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# MASTER PLAN UPDATE





*Main image: Workers look over plans for the Campus Services Building, under construction behind the Soccer Field, which will house the Computer Center, Monarch Press, and Public Safety.*

*Opposite page:  
Top left: The entrance for the Campus Services Building faces the soccer field.*

*Bottom left: The new Chick-fil-A Express and The Wedge dining options opened last fall in the Lion's Den.*

*Bottom right: In the new Gene Clayton Tennis Center, the tennis court renovation project is finished.*

# MCCUNE GALLERY PRESENTS GLASS ART & PICASSO CERAMICS



Glass art shone in the David McCune International Art Gallery at Methodist University last fall, when the two-month “Igneous Expressions” exhibit showcased 26 artists from western North Carolina. More than 60 pieces of glass art were on display, with works that celebrated a wide range of glass art techniques and styles.

This spring, the gallery presented “PICASSO: 25 Years of Edition Ceramics from the Rosenbaum Collection,” which ran from Feb. 20 to April 13. The show, which is organized by Landau Traveling Exhibitions, presents a selection of ceramics created by Pablo Picasso in collaboration with George and Suzanne Ramie and the artisans at the Ramie’s Madoura pottery workshop in Vallauris, France. The show’s stop at the gallery is the only venue on the South Atlantic region, and part of a national tour.

The gallery’s next show will be the Senior Show for senior art majors from April 21 to May 10.





# COMMUNITY MEMBERS CREATE Picasso-inspired ART

Several community members were invited to a “Paint Like Pablo” event, held at Greg’s Art, Pottery and Gifts in downtown Fayetteville on Feb. 3. The participants spent a relaxed and fun evening painting ceramics inspired by the works of Pablo Picasso.

The locally-made pieces were then put in an online auction during the duration of the “PICASSO: 25 Years of Edition Ceramics from the Rosenbaum Collection” exhibit, with the proceeds going to help support the Picasso exhibit. The pieces were also put on display at various locations throughout the city, with the piece that received the highest bid later going on display in the David McCune International Art Gallery.

Those who participated were: Pam Falter, Jerry Ellison, Mac Healy, Lyn and Michael Green, Linda Green Bradley, Grace McGrath, Patti and Bill Pollitt, Bob Dees, Bo Thorp, Becky Lee, Kelly and Cam Stout, Tim Edwards, Kim Tucker, Kim Hasty, Miriam Landru, Mary Holmes, and Appie Bolton. The event was also made possible thanks to Greg Hathaway.





# 24TH Southern Writers Symposium

The 24th Southern Writers Symposium drew local writers, poets, and scholars together in a celebration of Southern literature and culture on Feb. 21 and 22. The Southern Writers Symposium, which was introduced in 1982, seeks to unite aspiring creative writers in a setting where they can learn and enjoy each other's company. The symposium also features the Emerging Writers Contest for fiction and poetry. This year's winner of the poetry award was M.E. MacFarland, author of "Lacuna." The fiction contest winner was H.M. Patterson, author of "The Headless Wonder." Both MacFarland and Patterson presented their work at the symposium.

In addition to contests, the Southern Writers Symposium also featured a variety of opportunities for writers to attend workshops

and lectures given by published authors in attendance, as well as purchase books.

This year's keynote speaker was Marjorie Hudson, who also served as the final judge of the fiction contest. She is the author of the award-winning short story collection, "Accidental Birds of the Carolinas" and the memoir, "Searching for Virginia Dare."

The event started with a performance by spoken-word poet Starr Seward, a national poetry slam champion. There were also readings by Appalachian writer Charles Dodd White, members of Methodist University's Veterans Writing Collective, and poet Shannon Ward. Attendees also heard from a publisher about some of the business aspects of getting published.



*Above: Author Marjorie Hudson gives the keynote address.*

*Top right: Spoken word poet Starr Seward recites a poem.*

*Bottom right: Emerging Writers Contest in Fiction winner H.M. Patterson reads an excerpt.*



# CAMPUS SPEAKERS



**DR. S T KIMBROUGH JR.**

“Discovering the Five Passions of the Wesleyan Heritage,”  
Wesley Heritage Speaker, Nov. 20, 2013



DR. STEPHEN WEBB, “The Sound of Learning: Creating a Better Campus Soundscape,” and “Can Music Save Your Mortal Soul? Christ in Popular Music,” Womack Lecture, Feb. 24



AARON WINSTON '01  
“Building for Success – Are You Ready?” Reeves School of Business and Tally Center, Feb. 17



MIKE LALLIER, “Business Leadership,” Reeves School of Business and Tally Center, Nov. 21



DR. DEBORAH MORRIS, “Boundaries in Medicine and Art,” 18th B.F. Stone Lyceum, Feb. 27

# MISS MU *Kalie Ludvigsen*



On Feb. 5, thirteen students competed for the title of Miss Methodist University 2014. Last year's winner, Megan Wilson, passed her crown to Kalie Ludvigsen, a junior from Atlanta, Ga., who is majoring in special education, and is a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

After graduating, Ludvigsen hopes to attend graduate school with the intention to work as a child life specialist, or with the severe and profound populations.

Contestants in the Miss MU pageant competed in talent, formal wear, and interview. Among the five finalists, Gabrielle Isaac was voted by her peers Miss Congeniality; Dava Michelle Johnston won the People's Choice award, collecting the highest donation from the audience to benefit breast cancer research;

Courtney Pearson and Kylie Arauz tied as second alternate; and Johnston was named first alternate. Also competing in this year's pageant were Erika Henriksen, Sarah Stapleton, Ilisha Housch, Nicole Malahias, Brittany McCoy, Patricia Ferreira, Arrelia Raine Thomas, and Kayleen-Marie Smithling.

The evening included entertainment from MU's Mixed Melody and Miss North Carolina, Johana Edmonds.

"The pageant is planned, directed and produced by students in the Student Activities Committee," said Doris Munoz, director of student involvement.

All of the money raised through the People's Choice contest went to the MU's Play 4Kay breast cancer awareness fundraiser.

## SPRING CONVOCATION CELEBRATES **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

The 2014 Spring Convocation celebrated Black History Month with a showcase of the be-bop jazz era on Feb. 3. Be-bop was first and foremost a movement of musicians for musicians. It was influenced by the racial discrimination that took place in the post-World War II period.

Methodist University student and faculty musicians performed jazz standards "Cherokee," "Ko-Ko," "Round Midnight," and "Black Coffee." In addition, there were poetry readings that highlighted the music and the creativity of be-bop performers such as Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Thelonious Monk, John Coltrane, Charles Mingus, and Miles Davis, along with a slide show that illustrated the transition from swing jazz to the creation of be-bop.



*Above: Ravon Sheppard sings "Round Midnight," by Thelonious Monk.*

*Right: Dr. Larry Wells and Jamario Covington perform.*



# Snow Days

Students had many opportunities to play in the snow this winter. First, the Student Activities Committee (SAC) held a “Snow Day” on Jan. 15, when SAC trucked in 12 tons of manufactured snow to create a sledding hill between the football field and the March F. Riddle Center. Students enjoyed snowball fights, sledding, horse carriage rides, and hot cocoa.


By the second week of February, Mother Nature decided to give the region the real thing, and students took several days off when Fayetteville received about six inches of snow over two days.

Classes were cancelled on Feb. 12 and 13, but it was time to go back to class on Valentine’s Day.




*From left: Students Erin Stanley, Bryanna Summers and Erick Cardona sled down the hill.*

# 41ST ANNUAL WINTER COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



Above: Keynote speaker Charles Holmes addresses the Winter Class of 2013.



Right: Dorothy "Dot" Wyatt with President Hancock.

Methodist University welcomed 207 new alumni Dec. 14 at the 41st annual Winter Commencement Ceremony. The commencement address was delivered by Fayetteville native Charles Holmes, senior managing director for Global Capital Markets at Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. in New York City. Holmes told the graduates to believe that their abilities can take them anywhere in the world, and not to give up on their dreams.

"Take charge of your careers," Holmes said. "Most successful careers are marathons, not sprints."

Holmes was presented with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. The University also honored Dorothy "Dot" Wyatt, a Fayetteville leader and long-time supporter of the University, with the University Medallion.

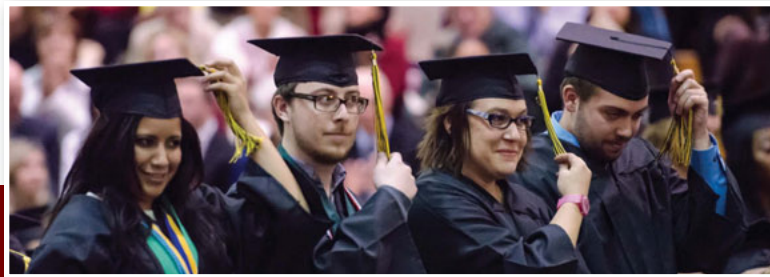
Social Work major Antonia Verhine was recognized as

the Distinguished Graduate, and student Jordan Lance was recognized with the Sam Edwards Award. Flags from three countries – Republic of Palau, Sri Lanka, and the Kingdom of Tonga – were presented to the University from graduates who were the first from their home countries to graduate from Methodist University.

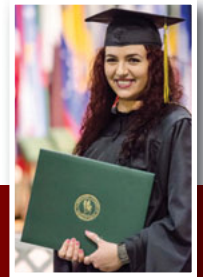
Prior to the commencement ceremony, the Rev. David Blackman, senior pastor at Hay Street United Methodist Church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon. Blackman challenged everyone to "engage hope" and to rely on God's steadfastness and encouragement to live in harmony.



Dr. Daniel McCloud, director of University bands, conducts the concert band at commencement.



From left: Students Marianty Mavros, Michael Duprey, Melissa Duffield, and Taylor Davis move their tassels.



Sanda Markovic poses with her diploma.



# SUMMER CAMPS

## ACADEMIC CAMPS

- ◆ Environmental Science Camp
- ◆ Forensic Science Camp
- ◆ STEM Camp
- ◆ SummerJam! Music Camp

## ATHLETIC CAMPS

- ◆ Baseball
- ◆ Cheer
- ◆ Football
- ◆ Girls' and Boys' Basketball
- ◆ Girls' and Boys' Soccer
- ◆ Golf
- ◆ Softball
- ◆ Tennis
- ◆ Volleyball

For dates, registration requirements, and more information, visit [methodist.edu/community](http://methodist.edu/community). For information on athletic camps, call 910.630.7175.



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# FIRST CLASS

## MASTER OF EDUCATION'S FIRST COHORT TO GRADUATE IN MAY

Four years ago, Dr. Sue Godwin-Baker came to Methodist University and began developing the University's Master of Education Program. This May, the program's first students will graduate, marking an important milestone for the program.

"It's certainly very fulfilling to see a group of teachers who have improved their skills in all areas of language arts successfully completing the program," Godwin-Baker said. "They tell me they will never teach the same way again."

The first cohort started the program two years ago. Of the nine students who will graduate, seven teach in Cumberland County, one teaches in Harnett County, and one teaches in Hoke County.

Godwin-Baker, who retired from North Carolina Public Schools after 30 years of service, used her experience to design the program for working teachers. The two-year program is mostly online in the fall and spring semesters, with two summers spent taking on-campus classes. Students can choose a concentration in either reading or special education.

"When professional development is to a greater depth, like the Master of Education, the effect can be practice altering," said Shaunee Howard, who is among those graduating in May and teaches at Stoney Point Elementary School in Fayetteville. "I have changed the way I teach writing, the way I teach whole group literacy, the way I assess, even the way I listen to the students. I listen with more purpose. I do everything with more purpose."

The program's second cohort will be halfway finished after this semester, while the third cohort will start June 16. The deadline to apply for the program is June 1.

*For more information on the Master of Education Program, contact Dr. Sue Godwin-Baker at [sgodwin@methodist.edu](mailto:sgodwin@methodist.edu), or apply online at [methodist.edu/med](http://methodist.edu/med).*

# HOMECOMING FAMILY WEEKEND



*From left: Nikki Jones, Sarah Sheheen, Charlotte and Travis Truelove cheer on the Monarchs.*

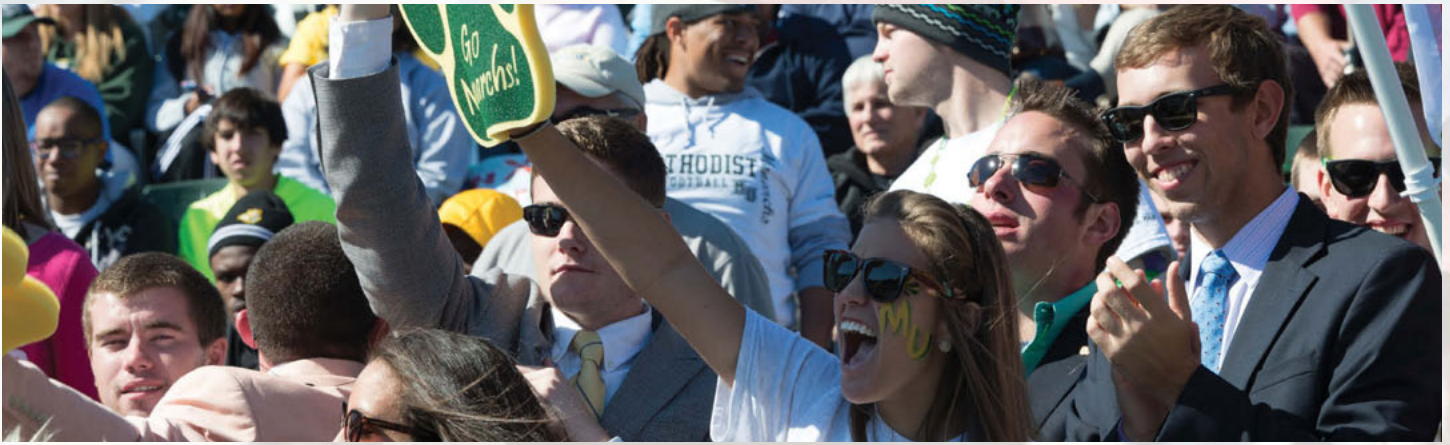


*Members of the men's basketball Team of Distinction are recognized at halftime.*



*Football alumni relax before the game.*

*Left: Matt Nathanson performs in concert.*



*Above: Students cheer at the Homecoming football game.*



*Left: Alumni Dustin Autry '11, LaToya Roberts '09, Angela Duncan '07, and Rev. Dr. Mike Safley '72 participate in a discussion panel.*



*Left: Football players crowd surf and hype up the crowd at the Homecoming bonfire and pep rally.*



*Below: The Alumni Men's Basketball Team, Homecoming Queen Cierra Murphy and King BJ Minter, and the Alumni Women's Basketball Team.*



*Bottom: Images from the Homecoming concert with Matt Nathanson, Ben Rector, and Mitch Clark.*



# MU IN PLAY AT PGA SHOW

In January, one of Methodist University's signature programs was represented in full force at the annual Professional Golfers' Association Merchandise Show in Orlando, Fla. Every year the golf industry holds a week-long summit where vendors, head golf professionals, and industry leaders gather to plan for the coming year. In addition, the University's PGA Golf Management Program, led by Director Jerry Hogge, sets up shop to attain internships and establish connections with some of the top golf facilities in the country. Many students are able to interview and secure jobs while at the golf show.

"The Golf Show is an opportunity for alums from across the country to gather and share their successes," Hogge said. "This year, we announced exciting changes coming to the golf program through the Campaign for MU. Current students, especially the freshmen, are blown away by the size of the golf industry represented at the show and the many networking and job opportunities this provides them. Methodist University students are highly sought after by employers for internships and jobs after graduation."

Alumni of the University and PGA Program were also well represented. More than 100 alumni attended an *MU on the Move!* event held in conjunction with the show, making it the University's largest regional alumni event. Many of these alumni hold head professional and industry leadership positions at some of the most prestigious golf facilities in America.

During the event, Hogge unveiled plans for the expansion of the Player Center, which currently houses the PGA Golf Management offices and classrooms.



*Above: PGM Golf Management Program Associate Director/Internship Director Charles Koonce and PGM Student Raphael Wycoff at MU's booth. Below: Alumni listen to the latest news at the PGA Show's MU on the Move! event; Director Jerry Hogge speaks to alumni; Former MU Head Golf Professional and Director of Instruction Bernie Krick and his wife, Glenda; PGA Golf Management Administrative Assistant Sharon Kerr, left, talks with Emily Jackson '11.*





# GOINS JOINS NURSING PROGRAM AS DIRECTOR



In October, a new director of the Nursing Program joined Methodist University. Dr. Larry Goins brings extensive experience to this position, including his position of professor and founding dean of nursing at Pellissippi State Community College, associate dean and professor of nursing at South College, and associate professor of nursing at East Tennessee State University.

“I was impressed with the commitment and passion to serve I sensed from the Methodist University administration and Health Sciences faculty,” Goins said. “My decision to accept the position as chair and professor with the Department of Professional Nursing studies was in response to a calling to share my years of experience in nursing service, education, and administration.”

In February, Goins and the nursing faculty and staff had a successful final visit from the North Carolina Board of Nursing and the Collegiate Committee on Nursing Education for the program’s accreditation process.

“Upon the graduation and completion of licensure of this first class, we will receive full approval and accreditation based upon their success rate on the licensure exam,” Goins said. “This community has great need for advanced practice nurses to assume the role of nurse practitioner, nurse educator, nurse administrator, nurse researcher, nurse midwife, and nurse anesthetist.”



*Interior rendering of the new McLean Health Sciences Building.*

# MU GETS PLANNED DPT PROGRAM MOVING

Planning for the proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy Program is progressing on schedule, with all of the University’s internal approvals in place. The next step is submitting the program’s application to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges for a change in the University’s level, from Level III to Level V, which happened April 15. A Level V school can issue doctorate degrees.

Two new faculty members have been hired for the program, Dr. Penny Schulken and Dr. Stacia Britton. Both will be academic coordinators of clinical education.

In April 2015, the program will submit its application for candidacy to the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, with a projected opening of the program in August 2015. At the same time, the new McLean Health Sciences Building, which will house the program, is also scheduled to open.

## ROBILOTTA BRINGS LAUGHTER, LEADERSHIP

Methodist University students filed into Huff Concert Hall on Oct. 28 for what they believed to be another serious lecture hosted by the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development. However, when motivational speaker and comedian James Robilotta stepped up and took the microphone, the atmosphere immediately lightened. Charismatic and authentic, Robilotta's style of public speaking kept students and staff members laughing from beginning to end.

"We are very lucky to have James come speak to us on the topic of leadership," said Dr. Andrew Ziegler, director of the Tally Center for Leadership Development. "I think you will find what he has to say inspiring."

Robilotta spoke on "Leadership: More Action, Less Title," weaving comedy and thought-provoking ideas together in a seamless lecture, keeping his audience's attention. With a decade of working in higher education under his belt, Robilotta understands how to talk to college students, and rejoices in seeing them figure out who they are and what their purpose is in life.

Following his lecture, Robilotta joined leadership students for a luncheon in the Alumni Dining Room, where he held a second, informal discussion on leadership tactics and styles.



*The second class of Leadership Fellows at a reception in February.*

# LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

# CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE FORENSIC SCIENCE ASSOCIATION WORK TO CLEAN UP FAYETTEVILLE

What started as a small roadside clean-up project by Associate Professor of Justice Studies Dave Pauly's students in the Criminal Justice Forensic Science Association (CJFSA) turned out to be a big day with the help of the Center for Community Engagement (CCE) and the rest of the Methodist University community. More than 100 students turned out on Jan. 25 from all across the campus to make it a day to remember. Everyone geared up in a reflector vest, grabbed an orange trash bag, and did their part to clean up roadside trash on the 401 By-Pass/Country Club Drive.

The project included a 5-mile stretch of road starting west from the Ramsey Street intersection to Bragg Boulevard. Volunteers found the roadside littered with everything from small pieces of paper to large car parts like bumpers and headlights, as well as building materials like roofing shingles and siding. By 11 a.m., the students had collected 300 bags of trash and organizers had to buy more bags for volunteers to fill.

"The project was a great success, and we are not done yet," said Pauly. "Since then, we've sent two teams out to police up what has been deposited since our major clean up, and we've cleaned another portion of Skibo Road, adding 30 more bags to the over 300 already collected. We will also be joining the next Fayetteville Beautiful project on May 3, as well as having a chance to speak to the entire crowd and promote local academic organizations getting behind the city for similar clean-up projects."

Many members of the local community also participated and helped make this project a reality. The CJFSA and CCE credited Fayetteville Mayor Nat Robertson, Council members Bobby Hurst, Jim Arp, and Kathy Jensen, N.C. House Rep. Rick Glazier, Crown Ford General Manager Pete Masey, Alumni FPD Officer Darren Wilson, Alysya Freeborough, David Miller, and Monarch coaches for helping to make this such a successful project. The project involved officers from the Fayetteville City Police Department, N.C. Highway Patrol, and Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, who followed the volunteers for safety as they headed down the road.

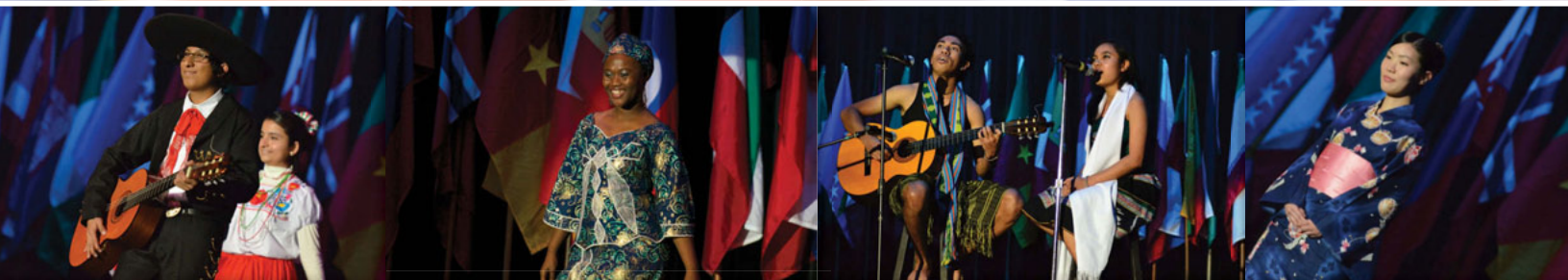


# 2013 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S DINNER

International students and staff pose for a group photo at the end of the dinner.



## PANGEA SHOWS OFF INTERNATIONAL CULTURE



Above from left: Students Raul Longoria Garcia and Maribel Rico, Mariama Jabati, Miguel Abrao and Elisabeth De Sousa, and Hikaru Shiroeda perform at Pangea. Below from left: Students Volha Sviarkaltsava, Miguel Abrao, Martino Desir, Garnett Lang, Iuliia Melnikova, Davey Pittard, Abanob Salib, and Hyde Bangui dance at Pangea.

The International Club's annual Pangea show returned in November for another fantastic and entertaining display of multicultural music, dance, humor, and drama. More than 50 countries were represented by student performers. The event was held in Huff Concert Hall.





# MISSION GROUP BUILDS A HOME IN HAITI

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*Photos courtesy of Chris Carter.*

Over winter break, 14 students and Rev. Dr. Mike Safley traveled to Haiti on a week-long Campus Ministry mission trip. The group left on Dec. 27 and returned on Jan. 4. While in Haiti, the group stayed and worked with the Fuller Center, an organization similar to Habitat for Humanity. The Fuller Center builds one-room homes for families displaced by the earthquake and living in tents. As well as building a new home for a family, the group visited an orphanage to play with children.

“I cannot think of a better way to have started the year,” said Lacey Truelove, a senior who went on the trip. “The ways which God was present during this time are in no way describable, and I know the memories I have will last a lifetime! I learned so much about the Haitian culture, myself, and others. The relationships that were made or strengthened have changed my life forever. It was beyond gratifying to be a part of this trip, as we served such beautiful people.”

# RESEARCH AND CREATIVITY SYMPOSIUM CELEBRATES THIRD YEAR

The third annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium took place April 16, with 60 students presenting 38 presentations/posters and 23 different faculty mentors.

This year's keynote speaker was Dr. Brian Southwell, director of the Science in the Public Sphere Program in the Center for Communication Science at RTI International. Southwell, who studies the interaction between information environments, public understanding, and human behavior, lectured on "Beyond Facebook: How everyday connections between people shape popular understanding of science and health."

Expanding the focus of this year's symposium, organizers added a three-hour Graduate Research Symposium, which saw five graduate research projects presented on April 14. Several faculty research projects were also presented that day.

The symposium is a project of the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creativity, which has the mission to establish educational opportunities that are collaborative and inquiry-based with the intention that every Methodist University student has access to exploratory learning across the curriculum.

The Center is also in the process of launching *Monarch Review*, which will be the University's first peer-reviewed research and creative projects journal. The first issue will be available electronically by the end of May, with the first hard copy available in August.

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# YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY

*Transforms students*



A new program that trains middle and high school students to be entrepreneurs has been meeting at Methodist University this academic year. The program is a joint venture between MU, the Fayetteville Regional Chamber and Cumberland County Schools, who partnered to start the Young Entrepreneurs Academy. As well as providing the facilities for their meeting and training sessions, Methodist has also helped support the program by facilitating engaging entrepreneurial speakers.

The first class of the year-long program is made up of seven students from Cumberland County who all have one thing in common: they want to be entrepreneurs.

“The caliber of students that we have is incredible,” said Program Coordinator Hanah Ehrenreich, who is also an economic development consultant for the Chamber. “It has been a real process, as I think anyone who has started a business can attest to, to decide what you want to do or make, or tackle a problem you want to solve, and start that business, or create that product, or solve that problem, on a scale that you can accomplish in a short period of time. This is really an accelerated program. The kids will all start a business in the time that they are enrolled in the program, which is quite an achievement.”

Five of the students are creating businesses which develop products, and two businesses will offer services. In addition to spending time in class, the students meet with mentors from the business community, listen to guest speakers, and take field trips to local companies.

On April 8, the students presented their businesses to the Investment Panel. The panel will have \$6,000 to invest between the students that impress the panel. The student businesses will have tables at the Fayetteville Dogwood Festival on April 25, where the new business owners will present their products to the public.

The program will continue in October with a new group of students. YEA is open to students in the sixth through 12th grades. There is a \$395 enrollment fee, but scholarships are available to defray the cost. Applications are available through the Fayetteville Regional Chamber at 910.433.6774.

## CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP HOSTS 40TH ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND STOCK MARKET SYMPOSIUM



The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) hosted the 40th Annual Economic Outlook and Stock Market Symposium Nov. 14 at Embassy Suites in Fayetteville. The dinner’s keynote speaker was financial professional Mark Zinder, who spoke about “What Happens Next?” in the ongoing economic revolution.

Several local business people were also recognized at the dinner. The

winners were Business Person of the Year, Mark W. Rice; Alumni Business Person of the Year, Kathleen E. Ziegler ’01; Greater Good Award, Judith B. Klinck; and Entrepreneur of the Year, Charles J. Harrell.

The CFE’s next dinner will be the second annual Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit on April 29. The keynote speaker will be Governor Pat McCrory.

*From left: Award winners Mark W. Rice, Kathleen E. Ziegler ’01, Judith B. Klinck, and Charles J. Harrell at the 40th Annual Economic Outlook and Stock Market Symposium on Nov. 14.*



*Mary Lynn Jordan receives the “Loyalty Day Supporter of the Year” Award.*

## Student Scholarships THE FOCUS OF LOYALTY DAY

Loyalty Day 2014, which raises money 100 percent devoted to student scholarships, kicked off Feb. 25 with a celebration lunch at Haymount United Methodist Church. This year’s goal is \$150,000, of which about \$162,260 has been raised so far.

Speakers at the lunch included Loyalty Day Chair Tim Richardson and Fayetteville Mayor Pro Tem Kady-Ann Davy, who read the Loyalty Day proclamation from the City of Fayetteville. Music performance major and senior Ravon Sheppard also addressed the crowd of volunteers and supporters, giving his personal story on the importance of supporting student scholarships.

The 13th annual “Loyalty Day Supporter of the Year” Award was given to Mary Lynn Jordan. Jordan and her husband, the late Dr. Weldon H. Jordan, have been faithful supporters of Methodist University since 1956. Mrs. Jordan, who worked on the library board for 12 years, worked with Methodist’s first librarian when the library started. Dr. Jordan was a highly respected doctor in Fayetteville who practiced internal medicine for 41 years.

Jordan said she and her husband believed that it was a parent’s duty to provide “the certainty of education,” to their children, something they did by seeing all four of their children through medical school, debt-free.

“Thank you, Mary Lynn, for the passion for education that you have shared, not only with your own family, but in the tradition that you continue to carry on by providing support for many Methodist University students to obtain their education as well,” President Ben Hancock said.



# ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON



*Frances Jones, left, sits with student Jordan Townsend, and Frances McCarver.*



*Fran McMillan, left, poses with student Christopher Barger, Harrison Smith, and Elizabeth Smith.*



*Elizabeth Droessler, left, lunches student Tevin Rogers, and Frances Grimes.*



*Students Sean Gervais, left, and Penelope Griffin-Cashwell, were seated with Mary Mercer '73 and Carlon Mercer.*



*Student Arierose Hernandez, left, sits with Josephine Fisher.*



*Bill Brame, left, and Cynthia Walker '65, pose with students Andrew Poole and Dequan Bradley.*

## VOICES OF THE CAMPAIGN

FURTHER IN THIS MAGAZINE YOU WILL FIND THE DETAILS OF “THE CAMPAIGN FOR METHODIST UNIVERSITY – BUILDING EXCELLENCE,” WITH RENDERINGS OF BUILDINGS, INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS, THE ENDOWMENT, AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT THE CAMPAIGN IS ARGUABLY ABOUT. BUT WE WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE CAMPAIGN IS REALLY ABOUT PEOPLE, THE METHODIST UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY, AND SUPPORTING AND GROWING THE CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE THAT WE FOSTER.



It's not about the money. A university fund-raising campaign never should be. On Feb. 19, Methodist University launched the most ambitious capital campaign in the institution's history. The long-anticipated "Building Excellence: The Campaign for Methodist University" will generate \$35 million for new facilities, endowment, and special projects. More than \$25 million, or 71 percent of the goal, has already been received from generous donors who are committed to ensuring excellence.

The real story, however, is the transformational experiences that will be possible for every Methodist student as a result of these funds. A culture of excellence requires signature people, programs, and facilities, so we will be putting philanthropy to work through endowed scholarships, professorships, and new buildings to support programs.

I hope every member of the University community will join us in celebrating our heritage and exciting plans for the future through attending one of the many "Building Excellence" events scheduled during the twenty eight months of the public phase of the campaign. We will be traveling across the country and indeed around the world sharing news about the University and inviting people to participate in our bold journey.

Please visit [www.CampaignForMU.org](http://www.CampaignForMU.org) for more information and news about the campaign, or feel free to write to me personally at [Bhancock@Methodist.edu](mailto:Bhancock@Methodist.edu) to share your story with me. Methodist is truly an amazing place, and through your engagement in the life of the University, our students will directly benefit.

There has never been a better time to be a Monarch. Building Excellence has never been more relevant or critical. Your support has never been more needed.

I have the Best Job in America because of these amazing students and their stories of commitment, sacrifice, and dedication. I feel truly blessed to be President of our University at this time in our history. We need to be successful with this Campaign to ensure our students' success. We have a promise to fulfill – a promise we make to every entering student that we will do all we can to maximize their university experience and prepare them to live lives of meaning and purpose.

It's not about the money. It's about the students. It has always been that way, and always should be.

Best wishes,

*Ben Hancock*

Ben Hancock  
President

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# DR. TODD TELEMECO

Director, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

In developing the proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program, founding Director Dr. Todd Telemeco is fulfilling one of his long-term career goals, as well as ushering in the first doctoral degree program at Methodist University.

Since coming to Methodist in August 2013, Dr. Telemeco has been heavily involved with the planning of the Health Sciences Building, which will house the DPT Program, along with other existing and future programs, like Occupational Therapy (OT). Previously, he was the associate director of the DPT Program at Shenandoah University, as well as a licensed physical therapist in Virginia and Pennsylvania.

## WHY HE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN

Dr. Telemeco isn't developing a regular DPT program, but a top-notch, signature program that continues the University's Culture of Excellence, aiming to produce a first class that receives a 100-percent pass rate on the National Physical Therapy Examination. He also sees the program establishing sustainable medical mission trips to locations like Haiti, Panama, and Nicaragua.

"A successful campaign helps to establish the resources to build the facilities necessary to grow the health professions at Methodist University," he said. "With respect to the health

sciences, these resources will not only help to develop the facilities required for a DPT program but also support the growth in other health sciences fields including occupational therapy."

**"I BELIEVE THAT THE GROWTH IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES WILL ALSO PROVIDE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH OUT TO THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY AND LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS."**



# DR. AL CLEVELAND

Senior Partner, McCoy, Wiggins, Cleveland & O’Conner PLLC

Trustee

In the Fayetteville community, Al Cleveland has made his reputation as a senior partner with McCoy, Wiggins, Cleveland & O’Conner PLLC, where he’s been practicing law for more than 50 years. On the Methodist University campus, Al Cleveland is known as the person who created the idea of a “Culture of Excellence.”

A trustee since 2000, Cleveland was also chairman of the board from 2005 to 2008. During that time, in a board discussion about some of the University’s outstanding graduates, he mentioned that Methodist should try to create a “Culture of Excellence,” and have that as a defining phrase for the University’s students, faculty, staff, and athletics. The idea caught fire on the board, and it has been a strong element of all aspects of campus ever since.

## WHY HE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN

Cleveland is also president of the Thomas R. & Elizabeth E. McLean Foundation, a position that has allowed him to repeatedly benefit the University. The McLean Foundation has funded the Coach of the Year Award, two endowed professorships, and a residential apartment complex, as well as contributions to the Physician Assistant Program. Most recently, the McLean Foundation was responsible for a \$2.6 million grant for the planned Health Sciences Building.

“I think it’s going to be a very good, major addition,” Cleveland said. “Physical therapy is becoming more and more needed and used in medicine. When we heard they were going to dedicate a building to physical therapy and allied programs, the foundation wanted to help make that a reality. I’m very pleased that we could help.”

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# DICKSON SCHAEFER, M.D.

Orthopedic Surgeon

Trustee

As an orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Dickson Schaefer helps people in the Cape Fear region regain mobility and flexibility lost from accidents, aging, or sports. A Fayetteville native, he received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Wake Forest University School of Medicine and completed his orthopedic surgery residency at North Carolina Baptist Hospitals before joining Fayetteville Orthopedics and Sports Medicine in 2001.

Dr. Schaefer has also served in the U.S. Army Reserve since 1996, where he holds the rank of colonel. In that capacity, he has been deployed twice to Germany, where he supported operations in the Middle East, as well as serving in a Combat Support Hospital in Iraq.

## WHY HE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN

A few years after he moved back to Fayetteville, his practice started having students from Methodist's Physician Assistant Program, so he's had a front row seat to that program's maturation and success. When it came time to plan the Health Sciences Building, he was logically invited to be part of the process. It's very important that medical students learn in a realistic setting, he said, which contributes greatly to a successful transition into the field. Likewise, more locally educated and well-trained physical therapists will contribute to the region's pool of qualified medical professionals, something the area needs, he said.

"I see the training that they receive, I see Methodist's commitment to a quality education, I've seen the quality of students improve over the years, and I want to be a part of it," Schaefer said. "With the Health Sciences Building, they've done a great job of it. They set it up so that it's much like the Nursing Program, in that it's much like a therapy clinic that someone would work in, or a hospital environment that a therapist would work in."

**"I LOOK AT BEING INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT AS PART OF GIVING BACK, AND HELPING SOMEONE ELSE, BUT ALSO I KNOW THAT IT'S GOING TO PAY DIVIDENDS FOR THE COMMUNITY."**





# THE REV. DR. MIKE SAFLEY '72

Vice President for University Relations and Campus Ministry

If there is a single person who represents faith at Methodist University, the Rev. Dr. Mike Safley might be that person. Safley first came to Methodist as a student, graduating in 1972 with a double major in English and history before going on to Duke for a Master of Divinity in 1975. He returned to Methodist in 1987 to be dean of students for 10 years, but left to be the president and CEO of Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh, N.C., where he had once been the campus minister after receiving his master's degree.

**“I’VE SEEN SO MANY PEOPLE TRANSFORMED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND THE RELATIONSHIPS THEY BUILD HERE. IT’S A GREAT PLACE TO BE A PART OF AND I WOULDN’T BE ANYWHERE ELSE.”**

In 2006, he was back at his undergraduate alma mater, overseeing matters of faith in his current position. Since then, Safley has made efforts to expand the University's spiritual impact beyond campus and into the local community, as well as globally, including on-campus interfaith dialogues and experiences. He believes that faith is an important cornerstone of the University's foundation.

## **WHY HE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN**

The center of Campus Ministry is the main weekly worship service, which happens every Wednesday in Hensdale Chapel. The chapel, which seats 100 people, is frequently full, but the new World Ministry Center will seat 300.

“I’m excited that we’re going to be able to build a World Ministry Center,” he said. “It’s a great thing. We’ve had a chapel here for many years, and it has served us well, but we have far outgrown its capacity to serve us. We come to chapel as a community to worship, but the World Ministry Center will also be for other things. There will be cultural events, concerts, lectures, worship, and other events that will support us coming together as a community.”



 **METHODIST UNIVERSITY**  
**Michael Safley**  
*Vice President of University Relations and Campus Ministry*





# THE REV. DR. R. CARL FRAZIER JR.

Lead Pastor, First United Methodist Church in Cary

Trustee

A native of Wilson, N.C., Dr. Carl Frazier has served appointments in the North Carolina Conference since 1980, the same year he received his undergraduate degree from Barton College. He went on to graduate from Duke University in 1984 with a Master of Divinity and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2003 with a Doctor of Ministry.

Long before attending those institutions, Frazier visited Methodist for the first time in 1973, as a youth at the Annual Conference Session, and returned every summer for several years. Frazier would come back to Fayetteville in 1997, when he was the senior pastor at Hay Street United Methodist Church for six years. With many of his congregation connected to the University, he was frequently invited to campus for concerts and events, gave the Baccalaureate address in 1998, and eventually started donating to the school.

## WHY HE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN

A trustee since 2005, Frazier is also a member of the National Campaign Committee for “The Campaign for Methodist University – Building Excellence.” He says he supports the University because it holds faith and intellectualism in creative balance, to the exclusion of neither, in the best Methodist and Wesleyan tradition.

“I think excellence is that quality you see in something when you put your absolute energy, time, and attention into it,” he said. “It’s a quality, not quantifiable as such, but when we put our best energy and time and attention to the men and women who come here, there will be a qualitative difference in them when they leave.”

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# ORIANA CLAYTON

Senior, Justice Studies

Browns Summit, N.C.

As a high school student, Oriana Clayton wasn't the type to get involved in anything at school except her sports, but that changed when she came to Methodist. After joining the Student Government Association (SGA) as a freshman, she found herself participating in a lot of things, including most recently being a student representative on the National

Campaign Committee. Now a senior, she is also a member of Chorale, Criminal Justice and Forensic Science Association, American Marketing Association, and Women's Lacrosse team, as well as being speaker of the house for SGA and leading campus tours through the Admissions Office. Through Campus Ministry, she's been on mission trips to Belize, the Bahamas, Haiti, and New York City.

As a justice studies major, Clayton has received unique academic opportunities to attend professional conferences and get to know people with the Federal and State Bureau of Investigation and the N.C. Highway Patrol, one of which helped her land a summer internship with an SBI arson investigator.

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## **WHY SHE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN**

Clayton was also one of the students featured in this year's Loyalty Day campaign, in which she talked about the importance of student scholarships.

“Scholarships are really big for me,” she said. “I really appreciate all the scholarships that we get, and all the people who give back to the University. I hope one day that I'll be able to give back just as much as they have.”







# DORIS JACKSON MUNOZ '06

Director of Student Involvement and Campus Life

Doris Jackson Munoz '06 has called Methodist University home for 12 years, sometimes literally. The daughter of an alumnus who is a Methodist minister, she grew up visiting campus for church and family events before attending as an undergraduate from 2002-2006. She found her passion when she got involved with the Student Activities Committee as a student, and then turned it into a career after graduation, when she was hired to direct the program. Now, as the director of the Student Involvement Center, she helps the next generation of students find their passion through campus activities and organizations.

"I would not be who I am today, if it wasn't for Methodist University," Munoz said. "I developed into a leader and a mentor, and I found my calling in life to work in Student Affairs, to serve and to develop students outside of the classroom. Students are learning and experiencing a lot during their time in college, and we help them learn about themselves, their strengths and weaknesses. They try something new, and all of a sudden they'll find what they want to do in life."

## WHY SHE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN

Munoz is also serving on the National Campaign Committee, and especially looks forward to the expanded and renovated student center planned in the campaign. She has watched the University outgrow the available space in Berns for programming, offices, and student gatherings.

"As students, we used to always say, 'I wish MU had this, I wish MU had that.' Well, this campaign will turn dreams into realities," Munoz said. "Berns is and always will be the heart of the campus. It's going to be a remarkable transformation that's going to leave a foundation for students for many years to come. There's always something going on in the Berns, but with the space we have now there's only room for 300 students, when we have close to 1,000 living on campus."

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# ANTOINETTE BELLAMY

Director of Career Services

After college, the next step for most students is starting their careers. At Methodist University, Director of Career Services Antoinette Bellamy helps students make the transition from student to professional. With her real-world experience in corporate human resources as well as her academic credentials, Bellamy and her office start working with students as freshmen and help guide them through the years until and after graduation.

One of Bellamy's goals is to see that every student experiences a life-changing internship opportunity. Internships are unique learning opportunities, as well as career builders that give graduates a competitive edge over other applicants. Thanks to many excellent alumni connections and professional relationships, Methodist has a network of resources for internships and job opportunities, often in the local area.

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## **WHY SHE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN**

With her office in the Berns Student Center, Bellamy is looking forward to the all of the renovated and expanded facilities that are included in the Capital Campaign, but especially the new student union.

“In order to compete in our ever-changing, global workforce, Methodist University students must have every opportunity to excel,” she said. “The success of the campaign means that, as an institution, Methodist University will offer state of the art, signature academic programs that will give the university a competitive edge over institutions that are similar in structure. Students and parents will see a clear advantage to attending Methodist.”



# MEGAN WILSON

Senior, Business Administration

Pine Knoll Shores, N.C.

The first time Megan Wilson stepped on campus, she felt right at home, surrounded by positive attitudes and comforting, nurturing personalities. Four years later, as she is poised to leave the nest, she says she feels prepared and ready, thanks to her time at Methodist University.

If her time at Methodist is any indication, Wilson is ready to be a leader and a force for good in the world when she leaves the University. Crowned Miss Methodist 2013, she is also a campus ambassador, a member of Chorale and Chamber Singers, Club Managers Association of America, Alpha Delta Pi, and for the last two years she has been vice president of Student Government Association. She has also been involved with Campus Ministry, singing in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes praise and worship band, and going on mission trips.

**“BEING A VOICE FOR THE STUDENTS HERE DURING MY COLLEGE CAREER HAS TRULY BEEN ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING EXPERIENCES FOR ME.”**

## **WHY SHE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN**

Wilson knows that the success of the campaign will mean great things for the entire University, but she is especially excited about the Student Center. Because the building houses so many important aspects of the average student’s daily life, she

considers it one of the major facilities on campus.

“In a day’s time, a student can visit this building anywhere from one to 15 times,” she said. “They may be there to pick up a hot cup of coffee, check their mailbox, grab a bite to eat, play some Ping-Pong with friends, find guidance from the Student Affairs office, inquire about a Resident Advisor position in Housing and Residence Life, or maybe even visit the International Office because they want to study abroad. This is a very lively and busy building all throughout the day, which is why it is plain to see that update of this building is vital.”



# ROBERT DUNN '70

President, The Finley Group

*Bob Dunn and his wife,  
Ann Stirewalt Dunn,  
at a recognition lunch.*





After graduating from Methodist with a degree in business administration, Bob Dunn '70 began his career in lending with American Leasing, which later became a part of Barclays Bank in Charlotte, N.C., before joining National Bank of North Carolina (NCNB). While at NCNB, Dunn found he had a talent for resolving troubled clients and special situations. He also met Tim Finley there, with whom he formed The Finley Group in 1985, a firm dedicated to providing expert counsel to companies experiencing financial difficulty, one of first of its kind in the country.

Now a nationally recognized expert in business restructuring, Dunn was appointed by Governor Pat McCrory to the North Carolina Capital Facilities Finance Agency Board of Directors in 2013.

#### **WHY HE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN**

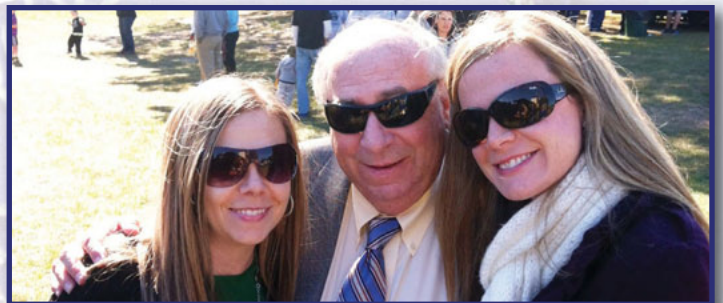
As an alumnus, Dunn was heavily involved with the Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE), serving on its advisory board, as well as the Board of Paralegal Studies, which he helped support by providing financial assistance for the program's accreditation as well with funding for a scholarship.

In 2002, he was awarded the CFE's Business and Economics Award, and in 2013 he was given Methodist's Distinguished

Alumnus Award. Also in 2013, Dunn founded another scholarship, the Dr. Sid Gautam Scholarship for Entrepreneurs.

Dunn was very proud of his two daughters, who followed in his footsteps at Methodist. Dianne is a 2001 graduate and is a business and project manager with Development Advisors, a Site Selection and Incentive Negotiation Company located in Charlotte; and Leslie is a 2005 graduate and a sales consultant with Financial Independence Group and won the CFE Business and Economics Awards in 2010.

*Methodist University was saddened to learn of Mr. Dunn's passing shortly before this magazine was sent to print. Bob Dunn died March 9 at his home.*



*Dunn with his daughters, Diane Jones, left, and Leslie Dunn.*



## EARL D. LEAKE '73

### Trustee

After graduating from Methodist in 1973 with a degree in business administration, Earl Leake '73 worked for Charlotte-based Lance, Inc. for 35 years, retiring as senior vice president of human resources. In his retirement, he has been chairman of the board of directors for a community bank, and a consultant for several nonprofits. Originally from Mt. Gilead, N.C., Leake recently helped start a nonprofit organization, Friends in Focus, after an appreciation dinner in 2012 for his former fifth grade teacher revealed a need in his hometown. The objectives of the nonprofit are to improve the educational opportunities of students in Montgomery County, N.C., and to provide programs and activities for senior citizens in Mt. Gilead.

As an alumnus, Leake joined the Board of Trustees in 2003, and is a past member of the Audit Committee and the MU Alumni Association Board, as well as a current member of the Student Services Committee and chair of the Investment Committee.

### WHY HE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN

As chair of the Investment Committee, Leake has been involved in the campaign since the very early stages, beginning with a feasibility study, which showed the University's need to increase its emphasis on planned giving and building the endowment.

"Our endowment is just shy of \$24 million, which is small compared to similar-sized universities," Leake said. "Yet we know what we offer at Methodist University is an outstanding student experience and not indicative of our smaller endowment. Just imagine how much better we could be with a more healthy endowment. A healthy endowment is another indication of the University's planning and preparation for the future."





## DR. GENE CLAYTON

### Vice President for Business Affairs

Some people call him “Coach,” from his earlier days at Methodist, but since 1990 he’s been Vice President for Business Affairs Gene Clayton. Clayton came to Methodist after graduating from Catawba College with a bachelor’s degree in physical education and from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Master of Education. He started out coaching the Methodist Cross Country Team, eventually spending 22 years in athletics, and also coaching Men’s and Women’s Tennis, Golf, and Basketball.

Clayton went on to be dean of students, director of athletics, and was the first head of the Development Office. In his current position, he has been central to the University’s growth and expansion, supervising the construction of 27 buildings over his tenure and with a strong guiding hand in the implementation of the current Master Plan. Beyond bricks and mortar improvement, Dr. Clayton has also designed and supervised more than 30 landscaping projects for campus beautification.

#### **WHY HE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN**

Never one to step away from a challenge, Clayton sees the current campaign as ambitious, but important to the future of Methodist University, and well worth the effort.

“The success of these future building projects will change and substantially improve the image and visibility of our institution for many years,” he said. “It will even enhance the prestige and reputation of Fayetteville and the surrounding community.”



# DR. GEORGE HENDRICKS

Dean of Graduate Studies

Dean, School of Public Affairs

If there was ever anyone who could call Methodist home, it's Dr. George Hendricks. He first moved to campus at the age of 12, when his father, Dr. Elton Hendricks, came to campus as president. For the past 30 years, he's been a part of the campus community in different ways.

After college, Hendricks worked as a school social worker in the Cumberland County Schools for 12 years before teaching social work classes at Methodist and eventually serving as the chair of the Social Work Department. He is now the dean of Graduate Studies and the dean of the School of Public Affairs.

## **WHY HE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN**

Hendricks has committed his professional life to Methodist University, and he understands how the success of the campaign will be useful to the entire faculty as they seek to enhance the University's service and value to the local community, the state, the nation and the world at large.

"Like many universities, Methodist from time to time compares itself with a group of 'peer' institutions," Hendricks said. "In recent years, we have been using stronger, more widely known, and more broadly respected schools as we seek to measure our institutional strength. This new stronger peer group signals to me the increasing stature of our school. As a stronger institution, we have enhanced our recruiting strength and our ability to secure improved financial support from national foundations and the level of service that we can provide to our students."

# DR. CHRISTOPHER AUL

Chief Medical Officer, Cape Fear Valley Health System

Medical Director, Physician Assistant Program



For 26 years, Dr. Christopher Aul was the family physician for many people in Cumberland County. He first opened Hope Mills Family Medical Center in 1980, which then expanded to a second practice and became Heritage Family Physicians. In 1995, he also joined Methodist as the first medical director of the Physician Assistant Program, a position he still holds. For 10 years, his second practice was located in the first floor of the original PA Building, which was instrumental in facilitating the building's construction.

In 2006, he switched his focus to express and urgent care and became the medical director of several clinics run by Cape Fear Valley Health System. This would lead to a position as the associate chief medical officer for Quality and Patient Safety, until last year, when he stepped up to become the health system's Chief Medical Officer.

## WHY HE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN

Looking back, Aul says it's hard to believe that it's been 20 years since the PA Program started, when there were just four students and classes were held sitting around a table. He feels the program has evolved wonderfully, and succeeded in ways he and other organizers could never have imagined, becoming a foundational block for the School of Health Sciences. He sees no end to the possibilities for the school, especially with other health sciences programs in the works.

"Strategically, it's going to put the University in a very good position to meet our coming needs in the future," he said. "The possibilities are myriad. In the history of the university, it's absolutely the right time to take these big steps and to show alumni and the public that we are taking it to the next level and we're big time. To be successful, you have to have stretch goals."

# DR. MARY KIRCHNER

Nimocks Endowed International Business Professor

Professor of Accounting



Despite having a love of travel, Dr. Mary Kirchner was never able to study abroad when she was in college. She's more than made up for it as an adult, backpacking across Europe with her husband, visiting more than 30 countries, and for the last five years taking students from the Reeves School of Business on study abroad trips to Guatemala, the first study abroad trip for the business school.

It was her passion for study abroad that led her to apply for the Nimocks Endowed International Business Professorship, which she received in 2013, the same year she was chosen as Methodist's Distinguished Professor of the Year. The five-year endowed professorship comes with a stipend and a budget that has allowed her to design the international business minor, publicize and lead study abroad trips, financially assist students to participate in trips, and support presentations from international students to her International Business class about cultural aspects of international business.

## WHY SHE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN

Thanks to her endowed professorship, of which she is the second recipient since it started, Kirchner has been able to reach out to other faculty and departments to spread the study abroad fever. Next year, the Business School will have a golf management study trip to Scotland, a trip across Europe, a trip to England and Wales that comes back on the Queen Mary II, and a Caribbean cruise, as well as Kirchner's Guatemala trip. In addition, Political Science students will go to Nicaragua, and the Methodist Chorale will tour Europe.

"Without the support of the Nimocks, there wouldn't have been a first endowed professor, Greg Combs, who inspired me to be the second," she said. "He helped me develop the Guatemala trip in the first place. Without any of this, we wouldn't have more than 80 participants in Guatemala thus far."



# STEVE DRIGGERS '76

Regional Vice President of Systel Business Equipment

Immediate Past President of Foundation Board

Steve Driggers '76 was a self-described military brat when he first came to Fayetteville. Though he transferred to Methodist from another school, Driggers found his niche here, and his wife, Patricia, and graduated in 1976 with a degree in education. After college, he taught and coached at in Fayetteville Academy and Terry Sanford High School prior to going into business. Driggers was the regional manager for Suncom for many years before working for Clark Sporting Goods and building up that company's marketing efforts. Since 2013, he has been with Systel, where he is the regional vice president of Systel Business Equipment.

As an alumnus, Driggers has served in almost every leadership role at Methodist University, rotating on and off several times as president and member of both the Board of Visitors and Foundation Board. He is on campus for every home football game, announcing it and broadcasting it through streaming web and on the radio through Mid-South Sports.

## **WHY HE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN**

With a strong background in coaching high school sports, Driggers is very happy about the improvements planned for the athletic facilities. He likes to compare the present and future campus with his memories of Methodist during his time as a student and see how the University has grown.

"I remember what we had when I was here in the 70s and what we have currently," Driggers said. "I think this campaign is going to enhance what is already here and take us to the next level. The new signature facilities will help attract some of the best student athletes in the nation to our campus. This not only makes an impact on the athletic programs, but will also support a robust student body. In particular, I know how hard Coach Austin has worked over the years to make improvements to the baseball venue. With a state-of-the-art clubhouse being added to an already beautiful, well-lit facility, it will add the 'WOW!' factor where both coaches and players can be proud to showcase the facility. The future looks great for Methodist University!"

# JERRY HOGGE

Director, PGA Golf Management

**“I’VE TRIED TO KEEP UP WITH THE STUDENTS. WHEN THEY CALL TO TELL YOU ABOUT THEIR NEW JOBS, TO SAY THANK YOU, THAT’S WHAT IT’S ALL ABOUT.”**

Jerry Hogge has a story about when he was an undergraduate at Elon College and a basketball coach helped him make it home to visit his sick father. It made a difference in his life, and since he came to Methodist in 1987, he’s tried in turn to make a difference in the lives of his students. While the PGA Golf Management Program has grown from 50 students to one of the largest and most successful programs at the University, he still makes the effort to remember and stay in touch with each student who graduates from the program.

“We have close to 1,100 graduates, and they all have jobs,” he said. “That’s big in my world. We’ve been fortunate. When I came here we had nothing for golf facilities, today we have this building and we have an 18-hole golf course, which is very special for a school our size.”

## **WHY HE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN**

With a three-phase, \$7 million golf expansion included in the capital campaign, Hogge is looking forward to seeing the program and Methodist University make a significant difference in the lives of students for years to come.

“Once the campaign is complete, the building phase of it, that’s just the uniqueness of new,” he said. “The other thing the campaign will add is the quality it brings into the classrooms. The campaign as a whole will change the image of the University, and it will change the image of this program.”





# FRANCIE BARRAGAN

Head Coach, Women's Tennis

Since 2005, the Women's Tennis Team has won seven USA South regular-season championships and six conference tournament championships, with a 173-32 record. Leading the team during these outstanding years has been Coach Francie Barragan, a Fayetteville native and granddaughter of a former Methodist trustee.

In December, Barragan was recognized by the United States Tennis Association and Intercollegiate Tennis Association (USTA/ITA) with the 2013 USTA/ITA National Campus & Community Outreach Award. This annual honor goes to one men's and one women's college coach that have demonstrated leadership in efforts to increase tennis participation in their communities.

## WHY SHE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN

With the planned renovations to the Gene Clayton Tennis Center, Barragan expects the athletic and related academic programs to serve up even more achievements in the future.

"Our administration is very focused on building the best facilities for our students to learn, grow and develop their skills," she said. "We will be able to grow the Professional Tennis Management Program tremendously and have one of the best D-III tennis facilities in the nation, which should help our varsity and club tennis teams enjoy a higher level of success."

**"WE WILL BE ABLE TO GROW THE PTM PROGRAM TREMENDOUSLY AND HAVE ONE OF THE BEST D-III TENNIS FACILITIES IN THE NATION, WHICH SHOULD HELP OUR VARSITY AND CLUB TENNIS TEAMS ENJOY A HIGHER LEVEL OF SUCCESS."**



*Barragan with Dan Santorum, executive director of the Professional Tennis Registry, at the USTA/ITA banquet.*



# MAX REBER

Junior, Sport Management

St. Augustine, Fla.

Quarterback Max Reber rewrote the Methodist record book last fall, picking up conference and division accolades while helping take Monarch football to an impressive 8-2 season. Reber finished the season as NCAA Division III's statistical leader in total offense, as well as picking up USA South Offensive Player of the Year.

Reber, whose dream job is to work in the front office of an organization with the National Football League or Major League Baseball, averaged 364.2 yards per game this season and completed 209-of-317 passes for 2,998 yards with 26 touchdowns and six interceptions. He also became the program's all-time leader in passing yards (6,174), completions (435), passing attempts (773) and touchdown passes (53), while also setting MU single-game records for completions (30), passing yards (452) and passing touchdowns (5 on two occasions).

## WHY HE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN

Reber understands the importance of giving back, and feels the need to do that one day, especially through coaching. He is excited about the campaign's plan for the football stadium and looks forward to coming to games there in the future.

"This football program is growing and moving in the right direction," Reber said. "Also, the expansion of the athletic facilities means that this campus is growing as a whole. I will be most excited to experience the game day atmosphere on Saturdays. The new stadium will be state-of-the-art and something that I wouldn't want to miss out on."





## ED "TUNA" KEIL '70

Ed "Tuna" Keil '70 came to Methodist on a full scholarship from the Veterans Administration and graduated in 1970 with a degree in history. He then returned home and engaged in a 30-year teaching career with Chesapeake Public Schools in Virginia, as well as picking up a master's degree in education from Old Dominion University in 1982.

After retiring in 2000, Keil found time to reconnect with Methodist, a process he started by playing in the Hall of Fame Golf Tournament. From there, his involvement grew, until he joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2010, the same year he won the Outstanding Alumni Service Award. He is also a member of the National Campaign Committee.

### WHY HE SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN

When he retired, Keil was in a significantly better financial position and he believed it was a good time to give back to the school that he felt had been largely responsible for the success of his professional life. Keil still speaks fondly of professors like Pauline Longest, Otis Hartman, John Tobler, and Gene Clayton, who challenged and inspired him.

"I believe that I have a responsibility to give back to the school because I have been given so much that it would be irresponsible of me not make a serious effort to give back," Keil said. "That's why I taught in the community where I was raised. I find the more you can give back, the more rewarding it is. It doesn't have to be financial; you can be a volunteer or whatever you have time and energy for. So many blessings come up unexpectedly when you give back in some way, like reconnecting with old friends, seeing how the University has grown, and taking pride in it. There are many things concerning Methodist University about which alumni can take pride."

# NATIONAL CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF



In Methodist University's history, there has never before been an undertaking like "Building Excellence – The Campaign for Methodist University." This exciting enterprise will bring about a new era at Methodist, creating signature facilities with both new construction and the renovation and expansion of buildings that have been in use since the University opened.

While planning ahead for the needs of the growing campus, there has also been a strong effort to remember and connect to the past. The desire to celebrate the University's history while building its future is visible in the campaign's desire for

alumni input and support from the beginning to the end of the process. It is important that the next generation of students recognizes the efforts of those who came before them, and are made aware of the traditions



and significant achievements of earlier Monarchs. Architectural details also connect the planned facilities into the existing landscape.

In February, the \$35 million campaign publicly kicked off after months of planning by the National Campaign Committee, a group of 45 people that includes trustees, alumni, parents, community members, faculty, staff, and students. Many of the goals included in the campaign are related to the Master Plan, a comprehensive, 20-year guide for campus growth and development approved in 2012, the first of its kind for the University. As well as bricks and mortar, the campaign is also raising money for endowment and operating funds.

The fruits of the campaign will benefit all facets of the student experience at Methodist, as well as what the University offers to the local community. The campaign will make possible new academic programs, expanded and renovated space for student life, worship, and community programs. Across the board,

Monarch Athletics programs will also gain competitiveness and pride from planned improvements.

The campaign is off to a good start, with the University gathering several substantial commitments and donations during the campaign's initial silent phase. At the kickoff dinner, President Ben Hancock announced that the campaign had already raised \$23.4 million.





*The campaign kickoff was sponsored with private donations.*



*The MU Chorale, with Director Dr. Michael Martin, perform "Jabberwocky."*



*Cynthia L. Wilson, left, with President Ben Hancock and Riddick Revelle.*



*Linda Huff '74, speaks at the dinner.*



*Trustee Dr. Loleta Wood Foster and her husband, LTC (Ret.) Benjamin F. Foster Jr.*



*Trustee Peter Broome with MU Cheerleaders Talyn Hawkins, left, and Giianne Soriano.*



*Trustee Dr. H.W. Mark Miller IV and his wife, Beth Miller.*



## GREETINGS FROM THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

We are excited by the opportunities “The Campaign for Methodist University — Building Excellence” brings! We ARE taking Methodist University to the next level of excellence – to engage, enrich, and empower our students. We have already come far towards reaching our \$35 million goal, but we have a way to go and we need your help and support. This is all about people helping to grow the best future possible for our Methodist University community, our state, and our country by supporting the Culture of Excellence that Methodist University fosters.

To grow we need to build new programs that are educational and offer students jobs on graduation — and jobs that will also help our larger community grow and prosper. That means we need to have new buildings or renovated structures to meet our developing program needs. Before we show you the bricks and mortar concepts that meet those needs, we wanted to share with you the preceding “Voices of the Campaign” — the stories of some wonderful people in the Methodist University community who are supporting our efforts and believe in our goals for our students and our future. Their commitment — and the commitments of others like them — is the reason that we have come this far.

On behalf of the National Campaign Committee and the Board of Trustees, we want to thank everyone who has already made a commitment to our campaign and to the future of excellence that Methodist University represents. We have already had so much wonderful support, yet we hope for more so that we can move forward to complete our campaign.

If you haven't yet made a contribution to our campaign “Building Excellence,” we encourage you to do so. None of what we hope to achieve for our future will be possible without financial support. We need your help; we need your commitment to the future of Methodist University.

Remember, there are great things happening at Methodist University. We are dedicated to seeing that Methodist University continues its positive growth for the benefit of our students and our larger community. Come, join us — be part of our Methodist University family and the positive future of our students, our university, and our community.

Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan  
*Chair, National Campaign Committee*

Dr. Harvey T. Wright II '70  
*Vice-Chair, National Campaign Committee*

# CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS \$20,000,000**

- ◆ Nursing Building
- ◆ Health Sciences Building
- ◆ New Student Union and Berns Center Renovation and Expansion
- ◆ Reeves Fine Arts Building Renovation, World Ministry Center
- ◆ Huff Concert Hall
- ◆ Athletic Facilities
- ◆ Clark Hall Expansion Planning

## **ENDOWMENT \$10,000,000**

- ◆ Scholarships
- ◆ Professorships
- ◆ Title III Technology Grant Match
- ◆ Unrestricted Endowment

## **OPERATING AND OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS \$5,000,000**

- ◆ Unrestricted
- ◆ Loyalty Day/Scholarships
- ◆ Other Restricted

## **CAMPAIGN TOTAL \$35,000,000**

# NEW THOMAS R. MCLEAN HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING

The new Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building will provide 34,000 square feet of academic program space. It will be built near the existing Physician Assistant facilities at the south end of campus, while also linking the area back to the core of campus. The two-story, glass-walled lounge on the building's south side will be an architecturally striking feature that will play a significant role in shaping visitors' first impressions as they enter the University's main entrance.

The Health Sciences Building will house the proposed Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Programs, and the current Athletic Training and Applied Exercise Science Programs. The building will include offices, classrooms, mock clinical areas, laboratories with state-of-the-art equipment, and an adaptive living apartment for training. The facility will also be used for research and to provide services that will optimize performance and reduce risks for athletes in the community.

*Read more about the planned Doctor of Physical Therapy Program on page 15 of this issue.*



Visit [CampaignForMU.org](http://CampaignForMU.org) to see renderings, floor plans, and named gift opportunities.



*Latest rendering of the Health Sciences Building exterior and interior. Subject to change.*

# JOHN M. REEVES FINE ARTS BUILDING AND WORLD MINISTRY CENTER

In its new form, the John M. Reeves Fine Arts Building will be a visible, distinctive presence from Ramsey Street, which is a desirable trait for a structure that will often serve as a gateway for campus visitors who visit Methodist University for the first time to attend an event.

The World Ministry Center is 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 seating up to 325 people, with an adjacent meeting room. Joined by a renovated and expanded lobby to the Reeves Building, the World Ministry Center will provide the University a much-needed performance space.

Linda and Ralph Huff have generously donated \$1.5 million to renovate the auditorium now known as Huff Concert Hall. The Music and Theatre Departments will also see new growth, with plans for extensive renovations as well as expansions to the back section of the Reeves Fine Arts Building.



Reeves Fine Arts Building  
Lobby and Gallery

Campus Ministry Lobby

World Ministry Center Lobby







Huff Concert Hall

World Ministry Center



# NEW STUDENT UNION

Much of the new Student Union's first floor will be dedicated to the new 400-seat cafeteria which will be the primary dining location, providing healthy and versatile meal options. New alternative options upstairs include fast food and beverages from a fully functioning Starbucks and Chick-fil-A Express, and made-to-order salads and wraps from The Wedge.

Downstairs will also be where the campus store and post office will be located, as well as a lounge area around the central staircase. The new bookstore will face the football field, which will be a convenient destination on game days for parents and visitors looking to purchase the latest MU gear.

"The Berns" is the main upstairs portion of the Student Union. With the renovation plan, it will continue to be the go-to place for many student activities and after-hours student programming.







### **GOLF FACILITIES EXPANSION AND THE GOLF EDUCATION CENTER**

The planned expansion to the Golf Education Center will add valuable classroom space as well as a 150-seat auditorium for lectures and seminars from special guest speakers and PGA visitors. The facility will also include a library/student lounge area and a showcase/simulation lab.



### **GENE CLAYTON TENNIS CENTER**

Marta and Howard Bullard generously donated \$500,000 in honor of longtime Methodist University administrator, coach and faculty member Gene Clayton to name the new facility in his honor. It will be known as the Gene Clayton Tennis Center. The center will give the Professional Tennis Management Program (PTM) and Monarch Tennis a new courtside home, with a classroom, tennis pro shop, offices, lobby, locker rooms, and laundry. The center will also be used for tennis seminars, certification events, and student association functions.



### **SOCCER FACILITY, RENOVATION AND EXPANSION**

The new, covered seating area at the Soccer Facility will replace the current bleacher seats, and will provide 200 permanent stadium seats, allowing spectators to watch games in comfort. Behind the seats, a patio area will stretch along the top of the stadium, dotted with Adirondack chairs and umbrella tables, adding more places to watch a game, or areas for students to socialize and study. The concession stand will also include new restrooms for the public and the addition of lights will make night games a regular event on campus.

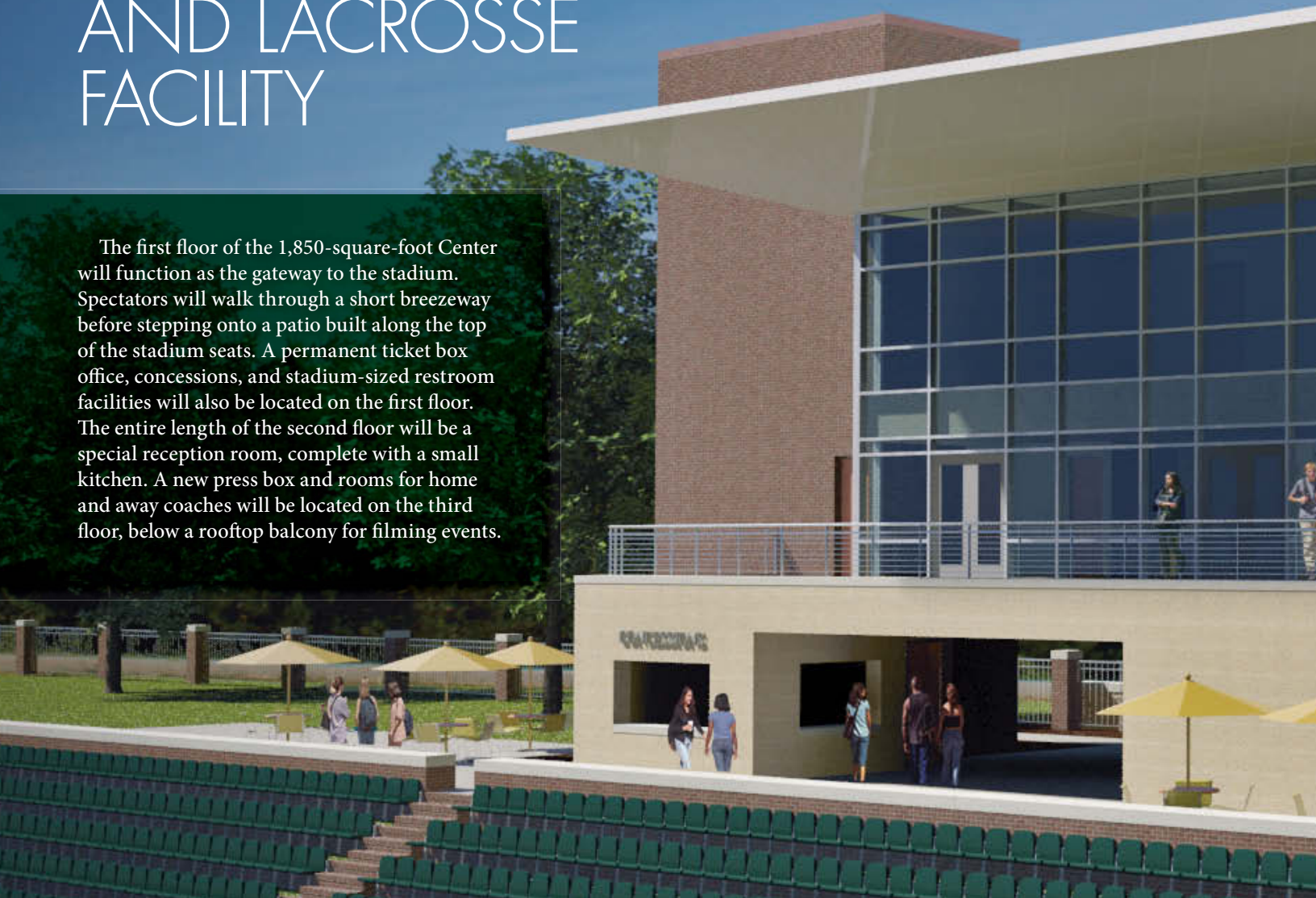


### **BASEBALL FIELDHOUSE**

The new Baseball Fieldhouse at Armstrong-Shelly Baseball Field will provide the addition of a locker room and showers for our Monarchs. There will also be new rooms for equipment, laundry and athletic training, and new public restrooms. Plans call for this facility to break ground and be ready for spring 2015.

# FOOTBALL, TRACK AND FIELD, AND LACROSSE FACILITY

The first floor of the 1,850-square-foot Center will function as the gateway to the stadium. Spectators will walk through a short breezeway before stepping onto a patio built along the top of the stadium seats. A permanent ticket box office, concessions, and stadium-sized restroom facilities will also be located on the first floor. The entire length of the second floor will be a special reception room, complete with a small kitchen. A new press box and rooms for home and away coaches will be located on the third floor, below a rooftop balcony for filming events.





# PRICE FIELD WITH NEW SOFTBALL FIELDHOUSE

Karen and Don Price generously donated \$250,000 to build the new Softball Fieldhouse and make improvements to the field, now known as Price Field. The new Softball Fieldhouse at Price Field will bring the program to the next level. With additional space for athletic training, it will also benefit other athletes. Upgrades to the softball field include adding new seating and fencing and improving the dugouts. The new facility will have a team locker room, storage space, and a lobby area that can be used for special events or as a place for students to study near the field.

# MAJOR GIFTS



## **MARTA AND HOWARD BULLARD**

Marta and Howard Bullard have committed \$500,000 to name the planned Tennis Center in honor of longtime Methodist University administrator, Dr. Gene Clayton.

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

In making the gift, Bullard noted that he wanted to honor Dr. Clayton for his more than 50 years of service to Methodist University. The Tennis Center was selected as the beneficiary of the Bullards’ generosity due to Dr. Clayton’s lifelong involvement with tennis, which began when he first came to Methodist in 1963 and served as tennis coach. Dr. Clayton currently serves as the vice president for business affairs.



## **McLEAN FOUNDATION**

The Thomas R. and Elizabeth E. McLean Foundation, Inc. has pledged \$2.6 million to name the new Health Sciences Building in honor of Thomas R. McLean. This donation includes \$100,000 previously donated by the McLean Foundation to Methodist University to develop the plans and specifications for the building.

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



“Building Excellence – The Campaign for Methodist University” has announced several major gifts recently. Here are some of the announcements that have been made since the last issue of *MU Today*.



#### **KAREN AND DON PRICE**

Karen and Don Price have donated \$250,000 for softball field improvements and a new fieldhouse. The facility's new name will be Price Field. The softball field was dedicated March 27 at a ceremony attended by the Price family, friends, students, athletes, coaches, faculty, staff and members of the community.

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



#### **BOB DUNN '70**

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

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

The scholarship will provide a \$3,000 renewable scholarship to at least one student majoring in entrepreneurship beginning next fall.

*See page 44 for Dunn story.*



# Planned Giving

“I am very fond of many organizations in our community and I have enjoyed supporting them over the years. Through proper planning, I have realized that I could make a greater impact on these organizations through a deferred gift. If you would like to make a difference, please join me in remembering Methodist University in your estate plans.”

– Grace McGrath  
Fayetteville, NC

Planned giving is a way for you to make a gift to your favorite charitable causes. The right planned gift can provide you and your loved ones with tax and income benefits. There are many reasons why a planned gift might make sense for you this year.

- ◆ Are you looking for a way to avoid capital gains tax on the sale of your home or investments?
- ◆ Are you thinking about how to build your income for retirement?
- ◆ Would you like to create an inheritance for your children and also help charity?
- ◆ Do you need a tax-efficient way to sell your business this year?
- ◆ Would you like to receive high fixed payments for life and even some tax-free income?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, a planned gift can help you achieve your goals. To learn more about the benefits of planned giving, please contact Senior Director of Development and Gift Planning Eric Rivenbark at 910.480.8519, [erivenbark@methodist.edu](mailto:erivenbark@methodist.edu), or visit our website, [www.MuGiftPlanning.org](http://www.MuGiftPlanning.org).

## WAYS TO GIVE

There are many ways to contribute the Campaign for Methodist University. Methodist University's Advancement staff will be happy to assist you with finding an opportunity that meets your individual giving needs including:

- ◆ Make a financial commitment, payable over up to 5 years
- ◆ Name an area in a facility in honor or memory of someone special
- ◆ Make a gift to the University's endowment:
  - ◆ Give to the general endowment
  - ◆ Establish an endowed scholarship or professorship
  - ◆ Help build the Technology in the Classroom Endowment
- ◆ Planned giving – name Methodist University in your will or estate plan
- ◆ Attend *MU on the Move!* events in your area and invite other

alumni and friends to attend.

- ◆ Become an MU Champion by encouraging others to get involved by telling their personal MU story, hosting events, contacting alumni, etc.

Methodist University connects donors with projects that they are passionate about. There are many ways to give, and the University's Advancement staff is on hand to assist you in which method best suits your individual needs.

Contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at: 910.630.7200 or toll-free at 800.488.7110, extension 7200 to discuss ways to give to MU.



MONARCH  
ATHLETICS

# Fall Sports Wrap-Up

## FOOTBALL


The Methodist football team, celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2013, had a season for the ages under first-year head coach C.J. Goss. Lightly regarded in the USA South Preseason Poll (the Monarchs were picked fifth), MU stormed out of the gates winning each of its first two games, extending its win streak to five games dating back to 2012. The Monarchs averaged 37 points in its first two games and junior quarterback Max Reber was named the USA South Offensive Player of the Week after each contest, including a 27-of-37, 398-yard, four-touchdown performance in a 33-20 win over Southern Virginia.

Following the 2-0 start, the Monarchs stumbled in a 61-22 home loss to Emory & Henry, followed by a 35-26 loss at Maryville in the conference opener, to even their record at 2-2 with a matchup against nationally-ranked Christopher Newport looming.

The 22nd-ranked Captains entered with one of the nation's stingiest defenses and a perfect 3-0 record. A CNU touchdown on an interception return early in the fourth quarter gave the Captains a 21-17 lead, and on MU's ensuing possession a fumble appeared to seal the Monarchs' fate. However, MU's Tyler Mitchell thwarted a potential CNU score with an interception at the 13-yard line and following a pair of empty possessions by both teams, MU got the ball back on its own 28-yard line with just over three minutes to play. Exhibiting a "never give up" attitude that would permeate the entire season, Methodist drove the ball 72 yards and Reber plunged in the end zone with 1:41 on the clock to give MU a 24-21 lead. Mitchell sealed the win with his second interception of the game on CNU's ensuing drive, and the Monarchs took the momentum from the win and carried it over to the rest of the season.

Methodist would not drop another game the remainder of what would prove to be a record-breaking season. A 41-33 win over Averett followed as MU ground out 412 yards rushing, including 142 yards by freshman Marquies Hall and 114 yards by Darius Page. The potent MU passing attack returned in a 43-41 win on Homecoming over LaGrange. Reber set a new school record with 452 passing yards on 20-of-30 passing, including five touchdowns. He also added 72 yards rushing on 19 carries with a touchdown in a showdown with LaGrange quarterback Graham Craig, who had entered the contest as the nation's leading passer. MU then posted a 51-50 win over Greensboro as Anthony Radke's 22-yard touchdown reception with under five minutes to play proved to be the difference. Another stellar performance by Reber (292 passing yards, 5 TDs) led Methodist to a 52-41 win at Huntingdon, and the Monarchs closed out the season with a thrilling, 69-62, win over N.C. Wesleyan as Blake Scott hauled in a 14-yard touchdown pass with 23 seconds to play to cap MU's historic season.

Reber was named the USA South Offensive Player of the Year, and was joined on the all-conference first team by senior wide receiver Vaughn Cross, freshman offensive lineman Brandon Sparrow, senior defensive linemen B.J. Minter and Jonathon Fulmore, Mitchell and sophomore return specialist D.J. Payne. Reber, the program's all-time leader in every passing category, was also named to the All-South Region Second Team, and Cross, the program's all-time leader in every receiving category, was a third team honoree.

A photograph showing Head Football Coach C.J. Goss, wearing a white jacket with 'MU FOOTBALL' on the sleeve and a headset, talking to a player in a green helmet with 'MU' on it. The player is wearing a green jersey with the number 18. They are on a football field with a crowd in the background.

Head Football Coach C.J. Goss offers words of encouragement to Navahri Holden '14. Previous page, Jacob Woodman '17 on the lacrosse field.



# CROSS COUNTRY

The men's cross country team raced to a second-place finish at the 2013 USA South Championships behind a pair of first team all-conference finishes from seniors Sydney Machokoto and Eduardo Riera. Machokoto took third in the season's final meet with a time of 28:14.06, while Riera, in his first season running for MU, took fourth overall with a time of 28:44.81. Junior Paul Brown added a top-10 finish (29:51.06, 9th) en route to second team all-conference recognition. The second-place for Methodist was its highest since it also finished second in 2006, and it was the first time since 1995 that Methodist had multiple first team all-conference honorees. The women's team struggled to a sixth-place finish as junior Kayla Beavers paced the Monarchs in all six events on the season. At the conference meet, Beavers finished in 10th place (26:15.56) and was named second team all-conference for her efforts.

*Paul Brown '15 traversing the course for the men's cross country team.*

# VOLLEYBALL

Despite an overall record of 14-18 (9-10 USA South) and a first-round exit in the conference tournament, the Methodist volleyball team proved to be a resilient group. With a key group of players returning in 2014, a return to its winning ways is on the horizon.

The Monarchs opened with a pair of wins to start the season before a 2-9 stretch left MU scuffling at 4-9 overall. Methodist answered with five consecutive wins, including four five-set victories, that pulled its record even at 9-9. Senior outside hitter Allison Graves picked up USA South Volleyball Player of the Week honors during that stretch as she averaged 4.1 kills and 3.7 digs per set over a four-match stretch, including a 24-dig, 20-kill effort in a 3-2 win over conference foe N.C. Wesleyan.

Guilford halted the Monarchs' run with a 3-2 victory, and a 3-0 loss at perennial power Averett was followed by three more wins in succession, including a 3-1 win over Ferrum that pushed MU above .500 at 12-11 on the season. In that win over the Panthers, freshman Emily Krochmal pounded out a career-high 22 kills with a hitting percentage of .556.

However, the Monarchs hit a late-season wall and dropped each of their next six matches, including a 3-2 defeat at the hands

of N.C. Wesleyan that came after MU had taken a 2-0 lead in the match. Needing a strong finish to the season to ensure a trip to the conference tournament, the Monarchs defeated Mary Baldwin, 3-0, and Greensboro, 3-1, to round out the regular season and earn a trip to the USA South Conference Tournament in Martinsville, Va. Graves continued her strong play with a double-double of 16 kills and 12 digs against Mary Baldwin, followed by another 26-kill effort in the win over the Pride.

A rematch with Averett in the conference quarterfinals ended in a 3-1 defeat and capped MU's season, its first sub-.500 season since 2006. Graves picked up Second Team All-USA South recognition after leading the team with 476 kills and finishing second with 403 digs. Krochmal, who emerged as one of the league's most dynamic rookies, earned third team all-conference honors after finishing with 392 kills, 361 digs and a team-high 58 service aces. Krochmal, who figures to return with fellow freshmen Brittany Lewis (135 kills, 64 blocks), Latina Bailey (149 kills, 39 blocks) and Emily Hester (401 assists, 96 digs), offered MU a glimpse into the future as the Monarchs look to regain their form from recent years.

# WOMEN'S SOCCER



*Sarah Hayden '14 looks to clear the ball for the Monarchs.*

## *Fall Sports Wrap-Up, continued*

Featuring 20 underclassmen on a roster of 29 players to open the 2013 campaign, the Methodist women's soccer team would have been expected to go through some growing pains. However, the immediate impact of the host of fresh faces helped MU to an 11-7-2 overall record (8-3-1 USA South), its best showing since an 11-7-1 record in 2010.

Growing pains were evident early in the season as the young Monarchs struggled to find a groove offensively. Five total goals in their first six games of the season left MU sitting with a record of 2-3-1 as conference play dawned. The Monarchs opened their USA South slate with a 2-0 blanking of Greensboro, receiving goals from first-year Monarchs Taylor Cavazos and Victoria Martins in the win. Back-to-back shutout losses at Averett and Piedmont preceded a strong finish to the season. Methodist posted a record of 8-1-1 over its final 10 games, outscoring the opposition 27-6 with four shutout wins, to earn the No. 4 seed and the right to host a quarterfinal match in the USA South Conference Tournament.

Martins scored a pair of goals in a 2-1 win over N.C. Wesleyan to begin the surge, and MU followed with a 4-2 win at William Peace as Cavazos netted a pair of goals, and freshmen Deycasha Miller and Cassie Poindexter added scores as well. A 1-0 loss in double overtime at Covenant, followed by a 0-0 double-overtime draw at Maryville proved to be nothing more than a brief hiccup as the Monarchs prepped to play four of their final six matches on their home pitch to close out the season.

A goal by sophomore Katie Pedersen in the 10th minute stood up in a 1-0 win at Meredith, and MU followed that with a 7-1 drubbing of Mary Baldwin as Miller netted her first collegiate hat trick. Methodist then briefly dipped out of conference with a 4-0 win at Chowan. Cavazos came through in the clutch again as MU edged LaGrange, 1-0, on Homecoming, and the sophomore transfer continued her scoring spree with a goal in a 2-0 win over Huntingdon the following day. The Monarchs closed out the regular season with a 7-1 win over Ferrum. Cavazos scored for the fifth consecutive match, and freshman Cassie Poindexter added a pair of tallies in the win.

Before the start of the USA South Conference Tournament, the league announced its all-conference awards with three Monarchs garnering recognition. Cavazos, who led the team in points (21) and goals (9) was tabbed to the second team, while Pedersen (14 points, 6 goals) and freshman defender Eryka Underwood each earned spots on the third team. Underwood helped the Monarchs post a 1.06 goals-against average on the season, and the defense posted five shutouts on the season.

In the USA South quarterfinals, fifth-seeded Meredith exacted revenge for a regular-season loss, downing the Monarchs, 1-0, in overtime to end MU's season. With a host of offensive talent returning in 2014 and the majority of its back line set to return as well, a first-round exit in the conference tournament does not appear likely for this group.



*Katie Pedersen '16 presses the action against Mary Baldwin College.*

# PLAY 4KAY

The sixth annual Play 4Kay women's basketball game was held Feb. 15, when the Monarchs beat Averett University 71-48. The March F. Riddle Center, athletes, and attendees were decked out in pink for the event, which recognizes cancer survivors and raises money for Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation's Friends of the Cancer Center and the Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

This year, the event collected more than \$5,000 by the end of the game, with fundraising efforts planned to continue through the end of May with t-shirt sales. In the past six years, the event has raised more than \$30,000, which has been split between the two organizations.

Before the game, the gym lobby was full of tables related to breast cancer awareness, prevention, and fund raising, as well as free pink doughnuts from Dunkin' Donuts. There was also a silent auction held in an off-court portion of the gym. Attendees were given free admission if they wore pink and made a donation.

At halftime, there was a ceremony to recognize cancer survivors. The survivors were escorted to center court by Girl Scout Troops 1726, 789, and 1861; and the Rogue Rollergirls team, with a reception after the game.

"This event is very special to me because of Kay Yow. She had a huge impact on my life as a player and as a coach," said DeeDee Jarman, women's basketball coach at Methodist University and event organizer. "I strive to live my life the way Kay would want me to. Educating people about cancer prevention will hopefully save lives."

The money donated to Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation's Friend of the Cancer Center is allocated to provide free mammograms for uninsured women who meet the program's criteria.

The morning of the game, the Methodist University Student Athletic Trainers' Association held their third annual 4K Run and Walk, which also benefitted the Play 4Kay event.



*Maya Banks '17 drives to the hoop against Averett.*

# 2013 HALL OF FAME AND TEAMS OF DISTINCTION



*President Hancock and the 2013 Methodist Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees Lisa Wymer-Joyner '88, Rodney Jones '90 and Brion McLaughlin '00.*

On October 25, Methodist University inducted three new individual members and four “Teams of Distinction” into the University’s Athletic Hall of Fame in conjunction with its annual Homecoming activities.

Former softball player and women’s golfer Lisa Wymer-Joyner '88, former baseball player Rodney Jones '90, and former men’s golfer Brion McLaughlin '00 made up the induction class of 2013. Additionally, the men’s basketball teams from 1972-1975, the baseball team from 1977, the women’s golf teams from 1987-89, and the men’s golf team from 1990 were the first groups to earn the new “Teams of Distinction” designation.

Jones was a two-time All-American on the hill for the Monarchs, helping lead the team to four NCAA appearances, including a South Regional title in 1988. A two-year captain, he posted a career record of 33-5 (.868) while appearing in 46 games with 41 starts in four seasons. He never lost more than two games in a single season and posted three consecutive campaigns with nine wins. His 15 complete games are third best at Methodist, as are his 33 career wins. In 293.1 career innings, he struck out 190 and posted a career ERA of just 2.98.

McLaughlin was a standout golfer in the program. The 1997 NCAA Individual National Champion and National Freshman of the Year, he was a two-time All-American ('97, '98) while also earning First Team All-USA South honors in 1998 and Second Team All-USA South accolades in 1997. He helped lead Methodist to four straight USA South conference titles, three NCAA Championships ('97, '98, '99), and an NCAA National Runner-up finish in 2000. In winning the Individual National Title as a freshman in 1997, he used a final-round score of 74 to post a four-day total of 297 and edge teammate Mike Adamson by a single stroke. The following year, he took third place individually with a four-round score of 285 to finish two strokes

back of teammate and fellow MU Hall of Fame inductee, Chad Collins.

Wymer-Joyner rounded out the 2013 class and stands out as one of the most accomplished softball players to have ever played for the Monarchs. She was also a member of the women’s golf team and participated on the 1988 team that won the national championship. A three-time first team all-conference selection, she was also a Second Team All-American following her sophomore season, in which she led the country in wins (34) and was sixth in ERA (0.64). That year, she set NCAA Division III marks for games pitched (48), complete games (45) and innings pitched (307.2), which all stand today. Wymer-Joyner led the country in wins as a freshman with 29 and is the Methodist and USA South career leader in the category with 87 wins (done in just three seasons), a number that also ranks 19th in NCAA Division III.

The “Teams of Distinction” designation has been created to honor the many teams at Methodist that have distinguished themselves as special, with great performances at the conference, regional and national level.

The men’s basketball teams of the early 70s captured two regular-season conference titles and three conference tournament championships while earning the programs first-ever NCAA Tournament berth in 1975. The 1977 baseball team was the last coached by the legendary Bruce Shelley and finished the season 28-9 while advancing to the NCAA tournament for the second time in program history. The women’s golf teams captured three successive NCAA championships, including winning the 1987 title by 91 strokes, and produced 10 total All-Americans. Finally, the 1990 men’s golf team won the program’s first of 10 National Championships and had four players earn All-America honors that season.





*Members of the men's and women's golf Teams of Distinction take a moment for a photo.*



*The men's basketball Teams of Distinction gather with Former Coach Gene Clayton.*



*Members of the baseball Team of Distinction pose with the family of the late Bruce Shelley.*



## MU CANS ACROSS THE CONFERENCE

This past fall, Methodist University took second place in the USA South's annual "Cans Across the Conference" competition.

The canned food drive, which was initiated by the USA South Athletic Conference Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) in 2004, serves as a community service competition amongst the league's 13 member schools. Each campus' SAAC collects canned goods and other perishable food items to donate to their chosen charity. This season, the Methodist SAAC chose to split its gathered donations between Fayetteville Urban Ministry and Veterans for Veterans Shelter.

Over several weeks of collecting donations, Methodist University gathered a grand total of 2,368 items. Ferrum won the friendly competition with 6,095 items collected, and Greensboro took third with 2,267 items collected.

This fall alone, the USA South collected over 20,000 items to bring the conference's grand total of items collected to almost 280,000.



Special thanks go to the MU Alumni Association Board and Ed "Tuna" Keil '70 (above), who energized the food drive with the "Tuna for Tuna" event at Tuna Keil Day during the Oct. 26 home football game, during which people were encouraged to bring cans of tuna and other canned goods to the football game.



## SURVIVOR: LETOVIS DAVIS

Back in January 2013, few people could predict all of the events that would soon take place during the next few months of the Methodist football program's offseason.

To close out the 2012 campaign, the Monarchs won their final three games to end right at the .500 mark (5-5), including a 30-29 triumph at Christopher Newport in the season finale. Then-freshman defensive back LeTovis Davis put an exclamation mark on the conclusion of his first year in a Methodist uniform, coming off the bench and making a team-best 16 tackles in addition to breaking up one pass that afternoon.

Entering this showdown with the Captains, Davis had 10 tackles to his credit in the five games he had played. Following Davis' standout performance, the USA South tabbed him as its Freshman Defensive Player of the Week.

### THE PROBLEM

Late in that same fall 2012 semester, Davis learned that his upcoming tuition payment would not be covered by financial aid, leading him to seek out possible solutions to allow him to remain enrolled.

As Davis sought to address this dilemma over winter break, then-MU Football Head Coach Dave Eavenson saw the student-athlete on a Monday and mentioned to Davis an employment opportunity to work as an RA in the school's Housing and Residence Life Department. This option appeared to offer enough compensation for Davis to return when classes resumed in January 2013.

Later that day, Jan. 14, 2013, he hopped in a car with his cousin and began the trip to home in Rocky Mount, N.C.

"I was really excited," Davis said. "I had a chance. I knew I was going to pass the interview because the resident assistant job would cover my education. I was ready for it."

## AN UNEXPECTED TURN

That evening the pair stopped in Rocky Mount after Davis' cousin said he needed to meet up with some folks. Davis said something did not sit right with him about the situation.

Standing on a front yard of a residence on the south side of Rocky Mount, Davis spoke with two strangers as midnight neared. Thoughts of his upcoming interview for the RA position lingered. Soon one of the men told him to empty his pockets. Davis said he had a couple hundred dollars in his wallet at the time, which he hoped to put toward college.

"I looked at them like they were joking or something," Davis said. "Come to find out, they were serious. But I wasn't willing to give up what I had because I'd been working so hard." Davis said he began to fight with the men, knocking one to the ground before he heard someone yell out to grab a gun.

"As soon as I heard that, I just turned to run," Davis said. "I just kept running." Davis dashed down the street while his cousin fled toward the vehicle. Davis said he heard about seven or eight gunshots. He said he could hear the bullets whizz past him and see them sparking on the pavement.

As he sprinted farther away, Davis felt a bullet rip through one of his legs, causing his foot to go limp.

Still he continued to race down the block and headed down a side street. Thoughts raced through his mind.

"Lord, just please get me through this night," Davis said. "Just get me through this night, and I'll make it right."

After traversing through the neighborhood, he reached a car parked in

a front yard, crawled under it and reached for his cell phone.

"I had on a cream thermal shirt," Davis said. "That's when I noticed my whole side was bloody, and I had been shot in my chest. I knew it didn't hit my heart because I had run all this way and I knew it didn't hit my lungs because I had taken a deep breath and didn't cough up any blood."

Before he could dial for help, another vehicle cruised down the street. Davis held up for a moment and laid low. He said he whispered to a 911 dispatcher for several minutes before authorities arrived. Once the paramedics showed up and began to tend to Davis, the neighborhood slowly came out en masse, awakened by sirens and flashing lights. His subsequent admittance to the hospital at 11 p.m. revealed four gunshot wounds: two to the chest and two to a leg.

"The main thing on my mind at the time was 'I shouldn't be in this

Less than 12 hours later, the hospital granted Davis his release.

## DOWN BUT NOT OUT

Eight months passed, and Davis would gain the necessary medical clearance to return to football-related activity less than a week into the team's training camp in August 2013.

"He showed up at the end of the summer in great shape and hit the ground running," Goss said.

The Monarchs rolled as well in their first two games, claiming victories in both as Davis earned two starts at safety and made 10 tackles.

When MU put the finishing touches on an 8-2 season with a 69-62 win against N.C. Wesleyan, Davis made his 10th consecutive start and ended the fall with 48 tackles, the fourth-highest total on the team. On that same afternoon, the Monarchs would clinch a share of the USA South regular-season championship, making the 2013 team only the second group to accomplish this feat in the program's 25-year history.

## MOVING FORWARD

Off the playing field, Davis did in fact earn the RA job, and now assists the students on the third floor of Sanford Hall.

"I'm thankful for every day and every opportunity I get," Davis said. "If you've got an opportunity in life, you might as well be the best because you never know when or if you could get a second chance."



predicament right now," Davis said. "I felt like I let my team down."

A family member contacted the Methodist coaching staff to inform them of what took place.

"We were dumbfounded," said C.J. Goss, who less than three months later would replace Eavenson as the head coach. "We didn't realize how severe it could have been. We were worried about his well-being and recovery. The key is that we never gave up on LeTovis."

# MEN'S SOCCER

Over the course of the past two seasons, the Methodist men's soccer program has made progress and worked its way up in the world of NCAA Division III soccer.

The Monarchs compiled a combined record of 26-10-5 (.722), their highest two-year winning percentage in head coach Justin Terranova's tenure and the program's best since it went 34-4-1 (.895) in 1995-96. Other noteworthy accomplishments included the 2012 USA South Tournament championship, an appearance in the 2012 NCAA Division III Tournament and the 2013 regular-season USA South title.

## LAYING THE FOUNDATION

Methodist charged out to a 7-1-1 start in 2012, outscoring its competition by a 27-10 margin. As the schedule carried onward, the Monarchs kept on winning and ended the regular season with a 13-2-2 record. And Methodist continued



*Eric McGinnis '14 celebrates becoming the program's all-time leader in assists.*

its stellar play over in the postseason, nabbing the USA South Tournament title via a 1-0 victory over Greensboro to propel itself into the National Tournament. After that championship win, the team appeared in the NSCAA's NCAA Division III Top-25 poll, placing 23rd in the final regular-season rankings. Also on the national level, sophomore Eirik Nordseth finished in a five-way tie for 16th in NCAA Division III with 17 goals, and ended in a three-way tie for 19th with 40 total points. Junior Eric McGinnis also tied for 19th with 40 total points.

Although fifth-ranked Stevens dispatched the Monarchs, 2-0, in an opening-round matchup, Methodist undeniably made a statement with its play in 2012, and laid the groundwork for the program's future teams to build upon.

## CONTINUED GROWTH AND SUCCESS

Following its 15-3-2 finish in 2012, the Monarchs entered the 2013 campaign poised to pick up right where it left off. Despite opening with a 1-4-1 mark, Methodist pulled things together to right the course of its season. And once they got back on track, the Monarchs returned to their winning ways.

October proved to be a month full of highlights for Methodist. When the Monarchs topped Maryville, 1-0, on Oct. 13, Terranova became the program's winningest coach with his 130th career victory. This overtook Alan Dawson's previous record of 129 wins. Coincidentally, Terranova was a goalkeeper during the final four years of Dawson's post at then-Methodist College (1992-95).

Dawson, now roaming the sidelines at Old Dominion University, had kind words for his former player and coaching understudy.

"Justin was a student of the game when he played for me in college," said Dawson in an email, "and has a continued thirst for knowledge in our sport. His passion for our beautiful game has carried over to his coaching career, and is reflected in all of his teams. Justin and I share the same coaching philosophy and indeed

have a great deal in common, but most importantly we share a lifelong friendship bonded through soccer."

Two-and-a-half weeks later, the Monarchs captured their first conference title since 1996. Days later McGinnis claimed sole possession of the school's career assists record as Methodist shut out Ferrum, 3-0. The forward surpassed Fernando Martinez's mark of 30 assists when he tallied his 31st career assist.

Focused on defending its USA South Tournament championship, Methodist started off convincingly enough by routing Piedmont, 5-0. Nahom Hargwoin established a new conference tournament standard for goals scored in a single match, netting four against the Lions. All of those goals came in the first half alone.

Before the Monarchs' semifinal match against Averett, the conference announced that McGinnis earned the USA South Player of the Year award, and therefore became the first Methodist player to be so honored since Paul Smith in 1996. McGinnis would close his four-year career as only the sixth four-time all-conference selection in program history and the first since Terranova. Additionally, McGinnis concluded his Monarch career in third place for goals (49), first in assists (31) and third in points (130).

In addition to McGinnis' laurels, five other Methodist players were named all-conference, bringing the program's two-year total of all-conference selections to 10.

In Terranova's first 10 seasons at the helm, an average of 2.7 MU players per year were picked for all-conference 1st-team, 2nd-team or 3rd-team. In comparison, the last two years saw five players per season earn such accolades. In the tournament semifinals match against the Cougars, the Monarchs emerged victorious, 3-0, vaulting themselves into a championship rematch with Greensboro. Although the Pride ultimately dashed Methodist's aspirations of making a run in the NCAA Tournament with a 2-1 victory, the past two years have made one thing absolutely crystal clear – the Monarchs are making moves and aim to keep that going.



*Nahom Hargwoin '15 battles an opponent for control of the ball.*

MEN'S SOCCER

# Remembering...

## DR. THEODORE LOUIS SPILMAN, JR. '64



*Dr. Theodore Louis Spilman '64, center, with Robin Davenport and Nona Fisher '88.*

One of Methodist's first graduates and a long-time trustee, Theodore Louis Spilman Jr., passed away Nov. 7, 2013, at the age of 83. Born in Crawfordsville, Ind., Spilman was raised in Waynesboro, Va., and graduated from Castle Heights Military Academy in Tennessee. The son of a newspaper man, Spilman was a printer by trade who also served in the U.S. Army and ran several small newspapers in Tennessee.

Spilman married Mary McQueen MacPherson Spilman, a Fayetteville native, in 1950. As well as his wife, he is survived by their four children, Mary MacPherson Spilman Poole, Theodore Louis Spilman III, Emily Moon Spilman Everhart, and Samuel Hinsdale MacPherson Spilman, and seven grandchildren.

In 1960, he moved his family to Fayetteville, where he planned to become a missionary. At the same time, he decided to set an example for his children by finishing his degree. He enrolled at the new Methodist College and became its first student to complete the requirements for a bachelor's degree in religion. In the spring of 1964, he

was a member of the college's first graduating class. Later, two of his children became graduates from Methodist.

He owned Worth Printing Company in Fayetteville and in 1970 he opened the first of a chain of SpeediPrint shops, the first quick-copy shop in town. As well as a businessman, Spilman was a civic leader and deeply involved in his community, serving on the Cumberland County Board of Education from 1974 to 1986, including two terms as Chairman.

Spilman stayed involved with his alma mater, serving for more than 43 years as an active and dedicated member of the Board of Trustees, until the time of his death. A former member of the Alumni Board, he was the first alumnus to be elected to the Board of Trustees. He also served as Chairman of the Foundation Board for many years. He received numerous accolades from Methodist University, including an honorary doctorate degree in 2004, the Methodist College Medallion in 1983 and 2000, the Alumni Service Award in 1976, Distinguished Alumni Award in 1978. He was a Charter Member of the Methodist College Endowment Society in 1992 and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa. In 2005, Spilman established and endowed The Dr. Louis Spilman, Jr. Endowed Scholarship, awarded to a junior or senior pursuing a major in Religion and demonstrating great promise for Christian ministry.

Spilman was a member of MacPherson Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, where he served as Deacon and Elder for many years. He also served as Elder at Church of the Open Door in Fayetteville and at Pamlico Presbyterian Church in Oriental.

## THERESA CLARK



*Theresa Clark with John Morris at his graduation from law school.*

In his work, *Markings*, Dag Hammarskjöld wrote “Goodness is something so simple: always to live for others, never to seek one’s own advantage.” This statement embodies the character of Theresa Clark. Clark invested so much of her time and energy improving the lives of her students, and, thereby, making Methodist University a better institution of higher education. Clark consistently set the example of goodness to all around her, especially to those who had the privilege of being her students.

During my second year at Methodist, I enrolled in Clark’s business law course. This subject was the highlight of my college experience and truly paved the way for my career. Clark taught me how to think logically and how to write at a higher professional level. Clark challenged me to be a better writer, thinker and student. She was always available when I had difficulty understanding certain areas of study, and had an open door policy for all of her students.

In addition to challenging her students to excel

academically, Clark set the example of highest professionalism and integrity. She placed a high emphasis on business ethics and stressed the importance of ethical decision making. In fact, she was a proud supporter of the Lowdermilk Student Achievement Award, which places emphasis on Rotary International’s guiding principles, specifically the four-way test. During my third year at Methodist, Clark nominated me for this prestigious award. Of all my professional and academic achievements, being nominated by Clark for this award has been the highest honor I have received.

Not only was Clark my teacher, mentor, and friend, but she was also one of the key individuals who inspired me to become an attorney. The last time I had the privilege of visiting with Clark was on the day of my law school commencement. I was so proud that Clark attended my law school graduation. When I received my law degree, I was also thanking Clark for being an inspiration to me and so many students. I am truly a better person and professional from the lessons I learned from Clark. She will be greatly missed.

Clark truly lived a life personifying the Apostle Paul’s instructions to the church in Philippi in Philippians Chapter 2: “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Clark served others with humility and grace, and I will always be grateful to Clark for the impact she had on my life.

*This story was submitted by John M. Morris ’01.*

## NANCY MASSENGILL BOSHER



Nancy Chloe Massengill Boshier, who was an English professor at Methodist College for nearly 20 years, passed away Jan. 8, at the age of 75 in Fayetteville.

Boshier received her undergraduate and master's degree in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating with honors and Phi Beta Kappa. She was married to the late Ernest S. Boshier II, and they lived together in Fayetteville.

Before coming to Methodist, Boshier taught high school English in High Point. She also owned and operated Lafayette Memorial Park cemetery on Ramsey Street until her passing. She is survived by her son, Ernest S. Boshier III, and a grandson, both of Fayetteville.



*Trustee Betty Hasty counts down the number of applications needed after signing up for her MU license plate.*

# MU LICENSE PLATES NOW A REALITY

A five-year quest for a Methodist University license plate in North Carolina is finally drawing to a close. Soon, Monarch supporters will be able to show their MU pride with these specialized license plates, as well as make a small donation to the University. With the sponsorship from N.C. Rep. Rick Glazier and artwork approval from the N.C. Department of Transportation, the University has been marketing the plates for several years, gathering the required 300 applications to make the plates a reality. In April the applications were turned into the NCDOT for processing.

Director of Public Affairs Pam McEvoy and Director of Annual Fund Krista Lee have worked very hard to make this project a reality. “Besides my children, it’s been the longest project I’ve ever worked on,” McEvoy said. “But now, we know the Monarch nation will soon begin to see the Methodist University plates on the highways and byways of our great nation. Personally, I would like to thank the other people responsible for the other 299 applications, who came forward to make this happen. They are my Monarchs and I cherish them.”

If you would like to get a plate, they will soon be available for order on the NCDOT website. For more information, contact McEvoy at 910.630.7043 or pmcevoy@methodist.edu.

# ALLISON AND PRICE RECOGNIZED BY FORT BRAGG GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM



*From left: Command Sgt. Maj. Isaia Vimoto, inductees Karen Long and Graham Moore; Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson, and inductees Keith Allison and Don Price.  
Photo courtesy of the Paraglide.*

Two Methodist community members, Keith Allison and Don Price, were among those recognized by the inaugural Fort Bragg Good Neighbor Program, held Jan. 13, at the Fort Bragg club. The program recognizes local civilians who have enhanced the quality of life for Fort Bragg soldiers and their families.

Allison was recognized for his record of working and training with Fort Bragg soldiers. He is a member of the Military Affairs Council, and he was a pioneer in creating the Fayetteville Police Foundation, which is a non-profit organization that supports the city police. Allison was also instrumental in coordinating the Iron Mike Rally of the Pinehurst Concours d’Elegance.

Price served the Pope Field community as honorary commander of the 440th Airlift Wing and has been a member of the Pope Special Activities Committee for more than 10 years. He is a recognized and respected Pope Field champion and Airman advocate to the Fayetteville community and business leaders.





# ADVANCEMENT OFFICE ANNOUNCES CHANGES

*From left: Development and Gift Planning Eric Rivenbark, Director of Research and Scholarship Coordinator Ray Baker, and Senior Director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving Landon Bentham.*

The Advancement Office has announced a restructuring which will provide Vice President for Institutional Advancement Robin Davenport with more time to focus on the campaign and major gifts. Eric Rivenbark has been promoted to senior director of Development and Gift Planning and will manage the day to day activities in development. Landon Bentham '08, '10M has been promoted to senior director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving and will manage all alumni outreach activities as well as the annual fund. In addition, the department will be increasing its efforts to seek foundation grants, with Director of Research and Scholarship Coordinator Ray Baker '72 assuming research responsibilities in this area along with his current work.

“This reorganization should make a huge difference as we strive to reach our campaign goals and expand our alumni programs,” Davenport said. “The increased emphasis on grant seeking should also be of assistance to faculty as they seek funding for their scholarly work and ongoing professional development.”



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Methodist University's Homecoming**  
**Oct. 31-Nov. 1**

# CLASS NOTES

## BIRTHS

**Nathan Stith '03** and his wife welcomed a new addition to the family, Naomi Lea Stith, 9 lbs., born January 8, 2014.



**Diane Etheridge Davenport '05** and husband **Bo Davenport** welcomed their second child, Logan Cruz, on November

4, 2013 at 1:33 p.m. He weighed 8.2 lbs. and measured 21.5 inches. He joins his sister Alyssa Marlene, who is currently two-and-a-half years old. The family of four resides in Elizabeth City, N.C., where both Diane and her husband teach high school.



**Lillian Yarborough Partikios '98** and her husband **Robert** welcomed the birth of their daughter, Katherine Alexandria, March 26, 2013.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Joshua Alan Speight '11** is engaged and planning a January 2014 wedding to Sydney Graham Harris. He was an All-American on the Methodist University golf team and won the national championship in 2010. He is currently the head golf professional at Viniterra in New Kent, Va.

## WEDDINGS



**Sarah Davenport '07** was married to Aaron Zinn September 21, 2013. The wedding and reception took place at Shady Wagon Farm, located in New Hill, North Carolina. Sarah's first roommate at Methodist, **Kathryn Levins '08**, served as Maid of Honor, and **Jessica Wanger '07**, was a bridesmaid. The bride's mother, **Robin Davenport '09M**, is also an alumna and, along with Jessica Wanger, works in Methodist University's Advancement Office. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. They currently reside in Raleigh, N.C. Sarah earned her Master's in Public Administration from N.C. State University in May 2013.



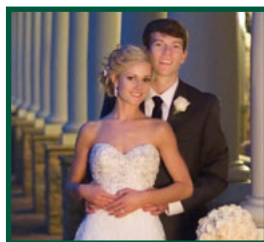
**Thomas R. Hutton '10** was married October 26, 2013 in The Woodlands, Texas to Alex Koseluk. Alex was born and raised in The Woodlands and is a graduate of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. She is now a seventh grade English teacher. The Hutton's "went on our honeymoon to St. Lucia and had a blast in the sun." Methodist alum **Andrew Banner '10** served as a groomsman. Other alumni in attendance were **John Morton '10**, **Sam Morrison '09, '10M**, **Alex Peckham '10**, and **Adam Seely '10**.



**Kristin (Richards) Levine '09** married Michael Levine October 5, 2013. The wedding was held in Washington Square Park in Charleston, S.C. The couple resides in Charleston, S.C., where Kristin is working on her applications for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine programs and Michael is an officer with the St. Johns Fire Department. The Levine's took their honeymoon through the Blue Ridge Mountains with their two Great Danes, Hank and Dexter.



**Roni Gail Wilkinson '05** wed Glenn Williams on October 12, 2013 at Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City, Md. Several Methodist alumni were in attendance. Glenn and Roni honeymooned on the beaches of Roni's beloved North Carolina. The couple currently resides in Ocean City, Md.



**Sam Morrison '09, '10** was wed to **Kristen Robinson '12** on Nov 16, 2013 in Hickory, N.C. The Rev. Dr. **Mike Safley '72** officiated the ceremony, which was held at Mountainview Baptist Church in Maiden, N.C. A reception followed at Rock Barn Golf & Spa. More than 30 Methodist University alumni were in attendance.

**Walter R. Turner '65**, historian at the N.C. Transportation Museum, had his most recent work published by *The North Carolina Historical Review*, October 2013, Volume XC, No. 4. His monograph is titled *Coming Home: The North Carolina Bus Companies that Became Part of Trailways and Greyhound*.



**Wanda Herring '66** and co-author William V. Pate participated in the Homecoming 2013 book signing event. Wanda and Mr. Pate autographed copies of their recently published book titled *"Mystery of the Lost Colony: The Untold Story of Survival."* The book can be purchased online at [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com), [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), and [lulu.com](http://lulu.com).



**Debbie Bright Beavers '72, Marie Averette Cash '72, Anita Fisher King '72, and Laurie Alston Jennings '73** (left to right in photo), the "Garber Girls" who make a point of meeting together at least once annually, "did Raleigh" this year. Among other attractions, they enjoyed the Raleigh Farmers Market.



**Patrick O'Briant '75** was featured in the *Fayetteville Observer* for his part as organist for the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra's first "Salon Series" concert in September at the historic St. John's Episcopal Church on Green Street in Fayetteville, N.C. Patrick has been the organist at St. John's for 16 years. Patrick is a Fayetteville who earned his degree in music from Methodist University, and two master's degrees in music from the University of Akron in Ohio. He also teaches music at Alma Eason Elementary School in Fayetteville, N.C.

The Rev. **Wilson Edward "Eddie" Barber '68** was elected Mayor of Emerald Isle, N.C. in November 2013.

**Thomas Pope '78** was inducted into the Fayetteville Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremony held Monday, February 3, 2014. He has been a sports writer and now editor of the sports section of the *Fayetteville Observer* since 1978.

**David Brian Culbreth '87** has been awarded the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) through the American Society of Military Comptrollers. David is the Deputy Chief, Mission Execution Branch, Budget Division for the United States Army Forces Command at Fort Bragg, N.C. David's wife, **Dedra '88**, recently started as the Director of the Salem United Methodist Church Fine Arts Academy.



**Susan Cox '90** is a second grade teacher at Long Hill Elementary School. She and her husband, **Patrick Bucolo '05**, enjoy attending Methodist Men's Soccer games to watch Susan's son, Chris Ryan, play soccer for the Monarchs. Susan writes, "What a wonderful tradition he is continuing for our family. The attached photo was taken recently of Chris (wearing 24) with his cousin Olivia Terranova, daughter of Coach **Justin Terranova '97** and wife **Jeannette Cox Terranova '98**."

**Chris Mace '91** was named Principal of the Year for the Harnett County Schools. He has served as Principal of Harnett Central High for four years. He is a career educator and has been a teacher, coach, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director. Prior to his service at the high school, Chris served as principal of Harnett Central Middle for nine years and was the principal at Wayne Avenue Elementary for two years. He received his B.S. in History from Methodist and Master's in School Administration from UNC-Chapel Hill. He is a member of the N.C. Principals and Assistant Principals Association (NCPAPA) and serves as the Vice President of the Harnett County chapter. He also serves as Assistant Scoutmaster for BSA Troop 711. Chris is active in local, regional and state education associations and was named Region 4 Middle School Principal of the Year in 2004. He was also named NC FCCLA Administrator of the Year in 2012-13. Chris and his wife, Dale, also a career educator, live in Buies Creek and have two sons.

**Nick Spinnato '91** has been named Resort Merchandiser of the Year for the Middle Atlantic PGA section.



**Mark Faber '94**, a United States Professional Tennis Association member for the past 20 years, received the USTA/USPTA Community Service Award at the annual awards presentation during the USPTA World Conference at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando in October 2013.

The award recognizes a USPTA member for exceptional community service through the game of tennis. As the Director of Tennis at Laurel Hill Swim and Tennis Club in Toledo, Ohio, Faber has been actively involved with charity work for groups such as the American Cancer Society and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He organized an annual toy drive that provides toys for families in need at Christmas. Faber facilitated the start of a Morning Tennis Club in two local schools, helping with the set up at one school and running the program at the other to expose more than 250 children under the age of 10 to tennis. Faber serves on his district USTA board and is currently completing his term as past president. During his presidency, he created three free Kid's Nights hosted by all three of the major clubs in the Toledo area. He has also served on several USTA

Midwest Section committees and presented at several regional and national conferences.

**Joy Godwin Crowe '93** has recently expanded her company to cover Lee County. Joy is the owner of Main Street Media and the publisher of Kidsville News of Harnett and Lee Counties, a free educational newspaper for elementary school students, teachers and parents. She has been publishing the paper in Harnett County for two years, but recently expanded to Lee County. She lives in Harnett County with her husband Patrick, a 13-year-old son and 17-month-old daughter.

**Joy Thrash '98**, executive director of the North Carolina Defense Business Association, has been appointed by N.C. Gov. Pat McCrory to serve a two-year term on the N.C. Military Affairs Commission. The Commission advises the governor, General Assembly, secretary of commerce and other state agencies on programs and legislation affecting the state's military installations.

FastMed Urgent Care was recently recognized by *Inc. Magazine* as one of the fastest growing companies in the country and among the top 100 in North Carolina. Founded by **Jason Williams, PA-C '98**, who now serves as president and CEO, FastMed ranked 1,136 out of 5,000 companies for growth in 2013, and in the top 100 healthcare companies across the nation.

Congratulations to **Lori Collins Davis '99** for receiving the Environmental Educator of the year award from the Environmental Educators of North Carolina. Lori interacts with hundreds of school children each year by conducting field trips to the Rachel Carson Coastal Reserve in Beaufort, N.C. Lori also conducts teacher and outreach programs to improve environmental literacy and foster respect for North Carolina's coastal ecosystems.

**Gregory E. Perkins '99**, who earned his Ed.D. in Counseling Psychology with a Concentration in Counselor Education and Supervision from Argosy University in December 2011, became a professor at Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, N.C. when he also was appointed to the Methodist University Social Work Advisory Board. He is now Assistant Professor of Social Work and Assistant Chair, Department of Social Work at Fayetteville State University.

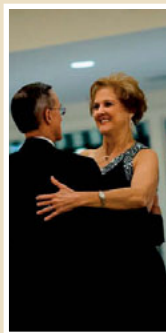


**Felix Sarfo-Kantanka, Jr. '99** has been appointed Legislative Director by Virginia Governor-elect Terry McAuliffe. Felix previously served as Special Assistant to Governor Tim Kaine for policy, where he specialized in public safety and Commonwealth preparedness issues.

Following his role with the Governor, he joined McGuireWoods Consulting as Assistant Vice President of State Government

Relations. Felix also served as legislative assistant to former Delegate and House Minority Leader Franklin P. Hall. Following graduation from Methodist University, Felix earned a master's degree in public administration from Virginia Commonwealth University.

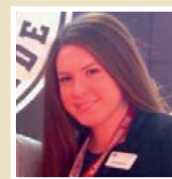
Former Methodist golfer **Chad Collins '01** shot 59 in a Web.com Tour event, which earned him his PGA Tour card for the fourth time. In the PGA Tour's new format for determining who gets cards for next year. The four-tournament series is for players who were No. 126 to No. 200 in the FedEx Cup, and the top 75 players from the Web.com Tour money list. Collins was No. 33 on the Web.com. The top 25 money winners after the four events received PGA Tour cards.



**Kalli Ziegler '01**, owner of Kalli Ziegler Properties, was honored with the Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur Award at the Methodist University Center for Entrepreneurship's (CFE) Stock Market Symposium held in November 2013. The award is given to a North Carolina resident who owns, has established, or manages a small business. The individual's creativity, innovativeness, and personal contributions to and involvement with the community are also key qualities of recipients.

**Jennifer Fincher '02** was elected secretary of the Home Builders Association of Fayetteville Board of Directors.

**Kevin C. Bradley '04** graduated from the University of Miami School of Law in May 2013 with an LL.M. in International Law with a focus in Inter-American Law. He also successfully sat for the July 2013 Florida Bar Exam and is currently seeking employment in the international law field.



**Erin Marie Patenaude, R.D. '04** earned a Master's of Science in Human Nutrition and Hospitality Management from The University of Alabama in May 2013. She is currently a Registered Dietitian, an Instructor in the Department Human Nutrition and Hospitality Management and pursuing her doctorate in

Health Education and Health Promotion from The University of Alabama. December 2013 marked the end of her career in collegiate athletics after three successful seasons with football program at Alabama as Bryant-Denny Stadium Club Manager. She plans to teach and perform research in nutrition.

**Hugh Matthis '04** is now working at the prestigious Tavistock Country Club in New Jersey.

**Andy Richardson '05** has accepted the Head Golf Professional position at Milbrook Club in Greenwich, Conn.



**Eugene Grant '06**, who teaches math at Southeast Guilford High School, was named the 2013 Teacher of the Year for Guilford County Schools (N.C.). Eugene was described by his peers as “a high school math teacher who [has] a heart for changing lives ... In his classroom, he makes a point to reach students who may have had negative school experiences. His goal is to replace these negative experiences with positive memories of learning.” He also coaches football and basketball.

Smithsonian, the world’s largest museum and research complex. “Go Monarchs!” writes Ashley, who was a cheerleader while a student at MU.

**Erik Robinson '12** will be traveling to Tanzania to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro - the highest mountain in Africa and the highest free-standing mountain in the world. Erik has chosen to fundraise in honor of the 100th anniversary of Ouimet’s U.S. Open victory. Erik is a Ouimet Scholarship Alumni and is currently a PGA Assistant Golf Professional at Morris County Golf Club in Morristown, N.J.

**Devin Gee '08** will take the Head Golf Pro position at legendary Oakmont Country Club in January 2014. Devin did his Methodist PGA internship at Oakmont, and was appointed assistant pro in 2008. He has since been groomed to become the eighth head pro in the 110-year history of the club. Twenty national championships have been held at Oakmont, among them 11 majors, including 8 U.S. Opens and 3 PGA Championships

**David Hooper, PA-C '09** has joined the Sandhills Physical Medicine & Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation team. He has four years of neurosurgery experience focusing on the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic spinal conditions. His background includes athletic training/sports medicine to aid in nonsurgical management of orthopedic conditions.

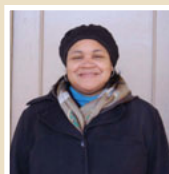
**Wes Mensing '09** is the newest Director of Instruction at Plainfield Golf Club in New Jersey.

**Brian Rashley '09** was named Resort PGA Merchandiser of the Year for the Philadelphia PGA section.

**Heather (Schneider) Ubbens '09** was recently hired by Las Vegas (NV) Metro Police Department (LVMPD) as a Crime Scene Analyst. She will be responsible for forensically processing all crime scenes from minor property crimes to homicides. She and her husband Andrew Ubbens '06, who also serves in the LVMPD, reside in Las Vegas.

**Samantha Arrington '10** recently passed the Florida bar exam and was admitted to practice law. She was a magna cum laude graduate at MU in mass communications, with journalism major and a legal studies minor. Samantha continued her education at North Carolina Central University School of Law, and graduated in spring 2013 with cum laude and law review distinctions. Samantha, who recently became engaged, is planning to join the Judge Advocate General Corps.

**Ashley Deese '11** earned her degree in Biology at Methodist, and in May 2013 graduated from Elon University with a Master’s in Interactive Media. She accepted a position in Washington, D.C. as a media producer specializing in science education with the



Methodist University student **Melisa Eslinger '13** had her internship, arranged by Professor Mary Deyampert McCall in MU’s Social Work Department, turn into a job offer as a case manager at Cumberland County Interfaith Hospitality Network. Melisa majored in Social Work and her internship was from August to December of 2013. Interfaith Hospitality Network Executive Director Denise Giles offered her a full-time job as a caseworker upon her graduation on December 15, 2013. Melisa was thrilled to take the position, which is challenging work with homeless families, providing counseling, transitional and emergency housing, education, and other assistance to those in need.

# SHARE YOUR NEWS

We would like to hear about your personal and professional accomplishments. Send alumni announcements to: *Lauren Cook Wike, Director of Alumni Affairs at: [lwike@methodist.edu](mailto:lwike@methodist.edu), 910.630.7167, or 800.488.7110 ext.7167.*

# ALUMNI AWARDS



From left: Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Del Crisp Jr., Thomas Pope '78, Lynn Clark '72, Steve Driggers '76, Tim Holtsclaw '92, Bob Dunn '70, and John Brown '71.

The MU Alumni Association (MUAA) Awards focus on the very best that MU alumni have accomplished in their communities, careers, and in helping to make Methodist the strong institution that it is today. It's also a celebration of the faculty and staff who contribute so much of their time and effort to ensure that students fulfill their full potential as they travel the MU Journey. This year, seven of the eight award recipients were available for a panel discussion on Ethics in the Workplace before an audience of MU students Oct. 25. Given the diverse business backgrounds of the awardees, this was a lively panel and students had many questions. The MUAA Awards Ceremony took place Oct. 26 in Yarborough Hall, with MUAA President **Dr. Kelli Sapp '91** presiding, and President Ben Hancock Jr. assisting in presenting awards to alumni. The following awards were presented:

## METHODIST UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

### **THE HON. JOHN W. BROWN '71** **CHESAPEAKE, VA.**

**John Brown '71** earned his J.D. at Wake Forest and a master's in law & taxation at William and Mary. He practiced law in Chesapeake for 34 years and was among the most successful criminal defense attorneys in southeastern Virginia. Since 2008, he has served as a judge on the First Judicial Circuit of the Commonwealth of Virginia. He has contributed in numerous ways to his community and state. His statewide service includes serving as a governor's appointee to the Boards of the Virginia Chapter of the Nature Conservancy and to the State Board for Community Colleges. Brown has also been involved in real estate development, including the renovation and leasing of commercial office buildings in Chesapeake and Suffolk. He and his wife, Donna, have three children.

### **ROBERT DUNN '70** **CHARLOTTE, N.C.**

**Bob Dunn '70** was the president of The Finley Group, Inc., a nationally recognized Turnaround and Crisis Management firm, which he co-founded in 1985. For more than 25 years, The Finley Group, based in Charlotte, has been a trusted interim management and advisory firm consisting of dedicated seasoned business professionals, as well as a valuable management resource for improving the operational and financial results of

healthy companies, returning underperforming companies back to health, and steering organizations in crisis to maximize value. Prior to co-founding The Finley Group, Dunn was a commercial loan and workout officer at NCNB, the predecessor to Bank of America. He was involved with Methodist University's Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) for many years, and was a recipient of the Business and Economics Award in 2002 by the CFE. See *Bob Dunn '70 story on page 44.*

### **THOMAS POPE '78** **STEDMAN, N.C.**

Thomas Pope's father was dean of students and religion professor in the 70s, and is remembered fondly by many students. Pope has made his own mark as a top-notch motorsports journalist and now the sports editor for the *Fayetteville Observer*. He has been at the *Observer* since 1978, and during that time has won 25 awards from the National Motorsports Press Association, including the 1994 George Cunningham Award as Writer of the Year. Pope is also a three-time IHRA Media Person of the Year. In 2013, he received the national Catlin Award, which came with a \$1,000 scholarship, which he designated to Methodist University. He recently won the Henry T. McLemore Award, given for lifetime contributions to motorsports journalism. He is married to MU alumna **Margaret Pope '78**, and they have two children and four grandchildren.

## METHODIST UNIVERSITY OUTSTANDING ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

### **TIM HOLTSCLAW '92** **FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**

By the time **Tim Holtsclaw '92** graduated from Methodist with a B.S. in Business Administration, he had already started his first business and was well on his way to a successful career as an entrepreneur. His businesses are as diverse as his personality, from nationally acclaimed Cheer Ltd. Inc. to locally owned ScrubOaks Restaurant. Methodist University continues to be an important part of Holtsclaw's life and his support of the University is seen through his giving of the Holtsclaw Leadership Award, his participation in the Hall of Fame Golf Tournament and the Board of Visitors Golf Tournament, and his grilling expertise for the PGM Program and Senior Days at MU. Tim Holtsclaw lives those beautiful lines from the Methodist University Alma Mater, always "Singing forth our highest praises, pledging our deep loyalty."

### **STEVE DRIGGERS '76** **FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.**

**Steve Driggers '76** has served in just about every leadership role at Methodist University, rotating on and off several times as president and member of both the Board of Visitors and Foundation Board. He is here for every home football game, broadcasting games live and through streaming web on the radio through Mid-South Sports. Driggers graduated and started his career in the area of education, coaching and teaching history for fifteen years. He then entered the telecommunication field with CellularOne and SunCom Wireless. Currently, he is the regional vice president for Systel Business Equipment. He is married to another alum, **Patricia Poulk Driggers, also Class of '76.**

## METHODIST UNIVERSITY OUTSTANDING FACULTY/STAFF AWARD

### **LYNN CLARK '72**

Now retired, **Lynn Clark '72** returned to her alma mater in 1985 to serve Methodist for many years as director of Alumni Affairs, special assistant for Church and Community Relations, and ultimately as special assistant to the president. In her work, she was meticulous and exemplified excellence in everything she undertook. She is a compassionate, caring person who has touched the lives of thousands of students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the University with her personal visits, notes, and hospitality that she has shown to thousands of visitors to Methodist's campus.

### **DR. DELMAS CRISP JR.** **EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND ACADEMIC DEAN**

Dean Del Crisp has been a very strong supporter of the alumni of Methodist University. He has brought in highly educated staff and has improved all areas of the school. He attends almost all sports events and is present at many student activities. He has a strong concern for the students as well as the well-being of the faculty, and he is involved daily in fellowship with students. His goal is to help make Methodist a leader in the academic world. He is a supporter of Methodist as it looks to achieve strategic goals that will move the University forward in the coming decades.

### **REV. DR. MIKE SAFLEY '72**

#### **VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY RELATIONS AND CAMPUS MINISTRY**

**Mike Safley '72** is another well-loved, long-time member of the Methodist family, having served as vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students at then Methodist College from 1987-1997, and returning in 2006 as vice president of University Relations and minister to the University. He is a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humanities by the College; and he has been awarded the Methodist College Medallion. Safley has a deep love of and commitment to serving the spiritual needs of young people and encouraging their faith journeys. He often officiates at alumni's and sometimes students' weddings, and over their children's baptisms.

# MU *on the* MOVE!



*The most recent MU on the Moves! were held in conjunction with the MU Chorale's Spring Break tour through North Carolina and Tennessee to Nashville. At right is the reception following the Greensboro, N.C. concert. The Chorale also performed in Charlotte, N.C.; Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and Nashville, Tenn.*



*MU on the Move! stopped in Raleigh, N.C. Nov. 19, 2013 for great food and fellowship.*



*MU on the Move! visited Swansboro, N.C. Oct. 8, 2013 where 40 alumni and current parents gathered for dinner and a great time.*





## *To our fellow alumni,*

Whether you are a recent graduate or a member of one of the early Methodist College classes, there has never been a better time to reconnect with your alma mater. The physical campus is growing while the University is expanding and progressing at an impressive rate, and this is just the beginning.

New programs, new facilities, and new resources are in the works, and Methodist is also improving and expanding iconic existing structures that have been a part of the University since the beginning.

Maybe you come back for Homecoming every year, or maybe you haven't checked in with the Alumni Office in a while. Either way, there are probably many new things going on at Methodist that will surprise you. We hope that you will take a moment to renew your ties to the University and see for yourself how the Culture of Excellence is enhancing the Monarch experience.

Up to now, the local community has been a large part of this process, but the University's future path to continued growth and improvement will rely heavily on alumni like you. Through "The Campaign for Methodist University – Building Excellence," you can be a part of this exciting transformation by giving back to the place that helped prepare and transform you.

For alumni like us, helping the next generation of Monarchs become engaged, enriched, and empowered, is about Monarch spirit, pride, and being part of something bigger than ourselves. We understand that giving back to Methodist doesn't necessarily mean writing a big check, either. Every donation is important and welcome, at any level, but there are also numerous other opportunities to help and get involved through alumni activities. You could volunteer, come to an *MU on the Move!* event, or host a gathering, for example. The Alumni office can help you find your most comfortable level and form of involvement.

Our goal for this campaign is \$35 million, and we're in the home stretch to meeting that goal. For alumni, we also have another goal. We want to see at least 1,200 alumni contributing to the campaign, at any level possible. We hope you will consider this rewarding opportunity, and we look forward to seeing you soon at an alumni event!

Sincerely,

**ED "TUNA" KEIL '70**

*Alumni Representative, National Campaign Committee*

**DORIS JACKSON MUNOZ '06**

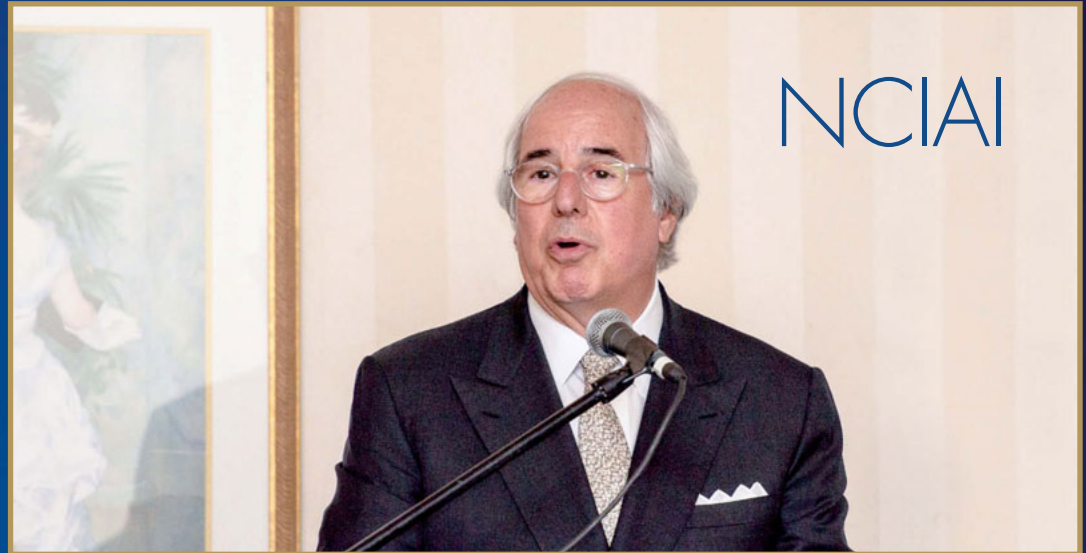
*Alumni Representative, National Campaign Committee*



The MU Interfaith Council hosted a Holi Festival of Colors event March 20 on Sink Field. Students celebrated the Hindu spring festival by throwing paint on each other and enjoying music and dance.



Top right: Student Abanob Salib throws paint. Center right: Student Amber Cartwright dodges through the celebration. Bottom right: Students Simon Olivier, Sebastien Haas, Aurelie Stach, Carolina Pinto, Julie Cassard, and Sojeong Ji show of their colors.



Top left: MU Professor David Pauly introduces speaker Frank Abegnale. Right: Keynote Speaker Frank Abegnale talks about his life story, which inspired the movie "Catch Me if You Can." Bottom left: Steve Downs, senior instructor of Forensics for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glencoe, Ga. presents a Gun Shot Residue Display donated from True Forensics.

Methodist University and the Fayetteville Police Department cohosted the annual training conference of the North Carolina Chapter of the International Association of Identification in March. MU's Director of the Center for Excellence in Justice Administration Dr. Mark Bowman, was among the speakers. Dave Pauly, Methodist University Associate Professor of Justice Studies, was the conference organizer and an event host.

# BUILDING EXCELLENCE

I am a Presidential Scholarship recipient and have worked hard to merit my scholarships, but I am reliant on generous donors who are willing to assist me with my tuition, and I am grateful to them. Thank you for helping me reach my goals and dreams of becoming a teacher.

—Allison Phipps, Class of 2015,  
Fayetteville, NC  
Elementary Education

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## MU *on the* MOVE! 2014-2015

**BOSTON, MASS.** Wednesday, May 28, in conjunction with American Association of Physician Assistants conference, 6:30 p.m.  
Union Oyster House | 41 Union Square

**GREENVILLE, NC** Wednesday, June 11, NCCUMC Annual Conference Reception, 5:30 p.m.  
City Bistro | 203 SW Greenville Blvd.

**PINEHURST, NC** Friday, June 13, Alumni event at Legacy Lakes Golf Club during the 2014 U.S. Open Championship, 7:00 p.m.

**HAMPTON ROADS, VA** Saturday, June 21, 6 p.m.-midnight at Frogland Jam (Ed "Tuna" Keil '70)

*For more information about these events or to R.S.V.P.  
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