick-off our 2013 Symposium.”

On Saturday, registration opens at 8:30 a.m. Authors and writers will be treated to two panels on publishing—one from the author’s perspective and one from the editor’s perspective, with editors from the “Georgia Review,” “North Carolina Literary Review,” and “Main Street Rag.” Also, this year’s Symposium features a workshop by New York publishing professional Lucinda Blumenfeld of Lucinda Literary. She will discuss building an online presence and marketing your work. During lunch, there will be a reading by keynote speaker Howard Owen, author of “Oregon Hill” and nine other novels. The afternoon offers workshops, films, and an open mic to end the day’s events. For a full list of sessions and workshops available, please visit [methodist.edu/sws/registration.pdf](http://methodist.edu/sws/registration.pdf).

Howard Owen, the symposium’s keynote speaker, is the author of ten novels, including “Oregon Hill.” An award-winning writer, Owen was born in Fayetteville. He graduated from University of North Carolina Chapel Hill with a journalism degree and earned a master’s degree in English from Virginia

Commonwealth University. He lives in Fredericksburg and is an editor for The Free-Lance Star. He published his first novel in 1992, and that original novel, "Littlejohn," has been translated into three languages, received numerous awards, and was a Doubleday Book Club selection. In addition, the novel was released in both audio and large-print editions, and the movie rights were purchased. In 2002, he received the Theresa Pollack Award for Words. Owen writes every day, and he is busy writing his next novel, a sequel to "Oregon Hill," to be published in July of 2013.

## **Contest Winners**

The winners of the Sandhills Young Writers Contest, a new addition to the symposium this year, represent four local counties and high schools. From Union Pines High School in Moore County, Senior Emily Pierce's story "Burned Bridges" won first place in fiction. From Richmond Senior High School in Richmond County, senior Zachary Meachum's poem "Patched Up" took first place in poetry.

Ergun Bicer, a senior at South View High School and resident of Cumberland County, won second place in fiction with his story "Fatal Love." Rebecca Riggs, a junior at Chatham Central High School in Chatham County, received second place in poetry for her poem, "Shipwreck."

For the inaugural Sandhills Young Writers Contest, the Southern Writers Symposium invited 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 or poetry. The first-place writer in each category will receive a cash award of \$100, and second place winners will each receive \$50.

"We are so pleased to recognize the writing talent of our region's students," Jernigan said. "We hope the contest will grow in the coming years and be a force for encouraging and rewarding creativity in the Sandhills region."

The winners of the Emerging Writers Contest in the fiction category are: First place, "Walking Suzi," by Ellis Anderson of Bay St. Louise, Miss.; second place, "Someone to Calm Me," by Laura Steadham Smith of Tallahassee, Fla.; and third place, "Liberation," by Jenni Moody of Huntsville, Ala. The winners in the poetry category are: First place, "Woodshed," by Marty Silverthorne of Greenville, N.C.; second place, "Nightsweats" by Jen Karetnick of Miami Shores, Fla.; and third place, "Of Barbecue and Blood," by Allyson Whipple of Austin, Texas.

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**INAUGURAL PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE SERIES TO FEATURE  
DR. SANJAY GUPTA**



**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**— Methodist University will host a special lecture by Dr. Sanjay Gupta, practicing neurosurgeon and chief medical correspondent for CNN, at 8 p.m. April 17, 2013, in Reeves Auditorium. Gupta will be the keynote speaker at the second annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium. The title of his presentation will be “Medicine and Media.” The event is free and limited seating will be open to the public, though advance tickets are required, and tickets may also be issued for remote viewing. Ticket information will be available on the [University’s website](#) by mid-March.

According to Dr. Ben Hancock, president of Methodist University, the Presidential Lecture Series is made possible through the generosity of community partners and individuals who have underwritten this program.

“The Series strives to bring renowned national experts to the campus and community, emphasizing signature programs at Methodist University,” Hancock said. “Dr. Gupta was a natural choice for the inaugural lecture, given the recent creation of the School of Health Sciences.” The new school houses the Physician Assistant, Nursing, Health Care Administration, Athletic Training, and Applied Exercise Science Programs.

Gupta is the multiple Emmy-award winning chief medical correspondent for CNN. As a practicing neurosurgeon, he plays an integral role in CNN’s reporting on health and medical news for shows like “American Morning,” “Anderson Cooper 360°,” CNN documentaries, and anchors the weekend medical affairs program “Sanjay Gupta, MD.” Gupta also contributes to CNN.com and CNNHealth.com. His medical training and public health policy experience distinguish his reporting on a range of medical and scientific topics including brain injury, disaster recovery, health care reform, fitness, military medicine, HIV/AIDS, and other areas.

In 2011, Gupta reported from earthquake- and tsunami-ravaged Japan, adding clarity and context to the human impact and radiation concerns. In 2010, Gupta reported on the devastating earthquake in Haiti, for which he was awarded two Emmys. His distinctive reporting in 2010 included live coverage on the unprecedented flooding in Pakistan.

Based in Atlanta, Gupta joined CNN in the summer of 2001. He reported from New York following the attacks on the U.S. on Sept. 11, 2001. In 2003, he embedded with the U.S. Navy's "Devil Docs" medical unit, reporting from Iraq and Kuwait as the unit traveled to Baghdad. He provided live coverage of the first operation performed during the war, and performed life-saving brain surgery five times himself in a desert operating room.

Gupta contributed to the network's 2010 Peabody Award-winning coverage of the oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. In 2006, Gupta contributed to CNN's Peabody Award-winning coverage of Hurricane Katrina, revealing that official reports that Charity Hospital in New Orleans had been evacuated were incorrect. His "Charity Hospital" coverage for Anderson Cooper 360° resulted in his 2006 News & Documentary Emmy for Outstanding Feature Story. In 2004, Gupta was sent to Sri Lanka to cover the tsunami disaster that took more than 155,000 lives in Southeast Asia, contributing to the 2005 Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia Award for CNN.

Gupta's passion for inspiring Americans to lead healthier, more active lives led him to launch "Fit Nation," CNN's multi-platform anti-obesity initiative. In 2011, "Fit Nation" follows the progress of Gupta and six CNN viewers as they inspire each other while training for a triathlon.

In addition to his work for CNN, Gupta is a member of the staff and faculty at the Emory University School of Medicine. He is associate chief of neurosurgery at Grady Memorial Hospital and regularly performs surgery at Emory University and Grady hospitals. He holds memberships in the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, Congress of Neurological Surgeons, and the Council on Foreign Relations. He serves as a diplomat of the American Board of Neurosurgery and is a certified medical investigator.

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**CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP ANNOUNCES BSFN PROGRAM**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—An economics expert from North Carolina State University (NCSU) will discuss local and regional economic issues at the next Business Succession Forum Network (BSFN) event, which will be held Wednesday, March 20, 2013.

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

Keynote speaker Dr. Michael L. Walden is a William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor and Extension Economist in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at NCSU. A member of the Graduate Economics faculty with The Poole College of Management, Walden will speak about issues such as the outlook for economic growth, inflation, interest rates, jobs, including national economic policy and state trends and issues.

“The mission of the Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist University is to create wealth producers and job creators,” said CFE Director Marty Cayton. “Dr. Walden will bring our members relevant economic information to assist them in planning and forecasting.”

As well as teaching, Walden has research and extension responsibilities at NCSU in the areas of consumer economics, economic outlook, and public policy. He has published eight books and more than 250 articles and reports. He has also served on several local and state level commissions, including the Governor's Welfare Reform Task Force, the School Capital Construction Legislative Study Commission, and the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Future of Wake County. Recently, he served on the staffs to the State and Local Fiscal Modernization Study Commission and the UNC Tomorrow Commission.

Dr. Walden can be frequently seen, heard, and read in the media. He has daily radio programs airing on stations around North Carolina, for which he has won two national awards. He is often interviewed on local TV and radio news broadcasts, has appeared on NBC, CBS, The Fox Report, and the “Newshour With Jim Lehrer,” and is frequently quoted in such newspapers as USA Today, The News and Observer, The Charlotte Observer, The Boston Globe, The Wall Street Journal, and The Washington

Post. His biweekly column, "You Decide," is carried by more than 40 newspapers in the state.

Walden directs the semiannual economic forecast, The North Carolina Economic Outlook. He has won numerous national forecasting and research awards, including the UNC Board of Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service in 2010.

Walden received his doctorate degree from Cornell University and has been at NCSU since 1978.

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

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**DAVIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S "ARE YOU BOOKED FOR LUNCH?"  
EVENT TO FEATURE AUTHOR MEGAN ROBERTS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—"Are You Booked for Lunch?" the Davis Memorial Library's regular book talk and lunch series, will hold its next event from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, 2013, in the Alumni Dining Room. Megan Roberts will be the featured author, and she will discuss her book, "Matters of Record."

The event is free, but seating is limited and will be distributed on a first-come basis to the first 70 people who RSVP with Assistant Director of the Library Angela Duncan, at [anduncan@methodist.edu](mailto:anduncan@methodist.edu) or 910.630.7134.

In last meals and lost childhoods, "Matters of Record," Roberts' first chapbook, reveals the haunting stories behind the crimes of 16 women executed in the United States.

"Matters of Record" is a powerful and moving collection that gives voice to women executed for their crimes," said New York Times bestselling author Jill McCorkle. "And then, with the same masterful skill, Megan Roberts gives voice to victim, jury, system. As a whole, it stands as a chorus of life and death."

An English instructor at Methodist University, Roberts was awarded North Carolina State's Academy of American Poets Prize in 2010. Her poetry and fiction have appeared in "Smokelong Quarterly," "The News & Observer," "Southern Women's Review," "Our Stories," and other publications.

Roberts has a master's degree in English from East Carolina University and a master's degree in fiction writing from N.C. State University, where she worked under the direction of Jill McCorkle.

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**MU MARCH – MAY 2013 CALENDAR EVENTS**

Date	Event	Details
<b>MARCH 2013</b>		
7	<b>MU Concert Band/MU Jazz Monarchs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
9	<b>Handbell Choir Concert</b>	3:30 p.m. March F. Riddle Center Admission is free
16	<b>ALS Walk/Run</b>	10:00 a.m. Outside Reeves Auditorium Contact: <a href="http://webnc.alsa.org/site/TR/Walks/NorthCarolina?pg=entry&amp;fr_id=8860">http://webnc.alsa.org/site/TR/Walks/NorthCarolina?pg=entry&amp;fr_id=8860</a>
17	<b>NC State Ballet Presents BALLET CLASSICS 2013</b>	3:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Reservations may be made by calling the Ballet Company at (910) 485-4965 or through the company website at <a href="http://www.ncstateballet.com">www.ncstateballet.com</a> . Tickets are \$16.00 for general seating and may be purchased through QuickTixx.com or at the door.
18	<b>Bullard-Templeton Lecture</b>	Dr. John F. Haught will present, “Darwin and God: What Is The Problem?” Dr. Haught’s area of specialization is systematic theology, with a particular interest in issues pertaining to science, cosmology, evolution, ecology, and religion. He lectures internationally on many issues related to science and religion. 11:00 a.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7118 or <a href="mailto:lloyd@duke.edu">lloyd@duke.edu</a> Admission is free
18	<b>MBA Open House</b>	6:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium

		Contact: (910) 630-7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
21	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
22	<b>Foreign Film Series: <i>La tigre e la neve (The Tiger and the Snow)</i></b>	In Italian with English subtitles Presented by the Department of Modern Languages & Literature 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
22-23	<b>MU Jazz Festival</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. 23 <sup>rd</sup> from 5 – 9 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>APRIL 2013</b>		
5	<b>Easter Jam</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Featuring Leeland and Common Ground Contact: (910) 630-7062 or <a href="mailto:smorrison@methodist.edu">smorrison@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
6-7	<b>Cape Fear New Music Festival</b>	Presented by Friends of Music at Methodist University Times TBA Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
12	<b>Foreign Film Series: <i>Les intouchables (The Untouchables)</i></b>	In French with English subtitles Presented by the Department of Modern Languages & Literature 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
13	<b>March of Dimes Walk for Babies</b>	Registration 9:00 a.m. Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Outside Reeves Auditorium For more information contact Pam McEvoy at (910) 630-7043 or <a href="mailto:pmcevoy@methodist.edu">pmcevoy@methodist.edu</a>
13	<b>Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium
14	<b>Celebration of Special Needs</b>	3:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium

	<b>Children</b>	
<b>15-19</b>	<b>Methodist University's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium</b>	<p>Events will take place all week.</p> <p>Monday/15<sup>th</sup>: Faculty Research Presentations 11-noon, locations TBD.</p> <p>Wednesday/17<sup>th</sup>: Symposium Day:  8:30 a.m. Student Keynote by Paul Stroebel;  9-11 Student Presentations and Student Poster Session;  11-11:45 Chapel;  1:00 p.m. Student Keynote by Elicia Kiesler;  1:30-3:30 Student Presentations and Student Poster Session;  3:30-5 p.m. Awards in Reeves Auditorium;  8:00 p.m. Keynote speaker Dr. Sanjay Gupta at 8 p.m. on "Medicine and Media" in Reeves Auditorium, tickets required;</p> <p>Thursday/18<sup>th</sup>: Students reading their poetry at the Physician Assistant Auditorium from 6:30 – 8 p.m. with a reception to follow.</p> <p>Friday 19<sup>th</sup>:  11 a.m. – noon Faculty Research Presentations. Locations TBD.  Senior Show for graphic design students. The show will be presented April 19-May 11. There will be a reception on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 p.m. in the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts. Admission is free.  For more information call Pam McEvoy at 910.630.7043 or <a href="mailto:pmcevoy@methodist.edu">pmcevoy@methodist.edu</a>.</p>
<b>17</b>	<b>Methodist University Awards Day</b>	3:45 p.m. – 5 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>15</b>	<b>MBA Open House</b>	6:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>18</b>	<b>Presentation on Cyber-bullying</b>	This is part of the Anne Frank Exhibit Schedule Dr. Eric See will present on how social media is being used to bully others in today's society. 7:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall
<b>19</b>	<b>MU Guitar Night</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>24</b>	<b>Jazz Concert on the Quad</b>	12:00 p.m. Bell tower on the Quad Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>25</b>	<b>MU Concert Band/MU Jazz</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium

	<b>Monarchs Concert</b>	Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>26</b>	<b>All-Choirs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>28</b>	<b>Brave Soldier Challenge</b>	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sink Field
<b>MAY 2013</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>11</b>	<b>Baccalaureate</b>	10:00 a.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>11</b>	<b>Graduation</b>	2:00 p.m. March F. Riddle Center Contact: (910) 630-7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free and by ticket only until 1:45 p.m.
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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.** — Two hundred and twenty-two students were named to the fall 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hometown or Country</b>	<b>Class status</b>
Robert Abbott	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Joscelyn Abreu	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Heather Anderson	Fredericksburg, Va.	Senior
Kylie Arauz	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Morgan Barbour	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Christopher Barger	Severn, Md.	Sophomore
Marcia Barr	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Michelle Bass	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Gina Battistone	Northfield, Ohio	Sophomore
Derek Bell	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kimberly Bell	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Bryan Bennett	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
James Bevans	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Christopher Biggins	Clarksville, Md.	Junior
Bryan Bing	Bradenton, Fla.	Sophomore
Brya Bradley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Stephanie Breitenbach	Owings, Md.	Senior
Mato Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Christopher Broyles	Cortland, N.Y.	Senior
James Bruns	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Tanya Bryant	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Emma Burkart	Godwin, N.C.	Freshman

Laura Burkart	Godwin, N.C.	Senior
William Buschmann	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Sophomore
Dylan Cain	Ipswich, Mass.	Sophomore
Beth Carmickle	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Kelsie Carralero	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Junior
Bianca Carter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Megan Caton	Raeford, N.C.	Freshman
Jaron Cayton	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Ernesto Cervantes	Sanford, N.C.	Freshman
Bridget Chavis	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alfonce Chitate	Botswana	Senior
LaKesha Clanton	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Alexander Clark	Wilmington, N.C.	Freshman
Joshua Clarke	Capron, Va.	Sophomore
Robert Clayton	Hilton Head, S.C.	Senior
Nicole Cole	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kevin Collins	Cary, N.C.	Senior
Mark Collins	United Kingdom	Sophomore
Hendrix Colvin	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Maren Comfort	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Heather Cook	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Blair Coulter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Danielle Crawford	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kristin Crouse	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Kyle Cummings	Ellenwood, Ga.	Freshman
Andrea Davids	Raeford N.C.	Junior
Alexander Demitraszek	Ravena, N.Y.	Sophomore
Daniel Dessauer	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Frank Devico	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Steven Dunnock	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Jennifer Eggerling	Cameron, N.C.	Sophomore
Brett Emery	Garner, N.C.	Senior
Melisa Eslinger	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Phoebe Espinal	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Michael Faison	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Ifetayo Farrakhan	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Benjamin Ferraro	Sykesville, Md.	Freshman
Elizabeth Ferraro	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Patrick Flowers	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Roderick Ford	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alesha Fredrick	Roseboro, N.C.	Senior
Alysa Freeborough	Warren, Pa.	Senior
Larry French	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Miranda Friel	Stedman, N.C.	Sophomore
Zachary Frisino	Clarks Summit, Pa.	Sophomore
Nathanael Gabler	Greensburg, Pa.	Sophomore

Eduardo Gallero	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
John Garcia-Diaz	Spring Lake, N.C.	Junior
Amanda George	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Olivia Grace	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Carrie Green	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lisa Gross	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Junior
Emily Guidry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Crystal Hamby	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lois Hammond	Silver Spring, Md.	Junior
Teresa Hammonds	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Shannon Harmon	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Andrew Harper	Apex, N.C.	Junior
Ammar Hasan	Jordan	Junior
Brady Heath	Sanford, N.C.	Junior
Nicole Heinrich	Verona, Va.	Freshman
Berkely Helm	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Julia Henry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Mireille Hernandez	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Emily Highsmith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Vanessa Hines	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Breon Holmes	Statesville, N.C.	Senior
Casey Horne	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Tammy Horton	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Prudence Inderbitzen	Linden, N.C.	Junior
Serge Iraguha	Rwanda	Junior
Gabrielle Isaac	Mooreville, N.C.	Sophomore
Mariama Jabati	Sierre Leone	Sophomore
Rachel Jacobs	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Pierre Ricardo Jean Baptiste	Haiti	Freshman
Paul Jones	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nucharin Kantapasara	Thailand	Junior
Chelsie Keene	Newton Grove, N.C.	Senior
Dylan Kelly	Bloomington, N.Y.	Sophomore
Veronica Kelly	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Christina Kenon	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
So Young Kim	South Korea	Freshman
Karly Klimas	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Freshman
Yunjeong Ko	South Korea	Freshman
Jonathan Kocmich	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bella Lafountain	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Douglas Lane	Micro, N.C.	Senior
Kaylie Langton	Somersworth, N.H.	Junior
Kang Lee	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Freshman
Kawana Lee	Bunnlevel, N.C.	Senior
Sujin Lee	South Korea	Freshman
Kaitlyn Leger	Conover, N.C.	Senior

Katherine Lipsius	Cambridge, Md.	Freshman
Brandon Loux	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Nicole Malahias	Clinton, N.C.	Freshman
Johntavis Mallary	Gainesville, Fla.	Senior
Akemy Martinez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Gina Martinez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jose Martinez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kahley McCune	Corry, Pa.	Senior
Charita McDonald	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Sherill McMillan	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Donald McMillon	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Chase McWhorter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Dillion Meachum	Peachland, N.C.	Junior
Katherine Meindl	Raleigh, N.C.	Senior
Kadejah Melvin	Faison, N.C.	Freshman
Alexandra Michielini	Garden City, N.Y.	Sophomore
Charnese Miller-Easter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Danielle Miranda	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Bryan Morales	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gina Moran	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
James Moran	Lillington, N.C.	Junior
Steven Moran	Lillington, N.C.	Freshman
Kellea Mozley	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Samra Mrkovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Junior
Amanda Musgrove-Currie	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Trevor Nance	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Andrew Newmarker	Millboro, Va.	Junior
Christopher Nichols	La Grange, N.C.	Freshman
Nyomaclement Nicknora	South Sudan	Junior
Nicole Oakley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Kendall Oneill	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Michelle Orndorff	Raleigh, N.C.	Senior
Rachel Owen	Godwin, N.C.	Senior
Erin Oxford	Eastover, N.C.	Senior
Lisa Paschal	Sanford, N.C.	Junior
Ankita Patel	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alina Payankova	Belarus	Junior
Courtney Pearson	Clinton, N.C.	Senior
Kaliah Pemberton	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Vionté Pigford	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
John Posey	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Lauren Prentice	Spring Hill, Fla.	Sophomore
Sonja Prough	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Ashley Prows	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Aleksandra Przulj	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Junior
Rachel Purser	Matthews, N.C.	Senior



Dylan Pusey	Snow Hill, Md.	Senior
Brittany Quay	Greenville, S.C.	Sophomore
Aaron Randolph	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Allison Ray	Wilson, N.C.	Senior
Patience Richardson	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Junior
Jessica Rogers	Clayton, N.C.	Freshman
Samuel Rose	Burlington, N.C.	Junior
Josh Saavedra	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Cameron Sabol	New London, N.C.	Freshman
Anja Sakotic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Jana Salinas	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore
Jonathan Savage	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Katherine Scheller	Newton, N.C.	Senior
Ryan Schmidt	Midland, Mich.	Junior
Samantha Scoggins	Wendell, N.C.	Sophomore
Mary Scott	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Luke Sheetz	Grand Rapids, Minn.	Junior
Josh Shoaf	Lexington, N.C.	Freshman
Beverly Sims	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Smirna Sinanovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Junior
Brian Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bonnie Snell	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Cynthia Stallings	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Paul Stroebel	Cameron, N.C.	Senior
Mason Stutler	Fredericksburg, Va.	Freshman
William Sutton	Trenton, N.C.	Sophomore
Volha Sviarkaltsava	Belarus	Freshman
Andrew Sykes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jacob Taitague	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Emily Talley	San Angelo, Texas	Sophomore
Rebecca Tate	Laurinburg, N.C.	Junior
Evan Thorne	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
William Thrift	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Lindsay Tippet	Middlesex, N.C.	Sophomore
Gabriella Tobias	Greensboro, N.C.	Freshman
Julius Toney	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Bryan Tumbelekis	Waterloo, N.Y.	Junior
Yvette Tyson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Mike Valdez	Parkton, N.C.	Senior
Tijana Vasiljevic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Junior
Ana Vega-Rios	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Antonia Verhine	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Mark Vestal	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Fernandus Vinson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jamie Voland	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Sophia Walfall	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

Whitney Walker	Swansboro, N.C.	Senior
Cassandra Walter	La Plata, Md.	Sophomore
Patrick Ware	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Brian Weir	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kellie Whiting	Cameron, N.C.	Sophomore
Isuru Wijesundara	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jonathan Wiles	Graham, N.C.	Senior
Erica Williams	Temple Hills, Md.	Junior
Hayley Williams	Tallahassee, Fla.	Senior
Stephanie Wood	Dunn, N.C.	Senior
James Woody	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Derrick Yarbough	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Rebecca Young	Linden, N.C.	Sophomore
Vanita Young	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Tyler Younger	Chatham, Va.	Senior
Sarah Zerbe	Raleigh, N.C.	Freshman

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES WINTER 2012 GRADUATES**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.** – Methodist University announces the graduation of 214 students in the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Commencement, which took place on Dec. 15, 2012. The commencement speaker was Gene Clayton, MU’s vice president for business affairs. During the commencement, the University also recognized Terri Union, most recently of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission, with the University Medallion.

Evening student Vanessa Hines was awarded the Sam Edwards Award, which is given each winter to an outstanding MU at Night student, as determined by a faculty vote. Distinguished Graduate Bryan Morales was also recognized and addressed his fellow graduates during the ceremony.

The following list includes the graduating students’ hometown and academic honors.

**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*: GPA of 3.5 and above

<b>Name</b>	<b>City and State</b>	<b>Honors</b>
Jennifer Adams	Manitou Springs, Colo.	
Whitney Albright	Benson, N.C.	
Eric Angis	Saco, Maine	
Allison Arble	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Tyler Arnold	Virginia Beach, Va.	
Amelia Arthur	Mt. Olive, N.C.	
Andrea Austin	Linden, N.C.	
Felicia Aycok	Faison, N.C.	
Wayne Ayers	Raleigh, N.C.	
Ashley Baggett	Godwin, N.C.	
Tammy Baggett	Fayetteville, N.C.	

Donald Baldassare	Stewartsville, N.J.	
Sarah Banks	Pinehurst, N.C.	President's List
Trisha Barfield	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Veronica Bates*	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Richard Bautista	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Kyle Beach	New Port Richey, Fla.	
Bryan Beiersdorfer**	Levittown, NY.	
Nathan Blackburn	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Christopher Blake	Stedman, N.C.	
Joshua Brown	Snellville, Ga.	
Robert Bruns	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Brittany Campbell	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Lisa Chapman	Lillington, N.C.	
Ashlynn Chavis	Maxton, N.C.	
Derek Clark	Floyd, Va.	
Shamorrow Coleman	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Maren Comfort	Sanford, N.C.	Dean's List
Stephanie Corder**	Memphis, Tenn.	President's List
Ashley Cothran	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Veyra Cottie**	Raeford, N.C.	
Jennifer Cuchna	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Damon Cussen	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Mark Czechowski	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Joshua Darder	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Ernest Darroch	Wilmington, N.C.	
Scott Davis	Willow Spring, N.C.	
Jeffrey Day	Dracut, Mass.	
Dayne Delabastide	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Althea Dennis	Petersburg, Va.	
Anthony Dinapoli	Staten Island, N.Y.	
Bethany Dinger	New Bern, N.C.	
Catherine Doss	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Aaron Dreher*	Coplay, Pa.	
Michael Duncan	Schenectady, N.Y.	
Adorya Elliott	Raleigh, N.C.	
Ashley Evanich	Paris, Okla.	
Jody Eyler	Norfolk, Va.	
Gerard Falls**	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Kaitlin Flaherty	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jeffrey Flis	Baldwinville, Mass.	
Allen Floyd	Fayetteville, N.C.	

Valerie Floyd	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Roderick Ford	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Jay Fortenbery	Edenton, N.C.	
Michael Frisina	Corry, Pa.	
Robert Fritz	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Kari Garcia	Fort Bragg, N.C.	
Lisa Gentry	Cameron, N.C.	
James Giampaolo	Torrington, Conn.	
Patrick Giddeons	Willard, N.C.	
Robert Glass**	Sterling, Conn.	
Eugene Godfrey	Linden, N.C.	
Anthony Godwin	Chapel Hill, N.C.	
Emily Haas	Wilmington, N.C.	
Michael Harrower	Batavia, N.Y.	
Russell Hays	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jeffery Headman*	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Julio Hernandez	Fort Bragg, N.C.	
Mireille Hernandez	Raeford, N.C.	Dean's List
Vanessa Hines*	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Patrick Hohman	Owings Mills, Md.	
Domonique Hollins	Columbia, S.C.	
Renee Holmes	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Shelly Horn	Clayton, N.C.	
Tammy Horton**	Spring Lake, N.C.	Dean's List
Lauren Howard	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Marshall Howington***	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Amy Huffman	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Patricia Hurley	Spring Lake, N.C.	
Jahalia Imes	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jody Jeppson	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Kim Johnson	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Lucas Johnson	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jonathan Jones	Graham, N.C.	
Paul Jones	Centreville, Va.	Dean's List
Gregory Kashe	Silver Spring, Md.	
Tonya Kelly*	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Andrew King	Woburn, Mass.	
Patrick King	Clinton, N.C.	
Christopher Knight	Stedman, N.C.	
Jonathan Kocmich*	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Jessica Krowialis	Fayetteville, N.C.	

Lamirica Langley	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Anne Laughlin	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Evan Lease	Hamburg, N.Y.	
Jonathan Lee	Greenville, N.C.	
Kaitlyn Leger*	Conover, N.C.	Dean's List
Ariel Lopez Perez	Esteli, Nicaragua	
Laura Love	Sanford, N.C.	
Yevonna Ludgood	Spring Lake, N.C.	
Kelsey Magnine	Amery, Wis.	
Adam Maples	Wagram, N.C.	
Karolyn Martin	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Tabitha Martin	Sanford, N.C.	
Reginald Mayberry	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Miranda Mayhall	Raeford, N.C.	
Mame Mbodji	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Lashinda McBride	Aberdeen, N.C.	
Deborah McBryde	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Yudora McLaughlin	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Devoe Mewborn	Grifton, N.C.	
Misty Meyer	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Justin Miller	Stedman, N.C.	
Maria Miller	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Richelle Modolo	Guilford, Conn.	
Michael Monk	Clemmons, N.C.	
Bryan Morales**	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Charles Morris	Morganton, N.C.	
Leon Murphy	Roseboro, N.C.	
Charles Nafus	Perrineville, N.J.	
Kristin Neitzke	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Kasey Nichols	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Ashley Odvody	Phoenix, N.Y.	
Rachel Owen	Godwin, N.C.	Dean's List
Ricardo Padilla	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jinkyung Pak	Wake Forest, N.C.	
Darryl Patterson	Rocky Mount, N.C.	
Christopher Perry	Cary, N.C.	
Staci Pessetti	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Vivian Petre	Fuquay-Varina, N.C.	
Alex Pisano	Asbury, N.J.	
Chelsea Posey	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jessica Pridgen	Warsaw, N.C.	

Aaran Quincey	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jarred Ramnath	Palm Bay, Fla.	
Rosalia Ramos	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Cindy Raveau	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Allison Ray*	Wilson, N.C.	Dean's List
Jason Reed	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Laura Reynolds	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Lisa Ricci	Wilmington, N.C.	
Gaspar Rivera	El Paso, Texas	
Mary Robinson	Williamston, N.C.	
Kristen Robinson	Claremont, N.C.	
Nathaniel Sanderson-Adels	South Deerfield, Mass.	
Raven Sapp	Raleigh, N.C.	
Andrew Sawyer	Fort Mill, S.C.	
Joy Schambach	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Andrew Schrum	Montrose, Colo.	
Kaitlyn Sharpless	Dennis Port, Mass.	
Holly Shupe	Toledo, Ill.	
Beverly Sims	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Katie Smith	Dillon, S.C.	
Michelle Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Matthew Snowberger	Melrose, Fla.	
Rebekah Solomon	Raleigh, N.C.	
Cynthia Stallings	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Michael Steger	Holly Springs, N.C.	
Crystal Stewart	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Margaret Strickland	Watha, N.C.	
Edward Tatum	Elizabethtown, N.C.	
Megan Tew	Dunn, N.C.	
Bessie Toliver-Evans	Winston Salem, N.C.	
Thomas Toscano	Smithtown, N.Y.	
Tera Townsend	Spring Lake, N.C.	
Adam Trottier	White River Jun, Vt.	
Laziz Tursunov*	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	
Jordan Tyson	Winterville, N.C.	
Dorothy Walker	Flagstaff, Ariz.	President's List
Joshua Walsh	Erwin, N.C.	
Marsha Warren	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Jalesty Washington	Dunn, N.C.	
Daniel Watkins	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Emma Weavil	Fayetteville, N.C.	

Lewis Welch	Leonardtwn, Md.
Antoinette White	Fayetteville, N.C.
Norbert White	Fayetteville, N.C.
Jordon Willett	Pikeville, Ky.
Detra Williams	Autryville, N.C.
Linda Williams	Fayetteville, N.C.
Mark Williams	Fort Bragg, N.C.
Vaughn Williams	Fayetteville, N.C.
Caleb Wilson	Danville, Va.
Joel Wise	Cameron, N.C.
Brittany Womble	Fayetteville, N.C.
Charley Worley	Fayetteville, N.C.
Owen Wynne	New Hill, N.C.
Kyle Zayac	Mullica Hill, N.J.
Edward Zielonka	Midlothian, Va.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT'S LIST**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.** — Eighty-one students were named to the fall 2012 President's List at Methodist University. To merit inclusion on the President's List, a student must achieve a 3.90 GPA with at least 46.8 quality points during the semester on a total course load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of D, F, or I (Incomplete) and no developmental courses.

The following students were named to the President's List:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hometown or Country</b>	<b>Class status</b>
Indya Addison	Wilmington, N.C.	Senior
Tania Aguero	Costa Rica	Senior
Esra Al-Shawafi	Yemen	Sophomore
Casey Ausborn	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Sarah Banks	Pinehurst, N.C.	Senior
Crystal Barchacky	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Veronica Bates	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kyonghwa Bouriaque	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alexandra Bowman	Newport, N.C.	Senior
Daniel Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Forina Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Stephanie Buffaloe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Elizabeth Burgos	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Dustin Burnside	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Christopher Carter	Shelby, N.C.	Senior
Daniel Cestero	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jinwon Cho	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Cassidy Conley	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Stephanie Corder	Memphis, Tenn.	Senior
Veyra Cottie	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Kelly Dauteuil	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Rodrigo De Paula	Brazil	Freshman
Anita Djonlic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior

Michael Duprey	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Jennifer Elmatti	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Gerard Falls	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alexandra Fetisova	Russia	Senior
Erik Fritts	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Lawrence Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Christina Gavlinski	Linden, N.C.	Junior
Jasmina Gobeljic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Christopher Hamby	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Kelsey Harrington	Columbia, Mo.	Senior
Ilene Henderson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Joel Hernandez	Stedman , N.C.	Junior
Linden Hiller	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Marissa Hippenmeyer	Columbia, Mo.	Sophomore
Marshall Howington	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Amanda James	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Tiffani James	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Fedia Jean Claude	Haiti	Freshman
James Johnson	Fremont, N.C.	Senior
Jeremy Kamphuis	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Tonya Kelly	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Mary Kizer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Qendresa Krasniqi	Kosovo	Senior
Rachel Krogstie	Hermitage, Tenn.	Junior
Daniel Lane	Erwin, N.C.	Senior
Doo Lee	South Korea	Senior
Blake Maxwell	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Olorato Mbi	Botswana	Freshman
Michael McCabe	Stedman, N.C.	Sophomore
Marcy McKee	Milford, Del.	Freshman
Dayna McLaughlin	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Erin Morgan	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Brandy Nalbone	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Jeffrey Oestereich	Apex, N.C.	Sophomore
Stephanie Ongley	Spring Creek, Pa.	Senior
Alejandro Ortiz-Gonzalez	Cameron, N.C.	Senior
Gregory Patterson	Elon, N.C.	Freshman
Clifton Pearce	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jessica Phelps	Port Republic, Md.	Freshman
Allison Phipps	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Mekala Poirier	Vass, N.C.	Freshman
William Rivera	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Mildred Romeu	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Anastasiya Saakova	Uzbekistan	Senior
Elaine Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Rebekah Solomon	Raleigh, N.C.	Freshman

Aaron Stevens	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Swartz	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Zachary Sweet	Madison, Maine	Freshman
Megan Tew	Dunn, N.C.	Freshman
Taylor Tipton	Saint Joseph, Mo.	Junior
Kyle Trietley	Allegany, N.Y.	Senior
Lacey Truelove	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Dorothy Walker	Flagstaff, Ariz.	Senior
Marsha Warren	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Linda Williams	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Marc Zaragoza	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Kevin Zhang	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore

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**TWO MU STUDENTS SELECTED TO ATTEND ENACTUS  
PARTNER SUMMIT IN ILLINOIS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—Two Methodist University students are among 30 students in the nation who were chosen to attend the 2013 Enactus Partner Summit in Northfield, Ill., which will happen March 11 and 12.

Esra Al-Shawafi, who is from Yemen and majoring in accounting, and Anastasiya Saakova, who is from Uzbekistan and majoring in business administration, will represent MU at the event, which will be held at Kraft Foods in Northfield, Ill., about 20 miles north of Chicago.

“As the advisor for our Enactus, I am very proud of our Enactus team members,” said Dr. Mark Kendrick, assistant professor of marketing and director of the Center for Community Engagement. “Esra and Anastasiya are international students here at MU and outstanding members of the MU Enactus.”

Enactus was formerly known as Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), which changed its name last year. The group helps university students create community empowerment projects and is committed to using entrepreneurial action as a catalyst for progress.

At the summit, the students will interact with top business leaders, other students and Enactus staff for strategic discussions and networking. There will be program sessions with executives from Kraft Foods Group, Walmart, Walgreen Co., and the Enactus organization.

Methodist University’s Enactus club offers students opportunities for leadership training through various economic projects. Members also take part in regional and national competitions for trophies, scholarships, prizes, and other rewards.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES TO  
HOUSE PROPOSED DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—Methodist University announces its search for a director of a proposed Physical Therapy Program. The proposed new program will be added to the recently created School of Health Sciences. The University is advertising for candidates and hopes to have the position filled this semester.

Once a director is hired, the University will begin the accreditation process for the program. The Physical Therapy Program will seek accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) as well as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. CAPTE accreditation is required in order for students to be eligible to sit for the physical therapy licensure exam.

The University plans to house the program in the proposed Health Science Building. As well as a director, the University estimates hiring seven to nine additional faculty in the program.

In spring 2012, President Ben Hancock announced the creation of the School of Health Sciences with the concept to allow programs with common goals and similar needs to work together to better serve students and prepare them for demanding careers in health care. The School combined existing programs in applied exercise science, athletic training, health care administration, nursing, and the physician assistant graduate program under its new banner.

Physical Therapy is one of several programs that are in the planning stages of being added to the School of Health Sciences. The University hopes to add programs in occupational therapy, speech therapy, a doctorate of physical therapy (DPT), and registered nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (R.N. to B.S.N.).

Currently, the School of Health Sciences includes nearly 400 students. The addition of the Physical Therapy Program could raise that number by as many as 120 students when it is full to capacity.

The Physical Therapy Program will help improve local medical needs, as there is a shortage of physical therapists in the region. According to the 2010 North Carolina Hospital Association Workforce Report, the physical therapy profession has a vacancy rate of 8.2 percent across the state. However, the shortage of physical therapists in eastern North Carolina is much higher, at 22 percent in the coastal region, 34 percent in the eastern region, and 26 percent in the southern region of the state.

In addition to vacancies, the report states that dramatic increases in turnover rates and days-to-fill a position are a signal of a potential growing shortage of physical therapists. In rural hospitals, the physical therapists profession has had one of the top ten highest rates of turnover in that setting.

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**MU ANNOUNCES SECOND ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH  
SYMPOSIUM**



**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—Methodist University’s second annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium will be held from Monday, April 15, 2013, through Friday, April 19, 2013.

“I am pleased at how the Methodist University community has embraced the objectives of the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creativity,” said Dr. Clay Britton, director of the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creativity. “Methodist has a strong tradition of including its students in independent projects. This year’s Symposium is just one more venue for our students to share their discoveries and talents. This year, we have almost doubled the number of presentations and posters, while more than doubling the number of participating students from last year. Our goal is to celebrate research and creative projects campus-wide by not only having student presentations, but by also including faculty research presentations.”

The first day of the Symposium will feature a showcase of faculty research. Faculty presentations will run from 11 a.m. to noon in various locations.

On Wednesday, there will be a full day of events, with student speakers and presentations at various locations across campus. The first student keynote speaker, Paul Stroebel, will speak at 8:30 a.m., and the second student keynote speaker, Elicia Kieser, will speak at 1 p.m. Other students will give research and poster presentations from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., followed by a student award ceremony at 3:30 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Fifty-one students are expected to participate in 41 different research/creative projects, along with another 25 students sharing their work through 13 posters on display in Berns Student Center.

Wednesday evening, the school will host the week’s keynote speaker, Dr. Sanjay Gupta, practicing neurosurgeon and chief medical correspondent for CNN. [Gupta will speak at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium.](#) The title of his presentation will be “Medicine and Media.”

While all of the Symposium events are free and open to the public, attendance to Gupta’s speech will require advance tickets. Seating will be limited, and tickets may also

be issued for remote viewing. Ticket information will be available on the University's website by mid-March.

On Thursday, there will be a poetry reading from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Physician Assistant Auditorium, followed by a reception. More presentations of faculty research will be held Friday from 11 a.m. to noon, and the day will end with an art reception from 6 to 8 p.m., featuring the works of graphic design students. The reception will be in the [David McCune International Art Gallery](#) in the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts, where the show will run through May 11.

This year's symposium is an expansion from last year's event, which was held on one day as part of the inauguration events for President Ben Hancock.

The Symposium is hosted by MU's Center for Undergraduate Research and Creativity, which works to establish educational opportunities that are collaborative and inquiry-based, with the intention that every Methodist University student has access to exploratory learning across the curriculum.

The purpose of the Symposium is to allow students to share their research and created projects with the campus and surrounding community. The Center also supports students wishing to present their research beyond Methodist, including at the State of North Carolina's Undergraduate Research and Creative Projects Symposium, and other professional conferences.

The following students will be participating in the Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium:

### **Presentation/Performance (51)**

Ashlyln Diggs  
Cierra Murphy  
Dequan Bradley  
Larry French  
Erik Fritts  
Elizabeth Neal  
Jose Gonzalez  
Wytisha Williams  
Katherine Meindl  
Kayla Beasley  
Richard Bagley  
Robert Green  
Brandon Johnson  
Paul Jones  
Jeremy Lee  
Jasmina Gobeljic  
Miranda Friel  
Derek Smith  
Paul Stroebel  
Daniel Dessauer  
Linden Hiller  
Eduardo Gallero  
Jeremy Arnold  
Michael Duprey  
Bella Lafountain



Patrick Jacobs  
Mariama Jabati  
Tarama Rainford  
Abdoulie Ceesay  
Moses Chandiga  
Amanda Albrecht  
Vanita Young  
Lois Hammond  
Lucas Shields  
Glenn Nieves  
Raul Wallace  
Krista Sweeten  
Lemuel Nicholls  
Melvin Perez Hidalgo  
Erica Pugh  
Jacob Haber  
Jasmine Campbell  
John Caddick  
Mark Vestal  
Michael Leighner  
Vince Coopwood  
Cody Molosky  
Julieta Laniez-Barahona  
Matungulu Mbula  
Susic Dzana  
Frank Devico

**Poster (25)**

Tyler Bennett  
Stephanie Breitenbach  
Sean Edwards  
Erin Fegley  
Serena Hare  
Amanda Rada  
Emily Huneycutt  
Casey Horne  
Edwin Carter  
Melissa Brown  
Michael Blanchard  
Ravon Sheppard  
Roland Berthold  
Tevin Rogers  
Johntavis Mallery  
Tijana Vasiljevic  
Antjuan Jones  
Donita Johnson  
Douglas Lane  
Krista Zentner

Theresa Quinn Strickland  
Antonio Alston  
Christopher Carter  
Samra Mrkovic  
Stephen Krunich

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES FREE TUITION  
FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS TAKING COURSES  
ON FORT BRAGG**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—In response to the recent announcement regarding the immediate suspension of Military Tuition Assistance (TA) offered to the Army, Marine Corps and Air Force, Methodist University is pleased to announce a new initiative that will make free tuition available to active-duty personnel. Active-duty service members, many of whom previously received assistance but were unable to apply for or receive TA due to the suspension of benefits, will now be able to take up to four courses on post free of charge.

“This initiative demonstrates the sincerity of our commitment to military service members and their families,” said President Ben Hancock. “The immediate halt of tuition benefits caused hardship for many of our students and their access to higher education, and we hope this initiative will assist them during this period.”

Eligible terms in which an active-duty student can apply to receive free tuition include MU at Night Spring Term II, beginning March 18, and Summer Evening Term IV, beginning May 20. Currently, future course offerings in the eligible terms will include Skills Development in English (ENG 1000), English Composition I (ENG 1010), College Algebra (MAT 1050), and World History I (HIS 1030). Course offerings may be added or changed to accommodate the needs of the students who sign up to receive the benefit. The free tuition benefit period will conclude July 15.

“The suspension of TA funding came as a complete shock to everyone,” said Yasmin Rivera, director of Methodist University at Fort Bragg. “For many active-duty soldiers, it put a halt to the educational goals they work so hard to achieve while defending our country. We want to show our service members that we appreciate their sacrifices, both on the field and off, and we are willing to do what we can during times of uncertainty. ‘Military-friendly’ is not just a tagline—it’s a commitment we take seriously.”

The courses that will be offered in Term II, beginning Monday, March 18, are Introduction to Psychology (PSY 1010) and World History II (HIS 1040).

“We want to respond to the immediate demand for assistance with immediate action,” said Rivera. “We are willing to fill the remaining seats in the two courses being

taught this spring on Fort Bragg for free, in addition to the free summer courses offered on post.”

“We will work diligently to accommodate all active-duty students who would like to take courses on post,” said Dr. Delmas Crisp, executive vice president and academic dean of Methodist University. “One additional step we are prepared to take is to expand our course offerings and increase the class sizes to maximize the benefit for all active-duty students who would like to register for courses.”

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY'S SOJU ANNOUNCES CARDBOARD CITY EVENT**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.** – Methodist University's Social Justice (SoJu) Committee will host a program designed to raise awareness about homelessness, Cardboard City, Wednesday, March 20, 2013. The event is not open to the public, though media representatives are invited to attend.

During the events, students will voluntarily "go homeless" for an evening, as well as hear from members of the University and Fayetteville community who will speak about the issue of homelessness.

"Homelessness is an increasingly important global issue," said event organizer and Assistant Director of Campus Life Ryan Bowyer. "It is an issue that is often overlooked in the United States, yet 3.5 million Americans are likely to experience homelessness in a given year, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless. Poverty is something that affects everyone in some way or another, due to the related political and societal implications. An event like Cardboard City is part of the 'outside of the classroom' learning that is important for our students to experience in order to gain a holistic education during their time at Methodist."

Starting at 9 p.m., students will gather on the outdoor basketball courts next to Berns Student Center, where they will hear from speaker panel that will include Renee Elder, program director of Veterans Empowering Veterans; Sue Byrd, executive director of Fayetteville Operation Inasmuch; Denise Giles, executive director of Cumberland Interfaith Hospitality Network; and Sharonda Pugh, director of Multicultural Affairs at MU.

There will also be music and a late night movie, "The Pursuit of Happyness," the 2006 movie starring Will Smith which tells the true story of Christopher Gardner's struggle with homelessness.

Unlike other movie nights on campus, when the movie is over, students will stay put and camp out in cardboard boxes to simulate what many homeless people experience every night.

"SoJu is providing boxes for participants, but the students may also bring their own, as well as sleeping bags, blankets, and pillows for the night," said organizer Charlotte Brown, residential coordinator of Cape Fear Commons. "We are sleeping outside to make a statement to the community that Methodist University students are concerned about the issue of homelessness in North Carolina, the United States, and around the world."

After they wake up in the morning, the Cardboard City will be gone like dream, but organizers hope that the experience will remain with students.

“We are not attempting to create the illusion that everyone who participates will have a complete understanding of what it is like to be homeless after this night, but we hoping that the students will gain a little more insight into the struggles related to homelessness that many people face on a day-to-day basis,” Brown said.

SoJu is a new group on campus with the mission to provide students with events that educate and raise awareness of social justice issues. The group’s first event, an Oxfam America Hunger Banquet, was held last month. In April, the group is planning an event about sexual assault, Take Back the Night.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY STUDENT ORGANIZING “FIGHT FOR HER” EVENT**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.** – Fight For Her, an awareness event to discuss the global issues of rape and gender equality, will be held at Methodist University March 25, 2013, at 7 p.m. in Berns Student Center. The student-organized event will include a slideshow of recent protests in India, a brief talk from Dr. Jeremy Hustwit, chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, and a chance for discussion afterward.

Hustwit will speak about how people construct and pass along their ideas about gender, and traditional gender roles in India.

"Gender roles are internalized in remarkably complex and subtle ways," Hustwit said. "India has had very 'traditional' roles for some time, but this has not always been so, and will not always be so. The recent crimes against women and protests in response are evidence of shifting attitudes."

Student organizer Nabanita Choudhury, who is from India, said she felt motivated to do something on campus after the headline-grabbing gang rape of a young woman on a Delhi bus last December. The issue hit even closer to home for Choudhury when, shortly after the news broke, she learned that a 7-year-old girl she knew from home was also raped and killed, though the crime did not make international headlines.

"My faith in the fundamental goodness of human beings faded away for a while," she said of learning of the child's death. "I was overwhelmed. However, sparking nationwide protests and calls for the death penalty for rapists lessened my grief."

Instead of always thinking about rape as "something that happens," Choudhury started to think of ways she could help make a difference and change other people's mindsets. Friends kept her informed of protests and other events happening in her home country in the months following the gang rape.

"In India, every woman experiences harassment to a greater or a lesser extent every day," she said. "However, they don't step out of their house expecting to be a victim of rape. Like everyone else in the country, I was traumatized to the core when I read about how viciously they attacked the woman on the bus."

Though she knows that she's chosen a big issue, Choudhury is not afraid to start small, with this event on the MU campus.

“It is difficult to inform and create awareness about women rights to the entire 2.2 billion population of India but it is not impossible,” she said. “To eradicate rape, the perspective of people about women will have to change. To bring that change, people will have to be aware of women rights and gender equality.”

The event is sponsored by the Center for Community Engagement, Student Activities Committee, and SoJu, MU’s social justice committee.

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17	<b>Methodist University Awards Day</b>	3:45 p.m. – 5 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
15	<b>MBA Open House</b>	6:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
18	<b>Presentation on Cyber-bullying</b>	This is part of the Anne Frank Exhibit Schedule Dr. Eric See will present on how social media is being used to bully others in today's society. 7:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall
19	<b>MU Guitar Night</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
24	<b>Jazz Concert on the Quad</b>	12:00 p.m. Bell tower on the Quad Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
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11	<b>Graduation</b>	2:00 p.m. March F. Riddle Center

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25	<b>Annual Lowdermilk Ethics Speaker</b>	11:00 a.m. Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall Contact: Joel Thomas at (910) -7055 or <a href="mailto:jthomas@methodist.edu">jthomas@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free The Reeves School of Business presents Dr. Jason A. Williams, President and CEO, Eastern Region, FastMed Urgent Care, a network of healthcare clinics he founded in 2001. A 1996 and 1998 graduate of

		<p>Methodist University, Dr. Williams was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humanities in 2010 and currently serves on the university's Board of Trustees. He was the first recipient of the William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award, a recipient of the Lucius Stacy Weaver Award, and was named the 2005 Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year.</p> <p>Since 1995, the Reeves School of Business has hosted an annual lecture and discussion in the area of business ethics in conjunction with the announcement of the Lowdermilk Student Achievement Awards.</p>
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17	<b>Methodist University Awards Day</b>	3:45 p.m. – 5 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
15	<b>MBA Open House</b>	6:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
18	<b>Presentation on Cyber-bullying</b>	This is part of the Anne Frank Exhibit Schedule Dr. Eric See will present on how social media is being used to bully others in today’s society. 7:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall
19	<b>MU Guitar Night</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
24	<b>Jazz Concert on the Quad</b>	12:00 p.m. Bell tower on the Quad Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
25	<b>MU Concert Band/MU Jazz Monarchs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
26	<b>All-Choirs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium

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<b>28</b>	<b>Brave Soldier Challenge</b>	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sink Field
<b>MAY 2013</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:drenshaw@methodist.edu">drenshaw@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>11</b>	<b>Baccalaureate</b>	10:00 a.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>11</b>	<b>Graduation</b>	2:00 p.m. March F. Riddle Center Contact: (910) 630-7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free and by ticket only until 1:45 p.m.
<b>13</b>	<b>MBA Open House</b>	6:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free





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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING ENTREPRENEURIAL  
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.** – Methodist University’s Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) will host the Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit, formerly known as the Stock Market Symposium, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30. The event will be held at the Embassy Suites Fayetteville/Fort Bragg in the Richard M. Wiggins Conference Center, 4760 Lake Valley Drive, Fayetteville.

Nancy Tedeschi, entrepreneur and award-winning inventor of SnapIt Screw, will be the event’s keynote speaker. The CFE will also present four prestigious business awards during the event: the American Business Ethics Award (sponsored by Society of Financial Service Professionals), the Silver Spoon Award, the Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and the Small Business Excellence Award. The CFE is currently accepting nominations for these awards. “The CFE’s annual Spring Stock Market Symposium has been a longstanding tradition in southeastern North Carolina for the past 35 years,” said CFE Director Marty Cayton. “In an effort to build on this legacy while offering programs that are in line with the CFE’s new mission of creating wealth producers and job creators, we are introducing the CFE’s Inaugural Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit.”

The CFE’s new mission includes a focus on training students to start new businesses and/or become successors to existing businesses. To help with that, all net proceeds raised from sponsors of the Summit will go to scholarships and programs in the university’s entrepreneurship program.

Cayton said the Stock Market Symposium is not going away, but will be rolled into the annual fall event, the Economic Outlook Symposium, which will broaden its focus to also include issues relating to the stock market.

**Nancy Tedeschi**

Tedeschi is the inventor of SnapIt Screw, a stainless screw that comes with an extension that snaps off, which was designed as a time-saving solution to eye glass repair. SnapIt Screw is sold in major retail stores throughout the United States, including Wal-Mart and Office Depot. Tedeschi has received numerous awards for her SnapIt Screw invention and as an entrepreneur,

including first place Inventors Club of Kansas City and the People's Choice Award at the 2010 National Invention Contest, the National Hardware Retailers Choice for Best Product in 2011, and was one of three winners of the Wal-Mart "Get on the Shelf Contest" in 2012.

Tedeschi brought her invention from concept to the global market with little outside help. Her company, Eyeego, LLC, has sold more than 5 million screws and 400,000 eye glass repair kits. After bringing SnapIt Screw to the retail market, Tedeschi licensed her product in the United States to one of the largest optical distributors in the world and is currently duplicating her licensing efforts in multiple countries where she holds more than 50 patents or patent pendings.

Tedeschi is passionate about helping other inventors and entrepreneurs navigate the often difficult path to the marketplace and the option of licensing agreements. She travels the country speaking to university students and invention associations and actively helps business-minded individuals on the road to entrepreneurship.

She is also an anti-bullying advocate, and a founder of the How to UnMake a Bully program. While she is in the area, she will be visiting Pine Forest High School and Reid Ross Classical School to talk about her business and anti-bullying program.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY RECEIVES \$1 MILLION GIFT  
FOR ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS FROM TRUSTEE JASON WILLIAMS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—Methodist University is excited to announce a \$1 million gift from Dr. Jason A. Williams '98, founder of FastMed Urgent Care.

Dr. Williams, who is a member of the Methodist University Board of Trustees, made the gift to create an endowment for endowed professorships. The endowment will benefit positions in the Physician Assistant, Professional Nursing Studies, Biology, and Campus Ministry Departments.

“My time with Methodist changed me in so many ways,” said Dr. Williams. “I feel like I was shown compassion at Methodist, a valuable lesson that has resonated in everything I have done since my graduation from the University. I embrace humanity with the intention of improving lives, both here and abroad, and I am pleased to see Methodist aspire to develop into an institution that leads in life sciences.”

A 1998 graduate of Methodist University, Dr. Williams was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humanities in 2010. He was the first recipient of the William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award, a recipient of the Lucius Stacy Weaver Award, and was named the 2005 Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year.

Dr. Williams founded his network of health care clinics in 2001, under the name Urgent Cares of America. He began his company with a single clinic focused on offering exceptional patient care at reduced cost. Over the next decade, Urgent Cares of America expanded to 9 clinics in North Carolina, offering a full range of medical services. Now known as FastMed, it is the largest Urgent Care provider in the state of North Carolina and the second largest in Arizona. FastMed has grown to be the seventh largest privately owned urgent care company in the country and recently complete a landmark partnership with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. The company has maintained its commitment to providing the highest quality medical care, delivered promptly, and at a reasonable price. Recently, the company opened its 50<sup>th</sup> clinic, which is located in the Traemore Shopping Center in Hope Mills.

“I know firsthand how the medical and health fields are growing,” said Dr. Williams.

President Hancock said the Board of Trustees has made the growth of the University's endowment a high priority. At the end of last year, the endowment fund crossed the \$20 million mark for the first time. During his remarks at last fall's Opening Convocation, he announced plans to double the University's endowment over the next decade.

"Endowed professorships will enable Methodist University to attract and retain outstanding individuals. Signature people have always been a hallmark at Methodist, and the Williams' Professorships will help recognize these individuals. Jason Williams' contribution illustrates his commitment to people and his life-long appreciation for the difference they make at an institution. He also understands the power of philanthropy and is setting a wonderful example for others who might consider making transformational gifts."

Dr. Williams' history of philanthropy at Methodist University includes past gifts that enabled Methodist University to install an irrigation system for the soccer field, purchase new goals and covered bleachers, and sponsor mission work for Methodist University students. He also made a substantial donation to the Prescription for Success Campaign, which allowed the Physician Assistant Program to expand.

After graduating from Methodist with a B.S. in cellular physiology and a B.H.S. in allied health care, Dr. Williams went on to attend an externship at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., where he trained in general surgery and orthopedic surgery. He completed his master's degree in allied health studies from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, where he focused his thesis on addressing the growing population of uninsured and underinsured persons within the overall global population.

He regularly traveled to Burkina Faso, one of the world's poorest countries located on the African continent. The team provided medical care to the tribal people of Banfora, who suffer from food and waterborne disease, malaria, and yellow fever. At the time, Dr. Williams and his team were the first and only group of Western medical practitioners to visit this area and provide medical care.

### **Lowdermilk Ethics Speaker**

Methodist University will host Dr. Williams as the annual Lowdermilk Ethics Speaker at 11 a.m. Monday, March 25, 2013, in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

"This year's speaker represents a first for the Lowdermilk speaker series," said Reeves School of Business Dean Joe Doll. "Dr. Williams will be the first winner of this award who has returned to share ethical perspectives that were formulated and acknowledged while at Methodist University and further developed in his profession. Bringing back former award winners may turn out to be a trend for this series. Uncle Bill, as Bill Lowdermilk was known, would be very proud of Jason's return."

Since 1995, the Reeves School of Business has hosted an annual lecture and discussion in the area of business ethics in conjunction with the announcement of the Lowdermilk Student Achievement Awards, which will be presented at a Rotary meeting and dinner in the Alumni Dining Room later that evening, at 6:30 p.m. Over the years, corporate leaders, elected officials, and legal experts have joined RSB students, faculty, and the community in discussing ethical issues of the times. The recent focus on healthcare, both nationally, and at Methodist University in the form of the new School of Health Sciences, makes this year's speaker an especially relevant choice.

The name behind the speaker series and student awards is Dr. William P. Lowdermilk, a former Methodist University employee. As well as holding a B.A. in English from Emory University, a Master of Divinity from Duke University, and an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from North Carolina Wesleyan University, he was ordained a minister by the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Dr. Lowdermilk joined the staff of Methodist University as the assistant director of Public Relations and served the University in numerous roles before retiring as vice president for Church and Community Relations in 1995. In all his positions, Dr. Lowdermilk advocated the nurturing of moral values and teaching of ethical decision making. He was a member and past president of the Fayetteville Rotary club and founded the Lowdermilk Student Achievement Awards, which today grants \$32,000 in scholarships annually to students who demonstrate strong ethical values and service. In 1994, he received the Frances Asbury Award for fostering United Methodist ministries and in 2005, the year of his death, he was awarded the Methodist College Medallion in recognition of his service and influence on the campus.

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FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Head Football Coach Dave Eavenson announced today he will step down as Methodist University's head football coach.

As a result of the announcement, and combined with an increased emphasis on growing the University's academic and athletic programs, Methodist University is pleased to announce a realignment of staff positions within the Athletic Department.

"I look to the future with confidence and excitement," said Bob McEvoy, director of athletics. "The administrative changes will make our department even stronger, grow our athletic programs, and enable us to provide more support, programming, and oversight for our over 500 student-athletes and staff members."

Assistant Director of Athletics

Following Eavenson's personal decision to step down from the head coaching position, the University named him assistant director of athletics. Eavenson, a graduate of Methodist who spent 14 years on the Monarchs coaching staff, most recently served since 2011 as the team's head coach.

"I am extremely excited about the new vision for the future of Methodist University and its Athletic Department," said Eavenson. "As a proud graduate of Methodist, I look forward to contributing to the University and staying connected with the students in this expanded capacity."

While Eavenson was at the helm as head coach, the Monarchs finished the 2012 season at 5-5 overall and 4-3 in the USA South, winning each of their final three games, including two in overtime and a come-from-behind, 30-29, win over conference champion Christopher Newport in the season finale. The five wins marked the most in a single season for Methodist since 2007, when the Monarchs also finished at 5-5. When the USA South Athletic Conference announced its 2012 All-Conference teams, 13 MU players football players were honored by the USA South Athletic Conference, which were the most recognitions the team had received since 2005.

"Methodist University defines itself in terms of its commitment to excellence," said President Ben Hancock. "This commitment applies to the institution's strategic plan, master plan, and vision for athletics. With these changes, we are well poised to move forward and achieve our bold goals."

In Eavenson's new position as assistant director of athletics, he will assist with the management of 20 NCAA Division III athletic teams. His responsibilities will include the oversight of student-athlete recruitment and compliance duties, and other athletic affairs, to include fundraising and programming. In the fall of 2010, the University completed a \$1.2 million renovation to the football field house, which features the coaching staff offices, fully-equipped weight room, meeting and film rooms and the football locker rooms. The University's Athletic Department will continue moving forward with expansion and improvement efforts, and Eavenson's involvement in his new capacity will assist with future initiatives.

"Coach Eavenson is a valued alumnus and employee, and his many contributions have helped build the outstanding reputation of not only our football program, but of every aspect of our University," said President Hancock. "Signature people like Dave get things done. Signature people like Dave are committed to excellence. We now look forward to benefiting from Dave's talents as he serves in another capacity at Methodist."

Head Football Coach

The University has named Associate Head Coach and Defensive Coordinator C.J. Goss head football coach.

"Coach C.J. Goss is a self-starter with an extremely high work ethic, and a great level of passion and commitment to Methodist University," said McEvoy. "C.J. will continue to develop the football program at MU." Goss came to Methodist in 2005 following five years of service as defensive line coach at Brockport State.

"Methodist University is a unique and special place, and I have been fortunate to witness its unprecedented growth since 2005 as an assistant football coach," said Goss. "As the leader of Methodist University's football program, I am motivated to recruit quality student-athletes who are committed to academic success, leadership, and service."

In 2006, Goss coached All-American George Sands, and in 2005, Goss coached three All-Conference wide receivers that helped break numerous individual and team passing records.

"The years ahead present an exciting opportunity to grow fundamentally, both on and off the playing field," said Goss. "The current coaching staff will continue to guide this program to a new platform, while building on its current successes."

A native of Syracuse, N.Y., Goss was a part of a Brockport State program that advanced to the NCAA Division III Playoffs for four straight seasons from 2000 to 2003. He was a part of a defensive staff that molded Brockport State into one of the top defenses in the nation, leading the nation in scoring defense twice while being ranked in the top five in several defensive categories. While at Brockport, Goss coached four All-Americans. In addition to his football duties, Goss was an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the track and field program at Brockport State.

Senior Associate Athletic Director | Senior Woman Administrator (SWA)  
Women's Basketball Head Coach

Associate Athletic Director/SWA and Women's Basketball Head Coach DeeDee Jarman has been named senior associate athletic director, in addition to her other duties as senior woman administrator and head women's basketball coach. Jarman, a native of Kinston, N.C., is in her 16th season at the helm of the women's basketball team, and her 18th season at Methodist University. She is

currently in her 13th year as the senior woman administrator for the Methodist athletic department, and in July of 2004, she added associate athletic director to her duties.

"I see this as an opportunity for Methodist University to take its athletic programs to an entirely new level," said Jarman. "This new administrative team will ensure our student-athletes have the resources to fulfill their full potential on the athletic fields, as well as in the classrooms."

Jarman's community engagement and fundraising outreach extends far beyond the basketball court. Since the Women's Basketball Coaches Association began "Pink Zone" (formerly "Think Pink") in 2007 as an initiative to raise breast cancer awareness in women's basketball, the Monarchs have championed the cause under Jarman's leadership, raising more than \$30,000 in support of breast cancer awareness. The national event was rebranded in 2012, and now operates as "Play 4Kay."

Of her new position, Jarman said, "This new endeavor will allow me to grow personally as well as professionally. I look forward to this opportunity. Go Monarchs!"

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—Methodist University will hold an Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. Sunday, March 31, 2013 in the O’Hanlon Amphitheatre on campus.

The Easter Sunrise Service has been held on the Methodist University campus for more than 40 years, and draws together a wide variety of community churches and leaders. The Rev. Dr. Mike Safley, along with the Rev. Jerry Davis of St. Andrews United Methodist Church, who will deliver this year’s sermon, will lead the Easter Sunrise Service. The Peace Presbyterian Church choir will provide all music for the service.

“The Easter Sunrise Service is a good way to celebrate unity within our community,” said Rev. Safley. “It is a good way to celebrate Easter together, and brings community and church relations to the community. We have a very diverse gathering of churches involved.”

The Easter Sunrise Service is free and open to the public, and anyone interested is encouraged to come enjoy a morning of praise and worship together. Refreshments will be provided for all attendees. O’Hanlon Amphitheatre is located outside, behind the Mallett-Rogers House and Public Safety on the south side of campus. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be relocated to Hensdale Chapel.

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**WOMACK LECTURES SET FOR APRIL 15**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—Methodist University will welcome Dr. Robert Cummings Neville as a guest speaker at the Womack Lecture Series on Religion, which will be held at the Methodist University campus April 15, 2013.

Dr. Neville is a professor of religion, philosophy and theology at Boston University, where he writes and teaches on philosophy, systematic theology and religion studies. He takes special interest in metaphysics, philosophical cosmology, ethics, religious semiotics and cross-cultural comparative philosophy and theology, with a comparative specialty in Chinese philosophy and religion.

“Dr. Neville is in the top three, if not the most, creative and accomplished philosophical theologians of our time. He frequently draws on Asian religions,” said J.R. Hustwit, chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion. “This gives his work a global character that speaks well to MU's globalization pillar.”

Dr. Neville is currently working on a systematic theology approach that blends his interests in a new theory of religion with a comparative, pragmatic and homiletical orientation. He will present two lectures in the Physician Assistant Lecture Hall. The “Conceiving Ultimate Reality” lecture will take place at 11 a.m., and the second lecture, “Engaging Ultimate Reality,” is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Dr. Neville was named as an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church in 1963, and a church elder in 1966. After serving summer pastorates in 1956 and 1962, he now holds membership in the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church. From 1965 to 1978, he also worked as an unofficial associated pastor of St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in the Bronx. He spent time as the unofficial associate pastor of Huntington United Methodist Church in Huntington, Long Island, from 1978 to 1987.

In addition to his teaching, writing and pastorates, Dr. Neville served as the department chair for the Boston University Department of Religion in 1987, and as the dean of the Boston University School of Theology from 1988 to 2003. As well as teaching at Boston University, he was a faculty member at Yale University, Fordham University, SUNY Purchase, SUNY Stony Brook, and a part-time faculty member at Wesleyan University. He is currently the president of the Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought.

The Womack Lecture Series on Religion brings speakers to Methodist University's campus to discuss a variety of popular interests in religion and philosophy fields. Dr. Neville's dedication to comparing religions in order to find agreed-upon conclusions helps further globalize his work.

"Dr. Neville's work is very much state of the art," said Hustwit. "MU is very lucky to have him."

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**MU APRIL – MAY 2013 CALENDAR EVENTS**

Date	Event	Details
<b>APRIL 2013</b>		
12	<b>Foreign Film Series: <i>Les intouchables</i> (The <i>Untouchables</i>)</b>	In French with English subtitles Presented by the Department of Modern Languages & Literature 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
13	<b>March of Dimes Walk for Babies</b>	Registration 9:00 a.m. Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Outside Reeves Auditorium For more information contact Pam McEvoy at (910) 630-7043 or <a href="mailto:pmcevoy@methodist.edu">pmcevoy@methodist.edu</a>
13	<b>Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium
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**MU STUDENT ACCEPTED INTO UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD  
GRADUATE PROGRAM**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—Methodist University student Jasmina Gobeljic was recently accepted into the Master of Philosophy in International Relations Program in the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford.

An international undergraduate student from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Gobeljic majored in political science and minored in mass communications at Methodist University. She will graduate in May 2013 and begin her graduate studies at Oxford in October 2013.

“My time at Methodist University has taught me a lot,” said Gobeljic. “So many faculty and staff members made positive impressions on me and believed in me. As an international student, I was awarded full scholarship, and I didn’t want to let the resources or the experience go to waste. When I decided to embrace the experience and give back, I learned a lot about Methodist University and wanted to represent it in the best way I could.”

As an undergraduate student, Gobeljic represented the University at leadership events, research symposiums, and various conferences. As a member of the Model United Nations team, she was awarded the Distinguished Delegate Award in 2011 and the Honorable Delegate Award in 2012. Gobeljic was also a Lowdermilk Award Recipient in 2012. She was inducted as a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society in 2012, and dedicated her time to community service projects, including Stop Hunger Now, Operation Christmas Child, and the Jesse Smith Woodcutting Project.

“It’s interesting to see how the world turns,” said Gobeljic. “As a child, I received an Operation Christmas Child box. I didn’t know I would have the opportunity to pack them for children 10 years later.”

With more than 11,000 undergraduate students and 9,000 graduate students, the University of Oxford is home to more than 22,000 students. Approximately a third of the student body comes from outside the United Kingdom. As a graduate student, Gobeljic will continue to increase her knowledge of international relations and political science, with the hopes of improving relations in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

“I want to go home and start in a small way by getting involved in my own country,” said Gobeljic. “I would like to end up in a legislative branch, and perhaps an

executive branch one day. Regardless of the pathway I will take in order to help my country, I want to be directly involved with people since I have great faith in people and their ability to change. I would like to take it home to make a difference.”

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**MU APRIL – MAY 2013 CALENDAR EVENTS**

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13	<b>March of Dimes Walk for Babies</b>	Registration 9:00 a.m. Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Outside Reeves Auditorium For more information contact Pam McEvoy at (910) 630-7043 or <a href="mailto:pmcevoy@methodist.edu">pmcevoy@methodist.edu</a>
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		<p>Prof. Anderson has written and edited numerous books, book chapters, articles, and scholarly reports on race in American cities. His most prominent works include <i>A Place on the Corner</i>, now a classic; <i>Streetwise: Race, Class, and Change in an Urban Community</i>, winner of the American Sociological Association's Robert E. Park Award for the best published book in the area of Urban Sociology; <i>Code of the Street: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City</i>, winner of the 2000 Komarovsky Award from the Eastern Sociological Society; and most recently <i>The Cosmopolitan Canopy: Race and Civility in Everyday Life</i>. Dr. Anderson is the recipient of the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching at the University of Pennsylvania, the Robin M. Williams, Jr., Distinguished Lecture Award for 1999-2000 by the Eastern Sociological Society, and an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Northwestern University. Anderson has also served on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, is past vice-president of the American Sociological Association, and has been consultant to a variety of government agencies, including the White House, the United States Congress, the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Science Foundation.</p> <p><b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup>:</b> 11 a.m. – noon Faculty Research Presentations. Locations TBD. Senior Show for graphic design students. The show will be presented April 19-May 11. There will be a reception on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 p.m. in the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts. Admission is free. For more information call Pam McEvoy at 910.630.7043 or <a href="mailto:pmcevoy@methodist.edu">pmcevoy@methodist.edu</a>.</p>
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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY POSTPONES PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE  
SERIES FEATURING DR. SANJAY GUPTA**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—As a result of the attack Monday at the Boston Marathon, and the subsequent effect on Dr. Sanjay Gupta’s schedule, availability and commitments with CNN, the Presidential Lecture Series originally set for 8 p.m. tomorrow, April 17, will be postponed.

“We are all affected by what has happened in Boston,” said Methodist University President Ben Hancock. “Understandably, Dr. Gupta’s first priority is Boston and the people who are coping with this tragedy. Dr. Gupta is where he needs to be, and where all Americans should be focused.”

Dr. Gupta expressed his regret at being unable to speak on campus tomorrow. He extends his deepest personal apologies to the campus community for the circumstances, which are beyond his control.

“With an all-day on-air schedule in Boston as the lead for CNN, he had no choice but to postpone the engagement,” said President Hancock. “When Dr. Gupta does visit, he has promised a bigger and better event to make up for the rescheduling.”

The date for the event, which will likely be in fall 2013, will be announced at a later time. When the new date is set for Dr. Gupta’s visit, invitations will be extended, and those who made reservations for the April 17 event will have first priority to confirm their reservations. More information will follow regarding event ticketing and information.

The on-campus events surrounding the [Second Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium](#), such as the student and faculty presentations, poetry reading and reception, Senior Show for graphic design students, among other events, will take place at the scheduled times. After the Awards Ceremony at 3:15 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium, a reception will be offered for the MU community.

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4	<b>Special Olympics of Cumberland County Hosting Track Event for Special Olympics of North Carolina</b>	7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Methodist University Track There will be approximately 150-175 athletes participating in this Eastern Qualifier. For more information call (910) 433-1000.
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<b>18</b>		<p><b>4th Annual PA Program Golf Tournament</b> 11:00 a.m. Gates Four Golf and Country Club Contact: (910) 630-7615 or <a href="mailto:jmish@methodist.edu">jmish@methodist.edu</a></p> <p>The Methodist University Physician Assistant Program was established in 1996 and has sent over 250 graduates into practice all over the United States. Methodist University has a passion for excellence that spills over into the quality of the health care professionals who graduate each year.</p> <p>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 ensures 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 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.</p>
<b>JUNE 2013</b>		
<b>7</b>	<b>Methodist University Monarch Booster Club presents the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Golf Tournament</b>	<p>12:30 a.m.</p> <p>King's Grant Golf and Country Club</p> <p>The MU Booster Club raises funds to support the university's athletes.</p> <p>With the addition of men's lacrosse the MU Athletic Department expands to twenty teams. The Athletic Department has seventy-seven NCA championship trophies (thirty-five team and forty-two individual). Six different Monarch teams have played for their respective national championships. The university has 127 conference championships.</p>
<b>17-21</b>	<b>STEM (Science, Technology, Education &amp; Mathematics) Summer Camp</b>	<p>8:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.</p> <p>Keith Allison Hall Grades, 6, 7 and 8 All sessions facilitated by MU faculty Registration fee: \$175 Contact: (910) 630-7057 or <a href="mailto:tgambrill@methodist.edu">tgambrill@methodist.edu</a></p>

<b>17-21</b>	<b>Forensic Science Camp (CSI- MU)</b>	8:45 a.m. – noon Applied Forensic Lab in Hendricks Contact: (910) 630-7420 or <a href="mailto:dpauly@methodist.edu">dpauly@methodist.edu</a>
<b>JULY 2013</b>		
<b>8-13</b>	<b>Methodist University hosts Summer Jam</b>	Music camp for ages 9-18 Reeves Auditorium Costs vary Contact <a href="http://Methodist.edu/music/musiccamp.htm">Methodist.edu/music/musiccamp.htm</a> or Deanne Renshaw, 910.630-7100



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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING 2013  
AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University held its annual awards ceremony Wednesday, April 17, 2013 in Reeves Auditorium.

At the beginning of the [ceremony](#), President Hancock recognized Gene Clayton, vice president for business affairs, with the [Order of the Long Leaf Pine](#). The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is the highest honor bestowed upon civilians in North Carolina. Clayton was presented with the award for his continued service contributions to the state of North Carolina.

What follows is a list of the award winners, including the winners of the Second Annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium held last week.

**Second Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium Award Winners**

Honorary Certificates of Completion of the  
Undergraduate Research and Creativity  
Fellows Program

Paul Stroebel  
Elicia Kieser

Certificate of Appreciation

Dr. Katharine Snyder

First Place Poster: “Harpichord Restoration”

Casey Horne  
Edwin Carter  
Melissa Duffield  
Michael Blanchard  
Ravon Sheppard  
Roland Berthold  
Teven Rogers  
Dr. Scott Marosek

Honorable Mention Poster: “A Collaborative Book Project: Social Work Ethical Dilemmas from Students’ Perspectives”

Alesha Fredrick  
Kellisha Gray  
Derick Howell  
Melina Meurer  
Stormey Molina  
Gerron Rivenbark  
Risa Smith  
Natalie Thompson  
Antonia Verhine  
Dr. George Hendricks

First Place Presentation: “Adaptational Morphology Of the Hammerhead Cephalofoil: Testing Small Scale Models to Determine How the Initial Forms of the Structure Benefitted the Hammerhead Sharks”

Lucas Shields  
Dr. Rob McCandless

Honorable Mention Presentation: “Isolations of Bioactive Diterpenes from *Andrographis paniculata* by HPFC”

Mariama Jabati  
Dr. Zhihong Xu

### **2013 Award Recipients**

Anthony J. DeLapa Art Achievement Award

Doo Lee

Willis C. Gates Music Award for Excellence in Performance

Courtney Pearson

Cumberland Oratorio Singers Chorale Award

Christopher Cieri  
Whitney Walker

Plyler Award in the School of Arts and Humanities

Paul Stroebel

George and Lillian Miller Award

Daniel Dessauer

The Professors’ Spanish Award

Patrick Jacobs

Writing Center Achievement Award

Williams Jones  
Kelly Dauteuil

Charles M. Reeves, Jr. Outstanding Scholar

Jacob Taitgue

David G. Wilson Community Service Award

Zachary Sweet

Walter B. Clark Maximum Effort Award

Dylan Pusey

Samuel J. Clark Award in Accounting

Gina Martinez

Ronald P. Kirchner Award in Resort Management

Marissa Hippenmeyer

William “Bill” Bailey Memorial Marketing Award	Natalie Matthews
Coach Larry Kirchner Gold Medal Award	Tina Nesbitt
PGA Golf Management Outstanding Seniors	Nick Gonneville Michael McLaughlin
PGA Golf Management Outstanding Juniors	Zachary Sweet Nucharin Kantapasara
Deborah Murray Outstanding Social Work Student	Paul Jones
Outstanding Social Work Senior	Thomas Edwards
Outstanding Justice Studies Service Award	Serena Hare
Outstanding Justice Studies Graduate Award	Alysa Freeborough Stephanie Ongley
Outstanding Criminal Justice Undergraduate Research Award	Alysa Freeborough Stephanie Ongley
Fayetteville Observer Publishers Award	Joyce Johnson
Outstanding Mass Communications Student	Anja Sakotic
Lura S. Tally Award for Leadership Excellence	Jennifer Perez
Outstanding Political Science Student Award	Jasmina Gobeljic
Outstanding Environmental and Occupational Management Award	Tyler Burrell
Outstanding Health Administration Student Award	John Caddick
Pauline Longest Education Award	Jamesha Brown
Wenda D. Johnson Physical Education Major of the Year Award	James “Michael” Johnson Tyler Younger
Exercise Science Award	Ms. Crystal Barchacky
Outstanding Computer Science Student	Scott Dudley
Outstanding Computer Information Technology Student	Erik Fritts

American Institute of Chemists Student Award	Abdoulie Ceesay
CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award	Amanda James
The Mendeleevium Medallion	Emily Huneycutt
Balaez-Ambrose Mathematics Award	Vashti Graves
Ott-Cooper Science Award	Emily Huneycutt
Clark Memorial Science Service Award	Kaitlyn Leger
Senior Athletes of the Year Award	Mike Wesko Jenny Sullivan
Lowdermilk Student Achievement Awards	Ms. Lois Hammond Mr. Patrick Jacobs Nabanita Choudhury Christa Rhodes Oriana Clayton Stephanie Breitenbach Marcy McKee Ms. Lacey Truelove Nyoma Clement Nicknora
Marshals for 2012 Graduations	Jasmina Gobeljic Cecilia Bode Tamesha Brown Celena Brock Laura Burkart Robert Green Zachary Klees Kaitlyn Leger Kahley McCune Sherill McMillan Meline Meurer Anja Sakotic Elaine Smith Reginald Stephenson Yvette Tyson Antonia Verhine Isuru Wijesundara Haley Williams
Exemplary Teacher Award from the General Board of Higher Educational Ministry of the United Methodist Church	Dr. J.R. Hustwit

The President's Award for Excellence in  
Research and Creative Expression

Dr. Richard Walsh

Distinguished Professor of the Year Award

Dr. Mary Kirchner

Alfred E. Cleveland Award for Excellence  
In Teaching

Dr. Carl Dyke

Annual Award for Excellence in Academic Advising

Mary Deyampert-McCall  
Dr. Frank Trapp

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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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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University will celebrate its 50th Annual Spring Commencement Ceremony Saturday, May 11, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. There are currently 197 candidates for graduation.

Lt. Gen. Daniel B. Allyn, commanding officer of the XVIII Airborne Corps, will deliver the commencement address. During the ceremony, the University will present Al Cleveland, current board member and past chair of the Board of Trustees, with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. Prior to the commencement ceremony, the Rev. Dennis Goodwin will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 10:30 a.m.

**Commencement Ceremony**

“We are pleased to welcome Lt. Gen. Allyn as our commencement speaker,” said President Ben Hancock. “Based on his leadership experience and record exemplary service to our country, Lt. Gen. Allyn will have a very powerful message to share with MU students and their families, as well as faculty and staff members.”

Allyn is a native of Berwick, Maine, and a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Prior to re-joining the XVIII Airborne Corps, Allyn commanded “America’s First Team,” including duty as commanding general of CJTF-I and Regional Command East in Afghanistan. Allyn previously served as the deputy commanding general of XVIII Airborne Corps and chief of staff of the XVIII Airborne Corps, including duty as chief of staff of Multi-National Corps Iraq. He also served in joint assignments with the Joint IED Defeat Organization and the Joint Operations Directorate, J-3, of the Joint Staff. Prior to his Joint assignments, he served as commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), culminating with service during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Prior to serving in the Marne Division, he served two tours of duty with the 82nd Airborne Division, two years with the 2nd Infantry Division, and three tours of duty with the 75th Ranger Regiment.

Allyn’s previous duties include command at the Platoon through Division level and staff assignments at the Battalion through Joint Staff level. He served an overseas assignment in Korea and operational deployments for Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada, two peacekeeping deployments to the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt, Operation Just Cause in Panama, Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia, and Operation Desert Spring and Enduring Freedom in Kuwait, two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and most recently was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom XII.

Allyn is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses at Fort Benning, Ga.; the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; and the Naval War College at Newport, R.I., where he earned a Master of Arts in strategic and national security studies.

During the commencement ceremony, the following Army ROTC cadets will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army: Makeeka Harris, Sasha-al Lee, Derrick Nabors, Tarama Rainford, and

Claudia Vargas. The University will announce the Distinguished Graduate and present the L. Stacy Weaver Award. In a custom inaugurated at Methodist University in 1985, graduating students will present the flags of Kosovo, Serbia, and Israel.

### **Honorary Degree Presentation**

During the ceremony, the University will recognize Alfred Cleveland with a Doctor of Humane Letters. Cleveland is a senior partner at McCoy, Wiggins, Cleveland & O'Conner PLLC, where he has been practicing for over 50 years. As well as serving as a member of the Methodist University Board of Trustees, Cleveland served as chair from 2005 to 2008. According to President Hancock, the University's commitment to creating and sustaining a "culture of excellence" is a byproduct of Mr. Cleveland's guiding vision for the University.

"In adopting the phrase, 'culture of excellence,' Al Cleveland has energized the community, generating a desire to take our institution to a new level of excellence, both on and off campus," said President Hancock. "Signature people like Al Cleveland foster excellence, and see to it that signature programs and facilities continue to emerge on campus."

Cleveland has associated himself with many community and civic groups, including the University of North Carolina, on which he served as a member on the Board of Editors, and Phi Alpha Delta professional service organization. He is a former BB&T board member and a former member of the Board of Directors for Mid-South Insurance Co. He served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Cumberland County Community Foundation from 1994 to 2004, and as the president of the board in 1999.

### **Baccalaureate Service**

Prior to graduation, a Baccalaureate Service will take place at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The Rev. Dennis Goodwin will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

The Rev. Goodwin began his ministry in 1976, after graduating from Barton College with a Bachelor of Arts in religion. In 1982, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant Chaplain Candidate in the National Guard. He is currently assigned to the Office of the Chief of Chaplains in the Pentagon as a colonel in the Army Reserve. He served as the district superintendent at the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church from 2007 to 2012, and was the senior pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church from 1999 to 2007.

"The Rev. Goodwin is well known for working with soldiers in times of crisis," said the Rev. Dr. Michael Safley, vice president for university relations and campus ministry. "We are pleased he will be joining us and we look forward to hearing his sermon."

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**NEW WOMEN'S HONORARY GROUP INDUCTS 13  
AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—Thirteen women in the Methodist University community were tapped Monday, April 29, as inaugural members of [The XIII Women's Honorary](#). The group, known as the First Order of The XIII, included three founding students, 10 active members, and three honorary members from the faculty and staff. The new members were surprised with their membership on the day of the tapping ceremony, which was held in Berns Student Center. All of the students are juniors.

The following women were inducted on Monday:

**Active Members**

Anna Rivenbark, special education major from Rose Hill, N.C.  
Danielle Reid, athletic training major from Jacksonville, N.C.  
Esra Al-Shawafi, accounting and computers science major from Yemen  
Jeannie Snider, criminal justice major from Guntersville, Ala.  
Lacey Truelove, applied exercise science major from Fayetteville, N.C.  
Leighanne Truelove, biology major from Virginia Beach, Va.  
Marcy McKee, physical education and health education major from Milford, Del.  
Nabanita Choudhury, psychology major from India  
Sarah Ritchie, accounting major from Mount Pleasant, N.C.  
Stephanie Breitenbach, chemistry major from Owings, Md.

**Honorary Members**

Christina Beard, program director, Physician Assistant Program  
Doris Munoz '06, director of Campus Life  
Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan, chair of the Board of Trustees

**Founders**

Christa Rhodes, history major from Reidsville, N.C.  
Cierra Murphy, psychology major from Hope Mills, N.C.  
Tina Nesbitt, business administration major from Kenly, N.C.



Advisor Charlotte Brown, who is also the residential coordinator of Cape Fear Commons, said the purpose of The XIII is to recognize women who have made outstanding leadership contributions to Methodist University, Fayetteville, or the State of North Carolina.

“Selection into The XIII is a prestigious and celebrated honor given only to the most outstanding women at Methodist University,” Brown said. “Each year, another thirteen women will be selected to join the group, based on their excellence and commitment to Methodist University and the community.”

Active members must be female, enrolled with junior class status, and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA.

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**“ENGLISH JOURNAL” TO PUBLISH ARTICLE BY BILL BILLINGS**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—“English Journal,” a bimonthly magazine published by the National Council of Teachers of English, has accepted an article submitted by Bill Billings, English instructor at Methodist University, for publication in its January 2014 issue. Billings’ article will be the centerpiece of a regular feature named “Continuous Becoming.”

Entitled “A Master Teacher’s Responsibility to the Future,” the article explains Billings’ “future autobiography” assignment, in which his English 101 and 207 students are asked to read 20 pre-selected articles about the future and then imagine and write about three days in their own futures, looking forward 20, 40, and 60 years. Billings uses this assignment in lieu of a traditional research paper, and the paper counts 20 percent of a student’s grade for the course.

The Methodist University English instructor borrowed the idea of students writing future autobiographies from Alvin Toffler’s 1970 book, “Future Shock.” In that book, Toffler proposed that students in elementary grades through college be required to picture themselves and “important others” in their lives as they would be ten or twenty years into the future. Toffler said this activity would help students avoid “future shock,” which he defined as “the shattering stress and disorientation that we induce in individuals by subjecting them to too much change in too short a time.”

Billings received a Bachelor of Arts in English from Methodist in 1968 and a Master of Arts in journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1974. He has taught freshman-level English classes at Methodist for 24 years: 20 years part-time in the evening program and the last four years full-time in the day program. He also taught English for nine years at public secondary schools in Virginia and North Carolina. In addition, he worked seven years as a newspaper reporter and feature writer, 15 years as Methodist University’s director of public relations, and seven years writing the history of Methodist University’s first 50 years.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University will celebrate its 50th Annual Spring Commencement Ceremony Saturday, May 11, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. There are currently 197 candidates for graduation.

Lt. Gen. Daniel B. Allyn, commanding officer of the XVIII Airborne Corps, will deliver the commencement address. During the ceremony, the University will present Al Cleveland, current board member and past chair of the Board of Trustees, with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. Prior to the commencement ceremony, the Rev. Dennis Goodwin will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 10:30 a.m.

**Commencement Ceremony**

“We are pleased to welcome Lt. Gen. Allyn as our commencement speaker,” said President Ben Hancock. “Based on his leadership experience and record exemplary service to our country, Lt. Gen. Allyn will have a very powerful message to share with MU students and their families, as well as faculty and staff members.”

Allyn is a native of Berwick, Maine, and a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Prior to re-joining the XVIII Airborne Corps, Allyn commanded “America’s First Team,” including duty as commanding general of CJTF-I and Regional Command East in Afghanistan. Allyn previously served as the deputy commanding general of XVIII Airborne Corps and chief of staff of the XVIII Airborne Corps, including duty as chief of staff of Multi-National Corps Iraq. He also served in joint assignments with the Joint IED Defeat Organization and the Joint Operations Directorate, J-3, of the Joint Staff. Prior to his Joint assignments, he served as commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), culminating with service during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Prior to serving in the Marne Division, he served two tours of duty with the 82nd Airborne Division, two years with the 2nd Infantry Division, and three tours of duty with the 75th Ranger Regiment.

Allyn’s previous duties include command at the Platoon through Division level and staff assignments at the Battalion through Joint Staff level. He served an overseas assignment in Korea and operational deployments for Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada, two peacekeeping deployments to the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt, Operation Just Cause in Panama, Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia, and Operation Desert Spring and Enduring Freedom in

Kuwait, two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and most recently was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom XII.

Allyn is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses at Fort Benning, Ga.; the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; and the Naval War College at Newport, R.I., where he earned a Master of Arts in strategic and national security studies.

During the commencement ceremony, the following Army ROTC cadets will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army: Makeeka Harris, Sasha-al Lee, Derrick Nabors, Tarama Rainford, Ashley Selfridge, and Claudia Vargas. The University will hear from the Distinguished Graduate, Alysya Freeborough, who will speak on behalf of the class. The University will also present the L. Stacy Weaver Award to a student, who will be announced at the ceremony. In a custom inaugurated at Methodist University in 1985, the seven graduating students listed below will present the flags of their home countries.

Abdoulie Ceesay	Gambia
Salam Saadi	Israel
Qendresa Krasnigi	Kosovo
Anja Sakotic	Serbia
Lumago Soro Josephy	South Sudan
Manqoba Shabangu	Swaziland
Dhondup Tashi	Tibet

### **Honorary Degree Presentation**

During the ceremony, the University will recognize Alfred Cleveland with a Doctor of Humane Letters. Cleveland is a senior partner at McCoy, Wiggins, Cleveland & O'Conner PLLC, where he has been practicing for over 50 years. As well as serving as a member of the Methodist University Board of Trustees, Cleveland served as chair from 2005 to 2008.

According to President Hancock, the University's commitment to creating and sustaining a "culture of excellence" is a byproduct of Mr. Cleveland's guiding vision for the University.

"In adopting the phrase, 'culture of excellence,' Al Cleveland has energized the community, generating a desire to take our institution to a new level of excellence, both on and off campus," said President Hancock. "Signature people like Al Cleveland foster excellence, and see to it that signature programs and facilities continue to emerge on campus."

Cleveland has associated himself with many community and civic groups, including the University of North Carolina, on which he served as a member on the Board of Editors, and Phi Alpha Delta professional service organization. He is a former BB&T board member and a former member of the Board of Directors for Mid-South Insurance Co. He served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Cumberland County Community Foundation from 1994 to 2004, and as the president of the board in 1999.

### **Baccalaureate Service**

Prior to graduation, a Baccalaureate Service will take place at 10:30 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. The Rev. Dennis Goodwin will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

The Rev. Goodwin began his ministry in 1976, after graduating from Barton College with a Bachelor of Arts in religion. In 1982, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant Chaplain

Candidate in the National Guard. He is currently assigned to the Office of the Chief of Chaplains in the Pentagon as a colonel in the Army Reserve. He served as the district superintendent at the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church from 2007 to 2012, and was the senior pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church from 1999 to 2007.

“The Rev. Goodwin is well known for working with soldiers in times of crisis,” said the Rev. Dr. Michael Safley, vice president for university relations and campus ministry. “We are pleased he will be joining us and we look forward to hearing his sermon.”

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENTS**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University announces the first recipients of the Wright Scholarship, the highest merit scholarship offered by the University. Funded by a \$5 million endowment from Dr. Harvey T. Wright II '70 and his wife, Mary Fermanides Wright '68, the scholarship will benefit up to five new students each year, beginning in fall 2013, with a maximum of 20 recipients during any four-year period.

“The number and quality of candidates for this inaugural class of Wright Scholars was most impressive,” said Dean of Admissions Jamie Legg. “Among our candidates we had a number of valedictorians, class presidents and students who, in general, embody everything any university would look for.”

Minimum requirements for the Wright Scholarship are a 3.7 cumulative GPA and 1100 critical reading and math combination on the SAT (24 or higher ACT composite). From among a record number of scholarship applicants, 65 semi-finalists were considered for this scholarship program. These candidates were then trimmed to 15 finalists before the Wright Scholarship committee selected four recipients from among this pool. The chosen recipients had an average GPA of 4.5 and an average SAT of 1337.

The students in the first class of Wright Scholars are:

Joshua Lee, from Ledford High School, Denton, N.C.  
Kaitlin Harris, from Fayetteville Academy, Fayetteville, N.C.  
Jonah Gillens, from Thomas Stone High School, Waldorf, Md.  
Peter Wildeboer, from E.A. Laney High School, Castle Hayne, N.C.

“Selecting the recipients was a challenging task that our scholarship committee embraced,” Legg said. “In the end, we feel like we have quality individuals who will not only benefit from this scholarship, but who will also benefit the Methodist University community. We are most grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Wright for the support they have pledged for this program.”

Semifinalists for the award received a \$1,000 per year scholarship through the Academic Achievement program, while finalists received \$2,000 per year through the same program. On top of these awards, the University also awarded each of these

candidates a Presidential Scholarship worth between \$11,250 and \$18,500 per year. In total, the University awarded more than \$1.1 million in total scholarship funds for these 65 students.

“The University is so fortunate to have individuals like the Wrights, who are committed to attracting the most capable students to the institution to benefit from the Methodist University experience,” said University President Ben Hancock. “From Dr. Wright’s past service as chair of the Board of Trustees to the Wrights’ lifetime of involvement in the Fayetteville community, so many people have benefitted from their leadership and philanthropy.”

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**LT. GEN. RUSSEL HONORÉ TO SPEAK AT LAFAYETTE LEADERSHIP  
SERIES IN SEPTEMBER AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY**



FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—The Second Annual Lafayette Leadership Speaker Series will feature retired Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré as its keynote speaker Sept. 6, 2013. Honoré will speak in Reeves Auditorium on the campus of Methodist University at 11 a.m. The event is co-sponsored by Methodist University’s Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development and the Fayetteville Lafayette Society.

Honoré, who was dispatched by President Bush to lead New Orleans out of the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, is serving as the speaker for the leadership series as a part of North Carolina’s annual Lafayette Birthday Celebration.

Honoré, also known as the “Category 5 General,” is a nationally renowned speaker on the preparedness and leadership that is needed in the 21st century, as society faces a multitude of threats to its security every day.

Admission is free, but RSVPs are requested for large groups. Copies of his 2012 book, “Leadership in the New Normal,” will be available for purchase prior to the event at City Center Gallery & Books and on the day of the event, where there will be a book signing.

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**FAYETTEVILLE-Methodist University will be closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.** University offices will be closed and no classes will be held.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Two hundred and fifty-five students were named to the spring 2013 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hometown or Country</b>	<b>Class status</b>
Robert Abbott	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Indya Addison	Wilmington, N.C.	Sophomore
Leolupe Afu	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Davis Agnew	Linesville, Pa.	Senior
Tania Aguero	Costa Rica	Senior
Hussain Al Radhi	Saudi Arabia	Sophomore
Nichole Anderson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Becky Anthony	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Immaculate Apchemengich	Uganda	Senior
Erin Arauz	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Arthur Avery	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Michelle Bass	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
William Beddow	United Kingdom	Senior
Morgan Bell	Dunn, N.C.	Senior
Grizel Bello	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Melissa Bender	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bryan Bennett	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Tyler Bennett	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Christopher Biggins	Clarksville, Md.	Senior
Carolyn Bloomer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Kyonghwa Bouriaque	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

Brya Bradley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Dallas Bradley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Stephanie Breitenbach	Owings, Md.	Senior
Forina Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Roy Brown	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Freshman
Daniel Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Steven Brown	Garner, N.C.	Freshman
Mark Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Christopher Broyles	Cortland, N.Y.	Senior
Elizabeth Burgos	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Laura Burkart	Godwin, N.C.	Senior
Dustin Burnside	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Randy Burris	Stanly, N.C.	Senior
Keith Burroughs	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
William Buschmann	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Sophomore
John Caddick	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Dylan Cain	Ipswich, Mass.	Sophomore
Josh Caminite	New Brighton, Pa.	Senior
Noah Camp	Jacksonville, N.C.	Junior
Kelsie Carralero	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Senior
Amanda Carrillo	Autryville, N.C.	Junior
Carolyn Cayton	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Jaron Cayton	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Abdoulie Ceesay	The Gambia	Senior
Rachel Chapman	Claremont, N.C.	Senior
Alfonce Chitate	Botswana	Senior
Nabanita Choudhury	India	Junior
Ashley Cimms	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Edward Clark	Philadelphia, Pa.	Senior
Joshua Clarke	Capron, Va.	Junior
Margaret Coates	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nicole Cole	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Heather Cook	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Denise Corujo	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Blair Coulter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ester Cova	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Neil Craig	United Kingdom	Sophomore
Kristin Crouse	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gavin Daniels	Kenly, N.C.	Junior
Charles Darder-Uquillas	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Mohammed Darkhawaja	Palestine	Senior
Alexander Demitraszek	Ravena, N.Y.	Sophomore
Jason Deramo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Frank DeVico	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Garrett Domingue	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Aurelie Dubois	France	Freshman

Megan Dull	Vass, N.C.	Sophomore
Brett Dunn	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Michael Duprey	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Heather Edgington	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Craig Edgington	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Thomas Edwards	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Paul England	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Anthony Fagone	Naples, Maine	Sophomore
Ifetayo Farrakhan	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Erin Fegley	Morehead City, N.C.	Junior
Nicholas Feliciano	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Benjamin Felts	Pilot Mountain, N.C.	Senior
Keith Fentzke	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Patricia Ferreira	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Alexandra Fetisova	Russia	Senior
Nicole Fink	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Anthony Fish	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alesha Fredrick	Roseboro, N.C.	Senior
Michelle Free	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Larry French	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Paulita Frutos	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Jonathon Fulmore	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Nathanael Gabler	Greensburg, Pa.	Sophomore
Andrea Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Roy Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Charles Gault	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Christina Gavlinski	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Brandon Gaydorus	Endicott, N.Y.	Junior
Loretta Giovannettone	Shirley, N.Y.	Senior
Anita Glass	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Olivia Grace	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Stuart Graham	Charlottesville, Va.	Senior
Kellisha Gray	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Samuel Gray	Wendell, N.C.	Sophomore
Robert Green	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ryanne Greer	Durham, N.C.	Junior
Lisa Gross	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Junior
Emily Guidry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Hailey Haas	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Christopher Hamby	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Patrick Hamel	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Lois Hammond	Silver Spring, Md.	Senior
Christopher Harper	Yadkinville, N.C.	Senior
Andrew Harper	Apex, N.C.	Senior
Kelsey Harrington	Columbia, Mo.	Sophomore
Ammar Hasan	Jordan	Senior

Sarah Hayden	Frederick, Md.	Senior
Brady Heath	Sanford, N.C.	Sophomore
Connor Heinz	Overland Park, Kan.	Senior
Joel Hernandez	Stedman, N.C.	Sophomore
Marissa Hippenmeyer	Columbia, Mo.	Senior
Mary Holahan	Spring Lake, N.C.	Junior
Brooke Hood	Panama City, Fla.	Senior
Casey Horne	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Emily Huneycutt	Locust, N.C.	Senior
Yirye Hwangbo	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Serge Iraguha	Rwanda	Senior
Gabrielle Isaac	Mooreville, N.C.	Junior
Mariama Jabati	Sierra Leone	Junior
Mohammad Jamil	Afghanistan	Junior
Donita Johnson	Elizabethtown, N.C.	Senior
James Johnson	Fremont, N.C.	Senior
Brandon Johnson	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Jenna Johnson	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Paul Jones	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nucharin Kantapasara	Thailand	Senior
Jason Kent	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Frances King	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Brandt Kittredge	Torrington, Conn.	Junior
Robert Klees	Tallahassee, Fla.	Senior
Karly Klimas	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Sophomore
Stephen Krunich	Japan	Senior
Bella Lafountain	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Julieta Lainez-Barahona	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kaylie Langton	Somersworth, N.H.	Senior
Taylor Lanning	Canton, Ohio	Senior
John Lawson	Cameron, N.C.	Senior
Jordan Lawter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Michael Layao	Raleigh, N.C.	Senior
Filip Lazarevic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Junior
Patrick Lime	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Armand Lotman	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Brandon Loux	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Layton Lumsden	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
David Lutz	Gloucester, Va.	Junior
Travis Lyons	Boswell, Pa.	Junior
Nicole Malahias	Clinton, N.C.	Sophomore
Kirsten Markow	Sumter, S.C.	Junior
Kelsey Marshall	Holly Springs, N.C.	Junior
Gina Martinez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Akemy Martinez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Candace Massengill	Benson, N.C.	Senior

Michael McCabe	Stedman, N.C.	Senior
Marcy McKee	Milford, Del.	Senior
Harley McLamb	Dunn, N.C.	Junior
Michael McLaughlin	Woburn, Mass.	Senior
Joshua McLaurin	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Donald McMillon	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Chase McWhorter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Stefan Medan	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Kadejah Melvin	Faison, N.C.	Sophomore
Matthew Mendell	Burlington, N.J.	Senior
Melinda Meurer	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Alexandra Michielini	Garden City, N.Y.	Junior
Jason Mills	Arlington, Mass.	Senior
Corey Mills	Mount Olive, N.C.	Sophomore
Danielle Miranda	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
James Moran	Lillington, N.C.	Junior
Gina Moran	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Sexton Moseley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Samra Mrkovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Cierra Murphy	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Muntanga Musiwa	Zambia	Junior
Elizabeth Neal	Reidsville, N.C.	Senior
Anthony Nett	Manitowoc, Wis.	Senior
Sibahle Nhleko	Swaziland	Sophomore
Nyoma Clement Nicknora	South Sudan	Senior
Lory Nieshe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jessica Oder	Chesapeake, Va.	Sophomore
Jeffrey Oestereich	Apex, N.C.	Sophomore
Anna Pardue	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Renae Parker	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ankita Patel	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alina Payankova	Belarus	Senior
Courtney Pearson	Clinton, N.C.	Senior
Sarah Phillips	King of Prussia, Pa.	Junior
Andrew Poole	Durham, N.C.	Senior
Rachael Potts	Parkton, N.C.	Junior
Jacklyn Prior-Rose	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
William Putchaconis	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Amanda Rada	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Fitore Rama	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Allyson Richardson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Ashley Robinson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Emilee Rodeffer	Eastover, N.C.	Senior
Talia Rodriguez	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Tevin Rogers	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Rogers	Clayton, N.C.	Sophomore

Mildred Romeu	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Samuel Rose	Burlington, N.C.	Senior
Taylor Ross	Elon, N.C.	Sophomore
Madison Rudolf	Louisville, Ky.	Sophomore
Anja Sakotic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Julia Sanders	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Natasha Schuette	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Andrew Schweer	Cincinnati, Ohio	Senior
Blakeley Scott	Cary, N.C.	Senior
Luke Sheetz	Grand Rapids, Minn.	Senior
Shawn Sherry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Josh Shoaf	Lexington, N.C.	Sophomore
Joshua Smeby	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bonnie Snell	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Jeffrey Stalvey	St. Augustine, Fla.	Sophomore
Lindsay Stinson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Mason Stutler	Fredericksburg, Va.	Sophomore
Jennifer Sullivan	Berlin, Md.	Senior
Dzana Susic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Volha Sviarkaltsava	Belarus	Sophomore
David Szajnuke	Enola, Pa.	Sophomore
Emily Talley	San Angelo, Texas	Junior
Stephanie Tanksley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Manuel Tapia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Rebecca Tate	Laurinburg, N.C.	Senior
Shytianna Taylor	Jacksonville, N.C.	Senior
Miguel Tevez-Rosales	El Salvador	Senior
Rebekah Thompson	Carthage, N.C.	Junior
Lindsay Tippet	Middlesex, N.C.	Junior
Taylor Tipton	Saint Joseph, Mo.	Junior
Michael Tittle	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Gabriella Tobias	Greensboro, N.C.	Freshman
Julius Toney	Montgomery, Ala.	Senior
Ivelysse Vera	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Antonia Verhine	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Kendall Walden	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Whitney Walker	Swansboro, N.C.	Senior
Ernestine Watson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Christopher Webster	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Michael Wesko	Endicott, N.Y.	Senior
Jaleesa White	Cameron, N.C.	Junior
Isuru Wijesundara	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alexandra Winters	Fairfax, Va.	Senior
Mary Wittenburg	Mineral, Va.	Junior
Teris Wolfe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Colton Woods	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior



Courtney Woods  
Rebecca Young  
Tyler Younger  
Amanda Zimmerman

Dunn, N.C.  
Linden, N.C.  
Gretna, Va.  
New Windsor, Md.

Sophomore  
Sophomore  
Senior  
Senior



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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT'S LIST**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Ninety-two students were named to the spring 2013 President's List at Methodist University. To merit inclusion on the President's List, a student must achieve a 3.90 GPA with at least 46.8 quality points during the semester on a total course load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of D, F, or I (Incomplete) and no developmental courses.

The following students were named to the President's List:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hometown or Country</b>	<b>Class status</b>
Joscelyn Abreu	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Esra Al-Shawafi	Yemen	Junior
Heather Anderson	Fredericksburg, Va.	Senior
Kylie Arauz	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Casey Ausborn	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Crystal Barchacky	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Gina Battistone	Northfield, Ohio	Junior
Sharon Belflowers	Eastover, N.C.	Junior
Alexandra Bowman	Newport, N.C.	Senior
Stephanie Buffaloe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Christopher Carter	Shelby, N.C.	Senior
Kevin Collins	Cary, N.C.	Senior
Cassidy Conley	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Kelly Dauteuil	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Daniel Dessauer	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Anita Djonlic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Dzenana Dzanic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Brett Emery	Garner, N.C.	Senior
Phoebe Espinal	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Elizabeth Ferraro	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Miguel Flores	Asheboro, N.C.	Senior
Katelyn Foster	Lexington, N.C.	Junior
Alysa Freeborough	Warren, Pa.	Senior

Miranda Friel	Stedman, N.C.	Sophomore
Lawrence Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
John Garcia-Diaz	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Nicholas Gonnevill	Northfield, Vt.	Senior
Jose Gonzalez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Matthew Griffiths	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Renee Hamilton	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Alexander Hammill	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Carly Hatfield	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Linden Hiller	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Prudence Inderbitzen	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Amanda James	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Fedia Jean Claude	Haiti	Sophomore
Ashley Johnson	New Bern, N.C.	Senior
Jeremy Kamhuis	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Chelsie Keene	Newton Grove, N.C.	Senior
Maranda Keeney	Dunn, N.C.	Senior
Veronica Kelly	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Mary Kizer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Nicholas Kowal	Barre, Mass.	Senior
Qendresa Krasniqi	Kosovo	Senior
Rachel Krogstie	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Daniel Lane	Erwin, N.C.	Junior
Nathan Lanier	Beulaville, N.C.	Senior
Doo Lee	Korea	Senior
Bethany Little	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Daniel Martin	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Marianty Mavros	Guatemala	Senior
Blake Maxwell	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Olorato Mbi	Botswana	Sophomore
Kahley McCune	Corry, Pa.	Senior
Bardrick McGuire	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Katherine Meindl	Raleigh, N.C.	Senior
Cheri Molter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Steven Moran	Lillington, N.C.	Sophomore
Brandy Nalbone	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Kendall Oneill	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Stephanie Ongley	Spring Creek, Pa.	Senior
Michelle Orndorff	Raleigh, N.C.	Senior
Gregory Patterson	Elon, N.C.	Senior
William Patton	Troy, Mich.	Senior
Allison Phipps	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Stacy Pifer	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Mekala Poirier	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Dylan Pusey	Snow Hill, Md.	Senior
Aaron Randolph	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore

Morgan Rice	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Anastasiya Saakova	Uzbekistan	Senior
Samantha Scoggins	Wendell, N.C.	Sophomore
Mary Scott	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Sharon Shipley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Smirna Sinanovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Jean Snider	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Brian Soutullo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Aaron Stevens	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Jessica Swartz	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Zachary Sweet	Madison, Maine	Senior
Andrew Sykes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jacob Taitague	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Kyle Trietley	Allegheny, N.Y.	Sophomore
Tijana Vasiljevic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Jamie Volland	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Hayley Williams	Tallahassee, Fla.	Senior
Erica Williams	White Plains, Md.	Junior
Theresa Woodard	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Vanita Young	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Seung Yuk	Korea	Freshman
Kevin Zhang	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alix Zongrone	Greenville, S.C.	Freshman



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**MU UPCOMING 2013-2014 CALENDAR EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>JUNE 2013</b>		
<b>17-21</b>	<b>STEM (Science, Technology, Education &amp; Mathematics) Summer Camp</b>	8:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Keith Allison Hall Grades, 6, 7 and 8 All sessions facilitated by MU faculty Registration fee: \$175 Contact: (910) 630-7057 or <a href="mailto:tgambrill@methodist.edu">tgambrill@methodist.edu</a>
<b>17-21</b>	<b>Forensic Science Camp (CSI-MU)</b>	8:45 a.m. – noon Applied Forensic Lab in Hendricks Grades, 6, 7 and 8 Registration fee: \$165 Contact: (910) 630-7420 or <a href="mailto:dpauly@methodist.edu">dpauly@methodist.edu</a>
<b>21</b>	<b>MU Athletic Booster Club Hosts the 16<sup>th</sup> Hall of Fame Golf Tournament</b>	1:00 p.m. King's Grant Golf & Country Club This tournament helps to raise funding for the university's NCAA Division III athletes. For more information contact Bob McEvoy at 190.630.7182 or <a href="mailto:mcevoy@methodist.edu">mcevoy@methodist.edu</a>
<b>JULY 2013</b>		
<b>8-13</b>	<b>Methodist University hosts Summer Jam</b>	Music camp for ages 9-18 Reeves Auditorium Costs vary Contact <a href="http://Methodist.edu/music/musiccamp.htm">Methodist.edu/music/musiccamp.htm</a> or Deanne Renshaw, 910.630-7100
<b>AUGUST</b>		
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		

6	<b>The Lafayette Leadership Speaker Series presents “Leadership in the New Normal”</b>	11:00 a.m. Reeves Auditorium The Methodist University Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development and the Fayetteville Lafayette Society present Lieutenant General Russell Honors’ United States Army, Retired. This event is part of North Carolina’s annual Lafayette Birthday Celebration. Lt. Gen. Honore’ was dispatched by the President to lead New Orleans out of the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Known as the “Category 5 General,” Lt. Gen. Honore’ is a nationally renowned speaker on the preparedness and leadership necessary in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century. His commanding presence on stage combined with the timeliness of his message and his no-nonsense approach to it, make this a “don’t miss” event. Copies of his book <u>Leadership in the New Normal</u> will be available for purchase and signing. Free admission For more information contact Dr. Drew Ziegler at 910.630.7488 or <a href="mailto:Aziegler@methodist.edu">Aziegler@methodist.edu</a> .
6	<b>Methodist University Music Department Presents Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Trumpet Recital Free admission
16	<b>Methodist University’s Reeves School of Business Executive Speaker Series</b>	TBA
20	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Vocal performance by Melvin Tunstall, III. This solo recital will include Broadway show tunes. Melvin Tunstall, III (a direct quote): "I would love to do an evening of music that will focus on me being the insane dreamer that I am and how that has shaped my life thus far. I will share anecdotes from my life and journey, present some popular music in a new light and introduce a few songs from my original musical <i>BLooM!</i> "  <b>You May Say I'm A Dreamer</b>  Dreams (From <i>Chasing the Wind</i> ) Composer: Andre McRae Growing Up (From <i>BLooM!</i> ) Composer: Melvin Tunstall arr. Petersen What You'd Call A Dream (From <i>Diamonds</i> ) Composer: Craig Cernelia All For the Best feat. Mark Petersen (From <i>Godspell</i> ) Composer:

		<p>Stephen Schwartz (this could be a little tap number for fun)  All Good Gifts (From <i>Godspell</i>) Composer: Stephen Schwartz  Heaven on Their Minds (From <i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i>)  Composer: Andrew Lloyd Webber  Imagine/If I Can Dream Composer(s): John Lennon/Walter Earl Brown</p> <p>LOVE MEDLEY ( Love For Sale/ L.O.V.E./ I Can't Give You Anything But Love) Composer(s): Cole Porter/ <a href="#">Bert Kaempfert</a>/Jimmy McHugh  Rolling In the Deep Composer: Adele Adkins  I Never Dreamed You Would Leave In Summer Composer: Stevie Wonder  Nightfall (From <i>BLoom!</i>) Composer: Melvin Tunstall arr. Cavett  Being Alive (From <i>Company!</i>) Composer: Stephen Sondheim</p> <p>When You Wish Upon A Star Composer: Leigh Harline  One Song Glory (From <i>Rent</i>) Composer: Johnathan Larson  Moment in The Sun (From <i>BLoom!</i>) Composer: Melvin Tunstall arr. Petersen  When You Believe (From <i>The Wiz</i>) Composer: Charlie Smalls</p> <p>Encore:  His Eye Is On The Sparrow/Flight Composer(s): Charles H. Gabriel/Craig Carnelia</p> <p>Free admission</p>
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**OCTOBER**

<b>17</b>	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium
<b>19</b>	<b>Methodist University Choral Festival</b>	Free admission
<b>22</b>	<b>Methodist University's Opening Convocation</b>	11:00 a.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission
<b>22</b>	<b>Methodist University Jazz Ensemble</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium
<b>25-26</b>	<b>Methodist University Homecoming</b>	
<b>27</b>	<b>Fayetteville</b>	4:00 p.m.

	<b>Symphony Orchestra</b>	Reeves Auditorium Symphonic Spooktacular Returns This family friendly concert features Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Superman, and other well-known favorites. Methodist University's Dr. Scott Marosek will perform <i>Totentanz</i> by Liszt. Costumes are encouraged as you may mingle with Storm troopers and other famous Star Wars characters.
<b>28</b>	<b>Methodist University's Reeves School of Business Executive Speaker Series</b>	TBA
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Tom Scott Jazz Piano Recital Free admission
<b>18</b>	<b>Methodist University's Reeves School of Business Executive Speaker Series</b>	TBA
<b>22</b>	<b>Methodist University All-Choirs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free Admission
<b>24</b>	<b>Methodist University Concert Band</b>	3:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
<b>5</b>	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free Admission
<b>6 &amp; 7</b>	<b>Methodist University presents the Third Annual Yuletide Feaste</b>	Save the date: 7:30 p.m. Hay St. United Methodist Church By ticket only. More information to follow.
<b>14</b>	<b>Methodist University Commencement</b>	10:30 a.m. Reeves Auditorium Baccalaureate ceremony 2:00 p.m.



		Riddle Center Graduation
<b>JANUARY 2014</b>		
<b>24</b>	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Free admission John Holt Guitar Recital
<b>FEBRUARY 2014</b>		
<b>18</b>	<b>Methodist University Faculty Recital</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Free admission (TENTATIVE DATE)
<b>25</b>	<b>Methodist University Concert Band and Methodist University Jazz Monarchs directed by Methodist University's Mr. Charles Dumas</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission
<b>MARCH 2014</b>		
<b>20</b>	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission
<b>21</b>	<b>Methodist University Jazz Festival</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission
<b>22</b>	<b>Methodist University Jazz Festival</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission
<b>28</b>	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Free admission Sarah Busman Flute Recital
<b>APRIL</b>		
<b>5</b>	<b>Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium The Spring Festival Chorus returns to the stage with the symphony

		for a performance of Bruckner's <i>Te Deum</i> . The program also includes Berlioz's <i>Le Corsaire Overture</i> and will culminate with Brahms' <i>Symphony No. 2</i>
<b>12</b>	<b>Cape Fear New Music Festival</b>	See capefearnewmusic.com for more information
<b>24</b>	<b>Methodist University Concert Band and Methodist University Jazz Monarchs directed by Methodist University's Mr. Charles Dumas</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission
<b>25</b>	<b>Methodist University All-Choirs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission
<b>MAY</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free Admission
<b>10</b>	<b>Methodist University Commencement</b>	10:30 a.m. Reeves Auditorium Baccalaureate ceremony 2:00 p.m. Riddle Center Graduation



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**SPACES AVAILABLE FOR METHODIST UNIVERSITY  
SUMMER JAM MUSIC CAMP**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—Openings are still available for Methodist University’s Summer Jam music camp. The music camp, sponsored by Methodist’s Music Department, is scheduled for July 8 – 13. Pre-registration is required, with payment-in-full due no later than July 2.

Summer Jam features an overnight residential camp, as well as a day camp option. Summer will also feature a “Mini Jam” option for younger campers. The residential camp includes overnight stay in the on-campus residence halls from Monday morning check-in until Saturday afternoon check-out. Meals will be included in this package. The day camp option will also begin Monday, July 8, and will provide campers with a lunch. All campers will perform at the grand finale concert July 13.

The Summer Jam music camp is open to all ages 11 – 18. Mini Jam will feature an elementary choir for ages 9-10. All instrumental students need to have at least one full year of prior instruction. Choral and vocal students should have had prior experiences and some basic music reading skills. Any piano students need at least two years of prior instruction.

The cost of the residential camp is \$410, which includes housing, meals, daily classes, concerts, activities, insurance, and the Summer Jam T-shirt. Private lessons are available at an additional cost of \$30 per 45-minute private lesson. The fee for day campers is \$275. The fee for Mini Jam is \$75. Meals will not be provided for Mini Jam campers. Checks should be made payable to MU Summer Jam 2013.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY APPOINTS DIRECTOR  
FOR PROPOSED DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—Methodist University has named Dr. Todd Telemeco the director of the proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy Program in the new School of Health Sciences.

“Telemeco comes to MU with a career spanning more than a decade as a leader and innovator in physical therapy education, research, and clinical practice,” said Dr. Delmas Crisp, executive vice president and academic dean of Methodist University. “His rich experience and vision will guide Methodist as we develop our Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, build the new Health Sciences building, and launch the program in Fall 2015,” said Crisp.

Telemeco previously served as the associate director of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va. He is also the owner and an acting therapist at Neurodiagnostic Associates of Central PA, in Greencastle, Pa.

“The excitement of where Methodist University is with the proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is really intriguing, and drew me right in,” said Telemeco. “I was impressed with the professionalism of the health professions students and the undergraduate students I met during my campus tour. They are people who want to be in higher education and are excited about what they are doing.”

In his new position at Methodist University, Telemeco will work with faculty and staff to build the proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

“There are so many faculty members who are already here who are going to bolster the program and help get it off the ground,” said Telemeco. “I am looking forward to the challenge that building a program will pose — from designing the learning environment, to the curriculum, and to seeing what I envision become reality. I’m going to look forward to that first day of class.”

At Shenandoah University, Telemeco has served on the Shenandoah University Health Professions Building Advisory Group, the Faculty Search Committee for the Athletic Training Program, and as a chair of the Health Professions Curriculum Committee at Shenandoah University.

Telemeco graduated from Shenandoah University in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science in biology and a Bachelor of Science in health sciences. He obtained his MPT from the Division of Physical Therapy from Shenandoah University in May 1997, and a doctorate in anatomy and neurobiology from Virginia Commonwealth University in August 2004. In 2008, Telemeco earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Shenandoah University. He also received his

licensures for Pennsylvania and Virginia, and is a Board Certified Specialist in Clinical Electrophysiological Physical Therapy by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties.

Telemeco has authored a variety of published articles and has an active research agenda. He was presented with the Shenandoah University Division of Physical Therapy Research Award in 2002, the Shenandoah University Faculty Appreciation Award in 2003, and the Shenandoah University Wilkins Award in 2007. He is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association, the Orthopedic Section of the American Physical Therapy Association, and the Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management Section of the American Physical Therapy Association.

In addition to his work at Shenandoah University and his business, Telemeco is heavily involved with community service. He is a Maryland Freemason and a member of the Ali Ghan Shriners, the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus in Chambersburg, Pa., and a 5K Run committee member for the Winchester Green Circle Project in Winchester, Va.

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**MU TO HOST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY**



**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**— Methodist University announces Community Engagement Day on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the residence halls of Garber, Weaver, Cumberland and Sanford. Designed to help promote community involvement and strengthen the university's presence in the greater community, the Community Engagement Day will give First Year Students (FYS) the opportunity to sign up for projects that will take place during the Fall 2013 or Spring 2014 semesters.

"Representatives from community agencies will be on hand to meet with students and offer opportunities for them to connect with their agencies and volunteer their services during the 2013 and 2014 semesters," said Suzanne Langley, MU Journey coordinator. "There will also be events that the students can participate in on that day."

The Red Cross Blood Mobile station will be set up in front of Weaver Hall for students who wish to donate blood on the day of the event. Students in Cumberland Hall will assemble rape kits for the Rape Crisis Center, and Sanford Hall will host a blanket making seminar for the benefit of Cape Fear Valley Health System. All projects will benefit the local community and enable students to learn to give back.

"Students who learn early to give back to their communities usually become active community members and make giving back a priority in their adult lives," said Langley.

In addition to the day-of events, more than 10 local community partners will be on-hand with sign-up sheets for interested students. The Cape Fear Botanical Garden, Cumberland Community Foundation, Cumberland County Department of Public Health, The Designing Station, Fayetteville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Fayetteville Urban Ministries, the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, Myrover-Reese Fellowship Homes and the Myrover-Reese Thrift Store, Pine Forest High School, St. Ann Neighborhood Youth Center, Child Advocacy Center, Cape Fear Regional Theater and Sustainable Sandhills will all have representatives present to meet with interested students and discuss various upcoming projects.

For more information, contact Suzanne Langley at 910.480.8474.

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**MU UPCOMING 2013-2014 CALENDAR EVENTS**

Date	Event	Details
<b>AUGUST</b>		
16-18	<b>New Student Orientation</b>	Contact: (910) 630-7155 or <a href="mailto:toharris@methodist.edu">toharris@methodist.edu</a>
19	<b>Classes begin</b>	
23	<b>Fall Convocation</b>	11:00 a.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
6	<b>The Lafayette Leadership Speaker Series presents “Leadership in the New Normal”</b>	11:00 a.m. Reeves Auditorium The Methodist University Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development and the Fayetteville Lafayette Society present Lieutenant General Russell Honore’ United States Army, Retired. This event is part of North Carolina’s annual Lafayette Birthday Celebration. Lt. Gen. Honore’ was dispatched by the President to lead New Orleans out of the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Known as the “Category 5 General,” Lt. Gen. Honore’ is a nationally renowned speaker on the preparedness and leadership necessary in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century. His commanding presence on stage combined with the timeliness of his message and his no-nonsense approach to it, make this a “don’t miss” event. Copies of his book <u>Leadership in the New Normal</u> will be available for purchase and signing. Free admission For more information contact Dr. Drew Ziegler at 910.630.7488 or <a href="mailto:Aziegler@methodist.edu">Aziegler@methodist.edu</a> .



<b>6</b>	<b>Methodist University Music Department Presents Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Trumpet Recital Dr. Larry Wells Contact: (910) 630-7602 or <a href="mailto:lwells@methodist.edu">lwells@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
<b>13</b>	<b>Foreign Film Festival</b>	7:00 p.m. Hendricks Science Complex, Room 122 <i>Les Dimanches de Ville d'Avray</i> "Sundays and Cybele" French with English subtitles Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>16</b>	<b>MBA Open House</b>	Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall 6:00 p.m. Free admission For more information contact Anne Way at 910.630.7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a>
<b>19</b>	<b><i>Driven By the Heart</i> Art Exhibition</b>	David McCune International Gallery in the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Art 6:30 p.m. Opening Reception Opening reception for <i>Driven By the Heart</i> by Lisa Stroud September 19 <sup>th</sup> through October 17 <sup>th</sup> Free admission Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday: 12 - 4 p.m. Contact: (910) 425-5379 or <a href="mailto:sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org">sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org</a>
<b>19</b>	<b>Recovery Addiction Festival</b>	5:00 p.m. Bell tower on the Quad Free admission For more information contact Darlene Hopkins at 910.630.7150 or <a href="mailto:dhopkins@methodist.edu">dhopkins@methodist.edu</a>
<b>20</b>	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>	TBA 7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Free admission
<b>27</b>	<b>Foreign Film Festival</b>	7 p.m. Hendricks Science Complex, Room 122 <i>Il giardino dei Finzi-Contini</i> "The Gardens of the Finzi-Contini" Italian with English subtitles Free admission Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a>
<b>28</b>	<b>5K at MU</b>	Warrior Angels Battle Buddy Boogie to benefit Breast Cancer Patients at Womack Army Medical Center

		For more information go to <a href="http://www.warriorangels.org/events">www.warriorangels.org/events</a> Start at Reeves
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
7	<b>MBA Open House</b>	Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Anne Way at 910.630.7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
8	<b>Friends of Music Concert Event</b>	TBA 7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Free admission Contact: (910) 630-7100
10	<b>Book signing and Presentation</b>	Book signing at 3:30-5 p.m. by C.J. Lyons in Berns Student Center, and presentation at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall. Free admission
17	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission For more information please contact Dr. Wells at 910.630.7602 or <a href="mailto:lwells@methodist.edu">lwells@methodist.edu</a>
17	<b>PA Program White Coat Ceremony</b>	6:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7615 or <a href="mailto:jmish@methodist.edu">jmish@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
18	<b>Foreign Film Festival</b>	<i>Mar adentro</i> "The Sea Inside" Spanish with English subtitles 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
19	<b>Methodist University Choral Festival</b>	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7153 or <a href="mailto:mmartin@methodist.edu">mmartin@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free Free admission
22	<b>Methodist University Jazz Monarchs Ensemble</b>	7:30 p.m. Free admission 7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7673 or <a href="mailto:dmcccloud@methodist.edu">dmcccloud@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
24	<b>Gallery Show</b>	"Igneous Expressions," glass art show

	<b>Opening</b>	<p>Opening reception, 6:30 p.m. David McCune International Art Gallery, with show running through Dec. 12</p> <p>Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday: 12 - 4 p.m. Contact: (910) 425-5379 or <a href="mailto:sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org">sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org</a> Admission is free</p>
<b>25</b>	<b>Friends of Music Concert Event</b>	<p>MU Faculty Recital 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7153 or <a href="mailto:mmartin@methodist.edu">mmartin@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free</p>
<b>25-26</b>	<b>Methodist University Homecoming &amp; Family Weekend</b>	<p>Homecoming: Contact: (910) 630-7167 or <a href="mailto:lwike@methodist.edu">lwike@methodist.edu</a></p> <p>Family Weekend: Contact: (910) 630-7404 or <a href="mailto:heherring@methodist.edu">heherring@methodist.edu</a></p> <p>25<sup>th</sup>: HALL OF FAME Athletic Induction Ceremony and Dinner 7:30 p.m. Riddle Center Tickets: \$25 For more information contact Bob McEvoy at 910.6307182 or <a href="mailto:mcevoy@methodist.edu">mcevoy@methodist.edu</a></p>
<b>27</b>	<b>Matt Nathanson in concert</b>	<p><b>Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts 8 p.m.,</b> <b>Riddle Center</b> Contact: (910) 630-7022 or <a href="mailto:dmunoz@methodist.edu">dmunoz@methodist.edu</a> <a href="#">More Information &amp; Tickets</a></p>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>  <b>and</b>  <b>Foreign Film Festival</b>	<p>7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Tom Scott Jazz Piano Recital Free admission</p> <p>and</p> <p><i>El secreto en sus ojos</i> "The Secret in Their Eyes" Spanish with English subtitles 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Free admission</p>
<b>4</b>		MBA Open House, 6 p.m., Yarborough Auditorium

		6:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall Contact: (910) 630-7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> <a href="#">More Information</a> Admission is free
15	<b>Foreign Film Festival</b>	<i>Jodái-e Náder az Simin</i> "The Separation" Arabic with English subtitles 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
20	<b>Wesley Heritage Celebration</b>	11:00 a.m. Hensdale Chapel Program TBA Contact: (910) 630-7157 or <a href="mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu">dlwilson@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
20	<b>"Pangea" International Show</b>	8:00 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7049 or <a href="mailto:internationalprograms@methodist.edu">internationalprograms@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
22	<b>Methodist University All-Choirs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free Admission Contact: (910) 630-7153 or <a href="mailto:mmartin@methodist.edu">mmartin@methodist.edu</a>
24	<b>MU Jazz Monarchs &amp; Concert Band Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7673 or <a href="mailto:dmcccloud@methodist.edu">dmcccloud@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
1	<b>Moravian Love Feast</b>	7:00 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Free Admission Contact: (910) 630-7157 or <a href="mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu">dlwilson@methodist.edu</a>
5	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band concert directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free Admission <b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band Concert</b> 7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Contact: (910) 630-7602 or <a href="mailto:lwells@methodist.edu">lwells@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
6 & 7	<b>Methodist University</b>	Save the date: 7:30 p.m.

	<b>presents the Third Annual Yuletide Feaste</b>	Hay St. United Methodist Church By ticket only. More information to follow.
<b>14</b>	<b>Methodist University Commencement</b>	10:30 a.m. Reeves Auditorium Baccalaureate ceremony Contact: (910) 630-7157 or <a href="mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu">dlwilson@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free  2:00 p.m. Riddle Center Graduation 2:00 p.m. March F. Riddle Center Contact: (910) 630-7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>JANUARY 2014</b>		
<b>24</b>	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Free admission John Holt Guitar Recital
<b>FEBRUARY 2014</b>		
<b>18</b>	<b>Methodist University Faculty Recital</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Free admission (TENTATIVE DATE)
<b>25</b>	<b>Methodist University Concert Band and Methodist University Jazz Monarchs directed by Methodist University's Mr. Charles Dumas</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission
<b>MARCH 2014</b>		
<b>20</b>	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission

21	<b>Methodist University Jazz Festival</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission
22	<b>Methodist University Jazz Festival</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission
28	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Free admission Sarah Busman Flute Recital
<b>APRIL</b>		
5	<b>Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium The Spring Festival Chorus returns to the stage with the symphony for a performance of Bruckner's <i>Te Deum</i> . The program also includes Berlioz's <i>Le Corsaire Overture</i> and will culminate with Brahms' <i>Symphony No. 2</i>
12	<b>Cape Fear New Music Festival</b>	See <a href="http://capefearnewmusic.com">capefearnewmusic.com</a> for more information
24	<b>Methodist University Concert Band and Methodist University Jazz Monarchs directed by Methodist University's Mr. Charles Dumas</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission
25	<b>Methodist University All-Choirs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free admission
<b>MAY</b>		
1	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m. Reeves Auditorium Free Admission
10	<b>Methodist University Commencement</b>	10:30 a.m. Reeves Auditorium Baccalaureate ceremony 2:00 p.m. Riddle Center Graduation





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**MU TO HOST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY**



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"Representatives from community agencies will be on hand to meet with students and offer opportunities for them to connect with their agencies and volunteer their services during the 2013 and 2014 semesters," said Suzanne Langley, MU Journey coordinator. "There will also be events that the students can participate in on that day."

The Red Cross Blood Mobile station will be set up in front of Weaver Hall for students who wish to donate blood on the day of the event. Students in Cumberland Hall will assemble rape kits for the Rape Crisis Center, and Sanford Hall will host a blanket making seminar for the benefit of Cape Fear Valley Health System. All projects will benefit the local community and enable students to learn to give back.

"Students who learn early to give back to their communities usually become active community members and make giving back a priority in their adult lives," said Langley.

In addition to the day-of events, more than 10 local community partners will be on-hand with sign-up sheets for interested students. The Cape Fear Botanical Garden, Cumberland Community Foundation, Cumberland County Department of Public Health, The Designing Station, Fayetteville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Fayetteville Urban Ministries, the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, Myrover-Reese Fellowship Homes and the Myrover-Reese Thrift Store, Pine Forest High School, St. Ann Neighborhood Youth Center, Child Advocacy Center, Cape Fear Regional Theater and Sustainable Sandhills will all have representatives present to meet with interested students and discuss various upcoming projects.

For more information, contact Suzanne Langley at 910.480.8474.



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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. 19. Many events in the areas of the arts, family entertainment, and speaking engagements are open to the community.

**University Events and Lectures**

**August 23** – Fall Convocation will take place in Reeves Auditorium at 11 a.m. The University holds the convocation assembly once a semester in the fall and spring. University President Ben E. Hancock Jr. will address the Methodist University community – students, faculty, staff, trustees, friends and supporters of the University.

**August 24** – Community Engagement Day will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon in the residence halls of Garber, Weaver, Cumberland and Sanford. Designed to help promote community involvement and strengthen the university's presence in the greater community, the Community Engagement Day will give First Year Students (FYS) the opportunity to sign up for community projects that will take place during the Fall 2013 or Spring 2014 semesters. Local community partners will be on-hand with sign-up sheets for interested students. For more information, contact Suzanne Langley at 910.480.8474.

**September 6** – The Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development presents the Lafayette Leadership Speaker Series featuring Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré, U.S. Army, Ret., former Commander, Joint Task Force Katrina. He will present "Leadership in the New Normal." The lecture will begin at 11 a.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Contact Dr. Andrew Ziegler for more information at 910. 630.7488 or [aziegler@methodist.edu](mailto:aziegler@methodist.edu).

**August 19, September 16, October 7, November 4** – The Professional MBA program at Methodist University will host a monthly open house for those interested in learning more about the program on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall, at Methodist University. Methodist University offers MBA classes with a focus on

organizational management and leadership each fall, and a focus on health care administration each spring. Contact Ann Way at 910.630.7493 for more information.

**September 19 - October 17** – David McCune International Art Gallery presents "Driven by the Heart" art exhibition by featured artist Lisa Stroud at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. The exhibit runs Sept. 19-Oct. 17. Contact Silvana Foti at 910.425.5379 or visit [davidmccunegallery.org](http://davidmccunegallery.org).

**There will be an opening reception at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 19.** Admission is free.

**September 19** – Business Succession Forum Network luncheon, 11 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn. Contact Marty V. Cayton, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE), at 910.630.7642 for more information.

**October 10** – Author C.J. Lyons will hold a book signing from 3:30-5 p.m. in Berns Student Center, with a presentation at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium. This event is sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Justice Administration and the Criminal Justice/Forensic Science Association. For more information, contact Dave Pauly at [dpaul@methodist.edu](mailto:dpaul@methodist.edu).

**October 24** – David McCune International Art Gallery presents "Igneous Expressions" glass art show at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. The exhibit runs Oct. 24-Dec. 12. Contact Silvana Foti at (910) 425-5379 or visit [davidmccunegallery.org](http://davidmccunegallery.org). **There will be an opening reception at 6:30 p.m Oct. 24.** Admission is free.

**October 25-26** – Join the Methodist University family as we celebrate Homecoming and Family Weekend 2013. Saturday opens with a 5K/Fun Run on campus in the morning, the Alumni Awards Ceremony honoring Distinguished Alumni at 10 a.m. in Yarborough Hall, "Lunch on the Green" by Carrabba's Italian Grill (Mark Moses '97, proprietor), and Monarch athletes competing on the gridiron, soccer field, and volleyball court throughout the afternoon. Saturday night, the MU Alumni Association will host a party featuring Fayetteville's up-and-coming favorite band, 80's Unplugged, in the Banquet Room at the Crown Center. For tickets and more information, contact Lauren Wike in the Office of Alumni Affairs, Methodist University, at 910.630.7167 or visit [methodist.edu/alumni](http://methodist.edu/alumni).

**October 27** – Methodist University's Office of Campus Life presents Matt Nathanson in concert on Sunday, Oct. 27 in the March F. Riddle Center. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Matt Nathanson is an American singer-songwriter whose work is a blend of folk and rock music. For more information, contact Doris Munoz at 910.630.7022.

**November 14-17** – Department of Theatre presents, “*Works In Progress @ MU: The Workshop*” 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Huff Concert Hall in Reeves Fine Arts Building. The Workshop will feature a series of new works by MU students and recent alums. The November event will produce these works in "bare bones" performances similar to student directing projects, with the goal of getting audience responses for further revisions and rewrites. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact [ebridens@methodist.edu](mailto:ebridens@methodist.edu) or 910.630.7104.

Note: This production replaces the previously scheduled *Richard III Rehearsed*.

**November 20** – The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Pangea show will start at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Pangea is a multicultural showcase of student performances presented by the International Club. For more information, contact [fmalissen@methodist.edu](mailto:fmalissen@methodist.edu).

**November 20** – The annual Wesley Heritage Day celebration will begin at 11 a.m. in Hensdale Chapel. For more information, call 910.630.7062.

**December 1** – The annual Moravian Love Feast will take place at 7 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. For more information, call 910.630.7062.

**December 14** – Methodist University will hold its 41<sup>st</sup> annual Winter Commencement Ceremony Saturday, Dec. 14, 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. Tickets are required.

## **Foreign Film Festival**

The Department of Modern Languages and Literature sponsors showings of classic foreign language films with English subtitles for the viewing pleasure of the community. All films start at 7 p.m. in the Hendricks Science Complex, Room 122 and are free and open to the public. For more information, call 910.630.7058 or visit [methodist.edu/fl](http://methodist.edu/fl).

**September 13** – Foreign Film Festival: “*Les Dimanches de Ville d’Avray*” (“Sundays and Cybele”) Introduction by Dr. Felicia Malissen.

**September 27** – Foreign Film Festival: “*Il giardino dei Finzi-Contini*” (“The Gardens of the Finzi-Contini”) Introduction by Dr. Cristina Francescon.

**October 18** – Foreign Film Festival: “*Mar adentro*” (“The Sea Inside”) Introduction by Dr. Jennifer Williams.

**November 1** – Foreign Film Festival: “*El secreto en sus ojos*” (“The Secret in Their Eyes”) Introduction by Dr. Cristina Francescon.

**November 1** – Foreign Film Festival: “*Jodái-e Náder az Simin*” (“The Separation”) Introduction by Dr. Cristina Francescon.

## **Music**

Methodist University's Department of Music presents the following performances. For more information, call 910. 630.7100 or visit [methodist.edu/music](http://methodist.edu/music).

**September 6** – Trumpet Recital: Dr. Larry Wells, 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel

**September 20** – Friends of Music at Methodist and the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County present Guest Artist Series: Robert Williams, Baritone, Recital, 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel

**October 17** – Fayetteville Symphonic Band, 7:30 p.m., Reeves Auditorium

**October 22** – MU Jazz Monarchs, 7:30 p.m., Reeves Auditorium

**October 25** – MU Faculty Recital, 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel

**October 27** – Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra - *Symphonic Spooktacular Returns*, 4 p.m., Reeves Auditorium. Family friendly concert featuring Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Superman, and other well-known favorites.

**November 1** – Friends of Music at Methodist and the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County present Guest Artist Series: Tommy Scott, Jazz Piano Recital, 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel

**November 22** – All Choirs Concert, 7:30 p.m., Reeves Auditorium

**November 24** – MU Jazz and Concert Band, 3 p.m., Reeves Auditorium

**December 5** – Fayetteville Symphonic Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Reeves Auditorium

**December 6 & 7** – The third 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. For more information, contact Dr. Michael Martin at 910.630.7153.

## **Monarch Athletics**

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, and \$4 for adults and children over 6. For a complete list of athletic activities, visit [www.mumonarchs.com](http://www.mumonarchs.com).

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For more information on any of these events, call 910.630.7062.

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The Cape Fear Valley Health System's Blood Mobile will be set up in front of Sanford Dorm for students who wish to donate blood on the day of the event. Students in Cumberland Hall will create cards and crafts for area pediatric wards. Weaver and Garber dorms will host more than 20 community partners with display booths and project sign-up sheets.

We are also excited that the American Red Cross will be on campus in part to help establish the "Methodist University Red Cross Club".

For more information, contact Dr. Mark Kendrick, Director, Center for Community Engagement @ 910.480.8474.

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## Dr. Rakesh Gupta Joins Methodist University Board of Trustees

**Fayetteville, NC** -- The Methodist University Board of Trustees recently welcomed a new member, Dr. Rakesh Gupta. A resident of Fayetteville, Dr. Gupta is originally from India. Since 1990, he worked as a gastroenterologist at Cape Fear Center for Digestive Diseases.

Dr. Gupta is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine/Gastroenterology, a fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology, and a member of the American Gastroenterological Association.

Dr. Gupta is married to Dr. Vinita Gupta, a pediatrician at Womack Medical Center. They have a son, Amit Gupta, who is currently a student at the UNC School of Medicine.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOST OPENING CONVOCATION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University’s opening convocation will be Friday, August 23, 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.

Freshman students will begin their “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.

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**LINDA AND RALPH HUFF DONATE \$1.5 MILLION TO  
METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO RENOVATE AUDITORIUM**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—Methodist University President Ben E. Hancock Jr. announced at opening convocation on Friday, Aug. 23, that Linda and Ralph Huff would be donating \$1.5 million to renovate the auditorium in the John M. Reeves Fine Arts Building. The auditorium part of the building will now be known as the Linda and Ralph Huff Concert Hall.

Dr. Hancock praised the Huffs for helping the university take bold steps forward with the Master Plan, which calls for transforming the campus, including the Reeves Fine Arts Building and its auditorium.

"The new Linda and Ralph Huff Concert Hall will provide a state-of-the-art facility to benefit future generations of students and thousands of community members," said Dr. Hancock. "Most important, it will help make the performing arts available to everyone in the community."

Linda Baker Huff graduated from Methodist University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts in music and went on to teach music in Hoke and Cumberland County schools for 15 years. Ralph Huff graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1972. He spent his life working as a realtor and developer. Linda and Ralph own Coldwell Banker United Realty and H&H Homes in Fayetteville. They are leaders the local business and philanthropic communities.

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## **David McCune International Art Gallery Presents "Driven by the Heart" Art Exhibition**

**Fayetteville, NC** – The David McCune International Art Gallery presents "Driven by the Heart" art exhibition by featured artist Lisa Stroud at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. There will be an opening reception at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 19. The exhibit runs through Oct. 17.

### **About the Artist - Lisa Stroud**

Lisa Stroud has an extensive background in journalism as a freelance writer and for the *Raleigh Times* as a features writer. This experience heavily influences her mixed media paintings. She is always looking for "the story" – whether hers or someone else's – she will tell with paint on canvas. Some of her paintings start with words on the canvas, which a sharp-eyed viewer can sometimes make out in the finished works.

Stroud started painting eight years ago as a way to relieve the stress of caring for her aging mother, who suffered from dementia. Finding herself unable to write, she yearned for another creative outlet.

"I've enjoyed every stop along my pathway. But, for me, the passion is painting. The joy of telling my stories on canvas," said Lisa Stroud.

One of her paintings, "Honor, By Any Measure," was the first piece of abstract art collected by the National Museum of the Marine Corps. It now hangs in their permanent collection. She was proclaimed Best in Show in the 54th National Juried Art Show at the Maria V. Howard Arts Center in Rocky Mount, N.C., and the winning piece remains in its permanent collection. Her works have hung in both local and national exhibitions and she was a finalist in the 2010 Artist's Magazine annual competition. She was also honored when her work was selected for the 2011 Artspace Three-Person Curated Biennial "Marked."

### **The David McCune International Art Gallery**

The David McCune International Art Gallery is located at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. The Gallery coordinates exhibitions of art by student, regional, national, and international artists, educating students and the public through a diverse representation of fine art.

The gallery is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday noon to 4 p.m. Admission to the gallery is free.

For more information, contact Silvana Foti, Gallery Director at 910.425.5379 or visit [davidmccunegallery.org](http://davidmccunegallery.org).

<http://www.lisastroudartist.com/>

<http://www.methodist.edu/art/bethune.htm>

**October 24** – David McCune International Art Gallery presents "Igneous Expressions" glass art show at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. The exhibit runs Oct. 24-Dec. 12. **There will be an opening reception at 6:30 p.m Oct. 24.** Admission is free.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY SEPTEMBER EVENTS  
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The fall semester well underway at Methodist University. Many events in the areas of the arts, family entertainment, and speaking engagements are open to the community.

**University Events and Lectures**

**September 6** – The Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development presents the Lafayette Leadership Speaker Series featuring Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré, U.S. Army, Ret., former Commander, Joint Task Force Katrina. He will present “Leadership in the New Normal.” The lecture will begin at 11 a.m. in Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building. Contact Dr. Andrew Ziegler for more information at 910. 630.7488 or [aziegler@methodist.edu](mailto:aziegler@methodist.edu).

**September 16 and October 7** – The Professional MBA program at Methodist University will host a monthly open house for those interested in learning more about the program on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall, at Methodist University. Methodist University offers MBA classes with a focus on organizational management and leadership each fall, and a focus on health care administration each spring. Contact Ann Way at 910.630.7493 for more information.

**September 19 - October 17** – David McCune International Art Gallery presents "Driven by the Heart" art exhibition by featured artist Lisa Stroud at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. The exhibit runs Sept. 19-Oct. 17. Contact Silvana Foti at 910.425.5379 or visit [davidmccunegallery.org](http://davidmccunegallery.org).

**There will be an opening reception at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 19.** Admission is free.

**September 19** – Business Succession Forum Network luncheon, 11 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn. Contact Marty V. Cayton, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE), at 910. 630.7642 for more information.

**October 10** – Author C.J. Lyons will hold a book signing from 3:30-5 p.m. in Berns Student Center, with a presentation at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium. This event is sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Justice Administration and the Criminal Justice/Forensic Science Association. For more information, contact Dave Pauly at [dpaul@methodist.edu](mailto:dpaul@methodist.edu).

**October 24** – David McCune International Art Gallery presents "Igneous Expressions" glass art show at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. The exhibit runs Oct. 24-Dec. 12. Contact Silvana Foti at (910) 425-5379 or visit [davidmccunegallery.org](http://davidmccunegallery.org). **There will be an opening reception at 6:30 p.m Oct. 24.** Admission is free.

**October 25-26** – Join the Methodist University family as we celebrate Homecoming and Family Weekend 2013. Saturday opens with a 5K/Fun Run on campus in the morning, the Alumni Awards Ceremony honoring Distinguished Alumni at 10 a.m. in Yarborough Hall, "Lunch on the Green" by Carrabba's Italian Grill (Mark Moses '97, proprietor), and Monarch athletes competing on the gridiron, soccer field, and volleyball court throughout the afternoon. Saturday night, the MU Alumni Association will host a party featuring Fayetteville's up-and-coming favorite band, 80's Unplugged, in the Banquet Room at the Crown Center. For tickets and more information, contact Lauren Wike in the Office of Alumni Affairs, Methodist University, at 910.630.7167 or visit [methodist.edu/alumni](http://methodist.edu/alumni).

**October 27** – Methodist University's Office of Campus Life presents Matt Nathanson in concert on Sunday, Oct. 27 in the March F. Riddle Center. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Matt Nathanson is an American singer-songwriter whose work is a blend of folk and rock music. For more information, contact Doris Munoz at 910.630.7022.

### **Foreign Film Festival**

The Department of Modern Languages and Literature sponsors showings of classic foreign language films with English subtitles for the viewing pleasure of the community. All films start at 7 p.m. in the Hendricks Science Complex, Room 122 and are free and open to the public. For more information, call 910.630.7058 or visit [methodist.edu/fl](http://methodist.edu/fl).

**September 13** – Foreign Film Festival: "*Les Dimanches de Ville d'Avray*" ("Sundays and Cybele") Introduction by Dr. Felicia Malissen.

**September 27** – Foreign Film Festival: "*Il giardino dei Finzi-Contini*" ("The Gardens of the Finzi-Contini") Introduction by Dr. Cristina Francescon.

**October 18** – Foreign Film Festival: "*Mar adentro*" ("The Sea Inside ") Introduction by Dr. Jennifer Williams.

## **Music**

Methodist University's Department of Music presents the following performances. For more information, call 910. 630.7100 or visit [methodist.edu/music](http://methodist.edu/music).

**September 6** – Trumpet Recital: Dr. Larry Wells, 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel

**September 20** – Friends of Music at Methodist and the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County present Guest Artist Series: Robert Williams, Baritone, Recital, 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel

**October 17** – Fayetteville Symphonic Band, 7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building

**October 22** – MU Jazz Monarchs, 7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building

**October 25** – MU Faculty Recital, 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel

**October 27** – Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra - *Symphonic Spooktacular Returns*, 4 p.m., Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building. Family friendly concert featuring Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Superman, and other well-known favorites.

For more information on any of these events, call 910.630.7062.

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## **2nd Annual Recovery from Addiction Festival**

Methodist University's Center for Personal Development  
and Campus Ministry  
present  
the 2nd Annual Recovery from Addiction Festival  
on Thursday, September 19  
from 5 to 8 p.m.  
at the Quad at Methodist University

*Celebrate the possibility of recovery from addictions!*

The event will feature free food, live music, giveaways, art and poetry displays, performances, and guest speakers.

For more information or to participate, contact:  
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## CFE ANNOUNCES ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF DR. SID GAUTAM

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – The Reeves School of Business' Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) at Methodist University announces a new endowed scholarship for students majoring in entrepreneurship, which is a new major that started this fall.

“I am very pleased to announce that, thanks to the vision of this board to start an undergraduate degree in entrepreneurship, and the leadership and generosity of Mr. Bob Dunn, we now have an endowed scholarship in entrepreneurship,” said CFE Director Marty Cayton. “The scholarship also honors CFE founder Dr. Sid Gautam, whose ideas, business acumen, entrepreneurial spirit, and more than 40 years of engaged service to the Cape Fear region and Methodist University enabled local entrepreneurs and business people to prosper, alumni to succeed, and small businesses in the Fayetteville community to flourish.”

The Dr. Sid Gautam Scholarship for Entrepreneurs will provide a \$3,000 renewable scholarship to at least one student beginning next fall. The naming of the scholarship was a surprise for Gautam, who learned about the honor when it was announced at the board's luncheon meeting Sept. 11 at Highland Country Club.

Dr. Sudhaker “Sid” Gautam, who joined the Methodist College faculty in the fall of 1968 as an associate professor of economics and business, became full-time director of the Methodist College Center for Entrepreneurship in 1999, where he served until his retirement in June 2012.

“I remember an old saying ‘Good deeds are always rewarded.’ For a successful teacher, there is no greater tribute than the expression of gratitude and admiration from a student. Teachers are the greatest asset any country can have,” said Gautam. “The mighty Lord blessed me with special opportunities to touch the lives of thousands of His students. Bob Dunn was a creative and highly intelligent student. We have become lifelong friends.”

A gift of \$300,000 by Robert R. Dunn '70 of Charlotte provided the seed funding for the scholarship. Additional gifts have been received bringing the total to \$330,000.

Dunn, who is president and co-founder of The Finley Group, a successful crisis management firm based in Charlotte, and nationally recognized as specialists in business restructuring. Dunn earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business and economics from Methodist and was awarded the Business and Economics Award in 2002 by the CFE. His two daughters have followed in his footsteps; Dianne, who is a 2001 graduate and a paralegal with Hutchens, Senter, Kellam, & Pettit in Charlotte; and Leslie, a 2005 graduate, who is with Financial Independence Group and was winner of the CFE Business and Economics Awards in 2010. Dunn is very involved with the CFE and serves on its advisory board. He has also been a strong supporter of MU's Legal Studies Program, providing financial support to assist in the program becoming accredited.

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**MU HOSTS OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS IN THE SPRING FOR THE  
PROFESSIONAL MBA PROGRAM AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

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

- **Monday, September 16, 2013**
- **Monday, October 7, 2013**
- **Monday, November 4, 2013**

The face-to-face Open House format will give prospective students the opportunity to ask questions, apply to the spring semester, and schedule a tour of the campus. The MBA focus is in either organizational management and leadership (each fall) or health care administration (each spring). The 12-13 course program blends online coursework with two weekend class sessions per eight-week term. The Professional MBA program at Methodist University is designed to allow students to continue their full-time careers while earning their degree in less than 18 months.

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**MU UPCOMING 2013-2014 CALENDAR EVENTS**

Date	Event	Details
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
19	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MU Recovery Festival</b>	Noon to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Belltower Quad Admission is free For more information contact (910) 630.7150 or <a href="mailto:dcordero@methodist.edu">dcordero@methodist.edu</a>
19	<i>Driven By the Heart</i> by Lisa Stroud Art Exhibition	David McCune International Gallery William F. Bethune Center for Visual Art 6:30 p.m. Opening Reception Exhibit runs through October 17 <sup>th</sup> Free admission Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday: 12 - 4 p.m. Contact: (910) 425-5379 or <a href="mailto:sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org">sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org</a>
20	<b>Water Harvesting Workshop</b>	Hosted by the NC Cooperative Extension 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free but registration is required. To register go to: <a href="http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/workshops/rg_h2oharvest.php">http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/workshops/rg_h2oharvest.php</a>
20	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music and the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County Guest Artist Series</b>	Featuring Robert Williams, baritone 7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:lvolman@methodist.edu">lvolman@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
21	<b>Methodist University Athletics</b>	Monarch Stadium Kickoff at 1:00 p.m. Monarchs vs. Guilford College

	<b>Department Hosts Military Appreciation Day</b>	Free admission to all active duty service members/veterans and their families with appropriate ID. Veterans and service members will be recognized at half time. For more information or to RSVP contact Coach Tameka Delmar at <a href="mailto:tdelmar@methodist.edu">tdelmar@methodist.edu</a> or 910.630.7154.
27	<b>MU Foreign Film Festival</b>	7 p.m. Hendricks Science Complex, Room 122 <i>Il giardino dei Finzi-Contini</i> "The Gardens of the Finzi-Contini" Italian with English subtitles Free admission Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a>
28	<b>5K at MU</b>	Warrior Angels Battle Buddy Boogie to benefit Breast Cancer Patients at Womack Army Medical Center For more information go to <a href="http://www.warriorangels.org/events">www.warriorangels.org/events</a> Start at Reeves Building
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
7	<b>MBA Open House</b>	Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Anne Way at 910.630.7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
8	<b>MU Friends of Music Concert Event</b>	TBA 7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Free admission Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:lvolman@methodist.edu">lvolman@methodist.edu</a>
10	<b>C.J. Lyons Book Signing and Presentation</b>	Book signing at 3:30-5 p.m. by author C.J. Lyons in Berns Student Center. Presentation at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall. Free admission Presented by the Center for Excellence in Justice Administration <b>Caution: This presentation will include graphic details of child abuse and neglect</b> Contact: (910) 630-7420 or <a href="mailto:dpauly@methodist.edu">dpauly@methodist.edu</a>
17	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Free admission For more information please contact Dr. Wells at 910.630.7602 or <a href="mailto:lwells@methodist.edu">lwells@methodist.edu</a>
17	<b>MU PA Program White Coat Ceremony</b>	6:00 p.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Contact: (910) 630-7615 or <a href="mailto:jmish@methodist.edu">jmish@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
18	<b>MU Foreign</b>	<i>Mar adentro</i>

	<b>Film Festival</b>	"The Sea Inside" Spanish with English subtitles 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>19</b>	<b>Methodist University Choral Festival</b>	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Contact: (910) 630-7153 or <a href="mailto:mmartin@methodist.edu">mmartin@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free Free admission
<b>22</b>	<b>Methodist University Jazz Monarchs Ensemble Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Free admission 7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7673 or <a href="mailto:dmcccloud@methodist.edu">dmcccloud@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>24</b>	<b>Gallery Show Opening</b>	"Igneous Expressions" Glass Art Show Opening reception, 6:30 p.m. David McCune International Art Gallery William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts Exhibit runs October 24 <sup>th</sup> - December 12 <sup>th</sup> Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday: 12 - 4 p.m. Contact: (910) 425-5379 or <a href="mailto:sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org">sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org</a> Admission is free
<b>25</b>	<b>Friends of Music Concert Event</b>	MU Faculty Recital 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7153 or <a href="mailto:mmartin@methodist.edu">mmartin@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>25-26</b>	<b>Methodist University Homecoming &amp; Parent Weekend</b>	Homecoming: Contact: (910) 630-7167 or <a href="mailto:lwike@methodist.edu">lwike@methodist.edu</a>  Parent Weekend: Contact: (910) 630-7404 or <a href="mailto:heherring@methodist.edu">heherring@methodist.edu</a>  25 <sup>th</sup> : HALL OF FAME Athletic Induction Ceremony and Dinner 7:30 p.m. Riddle Center Tickets: \$25 For more information contact Bob McEvoy at 910.630.7182 or <a href="mailto:mcevoy@methodist.edu">mcevoy@methodist.edu</a>
<b>27</b>	<b>Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra</b>	"Symphonic Spooktacular Returns" featuring score from <i>Star Wars</i> , <i>Lord of the Rings</i> , and <i>Superman</i> , among others. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium))

	<b>Concert</b>	4:00 p.m. Contact: (910) 433-4690 Admission is free with MU ID
<b>27</b>	<b>Matt Nathanson in concert</b>	Doors open at 7:00 p.m., show starts 8 p.m., Riddle Center Tickets \$20 Contact: (910) 630-7022 or <a href="mailto:dmunoz@methodist.edu">dmunoz@methodist.edu</a>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>  <b>and</b>  <b>Foreign Film Festival</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Tom Scott Jazz Piano Recital Free admission  and  <i>El secreto en sus ojos</i> "The Secret in Their Eyes" Spanish with English subtitles 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
<b>4</b>	<b>MBA Open House</b>	6:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium Clark Hall Contact: (910) 630-7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>15</b>	<b>Foreign Film Festival</b>	<i>Jodái-e Náder az Simin</i> "The Separation" Arabic with English subtitles 7:00 p.m. Hendricks 122 Contact: (910) 630-7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>20</b>	<b>Wesley Heritage Celebration</b>	11:00 a.m. Hensdale Chapel Program TBA Contact: (910) 630-7157 or <a href="mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu">dlwilson@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>20</b>	<b>"Pangea" International Show</b>	8:00 p.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Contact: (910) 630-7049 or <a href="mailto:internationalprograms@methodist.edu">internationalprograms@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>22</b>	<b>Methodist University All- Choirs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Free Admission Contact: (910) 630-7153 or <a href="mailto:mmartin@methodist.edu">mmartin@methodist.edu</a>

<b>24</b>	<b>MU Jazz Monarchs &amp; Concert Band Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7673 or <a href="mailto:dmcccloud@methodist.edu">dmcccloud@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Moravian Love Feast</b>	7:00 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Free Admission Contact: (910) 630-7157 or <a href="mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu">dlwilson@methodist.edu</a>
<b>5</b>	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band concert directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Free Admission Contact: (910) 630-7602 or <a href="mailto:lwells@methodist.edu">lwells@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>6 &amp; 7</b>	<b>Methodist University presents the Third Annual Yuletide Feaste</b>	Seating begins at 7:00 p.m. Hay Street United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall By ticket only. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$30 per person for groups of two or more. Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance. Contact (910) 630.7602 or <a href="mailto:lwells@methodist.edu">lwells@methodist.edu</a>
<b>14</b>	<b>Methodist University Baccalaureate and Commencement Ceremonies</b>	10:30 a.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Baccalaureate ceremony Contact: (910) 630-7157 or <a href="mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu">dlwilson@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free  2:00 p.m. Riddle Center Graduation 2:00 p.m. March F. Riddle Center Contact: (910) 630-7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a> Ticket required until 2:00 p.m. Admission is free
<b>JANUARY 2014</b>		
<b>24</b>	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Free admission John Holt Guitar Recital
<b>FEBRUARY 2014</b>		
<b>18</b>	<b>Methodist University</b>	7:30 p.m. Hensdale Chapel



	<b>Faculty Recital</b>	Free admission (TENTATIVE DATE)
25	<b>Methodist University Concert Band and Methodist University Jazz Monarchs directed by Methodist University's Mr. Charles Dumas</b>	7:30 p.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Free admission
<b>MARCH 2014</b>		
20	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Free admission
21	<b>Methodist University Jazz Festival</b>	7:30 p.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Free admission
22	<b>Methodist University Jazz Festival</b>	7:30 p.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Free admission
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<b>APRIL 2014</b>		
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12	<b>Cape Fear New Music Festival</b>	See <a href="http://capefearnewmusic.com">capefearnewmusic.com</a> for more information
24	<b>Methodist University Concert Band and Methodist University Jazz Monarchs</b>	7:30 p.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Free admission

	<b>directed by Methodist University's Mr. Charles Dumas</b>	
<b>25</b>	<b>Methodist University All- Choirs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Free admission
<b>MAY 2014</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Free Admission
<b>10</b>	<b>Methodist University Commencement</b>	10:30 a.m. Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Baccalaureate ceremony 2:00 p.m. Riddle Center Graduation



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**SUSAN SYKES TO SPEAK AT BUSINESS SUCCESSION  
FORUM NETWORK LUNCHEON SEPT. 19**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.** — The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) at Methodist University announces the first Business Succession Forum Network (BSFN) luncheon of the fall, Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. The event, which includes lunch, is free for BSFN members or \$25 for non-members.

The speaker will be Susan Sykes, president of Sales Matters, an authorized Sandler Training Center. Her presentation will be titled, “Growing Your Business Through People.”

Understanding people, effective communication and connecting and building trust are key elements in leading teams and growing lasting client relationships. Sykes will talk about identifying observable behavioral styles; understanding how to adjust to best communicate with others; and how to hire the “right people” for client acquisition and business development.

Sykes is a nationally recognized top sales performer for her ability to close multi-million dollar sales by companies such as Intergraph Computer Systems, Bentley Systems and ModernTech Corporation. She shares her first-hand experience in managing sales teams; hiring and developing sales personnel; growing revenue and market share; business acquisitions; and contract negotiation to help sales professionals and business leaders to reach their goals through practical, proven, and experience-based training and consulting programs.

Sandler Training is one of the largest global sales training organizations, with more than 200 U.S. offices. The company provides training and consulting solutions for Fortune 500 companies and small- to medium-sized business.

The CFE is also calling for award nominations for the 2013 Entrepreneur of the Year Award, Business Person of the Year Award, Greater Good Award, and Alumni Business Person of the Year. The deadline for nominations is Friday, Oct. 4, and the awards will be presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Outlook and Stock Market Symposium.

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**MU UPCOMING 2013-2014 CALENDAR EVENTS**

Date	Event	Details
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
19	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MU Recovery Festival</b>	Noon to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Belltower Quad Free admission For more information contact 910.630.7150, or <a href="mailto:dcordero@methodist.edu">dcordero@methodist.edu</a>
19	<b>Business Succession Forum Network Luncheon and Presentation</b>	Luncheon and presentation Speaker Susan Sykes is president of Sales Matters. She will be presenting on “Growing Your Business Through People.” 1:00 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn. For tickets Contact: Marty V. Cayton, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship, Reeves School of Business, at 910. 630.7642 or at <a href="mailto:mcayton@methodist.edu">mcayton@methodist.edu</a>
19	<b><i>Driven By the Heart</i> by Lisa Stroud, art exhibition</b>	David McCune International Gallery William F. Bethune Center for Visual Art 6:30 p.m. Opening Reception Exhibit runs through Oct. 17 Free admission Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday: noon - 4 p.m. Contact: 910.425.5379 or <a href="mailto:sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org">sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org</a>
20	<b>Water Harvesting Workshop</b>	Hosted by the NC Cooperative Extension 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission but registration is required. To register go to: <a href="http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/workshops/rg_h2oharvest.php">http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/workshops/rg_h2oharvest.php</a>
20	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music and the Arts Council of Fayetteville/ Cumberland County Guest Artist Series</b>	Featuring Robert Williams, baritone 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Contact: 910.630.7100 or <a href="mailto:lvolman@methodist.edu">lvolman@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
21	<b>Methodist University Athletics Department Hosts Military Appreciation Day</b>	Kickoff at 1 p.m., Monarch Stadium Monarchs vs. <b>Emory &amp; Henry</b> Free admission to all active duty service members/veterans and their families with appropriate ID. Veterans and service members will be recognized at half time. For more information or to RSVP, contact Coach Tameka Delmar at <a href="mailto:tdelmar@methodist.edu">tdelmar@methodist.edu</a> or 910.630.7154.

27	<b>MU Foreign Film Festival</b>	7 p.m., Hendricks Science Complex, Room 122 <i>Il giardino dei Finzi-Contini</i> "The Gardens of the Finzi-Contini" Italian with English subtitles Free admission Contact: 910.630.7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a>
28	<b>5K at MU</b>	Warrior Angels Battle Buddy Boogie to benefit breast cancer patients at Womack Army Medical Center For more information go to <a href="http://www.warriorangels.org/events">www.warriorangels.org/events</a> Starts at Reeves Building
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
7	<b>MBA Open House</b>	6 p.m., Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall For more information, contact Anne Way at 910.630.7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
10	<b>C.J. Lyons Book Signing for <u>BROKEN: Case Files of a Pediatric ER Doc</u> and Presentation</b>	Book signing at 3:30-5 p.m. by physician and Author C.J. Lyons in Berns Student Center. Presentation at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall. Free admission Presented by the Center for Excellence in Justice Administration <b>Caution: This presentation will include graphic details of child abuse and neglect</b> Contact: 910.630.7420 or <a href="mailto:dpauly@methodist.edu">dpauly@methodist.edu</a>
17	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission For more information, contact Dr. Wells at 910.630.7602 or <a href="mailto:lwells@methodist.edu">lwells@methodist.edu</a>
17	<b>MU PA Program White Coat Ceremony</b>	6:00 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Contact: 910.630.7615 or <a href="mailto:jmish@methodist.edu">jmish@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
18	<b>MU Foreign Film Festival</b>	<i>Mar adentro</i> "The Sea Inside" Spanish with English subtitles 7 p.m., Hendricks 122 Contact: 910.630.7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
19	<b>Methodist University Choral Festival</b>	8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building Contact: 910.630.7153 or <a href="mailto:mmartin@methodist.edu">mmartin@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
22	<b>Methodist University Jazz Monarchs Ensemble Concert</b>	7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Free admission Contact: 910.630.7673 or <a href="mailto:dmcccloud@methodist.edu">dmcccloud@methodist.edu</a>
24	<b>"Igneous Expressions" glass art invitational exhibit</b>	6:30 p.m., Opening reception David McCune International Art Gallery William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts Exhibit runs Oct. 24 – Dec. 12 Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday: noon - 4 p.m. Contact: 910.425.5379 or <a href="mailto:sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org">sfoti@davidmccunegallery.org</a> Free admission

25	<b>Friends of Music Concert Event</b>	MU Faculty Recital 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Contact: 910.630.7153 or <a href="mailto:mmartin@methodist.edu">mmartin@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
25-26	<b>Methodist University Homecoming &amp; Parents' Weekend</b>	Homecoming: Contact: 910.630.7167 or <a href="mailto:lwike@methodist.edu">lwike@methodist.edu</a>  Parents' Weekend: Contact: 910.630.7404 or <a href="mailto:heherring@methodist.edu">heherring@methodist.edu</a>  Oct. 25: HALL OF FAME Athletic induction ceremony and dinner 7:30 p.m., Riddle Center Tickets: \$25 For more information contact Bob McEvoy at 910.630.7182 or <a href="mailto:mcevoy@methodist.edu">mcevoy@methodist.edu</a>
27	<b>Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra Concert</b>	"Symphonic Spooktacular Returns" featuring score from <i>Star Wars</i> , <i>Lord of the Rings</i> , and <i>Superman</i> , among others. 4 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Contact: 910.433.4690 Free admission with MU ID
27	<b>Matt Nathanson in concert</b>	Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts 8 p.m., Riddle Center Tickets \$20 Contact: 910.630.7022 or <a href="mailto:dmunoz@methodist.edu">dmunoz@methodist.edu</a>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
1	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>  <b>and</b>  <b>Foreign Film Festival</b>	7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Tom Scott Jazz Piano Recital Free admission  and  <i>El secreto en sus ojos</i> "The Secret in Their Eyes" Spanish with English subtitles 7 p.m., Hendricks 122 Contact: 910.630.7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
4	<b>MBA Open House</b>	6 p.m., Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall Contact: 910.630.7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
14	<b>40<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Outlook &amp; Stock Market Symposium</b>	The Reeves School of Business and Center for Entrepreneurship presents this event. 6:30 p.m., Embassy Suites Speaker is Mark Zindler For tickets, visit <a href="http://www.methodist.edu/cfe/eos">www.methodist.edu/cfe/eos</a>
15	<b>Foreign Film Festival</b>	<i>Jodái-e Náder az Simin</i> "The Separation" Arabic with English subtitles 7 p.m., Hendricks 122 Contact: 910.630.7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Free admission

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## DECEMBER

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## JANUARY 2014

24	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>	John Holt Guitar Recital 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Free admission
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## FEBRUARY 2014

18	<b>Methodist University Faculty Recital</b>	7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Free admission
25	<b>Methodist University Concert Band and Methodist University Jazz Monarchs</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission

## MARCH 2014

20	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission
21	<b>Methodist University Jazz Festival</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission
22	<b>Methodist University Jazz Festival</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission
28	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>	7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Free admission Sarah Busman Flute Recital

## APRIL 2014

5	<b>Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building The Spring Festival Chorus returns to the stage with the symphony for a performance of Bruckner's <i>Te Deum</i> . The program also includes Berlioz's <i>Le Corsaire Overture</i> and will culminate with Brahms' <i>Symphony No. 2</i>
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24	<b>Methodist University Concert Band and Methodist University Jazz Monarchs</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission
25	<b>Methodist University All-Choirs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission

## MAY 2014

1	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission
10	<b>Methodist University Commencement</b>	Baccalaureate ceremony 10:30 a.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building  Graduation 2:00 p.m., Riddle Center





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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY FIGHTS BACK AGAINST HAZING**

**FAYETTEVILLE N.C.** – Members of the Methodist University community will participate in National Hazing Prevention Week on Sept. 22 – 26.

National Hazing Prevention Week is an opportunity for schools, communities and individuals to promote the prevention of hazing and encourages people to consider the problem of hazing on a daily basis. Methodist University Greek Life and athletes will participate in activities designed to specifically bring to light the issues surrounding hazing during the week.

“The Office of Campus Life is taking a strong, educational approach to teach our students about the dangers of hazing and hazing-related activities,” said Ryan Bowyer, assistant director of Campus Life. “Taking into consideration the fact that between 1970 and 2003, there was a hazing-related death on a college campus every year, we must not turn the other way when having difficult, yet educational, conversations about hazing.”

The week of festivities will begin with a kick-off cookout from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22. On Monday, Greek life students will wear signs over their shoulders all day with anti-hazing statements, and copies of the state law and school policies regarding hazing will be posted and distributed on campus. A luncheon in the Alumni Dining Room will center on the book, “Wrongs of Passage,” read by Greek life students, advisors and the Dean of Students. Tuesday evening, students will be given the opportunity to watch a documentary entitled, “Unless A Death Occurs,” in Hendricks 222 at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, students will host a National Hazing Awareness Day tribute, in which they will place gravestones in the middle of campus signifying all hazing-related deaths in the past year. The week will end with a special Greek Speak session on hazing from Todd Harris, associate dean of students. Harris will be utilizing texting technology in order to have an open and frank conversation regarding the perceptions of hazing with Methodist University students. All events are open to the campus community only, though media are welcome to attend.

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## **Matt Nathanson in Concert at Methodist University Oct. 27**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC** – Methodist University's Office of Campus Life presents Matt Nathanson in concert on Sunday, Oct. 27 in the March F. Riddle Center. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. Students are admitted free. General admission tickets are \$20. Student tickets and general admission tickets can be picked up or purchased at [www.methodist.edu](http://www.methodist.edu).

Matt Nathanson is an American singer-songwriter whose work is a blend of folk and rock music. For more information, contact Doris Munoz at 910.630.7022.

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

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The fall semester is well underway at Methodist University. Many events in the areas of the arts, family entertainment, and speaking engagements are open to the community.

**University Events and Lectures**

**October 7 and November 4** – The Professional MBA program at Methodist University will host a monthly open house for those interested in learning more about the program on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall, at Methodist University. Methodist University offers MBA classes with a focus on organizational management and leadership each fall, and a focus on health care administration each spring. Contact Ann Way at 910.630.7493 for more information.

**September 19 - October 17** – David McCune International Art Gallery presents "Driven by the Heart" art exhibition by featured artist Lisa Stroud at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. The exhibit runs Sept. 19-Oct. 17. Contact Silvana Foti at 910.425.5379 or visit davidmccunegallery.org.

**There will be an opening reception at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 19.** Admission is free.

**October 10** – Author C.J. Lyons will hold a book signing from 3:30-5 p.m. in Berns Student Center, with a presentation at 6 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium. This event is sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Justice Administration and the Criminal Justice/Forensic Science Association. For more information, contact Dave Pauly at dpaul@methodist.edu.

**October 24** – David McCune International Art Gallery presents "Igneous Expressions" glass art show at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. The exhibit runs Oct. 24-Dec. 12. Contact Silvana Foti at (910) 425-5379 or visit davidmccunegallery.org. **There will be an opening reception at 6:30 p.m Oct. 24.** Admission is free.

**October 25-26** – Join the Methodist University family as we celebrate Homecoming and Family Weekend 2013. Saturday opens with a 5K/Fun Run on campus in the morning, the Alumni Awards Ceremony honoring Distinguished Alumni at 10 a.m. in Yarborough Hall, “Lunch on the Green” by Carrabba’s Italian Grill (Mark Moses ’97, proprietor), and Monarch athletes competing on the gridiron, soccer field, and volleyball court throughout the afternoon. Saturday night, the MU Alumni Association will host a party featuring Fayetteville’s up-and-coming favorite band, 80’s Unplugged, in the Banquet Room at the Crown Center. For tickets and more information, contact Lauren Wike in the Office of Alumni Affairs, Methodist University, at 910.630.7167 or visit [methodist.edu/alumni](http://methodist.edu/alumni).

**October 27** – Methodist University’s Office of Campus Life presents Matt Nathanson in concert on Sunday, Oct. 27 in the March F. Riddle Center. Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Matt Nathanson is an American singer-songwriter whose work is a blend of folk and rock music. For more information, contact Doris Munoz at 910.630.7022 or [dmunoz@methodist.edu](mailto:dmunoz@methodist.edu).

**November 14-17** – Department of Theatre presents, “*Works In Progress @ MU: The Workshop*” 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Huff Concert Hall in Reeves Fine Arts Building. The Workshop will feature a series of new works by MU students and recent alums. The November event will produce these works in "bare bones" performances similar to student directing projects, with the goal of getting audience responses for further revisions and rewrites. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact [ebriens@methodist.edu](mailto:ebriens@methodist.edu) or 910.630.7104.

Note: This production of “*Works In Progress @ MU: The Workshop*” replaces the previously scheduled *Richard III Rehearsed*.

**November 20** – The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Pangea show will start at 8 p.m. in Reeves Auditorium. Pangea is a multicultural showcase of student performances presented by the International Club. For more information, contact [fmalissen@methodist.edu](mailto:fmalissen@methodist.edu).

**November 20** – The annual Wesley Heritage Day celebration will begin at 11 a.m. in Hensdale Chapel. For more information, call 910.630.7062.

**December 1** – The annual Moravian Love Feast will take place at 7 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. For more information, call 910.630.7062.

**December 14** – Methodist University will hold its 41<sup>st</sup> annual Winter Commencement Ceremony Saturday, Dec. 14, 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. Tickets are required.

## Foreign Film Festival

The Department of Modern Languages and Literature sponsors showings of classic foreign language films with English subtitles for the viewing pleasure of the community. All films start at 7 p.m. in the Hendricks Science Complex, Room 122 and are free and open to the public. For more information, call 910.630.7058 or visit [methodist.edu/fl](http://methodist.edu/fl).

**October 18** – Foreign Film Festival: “*Mar adentro*” (“The Sea Inside”) Introduction by Dr. Jennifer Williams.

**November 1** – Foreign Film Festival: “*El secreto en sus ojos*” (“The Secret in Their Eyes”) Introduction by Dr. Cristina Francescon.

**November 1** – Foreign Film Festival: “*Jodái-e Náder az Simin*” (“The Separation”) Introduction by Dr. Cristina Francescon.

## Music

Methodist University's Department of Music presents the following performances. For more information, call 910. 630.7100 or visit [methodist.edu/music](http://methodist.edu/music).

**October 17** – Fayetteville Symphonic Band, 7:30 p.m., Reeves Auditorium

**October 22** – MU Jazz Monarchs, 7:30 p.m., Reeves Auditorium

**October 25** – MU Faculty Recital, 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel

**October 27** – Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra - *Symphonic Spooktacular Returns*, 4 p.m., Reeves Auditorium. Family friendly concert featuring Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Superman, and other well-known favorites.

**November 1** – Friends of Music at Methodist and the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County present Guest Artist Series: Tommy Scott, Jazz Piano Recital, 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel

**November 22** – All Choirs Concert, 7:30 p.m., Reeves Auditorium

**November 24** – MU Jazz and Concert Band, 3 p.m., Reeves Auditorium

**December 5** – Fayetteville Symphonic Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Reeves Auditorium

**December 6 & 7** – The third 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. For more information, contact Dr. Michael Martin at 910.630.7153.

## **Monarch Athletics**

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, and \$4 for adults and children over 6. For a complete list of athletic activities, visit [www.mumonarchs.com](http://www.mumonarchs.com).

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For more information on any of these events, call 910.630.7062.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES HOMECOMING 2013**

**FAYETTEVILLE N.C.** – Methodist University will host Homecoming Weekend on Oct. 25-27. The celebration will include athletic games, an alumni reunion, and an opportunity for alumni to interact with current MU students.

**Friday, Oct. 25**

**Alumni Reunion Homecoming Kick-off and Reception** will take place at Scrub Oaks neighborhood restaurant and pub from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Owned by alums Tim and Gwen Holtsclaw, '92, '68, complimentary heavy hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be available for alumni and friends, and the Joshua David Taylor band will perform.

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Fame Banquet** sponsored by the Monarch Booster Club. Celebrate the accomplishments of past Monarch athletes, coaches and "Teams of Distinction". Tickets at \$25 per person. The banquet will take place at Berns Student Center at 6:30 p.m.

**Friends of Music at Methodist University** will host a free concert in the Hensdale Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

A **Homecoming Bonfire and Pep Rally** will begin on campus, behind the Riddle Center, at 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 26**

Begin the morning with the **Third Annual Homecoming 5K/Fun Run**. Registration opens at 7 a.m. in front of the Reeves Fine Arts Building. Fees for the 5K are \$25 the day of the race. Fees for the Fun Run are \$20 on race day. Proceeds will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project and the MU Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. The race will begin at 7:30 a.m., and will conclude with an awards ceremony at 9:30 a.m.

Alumni and their children can enjoy the **KidZone** on the Davis Library Quad from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., complete with games, face painting, bouncy houses, adventure stations, corn hole, and more.

Families can enjoy a **Lunch on the Green by Carrabba's Italian Grill**, beginning at 11:30 a.m. on the Davis Library Quad. The casual picnic setting on the Quad will feature entertainment by student artists, and will be a stopping point for the Homecoming parade at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 if purchased before Oct. 20, or \$20 if purchased at the door.

The **Homecoming Football Game** begins at 1 p.m. Saturday as the Monarchs take on LaGrange. Tickets are \$3 if purchased by Oct. 20, or \$5 if purchased after or at the door. Other athletic events on Saturday include Volleyball at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Women's Soccer at 1 p.m., and Men's Soccer at 3:30 p.m. On Sunday, the Women's Soccer team will play at 1 p.m. and Men's Soccer at 3:30 p.m.

The evening will culminate with a **Saturday Night Alumni Party** at the Crown Coliseum, where MU alumni can rock out with Fayetteville's favorite top band, "80's Unplugged." A cover charge of \$15 will be accepted prior to Oct. 20. A charge of \$20 will be required after Oct. 20 or at the door.

### **Sunday, Oct. 27**

**The Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra** will perform music from Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Superman and other family-friendly themes at 4 p.m. in Huff Concert Hall (formerly known as Reeves Auditorium) in the Reeves Fine Arts Building. MU's own Scott Marosek will perform with the orchestra.

National recording artist **Matt Nathanson** will perform live in concert at the Riddle Center at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

For more information on Homecoming events, call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 910.630.7167.

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## **Author C.J. Lyons to Speak at Methodist University Thursday, Oct. 10**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Physician and New York Times bestselling author C.J. Lyons will speak at Methodist University at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10 in Huff Concert Hall. She will hold a book signing from 3:30-5 p.m. in Berns Student Center and after the presentation.

C.J. Lyons is the author of 18 novels and a former pediatric ER doctor. Dr. Lyons graduated from the University of Florida College of Medicine and did her pediatric internship and residency at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, followed by a fellowship in Pediatric Emergency at Akron Children's Hospital and Medical Center. Her expertise is in evaluating children for suspected abuse and neglect.

In addition to being a New York Times award-winning author, Dr. Lyons is a nationally known presenter and keynote speaker. She has presented to audiences across the country ranging from physicians to first responders to romance and thriller authors.

This event is sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Justice Administration and the Criminal Justice/Forensic Science Association. This program is free and open to the public and does contain graphic details of child abuse and neglect.

For more information, contact Dave Pauly, Methodist University Department of Justice Studies, Forensic Science & Cyber Crime at [dpaul@methodist.edu](mailto:dpaul@methodist.edu) or 910.630.7420.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY—FRIENDS OF MUSIC PUTS  
ARTS COUNCIL GRANT TO GOOD USE**

Fayetteville, NC - Methodist University's Friends of Music announced a project, which will present a Guest Artist Series with the help of a grant from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/ Cumberland County. Friends of Music President Brian Harris stated, "The Project Support Grant through the Arts Council allows us to program a wide range of exceptional talent."

The Friends of Music Guest Artist Series presents free concerts at Methodist University. The musicians on the series also participate in educational workshops with students from the Methodist University Department of Music; these workshops are open to the public. The first performance was by baritone Robert Weston Williams. Upcoming events include jazz pianist Tommy Scott on November 1, guitarist John Holt on January 24, and flutist Sarah Busman on March 28, all at 7:30 pm in Hensdale Chapel. These events would not be possible without assistance from the Arts Council.

"The Arts Council is proud to partner with Friends of Music in support of their Guest Artist Series," says Deborah Martin Mintz, Arts Council Executive Director. "Project Support Grants for 2013-2014 will help fund 25 projects facilitated by 22 nonprofit organizations in our community. These projects help strengthen our community through festivals and concerts, youth education programs, art exhibitions, art workshops, and so much more."

The purpose of Project Support Grants is to increase opportunities for access to arts, science, cultural and historical programming in Cumberland County. Project Support Grants may be awarded to nonprofit agencies in Cumberland County who demonstrate financial and administrative stability.

Friends of Music at Methodist (FOM) was founded in the 1999-2000 academic year, with the purpose of engaging members of the community in the life of the Methodist University Music Department, and providing assistance to the department. Friends of Music provides funding for the basic needs of the department, and hosts several performances each year. For more information about Friends of Music and upcoming events, including the Guest Artist Series, please contact Ms. Linda Volman, Methodist University's Fine Arts Secretary, at [lvolman@methodist.edu](mailto:lvolman@methodist.edu) or (910) 630-7100.

The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County serves the 300,000 residents of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. For 40 years, the Arts Council has ensured growth in our children's education, our community's cultural identity and our economic progress. The Arts Council's grants, programs and services are funded in part by contributions from businesses and individuals and through grants from the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County and the North Carolina Arts Council, with funding from the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources.

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## **David McCune International Art Gallery Presents "Igneous Expressions" Glass Art Exhibition**

**Fayetteville, NC** – The David McCune International Art Gallery presents "Igneous Expressions" glass art exhibition at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. There will be an opening reception at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 24. The exhibit runs through Dec. 12.

Twenty-six artists from western North Carolina will participate in this invitational show. Gallery Executive Director Silvana Foti and artist Kate Vogel have been working together for more than a year to organize this special exhibition and bring it to Methodist. Western North Carolina is home to many glass artists and has a strong art community. The show will feature more than 60 different pieces of glass art.

“The dynamic relationships among artists, private collectors, museums and institutions also play an essential role,” said Foti. “Methodist University’s ongoing commitment to the gallery promotes and deepens those relationships.”

Vogel and her husband, John Littleton, have been collaborating on glass art for more than 30 years, and some of their pieces will be on display at the invitational. There will also be pieces from John’s father, Harvey Littleton, considered the father of American studio glass. Some of the other well-known artists who will be featured include Rick Beck, Mark Peiser, and Richard Ritter.

When considering artists and works for the show, Foti and Vogel looked for artists who would engage students and the general public, to put together a show of top-quality work in a variety of styles that show the breadth of what is possible with glass.

### Presenting Artists

1. Dean Allison
2. Rick Beck
3. Valerie Beck
4. Gary Beecham
5. Billy Bernstein
6. Katherine Bernstein
- 7./8. Thor and Jennifer Bueno
9. Ken Carder
10. David Chatt
11. Shane Fero

12. Greg Fidler
13. Judson Guerard
14. Rob Levin
15. Harvey K. Littleton
- 16./17 Kate Vogel and John Littleton
18. Kenny Pieper
19. Mark Peiser
20. Jan Williams
21. Richard Ritter
- 22./23 Yaffa and Jeff Todd
24. Alex Bernstein
25. Robert Gardner
26. Ben Greene-Colonnese (young glass artist from Fayetteville)

### **The David McCune International Art Gallery**

The David McCune International Art Gallery is located at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. The Gallery coordinates exhibitions of art by student, regional, national, and international artists, educating students and the public through a diverse representation of fine art.

The gallery is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday noon to 4 p.m. Admission to the gallery is free.

For more information, contact Silvana Foti, Gallery Director at 910.425.5379 or visit [davidmccunegallery.org](http://davidmccunegallery.org).

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**MU UPCOMING 2013-2014 CALENDAR EVENTS**

Date	Event	Details
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
25	<b>Friends of Music Concert Event</b>	MU Faculty Recital 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Contact: 910.630.7153 or <a href="mailto:mmartin@methodist.edu">mmartin@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
25-26	<b>Methodist University Homecoming &amp; Parents' Weekend</b>	Homecoming: Contact: 910.630.7167 or <a href="mailto:lwike@methodist.edu">lwike@methodist.edu</a>  Parents' Weekend: Contact: 910.630.7404 or <a href="mailto:heherring@methodist.edu">heherring@methodist.edu</a>  Oct. 25: HALL OF FAME Athletic induction ceremony and dinner 7:30 p.m., Riddle Center Tickets: \$25 For more information contact Bob McEvoy at 910.630.7182 or <a href="mailto:mcevoy@methodist.edu">mcevoy@methodist.edu</a>
27	<b>Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra Concert</b>	"Symphonic Spooktacular Returns" featuring score from <i>Star Wars</i> , <i>Lord of the Rings</i> , and <i>Superman</i> , among others. 4 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Contact: 910.433.4690 Free admission with MU ID
27	<b>Matt Nathanson in concert</b>	Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts 8 p.m., Riddle Center Tickets \$20 Contact: 910.630.7022 or <a href="mailto:dmunoz@methodist.edu">dmunoz@methodist.edu</a>
28	<b>"Leadership: More Action, Less Title"</b>	Speaker, James Robilotta presents for the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development & The MU Journey 11:00 a.m. Linda & Ralph Huff Concert Hall (formerly Reeves Auditorium) Contact: (910) 630-7488 or <a href="mailto:aziegler@methodist.edu">aziegler@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
1	<b>Methodist University Friends of</b>	7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel

	<b>Music Guest Artist Series</b>  <b>and</b>  <b>Foreign Film Festival</b>	Tom Scott Jazz Piano Recital Free admission  and  <i>El secreto en sus ojos</i> "The Secret in Their Eyes" Spanish with English subtitles 7 p.m., Hendricks 122 Contact: 910.630.7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
4	<b>MBA Open House</b>	6 p.m., Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall Contact: 910.630.7493 or <a href="mailto:away@methodist.edu">away@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
14	<b>40<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Outlook &amp; Stock Market Symposium</b>	The Reeves School of Business and Center for Entrepreneurship presents this event. 6:30 p.m., Embassy Suites Speaker is Mark Zindler For tickets, visit <a href="http://www.methodist.edu/cfe/eos">www.methodist.edu/cfe/eos</a>
14-17	<b>MU Theatre presents "Works In Progress @ MU: The Workshop"</b>	Thursday-Saturday 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 2:00 p.m. Huff Concert Hall stage Reeves Fine Arts Building The play's the thing! Join us for an evening of short plays written by MU students and recent alums! For the Workshop, we present these as "scripts in development" — playwrights have had the opportunity to reshape and revise their work through the rehearsal process into "bare bones" productions. In addition to those works, members of the acting company have created movement pieces and improvised scenes and games. Note that some scenes may not be suitable for small children. For more information, contact: (910) 630-7104 or <a href="mailto:ebridens@methodist.edu">ebridens@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
15	<b>Foreign Film Festival</b>	<i>Jodái-e Náder az Simin</i> "The Separation" Arabic with English subtitles 7 p.m., Hendricks 122 Contact: 910.630.7082 or <a href="mailto:francesc@methodist.edu">francesc@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
15	<b>International Day of Tolerance Student Presentations</b>	"Travels Abroad: 'Tolerating' New Cultures" 3:00 p.m. Berns Student Center Contact: (910) 480-8474 or <a href="mailto:slangley@methodist.edu">slangley@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
20	<b>Wesley Heritage Celebration</b>	11 a.m. Hensdale Chapel, Program TBA Contact: 910.630.7157 or <a href="mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu">dlwilson@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
20	<b>"Pangea" International Show</b>	8 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Contact: 910.630.7049 or <a href="mailto:internationalprograms@methodist.edu">internationalprograms@methodist.edu</a> Free admission

22	<b>Methodist University All-Choirs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission Contact: (910) 630-7153 or <a href="mailto:mmartin@methodist.edu">mmartin@methodist.edu</a>
4	<b>MU Jazz Monarchs &amp; Concert Band Concert</b>	7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Contact: 910.630.7673 or <a href="mailto:dmcccloud@methodist.edu">dmcccloud@methodist.edu</a> Free admission

## DECEMBER

1	<b>Moravian Love Feast</b>	7 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Free admission Contact: 910.630.7157 or <a href="mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu">dlwilson@methodist.edu</a>
5	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band concert directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission Contact: 910.630.7602 or <a href="mailto:lwells@methodist.edu">lwells@methodist.edu</a> Free admission
6 & 7	<b>Methodist University presents the Third Annual Yuletide Feaste</b>	Seating begins at 7 p.m. Hay Street United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall By ticket only Tickets are \$35 per person, or \$30 per person for groups of two or more. Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance. Contact: 910.630.7602 or <a href="mailto:lwells@methodist.edu">lwells@methodist.edu</a>
14	<b>Methodist University Baccalaureate and Commencement Ceremonies</b>	Baccalaureate ceremony 10:30 a.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Contact: 910.630.7157 or <a href="mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu">dlwilson@methodist.edu</a> Free admission  Graduation 2 p.m., March F. Riddle Center Contact: 910.630.7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a> Free admission, but tickets are required

## JANUARY 2014

24	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>	John Holt Guitar Recital 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Free admission
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## FEBRUARY 2014

18	<b>Methodist University Faculty Recital</b>	7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Free admission
25	<b>Methodist University Concert Band and Methodist University Jazz Monarchs</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission

## MARCH 2014

20	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission
21	<b>Methodist University Jazz Festival</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission

22	<b>Methodist University Jazz Festival</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission
28	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>	7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Free admission Sarah Busman Flute Recital
<b>APRIL 2014</b>		
5	<b>Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building The Spring Festival Chorus returns to the stage with the symphony for a performance of Bruckner's <i>Te Deum</i> . The program also includes Berlioz's <i>Le Corsaire Overture</i> and will culminate with Brahms' <i>Symphony No. 2</i>
12	<b>Cape Fear New Music Festival</b>	See <a href="http://capefearnewmusic.com">capefearnewmusic.com</a> for more information
24	<b>Methodist University Concert Band and Methodist University Jazz Monarchs</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission
25	<b>Methodist University All-Choirs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission
<b>MAY 2014</b>		
1	<b>Fayetteville Symphonic Band directed by Methodist University's Dr. Larry Wells</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission
10	<b>Methodist University Commencement</b>	Baccalaureate ceremony 10:30 a.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building  Graduation 2:00 p.m., Riddle Center





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**FOUR JOIN METHODIST UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION BOARD**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.** – Methodist University is proud to announce the addition of four new members to its Foundation Board. H. Wayne Comstock, Pat Howell, Jim Pittman, and Kathy Verkuilen were nominated to join the board and will each serve a three-year term.

Comstock is president of Comstock & Villegas, CPAS, PA. He has been licensed as a North Carolina CPA since 1972 and practiced in Fayetteville since 1985.

Howell is the vice president of Quality Concrete.

Pittman is the owner of FastSigns on Raeford Road.

Verkuilen is a fundraising professional. She has lived in Fayetteville since 1990.

The Foundation Board is made up of business owners and community leaders from all walks of life in Cumberland County. It is a philanthropic board which facilitates Loyalty Day, an annual tradition at Methodist University which focuses on gathering local support for student scholarships. Next year's Loyalty Day will be Feb. 11.

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**Methodist University Holds 39th Annual Moravian Love Feast**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC - Methodist University will hold the 39th Annual Moravian Love Feast on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. The event is free and open to the public.

The community is invited to attend the Christmas candlelight service and partake in a time of music and sharing. Traditional coffee and Moravian rolls will be served. At the end of the service, the congregation will pass the light and raise their candles. The music will be songs of love and harmony.

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**Methodist University Announces \$2.6 Million Gift  
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FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Methodist University is pleased to announce that the Thomas R. and Elizabeth E. McLean Foundation, Inc. has pledged \$2.6 million to name the new Health Sciences Building at Methodist University in honor of Thomas R. McLean. This donation includes \$100,000 previously donated by the McLean Foundation to Methodist University to develop the plans and specifications for the building.

The gift was announced at Methodist University Board of Trustees meeting on Oct. 16.

"Philanthropy is about empowerment," said Dr. Ben E. Hancock, Jr., Methodist University President. "It is about good people doing good things for others."

The new Health Sciences Building will provide 34,000 square feet of academic program space. It will be built near the existing health sciences facilities at the south end of campus, while also linking the area back to the core of campus. The university plans to break ground for the building in 2014.

"A gift of this size is important to the McLean Foundation as well as Methodist University. This is one of the largest gifts we have ever made," said Alfred Cleveland, President of the McLean Foundation. "The Foundation regards every grant as an investment. The people and the leadership at Methodist University made it a clear choice for this investment."

The new Health Sciences Building will house offices, classrooms, mock clinical areas, laboratories with state-of-the-art equipment, and an adaptive living apartment for training. The facility will also be used for research and to provide services that will optimize performance and reduce risks for athletes in the community.

The Health Sciences Building will expand the academic space for the School of Health Sciences at Methodist University. The school prepares undergraduate and graduate students for careers as health professionals. The School of Health Sciences includes a variety of undergraduate programs within various health care related fields, including Applied Exercise Science, Athletic Training, Health Care Administration, and Professional Nursing Studies. In addition, the Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant Studies is also included within the school.

A new Health Sciences program, the proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy program, is currently in the planning stages. The first class of DPT students is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2015, when the doors of a new Health Sciences Building are opened. The Occupational Therapy program is also in the planning stages, targeted to follow in the next few years.

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**2013 WESLEY HERITAGE CELEBRATION SET FOR NOV. 20**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**— The 2013 Wesley Heritage Celebration will be Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Methodist University, featuring a chapel talk entitled “Discovering Five Passions of the Wesleyan Heritage,” by Dr. S T Kimbrough Jr., an internationally known scholar, author, and singer. Kimbrough will discuss the music of John and Charles Wesley and lead the chapel in the singing of several hymns authored by them. The worship service and lecture is free and open to the public, and will take place at 11 a.m. in Hensdale Chapel on the Methodist University campus.

After the lecture, there will be a luncheon for attendees in the Alumni Dining Room. The celebration also includes a contest for MU students to create an original project that honors the Wesley brothers, the founders of Methodism, and the winning project will be showcased in the luncheon.

Kimbrough is a native of Alabama with degrees from Birmingham Southern College, Duke Divinity School, and Princeton University Theological Seminary. He is an ordained elder of the United Methodist Church and has taught on theological and university faculties in the United States and Europe. While a member of the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, N.J., he organized The Charles Wesley Society and became its first president in 1990.

Kimbrough’s books, hymns, hymn settings, and critical review of Charles Wesley’s literary and musical works have led to a revival of interest and practice in the hymns, poetry, and sermons of Charles Wesley. Kimbrough’s latest book is “Radical Grace: Justice for the Poor and Marginalized – Charles Wesley’s Views for the Twenty-first Century,” published this year.

Musically, Kimbrough is also very accomplished. From 1970 to 1980, he was the lead baritone of the Bonn Opera Company in Germany, and has been a featured artist on more than thirty solo albums, with the professional singing name of Steven Kimbrough, rather than his legal name of S T Kimbrough. He also composed and authored “Sweet Singer,” a one-person musical drama depicting the life and work of Charles Wesley, which debuted in 1985 in Carnegie Hall in New York City.

From 1993 to 2006, Kimbrough served as the Associate General Secretary for Mission Evangelism of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist

Church. After her retirement from that board, he became a Research Fellow of the Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition at the Duke Divinity School in Durham, N.C.

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 ten 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.

While the public is cordially invited to both parts of the Nov. 20 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](mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu) or 910. 630.7157, by Nov. 12.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY OFFERS VETERANS WRITING COLLECTIVE**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**—The Veterans Writing Collective began in January of 2013 at Methodist University for active-duty military, veterans, and family members.

The mission of the collective 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—including poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, memoir, drama, and journaling. There is no cost to participate. The group meets one Saturday a month, and the workshop meetings run for two hours. Every fourth meeting the group hosts a credentialed writer for a special one-hour presentation on some technical aspect of writing.

The November meeting will feature guest speaker Tracy Crow, author of *Eyes Right: Confessions from a Woman Marine*. The meeting will be held Nov. 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Trustees' Building, room 214, on the Methodist University campus.

“The focus is on writing,” said English and Writing Professor Robin Greene, who is one of the cofounders of 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 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.”

Greene is joined by Paul Stroebel and Rebecca King who are also cofounders of the group and workshop facilitators. King earned her degree in Writing from Methodist University, where she currently works as a consultant at the Writing Center. Although she is not a veteran, King has many family members who are and is excited about the opportunity to work with veterans in this capacity. “Writing is an important tool,” King said. “Veterans need the opportunity to express themselves effectively.”

Stroebel also holds a degree in Writing from Methodist and is a U.S. Army veteran who has found writing to be empowering and cathartic, and trusts that other veterans will find the same. “I hope to work with the members as we all learn the craft that will improve 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 original 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. In the fall, Bathanti gave a reading on the Methodist University campus and hopes to return this spring to offer a workshop.

The group will be reading their creative work on November 16 in Wrightsville Beach as part of the North Carolina Writers’ Network fall conference. Additionally, the *Fayetteville Observer’s Elite Magazine* is devoting an upcoming issue to members’ work, which they will read as part of Methodist University’s Southern Writing Symposium on Friday, February 21, 2014.

Greene said that the group plans to eventually post members' works on the Veterans Writing Collective's website, [www.methodist.edu/writingvets](http://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. And the group is always open to new members, who may come to any of the scheduled meetings on campus. Meeting dates are posted on the Veteran Writing Collective's website. There is no charge to participate.

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## **Third Annual Yuletide Feaste Will Take Guests to Tudor England**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Friends of Music at Methodist and the Methodist University Music Department will host their third annual Renaissance-style dinner Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7 in the Fellowship Hall at Hay Street United Methodist Church. “A Yuletide Feaste” will feature an elegant four-course meal catered by Aramark, 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.

“Every year, we try to build on the success of the last,” said Dr. Michael Martin, associate professor of music and director of choral activities and music education at Methodist. “We use a script similar to one I used several years ago at Kent State University.”

Seating begins at 7 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.”

This year, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke’s Musik Gruppe will perform music from the Renaissance and Jamario Covington, a full-tuition MU music scholarship recipient, will deliver the trumpet fanfares. A new performer this year will be magician/juggler “Just Joey” from Greensboro, N.C.

For the dinner’s first course, guests will be served wassail, bread, and butter. A second course will consist of butternut squash soup with assorted cheeses and fresh fruit. The main course will feature a choice of beef medallions with tri-colored chutney and salmon with wild rice, roasted root vegetables and French-style green beans (vegetarian plate available). The fourth and final course will be a flaming figgy pudding with custard sauce.

“This week we are mailing out 450 invitations to the dinner,” said Brian Harris, president of Friends of Music. “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 about 110 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 like to thank our friends at Hay Street Church for the use of their beautiful fellowship hall.”

Tickets to “A Yuletide Feaste” are \$35 per person and must be purchased in advance. Persons desiring tickets should call Linda Volman at 910.630.7100, Rhonda Harris at 910.630.7023, or send a check to Brian Harris at PO Box 64515, Fayetteville, N.C. 28306, payable to Friends of Music at Methodist University, writing *Dec. 6* or *Dec. 7* on the memo/for 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.

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**“Show You Care Day” Slated for Nov. 23 at  
MU’s Pauline Longest Nature Trail**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC---Twenty-seven years after it was built, the Pauline Longest Nature Trail on the lower campus of Methodist University has fallen on hard times, and two friends of the trail, Dr. Linda Sue Barnes and Mr. Bill Billings, are asking volunteers from the MU staff and student body to help them make repairs to the trail at a “Show You Care Day” Saturday, November 23. Teams will work from 9 a.m. until noon.

Interest in the nature trail began to grow in August of this year, after Mr. Bill Billings ‘68, now an English instructor at Methodist, received permission from Dr. Tat Chan, chair of the Science Dept., and MU President Ben Hancock to have a large poster of The Pauline Longest Nature Trail created and placed in the lobby of the Hendricks Science Building near a portrait of Mrs. Pauline Longest, who taught botany at Methodist from 1963-79. Recounting the history of the trail and featuring 11 color photographs, the poster was designed by former MU staff member Maria Brunson; it is now being framed and will be installed in two weeks.

“I met Mrs. Longest when she was advisor to the Student Education Association at Methodist,” Billings recalled. “She was an inspiration to her students and to prospective teachers. In 1986, Dr. Linda Sue Barnes, a botany professor at Methodist College, proposed that Methodist build a nature trail to honor Mrs. Longest. The construction work was done by Dr. Barnes, her husband Luther, three biology students, and members of the college maintenance staff. When I contacted Dr. Barnes in August, she provided some color slides of the trail’s construction and a wealth of valuable information about the trail.”

Although Billings has worked at Methodist since 1987, he had never actually walked the nature trail until Saturday, September 14, when Dr. Barnes gave him a tour. “While the area is still beautiful,” said Billings, “we were saddened to see that a bridge had been washed away, that trees had fallen onto waterfalls and blocked trail heads, and that many of the signs and markers mentioned in the original trail brochure were missing. We also found masonry debris and other junk in the creek and litter along the service road and in the woods.”

During their September visit, Dr. Barnes and Mr. Billings took numerous photos of the trail and made notes of needed repairs. A few weeks later, Mr. Billings met with Mr.

Gene Clayton, vice president for business affairs, and asked that repairs be made. Mr. Clayton agreed that the trail needed some attention and challenged Mr. Billings to organize a “Show You Care Day” for Saturday, November 23 for the purpose of cleaning up the trail, removing fallen trees, and replacing signs and marker posts. Mr. Billings accepted Mr. Clayton’s challenge.

Mr. Clayton said he would work on the trail that day and would also bring six members of the MU maintenance staff, equipped with the tools and materials needed to make repairs. He said the collapsed bridge over the creek could not be replaced until a civil engineer draws plans and the city approves them.

Dr. Barnes and Mr. Billings said they will join other volunteers at various work sites on the trail on SYC Day. “We are delighted that the process of restoring the trail will soon begin, and we hope that fellow nature lovers will join us,” they said in a joint statement.

“We have something truly unique here,” said Dr. Barnes. “I just want people to be able to walk the trails and enjoy the flora and fauna that can be found there. That’s also what Mrs. Longest wanted, as evidenced by her substantial bequest to Methodist for maintenance of the trail.”

Dr. Barnes recently prepared a new trail map which, when signs and markers have been reinstalled, will enable visitors to take a self-guided tour of the Pauline Longest Nature Trail. Persons interested in walking the trail can obtain a new map and an old brochure from the secretary in the Science Department. The brochure describes the many flora and fauna that can be found on the trail, and includes a self-guided tour script linked to ten numbered posts beginning at the main trail and ending at the lower waterfall. Each post marks some special feature that exists at its location.

Once the trail is completely restored, a new brochure will follow, giving past, present, and future generations of the MU family an opportunity to become personally acquainted with this one-of-a-kind, riverside ecosystem.

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**MARTA AND HOWARD BULLARD DONATE \$500,000 TO NAME  
NEW TENNIS CENTER IN HONOR OF GENE CLAYTON**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**— Methodist University is pleased to announce that Marta and Howard Bullard have committed \$500,000 to name the planned Tennis Center in honor of longtime Methodist University administrator, Dr. Gene Clayton.

“Gene has given his whole life to Methodist University,” said Howard Bullard. “So much of what is there now has his fingerprints on it in a very important way. We feel that he is deserving of having something significant named for him because of his many years of service to Methodist University.”

Howard Bullard has served on the Methodist University Board of Trustees since 1996 and is a founding member of the Board of Visitors. He also will be serving on the committee for the upcoming capital campaign. Mr. Bullard is a recipient of Methodist University’s Small Business Excellence Award and the American Business Ethics Award.

The gift was announced during a recent Board of Trustees meeting. In making the gift, Mr. Bullard noted that he wanted to honor Dr. Clayton for his more than 50 years of service to Methodist University. The Tennis Center was selected as the beneficiary of Mr. and Mrs. Bullard’s generosity due to Dr. Clayton’s lifelong involvement with tennis, which began when he first came to Methodist in 1963 and served as tennis coach. Dr. Clayton currently serves as the Vice President for Business Affairs.

“Gene Clayton has been central to the university’s growth and expansion for over five decades,” said Dr. Ben E. Hancock Jr., Methodist University President. “Marta and Howard Bullard’s generous gift to honor Gene is a wonderful expression of philanthropy.”

The university has recently completed the construction of eight new lighted tennis courts as Phase I of the Tennis Center. The next phase will include a Tennis Building, which will accommodate offices, locker facilities, and meeting rooms for the Professional Tennis Management program and intercollegiate tennis teams. Beyond the naming of the Tennis Center for Dr. Clayton, the project offers other named gift opportunities to prospective donors who would like to be supportive of the Clayton Center.

Anyone interested in naming opportunities for the Tennis Center or other Methodist University projects may contact the Office of University Advancement at (910) 630-7200.

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**Pannoff Joins Advisory Board for MU's Lura S. Tally Center  
for Leadership Development**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC** -- William "Bill" R. Pannoff has joined the community advisory board for Methodist University's Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development. A native of Minnesota and U.S. Army veteran, Pannoff is the owner of B & B Catering and Event Planning of Spring Lake, NC. Pannoff is a nationally recognized speaker and writer on catering and food service management.

Methodist University's Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development was founded in 1995 to promote leadership among the students of the University. The Center's activities include offering an academic minor in Leadership Studies, sponsoring an annual Community Leadership Conference, and coordinating other events throughout the year to enhance the leadership skills of those who participate.

Through the Methodist University curriculum, the Tally Center offers academic courses that develop traits and skills that employers will be looking for in the 21st century. Students participate in innovative courses, student-led activities, campus and community service, and off-campus internships. In addition to leadership theory and techniques, the Center emphasizes ethics, character, and self-confidence.

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## Methodist University Announces Winter Commencement

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will celebrate its 41st annual Winter Commencement Ceremony Saturday, December 14, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. There are currently 215 candidates for graduation.

Charles Holmes, senior managing director for Global Capital Markets at Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. in New York City, will deliver the commencement address. During the ceremony, the University will present Mr. Holmes with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. The University will also present the University Medallion to Mrs. Dorothy "Dot" Wyatt, a Fayetteville leader and long-time supporter of the University. Prior to the commencement ceremony, the Rev. David Blackman, senior pastor at Hay Street United Methodist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 10:30 a.m. in Huff Concert Hall.

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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 Associate 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, websites, 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](http://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. 6, 2014. For more information, visit the website at [www.methodist.edu/art](http://www.methodist.edu/art) and click the "GDW" icon.

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The 2013 Winter Commencement Distinguished Graduate is Antonia Verhine. She was among the top five students in the graduating class and was chosen for this honor by her fellow graduates. She is receiving her Bachelors of Social Work and will give remarks at the Commencement Ceremony.

Three flags will be presented to the University from graduates who are the first to graduate Methodist University from their country. Students from the Republic of Palau, Sri Lanka, and the Kingdom of Tonga will present flags from their country which will be on display at Commencement and will hang permanently in the Berns Student Center.

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**Methodist University's 24<sup>th</sup> Southern Writers Symposium  
Call for Submissions  
*Deadline for Emerging Writers Contest Extended to Jan. 7***

FAYETTEVILLE, NC — Methodist University's 24<sup>th</sup> Southern Writers Symposium announces its call for submissions to its **Emerging Writers Contest and Young Writers Contest**. Symposium organizers seek submissions in fiction and poetry.

In the Emerging Writers Contest, each category's first- and second-place writers will receive cash awards of \$300 and \$200, respectively, and first place winners will read from their winning work at the **February 21-22, 2014 Southern Writers Symposium** on Methodist University's campus. The contest is open to writers who meet at least two of the following criteria: 1) currently live in the South; 2) are a native of the South; and 3) write about the South. Additionally, writers must have not yet published a full-length volume in the genre that they enter for the Emerging Writers Contest. The deadline for the Emerging Writers contest has been **extended to January 7, 2014**, and a \$15 entry fee per submission is required. Electronic entries should be submitted via [southernwriters.submittable.com/submit](http://southernwriters.submittable.com/submit).

"We are excited about the 2014 Southern Writers Symposium, the Emerging Writers and Young Writers Contests. Winners of our contest continue to find success in other reputable forums," said Brenda Jernigan, Director of Methodist University's Southern Writers Symposium. "We are especially pleased that Marjorie Hudson will be a part of the 2014 Symposium."

Marjorie Hudson will serve as final judge for fiction entries to the Emerging Writers Contest and serve as keynote speaker of the Southern Writers Symposium. Marjorie Hudson's writing has won many honors, including a 2012 Pen/Hemingway Honorable Mention, a 2012 North Carolina Arts Council Fellowship, a Blumenthal Award, and two Pushcart Special Mentions. The stories in her story collection *Accidental Birds of the Carolinas* (Press 53, 2011) ("like novels in nutshells, Alice Munro style," — Doris Betts) explore the themes of love, loss, and connection among natives and newcomers in the South.

Final judging of Emerging Writers poetry entries will be Shannon Ward, recipient of a 2013 Nazim Hikmet Poetry Award and author of *Blood Creek* (Longleaf Press,

2013). Her poems have appeared in *Great River Review*, *Superstition Review*, *Tar River Poetry*, and others.

The Southern Writers Symposium also invites high school students (grades 9-12) from the Sandhills (Cumberland, Harnett, Lee, Moore, Richmond, Scotland, Hoke, Robeson, Chatham, and Montgomery counties) to submit an original work of fiction and/or poetry for its second **2<sup>nd</sup> Sandhills Young Writers Contest**. Cash awards will be given to the overall winners as well as the first and second place winners in each category and schools who have student from their school to win first place. Submission **deadline is February 17, 2014**. Electronic entries should be submitted via [southernwriters.submittable.com/submit](http://southernwriters.submittable.com/submit).

For more information about the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Southern Writers Symposium, the Emerging Writers and Young Writers Contests, please go to [www.methodist.edu/sws](http://www.methodist.edu/sws) or contact Brenda Jernigan, Director of Methodist University's Southern Writers Symposium at 910-630-7454 or [bjernigan@methodist.edu](mailto:bjernigan@methodist.edu).

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## Methodist University's BBB Bond Rating Affirmed by Agencies

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—For the second year, Methodist University is pleased to announce its BBB bond rating. The rating was affirmed this year by Fitch Ratings and Standard and Poors.

Last year, MU issued approximately \$16.9 million in bonds for capital projects and refinancing. The BBB rating reflects historically stable operating performance and adequate coverage of debt obligations.

Investment grades reflect the financial stability and credit worthiness of a company. In general, the higher the rating the more financially stable the organization and the more willing investors are to invest.

"By having its own BBB investment grade rating, the University is able to sell revenue bonds in its own name, rather than through the financial backing of a letter of credit provided by a bank," said Associate Vice President for Business Affairs and Controller Dawn Ausborn. "The University benefits from reduced costs of debt financing through lower interest costs and elimination of letter of credit fees."

The University's first investment grade rating (BBB) was received in June of 2012 and will be reviewed on an annual basis by Fitch Ratings and Standard and Poors.

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**Cumberland Community Foundation Supports  
The Center for Community Engagement Through Grant**

(Fayetteville, NC) --Methodist University's Center for Community Engagement has had a productive and organized year. Many community partners support Community Engagement throughout the year, including area nonprofit agencies and businesses.

Cumberland Community Foundation is one such partner, who through a \$10,000 grant, has helped the center develop infrastructure and build the capacity to consistently impact the community and sustain its work over time. The funding has also helped the center develop its website to effectively market and communicate Center for Community Engagement work, including a repository of completed projects and interaction with social media pages. The website, [methodist.edu/engagement](http://methodist.edu/engagement), also includes an online assessment and planning tool, online volunteer sign-up, project-specific pages, and interactive project timelines and planning tools.

Because of the support from Cumberland Community Foundation and other partner agencies, more than 600 students have played an active role in the community this year by engaging with the professional and volunteer community through service and internship opportunities.

Next year's projects are already being planned. First, in collaboration with students from Fayetteville State University and Fayetteville Technical Community College, students will participate in a Day of Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 20, 2014. Then, students will participate in a roadside clean-up on Jan. 25.

Here is a rundown of some of the 2013 Community Engagement projects which were made possible in part by the Cumberland Community Foundation grant:

**2013 Community Engagement Projects**

**MLK Challenge Day**

This project was a combined effort by Methodist, FTCC, and Fayetteville State in January 2013. Sharonda Pugh from the Multicultural Department headed up the grant-based challenge to complete several service projects at various locations throughout Fayetteville in one day. There were more than 300 student, faculty, and staff volunteers

with six Methodist student leaders, 10 Fayetteville State student leaders, and eight Fayetteville Tech student leaders.

### **Baldwin Elementary**

On March 7, "at risk" 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from a mentoring program at Baldwin Elementary toured the MU Campus. The students completed a science project, took a guided tour of the campus, and attended a motivational gathering with student speakers. Assistant Director for Student Success Sam Morrison oversaw this event. There were four MU students and nine MU faculty/staff volunteers for this project.

### **Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce**

In March and April, 45 students in the Marketing 470 Capstone course participated in developing marketing plans for MDM Real Estate, Independence Place, Cameo X and Hot Rod Tattoos. At the end of the semester, students made their final presentations on their projects. Each marketing plan and presentation included the following: Executive Summary, Situation Analysis, Marketing Strategy, Marketing Mix, Financials, and Controls.

### **Fayetteville Arts Council**

From March 18 through April 21, the Ann Frank Exhibit was in Fayetteville, and MU students volunteered every day of the week to help with the exhibit at the Fayetteville Arts Council. Volunteers were needed as greeters, docents, bookstore staff and bookstore managers. There were five MU volunteers for this project who each spent six to nine hours helping make the exhibit a success.

### **Child Advocacy Center**

The local branch manager of First Citizens Bank wanted help getting the word out that April was "Child Abuse Awareness" month by distributing pinwheel pins around town. The project was headed up by MU student Zachary Sweet and three other student volunteers. The ending result was 340 pinwheels being distributed between 10 partnering agencies and seven schools in the Fayetteville area.

### **Pine Forest High School Pilot Mentoring Program**

The first part of this project involved Methodist University Student Mentors (19 Social Work students) training PFHS 11th & 12th graders to be mentors to the 9th graders at PFHS. The goal was to help the freshmen students have a smooth transition into high school, which will in turn increase their success in becoming sophomores. The assessment is in and the retention data looks positive.

### **St. Joseph of the Pines LIFE (Living Independently for the Elderly)**

The goal of this project was to help improve the health of individuals at St. Joseph of the Pines through exercise and socialization. Dr. Trey Hoyt headed this up with his Exercise Science class. The class developed an exercise program for the elderly and gave direction to the directors of St. Joseph regarding what type of exercise equipment to purchase.

### **Fayetteville Cumberland Parks and Recreation**

In July, the Community Engagement Center held a Youth Development Initiative, which involved 30 teenagers visiting campus to be exposed to a "Day in the Life of an MU

Student." The youths learned what the university has to offer them and how MU can make a difference for them. This was so well received that Parks and Recreation wants to come back next summer.

### **Freshmen Community Engagement Day**

On August 24, there were 463 freshmen students who participated in the first Community Engagement Day event on campus. The event was held inside and outside of the freshmen residence halls. Cape Fear Valley Health's blood mobile came to campus, and 49 students donated blood. There were also 198 students who made crafts and cards for the Pediatric section of Cape Fear Valley Hospital. The crafts and cards were delivered to Cape Fear Valley Hospital in September. Also, 216 freshmen signed up for future projects with the 14 different community organizations that came on campus for the event. All in all, it was a huge success and the beginning of many more CE Day Events.

### **Swipe at Hunger**

In November, MU community members were given the opportunity to donate meals with a swipe of their MU ID card in the Green and Gold Cafe during Nov. 11 to Nov. 18. The donated meals were cooked and served by MU students and Aramark catering staff at Operation Inasmuch on Nov. 19

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Methodist University Selected as a Top Military-Friendly School in Military Advanced Education's  
2014 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges & Universities

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC—*Military Advanced Education (MAE)* has awarded Methodist University the designation of a Top Military-Friendly University in its *2014 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges & Universities*, just released in print, and available online at [www.mae-kmi.com](http://www.mae-kmi.com). This is the fourth consecutive year that Methodist University has received this designation.

From community colleges to state universities, online universities and nationally known centers of higher learning, *MAE's 2014 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges & Universities* provides potential students with information about institutions that go out of their way to give back to our men and women in uniform.

"At Methodist University, we take being a 'military-friendly' university very seriously and work daily to ensure that our military students, their families and veterans receive the best education possible," said Methodist University President Dr. Ben E. Hancock, Jr.

"Methodist University is honored to support our military students as they take on the challenging task of pursuing their education goals while serving our country," said Yasmin Rivera, director of Methodist University at Fort Bragg. "Their dedication and sacrifice does not go unnoticed and we strive to provide them with signature service from application to graduation. We are pleased to be named a top military friendly institution by *MAE* for another year."

Among the attributes considered in evaluating this year's institution for inclusion in the Guide are the flexibility of online learning options, extent of transfer credits accepted by degree level, on-campus ROTC, Service-member Opportunity Colleges (SOC) participation, on-campus active duty/veteran assistance, the support provided to the families of service-members, faculty trained in veteran reintegration issues, presence on military installations, and full-time counselors trained in veteran-specific mental health concerns, to name but a few.

"Our staff used strict criteria to evaluate the submissions of the respondents, and we had a record number of schools participating this year. We believe the Guide serves as an invaluable tool for both education services officers and transition officers when advising service-members about their educational opportunities," said Kelly Fodel, *MAE's* editor.

Visit [www.mae-kmi.com](http://www.mae-kmi.com) for online access to the *2014 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities*, or pick up a copy of the December issue of *Military Advanced Education*.

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