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## **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Quiz Bowl at Methodist University on Jan. 23**

Fayetteville, NC—Test your knowledge at the 13th Annual Civil War Quiz Bowl on Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall at Methodist University. The event is sponsored by the Museum of the Cape Fear and Methodist University.

Contestants will test their knowledge of trivia, tactics and history as host Jim Greathouse assails them with questions covering all aspects of the War Between the States. The questions are a combination of multiple choice, true or false, fill in the blank, and the most challenging will be straight forward question and answer. From the most avid Civil War buff to those who want to see how much they remember from history class, all will be challenged and entertained.

The contest is open to contestants of all ages with prizes awarded for both the adult and student (16 and younger) winners. Register in advance by calling the Museum of the Cape Fear or register at the door. Registration is limited to the first 20 participants who register.

The Civil War Quiz Bowl is free to attend and is open to the public, with plenty of room for friends, family and spectators. For more information and to register, contact Leisa Greathouse at 910-486-1330, or email [leisa.greathouse@ncdcr.gov](mailto:leisa.greathouse@ncdcr.gov).

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**METHODIST UNIVERISTY ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC — Two hundred and sixty-three students were named to the Winter 2013 Dean's List at Methodist University. To merit inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.50 or better GPA with at least 42.0 quality points during the semester on a total course load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of D, F, or I (Incomplete) and no developmental courses.

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
Shinichi Akaeda	Japan	Freshman
David Albert	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Freshman
Amanda Albrecht	Bunlevel, N.C.	Senior
Renso Almanzar	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Antonio Alston	Littleton, N.C.	Senior
Immaculate Apchemengich	Uganda	Senior
Erin Arauz	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Kylie Arauz	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Casey Ausborn	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Allyson Aycock	Teachey, N.C.	Freshman
Cameron Baggett	Dunn, N.C.	Freshman
Brittany Balderson	Gloucester, Va.	Senior
Hyde Bangui-Ongagna	Congo	Freshman
Christopher Barger	Severn, Md.	Junior
Thomas Batchelor	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Tyre Beard	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Sharon Belflowers	Eastover, N.C.	Senior
Morgan Bell	Dunn, N.C.	Senior
Grizel Bello	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bryan Bennett	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Tori Benson	Clayton, N.C.	Freshman
Erik Bertalan	Waterbury, Vt.	Freshman

Ergun Bicer	Hope Mills, N.C.	Freshman
Christopher Biggins	Clarksville, Md.	Senior
Bryan Bing	Palmetto, Fla.	Junior
Jason Binkley	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Joseph Black	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jordan Blais	East Barre, Vt.	Freshman
Sabrar Bosley	Stanley, Va.	Freshman
Dequan Bradley	Durham, N.C.	Senior
Brya Bradley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jamesha Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alec Brown	North Andover, Mass.	Freshman
Christopher Broyles	Cortland, N.Y.	Senior
Laura Burkart	Godwin, N.C.	Senior
Danielle Burns	Snoqualmie, Wash.	Freshman
Dustin Burnside	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Heather Byrd	Reidsville, N.C.	Freshman
Katherine Cadungog	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Beth Carmickle	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Chantele Carr	Vass, N.C.	Junior
Kelsie Carralero	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Senior
Amanda Carrillo	Autryville, N.C.	Junior
Christopher Carter	Shelby, N.C.	Senior
Amna Causevic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Jaron Cayton	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Sarah Chapman	Ashburn, Va.	Senior
Matthew Chastain	Vidalia, Ga.	Freshman
Bridget Chavis	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Yena Choi	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Joshua Clarke	Capron, Va.	Junior
Leslie Coates	Newport News, Va.	Freshman
Kyle Colborn	Newport, N.C.	Freshman
Marissa Cole	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nicole Cole	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kyle Combs	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Cody Conklin	Trevorton, Pa.	Senior
Cassidy Conley	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Heather Cook	Parkton, N.C.	Senior
Thomas Cook	Wilbraham, Mass.	Sophomore
Leah Corbitt	Reidsville, Ga.	Junior
Carlos Cortes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Blair Coulter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Corin Cramer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Kelly Dauteuil	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Marquelle Davis	Greensboro, N.C.	Freshman
Elisabeth De Sousa	East Timor	Freshman
Jessica deChamplain	Sanford, N.C.	Junior
Alexander Demitraszek	Ravena, N.Y.	Junior
Stephanie Dewell	Corona, Calif.	Sophomore

John Donohoe	Freeport, N.Y.	Freshman
David Doss	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Sarah Drizen	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Scott Dudley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jessie Earp	Waterloo, N.Y.	Senior
Amanda Ebersole	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Amanda Ebert	Camden-Wyoming, Del.	Senior
Allison Efird	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Andrew Eglan	Hughesville, Md.	Freshman
Sierra Emanuel	Lumberton, N.C.	Freshman
Brett Emery	Garner, N.C.	Senior
Paul England	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Tiffany Enoch	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
William Epting	Tallahassee, Fla.	Freshman
Melissa Evanich	Paris, Ohio	Senior
Anthony Fish	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Yvette Fletcher-Louis	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Forbes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Eduardo Gallero	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Andrea Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
John Garcia-Diaz	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Christina Gavlinksi	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Gabriel Gaweda	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Morgan Gehres	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Melanie Giovannetti	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Loretta Giovannettone	Shirley, N.Y.	Senior
Tyler Goode	Linden, N.C.	Freshman
Kristoffer Govasmark	Norway	Senior
Stuart Graham	Charlottesville, Va.	Senior
Amy Grant	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Matthew Griffiths	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Emily Guidry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Nathaline Gunn	Bunnlevel, N.C.	Junior
Kristin Habig	Cincinnati, Ohio	Senior
Stephanie Halbleib	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Hope Hall	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Christopher Hamby	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Renee Hamilton	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Andrew Harper	Apex, N.C.	Senior
Kelsey Harrington	Columbia, Mo.	Sophomore
Jaclyn Hayes	Clifton Park, N.Y.	Senior
Connor Heinz	Overland Park, Kan.	Senior
Laura Henderson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Julia Henry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Bryan Hockaday	Staten Island, N.Y.	Senior
Jeffrey Holmes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Alyssa Hood	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Casey Horne	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

Anthony Horne	Autryville, N.C.	Senior
Gregory Houston	Spring Lake, N.C.	Junior
Bethany Huff	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Benjamin Japha	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Joyce Johnson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alexander Jones	Cincinnati, Ohio	Senior
Emily Jones	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Larhonda Jones	Rowland, N.C.	Senior
Robert Jones	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Heather Joslin	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Patrick Joyce	Mansfield, Mass.	Freshman
John Kade	Dennis, Mass.	Freshman
Sara Kelley	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Freshman
Manin Keo	Cambodia	Sophomore
Cheryl Krupa	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Christina Kubicek	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Seth Lanciani	Midlothian, Va.	Sophomore
Kaylie Langton	Somersworth, N.H.	Senior
Brandon LaValley	Hope Mills, N.C.	Freshman
Doo Lee	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kawana Lee	Bunlevel, N.C.	Senior
Heather Legros	Spring Lake, N.C.	Junior
Anthony Lenahan	Mahopac, N.Y.	Freshman
Xiao Ling	China	Freshman
Leslie Lingo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Johanna Lipscomb	Sanford, N.C.	Freshman
Sarah Livingston	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Matthew Lombardi	North Kingstown, R.I.	Freshman
Raul Longoria Garcia	Mexico	Freshman
Patrina Lowrie	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Morgan Mann	Kinston, N.C.	Junior
Stefanie Mansfield	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Crystal Mansi	East Haven, Conn.	Sophomore
Jacquelyn Martin	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Carlos Martinez	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Freshman
Akemy Martinez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jennifer Martinez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Kway Maule	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jenna May	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Erin McAuliffe	Littleton, N.C.	Senior
Lorenzo McKenzie	Bahamas	Junior
Reginald McNeill	Dunn, N.C.	Freshman
Amor Medeiros	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Jason Mehlhoff	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Iuliia Melnikova	Russia	Freshman
Noah Miller	Rindge, N.H.	Freshman
Ariel Mitchell	Trinidad	Junior
James Moran	Lillington, N.C.	Senior

Steven Moran	Lillington, N.C.	Sophomore
David Moye	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Jamie Mulkern	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Liam Mulligan	Mickleton, N.J.	Freshman
Nicholas Murn	Moorestville, N.C.	Freshman
Cierra Murphy	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Amanda Musgrove-Currie	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Nicolas Namburete	Zimbabwe	Senior
Trevor Nance	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ronnakrit Nasomsong	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Kelley Nevelsteen	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Andrew Newmarker	Millboro, Va.	Senior
Divine Newsome	Cameron, N.C.	Freshman
Sibahle Nhleko	Swaziland	Sophomore
Christy Nicholson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nyoma Clement Nickonora	South Sudan	Senior
Cayley Oldham	Bear Creek, N.C.	Freshman
Alejandro Ortiz-Gonzalez	Cameron, N.C.	Senior
Jackson Ottaway	Chino Hills, Calif.	Freshman
Rena Parker	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Na-Jean Parker	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Rowena Parnell	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Clinton Parry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gregory Patterson	Elon, N.C.	Senior
Darcie Paul	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Alina Payankova	Belarus	Senior
Leigh Philbee	Matthews, N.C.	Junior
Sarah Phillips	King Of Prussia, Pa.	Senior
Timothy Pieslak	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Stacy Pifer	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Tracey Pinckney	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Cassandra Poindexter	Myersville, Md.	Sophomore
Megan Pontak	Garland, N.C.	Freshman
Andrew Poole	Durham, N.C.	Senior
Lucille Pope	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Tia Porterfield	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Rachael Potts	Parkton, N.C.	Senior
Carla Pressley	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
John Price	Dillon, S.C.	Freshman
Justin Raupp	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Tracey Raupp	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Jordan Ray	Whiteville, N.C.	Freshman
Max Reber	St. Augustine, Fla.	Junior
Morgan Rice	Spring Lake, N.C.	Junior
Johnathon Rigsby	Newport, N.C.	Freshman
Anna Rivenbark	Rose Hill, N.C.	Senior
Tashara Robinson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Ashley Robinson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

Stephen Roche	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Talia Rodriguez	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Jessica Rogers	Clayton, N.C.	Sophomore
Samuel Rose	Burlington, N.C.	Senior
Taylor Ross	Elon, N.C.	Sophomore
Jayson Ruizperez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Mary Scott	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Joshua Shaffer	Dunn, N.C.	Senior
Hyojeong Shim	South Korea	Freshman
Samantha Shoemaker	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Rebecca Sifford	Knoxville, Tenn.	Freshman
Crystal Sloan	Cameron, N.C.	Junior
Thomas Sonafrank	Pinnacle, N.C.	Freshman
Jason Sparrow	Charlotte, N.C.	Freshman
Alexis Speck	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Erin Stanley	Hope Mills, N.C.	Freshman
Madison Stegall	Mount Pleasant, N.C.	Freshman
John Stoklosa	Hamburg, N.Y.	Freshman
Thomas Strayhorn	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Dzana Susic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Volha Sviarkaltsava	Belarus	Sophomore
Trevor Swaby	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Heather Swenson	Hope Mills, N.C.	Freshman
Cody Szymczak	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Emily Talley	San Angelo, Texas	Junior
Steven Taraska	Woodbridge, N.J.	Freshman
Bianca Terenzi	Tewksbury, Mass.	Freshman
Natalie Thompson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lindsay Tippet	Middlesex, N.C.	Junior
Reddington Trapp	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Jalisha Tucker	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Cassandra Tyler	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Meghan Uhl	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jordan Vann	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Tijana Vasiljevic	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Rock Vianna	Wagram, N.C.	Senior
Nomcebo Vilane	Swaziland	Freshman
Sophia Walfall	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bruce Ward	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jeff Wastak	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Ernestine Watson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Brian Weir	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gabrielle Wentling	Fredericksburg, Pa.	Sophomore
Isuru Wijesundara	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Elizabeth Willbond	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
De'Andrea Williamson	Burlington, N.C.	Freshman
Ivan Ho Yong Sheng	China	Freshman
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The following students were named to the President's List:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hometown or Country</b>	<b>Class status</b>
Heather Adamson	Bovey, Minn.	Freshman
Davis Agnew	Linesville, Pa.	Senior
Esra Al-Shawafi	Yemen	Senior
Lisa Amsden	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Junior
Kaitlin Baumeister	Hope Hill, N.C.	Freshman
Jenny Bautista	Four Oaks, N.C.	Freshman
Petros Bein	Clarksburg, Md.	Senior
Cory Berg	Milton, Ga.	Freshman
Tara Blue	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Haley Boahn	Stedman, N.C.	Senior
Stephanie Breitenbach	Owings, Md.	Senior
Tamesha Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Daniel Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Stephanie Buffaloe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Rebecca Burnett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Shannon Byrne	Stokesdale, N.C.	Sophomore
Noah Camp	Jacksonville, N.C.	Junior
Artimisha Campbell-Williams	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Emily Clark	Stedman, N.C.	Freshman
Jeb Cleveland	Raeford, N.C.	Freshman
Joshua Colbert	Linden, N.C.	Junior
Ester Cova	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Andrea Davids	Raeford, N.C.	Senior

Courtney DeGarmo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
William Donihoo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Anita Donlic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Michael Duprey	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Dzenana Dzanic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Heather Edgington	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Craig Edgington	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Thomas Edwards	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Melisa Eslinger	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Michael Faison	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bianca Farmer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Erin Fegley	Morehead City, N.C.	Senior
Elizabeth Ferraro	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Nicole Fink	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Kristin Fletcher	Wake Forest, N.C.	Freshman
Matthew French	Raleigh, N.C.	Freshman
Miranda Friel	Stedman, N.C.	Junior
Lawrence Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Olivia Grace	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kellisha Gray	Lillington, N.C.	Senior
Alexander Hammill	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Travis Hammond	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Katlin Harris	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Ammar Hasan	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Pierce Holt	Spring Lake, N.C.	Freshman
Brooke Hood	Panama City Beach, Fla.	Senior
John Hoover	Carthage, N.C.	Junior
Ivette Hurtado	Raeford, N.C.	Freshman
Yirye Hwangbo	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Serge Iraguha	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gabrielle Isaac	Mooresville, N.C.	Junior
Mariama Jabati	Sierra Leone	Junior
Tiffani James	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Amanda James	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Sydney Jarrard	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Freshman
Fedia Jean Claude	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jenna Johnson	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Paul Jones	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jeremy Kamphuis	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nucharin Kantapasara	Thailand	Senior
Chelsie Keene	Newton Grove, N.C.	Senior
Eunchong Kim	South Korea	Freshman
Mary Kizer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Nicholas Kress	Jarrettsville, Md.	Freshman
Rachel Krogstie	Broadway, N.C.	Junior
Natalia Kulik	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Daniel Lane	Erwin, N.C.	Senior
Joshua Lee	Denton, N.C.	Sophomore

William Mang	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Gina Martinez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Olorato Mbi	Botswana	Sophomore
Lisa McAlpine	Parkton, N.C.	Junior
Michael McCabe	Stedman, N.C.	Senior
Marcy McKee	Milford, Del.	Senior
Garrett Mellon	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Melinda Meurer	Fort Belvoir, Va.	Senior
Cheri Molter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Samra Mrkovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Brittany Murillo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Katherine Nation	Orlando, Fla.	Freshman
Emir Nazdrajic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Freshman
Kenneth Nevarez-Hernandez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Lory Nieshe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
David Nolan	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Kendall Oneill	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Michelle Orndorff	Raleigh, N.C.	Senior
Tammy Parrish	Spring Lake, N.C.	Freshman
Megan Peterson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Allison Phipps	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Mekala Poirier	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Peyton Potts	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Puckett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Amanda Rada	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Aaron Randolph	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Eduardo Riera Suárez	Spain	Freshman
Daniel Sasfy	Hungary	Freshman
Samantha Scoggins	Wendell, N.C.	Junior
Sara Self	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Marc Seman	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Hikaru Shiroeda	Japan	Sophomore
Smirna Sinanovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Elaine Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jean Snider	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Aaron Stevens	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Lindsay Stinson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Amber Suits	Clayton, N.C.	Sophomore
Jessica Swartz	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Zachary SweetPort	Wentworth, Ga.	Senior
Krista Sweeten	Mullica Hill, N.J.	Senior
Andrew Sykes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Miguel Tevez-Rosales	El Salvador	Senior
Rebekah Thompson	Carthage, N.C.	Junior
Taylor Tipton	Saint Joseph, Mo.	Junior
Ashley Toro	Lillington, N.C.	Sophomore
Kyle Trietley	Allegany, N.Y.	Junior
Jacob Trigoboff	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

Isabella Tuveri	Italy	Freshman
Mike Valdez	Parkton, N.C.	Senior
Antonia Verhine	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Jamie Voland	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Peter Wildeboer	Castle Hayne, N.C.	Sophomore
Lauren Williamitis	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Rashad Williams	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Ryan Zetterholm	Enfield, Conn.	Freshman

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**JANUARY 13, 2014**  
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**MU UPCOMING 2014 CALENDAR EVENTS**

Date	Event	Details
<b>JANUARY 2014</b>		
<b>23</b>	<b>Civil War Quiz Bowl</b>	6:30 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium Clark Hall Kick off the 4th year of North Carolina’s Civil War Sesquicentennial with the 13th Annual Civil War Quiz Bowl, being brought to you by the Museum of the Cape Fear and Methodist University. Contestants will test their knowledge of trivia, tactics and history as host Jim Greathouse assails them with questions covering all aspects of the War Between the States. The questions are a combination of multiple choice, true or false, fill in the blank, and the most challenging will be straight forward question and answer. From the most avid Civil War buff to those who want to see how much they remember from history class, the contest is open to all ages. Prizes will be awarded for both the adult and student (16 and under) winners. The contest will be held in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall on the campus of Methodist University. Registration will be accepted until 20 spaces are filled. You can register at the door, or call the museum and sign up ahead of time. The Civil War Quiz Bowl is open to the public, with plenty of room for friends, family and spectators (no blurting out the answers please!). For more information and to register, contact Leisa Greathouse at 910-486-1330, or email <a href="mailto:leisa.greathouse@ncdcr.gov">leisa.greathouse@ncdcr.gov</a> Admission is free
<b>24</b>	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>	John Holt Guitar Recital 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Free admission
<b>31</b>	<b>Methodist University presents the Tenth Annual Foreign Film Festival Spring 2014</b>	The Department of Modern Languages and Literature presents Academy Award-winning foreign films. Hendricks Science Complex, Room 122 <i>In a Better World (HAEVNEN “The Revenge”)</i> Anders Thomas Jenson and Susanne Bier, Denmark, 2010. Free. Original language with English subtitles. Pre- and post- film discussion. Please check the MU website main page under ‘events’ for further information.

## FEBRUARY 2014

<b>3</b>	<b>Methodist University Spring Convocation</b>	11:00 a.m. Huff Concert Hall Reeves Fine Arts Building Contact: (910) 630-7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>5</b>	<b>Miss Methodist University Pageant</b>	7:00 p.m. Huff Concert Hall Reeves Fine Arts Building Contact: (910) 630-7022 or <a href="mailto:dmunoz@methodist.edu">dmunoz@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>10</b>	<b>Methodist University offers 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>13</b>	<b>"Pablo Picasso: 25 Years of Edition Ceramics" Art Exhibition</b>	David McCune International Art Gallery William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts Opening Gala: Feb. 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Exhibit Runs Feb. 13-Apr. 13 Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 11 a.m. - 7 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  Pablo Picasso is renowned for his paintings, sculptures, and graphics. He was also intrigued by ceramics. After seeing the works of the exceptional Madoura potters at a crafts fair in 1946, he asked the potters for an opportunity to work with ceramics. The result is a collection of extraordinary pieces that we are now bringing to Methodist University. The McCune Gallery's unique space and North Carolina's long and deep tradition of ceramics make this a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience a show of this quality.
<b>15</b>	<b>Play4Kay Breast Cancer Awareness Basketball Game and Silent Auction</b>	2:00 p.m. March F. Riddle Center Contact: (910) 630-7283 or <a href="mailto:djarman@methodist.edu">djarman@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>18</b>	<b>Methodist University Faculty Recital</b>	7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Free admission
<b>20- 23</b>	<b>Methodist University presents: <i>W.I.P. @ MU:</i> <i>The Production</i></b>	8:00 p.m. (Thurs.-Sat.); 2:00 p.m. (Sun.) Huff Concert Hall Reeves Fine Arts Building Contact: (910) 630-7104 or <a href="mailto:ebridens@methodist.edu">ebridens@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>21</b>	<b>Methodist University presents the Tenth Annual Foreign Film Festival Spring 2014</b>	The Department of Modern Languages and Literature presents Academy Award-winning foreign films. Hendricks Science Complex, Room 122 <i>The Official Story (La historia oficial)</i> Luis Puenszo, Argentina, 1985. Free. Original language with English subtitles. Pre- and post- film discussion. Please check the MU website main page under 'events' for further information.

<b>21-22</b>	<b>Southern Writers Symposium</b>	Medical Lecture Hall – Physician Assistant Complex Created in 1982, the Methodist University Southern Writers Symposium is designed to encourage scholarship on southern literature and culture, as well as to celebrate the writings of contemporary southern authors. Contact: (910) 630-7454 or <a href="mailto:bjernigan@methodist.edu">bjernigan@methodist.edu</a> Registration required.
<b>24</b>	<b>Womack Lectures in Religion</b>	Featuring Stephen H. Webb, Ph.D. 11:00 a.m.: "The Sound of Learning: Creating a Better Campus Soundscape" 2:00 p.m.: "Can Music Save Your Mortal Soul? Christ in Popular Music" Medical Lecture Hall - Physician Assistant Complex Contact: (910) 630-7514 or <a href="mailto:jhustwit@methodist.edu">jhustwit@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>25</b>	<b>Loyalty Day</b>	Contact: (910) 630-7169 or <a href="mailto:klee@methodist.edu">klee@methodist.edu</a>  All proceeds benefit the Loyalty Day Scholarship Fund
<b>25</b>	<b>Methodist University Concert Band and Methodist University Jazz Monarchs</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:lvolman@methodist.edu">lvolman@methodist.edu</a>
<b>27</b>	<b>B. F. Stone Lyceum</b>	"Boundaries in Medicine and Art" by Dr. Deborah Morris, Physician Assistant Program Respondents: Dr. Michael Potts, Professor of Philosophy, and Dr. Thomas McCutcheon, local medical practitioner 7:00 p.m. Yarborough Auditorium Clark Hall Contact: (910) 630-7551 or <a href="mailto:ewright@methodist.edu">ewright@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free

## MARCH 2014

<b>9</b>	<b>Fayetteville Symphony Youth Concert</b>	4:00 p.m. Huff Concert Hall Reeves Fine Arts Building Admission is free
<b>10</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>ALS Walk – 3K</b>	Check-in: 8:30 Walk starts: 10:00 a.m. Outside Reeves Fine Arts Building Contact: Laura Cowan <a href="mailto:laura@catfishchapter.org">laura@catfishchapter.org</a> or 919.390.0121  More than just a few-mile trek, the Walk to Defeat ALS® is an opportunity to bring hope to people living with ALS, to raise money for a cure, and to come together for something you care about. The Walk to Defeat ALS® is The ALS Association's biggest annual event, which raises funds that allow our local chapters to sustain care services and

		support research for much of the next year.
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 Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:lvolman@methodist.edu">lvolman@methodist.edu</a>
21	<b>Methodist University presents the Tenth Annual Foreign Film Festival Spring 2014</b>	The Department of Modern Languages and Literature presents Academy Award-winning foreign films. Hendricks Science Complex, Room 122 <i>Indochina (Indochine, Regis Wargnier, France, 1992.</i> Free. Original language with English subtitles. Pre- and post- film discussion. Please check the MU website main page under 'events' for further information.
22	<b>Methodist University Jazz Festival</b>	7:30 p.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:lvolman@methodist.edu">lvolman@methodist.edu</a>
28	<b>Methodist University Friends of Music Guest Artist Series</b>	7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel Free admission Sarah Busman Flute Recital
30	<b>North Carolina State Ballet presents "Ballet Classics"</b>	3:00 p.m. Huff Concert Hall Reeves Fine Arts Building  Tickets go on sale February 15, 2014. Public performance Sunday, March 30th, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets available through the Ballet Company office at (910) 485-4965 or through <a href="http://www.quicktix.com">QuickTixx</a> . Also available at the door. Tickets are \$16.00.
<b>APRIL 2014</b>		
4	<b>"One Voice" Gospel Choir Spring Concert</b>	7:00 p.m. Hensdale Chapel Contact: (910) 630-7157 or <a href="mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu">dlwilson@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
4	<b>Methodist University presents the Tenth Annual Foreign Film Festival Spring 2014</b>	The Department of Modern Languages and Literature presents Academy Award-winning foreign films. Hendricks Science Complex, Room 122 <i>Life is Beautiful (La vita e' bella) Roberto Benigni, Italy, 1997.</i> Free. Original language with English subtitles. Pre- and post- film discussion. Please check the MU website main page under 'events' for further information.
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>
11	<b>Easter Jam Concert</b>	The band <i>Building 429</i> will perform. <a href="http://www.building429.com/tour/">http://www.building429.com/tour/</a>  7:00 p.m.



		Huff Concert Hall Reeves Fine Arts Building Contact: (910) 630-7157 or <a href="mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu">dlwilson@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free. No ticketing, first 1,100 at the door.
12	<b>March for Babies Walk/Run</b>	<b>March of Dimes and Methodist University</b> Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Outside Reeves Fine Arts Building  March for Babies promises to be a fun day out with people who share a passion for improving the health of babies. There'll be family teams, company teams and people walking with friends. Contact: (910) 483-3691 or <a href="mailto:NC402@marchofdimes.com">NC402@marchofdimes.com</a>
12	<b>Cape Fear New Music Festival</b>	See <a href="http://capefearnewmusic.com">capefearnewmusic.com</a> for more information
14	<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
20	<b>Sunrise Service</b>	7:00 a.m. O'Hanlon Amphitheater Contact: (910) 630-7157 or <a href="mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu">dlwilson@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
21	<b>Bullard-Templeton Lecture</b>	Speaker and Topic TBA 11:00 a.m. Yarborough Auditorium Clark Hall Contact: (910) 630-7118 or <a href="mailto:lloyd@duke.edu">lloyd@duke.edu</a> Admission is free
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 Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:lvolman@methodist.edu">lvolman@methodist.edu</a>
25	<b>Methodist University All-Choirs Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building Free admission Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:lvolman@methodist.edu">lvolman@methodist.edu</a>
29	<b>MU Athletic Awards Night</b>	7:00 p.m. Huff Concert Hall Reeves Fine Arts Building Contact: (910) 630-7172 or <a href="mailto:sportsinfo@methodist.edu">sportsinfo@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<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 Contact: (910) 630-7100 or <a href="mailto:lvolman@methodist.edu">lvolman@methodist.edu</a>
3	<b>Cumberland Oratorio Singers Concert</b>	7:30 p.m. Huff Concert Hall

		Reeves Fine Arts Building
<b>10</b>	<b>Methodist University Commencement</b>	<p>Baccalaureate ceremony  10:30 a.m., Huff Concert Hall, Reeves Fine Arts Building  Admission is free  Contact: (910) 630-7157 or <a href="mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu">dlwilson@methodist.edu</a></p> <p>Graduation  2:00 p.m., Riddle Center  Tickets are required until 2:00 pm  Contact: (910) 630-7031 or <a href="mailto:pellis@methodist.edu">pellis@methodist.edu</a></p>
<b>17</b>	<b>USO 5K</b>	8:00 a.m. Outside Reeves Fine Arts Building
<b>JUNE 2014</b>		
<b>13</b>	<b>Womack Army Medical Center Graduation</b>	9:30 a.m. Huff Concert Hall Reeves Fine Arts Building Contact: (910) 630-7062 or <a href="mailto:smorrison@methodist.edu">smorrison@methodist.edu</a> Admission is free
<b>16-20</b>	<b>STEM (Science, Technology, Education, and Mathematics) Camp</b>	Half-Day Camp for Grades 6-8 8:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. daily Allison Hall Contact: (910) 630-7246 or <a href="mailto:kdavidson@methodist.edu">kdavidson@methodist.edu</a>



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**PICASSO EXHIBIT COMING TO METHODIST UNIVERSITY IN FEBRUARY**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – The David McCune International Art Gallery at Methodist University will present the exhibition, “PICASSO: 25 Years of Edition Ceramics from the Rosenbaum Collection” from Feb. 13 to April 13. There will be an opening night gala from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 13, which the public is invited to attend.

For this exhibit, the gallery will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. There is no cost to visit the gallery.

The exhibition presents a selection of the ceramics created by Pablo Picasso in collaboration with George and Suzanne Ramie and the artisans at their Madoura pottery workshop in Vallauris, Southern France, between the years 1947 and 1971. The exhibition consists of 40 ceramic works – plates, bowls, pitchers, vases, and plaques – in addition to posters and other memorabilia.

The show’s stop at the David McCune International Art Gallery at Methodist University is part of a national tour, with Methodist being the only North Carolina and South Atlantic venue. The event possible thanks to community sponsors, including premiere sponsorship from Cumberland County Tourism Development Authority; ARCO; and Janet Parks, gallery consultant for the David McCune International Art Gallery.

“Picasso is an artist that most people recognize, and have strong opinions about, and this is the type of show that people will travel to see,” said Gallery Director Silvana Foti. “A Picasso show is something that we would normally find in a more metropolitan area. Without the support of our community sponsors, we wouldn’t have been able to bring a name like Picasso to the gallery. This exhibit is also intriguing because we can take a less-known aspect of Picasso’s work – his ceramic art – and we could bring it to the public eye.”

Internationally famed for his paintings, sculptures, and graphics, Pablo Picasso (1881-1973) was long intrigued by ceramics. After seeing the works of the Madoura potters at a crafts fair in 1946, he asked Georges and Suzanne Ramie, owners of the studio, to provide him with the opportunity to work with ceramics. The workshop system they established – where the artist is paired with highly trained assistants to produce finished works – was a familiar one to Picasso who had similar experiences working in printmaking and sculpture workshops. For the next 25 years, he closely

collaborated with Madoura, producing his own thrown pieces as well as the edition ceramics seen in this exhibit. Picasso's involvement in the edition ceramics varied by piece. He sometimes made the clay molds used for the designs, at other times he painted plates or pitchers that subsequently served as models for the editions. Picasso and Madoura's artisans then finished the prototypes and the editions were produced.

Picasso and the Madoura studio produced 633 different plates, bowls, vases and pitchers in limited editions ranging from 25 to 500. The works in the exhibition come primarily from the collection of Marvin Rosenbaum of Boca Raton, Fla. Rosenbaum has been collecting Picasso ceramics for more than 40 years and has become a well-respected expert in the field, possessing more than 100 pieces in his collection. He has traveled to Vallauris, France, to visit the Madoura Pottery workshop to acquire works and to meet with Alan Ramie, the son of the workshop's founders.

The exhibition was curated by Gerald Nordland, noted author and independent curator, and former director of the San Francisco Art Museum, the Milwaukee Art Museum, and the Wight Gallery, UCLA. Landau Traveling Exhibitions of Los Angeles, Calif., organized the exhibition and national museum tour. More information on the exhibit is available on the Landau website, [www.a-r-t.com](http://www.a-r-t.com).

For more information on the exhibit or the David McCune International Art Gallery at Methodist University, please visit [www.DavidMcCuneGallery.org](http://www.DavidMcCuneGallery.org) or call 910-GALLERY.

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### **Spring Convocation Celebrates Black History Month**

(Fayetteville, NC)--Methodist University's 2014 Spring Convocation will celebrate Black History Month by showcasing the bebop jazz era. Convocation will be held in Huff Concert Hall on Monday, Feb. 3 at 11 a.m. In addition to performances of several bebop standards, there will be poetry readings that highlight the music and the creativity of bebop performers such as Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Thelonious Monk, John Coltrane, Charles Mingus, and Miles Davis.

The audience will view a slide show that will illustrate the transition from swing jazz to the creation of bebop. Bebop was first and foremost a movement of musicians for musicians. It was influenced by the racial discrimination that took place even in the North in the post—WWII period. During convocation, Methodist University student and faculty musicians will perform jazz standards "Cherokee," "Ko-Ko," "Round Midnight," and "Black Coffee." Convocation is free and open to the public.

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**Miss Methodist 2014**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – The eighth annual Miss Methodist Pageant will be held Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, in Huff Concert Hall 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.

“The pageant is planned, directed and produced by students in the Student Activities Committee,” said Doris Munoz, director of student involvement. “This year, we have a diverse group of 13 amazing women participating.”

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 Play4Kay fundraiser.

“The great thing about our pageant is that it is open for all MU students to participate in,” Munoz said. “Our goal for the pageant is for everyone to have fun doing it.”

There will also be entertainment from MU’s Mixed Melody and Miss North Carolina, Johana Edmonds. At the end of the night, the current Miss Methodist, Megan Wilson, will pass her title to another MU woman. Methodist University is an independent four-year institution of higher education with over 2,400 students from 41 states and 53 countries. Methodist University offers over 80 majors and concentrations, 100 clubs and organizations, four master’s degree programs, and 20 NCAA III intercollegiate sports. To learn more about Methodist University, please visit [methodist.edu](http://methodist.edu) or [facebook.com/MethodistUniversity](https://facebook.com/MethodistUniversity).

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**Methodist University's 24<sup>th</sup> Southern Writers Symposium  
Feb. 21 - 22**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC — Methodist University's 24<sup>th</sup> Southern Writers Symposium will be held February 21-22, 2014, on the university's campus. There will be readings, book sales and signings, panel discussions and writing workshops, as well as the formal recognition of the winners of the 2014 Emerging Writer's Contest.

"We are excited about the 2014 Southern Writers Symposium. The program this year is especially vibrant and we look forward to an exciting two days," 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 and that we have a chance to honor veteran writers, who are such a big part of our community."

The symposium starts at 11 a.m., Feb. 21, in Clark Hall's Yarborough Auditorium with a performance by spoken-word poet Starr Seward, a national poetry slam champion. This event is free and open to the public.

Friday evening's and Saturday's event will take place in the Medical Lecture Hall. Friday evening will begin at seven with dessert followed by a reading by Charles Dodd White, Appalachian writer, winner of recipient of the Jean Ritchie Fellowship, former Marine and author of the story collection, *Sinners of Sanction County* and the novel, *Lambs of Men*. Members of the Veterans Writing Collective will also read.

This year's keynote speaker is Marjorie Hudson, who also served as the final judge of the fiction contest. Marjorie Hudson's writing has won many honors, including a 2012 Pen/Hemingway Honorable Mention, a Blumenthal Award, and two Pushcart Special Mentions. She is the author of the award-winning short story collection, *Accidental Birds of the Carolinas* (Press 53, 2011) and the memoir, *Searching for Virginia Dare*. Kevin Morgan Watson of Press 53 will also be on hand to present a publisher's perspective for conference participants. Shannon Ward, judge of this year's poetry contest, author of the poetry chapbook, *Blood Creek* (Longleaf Press, 2013) and winner of the 2013 Nazim Hikmet Poetry Prize will also read.

Symposium attendees can chose from afternoon workshops on fiction, memoir, or poetry with authors Charles Dodd White, Elaine Nell Orr, and Shannon Ward respectively.

Admission for the entire Symposium is \$35, which includes Friday and Saturday's events. Admission is free for Methodist University students to the symposium only, or \$10 to attend the lunch. The Symposium also offers a discount for military veterans.

Electronic registration is available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-southern-writers-symposium-tickets-9397485131> or a registration brochure may be printed from <http://www.methodist.edu/sws/index.htm>

Created in 1982, the Methodist University Southern Writers Symposium has featured lectures by contemporary authors such as Lee Smith, Reynolds Price, Jill McCorkle and Marsha Norman. Currently, the Symposium honors emerging writers while giving writers and readers a chance to connect, cultivate, and celebrate Southern writing.

For more information about the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Southern Writers Symposium, 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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**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.

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. 25, and the goal is to raise \$150,000 for student scholarships**. A kickoff event was held at the Fayetteville Regional Chamber’s Coffee Club Jan. 16.

“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.”

This year’s Loyalty Day chair is Tim Richardson of First Citizens Bank. Being a member of the United Methodist Church, Tim grew up knowing about Methodist University being a key component of the Church’s North Carolina Conference. It wasn’t until Tim moved to Fayetteville several years ago that he gained an appreciation for the cultural and educational attributes Methodist brings to the community.

“I am honored to serve as the 2014 Chairperson of Methodist University’s annual Loyalty Day fund drive for student scholarships,” Richardson said. “Very few places can claim institutions like Methodist University as a part of their community. Our financial commitment for a strong student body supports Methodist University continually growing as a cultural, educational and economic jewel in the community.”

Like the original board, the current Foundation is made up of 23 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.

"Loyalty Day is so much more than giving money. It is about getting out into the community and talking to people about Methodist," stated Ramon Yarborough, who has been a long standing member of the Board of Trustees at Methodist University and a faithful supporter of Loyalty Day.

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. Another longstanding tradition is the reading of a mayoral proclamation, recognizing the official Loyalty Day in the City of Fayetteville.

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 2012-2013 academic year, MU awarded \$17.3 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.

"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," Hancock said.

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## **Works In Progress at Methodist University**

(Fayetteville, NC)--The Methodist University Theatre Department presents, “**WIP @ MU: The Production**” Feb. 20-23 at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, in Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building.

The MU Theatre Department continues a season of new scripts, movement pieces, and spoken word poetry by MU community members. This semester’s offerings will be fully mounted productions, complete with sets, lights, and costumes.

This event is free and open to the public, but may not be suitable for children. For more information, contact Evan Bridens at [ebridens@methodist.edu](mailto:ebridens@methodist.edu) or 910.630.7104.

- **Department of Theatre** Works In Progress at Methodist University
- *WIP @ MU: The Production*
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**OPENING OF THE PICASSO EXHIBIT  
POSTPONED UNTIL FEB. 20**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – The opening of the “PICASSO: 25 Years of Edition Ceramics from the Rosenbaum Collection” has been postponed from Feb. 13 to Feb. 20 because of adverse weather conditions. The Opening Gala will be changed to Thursday, Feb. 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the show itself will now run from Feb. 20 until Apr. 13.

The David McCune International Art Gallery at Methodist University will present the exhibition, “PICASSO: 25 Years of Edition Ceramics from the Rosenbaum Collection” from **Feb. 20 to April 13**. There will be an opening night gala from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 20, which the public is invited to attend.

For this exhibit, the gallery will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. There is no cost to visit the gallery.

The exhibition presents a selection of the ceramics created by Pablo Picasso in collaboration with George and Suzanne Ramie and the artisans at their Madoura pottery workshop in Vallauris, Southern France, between the years 1947 and 1971. The exhibition consists of 40 ceramic works – plates, bowls, pitchers, vases, and plaques – in addition to posters and other memorabilia.

The show’s stop at the David McCune International Art Gallery at Methodist University is part of a national tour, with Methodist being the only North Carolina and South Atlantic venue. The event possible thanks to community sponsors, including premiere sponsorship from Cumberland County Tourism Development Authority; ARCO; and Janet Parks, gallery consultant for the David McCune International Art Gallery.

“Picasso is an artist that most people recognize, and have strong opinions about, and this is the type of show that people will travel to see,” said Gallery Director Silvana Foti. “A Picasso show is something that we would normally find in a more metropolitan area. Without the support of our community sponsors, we wouldn’t have been able to bring a name like Picasso to the gallery. This exhibit is also intriguing because we can take a less-known aspect of Picasso’s work – his ceramic art – and we could bring it to the public eye.”

Internationally famed for his paintings, sculptures, and graphics, Pablo Picasso (1881-1973) was long intrigued by ceramics. After seeing the works of the Madoura potters at a crafts fair in 1946, he asked Georges and Suzanne Ramie, owners of the studio, to provide him with the opportunity to work with ceramics. The workshop system they established – where the artist is paired with highly trained assistants to produce finished works – was a familiar one to Picasso who had similar experiences working in printmaking and sculpture workshops. For the next 25 years, he closely collaborated with Madoura, producing his own thrown pieces as well as the edition ceramics seen in this exhibit. Picasso's involvement in the edition ceramics varied by piece. He sometimes made the clay molds used for the designs, at other times he painted plates or pitchers that subsequently served as models for the editions. Picasso and Madoura's artisans then finished the prototypes and the editions were produced.

Picasso and the Madoura studio produced 633 different plates, bowls, vases and pitchers in limited editions ranging from 25 to 500. The works in the exhibition come primarily from the collection of Marvin Rosenbaum of Boca Raton, Fla. Rosenbaum has been collecting Picasso ceramics for more than 40 years and has become a well-respected expert in the field, possessing more than 100 pieces in his collection. He has traveled to Vallauris, France, to visit the Madoura Pottery workshop to acquire works and to meet with Alan Ramie, the son of the workshop's founders.

The exhibition was curated by Gerald Nordland, noted author and independent curator, and former director of the San Francisco Art Museum, the Milwaukee Art Museum, and the Wight Gallery, UCLA. Landau Traveling Exhibitions of Los Angeles, Calif., organized the exhibition and national museum tour. More information on the exhibit is available on the Landau website, [www.a-r-t.com](http://www.a-r-t.com).

For more information on the David McCune International Art Gallery at Methodist University, please visit [www.DavidMcCuneGallery.org](http://www.DavidMcCuneGallery.org) or call 910-GALLERY. To receive images of Picasso's work for use by the media, contact Sandy Ammons at (910) 630-7114 or [sammons@methodist.edu](mailto:sammons@methodist.edu).

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## **Methodist University Launches \$35 Million National Campaign**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Methodist University launched a \$35 million national campaign on Wednesday evening at a kick-off celebration attended by university trustees, alumni, students, faculty, staff, and members of the community. The campaign entitled “The Campaign for Methodist University – Building Excellence” is the largest fundraising initiative in Methodist University’s history.

The university announced at the celebration that \$23,399,752 has been raised during the campaign’s silent phase. Several major gifts have been announced recently, including a \$2.6 million gift from the Thomas R. and Elizabeth E. McLean Foundation, a \$500,000 gift from Marta and Howard Bullard, and \$1.5 million from Linda and Ralph Huff.

“We are in a capital campaign for one reason, that is to make sure that every student has an exceptional experience at Methodist University,” said Dr. Ben E. Hancock, Jr., Methodist University president. “Through a master planning process, we identified three signature buildings: the new Health Sciences building, the expansion of John M. Reeves Fine Arts Building with the addition of the World Ministry Center, and third, the renovation and expansion of the Berns Student Center. These are the projects our Board of Trustees believes will have the most impact on our students, on the campus, and in the greater community.”

“This campaign is not just about bricks and mortar,” said Dr. Hancock. “It’s also about endowment gifts, which will provide support for scholarships, endowed faculty positions, and support for university priorities.”

The National Campaign Committee is made up of 50 individuals from across the United States who are committed to the future of Methodist University. The committee is chaired by Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan, who is also the chair of the Board of Trustees.

“Our campaign began quietly, as most large campaigns do,” said Bryan. “Our success so far in this campaign is because of the commitment of people who early on said we believe in what Methodist will do in the future.’ ”

“Thirty-five million dollars is an ambitious goal,” said Dr. Harvey Wright, campaign vice-chair and Methodist University alumni. “Yes, we will be successful, and I believe we will probably exceed that amount.”

The campaign will fund scholarships, endowed faculty positions, academic programs, campus life enhancements, new and renovated academic buildings, and six new and expanded athletic facilities.

The capital projects in the campaign include:

- The Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building
- John M. Reeves Fine Arts Building Renovation
- World Ministry Center
- Huff Concert Hall
- Student Union and Berns Center Renovation and Expansion
- Golf Facilities Expansion and the Golf Education Center
- Gene Clayton Tennis Center
- Baseball Fieldhouse
- Softball Fieldhouse
- Soccer Facility, Renovation and Expansion
- Football, Track and Field, and Lacrosse Facility

The first project will be new Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building. It will provide 34,000 square feet of academic program space. The university plans to break ground for the building in 2014.

The 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.

A new Health Sciences program, the proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree, 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.

The campaign now begins the public phase, which will last for three years. Numerous naming opportunities are available within each of the facilities as well as named endowment opportunities. For more information on the Campaign for Methodist University, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 910.630.7200 or visit the campaign website at [www.CampaignForMU.org](http://www.CampaignForMU.org).

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**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM ANNOUNCES 97 PERCENT PASS  
RATE FOR GRADUATING CLASS**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**—In December, 39 Methodist University Physician Assistant (PA) Program graduates took the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE), resulting in a 97 percent pass rate for the graduating class.

“The class of 2013 deserves recognition for their hard work and dedication to learning how to give exceptional patient care. The PA Program faculty and staff are proud to have been a part of their education and join with them in celebrating their success,” said PA Program Director Christina Beard. “We look forward to the contributions these new healthcare providers will make to the local, national and international community.”

MU’s PA graduates frequently have a high pass rate on the PANCE, with a 100 percent pass rate in the previous year. The computer-based, multiple-choice exam assesses basic medical and surgical knowledge. Passing the PANCE is required to become a certified PA. The percentage of candidates who ultimately passed the PANCE since the first graduates in 1998 is 99%.

“Methodist University PA students consistently score above the national average in the PANCE exam, thus demonstrating the exceptional quality of our program,” said President Ben E. Hancock Jr. “An institution that supports a culture of excellence by providing signature facilities and programs produces signature health care professionals.

The Masters of Medical Science Degree in Physician Assistant Studies at Methodist University is accredited at the national level by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistants (ARC-PA) and is recognized as a very high quality and competitive program. The program, which started at a bachelor's level program, began in 1996. Ninety-eight percent of the graduates are practicing physician assistants in a variety of medical settings and specialties. Eighty-six percent of the program's graduates currently practice in North Carolina.

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**BULLARD-TEMPLETON LECTURE EXPLORES RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN SCIENCE AND RELIGION**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**— The Methodist University Department of Philosophy and Religion will hold the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Bullard-Templeton Lecture, featuring Professor Mark Whittle, in Clark Hall at 11 a.m. on April 21.

Whittle is a professor at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, where he joined the Astronomy Department in 1986. His lecture, “Modern Cosmology and the Problem of Ultimate Origin,” will explore how the Universe came into being, what modern science has to say, and where the laws of physics originated.

Whittle, who obtained his bachelor’s and master’s in Physics from Oxford University, and his doctorate in Astronomy from Cambridge University, uses large optical and radio telescopes, including the Hubble Space Telescope, to study processes occurring within 1,000 light years of the central supermassive black hole in Active Galaxies. His most recent interests focus on the way in which fast moving jets of gas, which are driven out of the active nucleus, subsequently crash into, accelerate, and generally “damage” the surrounding galactic material.

“The Bullard-Templeton Lectures are designed to explore the relationship between science and religion,” said Dr. Lloyd Bailey, Professor of Religion at Methodist University. “When the lecture focuses upon Astronomy, as it does this year, it may ask the fundamental question of human existence: ‘What is the meaning of life? Does it have a purpose that is grounded in a divine creator, or is matter merely uncreated and eternal?’ In the latter case, meaning can only arise temporarily from the desires of societies and individuals. Professor Whittle, who is the author of more than twenty articles in professional journals, is well suited to address this issue.”

The Bullard-Templeton Lecture Series, which was originally established in 2000 under a Templeton grant, was renamed in 2006 after local businessman Howard A. Bullard, Jr. and his wife Marta Bullard. The lectures are offered free to the public and are designed to explore the relationship between science and religion.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Bailey at 910.630.7118.

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**SPRING ENTREPRENURIAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT FEATURES  
N.C. GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**— The Methodist University Center for Entrepreneurship’s Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit will welcome Governor Pat McCrory as the keynote speaker at the event on Tuesday, April 29 at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Fayetteville. The event will begin at 6 P.M.

Gov. McCrory will address local entrepreneurs, business owners, community leaders, and members of the Methodist University community on the impact and value of entrepreneurship in North Carolina.

“We are extremely honored to have Governor McCrory as our keynote for this year’s summit,” said Marty Cayton, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) at Methodist University. “In keeping with the Center’s mission of creating wealth producers and job creators, we are excited to hear what our leader and head job creator has to say about entrepreneurship in North Carolina and the opportunities that are ahead for our state.”

The Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit seeks to aid the CFE’s mission to create wealth producers and job creators. The inaugural Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit took place in 2013, replacing the CFE’s annual Spring Stock Market Symposium. As well as a keynote address from Gov. McCrory, four prestigious business awards will be presented at the Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit. They are 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 Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership (SEL) Summit was started to inspire the many individual entrepreneurs and businesses that attend by focusing on topics involving business succession, transformative leadership development, sales and sales management, and business problem solving. It is my hope that this event’s attendance continues to grow, and that the entrepreneurial community will be encouraged and inspired by the speakers and the community award winners that we honor,” said Cayton.

For more information or to register for the Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit, please contact Cayton at 910.630.7616 or mcayton@methodist.edu.

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**Cape Fear New Music Festival  
At Methodist University April 12**

**Fayetteville, NC** - The Cape Fear Music Festival will be held on Saturday, April 12 at Methodist University. The event will include a musical concert and an exhibition of photography from Legendary *Life Magazine* photographer, Burk Uzzle, one of America's most highly regarded photographers.

The festival will include a talk from Uzzle and a reception following the concert. Uzzle will also serve as a judge for the photography contest. The theme of the festival this year is to explore the connection between sight and sound: photography and music. The festival is open to the public and free of charge.

Part one of the festival begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, in the lobby of the Reeves Fine Arts Building with a reception with Uzzle, other artists and composers. This is followed at 3 p.m. by a series of presentations addressing the creative interaction between sight and sound, and at 4 p.m. with a panel discussion with Uzzle and the other photographers, artists, and composers who are part of the festival.

Part two begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Hensdale Chapel for a concert during which Uzzle's photographs will be exhibited as well as interpreted musically by composer Daniel McCloud.

McCloud is an Assistant Professor of Music and Director of University Bands at Methodist University. He was invited to compose an original musical score to accompany Burk's "Burned Series" photographs—a photography project in which Uzzle documented the rescued remnants of an old country store, burned more than a decade ago. Uzzle transported the store's charred and fragile contents, such as books, dolls, and cans, to his North Carolina studio where he made hauntingly beautiful photographs of each object using intricate lighting and a large-format camera. "Burned" is the latest series from Burk Uzzle, who over the past four decades has produced classic images, including those of the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

- April 12, 2-5 p.m., Reeves Fine Arts Building: reception and panel discussions
- April 12, 7:30 p.m., Hensdale Chapel: concert and exhibition of photography

For more information about the festival, please contact Dr. Steven Brey, Methodist University, (910) 630-7090, [sbrey@methodist.edu](mailto:sbrey@methodist.edu), or [capefearnewmusic.wordpress.com](http://capefearnewmusic.wordpress.com).

## **Burk Uzzle Biography**

Legendary Life Magazine photographer, Burk Uzzle, is one of America's most highly regarded photographers. He is a North Carolina native who has given more than five decades to his unique blend of the American sensibility. In 1962 at age 23, he became the youngest contract photographer ever hired by *Life Magazine*. While at *Life* he produced extended photographic essays that ranged from a Wyoming Sheep Ranch to segregation in McComb, Mississippi.

In 1967 Uzzle was invited to join Magnum Photos, the premier international photographers cooperative, and from 1979-1980 he served as its president. During these years Magnum published its first monograph, Uzzle's *Landscapes*, and he shot the seminal images of Woodstock and the funeral of Martin Luther King Jr. — pictures that continue to travel internationally on magazine covers and in exhibitions.

Charlie Rose, in his preface to Uzzle's *A Family Named Spot* writes, “Burk Uzzle may have been my first hero. ... At that time, Life Magazine was it—like being on network television. And it was about photographs. Burk was a photographer, and he was my first cousin. His accomplishment brought me enormous pride. There is a pride of blood in this, and also a pride in seeing in his work things that remind me of the place I came from, viewed through his extraordinary eye. What Burk always represented to me was a brilliant interpretive eye that understood how to capture what it means to grow up and be shaped by the forces at work in the South.”

Since 1983 Uzzle has worked as an independent photographer with numerous magazine and corporate clients, museum and gallery exhibitions, and he has had published several books of his work. Burk Uzzle is represented by the Lawrence Miller gallery in NYC.

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## **Dr. Daniel McCloud Biography**

Originally from Gary, Indiana, Dr. Daniel McCloud earned his Bachelor of Music in Percussion Performance at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. In 2003, Dr. McCloud earned a Master of Music degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in Instrumental Conducting, and completed a Doctor of Arts degree in Percussion Performance and Instrumental Conducting from Ball State in 2008.

In addition to being an active performer and conductor, Dr. McCloud is an active composer and arranger. He has received commissions from the World Saxophone Congress in addition to numerous soloists, band, and percussion programs. In 2000 he composed the theme music for a documentary film “Ed Ball's Century” for PBS affiliate, WIPB-TV at Ball State University. Dr. McCloud has more than 30 percussion compositions published by Dutch Music Partners. He is an Educational Endorser of Pro-Mark, a prominent percussion company, and is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP); Percussive Arts Society and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

Dr. Daniel McCloud (2013) currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Music and Director of University Bands at Methodist University. Outside of music, Dr. McCloud enjoys cooking, the occasional weekend warrior activity, and spending time with his wife Sandy and their two sons, Zavier and Zander.

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**Price Softball Field Named in Honor  
of Karen and Don Price**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**— Methodist University is pleased to announce that Karen and Don Price have donated \$250,000 to Methodist University for softball field improvements and a new fieldhouse. The facility's new name will be Price Field.

The softball field was dedicated Thursday, March 27 at a ceremony attended by the Price family, friends, students, athletes, coaches, faculty, staff and members of the community.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to recognize the Price family name on the Methodist University campus," said Dr. Ben E. Hancock Jr., Methodist University President. "Their commitment to excellence, to service, and to giving back to the community make them exceptional role models for our students as well as every member of the university community. Every time we attend a softball game at Price Field, we will be reminded of their generosity and capacity to inspire others to live lives of meaning and purpose."

Karen and Don Price have been strong supporters of Methodist University for many years. Don, who received the Center for Entrepreneurship's Business Person of the Year in 2004, has served as a trustee since 2009 and as the Loyalty Day chair in 2012. Their son, Tim Price, is a 1991 graduate of Methodist and a member of the Foundation Board.

Speakers included Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan, chair of the Board of Trustees and the National Campaign Committee; Bob McEvoy, Methodist University athletic director; Coach Ron Simpson; and Marcy McKee, a member of the softball team.

The gift from the Price family will allow the university to make significant improvements to the field and build the new fieldhouse. Improvements to the field will include new seating and fencing and improving the dugouts. The fieldhouse will provide space for athletic training, a locker room, storage space, and a lobby to be used for special events and as a place for students to study near the field. The building will include a rooftop observation deck to give fans an elevated view of games and to host special events.



The athletic training room will be available to all Monarch athletes, and will be staffed by the university's own athletic trainers. Methodist University has six certified athletic trainers on staff in addition to students majoring in athletic training. The students will gain valuable experience working with student athletes and coaches of the university's athletic programs.

This gift from the Price family is one of several major gifts recently received through the "The Campaign for Methodist University – Building Excellence." The university launched the public phase of campaign at a kick-off event in Fayetteville in February after months of private fundraising.

Earlier this month, the university announced that more than \$25 million has been raised towards the campaign goal of \$35 million, or more than 72 percent of the campaign goal. The campaign is the largest fundraising initiative in Methodist University's history.

The campaign will fund scholarships, endowed faculty positions, academic programs, campus life enhancements, new and renovated academic buildings, and six new and expanded athletic facilities.

For more information on Price Field or other campaign projects, please contact the Office of University Advancement at (910) 630-7200.

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**MU ANNOUNCES UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE  
RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM WEEK**

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**— The Methodist University Center for Undergraduate Research and Creativity will be holding the Third Annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium on Wednesday, April 16. This year, 60 students will be sharing their projects through 38 different presentations. The students participating in this year's event have collaborated with 23 different faculty mentors for their respective projects.

"One of the most exciting developments on our campus is the development of the Undergraduate Research Symposium," said Dr. Ben Hancock, Methodist University president. "Not only does it feature collaborative work from our students and faculty, but it also sets the stage for a lifetime of intellectual pursuit."

The mission of the Methodist University Center for Undergraduate Research and Creativity is 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.

This year, not only will undergraduate projects be shared, but Methodist University will also highlight graduate student and faculty projects throughout the week-long Symposium Celebration. The Graduate Symposium will be held Monday, April 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Physician Assistant Auditorium. Dr. George Hendricks, dean of the Graduate School, is excited about the inclusion of graduate students during this year's Symposium Week.

"The inaugural Graduate Research Symposium highlights the diversity of graduate education at Methodist University," Dr. Hendricks said. "The symposium continues our tradition of a liberal arts education through student presentations in our PA, M.Ed, MBA and MJA programs. The community will find the topics engaging, the discussion enriching and the take away empowering. We look forward to a very exciting evening."

During the course of Symposium Week, faculty research will be presented on Monday from 11 a.m. to noon. Also, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday in the PA Auditorium, the Creative Writing students will be sharing work they have been writing this semester.

"It is exciting that the Methodist University community has embraced the initiatives and opportunities that the Center offers," said Dr. Clay Britton, director of the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creativity. "The Symposium Week truly is a reflection of

the research and creative projects in which our students and faculty participate over the course of the academic year or their academic careers. The various events that we have scheduled during the week allow all academic disciplines to share their efforts.”

The Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium and Graduate Symposium are both open to the public. For more information, visit [methodist.edu/research](http://methodist.edu/research) or call 910.630.7451.

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## **Methodist University Students Participate in Disaster Simulation**

**(Fayetteville, NC)** – More than 100 Methodist University students, faculty, and staff participated in an interdisciplinary disaster simulation on Saturday, April 5 on the university campus. The exercise was planned and executed by students and faculty from the departments of Nursing, Physician Assistant Studies, Athletic Training, Environmental and Occupational Management, Applied Forensic Science, and the University Police and Security personnel.

“The exercise today was a big success because the students learned to apply their skills and knowledge in a simulated critical incident,” said Dr. Mark Bowman, Director of the Center for Excellence in Justice Administration and Disaster Exercise Leader. “Part of the learning process is making mistakes and learning from them. A simulation such as the one today provides a safe environment for students to take risks and learn from hands-on experience.”

The scenario for the exercise involved a **portable methamphetamine lab** exploding in a vehicle injuring 10 innocent bystanders attending a football game. Students worked together as they would in a real life emergency situation. University Police responded first to the scene to secure the situation. Athletic Training students stabilized the wounded and transported them to the MU Simulation Hospital located in the Nursing Building. Nursing and Physician Assistant students received the patients, accessed their situation, and provided medical care. The patients included students and computerized mannequins programmed by the instructors. Applied Forensic Science students investigated the crime scene. Environmental and Occupational Management students contained and removed the hazardous materials.

Students responded to the incident with following objectives as they applied to their discipline:

**Objective I:** Render immediate aid to victims and take reasonable and appropriate actions to protect human life and safety.

**Objective II:** Take reasonable and appropriate actions to contain, stabilize, and secure the incident scene.

**Objective III:** Initiate the on-scene criminal investigation.

“Today’s simulation exercise was a collaborative learning experience for our students and faculty,” said Dr. Donald Lassiter, Vice President, Planning & Evaluation

and Title III Project Director. “The purpose of this exercise was to provide a valuable learning experience and extensively utilized instructional technology.”

Students and faculty gathered after each section completed their response and participated in an after action review and watched the video recording of the event. A documentary of the exercise will be produced and used in the classroom to teach students about emergency response, disaster planning, and collaboration.

“Excellence in a university education requires collaboration and integration of programs to help prepare students for successful careers,” said Dr. Ben Hancock, Methodist University president. “I’m so proud of our students. They simulated a real world experience and learned how to respond in an emergency situation much like the kind that they will face in their careers. This will make them that much more competitive in securing job opportunities when they graduate.”

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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, April 20, 2014 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, Vice President of University Relations and Campus Ministry, will deliver this year’s sermon. The St. Andrews United Methodist church choir will provide 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 together our students, area churchs, and members of 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. 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.

For more information regarding the Easter service, contact Donna Wilson at 910.630.7157 or send an email to [dlwilson@methodist.edu](mailto:dlwilson@methodist.edu).

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**Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit  
Features N.C. Governor Pat McCrory**

**(FAYETTEVILLE, NC)**—The Methodist University Center for Entrepreneurship's Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit welcomed Governor Pat McCrory as the keynote speaker at the event on Tuesday, April 29 at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Fayetteville.

Gov. McCrory addressed local entrepreneurs, business owners, community leaders, and members of the Methodist University community on the impact and value of entrepreneurship in North Carolina.

"We were extremely honored to have Governor McCrory as our keynote for this year's summit," said Marty Cayton, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) at Methodist University. "In keeping with the Center's mission of creating wealth producers and job creators, we were excited to hear what our leader and head job creator has to say about entrepreneurship in North Carolina and the opportunities that are ahead for our state."

The Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit seeks to aid the CFE's mission to create wealth producers and job creators. The inaugural Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit took place in 2013, replacing the CFE's annual Spring Stock Market Symposium. As well as a keynote address from Gov. McCrory, four prestigious business awards will be presented at the Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit.

The awards and the recipients were:

- American Business Ethics Award – Bobby Hurst, Hurst Annaho Supply
- Silver Spoon Award – Keith Allison, Systel
- Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year - Shelley Shamdasani Bhatia, Ultimate Storage Company
- Small Business Excellence Award – W. Scott Weathington, Agri-Technologies

"The Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership (SEL) Summit was started to inspire the many individual entrepreneurs and businesses that attend by focusing on topics involving business succession, transformative leadership development, sales and sales management, and business problem solving. It is my hope that this event's attendance continues to

grow, and that the entrepreneurial community will be encouraged and inspired by the speakers and the community award winners that we honor," said Cayton.

The event was dedicated in memory of Bob Dunn '70, President of the Finley Group. As an alumnus, Dunn was heavily involved with the Center for Entrepreneurship. In 2002, he was awarded the CFE's Business and Economics Award, and in 2013 he was given Methodist's Distinguished Alumnus Award. Also in 2013, Dunn's gift of \$300,000 provided the seed funding for the Dr. Sid Gautam Scholarship for Entrepreneurs. Dunn died March 9 at his home. The event was attended by his wife and daughters.

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## **Methodist University Announces Spring Commencement**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University will celebrate its 51<sup>st</sup> annual Spring Commencement Ceremony Saturday, May 10, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center on the university's campus.

Major Dan Rooney, a retired F-16 fighter pilot and founder of Folds of Honor, will deliver the commencement address. During the ceremony, the University will present Maj. Rooney with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

The University will also present the University Medallion to Dr. Christopher Aul, chief medical officer of Cape Fear Valley Health System and medical director of the university's Physician Assistant Program.

Prior to the commencement ceremony, Dr. James Howell, senior pastor at Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 10:30 a.m. in Huff Concert Hall.

### **Commencement Ceremony**

"We are pleased to welcome Maj. Rooney as our commencement speaker," said President Ben Hancock. "He is an inspirational example of service, patriotism and dedication. Our students PGA Golf Management have a history of supporting his Folds of Honor foundation through the annual Patriot's Golf Day."

Maj. Rooney served three combat tours in Iraq. It was after returning from his second tour that he witnessed the return of a flag-draped casket to a fallen soldier's family and was inspired to found Folds of Honor, a non-profit organization that has raised more than \$35 million dollars and awarded more than 5,500 educational scholarships to the family members of soldiers who were killed or disabled in combat.

Major Rooney, who is also a member of the Professional Golf Association, founded The Patriot, a Robert Trent Jones, Junior-designed course in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and home to the Folds of Honor Foundation headquarters. He has been recognized as one of People Magazine's Heroes of the Year, Money Magazine's Hero of the Year, and one of ABC World News Tonight's Persons of the Year.

### **University Medallion**

During the ceremony, the University Medallion will be presented to Dr. Christopher Aul.

“Dr. Aul has touched the lives of countless patients and students over the years,” said Hancock.

Dr. Aul opened Hope Mills Family Medical Center in 1980, where he practiced family medicine for many years. In 1995, he joined Methodist University as the first Medical Director of the Physician Assistant Program, a position he still holds. In 2006 he closed his practice and shifted his focus to urgent care.

Starting at Cape Fear Valley’s Health Pavilion North Express Care in 2006, Dr. Aul would go on to become the Medical Director for all of Cape Fear Valley’s Express Care practices, as well as starting the Transition of Care Clinic for Congestive Heart Failure, which opened in 2010. That experience led him to get more involved with issues surrounding quality and patient safety, and in 2011 he became the Associate Chief Medical Officer for Quality and Patient Safety for the entire health system, stepping into the Chief Medical Officer position after the previous occupant retired last year.

### **Baccalaureate Service**

Prior to graduation, a Baccalaureate Service will take place at 10:30 a.m. in Huff Concert Hall. Dr. James Howell will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

Dr. Howell has been senior pastor of Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte since 2003, and has served churches in the Charlotte area for 25 years. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and Duke Divinity School, and has a Ph.D. from Duke. He has published 15 books.

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The 2014 Spring Commencement Distinguished Graduate is Cassidy Conley. She was among the top students in the graduating class and was chosen for this honor by her fellow graduates. She is receiving his Bachelors of Science in Biology and will give remarks at the Commencement Ceremony.

Six flags will be presented to the University from graduates who are the first to graduate Methodist University from their country. Students from Jordan, Rwanda, Zambia, Botswana, Cambodia, and Tonga will present flags from their country which will be on display at Commencement and will hang permanently in the Berns Student Center.

The first graduating class, the Class of 1964, will be honored at Commencement. Several members of the Class of 1964 will return on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to lead the graduation procession and to be hooded for the first time, compliments of the MU Alumni Association.

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**METHODIST WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University announces the election of two new members to the Board of Trustees, Timothy Richardson and Charles Broadfoot Holmes.

“We are excited to have these two distinguished and accomplished leaders join our Board of Trustees,” said President Ben Hancock. “Their expertise and perspective will help further our quest for continued excellence at Methodist University.”

The new members will begin their three-year terms in July. Both bring extensive backgrounds in finance and management to the board.

The trustees also elected Dorothy Hubbard, Jane Hook Johnson, and Ramon L. Yarborough as trustee emeriti and reelected five board members, Dr. Alfred E. Cleveland, Dr. Loleta Wood Foster, the Rev. Dr. R. Carl Frazier Jr., Terry Hutchens, and Dr. Mark Miller.

**Timothy Richardson**

Timothy Richardson is area vice president of operations for Cumberland, Moore, and Lee Counties for First Citizens Bank. Originally from Clinton, the Fayetteville resident was the 2014 Loyalty Day Chair and has been a member of Methodist University’s Foundation Board since 2012. He is also a member of the Reeves School of Business Advisory Board, a past member of the Board of Visitors, and a member of the National Campaign Committee.

Richardson holds a bachelor’s degree in banking and finance from Appalachian State University. His civic affiliations include The Partnership for Defense Innovation of North Carolina, Fayetteville Regional Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Salvation Army, and the Fayetteville Area Rotary Club. He is married to his wife, Vicki, and is a member of Haymount United Methodist Church.

**Charles Broadfoot Holmes**

Originally from Fayetteville, Charles Broadfoot Holmes is senior managing director and head of equities for Oppenheimer & Co in New York City. He received his bachelor’s degree in 1979 from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In December, Holmes was the commencement speaker at Methodist University and received

an honorary doctorate. Following commencement, Holmes made a challenge gift to encourage future graduates to support their alma mater.

Holmes began his finance career in 1980 with First Union Bank before joining CIBC World Markets in 1984. That company was acquired by Oppenheimer & Co in 2008. Prior to taking over as head of the equities group at CIBC World Markets, he worked as head of institutional sales for five years and was associate head of research from 1999 to 2000. Holmes is also a member of the Council of Advisors for the Hope Funds for Cancer Research.

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**METHODIST UNIVERISTY ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC — Two hundred and fifty-six students were named to the Spring 2014 Dean's List at Methodist University. To merit inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a 3.50 or better GPA with at least 42.0 quality points during the semester on a total course load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of D, F, or I (Incomplete) and no developmental courses.

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
Shinichi Akaeda	Japan	Freshman
Anchalem Alemayehu	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Raya Alher	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Lisa Amsden	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Daylee Anderson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Chioma Azih	Swaziland	Sophomore
Joel Backer	Raeford, N.C.	Freshman
Cameron Baggett	Dunn, N.C.	Sophomore
Brittany Balderson	Gloucester, Va.	Senior
Christopher Barger	Severn, Md.	Senior
Frank Barone	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Suzanne Barron	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gina Battistone	Northfield, Ohio	Senior
Jenny Bautista	Four Oaks, N.C.	Sophomore
Kayla Beasley	Autryville, N.C.	Senior
Kimberly Bell	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bryan Bennett	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Tyler Bennett	Parkton, N.C.	Junior
Cory Berg	Milton, Ga.	Sophomore
Christopher Biggins	Clarksville, Md.	Senior
Bryan Bing	Palmetto, Fla.	Senior
Jason Binkley	Raeford, N.C.	Junior

Bryan Bittner	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Elizabeth Blomgren	Rockford, Ill.	Senior
Tara Blue	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Jeffrey Boltinhouse	Winterville, N.C.	Freshman
Dallas Bradley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Emilie Brey	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Steven Brown	Garner , N.C.	Sophomore
Miriya Bryant	Laurel Hill, N.C.	Senior
Laura Burkart	Godwin, N.C.	Senior
Rebecca Burnett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Dustin Burnside	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Shannon Byrne	Stokesdale, N.C.	Sophomore
Rickey Caldwell	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Beth Carmickle	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Chantele Carr	Vass, N.C.	Junior
Kelsie Carralero	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Senior
Amna Causevic	Parkton, N.C.	Senior
Lisa Chapman	Lillington, N.C.	Senior
Sarah Chapman	Ashburn, Va.	Senior
Kyle Colborn	Newport, N.C.	Sophomore
Nicole Cole	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Mark Collins	United Kingdom	Senior
Cindy Colon	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Carlos Cortes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Blair Coulter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kristin Crouse	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Chepiernael Cruz Rodriguez	Ft. Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Brittaney Dahle	Dunn, N.C.	Sophomore
Charles Darder-Uquillas	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Andrea Davids	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Cheryl Davis-Triplett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Elisabeth De Sousa	East Timor	Sophomore
Courtney DeGarmo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Stephanie Dewell	Corona, Calif.	Sophomore
Rodrigo Diaz	Venezuela	Sophomore
Chanel Diaz Woodall	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Junior
Amanda Dickson	Rocky Mount, N.C.	Sophomore
Taylor Dominguez	Salinas, Calif.	Senior
John Donohoe	Freeport, N.Y.	Sophomore
David Doss	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Sarah Drizen	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Megan Dull	Vass, N.C.	Junior
Josiah Elder	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Sierra Emanuel	Lumberton, N.C.	Sophomore
Brett Emery	Garner, N.C.	Senior
Tiffany Enoch	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Luis Falco	Brazil	Freshman
Donnie Fann	Wade, N.C.	Junior



Erin Fegley	Morehead City, N.C.	Senior
Jacob Fitch	La Plata, Md.	Freshman
Sarah Focken	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Forbes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Corey Fraker	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Larry French	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Matthew French	Raleigh, N.C.	Sophomore
Miranda Friel	Stedman, N.C.	Junior
Alvin Galang	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Andrea Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alexandria Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gabriel Gaweda	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ronald Gendron	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Melanie Giovannetti	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Loretta Giovannettone	Shirley, N.Y.	Senior
Brian Gleason	Sanford, N.C.	Sophomore
Daniel Gore	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Ariel Goslee	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Stuart Graham	Charlottesville, Va.	Senior
Kaitlynn Gray	Virginia Beach, Va.	Sophomore
Matthew Griffiths	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Emily Guidry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Gabriella Gunawan	Glenn Dale, Md.	Senior
Stephanie Halbleib	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Carolann Hall	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Alexander Hammill	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Lois Hammond	Silver Spring, Md.	Senior
Andrew Harper	Apex, N.C.	Senior
Kelsey Harrington	Columbia, Mo.	Junior
Ammar Hasan	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Sarah Hayden	Frederick, Md.	Senior
Brady Heath	Sanford, N.C.	Junior
Connor Heinz	Overland Park, Kan.	Senior
Laura Henderson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Julia Henry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Joel Hernandez	Stedman, N.C.	Junior
Stacy Hernandez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Natalie High	Marshville, N.C.	Junior
Emily Highsmith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Alysa Hilliard	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Alyssa Hood	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
John Hoover	Carthage, N.C.	Junior
David Hopkins	West End, N.C.	Junior
Casey Horne	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Anthony Horne	Autryville, N.C.	Senior
Gregory Houston	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Gabrielle Howard	Pasadena, Md.	Senior
Christopher Hultgren	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore

Serge Iraguha	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Mohammad Jamil	Afghanistan	Senior
Benjamin Japha	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Pierre Ricardo Jean Baptiste	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Sojeong Ji	South Korea	Freshman
Brandon Johnson	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Maria Jones	Richmond, Va.	Junior
Andrew Jones	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Robert Jones	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Tyreese Joseph	Sanford, N.C.	Junior
Manin Keo	Cambodia	Junior
Haeun Kim	Linden, N.C.	Junior
Jenny Kim	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lindsey Kinch	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Logan King	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Brandt Kittredge	Torrington, Conn.	Senior
Carly Klinedinst	Wilmington, N.C.	Senior
Julia Lainez-Barahona	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Kaylie Langton	Somersworth, N.H.	Senior
Joshua Lee	Denton, N.C.	Sophomore
Brittney Leggett	Lumberton, N.C.	Senior
Xiao Ling	China	Sophomore
Leslie Lingo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Patrina Lowrie	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nicole Malahias	Clinton, N.C.	Junior
Morgan Mann	Kinston, N.C.	Senior
Stefanie Mansfield	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Crystal Mansi	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Kirsten Markow	Sumter, S.C.	Senior
Gina Martinez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kway Maule	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Olorato Mbi	Botswana	Junior
Katie McDowell	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jaycen McGee	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Reginald McNeill	Dunn, N.C.	Sophomore
Taylor Mello	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Garrett Mellon	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Matthew Mendell	Burlington, N.J.	Senior
Alexandra Michielini	Garden City, N.Y.	Senior
Ariel Mitchell	Trinidad	Senior
Brittanie Mitchem	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Stormey Molina	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Steven Moran	Lillington, N.C.	Junior
Jamie Mulkern	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Travis Murphy	North Augusta, S.C.	Senior
Lisa Murphy	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Amanda Musgrove-Currie	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Trevor Nance	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

Mitchell Nennich	Springfield, Va.	Senior
Divine Newsome	Cameron, N.C.	Sophomore
Sibahle Nhleko	Swaziland	Junior
Lory Nieshe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ondrea Noddin	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Ivette Nunez	Parkton, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Oder	Chesapeake, Va.	Senior
Shawntavia Odom	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Edith Olivarez	Angier, N.C.	Junior
Simon Olivier	France	Freshman
Loreto Oreckinto	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alejandro Ortiz-Gonzalez	Cameron, N.C.	Senior
Korissa Packer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Tiffany Page	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Renaë Parker	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Rowena Parnell	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Ankita Patel	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alina Payankova	Belarus	Senior
Courtney Pearson	Clinton, N.C.	Senior
Kaliah Pemberton	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Akemy Piescik	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Stacy Pifer	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Troy Piorkowski	Nazareth, Pa.	Sophomore
Mekala Poirier	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Tia Porterfield	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Crashawnda Powell	Hope Mills, N.C.	Freshman
Lacey Price	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Jessica Puckett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Amanda Rada	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Fitore Rama	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Michael Reilly	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Senior
Michael Reynoso	Austin, Texas	Senior
Sarah Ritchie	Mount Pleasant, N.C.	Senior
Kurt Robinson	Hickory, N.C.	Senior
Tevin Rogers	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Samuel Rose	Burlington, N.C.	Senior
Jayson Ruizperez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Daniel Sasfy	Hungary	Freshman
Brittany Savageau	Parkton, N.C.	Senior
Andie Savel	Sudbury, Mass.	Senior
Ryan Schmidt	Midland, Mich.	Senior
Ronn Schuck	Fairlawn, N.J.	Freshman
Samantha Scoggins	Wendell, N.C.	Junior
Sharon Shipley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Smirna Sinanovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Russell Sineni	Greensboro, N.C.	Senior
Crystal Sloan	Cameron, N.C.	Junior
Billy Sly	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

Henrik Smith	Kernersville, N.C.	Senior
Derek Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Caitlin Smith	New London, N.C.	Sophomore
Jasmine Smith	Jacksonville, Fla.	Sophomore
Kayleen-Marie Smithling	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jean Snider	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Ebert Caesar Soriano	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Nicole Spink	Havelock, N.C.	Sophomore
Erin Stanley	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Lindsay Stinson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Bryana Summers	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Dzana Susic	Winston-Salem, N.C.	Senior
Heather Swenson	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
David Szajnik	Enola, Pa.	Junior
Emily Talley	San Angelo, Texas	Senior
Rebekah Thompson	Carthage, N.C.	Senior
Evan Thorne	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Anthony Thornton	Willingboro, N.J.	Sophomore
Jillian Thrasher	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lindsay Tippet	Middlesex, N.C.	Senior
William Tobener	Melrose, Fla.	Senior
Julius Toney	Montgomery, Ala.	Senior
Ashley Toro	Lillington, N.C.	Sophomore
Sandra Tyler	Autryville, N.C.	Senior
Meghan Uhl	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jordan Vann	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jamie Voland	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Donna Wade-Smith	Godwin, N.C.	Senior
Austin Warren	Dunn , N.C.	Junior
Tammy Weaver	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore
Christopher Webster	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Brian Weir	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Justin Wells	Godwin, N.C.	Senior
Gabrielle Wentling	Fredericksburg, Pa.	Junior
Erica Williams	White Plains, Md.	Senior
Andrew Womble	Elizabeth City, N.C.	Senior
Erica Woodington	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Symone Woods	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ivan Ho Yong Sheng	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Rebecca Young	Linden, N.C.	Junior
Ryan Zetterholm	Enfield, Conn.	Sophomore

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**METHODIST UNIVERISTY ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT'S LIST**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC — One hundred and nine students were named to the Spring 2014 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>
Esra Al-Shawafi	Yemen	Senior
Casey Ausborn	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Michelle Bass	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Morgan Bell	Dunn, N.C.	Senior
Brya Bradley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Stephanie Breitenbach	Owings, Md.	Senior
Stephanie Buffaloe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Katherine Cadungog	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Noah Camp	Jacksonville, N.C.	Senior
Christopher Carter	Shelby, N.C.	Senior
Jaron Cayton	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Julie Chassard	France	Freshman
Joshua Clarke	Capron, Va.	Senior
Leslie Coates	Newport News, Va.	Sophomore
Cassidy Conley	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Barbara Cooper	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Leah Corbitt	Reidsville, Ga.	Junior
Julissa Corona	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ester Cova	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alexander Demitraszek	Ravena, N.Y.	Junior
William Donihoo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Anita Donlic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Dzenana Dzanic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior

Heather Edgington	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Craig Edgington	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Jamie Elliott	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Elizabeth Ellison	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Michael Faison	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bianca Farmer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Nicole Fink	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Alesha Fredrick	Roseboro, N.C.	Senior
Wessley Futrell	Ellerbe, N.C.	Senior
Geraldine Gabon	Jacmel, N.C.	Junior
Roy Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lawrence Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
John Garcia-Diaz	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Kristoffer Govasmark	Norway	Senior
Olivia Grace	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kendall Gregoire	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Sebastien Haas	France	Freshman
Renee Hamilton	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Katlin Harris	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Jaclyn Hayes	Clifton Park, N.Y.	Senior
Briauna Hester	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Bryan Hockaday	Staten Island, N.Y.	Senior
Jeffrey Holmes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Pierce Holt	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Brooke Hood	Panama City Beach, Fla.	Senior
Ivette Hurtado	Raeford, N.C.	Freshman
Prudence Inderbitzen	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Gabrielle Isaac	Mooresville, N.C.	Senior
Sydney Jarrard	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore
Fedia Jean Claude	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Joyce Johnson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Larhonda Jones	Rowland, N.C.	Senior
Emily Jones	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Chelsie Keene	Newton Grove, N.C.	Senior
Christopher Kirkland	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Mary Kizer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Tatum Kram	Raeford, N.C.	Freshman
Nicholas Kress	Jarrettsville, Md.	Sophomore
Rachel Krogstie	Broadway, N.C.	Junior
Cheryl Krupa	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Daniel Lane	Erwin, N.C.	Senior
Doo Lee	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jennifer Lendof	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore
Jungeun Lim	South Korea	Freshman
Megan Lord	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jenna May	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Patrick McDonough	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Marcy McKee	Milford, Del.	Senior

Cheri Molter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Samra Mrkovic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Cierra Murphy	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Katherine Nation	Orlando, Fla.	Sophomore
Emir Nazdrajic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sophomore
Kenneth Nevarez-Hernandez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
David Nolan	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Megan Peterson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Sarah Phillips	King Of Prussia, Pa.	Senior
Allison Phipps	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Carolina Pinto	Brazil	Freshman
Carla Pressley	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Aaron Randolph	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Christa Rhodes	Richlands, N.C.	Senior
Anna Rivenbark	Rose Hill, N.C.	Senior
Talia Rodriguez	Spring Lake, N.C.	Junior
Jessica Rogers	Clayton, N.C.	Junior
Blakeley Scott	Cary, N.C.	Senior
Mary Scott	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Hikaru Shiroeda	Japan	Sophomore
Janet Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alexis Speck	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Aurelie Stach	France	Freshman
Aaron Stevens	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Amber Suits	Clayton, N.C.	Sophomore
Volha Sviarkaltsava	Belarus	Junior
Jessica Swartz	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Zachary Sweet	Port Wentworth, Ga.	Senior
Andrew Sykes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Shytianna Taylor	Jacksonville, N.C.	Senior
Miguel Tevez-Rosales	El Salvador	Senior
Taylor Tipton	Saint Joseph, Mo.	Senior
Kyle Trietley	Allegany, N.Y.	Junior
Jacob Trigoboff	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Isabella Tuveri	Italy	Sophomore
Tijana Vasiljevic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Senior
Peter Wildeboer	Castle Hayne, N.C.	Sophomore
Lauren Williamitis	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING 2014 GRADUATES**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Methodist University announces the graduation of 231 students in the 51<sup>st</sup> annual Spring Commencement, which took place on May 10, 2014. The commencement speaker was Major Dan Rooney, a retired F-16 fighter pilot and founder of Folds of Honor. During the commencement, the University also recognized Dr. Christopher Aul, chief medical officer of Cape Fear Valley Health System and medical director of the university's Physician Assistant Program, with the University Medallion.

Student Marcy McKee was awarded the L. Stacy Weaver Award, which is given each semester to an outstanding graduate, as determined by a faculty vote. Distinguished Graduate Cassidy Conley was also recognized and addressed her 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>
Leolupe Afu	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Antonio Alston	Littleton, N.C.	
Immaculate Apchemengich*	Uganda	
Colin Armstrong	Aurora , Colo.	
Whitney Bain	Erwin , N.C.	
Laura Baker	Lincolnton, N.C.	
Emily Baldwin	Raeford, N.C.	
Christopher Ball	Henderson, N.C.	
Robert Ball	Richmond, Va.	
Kayla Beasley	Autryville, N.C.	Dean's List
Kimberly Bell *	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Morgan Bell*	Dunn, N.C.	President's List

Lauren Bledsoe	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jackie Bradford	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Brya Bradley*	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Stephanie Breitenbach*	Owings, Md.	President's List
Brandon Brown	Salemburg, N.C.	
Stephanie Buffaloe**	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Laura Burkart **	Godwin, N.C.	Dean's List
Keith Burroughs	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Kathryn Byrd	Smithfield, N.C.	
Jasmine Campbell	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Ashley Carter	Lumberton, N.C.	
Christopher Carter**	Shelby, N.C.	President's List
Jaron Cayton*	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Rachel Chapman	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Sarah Chapman*	Ashburn, Va.	Dean's List
Amanda Charles	Sanford, N.C.	
Nabanita Choudhury	India	
Oriana Clayton	Browns Summit, N.C.	
Cassidy Conley***	Spring Lake, N.C.	President's List
Michael Connor	Cary, N.C.	
Barbara Cooper	Sanford, N.C.	President's List
Kristin Council	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Denise Countryman	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Chepiernael Cruz Rodriguez	Ft. Bragg, N.C.	Dean's List
Erin Dashiell	Autryville, N.C.	
Adam Davila	Knightdale, N.C.	
Cheryl Davis-Triplett*	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Althea Dennis	Petersburg, Va.	
Anita Donlic***	Bosnia and Herzegovina	President's List
Lee-Anne Duren	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Dzenana Dzanic***	Bosnia and Herzegovina	President's List
Jessie Earp	Waterloo, N.Y.	
Ashley Earwood	Parkton, N.C.	
Craig Edgington***	Raeford, N.C.	President's List
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Marquita Fields	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Christine Flowers	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Aaron Fournier	Manassas, Va.	
Alesha Fredrick*	Roseboro, N.C.	President's List
Larry French*	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Russell Froat*	Spring Lake, N.C.	
Wessley Futrell	Ellerbe, N.C.	President's List
Andrea Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Lawrence Garcia***	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Christina Giglio	Fayetteville, N.C.	
John Glenn	Jensen Beach, Fla.	

Olivia Grace**	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Stuart Graham	Charlottesville, Va.	Dean's List
Jacob Gray	Charlotte, N.C.	
Carrie Green	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Joshua Greene	Rutherfordton, N.C.	
Sabrina Greer	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Travis Hammond	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Serena Hare	Raeford, N.C.	
Andrew Harper**	Apex, N.C.	Dean's List
Maeve Harper	Dayton, Ohio	
Sarah Hayden	Frederick, Md.	Dean's List
Jaclyn Hayes	Clifton Park, N.Y.	President's List
Laura Henderson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Stacy Hernandez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
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Chelsie Keene***	Newton Grove, N.C.	President's List
Angela Key	Ararat, N.C.	
Jenny Kim	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Lindsey Kinch	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Katie Knodel	Lillington, N.C.	
Stephen Krunich	Guam	
Kendra Krupp	Carson City, Nev.	
Jerel Kwasikpui	Seaboard, N.C.	
Kaylie Langton*	Somersworth, N.H.	Dean's List
Doo Lee***	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Kawana Lee	Bunnlevel, N.C.	
Wendy Lewis	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Colton Long	Robbins, N.C.	
Sydney Machokoto	Zimbabwe	
Joshua Marshall	Stokesdale, N.C.	
Gina Martinez**	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Natalie Mathews	Swaziland	

Erin McAuliffe	Littleton, N.C.	
Brittany McCoy	Spring Lake, N.C.	
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Madeline Monday	Hope Mills, N.C.	
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Syntina Nesbitt	Micro, N.C.	
Nyoma Clement Nickonora*	South Sudan	
Laone Oagile	Botswana	
Alejandro Ortiz-Gonzalez**	Cameron, N.C.	Dean's List
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Renae Parker	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Ankita Patel*	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
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Gregory Patterson***	Elon, N.C.	
Ronald Patterson	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Alina Payankova**	Belarus	Dean's List
Courtney Pearson*	Clinton, N.C.	Dean's List
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Andrew Poole	Durham, N.C.	
Tia Porterfield	Fayetteville, N.C.	
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Anna Rivenbark	Rose Hill, N.C.	President's List
Yasmeen Robbins	Raeford, N.C.	
Brianna Robinson	Hopewell, Va.	

Emilee Rodeffer	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Andrew Romero	Linden, N.C.	
Samuel Rose	Burlington, N.C.	Dean's List
Talata Samuel	Uganda	
William Sandlin	Pink Hill, N.C.	
Cindy Santa Cruz	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Blakeley Scott*	Cary, N.C.	President's List
Mary Scott*	Raeford, N.C.	President's List
Joshua Shaffer	Dunn, N.C.	
Brent Shelton	Dry Fork, Va.	
Rachael Simpson	Spring Lake, N.C.	
Russell Sineni	Greensboro, N.C.	Dean's List
Kevin Smith	Wilson, N.C.	
Eric Smith	Mechanicsville, Va.	
Janet Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Jean Snider*	Hope Mills, N.C.	Dean's List
John Socinski	Presto, Pa.	
Alexis Speck	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
John Staples	Parkton, N.C.	
Kimberly Steffen	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Andrew Sykes	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
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Rebecca Tate	Laurinburg, N.C.	
Jacob Tello	New Market, Md.	
Gregory Thigpen	Wallace, N.C.	
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**The Campaign for Methodist University - Building Excellence  
Surpasses the \$27 Million Mark**

(Fayetteville, NC) — Methodist University is pleased to announce that more than \$27 million has been raised towards the campaign goal of \$35 million, which is 79% of the goal. The exact total raised to date is \$27,663,130.

Additionally, the \$5.5 million goal for the Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building has been met thanks to a \$500,000 gift from the families of brothers Norwood and David Bryan, as well as a \$1.2 million gift from Ramon Yarborough, which included a \$200,000 challenge to fellow members of the University's Board of Trustees, which has been achieved.

“The Norwood and David Bryan families are pleased to be among the many donors for the new Health Sciences building at Methodist University,” said Mary Lynn Bryan, chair of the Board of Trustees and the National Campaign Committee. “It will make possible further development of key programs at the University that beneficially serve an increasing number of students and help make medical care in our community even more readily available.”

Earlier this year, the Thomas R. and Elizabeth E. McLean Foundation pledged \$2.6 million to the campaign for the Health Sciences Building, which will be home to the proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program, 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 university plans to break ground on this project later this summer.

“The success to date of the Building Excellence Campaign would not have been possible without the leadership gifts that have enabled the University to move forward with the construction of signature facilities aligned with our highest priorities,” said Dr. Ben Hancock, Methodist University president. “The support from individuals like Ramon Yarborough and the Bryans, as well as the McLean Foundation, has demonstrated once again the commitment this community has to our University and its vision for the future.”

The campaign entitled “The Campaign for Methodist University – Building Excellence” is the largest fundraising initiative in Methodist University's history. The campaign will fund scholarships, endowed faculty positions, academic programs, campus

life enhancements, new and renovated academic buildings, and six new and expanded athletic facilities.

One hundred percent of the university's Board of Trustees and the 50-member National Campaign Committee have contributed to the campaign. The university has seen a 300-percent increase in total giving from last year to this year and an increase in alumni, faculty, and staff giving.

"The Campaign for Methodist University – Building Excellence" will continue through 2016. Numerous naming opportunities are available within each of the facilities as well as named endowment opportunities. The capital projects in the campaign include:

- The Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building
- John M. Reeves Fine Arts Building Renovation
- World Ministry Center
- Huff Concert Hall
- Student Union and Berns Center Renovation and Expansion
- Golf Facilities Expansion and the Golf Education Center
- Gene Clayton Tennis Center
- Baseball Fieldhouse
- Price Field and Softball Fieldhouse
- Soccer Facility, Renovation and Expansion
- Football, Track and Field, and Lacrosse Facility

For more information on the Campaign for Methodist University, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 910.630.7200 or visit the campaign website at [www.CampaignForMU.org](http://www.CampaignForMU.org).

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**BUSINESS SUCCESSION FORUM NETWORK LUNCHEON  
SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 9**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**— The Methodist University Center for Entrepreneurship will hold the Business Succession Forum Network (BSFN) luncheon on Tuesday, September 9, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fayetteville. The luncheon program will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free to BSFN members or \$25 for non-members.

The speakers include Dallas Romanowski and Russ Rogerson.

“The purpose of the BSFN (Business Succession Forum Network) is to provide our members access to relevant topics about value creation, succession/transition planning and growth opportunities for their businesses,” said Marty Cayton, Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship. “Mr. Romanowski and Mr. Rogerson will provide valuable insight regarding the state of our local economy, building personal wealth, and increasing business equity.”

Dallas Romanowski is the Managing Partner of Cornerstone Business Advisors and the Fund Director for the IMAF Cape Fear & Sandhills Angel Funds. He has played a critical role in the success of many businesses, ranging from the Fortune 100 to scores of small companies. Romanowski’s talents include strategic planning, organizational management, and business development. Romanowski is the author of *Performance Culture* – a management model that maximizes leadership effectiveness, employee productivity and process excellence.

Russ Rogerson joined the Fayetteville Regional Chamber in 2012 as the Executive Vice President and the Executive Director of the newly formed Economic Development Alliance of Fayetteville & Cumberland County. Prior to coming to Fayetteville, Rogerson served as Senior Vice President of business development services at the Charlotte Regional Partnership and as Executive Director of the Mooresville- South Iredell Economic Development Corporation.

The Business Succession Forum Network brings interested business owners together with business succession experts. The BSFN holds a minimum of four luncheons per year. For more information, contact Cayton at 910.630.7616 or mcayton@methodist.edu.

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## **Methodist University Announces \$2.5 Million Gift from Sharon and Ron Matthews for World Ministry Center**

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AUGUST 22, 2014

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—At Opening Convocation on Friday, Aug. 22, Methodist University President Ben E. Hancock Jr. announced Sharon and Ron Matthews' donation of \$2.5 million to build the World Ministry Center on the University's campus.

"Never in our world has the need for peace been more apparent," said Ron Matthews. "The need is great for the creature to recognize and connect with the Creator. The World Ministry Center at Methodist University will be a place of worship, peace, and reconciliation. It will enhance all students' experience on campus and in the world. It is important for a well-balanced experience and a rich spiritual life."

"We are so fortunate and grateful to be able to give this gift to Methodist University and to the community," said Sharon Matthews. "We have been blessed and are honored to give back."

Sharon and Ron Matthews have been strong supporters of Methodist University for many years. In 2000, they were the recipients of the Small Business Excellence Award from the Methodist University Center for Entrepreneurship. Ron Matthews is an active member of the Methodist University Board of Trustees, serving on the Executive Committee and the National Campaign Committee.

Dr. Hancock praised the Matthews' generosity and their commitment to the University to take a bold step forward with the Master Plan, which calls for transforming the campus, including a major worship and performing arts complex featuring the World Ministry Center, and the Reeves Fine Arts Building and Huff Concert Hall.

"This inspirational gift from Sharon and Ron is more than a gift to our University and in support for our faith based mission," said Dr. Hancock. "This gift brings us that much closer to our \$5.4 million goal for the Reeves Building that will make this combined chapel, cultural arts venue, and educational facility a reality and fulfill our vision for the future that we share with our faith and community partners."

More than 20,000 guests visit Huff Concert Hall each year. The venue serves as the hub for performances and events at Methodist University, including musical performances, theatrical productions, cultural events, ceremonies, and lectures. The facility hosts events and conferences, partnering with many local and regional groups, including churches, schools, the Fayetteville Symphony, the U.S. Army, and the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The Sharon and Ron Matthews World Ministry Center will include a 300-seat chapel and serve as the home for campus ministry and student worship. While recognizing Methodist University's heritage and connection with the United Methodist Church, it will celebrate and welcome all faiths in accordance with the University's mission and provide a space for all cultures and religions to come together to promote peace and understanding.

"I'm excited that we are going to be able to build a World Ministry Center", said the Rev. Dr. Mike Safley, Vice President for Campus Ministry and Community Engagement. "The chapel will be not only for the Christian community but for all faiths as we learn to grow in our own faith as well as dialogue with others."

Several major gifts have been made recently to expand and renovate the John M. Reeves Fine Arts Building, including a \$1 million gift from Terri Union and the late Carlos Zukowski in support of a Judaic studies endowment, the arts, and the Union-Zukowski Lobby and Gallery. The lobby and gallery will connect the renovated Linda and Ralph Huff Concert Hall with the World Ministry Center and serve as a site for meetings, receptions, dinners, and gatherings prior to performances and services. The area will also feature a gallery to display works of art, including those of students, faculty, and visiting artists.

The gift from Sharon and Ron Matthews brings the total raised to more than \$30 million toward the capital campaign goal of \$35 million. The campaign entitled "The Campaign for Methodist University – Building Excellence" is the largest fundraising initiative in Methodist University's history. The campaign will fund scholarships, endowed faculty positions, academic programs, campus life enhancements, new and renovated academic buildings, and six new and expanded athletic facilities.

The campaign will continue through 2016. Numerous naming opportunities are available within each of the facilities as well as named endowment opportunities. The capital projects in the campaign include:

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- Linda and Ralph Huff Concert Hall
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**LAFAYETTE COLLECTION AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY  
RECEIVES DONATIONS**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist College alumnus Mr. Gene Dillman, of Louisburg, NC, has donated a collection of memorabilia to the Lafayette Collection at Methodist University. The existing collection consisted of 19 letters and hundreds of articles, books, and pictures, but only a few dozen medals, ribbons, and other commemorative items. The addition of twelve new items (including pottery and snuff boxes) represents a significant increase in not only the number of objects in the collection but their variety as well.

Dillman, who deals in political memorabilia, says, “My purpose, when I started collecting these items three or four years ago, was to enhance the Methodist University Lafayette Collection with items that would also tell a story.”

Many places in the United States are named for General (the Marquis de) Lafayette, but Fayetteville, North Carolina, is the only one that he actually visited. During his 1824-1825 tour of the states from New Hampshire to New Orleans, Lafayette was treated like a rock star of today. The popularity of Lafayette memorabilia during that time has its counterpart in today’s merchandising of the famous and popular.

On Friday, September 5, at Methodist University’s Davis Memorial Library the collection will be officially unveiled. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a reception featuring French-themed hors d’oeuvres. At 6:30, Dr. Robert Crout, adjunct professor of history at the College of Charleston and a Lafayette historian, will give a gallery talk entitled *Selling Lafayette, Celebrating America*, which will discuss Lafayette’s enduring popularity in American culture. At 7:30 there will be a short concert of French music by Bizet, Ravel, Debussy, and others presented by soprano Gail Morfesis and friends in Hensdale Chapel, directly across from the library. (A donation of \$10 is suggested for the concert, but not required.) Also performing will be baritone David Duke, a former professor of voice at Methodist University, harpist Andrea Blanchfield from Raleigh, and international pianist Jesse Davis.

Of the donation, Dr. Hank Parfitt, president of Fayetteville’s Lafayette Society, said, “We are very excited about Mr. Dillman’s donation. These beautiful artifacts will draw attention to the Lafayette Collection, which is a great resource in our community. We hope to work with Methodist in building up the collection, especially the Lafayette letters, so that it will become a destination for historians and scholars.”

This event is an official part of Fayetteville's annual Lafayette Birthday celebration sponsored by the Lafayette Society and the City of Fayetteville. For a complete listing of events please visit [www.LafayetteSociety.org](http://www.LafayetteSociety.org).

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

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

**UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND LECTURES**

**September 5** – The Lafayette Collection at Methodist University will be unveiled on Friday, Sept. 5 at the Davis Memorial Library on the university's campus. Items in the collection include early 19<sup>th</sup> century medals, ribbons, books, letters and ceramics and other items painted with the likeness of the Marquis de Lafayette. The reception begins at 6 p.m. Lafayette historian, Dr. Robert Crout, will give a gallery talk at 6:30 entitled *Selling Lafayette, Celebrating America*. At 7:30 there will be a concert of French music by Bizet, Ravel, Debussy, and others presented by soprano Gail Morfesis and friends in Hensdale Chapel. This event is an official part of Fayetteville's annual Lafayette Birthday celebration sponsored by the Lafayette Society and the City of Fayetteville. For a complete listing of events please visit [LafayetteSociety.org](http://LafayetteSociety.org).

**September 9** – The Business Succession Forum Network luncheon will be held on Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fayetteville. Speakers will be Dallas Romanowski and Russ Rogerson. Contact Marty V. Cayton, Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE), at 910. 630.7642 for more information and to register. Tickets are \$25 for non-BSFN members. Visit [methodist.edu/cfe/bsfn](http://methodist.edu/cfe/bsfn).

**September 11 - November 15** – The David McCune International Art Gallery presents "Testament", an exhibition of photographs by Chris Hondros at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. Hondros was a Fayetteville native, an award winning photojournalist, and a two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist. There will be an opening reception at 6 p.m. on Sept. 11. The opening reception and the exhibit are free and open to the public. The exhibit runs Sept. 11-Nov. 15. Contact Silvana Foti for more information at 910.425.5379 or visit [davidmccunegallery.org](http://davidmccunegallery.org).

**September 13** - Methodist University's Physician Assistant Program Class of 2015 will hold a 5K Run/Walk on Sept. 13 at 7 a.m. The event will start at Armstrong-Shelley Baseball Field on the MU campus. Contact: 910.630.7615 or [jmish@methodist.edu](mailto:jmish@methodist.edu) for more information. Visit [methodist.edu/paprogram](http://methodist.edu/paprogram).

**September 15, October 20, November 3** – The Professional MBA program at Methodist University will host a monthly open house for those interested in learning more about the MBA 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 or visit [methodist.edu/mba](http://methodist.edu/mba).

**October 2 - 5** – The MU Theatre Department presents Tom Stoppard's *The Real Inspector Hound*. Shows are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building. Contact Evan Bridens at 910.630.7104 or [ebridens@methodist.edu](mailto:ebridens@methodist.edu) for more information or visit [methodist.edu/theatre](http://methodist.edu/theatre).

**October 19** - Methodist University hosts the production of *Deployed* on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. in Huff Concert Hall at Reeves Fine Art Building. The play tells stories of war through the words of veterans including poems, essays, and diary excerpts. They describe the pressures of preparing for war, deployment, and battle. Words by the late NC playwright and novelist Paul Green frame the beginning and end. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Robin Greene at [rgreene@methodist.edu](mailto:rgreene@methodist.edu) or visit [methodist.edu/writingvets](http://methodist.edu/writingvets).

**October 27** – The Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development presents the Lafayette Leadership Speaker Series featuring New York Times bestselling author, Laura Schroff, on Monday, Oct. 27, 2014 at 11 a.m. in Huff Concert Hall. Schroff is the author of *An Invisible Thread*. She is a nationally-renowned speaker whose message, entitled “Beyond You Leadership,” is that everyone has the power and leadership ability to reach beyond themselves and positively influence the life of others. The lecture is free and open to the public. Copies of Schroff’s book will be available for purchase and signing following the lecture. For more information, please contact Dr. Andrew Ziegler at 910.630.7488 or [aziegler@methodist.edu](mailto:aziegler@methodist.edu). Visit [methodist.edu/tallycenter](http://methodist.edu/tallycenter).

**October 31 – Nov. 1** – Join the Methodist University family as we celebrate Homecoming and Family Weekend 2014. 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 at 11 a.m., 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 favorite band, 80’s Unplugged, at Scrub Oaks. 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).

**November 13** - The Methodist University Center for Entrepreneurship 41<sup>st</sup> Economic Outlook and Stock Market Symposium will be held on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Fayetteville/Ft. Bragg. The keynote speaker will be Robert Genetski, author of *A Nation of Millionaires, Taking the Voodoo out of Economics, Winning with Money, and Classical Economic Principles & the Wealth of Nations*. For ticket and sponsorship information, contact Marty V. Cayton, Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE), at 910. 630.7642 or visit [methodist.edu/cfe/eos](http://methodist.edu/cfe/eos).

**December 5 -6** – The 4th 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.

**December 13** – 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.

## **Music**

Methodist University's Department of Music presents the following performances for the 2014-2015 academic year. For more information, call 910. 630.7100 or visit [methodist.edu/music](http://methodist.edu/music).

Amanda Virelles, Friends of Music Guest Artist Piano Recital  
September 19, 2014, 7:30 p.m. - Hensdale Chapel

Dr. Daniel McCloud, Faculty Percussion Recital  
September 26, 2014, 7:30 p.m. - Hensdale Chapel

Fayetteville Symphonic Band Concert  
October 22, 2014, 7:30 p.m. - Huff Concert Hall

Darrin Thiriot, Friends of Music Guest Artist Clarinet Recital  
November 7, 2014, 7:30 p.m. - Hensdale Chapel

Methodist University All-Choirs Concert  
November 21, 2014, 7:30 p.m. - Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building

MU Jazz Monarchs Concert  
November 23, 2014, 3:00 p.m. - Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building

Fayetteville International Youth Symphony Concert  
November 23, 2014, 6:30 p.m. - Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building



Fayetteville Symphonic Band Concert  
December 4, 2014, 7:30 p.m. - Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building

Yuletide Feaste  
December 5 & 6, 2014, 7:30 p.m. - Hay Street United Methodist Church

Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra Brass Quintet, Friends of Music Guest Artist Recital  
February 1, 2015, 4:00 p.m. - Hensdale Chapel

Methodist University Faculty Recital  
February 20, 2015, 7:30 p.m. - Hensdale Chapel

Fayetteville Symphonic Band Concert  
March 5, 2015, 7:30 p.m. - Huff Concert Hall

MU Jazz Festival  
March 21, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - Huff Concert Hall

Matt Roehrich, Friends of Music Guest Artist Saxophone Recital  
March 27, 2015, 7:30 p.m. - Hensdale Chapel

Cape Fear New Music Festival  
April 18, 2015 - see [CapeFearNewMusic.com](http://CapeFearNewMusic.com) for more information

Fayetteville Symphonic Band and MU Jazz Ensemble Concert  
April 23, 2015, 7:30 p.m. - Huff Concert Hall

MU All-Choirs Concert  
April 24, 2015, 7:30 p.m. - Huff Concert Hall

Fayetteville International Youth Symphony Concert  
April 26, 2015, 5:00 p.m. - Huff Concert Hall

### **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 [mumonarchs.com](http://mumonarchs.com). Athletic Department Contact: Nate Jervey, 910.630.7172 or [sportsinfo@methodist.edu](mailto:sportsinfo@methodist.edu).

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**THE WORK OF PHOTOJOURNALIST CHRIS HONDROS ON EXHIBIT  
AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY  
SEPT. 11 – NOV. 15**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC— The David McCune International Art Gallery presents "Testament," an exhibition of photographs by the late Chris Hondros, at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. There will be an opening reception at 6 p.m. on Sept. 11. The opening reception and the exhibit are free and open to the public. The exhibit runs from Sept. 11 to Nov. 15, 2014.

"Testament" is a collection of photographs and writing by Hondros spanning over a decade of coverage from most of the world's conflicts since the late 1990s, including Kosovo, Afghanistan, the West Bank, Iraq, Liberia, Egypt, and Libya.

Hondros was a Fayetteville native, an award winning photojournalist, and a two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist. He grew up in Fayetteville, attended Terry Sanford High School and North Carolina State University, and worked for the Fayetteville Observer as a photographer. He moved to New York to work as a photojournalist. His photographs appeared on magazine covers and newspaper front pages of major publications all over the world. He won many awards and honors for his photographs before his 2011 death while on assignment in Libya.

The McCune Gallery worked with Christiana Piaia, Hondros' fiancée and president of the Chris Hondros Fund, to create this exhibition. The exhibition will feature twenty photographs, twelve on loan from the Gregg Museum at North Carolina State University, and eight images printed especially for this exhibition. The opening of the exhibition will include a reception and a gallery talk by Piaia.

Gallery hours are Tuesday–Friday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m., closed Sunday, Monday, and school breaks. The David McCune International Art Gallery is located on the Methodist University campus in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The exhibit runs Sept. 11-Nov. 15. Contact Silvana Foti for more information at 910.425.5379 or visit [davidmccunegallery.org](http://davidmccunegallery.org).

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**Armstrong Baseball Fieldhouse Named in Honor  
of Carolyn and George Armstrong**

**FAYETTEVILLE, NC**— Methodist University is pleased to announce that Carolyn and George Armstrong have donated a major gift to Methodist University to build a baseball fieldhouse. The facility's name will be Armstrong Fieldhouse at Armstrong-Shelly Field.

The gift was announced on Saturday, Sept. 6 at a ceremony attended by the Armstrong family, friends, students, athletes, coaches, faculty, staff and members of the community.

“Methodist University and the Fayetteville Community are fortunate to have individuals like the Armstrongs who are so committed to improving the quality of life for our students and our citizens,” said Dr. Ben E. Hancock Jr., Methodist University President. “Their support of our new baseball facility is just the most recent example of their generosity and interest in young people.”

George Armstrong and Carolyn Riddle Armstrong have been longtime supporters of Methodist University. George graduated from Methodist College in 1968 with a B.A. in Business Administration.

“Carolyn and I have been active in the baseball program for many years,” said George Armstrong. “Our families have supported the university since day one. I’m proud to be an alum and grateful for my friendship with Coach Austin. Through the years as I talked with Coach Austin about the needs of the program, we felt there was a need for a first-class facility to match the first-class baseball team. Carolyn and I decided to give the gift to get the ball rolling.”

George Armstrong is a longtime friend of head baseball Coach Tom Austin and an avid Monarch baseball fan, attending most home games. In 2006, a gift from the Armstrongs made it possible to install lighting for the baseball field, which was renamed Armstrong-Shelley Field. Additionally, George contributed to the remodeling of the first football locker room and the soccer fieldhouse.

The new Armstrong Baseball Fieldhouse will feature locker rooms, laundry facilities, and athletic training equipment in addition to offices for the coaches. There will be a lobby and lounge area for meetings and events and an observation deck where students and fans can gather to watch the games.

“Carolyn and George have been our power hitters for a long time,” said Coach Tom Austin. “Every time we needed something for our program, they’ve stepped up to the plate and hit a home run. We are grateful for their support. Their many gifts to Methodist University over the years have supported and will continue to support the university and Monarch Baseball. Our student athletes benefit greatly from their generosity.”

The Riddle and Armstrong families have made a tremendous impact on Methodist University and the growth of Fayetteville and Cumberland County’s residential and commercial development, including many properties near Methodist University.

Carolyn Riddle Armstrong and her sister Sharlene Riddle Williams received the 2008 Methodist University Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur Award. Carolyn currently serves on the CFE Advisory Board and is a past member of the Board of Visitors.

Carolyn’s parents, March and J.P. Riddle, both served as Methodist University trustees. J.P. received the 1978 CFE Entrepreneur of the Year Award and March received the 2012 CFE Greater Good Award. The J.P. and March Riddle Endowed Scholarship at Methodist University was established by the J. P. Riddle Charitable Foundation. In 1990, the March F. Riddle Center was dedicated in honor of March through a generous gift from her husband. Today, the March F. Riddle Center is home to Monarch Athletics and visited annually by thousands of students and visitors.

In August, the university announced that the Campaign for Methodist University – Building Excellence has surpassed the \$30 million mark towards the campaign goal of \$35 million. The campaign is the largest fundraising initiative in Methodist University’s history.

The campaign will fund scholarships, endowed faculty positions, academic programs, campus life enhancements, new and renovated academic buildings, and six new and expanded athletic facilities.

For more information on the Armstrong Fieldhouse at Armstrong-Shelley Field or other campaign projects, please contact the Office of University Advancement at (910) 630-7200.

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**41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND STOCK MARKET SYMPOSIUM SET  
FOR NOV. 13 AT EMBASSY SUITES IN FAYETTEVILLE**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Economist Robert Genetski will be the keynote speaker at the 41<sup>st</sup> annual Economic Outlook and Stock Market Symposium in November, hosted by the Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE), part of the Reeves School of Business at Methodist University. The dinner event will take place at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 13, at Embassy Suites in Fayetteville, and will also include the presentation of four awards: 2014 Entrepreneur of the Year Award, Business Person of the Year Award, Greater Good Award, and Alumni Business Person of the Year.

Tickets to the dinner are \$75 per person, or \$700 for a 10-seat table, and can be purchased through [www.methodist.edu/cfe](http://www.methodist.edu/cfe).

Robert Genetski's experience in the world of economics and finance involves a unique combination of business and academic expertise. He headed asset management, investment and economic research departments for several financial institutions. He also taught economics at several colleges including NYU and the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business.

He is renowned for using humor and anecdotes to make complex economic principles easily understandable. For four consecutive years, he has been recognized as one of the top-five speakers in the fields of Economics and Finance. He has appeared on Fox News and CNN.

After receiving his Ph.D. in economics from New York University, Genetski worked in the financial industry and subsequently founded of his own economic and financial consulting service. He served on the board of directors for a number of public companies and provides insights on his website: [classicalprinciples.com](http://classicalprinciples.com).

In his free time, he authors books, notably *A Nation of Millionaires*, *Taking the Voodoo out of Economics*, and *Winning with Money*. Having made a name for himself in *Who's Who in Finance and Industry* and *Who's Who in America*, he has also written a regular column for Japan's leading financial newspaper.

Dr. Genetski has been a longtime advocate of classical economic principles. He has used his knowledge of these principles to create highly accurate economic and financial forecasts, from correctly predicting stagnation in 1977, economic revival in the 1980s and 1990s, and historically low interest rates during the past decade. In early 2008, six months before the financial collapse, he joined the former chief economic advisor under President Reagan in

warning that it was too late to avoid a recession since “The Fed has inadvertently adopted an overly restrictive policy that has hastened the spread of bankruptcies and financial failure.”

Dr. Genetski’s latest book, **Classical Economic Principles & the Wealth of Nations** is used in colleges and high schools across the country. It received rave reviews for its clear, concise explanation of the policies necessary to promote wealth and prosperity.

“We are excited to have Dr. Genetski as the keynote speaker for our event. His track record of accurate economic forecasts should benefit all in attendance,” said CFE Director Marty Cayton.

The mission of the CFE is to create wealth producers and job creators by training students of all ages to start new business and be prepared for business ownership. The center also encourages students take advantage of MU’s newly created major in entrepreneurship, which is also offered as a minor.

The CFE holds two annual symposiums, the Economic Outlook and Stock Market Symposium is held in the fall and the Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit is held in the spring.

For more information about the event or tickets, contact Cayton at [mcayton@methodist.edu](mailto:mcayton@methodist.edu), or 910.630.7616.

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**SCRUTON NAMED DEAN OF THE REEVES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University is pleased to announce Dr. Kimberly E. Scruton has been named the Dean of the Reeves School of Business.

In her position as Dean, Scruton will direct 29 full-time faculty members in the fields of accounting, business administration, entrepreneurship, financial economics, marketing, and sport management. In addition, she will teach two courses in the fall semester and two courses in the spring semester. Scruton will also be responsible for strengthening the School's education programs; establishing business, civic, and education partnerships; and maintaining the school's accreditation.

Scruton began her career at Methodist University in 2011, and rose to Department Chair of Business Administration, Marketing, Management, and Entrepreneurship in the Reeves School of Business in 2012. Prior to coming to Methodist, Dr. Scruton served as Head Men and Women Tennis Coach, Interim Athletic Director and Vice President Development as well as instructor in the Department of Kinesiology at Shenandoah University.

During her career at Methodist, Scruton has served on many service committees. She is a member of the QEP Committee, the MBA Accreditation Review Committee, and served as chair of the University Faculty Concerns Committee from 2012-2013.

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**METHODIST WELCOMES FOUR NEW MEMBERS TO  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University announces the election of four new members to the Board of Trustees: Louis Cox, Edward Keil, Williford McCauley, and Elton Stanley. The new members will serve three-year terms. They bring extensive experience in finance, business management, law, and education to the Board of Trustees.

**Louis Cox**

Louis Cox is the president/CFO of Holt Oil Company, a third-generation, family-owned and operated business based in Fayetteville. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Cox is president-elect of the CARE Clinic Board of Directors and a member of the MU Board of Visitors. Cox resides in Fayetteville with his wife Sarah.

**Edward “Tuna” Keil**

Tuna Keil graduated from Methodist in 1970 with his B.A. in history and received his master's in education from Old Dominion University in 1982. A retired educator, Keil taught for many years in Chesapeake Public Schools. He is a member of MU's National Campaign Committee and vice president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. He and his wife Kathy reside in Suffolk, Va.

**Williford McCauley**

Williford McCauley is an attorney specializing in the areas of estate planning, estate administration, business, and commercial law. He is a graduate of Davidson College, Wake Forest University, and New York University. He and his wife, Carla, reside in Fayetteville.

**Elton Stanley**

Originally from Shallotte, Stanley lives in Plano, Texas, with his wife Debra. He is the director of Client Services for Sedgwick Claims Management Services. He graduated from Methodist in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in sociology. Stanley was inducted into



MU's Hall of Fame in 2000 for his accomplishments on the men's basketball team from 1971 to 1975.

"We look forward to working with each of these distinguished and accomplished leaders as they join our Board of Trustees," said President Ben Hancock. "Their expertise and perspective will help further our quest for continued excellence at Methodist University and our vision for the future."

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**Methodist University Students Serve the Community through  
The MU Day of Service on Saturday, October 4, 2014**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—More than 400 Methodist University students, and members of the faculty, and staff volunteered to serve the Fayetteville community on the MU Day of Service on Saturday, Oct. 4. This event was organized by the MU Center for Community Engagement.

Students gathered for an opening rally at 8:30 a.m. in Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building on the university campus. They were welcomed and given their charge by Councilwoman Kathy Jenson, President Ben Hancock, and the Rev. Dr. Michael Safley, Vice President for Campus Ministry and Community Engagement. They departed campus at 9 a.m. on 10 chartered buses to 17 nonprofit agencies throughout Fayetteville. Students will return to campus between noon and 3 p.m., depending on their assignments. The participating agencies include:

- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Cape Fear Botanical Garden
- Child Advocacy Center
- Designing Station
- Dream Center
- Fayetteville Area Protection Society (Animal Rescue Center)
- Fayetteville Manor Nursing Home
- Fayetteville Urban Ministry
- Habitat for Humanity Restore
- Haymount Nursing and Rehab
- Interfaith Hospitality
- NC State Veterans Nursing Home
- Person St. United Methodist Church
- Salvation Army Retail Store
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Whispering Pines Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

The type of service projects the students participated in included making comfort blankets and greeting cards for children who are victims of child abuse, light repairs and

painting, engaging in activities and visiting with residents at nursing homes, sorting donated clothes and food for low income families, preparing and serving food to the homeless, and sharing emergency preparedness information to residents.

The Day of Service was organized by the Methodist University Center for Community Engagement. The project included all members of the freshman class. The Day of Service was in memory of two long-time former employees of Methodist University, Mike Sinkovitz and Jesse Smith, both of whom left a legacy of community service and leadership and were well-known and respected by faculty, staff, and students.

#### **About Mike Sinkovitz**

Mike Sinkovitz was a retired Master Sergeant in the US Army and led Vietnamese soldiers during the Vietnam War. Sinkovitz served the university as football coach and later the Intramural Director. Known as the “go to” person on campus, he was a friend and advocate for many students. Because of his construction background, he undertook numerous campus construction projects.

#### **About Jesse Smith**

Jesse Smith retired from the US Army and was the first employed full time tutor and academic support staff person for at risk students. He developed the first academic success program for students. Smith along with Mike Sinkovitz began the annual wood cutting project where MU students cut, split and delivered wood to low income families in Cumberland County who heated with wood. This community engagement project became a tradition at MU for a number of years.

For more information on the MU Day of Service, contact the Center of Community Engagement at 910-480-8474.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY BREAKS GROUND ON NEW  
HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Methodist University broke ground today on the new Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building, a 34,000-square-foot facility that will house programs in the School of Health Sciences, including the new Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program. The project, which met its \$5.5 million fundraising goal, is expected to be finished by Fall 2015, in time for the DPT Program's first class of students.

Methodist University currently has more than 80 undergraduate and 4 graduate degree programs. The DPT Program will be the University's first doctoral level program.

Located near the existing health sciences facilities at the south end of campus, the McLean Health Sciences Building will include 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 Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building will expand the academic space for Methodist's School of Health Sciences, which 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.

The University announced the \$2.6 million naming gift from the Thomas R. and Elizabeth E. McLean Foundation last year. Thomas McLean was a major real estate developer in Fayetteville and Cumberland County during the 1960s and remained active in real estate until his death in 1998.

"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 Thomas R. and Elizabeth E. McLean Foundation, Inc. was founded by Tom McLean in 1996. The foundation benefits philanthropy, voluntarism and grant making foundations, focusing specifically on private independent foundations and programs.

The McLean Health Science Building is one of the main projects in the “Campaign for Methodist University – Building Excellence,” which has surpassed the \$30 million mark towards the campaign goal of \$35 million. The campaign is the largest fundraising initiative in Methodist University's history.

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**BESTSELLING AUTHOR LAURA SCHROFF TO SPEAK AT METHODIST**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Laura Schroff, New York Times bestselling author of “An Invisible Thread,” will speak at Methodist University on Monday, Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. in Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building. Her speech, “Beyond You Leadership,” is part of the Tally Leadership Speaker Series, which brings in nationally known speakers to address topics of leadership.

The event, presented by the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development and the Methodist University First Year Experience, is free and open to the public.

“A lot of our freshmen use her book as required reading in a course, not only this year, but for the past couple of years,” said Dr. Andrew Ziegler, director of the Tally Leadership Development Center. “Her message is that everybody can make a difference, and we all have leadership potential to help others. Since so many students are familiar with her, this is a great opportunity to meet her face to face.”

A former advertising executive with several major media companies, Schroff explores the role of destiny in our lives and the invisible threads that connect us all in her 2011 book. “An Invisible Thread” brings to life the inspiring true story of an 11-year-old panhandler, a busy sales executive, and their unlikely meeting with destiny in 1986.

Schroff first started thinking about writing a book after an article about her and a boy named Maurice appeared in Good Housekeeping in 1997. That story of a friendship that has spanned 25 years grew into her book.

As a nationally-renowned speaker, her message is that everyone has the power and leadership ability to reach “beyond you” and positively influence the life of another person. Her challenge is: “What if a million small acts of kindness become a tidal wave of progress and hope? Imagine what a different place our world would be.”

Copies of “An Invisible Thread” will be available for purchase and signing.

Methodist University believes that preparing students for effective leadership is one of the most important responsibilities of higher education. Through the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development, Leadership Fellows, and other campus programs, MU provides a rich array of opportunities where leadership can be learned and practiced.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES 42<sup>nd</sup>  
ANNUAL WINTER COMMENCEMENT**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University will celebrate its 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Winter Commencement Ceremony Saturday, December 13, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. There are currently 219 candidates for graduation.

Dr. Fouad Fakhouri, music director and conductor of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra since 2004, will deliver the commencement address. During the ceremony, the University will present Fakhouri with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. The University will also present the University Medallion to Mrs. Margaret Ann Player and Mr. Richard “Dick” Player Jr. The Players are longtime supporters of Methodist with a distinguished record of community involvement.

The ceremony will also include the commissioning of four ROTC cadets, the presentation of the Sam Edwards Award, and a speech by this year’s Distinguished Graduate, Zachary Sweet, who is graduating from MU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in PGA Golf Management.

Prior to the commencement ceremony, the Rev. Scott Foster, associate pastor at Haymount United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 10:30 a.m. in Huff Concert Hall.

**Commencement Ceremony**

Fakhouri is an internationally acclaimed Lebanese-born American conductor and composer who has been credited with raising the artistic standards of orchestras he conducts while dramatically increasing symphony attendance. He is a distinguished and diverse composer of orchestral, chamber, choral, and solo music, whose work has been enjoyed internationally. His orchestral music has been premiered and performed by orchestras including the English Chamber Orchestra, the Bulgarian Symphony Orchestra, the Mediterranean Orchestra, the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, the Cairo Symphony Orchestra, Amman Symphony Orchestra and the Lebanese Philharmonic Orchestra.

Fakhouri’s past positions include Assistant Professor of Music at Methodist University and Theory Instructor at Pennsylvania State University. He has held the post of Assistant Conductor of the University of North Texas New Music Ensemble, Penn’s

Woods Music Festival Orchestra (where he partnered with conductor Pu-Qi Jiang), and the 80-member Pennsylvania State Philharmonic.

### **University Medallion**

During the ceremony, the University Medallion will be presented to Margaret Ann Player and Richard “Dick” Player Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Player have found ways to support Methodist University since the 1960s. As well as personally, they have generously supported the University through the family business, Player, Inc., of which he was the president from 1961 to 1999. Richard Player served on the Fayetteville College Foundation Board, now the Methodist University Foundation Board, chaired Loyalty Day in 1991, and spent six years as a Trustee before being elected as a Trustee Emeritus in 2010. Margaret Ann Player has an endowed scholarship named in her honor, which the family established in 2008, and was the founding president of Friends of Music at Methodist. The couple also provided the primary funding for the Richard L. Player Golf and Tennis Center at Methodist in 1995. Together, they have a daughter, Molly, and a son, Richard, who is a 1991 graduate of Methodist and sits on the Tally Leadership Board.

### **Baccalaureate Service**

Prior to graduation, a Baccalaureate Service will take place at 10:30 a.m. in Huff Concert Hall. The Rev. Scott Foster will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

A native of Raleigh, the Rev. Foster graduated from Wake Forest University in 2007 and Duke Divinity School in 2010. He was ordained as a United Methodist Minister in 2013. Before serving at Haymount United Methodist Church, he served at Newton Grove UMC. He is also the alumni advisor for the Methodist University chapter of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

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