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**Methodist University Announces an Exhibition
of the Work of Mison Kim at the McCune Gallery**

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The David McCune International Art Gallery at Methodist University presents "Searching for the Real," an exhibition of drawings and painting by Mison Kim, at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts. There will be an opening reception from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 13. The opening reception and the exhibit are free and open to the public. The exhibit runs from Feb. 13 – April 15, 2015.

“The McCune Gallery Advisory Board made a decision this academic year to bring nationally recognized artists who have local connections,” said Silvana Foti, McCune Gallery Executive Director. “Mison Kim has achieved national success and has deep roots in Fayetteville.”

Kim was born in Seoul, Korea and moved to the United States with her family in 1986. She attended Seventy-First High School to complete her senior year. She won a prestigious Scholastic Art Award, The National Talent Search, and the 100th Anniversary Scholarships awarded by Pratt Institute of Art in New York City. This funding provided her with tuition to complete both a Bachelors and a Masters Degree in Fine Arts at the Pratt Institute, where she received her Bachelors and Masters degrees in Fine Arts. Through her company Jadu7, Inc., she works as a fashion designer, illustrator, and consultant for Tory Burch, Talbots, Old Navy, and Federated Merchandising Group. Her work has been shown in galleries and museums in New York and North Carolina. Kim lives in Port Jervis, New York.

Janet Parks fondly remembers teaching Kim at Seventy-First High School. “In 1986, Mison Kim entered my 12th grade art class. She had recently arrived with her family from Seoul, Korea. From the start it was abundantly clear that she possessed extremely strong artistic abilities,” stated Janet Parks, former art teacher and member of the McCune Gallery Advisory Board. Parks designed an advanced art program for exceptionally talented art students seeking careers in the arts. Kim excelled in the program.

“We have stayed in touch over the years. I’m delighted that she has returned to North Carolina to show her most recent work at the David McCune International Art Gallery at Methodist University,” stated Parks.

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 from Feb. 13 – April 15, 2015. Contact gallery director Silvana Foti for more information at 910.630.7000 or visit davidmccunegallery.org.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Two hundred and seventy-three students were named to the Winter 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:

Name	Hometown or Country	Class status
Jonathan Adcock	Winston Salem, N.C.	Senior
Shinichi Akaeda	Japan	Sophomore
Morgan Albertson	Haymarket, Va.	Sophomore
Raya Alher	Iraq	Sophomore
Lisa Amsden	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Daylee Anderson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kylie Arauz	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Zennata Ashbaker	Wade, N.C.	Sophomore
Jennifer Ashworth	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Erica Aviles	Fuquay Varina, N.C.	Freshman
Allyson Aycock	Teachey, N.C.	Sophomore
Chioma Azih	Nigeria	Sophomore
Brittany Balderson	Gloucester, Va.	Senior
Michael Baldwin	Sanford, N.C.	Sophomore
Hyde Bangui-Ongagna	Congo	Sophomore
Camay Barnes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Frank Barone	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Michelle Bass	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gina Battistone	Northfield, Ohio	Senior
Alec Baulch	Cary, N.C.	Junior
Jenny Bautista	Four Oaks, N.C.	Sophomore
Bryan Bing	Palmetto, Fla.	Senior

Carolyn Bloomer	Cameron, N.C.	Senior
Adrienne Bolas	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Kelsie Bowman	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Dedric Bowman	Burlington, N.C.	Sophomore
Emily Brennen	Cumming, Ga.	Freshman
Tashana Brevard	Clinton, Md.	Freshman
Jonathan Brinson	Wade, N.C.	Freshman
Catherine Brown	Ireland	Freshman
Emma Burkart	Godwin, N.C.	Junior
Danielle Burns	Snoqualmie, Wash.	Sophomore
Lauren Burns	New Bern, N.C.	Freshman
Dustin Burnside	Clayton, N.C.	Senior
Dylan Cain	Ipswich, Mass.	Senior
Treyvon Campbell	Shannon, N.C.	Freshman
Chantele Carr	Vass, N.C.	Senior
Laishima Carr	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Maria Carr	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Freshman
Christa Carroll	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Davis Cass	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Zachary Caudle	Lumberton, N.C.	Freshman
Nicholas Chandler	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Matthew Chastain	Vidalia, Ga.	Sophomore
Mindy Chung	Fresh Meadows, N.Y.	Senior
Kasie Clark	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Leslie Coates	Newport News, Va.	Sophomore
Joshua Colbert	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Christian Connelly	Jacksonville, Fla.	Sophomore
Leah Corbitt	Reidsville, Ga.	Senior
Stephanie Craig	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Sharon Crelly	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Taylor Cross	Morton Grove, Ill.	Junior
John Daust	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Daniel Davila	Vale, N.C.	Freshman
Nicholas Davis	Charlotte, N.C.	Freshman
Vanessa Dee	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Alexander Demitraszek	Ravena, N.Y.	Senior
Stephanie Dewell	Corona, Calif.	Junior
Mour Diop	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Dulcine-Reine Djetouan	Cote d'Ivoire	Freshman
Richard Dooley	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Elizabeth Dowden	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Sarah Drizen	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Brett Dunn	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Doriane Dusabe	Burundi	Freshman
Kyle Eager	Brownville, N.Y.	Sophomore
Josiah Elder	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Sarah Elliott	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Tiffany Enoch	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

Angel Estela-Padilla	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bryan Estes	Creedmoor, N.C.	Junior
Donnie Fann	Wade, N.C.	Senior
Bianca Farmer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Jessica Fisher	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kristin Fletcher	Wake Forest, N.C.	Sophomore
Katelyn Foster	Lexington, N.C.	Senior
Michelle Free	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Charlisa Freeman	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Zachary Frisino	Clarks Summit, Pa.	Senior
Geraldine Gabon	Jacmel, N.C.	Junior
Roy Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Alexandria Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Grant Gardiner	Mickleton, N.J.	Junior
Renee Gates	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Nahom Gebremariyam	Ethiopia	Senior
Ray Gerard	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Andrew Good	New Market, Va.	Sophomore
Ariel Goslee	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kristoffer Govasmark	Norway	Senior
John Graves	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gabriella Gunawan	Glenn Dale, Md.	Senior
Nicholas Hallowell	Montvale, N.J.	Freshman
Christopher Hamby	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Victoria Hamilton	Horseheads, N.Y.	Freshman
Ryan Hardy	Jamestown, N.C.	Freshman
Kelsey Harrington	Columbia, Mo.	Junior
Yongho Harrison	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jasmine Harrison	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Mollie Haskins	Erwin, N.C.	Freshman
Ashtyn Haynes	Salisbury, N.C.	Senior
Trevor Hendricks	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Julia Henry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Joel Hernandez	Stedman, N.C.	Junior
Briauna Hester	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Sharon Hines	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Alyssa Hood	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
John Hoover	Whispering Pines, N.C.	Senior
John Hopkins	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Gregory Houston	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Joshua Howard	Goose Creek, S.C.	Senior
Stephanie Hunter	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Prudence Inderbitzen	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Mariama Jabati	Sierra Leone	Senior
Theresa Jackson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Patrick Jacobs	Smithfield, N.C.	Senior
Mohammad Jamil	Afghanistan	Senior
Corey Johnson	Westampton, N.J.	Sophomore

Michael Judge	Triangle, Va.	Senior
Christiane Kamariza	Burundi	Freshman
Christina Kenon	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Manin Keo	Cambodia	Junior
Tae Kim	South Korea	Freshman
Logan King	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Rachel Krogstie	Broadway, N.C.	Senior
Geraldine Lambre	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nicholas Landry	Gardner, Mass.	Senior
Heather Legros	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Jordyn Litchfield	Walterboro, S.C.	Freshman
Sarah Livingston	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Megan Lord	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
William Lovewell	Jacksonville, N.C.	Freshman
Patrina Lowrie	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Layton Lumsden	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Maggie Mallety	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Stefanie Mansfield	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Crystal Mansi	East Haven, Conn.	Junior
Megan March	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kirsten Markow	Sumter, S.C.	Senior
Jonathan Martinez	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Evelis Mason	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Ashley Matthews	Erwin, N.C.	Freshman
Olorato Mbi	Botswana	Junior
Patrick McDonough	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Dayna McLaughlin	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ryan McLean	Newport News, Va.	Senior
Kierra Mcneill	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Reginald McNeill	Dunn, N.C.	Sophomore
Kadejah Melvin	Clinton, N.C.	Junior
Alexandra Michielini	Garden City, N.Y.	Senior
Brittany Miller	Denver, N.C.	Junior
McKenna Mitchell	Williamsport, Ind.	Freshman
Joshua Mitchell	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Nicole Kristy Monforte	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Hannah Moore	Jacksonville, N.C.	Junior
Katelyn Moore	Garner, N.C.	Freshman
Kelly Moore	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Steven Moran	Lillington, N.C.	Junior
Sharon Moran	Shannon, N.C.	Freshman
Kenneth Morkrid	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Maddox Morneau	Littleton, N.H.	Senior
David Moye	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jamie Mulkern	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Lisa Murphy	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Katherine Nation	Orlando, Fla.	Sophomore
Emir Nazdrajic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sophomore

Katelynn Nelson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Kenneth Nevarez-Hernandez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Divine Newsome	Cameron, N.C.	Sophomore
Christopher Nichols	La Grange, N.C.	Junior
Delia Niles	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ondrea Noddin	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Songgeun Noh	South Korea	Freshman
Eirik Nordseth	Norway	Junior
Jessica Oder	Chesapeake, Va.	Senior
Meaghan O'Meara	Falls Church, Va.	Sophomore
Aaron Orechwa	Hamburg, N.Y.	Freshman
Austin Pack	Galax, Va.	Junior
McKenzee Pane	South Fulton, Tenn.	Sophomore
David Parker	Red Springs, N.C.	Junior
Leslie Pearson	Leland, N.C.	Senior
Nicholas Peluso	Portersville, Pa.	Freshman
Heather Peterson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Leigh Philbee	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Allison Phipps	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Angel Picart	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Akemy Piescik	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
David Pittard	Burlington, N.C.	Sophomore
Mekala Poirier	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Christiana Pomaville	Linden, N.C.	Freshman
Rachael Potts	Parkton, N.C.	Senior
Tyler Pow	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Lacey Price	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Rebeca Pritchett	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Diane Proctor	Parkton, N.C.	Junior
Jessica Puckett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Erica Pugh	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Fitore Rama	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Justin Raupp	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jordan Ray	Whiteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Jennifer Richards	Parkton, N.C.	Senior
Elizabeth Rigel	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Gerron Rivenbark	Rose Hill, N.C.	Senior
Talia Rodriguez	Spring Lake, N.C.	Junior
Tevin Rogers	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Rogers	Clayton, N.C.	Senior
Jocelyn Rosario	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Andrew Ruskey	Holly Springs, N.C.	Sophomore
Melinda Russo	Sanford, N.C.	Sophomore
Brooke Rutherford	Pine Knoll Shores, N.C.	Freshman
Jader Sala	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore
Talita Santos	Brazil	Freshman
Daniel Sasfy	Hungary	Sophomore
Brittany Savageau	Parkton, N.C.	Senior

Samantha Scoggins	Wendell, N.C.	Senior
Joseph Sepulveda Verdesoto	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Kartik Sharma	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Sharon Shipley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Josh Shoaf	Lexington, N.C.	Junior
Taylor Sluss	Lumberton, N.C.	Junior
Cassidy Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Shawntavia Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Allison Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Brianna Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Bianca Smith-Paez	Apopka, Fla.	Freshman
Doretha Somerville	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Ebert Caesar Soriano	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Sarah Speed	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Nicole Spink	Havelock, N.C.	Junior
Aaron Stevens	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ryan Stocks	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Amber Suits	Clayton, N.C.	Junior
Volha Sviarkaltsava	Belarus	Junior
Sydney Syster	Derry, Pa.	Sophomore
Emily Talley	San Angelo, Texas	Senior
Steven Taraska	Woodbridge, N.J.	Sophomore
Casey Taylor	Fallston, Md.	Senior
Rebekah Thompson	Carthage, N.C.	Senior
Evan Thorne	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lindsay Tippett	Middlesex, N.C.	Senior
Crystal Torremichel	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Angela Townsend	Hope Mills, N.C.	Freshman
Reddington Trapp	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Kristina Turner	Ocoee, Fla.	Sophomore
Pierce Turner	Chesapeake, Va.	Freshman
Justin Van Housen	Southport, N.C.	Freshman
Jordan Vann	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nomcebo Vilane	Swaziland	Sophomore
Jeff Wastak	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Ernestine Watson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Tammy Weaver	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Lydia Wehrmann	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Amber Weigel	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Adam Winegar	Wendell, N.C.	Freshman
Erica Woodington	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Ivan Ho Yong Sheng	Malaysia	Sophomore
Rebecca Young	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Patricia Young	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Brenae Zanders	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Krista Zentner	Seaford, Va.	Senior
Ryan Zetterholm	Enfield, Conn.	Sophomore
Riley Zopp	Valdese, N.C.	Sophomore

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

Name	Hometown or Country	Class status
Mary Allen	Stedman, N.C.	Sophomore
Amanda Allred	West Chester, Pa.	Freshman
Esra Al-Shawafi	Yemen	Senior
Casey Ausborn	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Moises Ayala	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Joshua Ayers	Hampstead, N.C.	Senior
Suzanne Barron	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bryan Bennett	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Bryan Bittner	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Sara Bladon	Jamestown, N.C.	Freshman
Tara Blue	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Brent Breedlove	Goldsboro, N.C.	Freshman
Noah Breit	Kitty Hawk, N.C.	Freshman
Heather Brock	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Miriya Bryant	Laurel Hill, N.C.	Senior
Rebecca Burnett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Katherine Cadungog	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Noah Camp	Jacksonville, N.C.	Senior
Grant Carlson	Stedman, N.C.	Sophomore
Beth Carmickle	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Edwin Carter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lisa Chapman	Lillington, N.C.	Senior
Joshua Clarke	Capron, Va.	Senior

Nicole Cole	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Cindy Colon	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Julissa Corona	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Carlos Cortes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Blair Coulter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ester Cova	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Stefan Cyvin	Norway	Freshman
Andrea Davids	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
William Donihoo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jamie Elliott	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Emily Ewin	Frederick, Md.	Junior
Erin Fegley	Morehead City, N.C.	Senior
Yasmim Filiage	Brazil	Freshman
Katharine Flournoy	Egg Harbor City, N.J.	Freshman
Sarah Focken	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Forbes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Miranda Friel	Stedman, N.C.	Senior
Paulita Frutos	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Elizabeth Fuller	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
John Garcia-Diaz	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Christina Gavlinski	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Gabriel Gaweda	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Rebecca Gibbs	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Melanie Giovannetti	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Daniel Gore	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Kendall Gregoire	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Allyson Griffin	Wilmington, N.C.	Senior
Emily Guidry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nathaline Gunn	Bunnlevel, N.C.	Senior
Jillian Haddad	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Stephanie Halbleib	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Erin Haley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Cassandra Hall	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Katlin Harris	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Indiana Hawkins-Ortez	Laurinburg, N.C.	Freshman
Alysa Hilliard	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Christopher Hultgren	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Ivette Hurtado	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Lauren Irby	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Gabrielle Isaac	Mooreville, N.C.	Senior
Lindsay Ivey	Lumberton, N.C.	Junior
Cheyenne Jacobs	Lumber Bridge, N.C.	Junior
Sydney Jarrard	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore
Fedia Jean Claude	Haiti	Senior
Andrew Jones	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Heather Joslin	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Sara Kelley	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Junior
Christopher Kirkland	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior

Mary Kizer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Carly Klinedinst	Wilmington, N.C.	Senior
Nicholas Kress	Jarrettsville, Md.	Sophomore
Cheryl Krupa	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Safar Kurbansho	Tajikistan	Freshman
Daniel Lane	Erwin, N.C.	Senior
Leslie Lingo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Corrine Livingstone	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Kelsey Marshall	Holly Springs, N.C.	Senior
Jenna May	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Katie McDowell	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kayla McLoughlin	Vanceboro, N.C.	Freshman
Garrett Mellon	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Rachel Meray	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Cheri Molter	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Sibahle Nhleko	Swaziland	Junior
Lory Nieshe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
David Nolan	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Megan Peterson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jody Picarella	Spring Lake, N.C.	Freshman
Stacy Pifer	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Faith Pletcher	Roseboro, N.C.	Senior
Peyton Potts	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Aaron Randolph	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Kristen Reed	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Patience Richardson	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Matthew Roach	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ashley Robinson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Noah Sachs	Switzerland	Freshman
Jana Salinas	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Junior
Nur Syazwani Sazali	Singapore	Senior
Shivaksh Sharma	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Hikaru Shiroeda	Japan	Junior
Connie Si	Seattle, Wash.	Sophomore
Billy Sly	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Heather Strickland	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Swartz	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Heather Swenson	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Miguel Tevez Rosales	El Salvador	Senior
Taylor Tipton	Saint Joseph, Mo.	Senior
Tyler Ursuy	Miami, Fla.	Freshman
Brian Vandegrift	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Jessica Velasquez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Tanya Waller	Spring Lake, N.C.	Junior
Brian Weir	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Peter Wildeboer	Castle Hayne, N.C.	Junior
Elizabeth Wise	Godwin, N.C.	Freshman
Shelby Withbroe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY DEDICATES PREFERRED PARKING FOR PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University will dedicate seven campus preferred parking spaces 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 for current or former U.S. service members who have received the Purple Heart. The ceremony will be held in the parking lot behind Berns Student Center. The spaces will be marked with signs provided by the Wounded Warriors Family Support (WWFS) organization.

This project was initiated by student David McNeil, a former staff sergeant with the 82nd Airborne Division and a Purple Heart recipient. McNeil presented the project to the Student Government Association, which approved the idea, along with the University administration.

“As a student senator, I work with the MU chapter of Student Veterans of America and I wanted to have something on campus to recognize the sacrifices that our service members have made and give back to our student veterans,” McNeil said. “I felt it was important to bring to light the commitment Methodist University makes to its student veterans and to the military community in Fayetteville.”

The seven spaces will be placed as follows: one near Trustees Building, two near Allison Hall, two near Berns Student Center, and two near the Physician Assistant complex. According to retired Colonel John D. Folsom, founder and president of the WWFS, this makes Methodist the first university in the United States to have reserved parking for recipients of the Purple Heart.

“The designation of preferred parking for our Purple Heart recipients is a demonstration of our continuing support and commitment to our soldiers and their families,” said President Ben Hancock. “It symbolizes the University's signature service extended to those who have served our country and all that we hold dear.”

The Purple Heart is the nation's oldest military award, but since 1942 it has been authorized as an honor that can be given to personnel in any of the military services who were wounded in action.

Methodist University has been named a Military Friendly School for the last four years by Victory Media, the originator of the Military Friendly group of education and career resources for veterans and their families. The designation takes into account concepts such as military support on campus, academic credibility, the percentage of

military students, academic credit for military service, flexibility for military students, veteran graduation rates, and student tuition assistance.

Last fall there were 521 students receiving some sort of veterans benefits enrolled at Methodist, according to Randy Smith, director of the university's Veterans Services office. The Methodist University Veterans Center coordinates with other on and off-campus organizations on student veterans' behalf, offering workshops on post-traumatic stress, resume writing, veterans' benefits, and peer counseling.

"This is one small way we can recognize the sacrifice of our student veterans," Smith said.

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Spring Convocation Celebrates Black History Month

(Fayetteville, NC)--Methodist University's 2015 Spring Convocation will celebrate Black History Month by showcasing gospel music. Convocation will be held in Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building on Monday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m. This event is free and open to the public.

“Methodist University has for the last two decades devoted its spring convocation to the opening of Black History month,” said Dr. Peter Murray, history professor and one of the event organizers. “These convocations have embraced how the African American experience has enriched American culture and the contributions of African Americans have enhanced the entire American past. This year's convocation illustrates how gospel music has added to and augmented the musical heritage of the United States.”

The program will highlight the historical development of gospel music and its influence on American society, especially in the 20th century. There will be performances by the Methodist University Gospel Choir and student soloists. The university's Triple Threat step team will also perform.

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LOYALTY DAY GOAL SET AT \$175,000

FAYETTEVILLE, NC— Methodist University's Loyalty Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, Feb. 24. The goal this year is to raise \$175,000 for student scholarships.

On Tuesday, 15 teams made of up of 125 volunteers will personally reach out to more than 1,000 individuals off campus to ask them to make a gift to Loyalty Day to support student scholarships. More than 10,000 alumni and friends will be solicited nationwide.

The celebration luncheon will be held on Feb. 24 from noon to 1 p.m. at Haymount United Methodist Church, located at 1700 Fort Bragg Road in Fayetteville.

Even though Loyalty Day fundraising efforts continue throughout the day, the luncheon is a time for volunteers and donors to celebrate the success of the campaign and energize the volunteers to reach the finish line. The Loyalty Day Supporter of the Year will be announced at the luncheon.

Fundraising efforts for Loyalty Day are conducted days leading up to and weeks following Feb. 24. A gift may be made year-round to Loyalty Day.

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 Methodist University President Ben Hancock.

In 1956, the Fayetteville College Foundation, which has since been 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.

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.

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. After he moved here several years ago, that he gained an appreciation for the cultural and educational attributes Methodist brings to the community.

"I am honored to serve a second term as the 2015 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 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.

Linda Goff, Fayetteville native and financial advisor for Morgan Stanley, is this year's president of the Methodist University's Foundation Board.

"It is amazing so see the dedication of the volunteers that call on the community to support the University," Goff said. "Their commitment, as well as the long standing donors, rings true to the annual campaign, some over 30 years. That is loyalty. We are proud the community continues to invest in the future."

One such volunteer, Louis Feraca, is a 24-year resident of Fayetteville. The owner of US Logoworks, he first began volunteering for Loyalty Day in the mid-nineties. He has since served on the Foundation Board for more than 16 years, twice as president.

"I first volunteered for Loyalty Day to give back to my customer, Methodist University, but soon found that I was also helping Fayetteville and Cumberland County," Feraca said. "Methodist University is a shining example of an organization on a quest for excellence. Be it students, teachers, associates, or the local economy – whatever they touch is improved."

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 2013-2014 academic year, MU awarded \$20.3 million in financial aid to students.

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“THE CAMPAIGN FOR METHODIST UNIVERSITY – BUILDING EXCELLENCE” SURPASSES THE \$33 MILLION MARK

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University is pleased to announce that more than \$33 million has been raised toward the campaign goal of \$35 million, which is 94 percent of the goal. The exact total raised to date is \$33,093,184.

With 16 months left until the end of the campaign on June 20, 2016, the University has made excellent progress in its largest-ever capital campaign. Methodist’s faculty and staff have also shown their support for the campaign in record participation numbers.

“We are pleased to have 100-percent giving among our Board of Trustees and National Campaign Committee, as well as record giving from our faculty and staff,” said President Ben Hancock.

In its most recent phase, Hancock said, the campaign had been driven by donations large and small and by an increased focus on building the endowment.

“While we could not move forward without special naming gifts, the other story here is that we have so many supporters who are pushing this campaign toward its goal with gifts of all sizes, and they all deserve recognition,” Hancock said. “Every donation is a message that we have our University community’s support, no matter the amount.”

Trustee Mary Lynn Bryan, chair of the National Campaign Committee, said this campaign has highlighted how the MU community includes people and places far beyond the campus or even Fayetteville’s geography.

“We are so appreciative of everyone who has helped us to hold successful campaign events around the country and internationally,” Bryan said, “including a recent gathering in Orlando, where the largest national alumni gathering occurs each year. Our alumni and friends are all over the world.”

One of Methodist’s biggest local fundraising events, the annual Loyalty Day campaign for student scholarships, focuses on Fayetteville, Cumberland County and the surrounding area. The 2015 Loyalty Day campaign is presently underway and is shaping up to be the most successful Loyalty Day in Methodist’s history, with a goal of \$175,000 for student scholarships.

It’s been slightly more than a year since the capital campaign was publicly launched in February 2014. The largest fundraising initiative in Methodist University’s history, it

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

“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
- Sharon and Ron Matthews World Ministry Center
- Linda and Ralph Huff Concert Hall
- Student Union and Berns Center Renovation and Expansion
- Improved athletic facilities, including golf, baseball, softball, soccer, football, track and field, and lacrosse

The University has already broken ground on the Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building as well as the Armstrong Baseball Fieldhouse.

The endowment component of the campaign met its goal and recently crossed the \$10 million mark, raising \$10.3 million in pledges so far. These funds will be added to the University’s existing \$25.1 million endowment.

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.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE SERIES TO FEATURE DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Pulitzer Prize winning American biographer, historian, and political commentator Doris Kearns Goodwin will be the speaker at the Methodist University Presidential Lecture Series on Thursday, April 16 at 8 p.m. in Huff Concert Hall at Methodist University. The title of her presentation will be "Leadership Lessons from the White House." The event is free and open to the public. Seats are available on a first come, first served basis.

The Presidential Lecture Series is made possible through the generosity of community partners and individuals who have underwritten this program.

“The purpose of the Methodist University Presidential Speaker Series is to bring nationally recognized individuals to the campus and the greater Fayetteville community,” said Methodist University President Ben Hancock. “Each year the University will identify journalists, artists, historians, business and organizational leaders, and other experts to share their perspectives on national and global issues.”

Hancock said Doris Kearns Goodwin is the perfect person to be featured in this year’s Presidential Speaker Series.

“As the University celebrates undergraduate research the week of her visit, the campus community will be the beneficiary of her scholarly research. Her work on leadership and, particularly presidential leadership, is timely given the upcoming presidential election as well as Methodist University’s emphasis on leadership as evidenced by the Lura Talley Center for Leadership. With an increased emphasis on writing across the curriculum, the community will also be introduced to the exceptional writing by this Pulitzer-winning author” said Hancock.

Doris Kearns Goodwin, a world-renowned historian, has been reporting on politics and baseball for over two decades. She is the author of several books and has written for leading national publications. She appears regularly on network television programs and was an on-air consultant for PBS documentaries on Lyndon B. Johnson, the Kennedy Family, Franklin Roosevelt and Ken Burns’ *The History of Baseball*. She was the first female journalist to enter the Red Sox locker room.

Goodwin was born and raised on Long Island, New York. She received her B.A. from Colby College, where she graduated magna cum laude. She received her Ph.D. in

Government from Harvard University, where she taught Government, including a course on the American presidency. Following her tenure at Harvard, Goodwin served as an assistant to Lyndon Johnson in his last year in the White House. She later assisted Johnson in the preparation of his memoirs.

In 1976, Goodwin authored *Lyndon Johnson & the American Dream*, which became a *New York Times* best-seller. She followed up in 1987 with the political biography, *The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys*, which stayed on the *New York Times* Best Seller List for five months. In 1990, it was made into a six-hour ABC miniseries. Her next book, *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The American Home Front during World War II*, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in April 1995, as well as the Harold Washington Literary Award, the New England Bookseller Association Award, the Ambassador Book Award and the Washington Monthly Book Award. It was a *New York Times* best seller for six months.

Goodwin's book, *Wait Till Next Year: A Memoir*, published in 1997, is about growing up in the 1950's in love with the Brooklyn Dodgers. It has been a *New York Times* best-seller, as well as a Book of the Month Club selection. A *Washington Post* reviewer wrote, "This is a book in the grand tradition of girlhood memoirs, dating from Louisa May Alcott to Carson McCullers and Harper Lee."

Goodwin's monumental history of Abraham Lincoln entitled *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, published in October 2005, joined the best-seller lists on its first week in publication, and soon reached #1 on the *New York Times* Best-Seller List. *Team of Rivals* won the 2006 Lincoln Prize for an outstanding work about the President and/or the Civil War, the New York Historical Society Book Prize, the Richard Nelson Current award and the New York State Archives History Makers Award. President Obama, when asked what book he would bring to the White House other than the Bible, he said *Team of Rivals*.

Steven Spielberg directed the film adaptation of Goodwin's book on Abraham Lincoln. The film *Lincoln* grossed \$275 million at the box office and earned 12 Academy Award nominations in 2013, winning two.

For information on the Methodist University Presidential Lecture Series, call 910.630.7243.

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April 2015 (from MU web site)

Methodist University to Host 15th Annual Bullard-Templeton Lecture

Methodist University's 15th annual Bullard-Templeton Lecture will feature Professor Lawrence Principe, who will speak on "The Science-Religion Debate: Past, Present, and Future, Myths and Realities." The lecture will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, April 20, in Yarborough Auditorium, Clark Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Principe is the Drew Professor of Humanities at Johns Hopkins University in the Department of History of Science and Technology and the Department of Chemistry. He earned undergraduate degrees at the University of Delaware and did his graduate work at Indiana University and Johns Hopkins. He is the first recipient of the Francis Bacon Medal for significant contributions to the history of science.

"Professor Principe has been invited to Methodist University not only because of scholarly awards that he has received and praise as a speaker, but also because of his inclusion in the very popular and distinguished series entitled, 'The Great Courses,' available on DVD," said Religion Professor Dr. Lloyd Bailey, event organizer.

Professor Principe's research focuses on the late Medieval and early modern periods. He is the author of multiple volumes and scholarly articles, including "The Scientific Revolution," and has co-authored a volume on alchemy that won the 2005 Pfizer Prize.

With an interest in the interactions of science and religion, Principe regularly teaches classes on this subject. His courses have received awards from the Templeton Foundation, and he had produced a 12-lecture DVD course entitled, "Science and Religion."

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 designed to explore the relationship between science and religion.

For more information on the lecture, contact Dr. Lloyd Bailey at 910.630.7118.

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**Shackleton and Gedosh Featured Guest Composers
at Cape Fear New Music Festival
Saturday, April 18**

Fayetteville, NC – The Cape Fear New Music Festival will be held Saturday, April 18 at Methodist University. This year’s Cape Fear New Music Festival features two guest composers from California and Oklahoma—Phil Shackleton and David Gedosh. Shackleton is a professor, producer, arranger and sound engineer from the Los Angeles area, and Gedosh is a composer and sound artist on the faculty of Rose State College, where he directs the Music Engineering and Industry program.

The Cape Fear Music Festival features performances of music by local and nationally recognized composers. Both Shackleton and Gedosh will be on campus at Methodist to perform their music and meet with guests and students.

In addition to several musical performances of new works, this year’s festival, titled “Music and Metaphor”, will also feature a presentation on Olivier Messiaen, “Musical Knowledge and the Meaning of Democracy in Early America,” Shakespeare’s “Richard III” and “Much Ado About Nothing,” and “Inverting Substitution, Metaphor in Acousmatic Music.”

The event is free and open to the public. The schedule for this year’s festival is as follows:

- 2:00 p.m.: Reception in the Reeves Fine Arts Building, Music Department
- 3:00 p.m.: Presentations by Methodist University Faculty in the Reeves Fine Arts Building Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m.: Festival Concert in Hensdale Chapel

The festival will feature works by several local composers, including Keith Dippre (Methodist University), Daniel McCloud (Methodist University), Betty Wishart (Campbell University), and Charis Duke. The festival concert will focus on the connections between music and metaphor.

The purpose of the Cape Fear New Music Festival is to promote the performance of new music by living composers. While traditional classical music concerts feature music by composers of the past, this festival will highlight the works of today’s composers; audience members, performers and Methodist University Students will be able to interact with the artists and learn from them.

For more information about the Department of Music and upcoming events, including the Cape Fear New Music Festival, please contact Ms. Linda Volman, Methodist University's Fine Arts Secretary, at lvolman@methodist.edu or (910) 630-7100 or visit www.methodist.edu.

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**INSPIRATIONAL AND UPLIFTING CELEBRATION FOR THE
MUSIC MINISTRY OF JEAN ISHEE**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — St. John's Episcopal Church will play host to a concert on Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m., to celebrate the life of Jean B. Ishee. Mrs. Ishee was organist and choirmaster for the church from 1959-1995. Proceeds from the concert will support the Dr. and Mrs. Bert Ishee Scholarship Fund at Methodist University, where Jean was an original faculty member beginning in 1960. She retired in 1988 as an associate professor and the Fine Arts Department chair, after which the University honored her with Faculty Emeritus status.

Former students, colleagues, and friends will be joined in performance by trumpeters from the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Larry Wells of Methodist University, and Dr. Tim Altman of UNC-Pembroke, as well as the Ishees' daughter, Suzanne. The concert will feature some of Jean's most beloved music. Her Christmas Eve services at St. John's were legendary, and the church bell choir and combined choruses of St. John's and St. Patrick's Catholic Church will present, among others, selections from Advent. Organists Patrick O'Briant and Dr. Brian Cash will present numerous favorites. Sharing the console will be Mrs. Ishee's cousin, Dianne Stanley, who is the organist at St. Luke Methodist Church in Sanford, N.C., where Jean held her first job as music director from 1942-1946. Suzanne Ishee will perform selections with Dr. Wells and Anne Rogers, music director of St. Patrick's.

Reflections on Jean's music ministry and her life will be made by her former students, Betty Neill Parsons, and Jean Ishee's granddaughters, Jean Leonard and Jessica Kerley. Methodist University Music Department Chair Keith Dippre will offer words of welcome.

To make a donation to the Dr. and Mrs. Bert Ishee Scholarship Fund, visit <http://donate.methodist.edu>. A minimum donation of \$10 is suggested. A light reception will follow the concert at the Kyle House.

Event Details:

Celebration of the Music Ministry of Jean Ishee

Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 2 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church

302 Green Street

Fayetteville, N.C.

Reception to follow: Kyle House

To donate: <http://donate.methodist.edu>.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING COMMENCEMENT

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University will celebrate its 52nd annual Spring Commencement Ceremony Saturday, May 9, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center on the University’s campus. There are currently 215 candidates for graduation.

The 2015 Spring Commencement Distinguished Graduate is Jessica Swartz. She was among the top students in the graduating class and was chosen for this honor by her fellow graduates. She is receiving her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and will give remarks at the Commencement Ceremony.

Two flags will be presented to the University from graduates who are the first to graduate Methodist University from their country. Students from Ethiopia and Yemen will present flags, which will be on display at Commencement and will hang permanently in the Berns Student Center. There will also be eight graduates receiving their commission as second lieutenants into the U.S. Army.

Judy Woodruff, co-anchor and managing editor at PBS NewsHour, will deliver the commencement address. During the ceremony, the University will present Woodruff with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

The University will also present the University Medallion to Eleanor B. Manning, a longtime Fayetteville resident, community leader, and volunteer.

“The presence of Judy Woodruff as Commencement speaker and the recognition of Eleanor Manning for her community involvement provide an opportunity for us to celebrate living examples of excellence,” said MU President Ben Hancock. “While their stories are different, both of these women are wonderful role models for our graduates. We are fortunate to have them on our campus, providing further demonstration of our commitment to excellence as a University, bringing noted individuals to share their stories with our community.”

Prior to the commencement ceremony, the Rev. Dr. Jerry Jackson will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 10:30 a.m. in Huff Concert Hall.

Commencement Ceremony

Woodruff has been covering politics and other news for more than three decades at CNN, NBC, and PBS. A graduate of Duke University, she worked as a White House correspondent for NBC News from 1977-1982, and wrote “This is Judy Woodruff at the

White House.” In 1983, she began her career at PBS as the chief Washington correspondent for “The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour,” and went on to anchor PBS’ award-winning documentary series, “Frontline with Judy Woodruff” from 1984-1990. She also served as anchor and senior correspondent for CNN for 12 years.

Woodruff is a founding co-chair of the International Women’s Media Foundation, an organization dedicated to promoting and encouraging women in communication industries worldwide. She is the recipient of many awards and recognitions, including the Cine Lifetime Achievement award, a Duke Distinguished Alumni award, and the Edward R. Murrow Lifetime Achievement Award in Broadcast Journalism/Television. Woodruff lives in Washington, DC, with her husband, journalist Al Hunt. They are the parents of three children: Jeffrey, Benjamin, and Lauren.

University Medallion

During the ceremony, the University Medallion will be presented to Eleanor Boone Manning. Originally from Kinston, after her marriage she moved with her husband, the late Raymond Manning, to Fayetteville, and in 1948, they began Southeastern Hospital Supply. The business grew and flourished, counting medical centers such as Duke University Medical Center and North Carolina Baptist Hospital as customers. In 1994, the business was sold to Bergen Brunswig Corporation. In addition to her work with the family business, she has been very active in the Fayetteville community. She gave time and resources to Contact, Fayetteville Urban Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, the CARE Clinic, Operation Inasmuch, Center for Economic Empowerment and Development (CEED), Cumberland Community Foundation, Cape Fear Botanical Garden, and the North Carolina History Center, in addition to Methodist University. The Mannings have two children, Ray Manning, Jr., and Carol Manning Short; six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. She attends First Christian Church, of which she is a founding member.

Baccalaureate Service

Prior to graduation, a Baccalaureate Service will take place at 10:30 a.m. in Huff Concert Hall. The Rev. Dr. Jerry Jackson ’75 will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Jackson is the pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Rocky Mount. He is an MU alumnus and president of the Alumni Association.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WITH FTCC FOR DIGITAL FORENSICS AND CYBER SECURITY PROGRAM

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University President Dr. Ben Hancock and Fayetteville Technical Community College President Dr. J. Larry Keen have formally signed an agreement that will allow a seamless transfer process for students interested in cyber and information security.

Under the agreement, FTCC students who receive their Associate in Applied Science in Information Systems Security (ISS) will now be fully qualified to enter into MU's Digital Forensics and Cyber Security (DFCS) Program, which offers a Bachelor of Science degree. In order for their ISS coursework to transfer, FTCC students must have received a C or better grade in those classes.

“We’re very excited for all of the positive things that will come from this agreement,” Hancock said. “For some students, this will be the best fit, to start out their careers with FTCC and then come to Methodist.”

Hancock said he is hopeful this agreement will lead to more collaborations in the future.

“It is gratifying to continue our work with Methodist University in another program of study that leads to a fruitful and important work,” Keen said. “Our students have multiple pathways from which to choose, and it is always wonderful when one of those pathways is to Methodist University and its outstanding program array.”

The DFCS Program is a brand new major at Methodist, which will begin in Fall 2015. The program, which was previously only offered as a minor, provides hands-on experience with network security and electronic evidence collection. Students who complete the program will be qualified to enter private and public sector occupations focused on preventing, detecting, investigating, and gathering digital evidence of crime.

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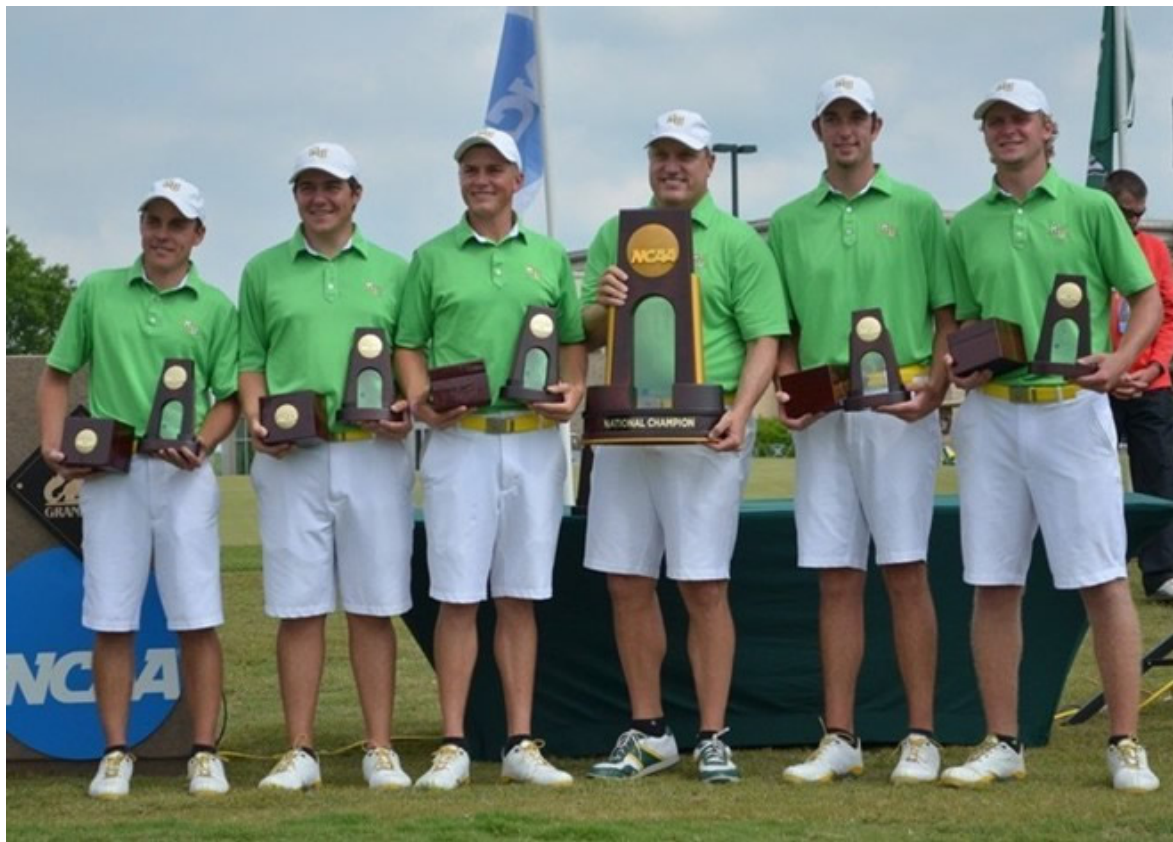
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May 2015 (from the MU web site)

Methodist University's Men's Golf Team Wins 11th DIII National Championship

The Methodist men's golf team won its 11th NCAA Division III National Championship at the Grandover Resort on Friday as it edged LaGrange by a three strokes.

The Monarchs shot a final-round 292 to make up a five-stroke deficit on the final day and finished with a four-day score of 1,173 (284-302-295-292). MU was in the second-to-last grouping, and after Jeff Wells—the Green and Gold's final competitor—holed a short putt for birdie on 18, had to wait upwards of an hour to see if the score would hold up. The score of 292 was the lowest round of any team on the final day.



LaGrange finished at 1,176 and had a chance to tie MU late in the round but a late birdie putt was just short and the Panthers were unable to convert a birdie chip that would have tied the Monarchs. Wittenberg finished in third at 1,177, Berry, the overnight leader, took fourth at 1,179, and Redlands rounded out the top five with a score of 1,186.

Wells led the Monarchs with a final-round 69 and finished in a tie for second place. He was five under par through his first 13 holes, but struggled with three straight bogeys on 15, 16, 17 before his clutch birdie on 18 clinched the title. Wells finished with a four-day score of 285 (69-74-73-

69) and was six strokes behind individual winner Kelby Scharmann of La Verne (66-75-68-70--279).

Mason Stutler finished tied for 13th overall after carding a final-round 74 (+3). He had a four-day score of 293 (72-74-73-74) and had three birdies on the day. At the conclusion of play, both Wells and Stutler were named First Team All-Americans.

Aaron Purviance shot a final-round 76 and tied for 18th (71-77-70-76--294). Charles Maness finished in 74 (+2) on Friday and wound up tied for 56th as he had his best round of the tournament (75-80-79-74--308) including four birdies over his first eight holes.

Jackson Collier recovered from a rough third round to post a 75 and finish in 63rd (72-77-86-75--310). He was even par over the first nine holes and played his final nine holes in 39.

Methodist's victory was its 11th since the Division III Tournament began 41 years ago. The only school with more titles is California State University, Stanislaus, which won 12 times from 1976 to 1981 and from 1984 to 1989. The school has since moved up to the NCAA Division II level.

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METHODIST ALUMNUS WINS SOCIAL WORK AWARD

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University graduate Brian Weir '14 has been awarded the 2015 Toby Brown Award from the National Association of Social Workers North Carolina Chapter (NASW-NC).

The award recognizes the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) student in North Carolina who best reflects and represents the ethics, values, and passion in the field of social work through exemplary performance in social work coursework, field placement, student social work associations, and community organizations.

“This is a prestigious award presented to the top social work student in the state,” said Dean of the School of Public Affairs Dr. George Hendricks. “This is a tremendous honor for Brian and Methodist University.”

Weir is an infantry combat veteran with the U.S. Army and is now a family investigator for the Catawba County Department of Social Services Child Protective Services.

During his social work policy course at Methodist, he became interested in the topic of human trafficking after learning about the high rate of trafficking in the Fayetteville area, and he went on to form a group to help with the issue. Students Organized for the Advancement of North Carolina (SOANC) engages students in community action.

“My social work education provided me with skills needed to take a proactive approach to fighting human trafficking,” Weir said. “It was this moment that I feel I actually became a social worker.”

SOANC partnered with the Raleigh-based advocacy group Partners Against the Trafficking of Humans in NC (PATHNC), the Fayetteville Dream Center (FDC), and North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCCASA). Weir arranged a meeting with a local city council representative and worked with the Fayetteville City Council and Cumberland County Commissioners to adopt a resolution on human trafficking in Fayetteville.

Weir facilitated a press conference with Mayor Nat Robertson and Council Woman Kathy Jensen that was attended by the Fayetteville district attorney, county sheriff, police chief, and county chair, who together issued a county-wide proclamation denouncing human trafficking.

In 2014, Weir was accepted as a North Carolina Child Welfare Collaborative Scholar, a prestigious honor that prepared him for an education and internship committed to serving the communities for North Carolina as a Child Protective Service representative. His internship with Cumberland County Department of Social Services enabled him to work with susceptible populations and government institutions, and create action plans to address community issues such as human trafficking.

“Brian has truly made a tremendous impact on the Social Work program, on our entire university, and on the City of Fayetteville,” Hendricks said.

About the award

The NASW-NC Toby Brown Award program was established in memory of and to honor Dr. James S. “Toby” Brown who died in 1995. He was an assistant professor of social work at North Carolina State University and was a highly recognized educator and practitioner.

The National Association of Social Workers North Carolina (NASW-NC) is a membership organization of professional social workers with over 4,600 members in North Carolina. NASW promotes, develops, and protects the practice of social work and social workers. NASW also seeks to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities through its advocacy.

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REV. KELLI W. TAYLOR JOINS METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University is pleased to announce the addition of the Rev. Kelli W. Taylor to its community. Rev. Taylor joins MU as the new Vice President for Campus Ministry and Community Engagement.

“I believe we have found a wonderful and talented person to serve in this important position,” said President Ben Hancock. “Rev. Taylor brings extensive experience to the University, including her background serving as a senior pastor and involvement in campus ministry, mission work, and community engagement.”

Taylor currently serves as pastor at Boone Hill United Methodist Church in Summerville, S.C. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Converse College and a Master of Divinity from Duke University.

“Methodist University is a vibrant community with a rich spiritual history,” Taylor said. “I look forward to joining the University at this exciting time of growth and to furthering the work of engaging, enriching and empowering the campus in the life of faith.”

Officially, Taylor will begin her responsibilities at Methodist in mid-June. She is joined by her husband Richard, a PGA professional, and their three sons.

“Rev. Taylor brings a great deal of enthusiasm over our vision for the future, including plans for the new Matthews World Ministry Center, as well as a real passion and commitment to support our students and other members of the University community on their faith journey,” Hancock said.

Funded in part by a \$2.5 million gift from longtime MU supporters Sharon and Ron Matthews, the Matthews World Ministry Center will be the heart of the University’s ministry to the campus, the region, the country, and the world at large. The center will have multipurpose uses as a flexible recital hall, with an adjacent meeting room. The center will be joined to the John M. Reeves Fine Arts Building by the renovated and expanded Union-Zukowski Lobby and Gallery.

Methodist University’s Campus Ministry offers a diverse religious life program to interested students, with programs such as weekly worship services, communion, fellowship meals, spiritual growth retreats, forums and open discussions, Bible study, community service projects, and interfaith dialogue events. The Center for Community Engagement provides opportunities beyond basic volunteerism for students to participate

in measurable, time-limited, problem-solving and community-based experiences, and is one of the pathways of the MU Journey.

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Methodist University Announces Third Class of Wright Scholars

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.—Methodist University announces the latest recipients of the Wright Scholarship, funded by a \$5 million endowment from Dr. Harvey T. Wright II '70 and his wife, Mary Fermanides Wright '68. The full-tuition scholarships provided by this fund benefit five new students each year.

The students selected for the third class of Wrights Scholars are:

- Faith Bowen, Goldsboro, N.C. – North Johnston High School
- Thomas Dean, Louisburg, N.C. – Bunn High School
- Anthony Furr, Morehead City, N.C. – West Carteret High School
- Larkin Gross, Center Cross, Va. – Essex High School
- Keith Hardie, Oxford, N.C. – South Granville High School of Integrated Technology and Leadership

“The Wright Scholars Program is a distinguished merit program for students who demonstrate high academic achievement, strong leadership qualities, commitment to community service, and good citizenship,” said Jamie Legg, dean of admissions at Methodist University. “This scholarship is the most prestigious academic honor for incoming Methodist University freshmen. Every student who applied for this scholarship is an outstanding example of the type of student that we hope to enroll at Methodist University, but these five students really embody the characteristics that the Wright Scholars Program strives to recognize.”

Ninety-eight students applied for these prestigious awards. The average high school grade point average (GPA) for the applicants was 4.33 and the average Critical Reading and Math SAT score for this group was over 1200. From this group of 98 applicants, the five Wright Scholars were selected, along with a group of finalists and semifinalists. The five Wright Scholars had an average GPA of 4.65 and an average Critical Reading and Math SAT score of 1386. Semifinalists for the award received a \$1,000 per year scholarship through the Academic Achievement program, while finalists received \$2,000 per year through the same program. On top of these awards, the University also awarded each of the finalists and semifinalists a Presidential Scholarship

worth between \$12,250 and \$27,250 per year. In total, the University awarded more than \$2 million in total scholarship funds for these 98 students.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO OFFER A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
ENGINEERING DEGREE**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.— Methodist University is proud to announce that the university will offer an undergraduate degree in engineering in the fall of 2016.

“I am excited that we are pursuing an academic program in engineering,” said Vice President for Enrollment Services Rick Lowe. “National research indicates that engineering is a high-demand program with prospective students. Our desire to move forward in this area coupled with our new programs in the Health Sciences will continue to allow Methodist University to add academic programs that meet the needs of prospective students as well as the workforce.”

The university is currently undertaking a nationwide search for a founding director of the engineering program with hopes to fill the position by July. Methodist is also surveying industry professionals and interested students in order to guide the development of specific focuses within the future engineering program.

“Methodist University’s move into engineering is a natural extension of our mission to serve the needs of prospective students, employers, and our nation,” said President Dr. Ben Hancock. “Increasing numbers of individuals are inquiring about the availability of an engineering program, so we are responding accordingly with a commitment to excellence that characterizes our other signature academic programs.”

The Methodist University Engineering Program will provide a firm foundation for multiple engineering disciplines which will satisfy the needs of the local and regional work force demands and will prepare students for graduate study and licensing as professional engineers. This undergraduate program will continue to build on the University’s strengths in the natural, physical, and health sciences.

Planned to begin in Fall 2016, the program will accept a minimum of 30 students in its inaugural class. The multi-disciplinary approach will eventually allow the University to offer engineering specialties such as mechanical, biomedical, computer, industrial, and mechatronics engineering.

Following the guidelines of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), Methodist University will first seek approval of the proposed engineering program from SACSCOC, which governs regional accreditation. Then, immediately upon the graduation of its inaugural engineering class

in May 2020, the University will seek national accreditation of its undergraduate engineering program from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

Methodist University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30330-4097 or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Methodist University.

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**J.R. HUSTWIT SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL
SEMINAR ON TEACHING INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.— Methodist University is pleased to announce that Dr. J.R. Hustwit, associate professor of religion and philosophy, has been selected from a nationwide pool of nominees to participate in a faculty seminar on the teaching of interfaith understanding. The seminar is offered by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) and Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), with support from the Henry Luce Foundation.

Twenty-five faculty members will participate in the five-day Teaching Interfaith Understanding seminar that will take place June 21–25, at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Mass. The seminar will be led by two leading scholars: Catherine Cornille, Newton College Alumnae Chair of Western Culture, chair of the department of theology, and professor of comparative theology at Boston College; and Noah Silverman, director of faculty partnerships at IFYC. Stephen Prothero, professor of religion at Boston University, will be a special guest speaker. The program aims to broaden faculty members' knowledge and strengthen their teaching of interfaith understanding, with the development of new courses and resources.

“Strengthening the teaching of interfaith understanding at colleges and universities is a high priority at a time when college enrollment – and American society – is becoming more diverse. Strengthening participation in American life with greater understanding of the distinctive contributions of different faiths is a key to America’s future success,” said CIC President Richard Ekman. “The number of institutions that nominated faculty members to participate in the interfaith understanding seminar is most impressive.”

“It comes as no surprise to me that Dr. Hustwit was selected for a seminar such as this. He has been a valued and productive member of Methodist University's faculty since 2009,” said Dr. Steven Brey dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at Methodist University. “In addition to his courses in philosophy and eastern religion, and his administrative position as chair of the Philosophy and Religion Department, he coaches the student ethics bowl team and has led them to a championship. And he regularly works

with Methodist University's interfaith council, helping students share aspects of their faith and holiday traditions with the larger campus. His own professional publications often explore interreligious dialogue, and so he is a natural for a special seminar like this. I look forward to his reporting back to us all that he learns in Boston this month.”

For more information, visit www.cic.edu/TeachingInterfaith.

Participants in the 2015 Seminar on Teaching Interfaith Understanding,
Chestnut Hill, MA

Paul Anders, **Mount Marty College** (SD)
Rose Aslan, **California Lutheran University**
Elliott Bazzano, **Le Moyne College** (NY)
Clifford Cain, **Westminster College** (MO)
John Foster, **Coker College** (SC)
June-Ann Greeley, **Sacred Heart University** (CT)
Hans Gustafson, **College of Saint Benedict / Saint John's University** (MN)
Suzanne Henderson, **Queens University of Charlotte** (NC)
J.R. Hustwit, **Methodist University** (NC)
Slavica Jakelic, **Valparaiso University** (IN)
Justin Klassen, **Bellarmino University** (KY)
Timothy Parker, **Norwich University** (VT)
Annette Pelletier, **Immaculata University** (PA)
John Pennington, **Augustana College** (SD)
Louise Prochaska, **Notre Dame College of Ohio**
Adam Pryor, **Bethany College** (WV)
Nicholas Rademacher, **Cabrini College** (PA)
Nathan Rein, **Ursinus College** (PA)
Martha Stortz, **Augsburg College** (MN)
Margarita Suarez, **Meredith College** (NC)
Janice Thompson, **King's College** (PA)
Craig Tyson, **D'Youville College** (NY)
Jennifer Veninga, **St. Edward's University** (TX)
David von Schlichten, **Seton Hill University** (PA)
Victoria Williams, **Alvernia University** (PA)

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The **Council of Independent Colleges** is an association of 750 nonprofit independent colleges and universities and higher education affiliates and organizations that has

worked since 1956 to support college and university leadership, advance institutional excellence, and enhance public understanding of private higher education's contributions to society. CIC is the major national organization that focuses on providing services to leaders of independent colleges and universities as well as conferences, seminars, and other programs that help institutions improve educational quality, administrative and financial performance, and institutional visibility. CIC conducts the largest annual conference of college and university presidents. CIC also provides support to state fundraising associations that organize programs and generate contributions for private colleges and universities. The Council is headquartered at One Dupont Circle in Washington, DC.

A Chicago-based nonprofit organization, **Interfaith Youth Core's** (IFYC) mission is to make interfaith cooperation a social norm. Since its incorporation in 2002, IFYC has worked on five continents and with over 200 college and university campuses, trained thousands in the principles of interfaith leadership, and reached millions through the media. IFYC has worked with partners including the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, the White House, and the Office of Her Majesty Queen Rania of Jordan. Eboo Patel is the founder and president of IFYC.

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July 2015 (from the MU web site)

MU Capital Campaign Surpasses the \$34 Million Mark

Methodist University is pleased to announce a recent major gift from a local alumnus, pushing the campaign total over the \$34 million mark and moving toward the campaign goal of \$35 million. The exact total raised to date is \$34,161,424, with a year remaining until the end of the campaign in 2016.

Murray Duggins and his wife Nancy pledged \$300,000 to the Reeves Fine Arts Building project to build the Nancy and Murray Duggins Theatre, which will be a venue for theatrical productions and performances.

Duggins, a graduate of the Class of 1966, is the owner and president of United Companies. He has served on the board of trustees for the University and is a past winner of the Silver Spoon Award from the Center for Entrepreneurship.

“Methodist University has a special place in our hearts,” said Murray Duggins. “It helped us get started in life and continues to be a beacon of hope for so many young people. We are proud to be part of the Methodist University family.”

“Methodist University’s success continues to be the result of alumni and friends in this community and beyond who invest in the quality of programs and facilities for this and future generations,” said Methodist University President Ben Hancock. “We are so indebted to Nancy and Murray Duggins for their leadership support and dedication to our University.”

In the past year, the University has received record overall giving totaling nearly \$7 million, and received record rates of giving from university alumni.

“Our alumni across the country have given back to the University in record numbers this year, including the highest giving percentage and the highest number of gifts,” said Sandy Ammons, vice president for advancement and university relations. “We are also grateful for the support we have received from the local community for our Loyalty Campaign, when volunteers raised more than \$175,000 for student scholarships.”

The Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building, currently under construction, is expected to be finished in January of 2016. The 34,000-square-foot, \$12 million facility will be the home to the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, the University’s first doctoral level program. The inaugural class of DPT students will begin in the Fall of 2015.

The Armstrong Baseball Fieldhouse will be finished in July. A dedication is planned for the fall. The facility is named after Methodist University alumnus George Armstrong and his wife

Carolyn, who are longtime supporters of Methodist University. George is a graduate of the Class of 1968.

The [Campaign for Methodist University – Building Excellence](#) is the largest fundraising initiative in Methodist University's history. It will fund scholarships, endowed faculty positions, academic programs, campus life enhancements, new and renovated academic buildings, and expanded athletic facilities. 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
- Sharon and Ron Matthews World Ministry Center
- Linda and Ralph Huff Concert Hall
- Student Union and Berns Center Renovation and Expansion
- Improved athletic facilities, including golf, baseball, softball, soccer, football, track and field, and lacrosse

The endowment component of the campaign met its goal and recently crossed the \$10 million mark, raising \$10.4 million in pledges so far. These funds will be added to the University's existing \$26 million endowment.

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.

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NICK JONAS TO PERFORM AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Singer Nick Jonas will perform at Methodist University on Monday, Sept. 28, in the March F. Riddle Center.

Tickets will be free for all full-time current Methodist University students with a valid MU ID, and will be given on a first come, first served basis, starting Monday, Aug. 24 in the Berns Student Center. The cost of tickets for faculty, staff, and alumni of the university, should they become available, will be \$10, with a maximum of two tickets per person, and will go on sale Tuesday, Sept. 1. Interested alumni should email alumnioffice@methodist.edu. Beginning Sept. 1, the general public will have access to a limited number of available tickets for a cost of \$20.

Jonas was selected through a survey sent to Methodist University students in April, asking who they wanted to see perform on campus. The 21-year-old singer and songwriter stepped out on his own after achieving worldwide fame with The Jonas Brothers, a Grammy-nominate group which sold 20 million albums and toured the globe several times. After the group separated, Jonas continued writing and recording on his own. Jonas' current album, his third solo album, features the hit single "Jealous," as well as collaborations with rapper Angel Haze and singer Demi Lovato.

"We are so excited to host Nick Jonas on campus this fall. We know he will put on a great show for our students," said Doris Jackson Munoz, director of the Student Involvement Center at MU. "We hope it will be a night they always remember."

For more information on tickets or the concert, visit methodist.edu or contact the Methodist University Student Involvement Center at 910.630.7022.

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N I C K J O N A S

Nick Jonas announces himself as a brand-new artist on his upcoming self-titled solo debut. The album is a stellar showcase for the 21-year-old singer and songwriter's powerhouse voice, which can slide into a soaring falsetto on a dime, and his dark-hued soulful pop songs, many of which he co-wrote. Jonas signals his current musical direction with the album's sultry first single "Chains" and its surreal video, both of which he feels set the tone for this next phase of his career. "The song is about letting go of the past and things I was fearful of before," he says. "It's saying 'I'm going to take these next steps forward without looking over my shoulder and worrying about who I'm offending or who I'm pleasing. This is who I am now, and I'm proud of that.'"

Who Jonas is now is a multi-talented artist stepping out on his own and re-inventing himself after achieving worldwide fame with The Jonas Brothers. The Grammy-nominated group sold 20 million albums and toured the globe several times over before calling it quits in October 2013. Its youngest member has lived a lot of life in those years and his experiences are reflected on the album. "One of the interesting things about this next step was embracing another thing I love about singing, which is storytelling," Jonas says. "On every song, I have a responsibility to tell the story and connect it to the listener."

On "Jealous," which he co-wrote with Nolan Lambroza and Simon Wilcox, Jonas expresses a vulnerability he says most men feel but are often afraid to express. "Warning" touches on allowing oneself the freedom to step into something without fear. "It's saying, 'Even though the warning signs keep telling me to turn around, I can't,'" Jonas explains. "I have to continue to move on and see what is there for me. There will always be warning signs, but I know what I'm doing, so it's okay."

Other highlights include the emotionally resonant "Avalanche," a duet with long-time friend Demi Lovato (Jonas served as Creative and Musical Director on her recent Neon Lights tour), and the hip-hop-tinged "Numb," which Jonas co-wrote with Mike Posner (Justin Bieber, 2 Chainz) and which features rapper Angel Haze. "You can come to a place in any relationship where there's built-up hurt and frustration and you just can't feel anymore," Jonas says of the song's lyrics. "I was interested in exploring the idea of longing for someone and knowing it's not going to happen; when they sweep you off your feet and leave you with nothing to feel, because they took it all." One of Jonas' favorite songs on the album is "Nothing Will Be Better," which is about "how sometimes the people we know will always be there are the ones we treat the worst and that having nothing would almost be better than what I'm getting right now."

Jonas attributes the album's darker overtones partially to the fact that while he was recording, he was also shooting the gritty television show *Kingdom* — a mixed martial arts family drama that premieres on DirecTV's Audience Network in October. Jonas plays an MMA prize fighter who holds his cards close to his chest. "He's reserved, but an animal in the cage, where he comes alive in a way he doesn't anywhere else," Jonas says. "Tapping in to a character who carries a lot under the surface definitely influenced what I was doing in the studio."

Jonas began writing songs last summer as a way to see what he could come up with on his own. "I recorded three songs and immediately saw a template for where I was creatively and what I wanted to do," he says. Jonas kept the songs to himself until his friend David Massey, the current president of Island Records, called to check in after the Jonas Brothers announced their split. (It was Massey who signed an 11-year-old Nick to Sony Music Group in 2003 and built the sibling group around him.) "Dave wanted to check in as a friend first, then it progressed to me signing with Island," Jonas says. "It rolled out very organically. I took the holidays to collect my thoughts and get ready for what I knew was going to be a pretty crazy year."

Reuniting with Massey at Island is a nice bit of symmetry for the Dallas-born, New Jersey-bred Jonas, whose first memories of music are of spending time in the soundproof drum room at the college where his father taught music. "I would go in there and play even though I probably sounded terrible," he says. Singing followed and Jonas says that, at times, it came more naturally to him than speaking.

Jonas' life-long passion for music has driven him to approach every stage of his career with "open eyes and an open heart," as he puts it. "I'm always looking to see how I can learn and do better," he says. "I had a pretty amazing run with my brothers and experienced some truly incredible things that I will always be proud of. At the same time, I view this next step as a chance to do that over again, but really enjoy it and not be worried that it's going to go away, or that if I close my eyes, I'll miss something. It's about knowing that every phase of a career has really high moments combined with low ones. Staying in the middle and surrounding yourself with people who make you happy and who you can enjoy it with is the most important thing."



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METHODIST UNIVERSITY MOURNS PASSING OF TRUSTEE

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – The Methodist University community is saddened to learn of the death of Trustee and Class of 1965 alumnus Jerry Keen on July 30. Keen, who owned the Johnson-Sherman sawmill company in Goldsboro, N.C., served on the MU Board of Trustees for more than 20 years and impacted the lives of Methodist students for decades. As a tribute to Keen’s impact on the University, MU flags are flying at half-staff this weekend.

"We are all saddened by Jerry's passing," said President Dr. Ben E. Hancock, Jr. "He loved Methodist University and was one of our strongest advocates. He will be missed by all of us who had the privilege of benefitting from his friendship, wise counsel, and compassion for others. Our prayers are extended to his wife Dottie, his family, and friends during this time of loss."

At Homecoming last year, Methodist recognized Keen with the Outstanding Alumni Service Award. He was one of the first residential students at Methodist College, and began his career at the family-owned Johnson-Sherman Co. as a traveling salesman after graduating with his degree in business administration. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1966 and served until 1970, when he rejoined Johnson-Sherman as a service manager. He soon became a partner, and in time became the owner. Keen was a past member of the Alumni Board, Board of Visitors, Lura S. Tally Leadership Board, and received the MU Center for Entrepreneurship’s Economics and Business Alumnus of the Year Award in 1976.

The Rev. Dr. Jerry Jackson '75, president of the MU Alumni Association, said Keen was "a true man who cared about people," and that Keen had spent his life trying to repay to others the help he received as a young man from Mr. Johnson at Johnson-Sherman.

"When he took over the business from Mr. Johnson, he just kept right on going, helping others become better people," Jackson said. "One of his life’s ambitions was to try and help people do better at what they’re doing in life. He was an encourager. That’s why he was so involved with Methodist. He gave many scholarships to students through the years to help them get along and get them off the ground, through the Greatest Gift program and with some of his own money."

Jackson said Keen came to almost every Homecoming at Methodist after graduating. "Methodist was his life," Jackson said. "He was a people person."

Keen was also heavily involved in the United Methodist Church, serving as the Goldsboro District Chairman of the Committee on Superintendency and president of the Goldsboro District Methodist Men, as well as serving in several positions at the St. Paul United Methodist Church in Goldsboro.

There will be a visitation for Keen on Saturday, Aug. 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Rich Thompson Funeral Home, 306 Burlington Glenwood Ave., Burlington. There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m. Sunday at Belmont United Methodist Church, 4039 Markwood Road, Burlington, Rev. Dr. Jerry Jackson presiding.

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Please note one correction:
Rev. Jackson is not presiding at the service, though he is helping.
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METHODIST UNIVERISTY ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, , N.C. — Two hundred and ninety-two students were named to the Spring 2015 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:

Name	Hometown or Country	Class status
Abdullah Alansari	Saudi Arabia	Sophomore
Ahmad Al-Fakeer	Lebanon	Senior
Raya Alher	Iraq	Junior
Ahmed Aljukhaydib	Saudi Arabia	Junior
Tareq Alkhalaf	Saudi Arabia	Freshman
Mary Allen	Stedman, N.C.	Sophomore
Melody Allison	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Anas Alrushud	Saudi Arabia.	Freshman
Abdullah Alyahya	Saudi Arabia	Junior
Yousef Ameer	Saudi Arabia	Sophomore
Marisella Andrews	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Jada Aponte	Columbus, Ga.	Senior
Nathalie Arroyo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Jennifer Ashworth	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
James Atkinson	Faison, N.C.	Junior
Casey Ausborn	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Chioma Azih	Nigeria	Junior
Joel Backer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Joseph Bain	Erwin, N.C.	Senior
Robert Bannister	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Christopher Barger	Severn, Md.	Senior
Hayden Barzditis	Fredericksburg, Va.	Sophomore

Gina Battistone	Northfield, Ohio	Senior
Jenny Bautista	Four Oaks, N.C.	Junior
Raymond Beaman	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Bryan Bing	Palmetto, Fla.	Senior
Joseph Black	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ryan Bledsoe	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Christine Bowman	Warrenton, Va.	Senior
Hannah Boyles	Vale, N.C.	Sophomore
Dallas Bradley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Noah Breit	Kitty Hawk, N.C.	Sophomore
Taylor Buchholz	Sugar Hill, Ga.	Junior
Rebecca Burnett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lauren Burns	New Bern, N.C.	Sophomore
Danielle Burns	Snoqualmie, Wash.	Junior
Bethany Bushhouse	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Dylan Cain	Ipswich, Mass.	Senior
Rickey Caldwell	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Treyvon Campbell	Shannon, N.C.	Sophomore
Jose Carmona Mendoza	Costa Rica	Sophomore
Chantele Carr	Vass, N.C.	Senior
Jay Carroll	Oxford, N.C.	Senior
Anthony Carter	Roseboro, N.C.	Sophomore
Megan Caton	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Anthony Cerniglia	Spring Lake, N.C.	Junior
Sarah Chambers	Dunn, N.C.	Junior
Joshua Clarke	Capron, Va.	Senior
David Cleveringa	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Joshua Colbert	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Mark Collins	UK	Senior
Cindy Colon	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Leah Corbitt	Reidsville, Ga.	Senior
Carlos Cortes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Emily Creasy	Salisbury, Md.	Sophomore
Stefan Cyvin	Norway	Sophomore
Austin Dangiollillo	Somerset, N.J.	Senior
John Daust	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Elisabeth De Sousa	East Timor	Junior
Jessica deChamplain	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Tiyona Decoteau	Riverview, Fla.	Freshman
Stephanie Del Do	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Alexander Demitraszek	Ravena, N.Y.	Senior
Dulcine-Reine Djetouan	Ivory Coast	Sophomore
Wenzile Dlundu	Mbabane	Junior
John Donohoe	Freeport, N.Y.	Junior
Elizabeth Dowden	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Megan Dull	Vass, N.C.	Senior
Alyssa Dunne	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Doriane Dusabe	Burundi	Sophomore

Amanda Ebersole	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Sarah Elliott	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Tyler Elton	Uniontown, Ohio	Senior
Emily Ewin	Frederick, Md.	Junior
Donnie Fann	Wade, N.C.	Senior
Nicholas Firling	Oxford, N.J.	Junior
Anthony Fish	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Garrison Fisher	Matthews, N.C.	Sophomore
Jessica Fisher	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Forbes	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Paige Fournier	Ferrisburg, Vt.	Junior
Darrin Frazier	Raeford, N.C.	Freshman
Lauren Frey	Delmar, Md.	Sophomore
Geraldine Gabon	Haiti	Senior
Alexandria Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Grant Gardiner	Mickleton, N.J.	Junior
Christopher Giacomini	Graham, N.C.	Junior
Gina Gilman	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Melanie Giovannetti	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Taylor Godfrey	Olivia, N.C.	Senior
Christian Gomez	Smithtown, N.Y.	Sophomore
Daniel Gore	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Ariel Goslee	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Sarah Grandy	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
John Graves	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Michael Griddine	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Allyson Griffin	Wilmington, N.C.	Senior
Stephanie Grisi	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gabriella Gunawan	Glenn Dale, Md.	Senior
Andres Guzman	Stockbridge, Ga.	Senior
Marie Haldenwang (exchange)	France	Freshman
Erin Haley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Cassandra Hall	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nicholas Hallowell	Montvale, N.J.	Sophomore
Ryan Hardy	Jamestown, N.C.	Sophomore
Jasmine Harrison	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Mollie Haskins	Erwin, N.C.	Freshman
Brady Heath	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gabriella Heffley	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore
Trevor Hendricks	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Julia Henry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Joel Hernandez	Stedman, N.C.	Senior
Briauna Hester	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
John Hoover	Whispering Pines, N.C.	Senior
John Hopkins	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Joseth Horne	Harrells, N.C.	Senior
Camille Hubert (exchange)	France	Freshman
Bethany Huff	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

Stephanie Hunter	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Justin Hurley	Huntington, N.Y.	Senior
Amy Hurst	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Lauren Irby	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Mariama Jabati	Sierra Leone	Senior
Theresa Jackson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Cheyenne Jacobs	Lumber Bridge, N.C.	Senior
Pierre Ricardo Jean Baptiste	Haiti	Senior
Fedia Jean Claude	Haiti	Senior
Carl Jensen	Bunnlevel, N.C.	Sophomore
Joel Jerdee	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Courtney Jimenez	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Sophomore
Corey Johnson	Westampton, N.J.	Junior
Megan Jones	Reidsville, N.C.	Senior
Jasmine Jones	Dunn, N.C.	Senior
Travis Jones	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Heather Joslin	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Patrick Joyce	Mansfield, Mass.	Junior
Christina Kenon	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Dana Killilea	Cameron, N.C.	Junior
Connor Kingdom	Franklin, Pa.	Junior
Brandt Kittredge	Torrington, Conn.	Senior
Dale Knollinger	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kaylee Kopp	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Tatum Kram	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Nicholas Kress	Jarrettsville, Md.	Junior
Lakpa Diki Lama	Nepal	Sophomore
Nicholas Landry	Gardner, Mass.	Senior
Brandon LaValley	Parkton, N.C.	Junior
Elizabeth Leavitt	Salinas, Calif.	Junior
Clemence Lebert (exchange)	France	Freshman
Joshua Lee	Denton, N.C.	Junior
Heather Legros	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Andrew Lepage	Rollinsford, N.H.	Senior
Alyssa Like	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Xiao Ling	China	Junior
Leslie Lingo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Cheryl Little	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Sarah Livingston	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Megan Lord	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Brandon Loux	Clarksville, Tenn.	Senior
William Lovewell	Jacksonville, N.C.	Freshman
Patrina Lowrie	Miami, Fla.	Senior
Layton Lumsden	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Tashe Majors-Newsom	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Morgan Mann	Kinston, N.C.	Senior
Stefanie Mansfield	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kristhel Martinez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

Ashley Matthews	Erwin, N.C.	Freshman
Jenna May	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jessica McAllister	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Patrick McDonough	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Erin McGuffee	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Bardrick McGuire	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Dayna McLaughlin	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Reginald McNeill	Dunn, N.C.	Sophomore
Coty McWain	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Garrett Mellon	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Kweri Mena	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Christi Mendez	Cameron, N.C.	Junior
Sebastian Mendoza	Costa Rica	Junior
Alexandra Michielini	Garden City, N.Y.	Senior
Brittany Miller	Denver, N.C.	Senior
Nicole Miller	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jake Miller	Bishopville, Md.	Senior
McKenna Mitchell	Williamsport, Ind.	Sophomore
Joshua Mitchell	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Jonathan Moore	Linden, N.C.	Sophomore
Hannah Moore	Jacksonville, N.C.	Senior
Sharon Moran	Shannon, N.C.	Sophomore
Kenneth Morkrid	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Maddox Morneau	Littleton, N.H.	Senior
David Moye	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Blake Moyer	Burlington, N.C.	Sophomore
Aaliah Mubarak	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Taylor Murphy	Fort Myers, Fla.	Senior
Christopher Naiberk	Hatboro, Pa.	Sophomore
Alexandria Nance	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kenneth Nevarez-Hernandez	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Christopher Nichols	La Grange, N.C.	Senior
Eirik Nordseth	Norway	Senior
Jeffrey Oestereich	Apex, N.C.	Senior
Loreto Oreckinto	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Austin Pack	Galax, Va.	Junior
Alexis Patterson	Clayton, N.C.	Junior
Robert Peacock	Greenville, N.C.	Junior
Leslie Pearson	Leland, N.C.	Senior
Ross Peele	North Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Senior
Heather Peterson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Leigh Philbee	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Madison Pierpoint	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Faith Pletcher	Roseboro, N.C.	Senior
Maira Luisa Polegato (exchange)	Brazil	Freshman
Ryan Polk	Raeford, N.C.	Sophomore
Gregory Price	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Puckett	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior

Nicole Pulcini	Matthews, N.C.	Sophomore
Kevin Quinn	Cresson, Pa.	Senior
Fitore Rama	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Tracey Raupp	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Annette Ray	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Meagan Razillard	Carthage, N.C.	Sophomore
Kristen Reed	Clayton, N.C.	Sophomore
Angela Renfrow	Raeford, N.C.	Freshman
Katelyn Rhine	Oak Island, N.C.	Sophomore
Jennifer Richards	Parkton, N.C.	Senior
Patience Richardson	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Elizabeth Rigel	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Ashley Robinson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Dylan Rodrigue	Lewiston, Maine	Senior
Talia Rodriguez	Fort Stewart, Ga.	Senior
Natalee Rodriguez	Hope Mills, N.C.	Freshman
Stephanie Roman	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Taylor Ross	Elon, N.C.	Senior
Crystal Rozzo	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Brooke Rutherford	Pine Knoll Shores, N.C.	Sophomore
Noah Sachs	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Abanob Salib	Egypt	Junior
Marcus Schilling	Sanford, N.C.	Senior
Lucas Scott	Fuquay Varina, N.C.	Sophomore
Mia See-Wai	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Sara Self	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Joseph Sepulveda Verdesoto	Spring Lake, N.C.	Junior
Rocio Serna	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Shivaksh Sharma	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Sharon Shipley	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Noremil Simmons	Broadway, N.C.	Junior
Crystal Sloan	Cameron, N.C.	Senior
Henrik Smith	Kernersville, N.C.	Senior
Allison Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Brianna Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Nicole Spink	Havelock, N.C.	Senior
Ellen Starling	Wade, N.C.	Junior
Madison Stegall	Mount Pleasant, N.C.	Sophomore
Lindsay Stinson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ryan Stocks	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Heather Strickland	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Amber Suits	Clayton, N.C.	Junior
Volha Sviarkaltsava	Belarus	Senior
Heather Swenson	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Bianca Terenzi	Tewksbury, Mass.	Junior
Evan Thorne	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lindsay Tippet	Middlesex, N.C.	Senior
Marta Tizazu	Ethiopia	Sophomore

Angela Townsend	Hope Mills, N.C.	Sophomore
Joshua Tulledge	Lakeside, Calif.	Senior
Pierce Turner	Chesapeake, Va.	Sophomore
Tamra Turner	Riverview, Fla.	Senior
Kristina Turner	Ocoee, Fla.	Junior
Tyler Ursuy	Miami, Fla.	Sophomore
Kelly Van Allman	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Justin Van Housen	Southport, N.C.	Sophomore
Brian Vandegrift	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Nomcebo Vilane	Swaziland	Junior
Richard Walker	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Tanya Waller	Spring Lake, N.C.	Senior
Cassandra Walter	La Plata, Md.	Senior
Jeff Wastak	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Lora Watson	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Lydia Wehrmann	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Amber Weigel	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Justin Wells	Godwin, N.C.	Senior
Gabrielle Wentling	Fredericksburg, Pa.	Senior
Stacy White	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Micheal White	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Lalisha Williams	Hope Mills, N.C.	Junior
Assata Williams	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Shelby Withbroe	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Erica Woodington	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Zachary Wortmann	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Mariah Wright	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ivan Ho Yong Sheng	Malaysia	Junior
Rebecca Young	Linden, N.C.	Senior
Patricia Young	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING 2015 GRADUATES

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Methodist University announces the graduation of 205 students in the 52nd annual Spring Commencement, which took place on May 9, 2015. The commencement speaker was Judy Woodruff, co-anchor and managing editor at PBS NewsHour. During the commencement, the University also recognized Eleanor B. Manning, a longtime Fayetteville resident, community leader and volunteer, with the University Medallion.

Student Taylor Tipton was awarded the L. Stacy Weaver Award, which is given each semester to an outstanding graduate, as determined by a faculty vote. Distinguished Graduate Jessica Swartz 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

Name	City and State	Honors
Ibrahim Alajlan	Saudi Arabia	
Anchalem Alemayehu	Ethiopia	
Renso Almanzar	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Esra Al-Shawafi***	Yemen	President's List
Daylee Anderson*	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jada Aponte	Columbus, Ga.	
Cody Ausherman	Kissimmee, Fla.	President's List
Brittany Balderson	Gloucester, Va.	
Christopher Barger	Severn, Md.	
Camay Barnes	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Suzanne Barron**	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Shanita Bassit	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Kayla Beavers	Fayetteville, N.C.	

Sharon Belflowers	Eastover, N.C.	
Bryan Bennett**	Raeford, N.C.	President's List
Joseph Black	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Tara Blue**	Hope Mills, N.C.	President's List
Kyonghwa Bouriaque	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Dallas Bradley*	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Ricky Brayboy	La Grange, N.C.	
Michael Bridgeman	Godwin, N.C.	
Heather Brock *	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Sharron Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Hannah Brown	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Dylan Cain*	Ipswich, Mass.	Dean's List
Erica Caine	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Raymond Caldwell	Morehead City, N.C.	
Noah Camp	Jacksonville, N.C.	President's List
Beth Carmickle**	Columbus, Ga.	President's List
Christa Carroll	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Amber Cartwright	Bahamas	
Catherine Caruso	Southern Pines, N.C.	
Erica Chambliss	Hagerstown, Md.	
Chandler Christensen	Jefferson, N.C.	
Chara Christian	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Mindy Chung	Fresh Meadows, N.Y.	
Christopher Cieri	Glenelg, Md.	
Joshua Clarke*	Capron, Va.	Dean's List
Robert Clayton	Hilton Head, S.C.	
Cara Cohen	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Mark Collins	UK	Dean's List
Lazonia Cooper	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Madyson Cooper	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Carlos Cortes**	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
James Cox	Atlantic Beach, N.C.	
Danielle Crawford	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Vaughn Cross	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Austin Dangiollillo	Somerset, N.J.	Dean's List
Gavin Daniels	Kenly, N.C.	
Andrea Davids*	Raeford, N.C.	President's List
Asheton Dew	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Ashlyn Diggs	Charlotte, N.C.	
Richard Dooley**	Raeford, N.C.	
Sarah Drizen**	Essex, Mass.	
Allison Efird	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Josiah Elder	Raeford, N.C.	
Jamie Elliott	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Kelly Fair	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Kevin Fairchild	New Providence, N.J.	
Katelyn Foster	Lexington, N.C.	
Joshua Franklin	Raeford, N.C.	

Michelle Free	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Alexandria Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Pedro Garcia	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Gabriel Gaweda*	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Nahom Gebremariyam	Ethiopia	
Blaze Gillespie	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Melanie Giovannetti**	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Melissa Gravely	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Amanda Gray	Pennington Gap, Va.	
Donovan Grierson	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Allyson Griffin	Wilmington, N.C.	Dean's List
Travis Griffin	Wade, N.C.	
Andres Guzman	Stockbridge, Ga.	Dean's List
Stephanie Halbleib	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Cassandra Hall	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
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Zachary Hazzard	Jessup, Md.	
Cara Hendricks	Mocksville, N.C.	
Matthew Hensley	Gastonia, N.C.	
John Hoover	Whispering Pines, N.C.	
Michael Hosier	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Bethany Huff*	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Stephanie Hunter	Sanford, N.C.	Dean's List
Brian Hunzeker	Verona, Pa.	
Amber Imme	Raeford, N.C.	
Michael Inman	Tar Heel, N.C.	
Gabrielle Isaac**	Mooresville, N.C.	President's List
Mark Ivansek	Raleigh, N.C.	
Mariama Jabati**	Sierra Leone	Dean's List
Theresa Jackson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Gloria Johnson	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jasmine Jones	Dunn, N.C.	Dean's List
Megan Jones	Reidsville, N.C.	Dean's List
Heather Joslin*	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Thomas June	New Bern, N.C.	
Benjamin Khammar	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Christopher Kirkland	Spring Lake, N.C.	President's List
Carly Klinedinst	Wilmington, N.C.	President's List
Andrew Kocsis	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Kaitlyn Lahr	Fort Bragg, N.C.	
Julieta Lainez-Barahona	Spring Lake, N.C.	
Lorraine Lamola	South Africa	
Cheryl Little	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Brandon Loux*	Clarksville, Tenn.	
Patrina Lowrie*	Miami, Fla.	
Kalie Ludvigsen	Atlanta, Ga.	
Layton Lumsden	Fayetteville, N.C.	
David Lutz	Gloucester, Va.	

Nicholas Maestretti	New Bern, N.C.	
Charles Maness	Troy, N.C.	
Stefanie Mansfield**	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Kirsten Markow	Beaumont, Texas	
Angelina Martzolff	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jenna May**	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
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Erin McGuffee	Raeford, N.C.	Dean's List
Bardrick McGuire	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Michael McIver	Garner, N.C.	
Lorenzo McKenzie	Bahamas	
Tara McKnight	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Henrietta Mckoy	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Harley McLamb	Dunn, N.C.	
Dayna McLaughlin*	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
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Morgan Miles	Spring Lake, N.C.	
Bernard Minter	Raleigh, N.C.	
Ariel Mitchell	Trinidad	
Cody Molosky	Bayboro, N.C.	
Jamie Mulkern*	Fort Bragg, N.C.	
Taylor Murphy	Fort Myers, Fla.	Dean's List
Brandy Nalbone***	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Alexandria Nance	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Velemseni Ndzimandze	Swaziland	
Colin Neal	Holly Springs, N.C.	
Rachel Nelson	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Charles Nettles	Effingham, S.C.	
Jessica Oder*	Chesapeake, Va.	
Rylie Osborn	Jacksonville, N.C.	
Julia Pabst	Linden, N.C.	
Adam Parker	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Stephanie Perez	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Brandon Peters	Newport, N.C.	
Hillary Petruska	Gastonia, N.C.	
Leigh Philbee	Raeford, N.C.	Dean's List
Allison Phipps**	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Vivian Pigford	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Faith Pletcher	Roseboro, N.C.	Dean's List
Mekala Poirier**	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Aleksandra Przulj	Bosnia and Herzegovina	
Jessica Puckett**	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
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Patience Richardson	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Dean's List
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Mildred Romeu	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Delrico Rowe	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Daniel Royer	York, Pa.	
Komba Sam-Sumana	Fayetteville, N.C. (US citizen) – he didn't go through IPO admissions	
Brittany Savageau*	Parkton, N.C.	
Sara Self*	Hope Mills, N.C.	Dean's List
Shivaksh Sharma**	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Luke Sheetz	Grand Rapids, Minn.	
Brandon Simmons	Clinton, N.C.	
Caleb Simpson	Morganton, N.C.	
Crystal Sloan*	Cameron, N.C.	Dean's List
Shelby Smelcer	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Lorie Smith	Clayton, N.C.	
Derek Smith	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Henrik Smith	Kernersville, N.C.	Dean's List
Bonnie Snell	Hope Mills, N.C.	
Lindsay Stinson*	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Heather Strickland*	Fayetteville, N.C.	Dean's List
Dillon Sullivan	Wilmington, N.C.	
Jessica Swartz***	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Michael Tagliabue	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Emily Talley*	San Angelo, Texas	
Miguel Tevez Rosales**	El Salvador	President's List
Benjamin Thomason	Chapel Hill, N.C.	
Rebekah Thompson**	Carthage, N.C.	
Lindsay Tippet**	Middlesex, N.C.	
Taylor Tipton***	Saint Joseph, Mont.	President's List
Joshua Tulledge	Lakeside, Calif.	Dean's List
Tamra Turner	Riverview, Fla.	Dean's List
Sandra Tyler	Autryville, N.C.	
Jessica Velasquez	Fayetteville, N.C.	President's List
Jarro Velazquez	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Alexandra Walter	La Plata, Md.	
Cassandra Walter	La Plata, Md.	
Christopher Webster*	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Jason Weireter	Richmond, Ind.	
Jeffrey Wells	Redondo Beach, Calif.	
Justin Wells	Godwin, N.C.	Dean's List
Lisa Whalen	Sanford, N.C.	
Joseph Willoughby	Fairmont, N.C.	
Benjamin Wise	Godwin, N.C.	
Ann Zaremski	Fayetteville, N.C.	
Krista Zentner	Seaford, Va.	
Crystalyn Zoquier	Fayetteville, N.C.	

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METHODIST UNIVERISTY ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT'S LIST

FAYETTEVILLE, NC — One hundred and four students were named to the Spring 2015 President's List at Methodist University. To merit inclusion on the President's List, a student must achieve a 3.90 GPA with at least 46.8 quality points during the semester on a total course load of 12 or more semester hours, with no grade of D, F, or I (Incomplete) and no developmental courses.

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

Name	Hometown or Country	Class status
Chantal Abbuhl	Sanford, N.C.	Junior
Shinichi Akaeda	Japan	Junior
Esra Al-Shawafi	Yemen	Senior
Morgan Albertson	Haymarket, Va.	Sophomore
Amanda Allred	Oxford, Pa.	Sophomore
Allyson Aycock	Teachey, N.C.	Junior
Brittany Balderson	Gloucester, Va.	Senior
Suzanne Barron	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Shanita Bassit	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Bryan Bennett	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Sara Bladon	Jamestown, N.C.	Sophomore
Carolyn Bloomer	Cameron, N.C.	Senior
Tara Blue	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Brent Breedlove	Goldsboro, N.C.	Sophomore
Heather Brock	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Catherine Brown	Northern Ireland	Sophomore
Katherine Cadungog	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Noah Camp	Jacksonville, N.C.	Senior
Jasmine Canady	Watertown, N.Y.	Junior
Beth Carmickle	Columbus, Ga.	Senior
Nicholas Chandler	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Stephanie Christoff	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Kyle Colborn	Newport, N.C.	Junior

Lazonia Cooper	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Andrea Davids	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Stephanie Dewell	Corona, Calif.	Junior
Sarah Drizen	Essex, Mass.	Senior
Josiah Elder	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Katharine Flournoy	Egg Harbor City, N.J.	Sophomore
Katelyn Foster	Lexington, N.C.	Senior
Michelle Free	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Gabriel Gaweda	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Blaze Gillespie	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Andrew Good	New Market, Va.	Junior
Kendall Gregoire	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Matthew Griffiths	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Emily Guidry	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Nathaline Gunn	Bunnlevel, N.C.	Senior
Adam Gunn	Gibsonville, N.C.	Junior
Caleb Guy	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Stephanie Halbleib	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Kelsey Harrington	Columbia, Mo.	Senior
Katlin Harris	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Cara Hendricks	Mocksville, N.C.	Senior
Alysa Hilliard	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ebony Hogan	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Alyssa Hood	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
Gabrielle Isaac	Mooresville, N.C.	Senior
Sydney Jarrard	Gainesville, Ga.	Junior
Gloria Johnson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Yetta Johnson	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Andrew Jones	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Tyreese Joseph	Sanford, N.C.	Junior
Emma Keate	Raeford, N.C.	Junior
Sara Kelley	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Junior
Mary Kizer	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Carly Klinedinst	Wilmington, N.C.	Senior
Andrew Kocsis	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Rachel Krogstie	Broadway, N.C.	Senior
Cheryl Krupa	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Safar Kurbansho	Tajikistan	Sophomore
Corrine Livingstone	Fayetteville, N.C.	Junior
David Lutz	Gloucester, Va.	Senior
Jordan Maloney	Hope Mills, N.C.	Freshman
Kirsten Markow	Beaumont, Texas	Senior
Olorato Mbi	Bostwana	Senior
Katie McDowell	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Henrietta Mckoy	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Harley McLamb	Dunn, N.C.	Senior
Rachel Meray	Fayetteville, N.C.	Sophomore
Steven Moran	Lillington, N.C.	Senior

Brandy Nalbone	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Katherine Nation	Orlando, Fla.	Junior
Emir Nazdrajic	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Junior
Olive Njende	Fayetteville, N.C.	Freshman
Meaghan O'Meara	Falls Church, Va.	Sophomore
Jessica Oder	Chesapeake, Va.	Senior
Minhyo Park	South Korea	Freshman
Allison Phipps	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jody Picarella	Spring Lake, N.C.	Junior
Stacy Pifer	Hope Mills, N.C.	Senior
Mekala Poirier	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Crystal Ponce	Linden, N.C.	Junior
Rebeca Pritchett	Raeford, N.C.	Senior
Diane Proctor	Parkton, N.C.	Senior
Aaron Randolph	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Rogers	Clayton, N.C.	Senior
Andrew Ruskey	Holly Springs, N.C.	Sophomore
Jana Salinas	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Daniel Sasfy	Hungary	Junior
Samantha Scoggins	Wendell, N.C.	Senior
David Shane	Spring Lake, N.C.	Sophomore
Doretha Somerville	Fort Bragg, N.C.	Senior
Jeffrey Stalvey	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Aaron Stevens	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Jessica Swartz	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Rebekah Thompson	Carthage, N.C.	Senior
Taylor Tipton	Saint Joseph, Mo.	Senior
Meghan Uhl	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Peter Wildeboer	Castle Hayne, N.C.	Junior
Elizabeth Wise	Godwin, N.C.	Sophomore
Ann Zaremski	Fayetteville, N.C.	Senior
Ryan Zetterholm	Enfield, Conn.	Junior

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EVENTS OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Preparation for the fall semester is underway at Methodist University. Classes begin August 17. Many events in the areas of the arts, family entertainment, and speaking engagements are open to the community. For more information on all campus events, visit methodist.edu.

UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND LECTURES

September 11 – In conjunction with the Lafayette Birthday Celebration, Methodist University presents “Arias and Artifacts,” a free concert, at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. A reception will begin in Davis Memorial Library at 6 p.m. For more information, Contact Arleen Fields for more information at 910.630.7412 or afields@methodist.edu.

September 17 - November 14 – The David McCune International Art Gallery presents "Diversified Clay: An Invitational", an invitational exhibit of a selection of eight piedmont potters, at the William F. Bethune Center for Visual Arts at Methodist University. There will be an opening reception at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 17. The opening reception and the exhibit are free and open to the public. The exhibit runs Sept. 17-Nov. 14. Contact Silvana Foti for more information at 910.425.5379 or visit davidmccunegallery.org.

September 18 – The “Land of Dreams”, an exhibition of photography by Bryce Lankard, will take place in the Union-Zukowski Lobby & Gallery. Contact Brenda Jernigan for more information at 910.630.7454 or bjernigan@methodist.edu.

September 18 – The Friends of Music presents jazz and blues guitarist Wesley Orsolich. The event will start at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. Contact Linda Volman for more information at 910.630.7100 or lvolman@methodist.edu.

Sept. 24 – *The Man Who Saved the World* will be shown at 7 pm in Huff Concert Hall followed by panel discussion. *The Man Who Saved the World* is a feature-length film that tells the true, yet nearly unknown story of Stanislav Petrov, the Soviet lieutenant colonel who single-handedly prevented nuclear Armageddon at the height of the Cold War. For more information, call 910.630.7243.

September 28 – National recording artist Nick Jonas will perform in the Riddle Center. This event is open to the public on an as available, first come, first served basis. A ticket is required. Tickets are \$20 and will be available on Sept. 1. Contact the Methodist University Student Involvement Center for more information at 910.630.7022 or visit methodist.edu.

October 16-17 – Join the Methodist University family as we celebrate Homecoming and Family Weekend 2015. For tickets and more information, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 910.630.7167 or visit methodist.edu/alumni.

October 17 – The Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Huff Concert Hall. Contact Linda Volman for more information at 910.630.7100 or lvolman@methodist.edu.

October 21 – The Board of Visitors Tennis and Golf Tournament will take place on the campus of Methodist University. Contact the Office of Advancement for more information at 910.630.7200.

October 23-24 – The 25th Southern Writers Symposium will take place to celebrate the writings of contemporary southern authors and encourage scholarship on southern literature and culture. Contact Brenda Jernigan for more information at 910.630.7454 or bjernigan@methodist.edu or visit methodist.edu/sws.

October 26 – The MU Journey Leadership Speaker Series will host Bill Cordes, creator of the collegiate program “YOGOQYPI University.” The lecture will begin at 11 a.m. in Huff Concert Hall. Contact Suzanne Langley for more information at 910.480.8474 or slangley@methodist.edu.

November 6 - The Friends of Music presents Kaitlyn Lusk, world-renown vocalist best known for her live and recorded performances on the *Lord of the Rings Symphony* and *Gladiator Live* for Hans Zimmer. The event will start at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. This event is free and open to the public. Contact Linda Voleman for more information at 910.630.7100 or lvolman@methodist.edu.

November 12 – The Reeves School of Business will hold the annual Economic Outlook Symposium and Business Awards at 6 p.m. at Embassy Suites in Fayetteville. For more information, call the Reeves School of Business at 910.630.7047 or visit methodist.edu.

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.
Athletic Department Contact: Nate Jervey, 910.630.7172 or sportsinfo@methodist.edu.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Methodist University announced a \$1 million scholarship endowment challenge today at its Fall Opening Convocation. President Ben Hancock Jr. also said the University is on track to have another record year, its 60th, with positive figures rolling in for enrollment, fund raising, residential students, international students, and student involvement. Building Excellence: The Campaign for Methodist University, has reached \$34.5 million with nine months to go, he said.

“Record numbers don’t necessarily mean quality, but because we are the best, we are attracting the best in record numbers,” Hancock said. “I’m convinced we will have the best year ever.”

Methodist was founded in 1956. As the University turns 60 this academic year, Hancock said Methodist is looking forward to the next 60 months with its new five-year strategic plan set to be implemented this year. In the 60 months to come, he suggested the University continuously look for 60 ways to improve, in order to celebrate the anniversary.

“In the new strategic plan for this university, the next five years, our goal should be nothing short of: our best five years ever,” Hancock said. “We have a strategic plan in place that was designed to do that. The best universities in America have a robust, strong, growing endowment, and we are committed to making this a stronger university.”

Hancock said the MU Board of Trustees has committed to a \$1 million scholarship challenge program to add to the University’s endowment.

“The way that will work is to match, dollar-for-dollar, the first \$12,500 from anyone who wants to set up a new, named, unrestricted, endowed scholarship at the university. It will be matched by the Trustee Challenge to allow us to establish at least 60 new endowed scholarships for our students,” he said.

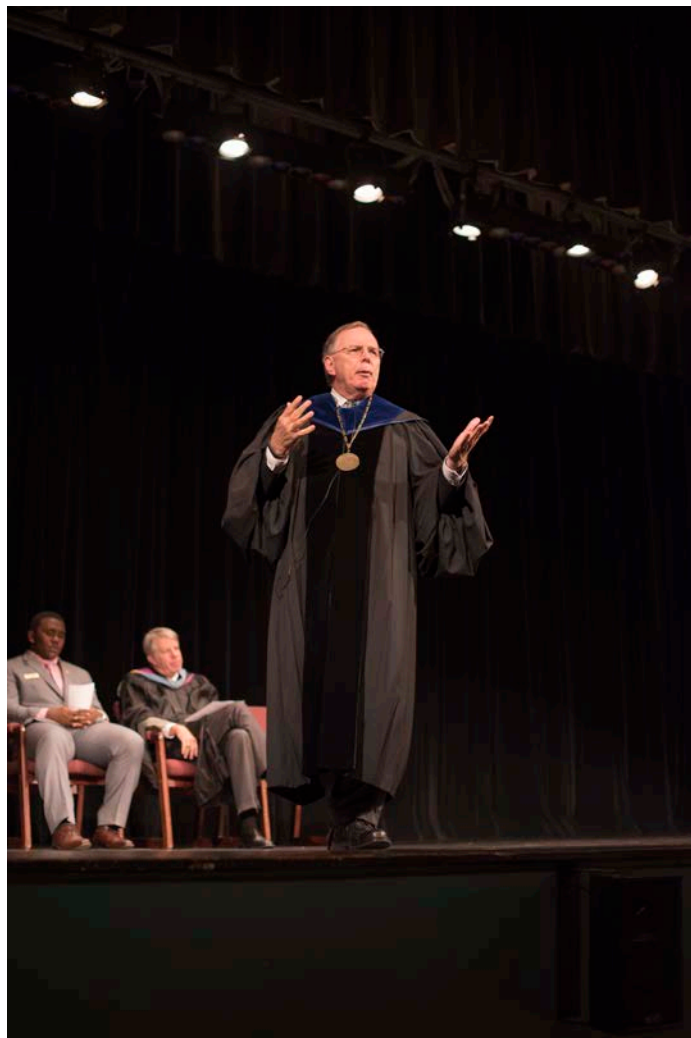
Hancock asked students, faculty, and staff in the audience to think and email him their ideas to improve Methodist, promising the first 60 who did so a free drink at the campus Starbucks. He also said he is creating a Strategic Plan Implementation Committee, comprised of students, faculty, and staff, to help monitor the University’s success in implementing the strategic plan.

“What are those 60 things we might want to do?” he said. “Do we want 60 more students in a program? Do we want 60 more students in the Honors Program? Do we want 60 more partnerships with the community? Do we want 60 opportunities that we don’t already have for our faculty, in terms of their own development, professorships, stipends to lead student travel experiences or for their own research? That’s equally important. Sixty million more in our endowment would be a wonderful goal.”

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Methodist University to Host Showing of “The Man Who Saved the World”

FAYETTEVILLE, NC — Methodist University will be a select world site for the premiere of the film, “The Man Who Saved the World,” on September 24, 2015, as part of the film’s International Screening Week.

The film will begin at 7 p.m. in Huff Concert Hall on the campus of Methodist University. Following the film, Dr. Ben Hancock and Center for Global Education Director Dr. Cristina Francescon, will facilitate a panel discussion with faculty and other subject matter experts. Admission is free and open to the public.

The film is part of the Center for Global Education’s 12th annual international film festival, and will be the second of four films this semester. Other selections this semester include “Timbuktu,” “Il Postino,” and “El apartamento espanol.” For more information on the festival, visit methodist.edu/foreign-films.

About the film

On September 26, 1983, Soviet Lt. Colonel Stanislav Petrov saved the world, but to this day, hardly anyone knows. “The Man Who Saved the World” tells the story of Petrov’s heroic Cold War act and the sacrifice that cost him everything. It’s the story of a man who didn’t listen to the noise; instead he listened to his heart at the most critical moment and, by doing so, saved every single person alive on this planet today. The film also follows his trip to America, nearly 30 years later, where he was honored for his actions.

Directed by Peter Anthony, the movie is part documentary and part dramatization, narrated by actor Kevin Costner. Costner also appears in the film, along with broadcaster Walter Cronkite, and actors Robert De Niro, Matt Damon, and Ashton Kutcher.

Please RSVP by Sept. 18. To RSVP, or for more information, contact events@methodist.edu or 910.630.7243.

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**“ARIAS AND ARTIFACTS” CELEBRATES LAFAYETTE’S BIRTHDAY AT
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FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — This year’s Lafayette birthday celebrations in Fayetteville will include “Arias and Artifacts” at Methodist University. The event begins with a reception at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, followed by a 6:30 p.m. program highlighting recent additions to the Lafayette Collection at Davis Memorial Library. Members of the MU Chorale will also share memories of their recent visit to St. Avold, France, Fayetteville’s sister city. Afterward, there will be a 7:30 p.m. concert of French music in Hensdale Chapel, presented by vocalist Gail Morfesis and friends. The event is free and open to the public, though an \$8 donation is suggested for the concert.

The Lafayette Collection includes letters, monographs, books, commemorative items, maps, and other items dating from Lafayette’s lifetime and beyond. Archives Librarian Arleen Fields is the curator of the University’s special collections, and has organized this year’s event, in conjunction with the Lafayette Society.

“The highlight of the program will be a presentation to the University of an 1825 ‘Lafayette map’ of Fayetteville from the Lafayette Society,” Fields said. “The map is a window into the history of Fayetteville and our connection to Lafayette.”

Gilbert du Motier, the Marquis de Lafayette, gained fame as a young Frenchman fighting for the colonies during the American Revolutionary War. He remained popular in the United States throughout his lifetime and was treated like a celebrity during his “grand tour” of the states in 1824-1825. Lafayette visited Fayetteville in March 1825, and the Lafayette Room in Davis Memorial Library is furnished in the style of southern American homes of that time period.

“Last September, we rededicated the Lafayette Room, transitioning the space from an appointment-only museum to a welcoming area where students can study, surrounded by the spirit of Lafayette,” Fields said. “In a similar way, we want to make the materials in our Lafayette Collection more accessible to everyone. The recent changes to the Lafayette Society endowment at Methodist University will allow us to create a research collection that is attractive not only to MU students, but, eventually, to Lafayette scholars nationwide.”

The Lafayette Society was founded in 1981 by the late Martha Duell, as a nonprofit organization to honor the memory of the Marquis de Lafayette and promote awareness of his contributions to mankind and freedom.

“The Lafayette Society is excited to partner with Methodist University in order to build up the Lafayette Collection at Davis Memorial Library,” said Dr. Hank Parfitt, president of the Lafayette Society. “This collection has enormous potential as a resource not only for student scholars at Methodist, but also for faculty and graduate students from other universities. Our board is solidly behind this endeavor and voted unanimously to redirect our endowment with Methodist to this purpose.”

To this end, the group recently added \$10,000 to its endowment fund at MU. Methodist has benefitted from this endowment since 1985, but until recently, proceeds were designated exclusively for students taking upper-level French classes. Under the new arrangement, the endowment will help further the University’s goal to increase undergraduate student research, as well as support the Lafayette Society’s mission statement to honor Lafayette’s “exemplary leadership skills and his spirit of patriotism by encouraging these traits in the civic character of Fayetteville, North Carolina, the first city in the United States named for him.”

For more information on this event, contact Fields at 910.630.7412, afields@methodist.edu.

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“LAND OF DREAMS” EXHIBIT TO OPEN AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The “Land of Dreams” photography exhibit will open Thursday, Sept. 17, in the Union-Zukowski Lobby and Gallery in the Reeves Fine Arts Building, and will run through Saturday, Oct. 24. The exhibit, which is free and open to the public, is a prelude to the 25th Southern Writers Symposium, which will be held on Oct. 23 and 24 at Methodist University. The photography exhibit will also be part of a creative writing contest open to MU students.

Photographer Bryce Lankard’s “Land of Dreams” exhibit captures 20 years of pre-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans and the Gulf South life.

“With its harmony, strife, despair and its multitude of vibrant cultural influences, there is no other place anywhere quite like New Orleans,” Lankard said. “So much of the culture that informs America was spawned here. It is, in the words of Jerry Lee Lewis, ‘the land of dreams, the best place I have ever seen.’ The photographs in this exhibition are a result of twenty years of wide-eyed wonder and fascination and love for this most amazing of American cities. ... For a city that is so hard to define, I have attempted to capture its cultural collage in the tone and mood they inspire in me.”

Lankard is a North Carolina native and graduate of UNC–Chapel Hill. In 1995, he co-founded Tribe Magazine in New Orleans, serving as creative director. He moved to New York City for nine years and then returned to New Orleans in 2006, after Hurricane Katrina, where he co-founded the nonprofit New Orleans Photo Alliance. Since returning to North Carolina in 2009, he has lectured widely and taught classes at the ArtsCenter in Carrboro, N.C. Lankard developed the FRANK: In Focus photography festival that took place throughout the Triangle in Fall 2012.

“The core of my photography is anchored in the documentary tradition,” Lankard said. “I have always been attracted by the emotional reactions to the world around me that I have had as a human, and as an American, albeit one with an admittedly Southern persuasion. Growing up in the heart of the Bible Belt and living in the rapidly evolving world at the end of a millennium, I have been filled with a sense of wonder and curiosity.”

Lankard will be on hand at the opening night of the Southern Writers Symposium, Oct. 23, to answer questions about his exhibit. The evening will begin at 7 p.m. in the Union-Zukowski Lobby and Gallery, with a reception to follow.

Symposium Director Brenda Jernigan said the photography exhibit ties in to the symposium's history of Southern culture and acknowledges the extent that photographs and images inspire writing. The English Department will also incorporate the exhibit into student assignments during the coming weeks.

"It's important for us to mark this anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, and to use imagery to evoke creative endeavors," Jernigan said.

For more information on the Southern Writers Symposium, visit methodist.edu/sws.

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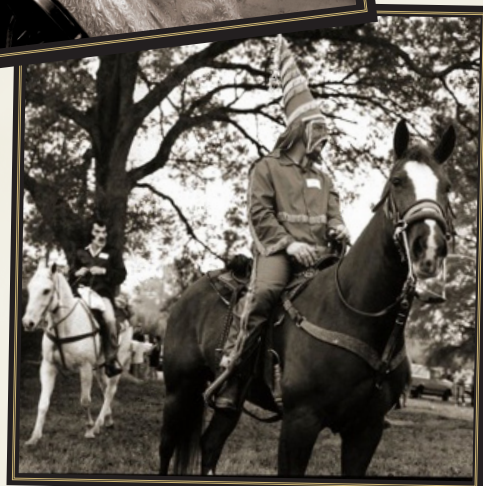
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– Bryce Lankard



About the Exhibit

The *Land of Dreams*, an exhibition of photography by Bryce Lankard, will take place in the Union-Zukowski Lobby & Gallery. The exhibit is being held in conjunction with the 25th Southern Writers Symposium.

About the Artist

Bryce Lankard is a North Carolina native and graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill. He has been a documentary photographer for over 25 years, and his work has appeared in magazines and galleries internationally. In 1995 he co-founded *Tribe Magazine* in New Orleans, serving as creative director. Following Hurricane Katrina in 2006, he co-founded the nonprofit New Orleans Photo Alliance, which hosts the celebrated PhotoNOLA festival. Since returning to North Carolina in 2009, he has lectured widely, including Duke University's Center for Documentary Studies.

For more information, contact Brenda Jernigan at 910.630.7454 or bjernigan@methodist.edu.



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MU AT NIGHT AND EXTENDED LEARNING ANNOUNCES CHANGES

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The Office of Methodist University at Night and Extended Learning announces several changes in staffing and hours. The office, which includes MU at Night, the Fort Bragg Office, and MU Online, provides educational opportunities for non-traditional students such as working adults, those with major family responsibilities and military personnel. Classes are designed for exploring new careers, upgrading professional skills or providing individual enrichment.

Dr. Tina Miller

Dr. Tina Miller has joined Methodist as the director of MU at Night and Extended Learning. Miller had a 30-year career in public education before retiring in December and moving to higher education. She spent 20 years as a teacher and administrator in Cumberland County Schools, worked as an assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in Hoke County, served as a transformation principal in Union County and finished her career as a principal in Harnett County. During her time in public education she also served on a state assistance team as a team leader to work with a low-performing middle school in a neighboring county.

Miller is a graduate of Westover High School in Cumberland County, and holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Concord University in West Virginia, a master's in elementary education with licensure in education administration from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and an educational specialist degree and doctorate in educational administration from Wingate University.

"We want to focus on providing quality customer service," Miller said. "We act as a conduit for a lot of the campus services for our students. Most of the campus closes at 5 p.m., so if students need something from the registrar, or the business office, we help with that. We try to be very nurturing and responsive to students."

Miller said she is also working to emphasize MU at Night opportunities for students who are looking for a place to start a transition into traditional day classes.

"Our biggest strength is we offer students opportunities to be successful in a smaller environment in the evening," Miller said. "Many of our students are working adults and/or parents who cannot attend traditional day classes, so the MU at Night program allows them to further their education and complete their degree with a schedule that better meets their needs. Some high school students finish up their graduation

requirements in January, and they can start their college career with us in mid-spring, rather than sit out until the fall semester. It's a good stepping stone to get a jump start on a college career for those students."

MU at Night terms run in eight-week cycles, allowing students to take just two classes each session for a total of four in a semester, which is enough to qualify for full-time financial aid options. Online courses run the full length of each semester. The MU Evening program offers 10 degree programs that are obtainable entirely at night and three degree programs that require some day courses.

Colonel Billy Buckner

Colonel Billy Buckner (Ret.) has joined Methodist as the director of MU at Fort Bragg. As the director, he is responsible for planning, coordinating, synchronizing, and marketing military programs, and directing day-to-day activities at the Bragg office. Prior to joining MU, Buckner worked at Fayetteville Technical Community College. He has also worked as a military business development specialist for the North Carolina Military Business Center and as a public relations manager and strategic communications trainer for TigerSwan, Inc.

Col. Buckner was commissioned in the infantry upon graduation from Truman State University in 1982. His initial assignment was with the 82nd Airborne Division, where he served as a platoon leader with 1st Battalion, 325th Parachute Infantry Regiment. Buckner has also served in the 10th Mountain Division (Light), 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division, and as commander, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light). He retired as the XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg public affairs officer in 2010 after serving nearly 29 years on active duty with multiple deployments to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and deployment to Haiti in 2010, where he served as the deputy director for the Joint Interagency Communications Center for Operation RESTORE HOPE.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., he holds master's degrees in strategic studies from the United States Army War College and administration from Central Michigan University.

"I am extremely humbled and honored for the opportunity to continue to serve our military community and to helping each of our students to achieve their educational and career goals," Buckner said.

One of Buckner's first changes to the Fort Bragg office was adjusting the hours the office is open on post. Since mid-August, the office is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. During times between terms when class is not in session, the office will be on an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule.

"As always, we will continue to provide students with the full range of services to include advising, admissions, registration, English placement testing, and other assistance they may need," Buckner said.

MU Online

Methodist University Online is the third component of the Extended Learning department. Dr. Bruce Morgan is the director of Instructional Technology and E-Learning. He has been with Methodist for four years. MU Online allows qualified students from around the globe to earn college credit over the Internet. Class size is limited, in order to provide the same quality of interaction found in traditional Methodist University classrooms. Methodist University Online courses use the World Wide Web, e-mail, threaded discussions, and chat rooms to foster the meaningful exchange of ideas, both professor-to-student and student-to-student.

For more information on the MU at Night program, contact Miller at tmiller@methodist.edu, or 910.630.7190. For more information on the Fort Bragg campus, contact Buckner at bbuckner@methodist.edu, or 910.436.3624.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT CHANGES, FACULTY

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The Department of Communications at Methodist University has been replaced with two new academic departments, with several new majors and faculty changes. In the School of Public Affairs, there are now the Applied Communication Department and the Mass Communications Department. Dr. Willis “Bill” Watt, who has been with Methodist since 2000, chairs the Applied Communication Department, and new hire Dr. Kevin Swift chairs the Mass Communications Department.

“Communication ranks high among the majors that high school seniors want to pursue, so we want to provide these opportunities for students,” said Executive Vice President and Academic Dean Delmas Crisp. “With this added emphasis, the University expects increased growth in both areas.”

Crisp added that the University is also in the process of expanding its radio and television production lab, a project that is expected to be completed over winter break this year.

Along with the new department reorganization comes a new major, the Applied Communication Bachelor of Science, which offers concentrations in Public Affairs Communication, Organizational Communication and Leadership, and Health Communication.

“Working interdisciplinarily with various of departments and schools across the MU campus, the faculty have expanded opportunities for students interested leadership careers in fields such as public affairs, health, and organizational communication,” Watt said.

Additionally, the Applied Communications Department has also hired Brenda Mitchell as director of Debate/Individual Events and an instructor of applied communication.

The Mass Communications Department continues to offer a B.S. or B.A. in Mass Communications, with concentrations in Journalism, Radio, and TV/Multimedia.

“This is a very exciting time for Mass Communications at MU,” Swift said. “We are a program on the move as we grow the major, expand student opportunities, and update our facilities. I am thrilled to be part of a program and University so dedicated to helping students to achieve their goals.”

Brenda Mitchell

Instructor Brenda E. Mitchell has been a classroom teacher at Jack Britt High School for the past seven years. Since 2011, she served as the head coach of the Speech and Debate Team at Jack Britt High School. Mitchell coached a successful squad of 60 students and her teams qualified for three National Forensics League National Tournaments. Her professional experience includes presenting a new coaches webinar for the National Speech and Debate Association. Mitchell completed a Master of the Arts in Educational Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Education from Central Michigan University. She holds teaching certifications in Michigan and North Carolina in English, Speech, and Dramatic Arts (grades 7-12).

Kevin Swift

Assistant Professor Kevin Swift joins Methodist University as the chair of Mass Communications. Swift is a veteran of broadcast news in many capacities. He worked as a writer/producer and reporter for several TV and radio stations in the Youngstown, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pa. area. He also served as an anchor/reporter for the award-winning news team at WVLK News in Lexington, Ky. Swift has worked extensively as a freelance videographer, editor and voice over artist throughout western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, Washington, DC, and Missouri. Before joining the faculty at Methodist University, Swift taught at Catholic University, the University of Maryland and Missouri State University. While at MSU, he founded and headed up *Ozarks News Journal*, a newsmagazine show that was aired throughout the state of Missouri. His research interests include FCC policy and student learning outcomes through practical experience.

Bill Watt

Professor Bill Watt's professional academic experiences include teaching and administrative duties such as vice president for academic affairs, academic dean, school dean, division director, and department chair at NCAA division I, II, and III, as well as NCCAA universities and colleges. Watt was selected by the Kansas Speech Communication Association as the Outstanding College Teacher of the Year (1996). He was inducted into the Mid-America Education Hall of Fame in 1998. Watt has presented more than 50 scholarly papers on topics ranging from communication, leadership, theater, and religion at state, regional, national, and international conferences, with many of the papers being included in conference proceedings. He has authored or co-authored five books in the field of speech communication and business/professional speaking, several monographs about theatre, and co-authored book chapters on intercollegiate debate and leadership. He has published many poems and short stories locally, nationally, and internationally. Watt was ordained in the Christian ministry in 1976 by the Christian Church (Independent). He currently serves as a staff member/trainer for the Cumberland County Institute for Community Leadership and is a member of *Fayetteville Observer* Community Advisory Board. Watt has a bachelor's degree from Manhattan (Kan.) Christian College and a bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctorate from Kansas State University.

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“The Poetry Project” Takes the Stage at Methodist University

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The Methodist University Department of Theatre will present “The Poetry Project,” the latest installment of the department’s “Works in Progress” project in Huff Concert Hall on the campus of Methodist University, Oct. 1-3 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

This is the fourth semester the department has mounted a “Works in Progress” production, which invites members of the MU community to write and produce original works for the stage, poetry, movement pieces, or partial scripts, which are then workshopped and guided with faculty assistance. “The Poetry Project” turns attention to poetry written by members of the MU community. Performers and spoken word authors will cover a wide range of human experiences, and images suggested by the pieces form a major component of the set. Due to some of content, “The Poetry Project” is not recommended for young children.

“I have performed spoken word for open mic nights held by Kappa Alpha Psi, the Davis Memorial Library, and the Student Activities Committee,” said Christina Jenkins, one of the students working on the project. “For me, ‘The Poetry Project’ is different because it gives me the chance to perform for more people and age groups, rather than just my fellow students. It also gives me the chance to illustrate my feelings not only in words, but in art. I get to stand before them and let them know that I will be heard, and they will listen.”

One of the pieces, “Shards,” is a poem by student Kaelyn Harling, divided into a six-person performance piece, staged by fellow student Erin Arauz. Theater Chair Evan Bridenstine said that “Shards” was the beginning of this production’s poetry focus.

“I consider ‘The Poetry Project’ its own beginning,” Bridenstine said. “WIP will more than likely include many more poems in the future.”

Following this show, the University will launch a production of “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” from Nov. 12-15. For more information, contact Dr. Evan Bridenstine, Chair of the Department of Theatre at ebridens@methodist.edu or 910.630.7483.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL REEVES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM AND AWARDS DINNER

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – The Reeves School of Business (RSB) at Methodist University announces the Inaugural Reeves School of Business Symposium and Awards Dinner, which will be held on Thursday, Nov. 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites, 4760 Lake Valley Dr., Fayetteville.

The event’s keynote speaker will be Dan Roselli, who will speak on: “Building a Startup Ecosystem: Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship within Communities.” Roselli is an internationally recognized expert on building startup ecosystems. “Startup ecosystem” is the name given to the organized interaction of people, startup businesses, and other organizations working together to create new startup companies.

Seven awards will also be presented at the event: Alumni Business Person of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Greater Good Award, Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur of the Year, The Silver Spoon Award, and the Small Business Excellence Award.

Dr. Kimberly Scruton, dean of the Reeves School of Business, said this event is the new version of two events previously hosted by the RSB’s Center for Entrepreneurship for more than 40 years.

“The Reeves School of Business and Methodist University continue to evolve and build upon our reputation for excellence,” Scruton said. “In our pursuit of continual quality improvement, we have recently made some organizational changes that more effectively and efficiently align our resources. We have consolidated these two events into one Reeves School of Business Symposium and Awards celebration. This single event will continue with our longstanding tradition of recognizing award winners and also reflects the entirety of the Reeves School of Business.

For more information or to purchase a ticket to this event, contact Pam Biermann at 910.630.7496, or pbiermann@methodist.edu. Tickets can also be purchased soon online through methodist.edu/business.

About the awards

The Alumni Business Person of the Year is a graduate of Methodist University who has shown promise for a successful career. The Business Person of the Year an executive

who makes great contributions, not only to the successful operation of local business and industry, but also to the civic and cultural life of the community. Entrepreneur of the Year is awarded to a risk-taker in the free enterprise system: a person who sees an opportunity and then devises strategies to achieve specific objectives. The Greater Good Award is given to a professional who has shown kindness, charity, humanity, love, and friendship to his/her associates. Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur is a North Carolina resident who owns, has established, or manages a small business. The award committee will also consider the individual's creativity, innovativeness, and personal contributions to and involvement with the community. The Silver Spoon Award is given to a person who, though not born with the proverbial spoon in his/her mouth, has originated and built a successful business recognized for its uniqueness in planning, production, or some other aspect of its operation. The Small-Business Excellence Award goes to a business that employs fewer than 300 persons and generates revenue of less than \$15 million per annum. The award committee will also consider the creativity of the business, the uniqueness of the product, the employees' welfare and the contributions of the business to its community.

About the speaker

Roselli, along with his wife, Sara Garcés, co-founded Packard Place, one of the largest entrepreneurial and tech centers in the country outside of New York, Boston, and Silicon Valley. The company is devoted to developing fast-growth entrepreneurial companies and has more than 100 companies in residence under its six different business incubator programs.

Formerly in senior marketing positions with General Mills, Colgate Palmolive, and M&M/MARS, Roselli moved to Charlotte in 2000 to oversee Brand Strategy and Marketing Communications for Bank of America, where he was the youngest person ever to serve on the Operating Committee with the company.

In 2003 Roselli began his entrepreneurial career as an original co-founder of internet marketing firm Red Ventures. He has since co-founded three different companies that have made it to the INC 500 list of fastest growing private companies in America. Roselli has been recognized more times than any other entrepreneur in his city by the Charlotte Business Journal as one of its "Fast 50" companies.

Roselli has a finance degree from Michigan State University, and an MBA in marketing from the University of Minnesota.

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Methodist University holds 25th Southern Writers Symposium

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The 25th Southern Writers Symposium, “Celebrating Emerging Writers: A Weekend of Readings, Panels, and Workshops,” will take place on the campus of Methodist University Oct. 23-24. The event is open to the public, but registration is required. MU students, faculty, and staff can attend at no cost, or for \$10 if they also attend the lunch on Saturday. The cost for all others to register is \$50.

“This year’s Southern Writers Symposium will feature some fine writers and great workshops,” said Brenda Jernigan, director of the Southern Writers Symposium. “We are also excited to have a variety of voices featured at this year’s Symposium. Southern literature often centers around voice, and we want to have as many voices represented as possible.”

The Symposium will begin Friday, Oct. 23, with on-site registration at 3 p.m. in the Union-Zukowski Lobby and Gallery in the John M. Reeves Fine Arts Building. Afternoon readings and workshops begin at 3:30. An introduction of the Emerging Writers Poetry Contest winners will take place at 7 p.m., followed by a reading by Madge McKeithen entitled, “Art and Writing: The Evocative Nature of Imagery and Place.”

Photographer Bryce Lankard will also be on hand to answer questions about his exhibit that marks the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. “Land of Dreams” is a 20-year documentary project of life in New Orleans and the Gulf South before the hurricane, currently displayed in the Union-Zukowski Lobby.

On Saturday, Oct. 24, on-site registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Medical Lecture Hall foyer. Book sales will be available 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., with authors on hand to sign purchased copies. Panels, workshops, and readings will take place at 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. At 11:45 a.m., participants will gather in the Alumni Dining Room in the Berns Student Center for lunch and to listen to keynote speaker Nathan Poole, author of “Father Brother Keeper” and winner of the Mary McCarthy Prize in Short Fiction. Following the reading, the 2015 Emerging Writers Short Story Contest Winners will be recognized.

The Southern Writers Symposium began in 1981 with the world premiere of the musical “Raft on the River,” based on the novel “Huckleberry Finn,” at Methodist College. Since then, the symposium has featured a variety of themes, including “The Idea

of Home in Southern Literature,” “Southern Literature to 1900,” and “History in/and/of Southern Literature.”

For more information on this event or to register, visit methodist.edu/sws.

About the Speakers

Madge McKeithen grew up in eastern North Carolina before attending the College of William and Mary, and later, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Her first book, “Blue Peninsula,” was published in 2006 and tells of McKeithen’s turn to poetry in the wake of her son’s undiagnosed degenerative neurological disorder. In 2011, her essay “What Really Happened” appeared in “Best American Essays.” McKeithen is currently at work on a collection of essays about her father and home.

Nathan Poole is a graduate of the Master of Fine Arts program for writers at Warren Wilson College. His story “Stretch Out Your Hand” won first place in “Narrative’s” Fall 2011 Story Contest and received the Narrative Prize in 2012. His stories have appeared in “The Kenyon Review,” “The Sun,” “The Saturday Evening Post,” and others. His novella, “Pathkiller as the Holy Ghost,” was awarded the 2014 Quarterly West novella prize and was published by “Quarterly West.” Poole’s story collection, “Father Brother Keeper,” was named the 2013 winner of the Mary McCarthy Prize in Short Fiction.

Photographer Bryce Lankard is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill. In 1995, he co-founded “Tribe Magazine” in New Orleans, and served as creative director. After living in New York for nine years, Lankard returned to New Orleans in 2006, after Hurricane Katrina, and co-founded the nonprofit New Orleans Photos Alliance. Since returning to North Carolina in 2009, he has taught at the ArtsCenter in Carrboro, N.C., and developed FRANK: In Focus Photography Festival.

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Methodist University Announces New Director of Police and Public Safety

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Methodist University has recently named Mark Brewington as the Director of Police and Public Safety, and Chief of Police.

Brewington served as deputy sheriff at the Cumberland County Sheriff's office from 1986-1992, during which he completed North Carolina's Basic Law Enforcement Training at Fayetteville Technical Community College. He next worked for the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation for 23 years, most recently as the assistant director of the Administrative Services Division.

"One of the University's highest priorities is the safety and wellbeing of the members of the campus community," said Dr. Ben Hancock, president of Methodist University. "A key to our success in meeting this priority is to attract the very best professionals to lead our campus safety efforts. We are fortunate to have someone of Chief Brewington's experience and credentials to head up this important area."

Brewington is a certified law enforcement instructor, certified firearms instructor, and a court certified expert in the field of arson investigations. He received the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces Program's OCDETF Of The Year award in 1999, and was the United States Department of Justice OCDETF of the Year award winner for the Eastern District of North Carolina in 2008. Additionally, Brewington has developed and implemented multiple training programs for law enforcement agencies.

"Chief Brewington brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with him," said William Walker, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students. "We look forward to his leadership and guidance in safety and law enforcement."

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY TO HOST PANGEA OCT. 21

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Pangea returns to Methodist University Oct. 21 in Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building. There will be a reception in the Union-Zukowski Lobby at 6 p.m., with the show starting at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

“Our theme for this year is the world carnival,” said Edith Olivarez, president of the International Club, which organizes Pangea. “We will be showcasing performances from around the world, incorporating different types of carnivals and festivals from around the world. In the spirit of carnival, and the Halloween season, the audience is encouraged to come in costumes.”

Pangea has been presented by the International Club since 2009. The club, which is open to all students, started the show as an outlet to share their different cultures and perspectives with the community. The event always offers an evening of amazing multicultural entertainment, though it takes a different approach each year, borrowing its structure from concepts that have ranged from Arabian Nights to Jules Verne to a game show.

Methodist University has a strong international presence, with 188 international students currently enrolled, a large number for a university of this size. As well as the International Programs Office and the Study Abroad office, MU also boasts the Center for Global Education, one of the four paths of the MU Journey. The university also hosts an international film festival every semester.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY FRIENDS OF MUSIC PRESENT
VOCALIST KAITLYN LUSK ON NOV. 6**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The Methodist University Friends of Music will present world-renowned vocalist Kaitlyn Lusk Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Hensdale Chapel. This event is free and open to the public.

Lusk is best known for her live and recorded performances in the Lord of the Rings Symphony and Gladiator Live for Hans Zimmer. She has been the featured vocal soloist in Howard Shore's Lord of the Rings Symphony since 2004, and has performed the role with more than 50 of the world's orchestras.

Luckily for Fayetteville, Lusk currently resides in the area with her husband, who is stationed at Fort Bragg. That will change next year, however, as he is moved to another location.

"What's awesome to me about Kaitlyn, professionally, is that she is involved in an area of music that is really still quite new, in terms of professional concert appearances, and that's of live staged appearances of movies," said Dr. Michael Martin, associate professor of music at Methodist. "Her solo work in Lord of the Rings is just impeccable, it's amazing. People should have the opportunity to come hear her, and see her, before she leaves Fayetteville."

Before the concert, Lusk will also teach a master class with Methodist students.

For more information, contact Linda Volman at 910.630.7100 or lvolman@methodist.edu.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES HOMECOMING
AND FAMILY WEEKEND OCT. 16-17, 2015**

FAYETTEVILLE N.C. – Methodist University will celebrate Homecoming and Family Weekend on Oct. 16-17. The celebration will include athletic events, alumni reunions, awards ceremonies and events for families.

Friday, Oct. 16

The 18th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet will be held Friday night, sponsored by the Monarch Booster Club. Celebrate the accomplishments of past Monarch athletes, coaches and “Teams of Distinction.” The banquet will take place at Berns Student Center at 6:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, Oct. 17

The **MU Alumni Association Awards Ceremony** will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Alumni Dining Room. Awards will honor the following:

- Howard Arden '70 - Distinguished Alumni
- Wesley Mensing '09 - Distinguished Young Alumni
- Sandy Combs - Outstanding Faculty/Staff
- Rev. Woodrow Wells '69 - Outstanding Alumni Service
- Mary and Harvey Wright '68, '70 - Philanthropist Award.

Of special note is the Distinguished Young Alumni Award presented posthumously to Wesley Mensing '09 and accepted by his parents Carol and Bob Mensing. Mensing died tragically in New York City this past January. A Methodist University PGA Golf Management graduate, he had become a standout golf pro and master instructor at top resorts in the country. When he was at Methodist University, Mensing restarted the MU mission experience and served as captain of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. A **ceremonial tee shot** will be held at 9 a.m. in his honor by his family members, alumni friends, faculty, coaches, and staff at the MU golf course “Downback.”

Following the awards ceremony, a **tailgate and food truck luncheon and KidsZone** will be held between the Berns Student Center and the March Riddle Center.

The **Homecoming football game** begins at 1 p.m. Saturday as the Monarchs take on N.C. Wesleyan. Other athletic events on Saturday include women's soccer at 2 p.m.

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

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES RN TO BSN PROGRAM

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University is proud to announce the newly proposed RN to BSN Program, which is designed to provide registered nurses with the opportunity to more easily attain a bachelor’s degree in nursing. The hybrid program combines online coursework with convenient and flexible class times.

“Our program is designed to provide flexible pathways to degree completion for the working professional,” said Jake Terry, director of the RN to BSN Program. “Registered nurses who have completed an associate degree or diploma program are candidates for this degree.”

The program’s first cohort will begin in Spring 2016, on Jan. 11, and applications are now being accepted. To be admitted, students must hold an unencumbered RN license in North Carolina or a Compact State prior to enrollment, as well as meet Methodist University’s Online/Evening Admissions requirements. The program is currently pending approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), education has a significant impact on the knowledge and competencies of the nurse clinician. Also, according to a study released in 2013 by the AACN, more than 79 percent of employers are now requiring or expressing a strong preference for nurses with a baccalaureate degree.

“Nurses with Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees are well-prepared to meet the skill and knowledge requirements of today’s nurse,” Terry said. “Jobs in nursing continue to show strong demand. The outlook is especially good for nurses prepared with bachelor’s degrees and higher.”

For more information regarding program admission requirements and costs, please visit the MU Nursing webpage at methodist.edu/nursing and select the RN to BSN link. For questions about the MU at Night program, contact Dr. Tina Miller at tmiller@methodist.edu or 910.630.7190. For questions about the RN to BSN Program, contact Jennifer Caviness at jcaviness@methodist.edu or 910.630.7578.

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FRATERNITY HOSTS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK AT METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – The Pi Kappa Alpha (PKA) fraternity at Methodist University will host several events on campus this week to raise awareness of domestic violence and support Fayetteville’s Child Advocacy Center. Several of the events are open to the public or the MU community.

“Domestic violence is something that is an issue within any community, whether it’s in homes or college campuses,” said event coordinator and PKA member Nick Boykin. “We thought this could be a great awareness tool for not only students but the MU community as a whole to discuss all the different forms of domestic violence.”

Starting at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, there will be a short video about sexual crimes followed by a panel discussion in Berns Student Center. The panel will include Dr. Darlene Hopkins, director of MU’s Center for Personal Development; Ze Surratt, a certified victim practitioner from the Rape Crisis Center, and a representative from the Child Advocacy Center.

Tuesday’s event will be a free Gracie Barra Jiu Jitsu class, open to all MU students. The class, which starts at 7 p.m. in Nimocks Fitness Center, will be taught by Rafael Jovet, head instructor and owner of Gracie Barra Jiu Jitsu Spring Lake, and will focus on personal protection.

Thursday evening, the campus Greek organizations will participate in an event with campus nurse Sandy Combs, director of Student Health Services. The Greek Speak event will focus on safe sex practices and answering student questions on related subjects. This event is not open to the public.

On Saturday, at MU’s home football game, the fraternity will present a check to the Child Advocacy Center, to donate contributions gathered throughout the week. The group plans to collect donations by selling purple ribbons at each event and during the day in the Berns Student Center. The ribbons cost \$1.

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"STOP THE SILENCE"

Domestic Violence Awareness Week

THE PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY

PIKE

Scholars, Leaders, Athletes, Gentlemen

Oct. 25 – 31

Panel and Video Discussion

Monday, Oct. 26 | 7 p.m. | Berns Student Center

A short video, followed by a discussion between professionals in the field of sexual assault and domestic violence will help educate students, faculty, and staff about sexually-based offenses.

Jiu Jitsu Self-Defense Class

Tuesday, Oct. 27 | 7 p.m. | Nimocks Fitness Center

Participants will learn the basics of personal protection in a time of threat or a hostile situation.

Greek Speak with Sandy Combs, RN

Thursday, Oct. 29 | 7 p.m. | Berns Student Center

Nurse Sandy will moderate an interactive and fun event that will discreetly and knowledgeably express the necessity of safe sexual practices.

Methodist University Football Game

Saturday, Oct. 31 | 1 p.m. | Monarch Stadium

During halftime, PIKE will present a check with contributions gathered throughout the week to the Child Advocacy Center.

For more information, contact Nick Boykin at nboykin@student.methodist.edu.

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Methodist University Named Military Friendly School for Fifth Consecutive Year

November 2015

Methodist University has been named a 2016 Military Friendly School by Victoria Media. The university's recognition on the Military Friendly School list cited the university's support for student veterans on campus, graduation and employment outcomes for student veterans, and opportunities offered to military spouses. The 2016 list highlights more than 1,400 Military Friendly Schools. 2016 marks the fifth year in a row that Methodist University has received the Military Friendly designation.

"Methodist University is extremely honored to serve our military community and to be recognized nationally as a military-friendly school," said Billy Buckner, director of Methodist University at Fort Bragg. "We are encouraged by our selection and pledge to our service members that we remain committed to serving and meeting their education goals."

Methodist University was recognized for its extensive array of tuition assistance, scholarships, and grants geared toward veterans and their families. The university was also recognized for its participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program and the Veterans Writing Collective, a creative writing outlet for all veterans, service members, and their families on campus. Additionally, the university has been named a Military Friendly School by GI Jobs for four consecutive years, and is home to a local chapter of Chi Delta Chi, an honor society for veterans and their family members. The university rated 28th on the list of Military Friendly Schools on bestcolleges.com.

As well as offering on-campus classes to military students, Methodist University also offers classes at Fort Bragg. For information about Methodist University at Fort Bragg, call 910.436.3624, visit www.methodist.edu/bragg, or email bragg@methodist.edu. The Fort Bragg Office, which is located at the Base Training Education Center on Fort Bragg (4520 Knox St.), is open from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

<http://www.methodist.edu/mu-news/methodist-university-named-military-friendly-school-for-fifth-consecutive-year>



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**NCAA CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER TO SPEAK AT
METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University’s Institute for Sport Science and Wellness will host Dr. Brian Hainline, chief medical officer of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Monday, Nov. 9. Hainline will speak on “Health and Medical Issues in Sports” at 7:30 p.m. in the Medical Lecture Hall in the Physician Assistant Building on campus. The event is free and open to the public.

As the NCAA’s first chief medical officer, Hainline oversees the NCAA Sport Science Institute, a national center of excellence, whose mission is to promote and develop safety, excellence, and wellness in college student-athletes, and to foster lifelong physical and mental development. His recent studies have been featured in the national media and range in topics from concussion detection to the mental health of athletes. He joined the NCAA in this position in 2013. In the Sept. 28 issue of Sports Illustrated, Hainline discussed one of his upcoming studies, due to be released in January, about athletes’ mental health and best practices in that field.

“As the Chief Medical Officer of the NCAA, Dr. Hainline brings a wealth of knowledge and experience on a variety of topics regarding student-athlete welfare and innovative thoughts on the future of sports in America,” stated Vice President and Director of Athletics Bob McEvoy.

Dr. Hainline has been actively involved in sports medicine for more than 20 years. He co-authored the book “Drugs and the Athlete,” and has served on the New York State Athletic Commission, the USOC Sports Medicine Committee, and was a founding member of the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Neurology, Sports Neurology Section. Currently, he is the clinical professor of neurology at New York University Langone Medical Center. He also is on the board of directors for the Professional Association of Athlete Development Specialists and the National Council on Youth Sports Safety, and sits on the Pop Warner Football Medical research Subcommittee. He is a founding member of the International Tennis Performance Association Certification Commission.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY THEATER TO PERFORM
“DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE” NOV. 12-15**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The Methodist University Department of Theatre will present “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” on the stage of Huff Concert Hall Nov. 12-14 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for students/seniors/military, and \$4 for children. Because the production contains language some may find offensive, the production is not recommended for children.

Adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher, this production of the classic novella by Robert Louis Stephenson features most of the major characters telling the story from their points of view. Henry Jekyll experiments with isolating the human impulse toward evil, which inadvertently unleashes Edward Hyde, the very embodiment of evil.

“To show the pervasiveness of evil, this adaptation splits Hyde into multiple roles, so that anyone at any time may step into the shoes of the villain,” said Theater Chair Evan Bridenstine.

The cast includes Brandon Torres as Dr. Henry Jekyll, Will Billingsley as Gabriel Utterson, Darien Jones as Sir Danvers Carew, Taj Allen as Dr. H.K. Lanyon, Erin Arauz as Poole, Samantha Hill as Elizabeth Jelks, and Kristee Emmons and Dain Thomas as orderlies.

For more information, contact Dr. Evan Bridenstine, Chair of the Department of Theatre at ebridens@methodist.edu or 910.630.7483.

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**METHODIST UNIVERSITY SENIOR EXHIBITION “TRANSFORMATION”
RUNS DECEMBER 3-12 IN MCCUNE GALLERY**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. —The Methodist University Department of Art announces “Transformation,” a senior exhibition by Methodist University student Loreto Oreckinto. The exhibition will hold its opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3, in the David McCune International Art Gallery, where the artist will be on hand to discuss her work.

The show will run until Dec. 12 during normal gallery hours, which are Tuesday through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed weekends, Mondays, and school breaks.

Oreckinto was born in Chile but lived in Canada for much of her childhood, and moved to the United States when she was 16 years old. Having to move from one country to another has inspired her to paint what she cherishes the most, her family. In 2007, she graduated with an associate degree in fine arts from Hudson County Community College. This winter, she will graduate from Methodist University with a bachelor’s degree in art with a concentration in painting in 2015.

“My nomadic childhood gave me an appreciation for stability, which is reflected in my highly structured compositions,” Oreckinto said. “When I start a painting, rather than being spontaneous, I tend to follow a set of rules. In addition, I appreciate the principles of classical style of painting and I tried to apply these rules to my own work. My goal is to be able to combine reality with surrealism because that is what I see. Additionally, I want to be able to project my life experiences through art and would like to connect with those people who have had to leave their home in order to reach their goals and dreams.”

At Methodist, Oreckinto received the Anthony J. Delapa Art Achievement Award and the Lois Ferrari Memorial Art Scholarship. During her path as an art major, she worked with acrylic and oil on canvas, pencil and charcoal on paper, a few printmaking techniques on paper, ceramics, and black and white photography. After graduation, she plans to move to New York and seek a teaching certificate.

“My work is very personal at this point in my artistic career; my focus is on myself and the people who matter to me,” Oreckinto said. “I also feel there is a connection between people and nature. For example, trees can represent the family tree and

butterflies symbolize my mother's free spirit. I primarily work in acrylics, although I enjoy experimenting new media as the opportunities presents itself."

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES 43rd ANNUAL WINTER COMMENCEMENT

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Methodist University will celebrate its 43rd annual Winter Commencement Ceremony Saturday, December 12, at 2 p.m. in the March F. Riddle Center. There are currently 232 candidates for graduation.

Mrs. Amy P. Perko, executive director of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, will deliver the commencement address. The University will present the University Medallion to Mr. Don K. Price, a longtime supporter of Methodist with a distinguished record of community involvement.

The ceremony will also include the commissioning of one ROTC cadet, the presentation of the Sam Edwards Award, and a speech by this year's Distinguished Graduate.

Prior to the commencement ceremony, the Rev. Leonard Fairley, district superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church's Capital District and Episcopal candidate, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 10:30 a.m. in Huff Concert Hall.

Commencement Ceremony

Perko has served as executive director of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics since 2005. Having served in various leadership positions in sports for 25 years, Perko is a recognized leader in collegiate sports issues. She is often the spokesperson for the Knight Commission and has published commentaries on college sports issues, including two in The New York Times: "Promoting Academics in College Sports" and "Colleges Can Take Action Without an Athletes' Union."

Perko graduated Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Wake Forest University, where she played basketball. She earned All-ACC honors twice, and Academic All-America honors three times. She is a member of the Wake Forest University Sports Hall of Fame and the national Academic All-America Hall of Fame.

University Medallion

Price has long served the Fayetteville, N.C., and Methodist University communities. Born and raised in West Virginia, he is the owner of Lafayette Ford Lincoln and a Trustee Emeritus of Methodist University. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he joined the sales staff at Lafayette Ford in 1965, and became owner of the business in 1996. Throughout his

tenure at Lafayette Ford, Price has been presented with multiple honors and recognitions, including Time Magazine's Dealer of the Year for North Carolina award, Ford Motor Company's Dealer of the Year award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association. In 2004, Price was named the Methodist University Center for Entrepreneurship's Business Person of the Year. Additionally, Price received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by former North Carolina Governor Bev Perdue, and in 2012, was presented with the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Boy Scouts of America Occoneechee Council.

Baccalaureate Service

Prior to graduation, a Baccalaureate Service will take place at 10:30 a.m. in Huff Concert Hall. The Rev. Leonard Fairley will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Fairley is the district superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church's Capital District. A native of Laurinburg, N.C., Fairley has served on numerous boards and agencies for the conference, and has participated on mission work teams in Costa Rica, Jamaica, Montserrat, Zimbabwe, and Haiti. Prior to being appointed the Capital District superintendent in June 2015, Fairley served as the lead pastor at Saint Francis United Methodist Church in Cary, N.C. for three years.

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METHODIST UNIVERSITY AND FAYETTEVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Methodist University and the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra announced Saturday night they are formalizing their partnership with an agreement that will be mutually beneficial to both organizations and the entire Fayetteville community. Methodist University will now be known as the official “home” of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra. The announcement was made Saturday before the Symphony performance in Huff Concert Hall on the University campus.

“Great communities are not only comprised of great people, but also of great institutions and organizations that share a common goal of making this a wonderful place to live,” said Dr. Ben Hancock, president of Methodist University. “We are excited about this expanded partnership with the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra and the opportunities we will have through the planned development of the Linda and Ralph Huff Concert Hall. The best in the arts and what we can jointly provide for our community are yet to be!”

Chris Kastner, President/CEO of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra, stated, “Methodist University has long been supportive of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra by providing a place for performances, rehearsals, and storage of instruments. This expanded partnership gives us the reassurance and peace of mind that the Symphony has a place to call home and a committed partner in Methodist University.”

Kastner, along with Fouad Fakhouri, Music Director, and members of the Symphony board of directors, have met with University officials and architects to review the building plans and review the needs of the Symphony in regards to the upcoming renovations of Huff Concert Hall.

“We were excited to have the opportunity to meet with the architect and sound experts to weigh in on the design of the facility and together design a state-of-the-art performance center that will benefit the entire community for many years,” stated Kastner.

Linda Huff, an alumna of Methodist University, is also a member of both the University board of trustees and the Symphony board of directors, and the lead donor for Huff Concert Hall.

“This partnership is a win-win for both organizations and our community,” Huff said. “I’m pleased to see two organizations that are so close to my heart collaborate on a performing arts center that will benefit the campus and the entire community for many years.”

With both organizations being founded in Fayetteville in 1956, the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra and Methodist University have almost 60 years of association together with a common mission of serving and educating the greater Fayetteville community. Their mission statements use similar language which underscores their shared heritage and purpose. The FSO seeks “To Educate. To Entertain. To Inspire.” Methodist seeks to “Engage. Enrich. Empower.”

The partnership agreement between the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra and Methodist University calls for the Symphony to hold the majority of its concerts at Methodist University. It also calls for close collaboration between the artists and staff of the FSO with the University faculty and staff, including the MU Music Department and the development of increased opportunities for visiting artists, internships and other experiences that would benefit both organizations.

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