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BY THE NUMBERS

MU FAST FACTS

- 11,067** | Total Alumni
- \$15,025** | Average amount awarded to first-year Presidential Scholars
- \$34 M** | Current Campaign Total
- 2,461** | Total Enrollment for 2014
- 1,072** | Residential Enrollment for 2014
- 233** | Graduate Student Enrollment
- 522** | Military or military dependent students receiving benefits
- 160** | International students enrolled at MU, coming from 57 different countries
- 13** | Buildings on campus renovated or constructed over the past five years

TOP TEN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- 1** | Business Administration with a Concentration in PGA Golf Management
- 2** | Business Administration
- 3** | Biology
- 4** | Justice Studies
- 5** | Pre-Nursing
- 6** | Physician Assistant Studies (Graduate)
- 7** | Social Work
- 8** | Athletic Training
- 9** | Accounting
- 10** | Marketing



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On the cover: Methodist University's students, impact, education, and outlook are truly global. Read more in this issue's cover section, "It's a Monarch World." L-R: Ronnakrit Nasomsong (Thailand), Samantha Scoggins (U.S.A.), Lorraine Lamola (South Africa), Archibal Miracle (Haiti), Hamidullah Wafakaish (Afghanistan), Gynal Saintilien (Haiti), Kayla Pless (U.S.A.), and Iuliia Melnikova (Russia).

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The first rays of morning welcome back students from Spring Break to the campus of Methodist University.

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CLAYTON INDUCTED INTO THE FAYETTEVILLE SPORTS CLUB HALL OF FAME

Speaking about his time with Methodist and its athletic programs, Vice President for Business Affairs Gene Clayton said, "It's been a labor of love all these years." Clayton was speaking Feb. 10 to a group at the Highland Country Club, gathered to celebrate his induction, along with three others, into the Fayetteville Sports Club Hall of Fame.

A longtime coach before he became an administrator, Clayton coached six sports and won nine conference titles at Methodist from 1966 to 1985. He also served as the athletics director for 20 years. He was at Methodist when intercollegiate

athletics started with just three sports: basketball, tennis, and golf.

"A young school, you didn't have much equipment then, didn't have a real nice facility, but it didn't matter," Clayton said.

He then pointed to record-setting basketball player Jim Darden '69, who was among the crowd.

"When you coach people of that quality, you don't have to have great facilities," Clayton said. "You just have to have people with good attitudes."

Article excerpt from The Fayetteville Observer.

VONNEGUT RECEIVES WOMEN OF JUSTICE AWARD

Director of Legal Studies Dr. Wendy Vonnegut was among several women from across North Carolina recognized with a North Carolina Lawyers Weekly's 2014 Women of Justice Award last semester.

Vonnegut was given the Legal Professional Award for demonstrating leadership, integrity, service, sacrifice and accomplishment in improving the quality of justice and exemplifying the highest ideals of the legal profession.



KAITLIN TART NAMED MISS METHODIST 2015

The Miss Methodist pageant was held Feb. 6 in Huff Concert Hall.

Tart, who is from Benson, is a sophomore and plans to enter the nursing major next year. She also won the People's Choice award at the event, which is determined by donations made to a contestant's name.

The event raised \$1,300 for Play 4Kay.

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Kylie Arauz checks out one of the new Zipcars in the Berns parking lot.

ZIPCARS DRIVE ON TO CAMPUS

In January, Methodist University launched a new partnership with car sharing network Zipcar, Inc. The convenient transportation option is now available on campus at an affordable rate 24 hours a day, seven days a week for students, faculty, and staff ages 18 and older.

Student Lorenzo McKenzie said he mainly likes to use the cars to go shopping, but also used one of the vehicles to attend a leadership conference at Elon.

"I really like the availability," McKenzie said. "Being an international student who

does not own a car, it's really convenient."

Student De'Andrea Williamson also went with on the conference trip in the Zipcar with McKenzie and other students.

"I enjoy using the Zipcars because they are hassle-free," Williamson said. "They can be easily unlocked from an app on your cellphone. All you have to do is make a reservation and the rest is easy."

The cars, which are kept in a campus lot near Berns Student Center, can be rented by any Methodist University community member after a \$25 joining fee. Rental rates begin at \$7.50 per

hour and can run to \$69 per day. Gas and insurance for up to 180 miles of driving per day are included in the rates. Methodist University students, faculty and staff can join Zipcar at zipcar.com/methodist.

Participating members with smartphones, including iPhones and Android devices, may download the Zipcar mobile application to make reservations, lock and unlock the vehicles, and honk the horn to help locate the vehicle. Reservations can also be made over the phone or on Zipcar's website.

"GABBIE AND THE GHOST" WINS SILVER AT RADIO AWARDS

Mass Communications students Jessica Fisher, Gabrielle Isaac, and Taylor Jones were recognized in March as finalists for a national award by the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (IBS). The group, which was recognized for their "Gabbie and the Ghost" radio show, traveled to New York City with Mass Communication Department Chair Paul Joseph to attend the IBS conference and awards, where the show was up against programs from eight other institutions for the National Best On-Air Personality award.

"Our show began in Professor Joseph's Radio Production class in August," Isaac said. "We were challenged to make a show for the class and maintain it throughout the semester. Our show is a

news, pop culture, and sports show with top hits music mixed in for our listeners."

The show features Isaac and Jones, as the ghost, and is produced by Fisher.



Listen to episodes of "Gabbie and the Ghost."

MONARCHS IMPRESS AT ENCCA CAREER FAIR

The Office of Career Services, along with 32 Monarchs, attended the Eastern North Carolina Career Alliance Career Fair, held Feb. 11 on the campus of N.C. State. As well as encouraging students to attend, Career Services also provided transportation for many of their students to the event.

Director of Career Services Antoinette Bellamy said the Methodist students and alumni who went to the fair were "impressive," and that her office received "excellent feedback" from employers at the fair about the quality of MU students.

"Several students have been contacted by organizations they met during the event, and we continue to hear great stories," Bellamy said. "Students got calls for interviews very quickly."



Clockwise from top, Rachel Simmons, Nicole Hardin, and Chris Barger talk with recruiters at ENCCA Career Fair.



Gabrielle Isaac, left, Taylor Jones, and Jessica Fisher show off their Intercollegiate Broadcasting System award in New York City.



METHODIST UNIVERSITY FACULTY KEEP THE PRESSES RUNNING

Recently published faculty include:



Dr. Michael Potts, Philosophy

- ◆ Article, "A Theologian Answers Questions About the Heart: St. Thomas Aquinas' De Motu Cordis," published in the online journal *Hektoen International*
- ◆ Short story, "Earnest Expectations," published in the horror anthology, *We are Dust and Shadow*
- ◆ Book, *Aerobics for the Mind: Practical Exercises in Philosophy that Anybody Can Do*



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Dr. Matthew Dobra, Business

- ◆ Article, "Formulating Research Policy on Expert Advice," with co-author Christis Tombazos, in *European Economic Review*



Read Dr. Michael Potts' article:

A Theologian Answers Questions About the Heart: St. Thomas Aquinas' De Motu Cordis



Megan Roberts, English

- ◆ Fiction published in two journals: "Ugly Child" in *Drunken Boat* and "Secondhand" in *The MacGuffin*



Read Megan Roberts' fiction:

"Ugly Child" in *Drunken Boat*

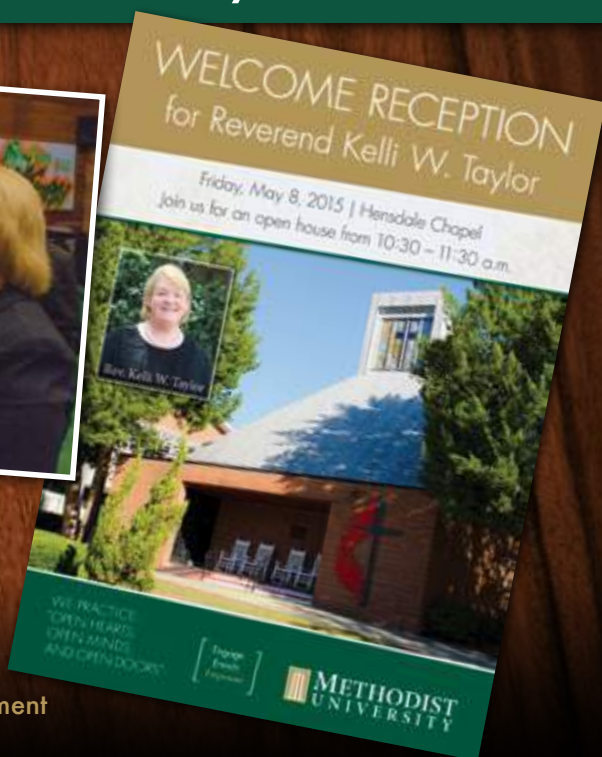
Reverend Kelli W. Taylor Joins Methodist University



Left, Rev. Taylor gives the opening prayer during the 2015 Spring Baccalaureate. Right, President Ben Hancock introduces former President M. Elton Hendricks to Rev. Taylor during the welcome reception on May 8.

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

— President Ben Hancock



Lewis Jourden and son Lynn Jourden, of Hercules Steel, pose in front of the new Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building.

HERCULES STEEL: A STORY OF SUPPORT

JOURDENS AND HERCULES STEEL SHARE STRONG HISTORY WITH METHODIST UNIVERSITY

In the center of campus sits the first and most visible project Hercules Steel did at MU, the Yarborough Bell Tower. Completed in 1965, the full steel structure was delivered and installed in one piece, which was then finished with the addition of the Jones Memorial Carillon and the cross-shaped lights at the top.

Now owned by Lewis Jourden, the company's current project on campus is the Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building. The construction of its steel frame, like a giant Erector Set, has been eagerly watched by the community. As was the fate of every other project except the bell tower, however, the steel was always destined to be covered and hidden in bricks and cement as the building progressed.

Regardless of its visibility, Jourden and his son, Vice President of Operations Lynn Jourden, will take pride in the fact that it's there. Longtime supporters of the University, their company has also done the steel fabrication that lays inside Hensdale Chapel, March F. Riddle Athletic Center, Richard Player Center, Nimocks Fitness Center, the addition to the Dr. and Mrs. M. Elton Hendricks Science

Complex, the Trustees Building lobby addition, and several of the residential buildings.

Originally located on South King Street in Fayetteville, Hercules Steel Company was founded in 1954 by Amos Morehead Stack and Ben Huske. Texas native Lewis Jourden started working at the company in 1962, fresh out of Ft. Bragg and with some experience working with steel back in Houston. The job was meant to be temporary, and the work was entry-level, as a draftsman and sometimes gofer. Then he married his wife, Carolyn, who had family in the area, and they soon settled down to start their own family, adding son Lynn and daughter Shelly.

"Mr. Stack took a special interest in me," he said. "Home is where you hang your hat, and the job was good with Hercules."

In 1964, the business moved to its current location on Country Club Drive. Meanwhile, Jourden proved himself as a consistent worker, kept a positive attitude even when the steel industry was having a tough time, took engineering courses and did tasks that needed doing. That plan moved him from the shop work to the drawing room in three



years. He also took advantage of offers to purchase company stock. Eventually, he found himself holding a buy/sell agreement when Stack passed away and Huske had left the company.

“My forté was observing people and what their capabilities were, and perseverance,” Lewis Jourden said. “We were a \$4 million a year company when Morehead Stack died, and from then we went on to be a \$20 million a year company at one point.”

Jourden lives north of Methodist, so he drives past the campus every day on his way to work. He remembers when there were only four red lights between his house and business. Now there are 18. He approves of the new look the campus has given the northern gateway to Fayetteville, and considers the University one of Fayetteville’s biggest assets.

“I think the School of Health Sciences is great,” he said. “The PA Program before that was a long time coming. We’re just glad to be a part of it.”

When Lynn Jourden officially started working at Hercules, he was an 18-year-old band saw operator at minimum wage. He was also going to school at Eastern

Carolina University, coming home to work every weekend and most breaks.

“He always made me earn it,” Lynn Jourden said of his father. “I’ve accomplished a lot because he challenged me to do it.”

After Lynn graduated with his degree in industrial technology with a concentration in construction management, he was ready to do more with the company.

“He’s coming along,” Lewis Jourden said. “A father’s son is every man’s dream, but I had no idea it was going to work as well as it did.”

Lynn Jourden helped move Hercules Steel through changes, consolidating to do more with less while at the same time

taking on versatile international projects like rock crushing machines in Liberia and fiber draw towers that go all over the world. Now with 48 employees, the structured steel fabricator sells customers steel pieces, tools, or custom industrial and commercial fabrication jobs with exacting specifications.

The only thing some of their projects have in common is they are built to last with the strength of steel.



Dedication of the Yarborough Bell Tower May 31, 1965.



PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS RECEIVE PREFERRED PARKING

Methodist University dedicated seven campus preferred parking spaces Jan. 28 for current or former U.S. service members who have received the Purple Heart. The ceremony was held in the parking lot behind Berns Student Center, where two of the spaces are located. The spaces are marked with signs provided by the Wounded Warriors Family Support (WWFS) organization.

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

“As a student senator, I work with the MU chapter of Student Veterans of America and I wanted to have something

on campus to recognize the sacrifices that our service members have made and give back to our student veterans,” McNeil said. “I felt it was important to bring to light the commitment Methodist University makes to its student veterans and to the military community in Fayetteville.”

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

“The designation of preferred parking for our Purple Heart recipients is a demonstration of our continuing support

and commitment to our soldiers and their families,” said President Ben Hancock. “It symbolizes the University’s signature service extended to those who have served our country and all that we hold dear.”

VETERANS BENEFIT AT MU

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



Student and veteran David McNeil, left, stands next to one of the new Purple Heart parking signs in front of the Berns Student Center with SGA members Jameco McKenzie, Paul Brown, and Leigh Ann Philbee.



Seth Patten gets hooded at graduation.

Two hundred and seventeen students graduated in the 42nd annual Winter Commencement, which took place on Dec. 13. The commencement speaker was Dr. Fouad Fakhouri, music director and conductor of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra. During the commencement, the University also recognized Margaret Ann Player and Richard "Dick" Player, Jr., longtime supporters of Methodist, with the University Medallion. Student Lisa Chapman was awarded the Sam Edwards Award, which is given each winter commencement to an outstanding graduate, as determined by a faculty vote. Distinguished Graduate Zachary Sweet was also recognized and addressed his fellow graduates during the ceremony.



Trena Agee celebrates after receiving her degree.

2014 WINTER COMMENCEMENT



Dr. Fouad Fakhouri gives the commencement speech.



Lisa Chapman receives the Sam Edwards Award.



Lemuel Nichols shows off his diploma.

Zachary Sweet addresses the class as the Distinguished Graduate.



Lacey Truelove and Scottie Gendron are all smiles.



For more photos of the 42nd Annual Winter Commencement, scan this QR code.

52ND SPRING COMMENCEMENT



Inset photos, from left, Heather Strickland, with her mother Dr. Pamela J. Strickland, professor of accounting; Faith Pletcher and her mother Lacherie Hall proceed into graduation. Mark Kendrick congratulates Patrina Lowrie. Zachary Hazzard rings the bell after graduation. International graduate Mariama Jabati celebrates with her host mother Allison Pope, left, and her aunt, Juliet Massah Sheriff.

“The presence of Judy Woodruff as Commencement speaker and the recognition of Eleanor Manning for her community involvement provide an opportunity for us to celebrate living examples of excellence.” — President Ben Hancock

The 52nd annual Spring Commencement Ceremony pulled through the impending threat of rain May 9 to sunny skies until the event was over. Commencement speaker Judy Woodruff, the co-anchor and managing editor at PBS NewsHour, showed she had done her research on the university and its many accomplishments.

“Still a young institution, it is already making a difference in the lives of thousands of men and women who have walked through its doors,” Woodruff said. “You are pushing to expand the excellence that already exists.”

Woodruff interviewed several graduating students before composing her speech, and began by speaking to the crowd about the students’ goals, and how Methodist had helped them. She then praised Methodist’s globally diverse education, and urged students to think about how to help tackle social and inequity issues at home and abroad.

“To all of you, your country needs you,” she said. “Washington often seems like a place where maturity is in short supply, but whatever you do, don’t give up on our political system. We need the best and the brightest in public service.”



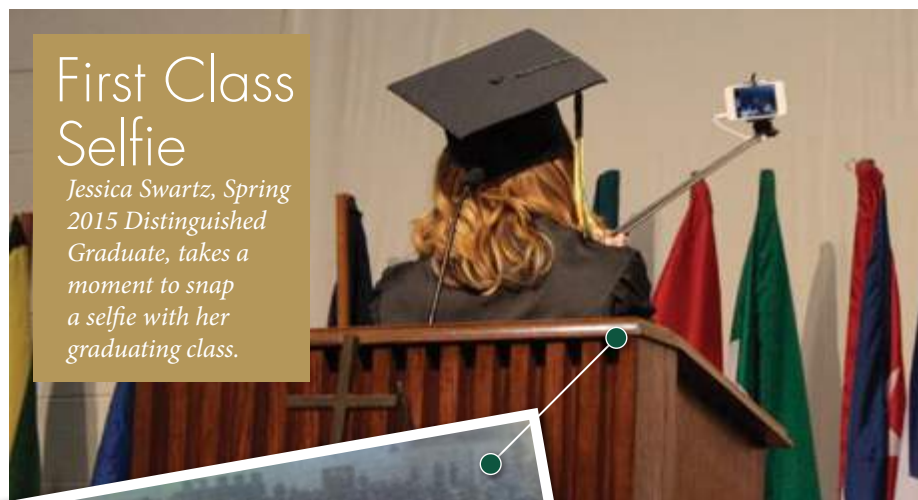
Judy Woodruff, co-anchor and managing editor of PBS NewsHour and former White House correspondent, delivers the commencement address. She was honored by Methodist University with a Doctor of Humane Letters.



The University Medallion was presented to Eleanor Boone Manning by President Ben Hancock.



Eight ROTC cadets are sworn in as United States Army Officers.



First Class Selfie

Jessica Swartz, Spring 2015 Distinguished Graduate, takes a moment to snap a selfie with her graduating class.



Justin Wells received a Bachelor of Arts in Religion



GLOBAL DIVERSITY

CEREMONY OF FLAGS

Graduating students who are first to represent their country are eligible to present their respected country's flag to the President for permanent display throughout the University. There are 111 flags on display now.

Anchelam Alemayehu from Ethiopia, left, and Esra'ā Al-Shawafi of Yemen, right, present their flags to President Ben Hancock.



RING THE BELL

A new tradition started this commencement, with graduates encouraged to ring a victory bell as they exited the ceremony. The temporary bell shown will be replaced with a permanent victory bell that students will enjoy for many years to come.



From left, B.J. Minter, Dylan Cain, and Fernando Tevez Rosales ring the bell.

GRADS GIVE BACK. YOU CAN STILL CONTRIBUTE.

The victory bell is the Class of 2015's Grads Give Back gift. More than 50 percent of the graduates gave their first alumni gift to the university towards the purchase of this bell. To make a contribution, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 910.630.7200 or go to methodist.edu/giving.

Mace Bearer Trevor Hendricks listens to final instructions before leading the procession to March F. Riddle Athletic Center.

The Reverend Kelli W. Taylor gives the invocation. Methodist University's Commencement Ceremony was streamed live by webcast.



For more photos of the 52nd Annual Spring Commencement, scan this QR code.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS TIE GALLERY SHOWS IN 2014-2015 SEASON

War-time photojournalism and colorful abstract paintings were the subjects of two recent exhibits at the David McCune International Art Gallery. In the fall, the gallery hosted “Testament,” an exhibition of photographs by the late journalist Chris Hondros. “Searching for the Real,” a show by artist Mison Kim, ran Feb. 13 to April 15.

Both exhibits had one thing in common: a strong connection to the Fayetteville community.

“The McCune Gallery Advisory Board made a decision this academic year to bring nationally recognized artists who have local connections,” said Silvana Foti, McCune Gallery Executive Director.

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

Kim was born in Seoul, South Korea and moved to the United States with her family in 1986. She attended Seventy-First High School to complete her senior year. She won awards and funding to complete both a Bachelor’s and a Master’s degree in Fine Arts at the Pratt Institute. Through her company Jadu7, Inc., she works as a fashion designer, illustrator, and consultant for Tory Burch, Talbots, Old Navy, and Federated Merchandising Group.

McCune Gallery Advisory Board member Janet Parks fondly remembers teaching Kim at Seventy-First High School.

“In 1986, Mison Kim entered my 12th grade art class,” Parks said. “From the start it was abundantly clear that she possessed extremely strong artistic abilities.”



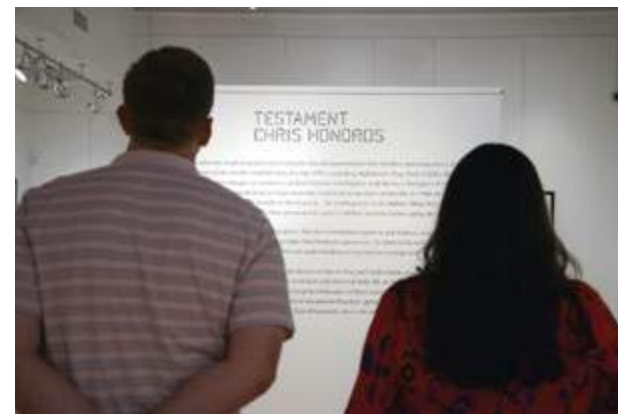
Janet Parks reunites with artist Mison Kim.



Visitors discuss the work of Mison Kim, center.



Visitors admire Mison Kim's artwork.



Viewers take in the Chris Hondros exhibit Testament.



Show attendees admired Current Course, a large oil on canvas by Mison Kim.

GALLERY HOURS

Gallery hours are Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., closed Sunday, Monday, and school breaks.



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2015-2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

Building on a Culture of Excellence

The idea of a Culture of Excellence has been a guiding principle as Methodist University makes decisions, reacts to challenges, and seizes opportunities. As the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan draws to a close, the next plan is already in motion, and the Culture of Excellence is again an integral part. We define excellence in terms of signature people, signature programs, signature facilities, and signature partnerships. As all of these things combine, Methodist is creating a strong, sturdy foundation for the future.

Foundations are for building, and the moment is right to keep going upward. "Excellence" is the word for our momentum, gains, and vision for the future, which is why "Building on a Culture of Excellence" is the theme of our 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. This plan was designed over the course of five months, with small group meetings gathering input that was then refined and finalized by the 37-member Strategic Planning Committee comprised of faculty, staff, students, and trustees, before being unanimously approved by the full Board of Trustees in February.

Pillars

- 1
Academics and Innovation
- 2
Community and Global Engagement
- 3
Enrollment and Student Success
- 4
Facilities
- 5
Financial Strength



Develop and expand nationally-recognized programs, and support innovative technologies to enhance traditional and online learning.



Broaden students' spiritual, social, cultural, and intellectual horizons, and expand partnerships within the community.



Increase support for students to maximize academic success and graduation rates, and increase enrollment through development of new programs.



Implement the next phase of the Campus Master Plan with new facilities, improve campus parking and traffic flow, and expand campus sustainability efforts.



Continue to implement employee compensation strategy to attract and retain outstanding faculty and staff, and increase philanthropy for university endowment.

ROBUST ENROLLMENT GROWTH | 3,000 Students
ACADEMIC RELEVANCE | 9 new or expanded academic programs
ACCESSIBILITY | 4 new blended online degree programs
EXPERIENTIAL | 100% participation in internships or clinical experiences
STUDENT CENTERED | 70% first-year retention rate
SUCCESSFUL | 90% placement rate into careers or graduate school

BOLD FUNDRAISING EFFORTS | Surpass \$35 million campaign goal
STATE OF THE ART TECHNOLOGY | 100% wireless campus
MODERN FACILITIES | Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building, Matthews World Ministry Center, and Huff Concert Hall
COMMUNITY FOCUSED | Committed to expanding partnerships

THE 2nd ANNUAL
Presidential Lecture Series



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The movie *Lincoln* based on Goodwin's book *Team of Rivals* received critical acclaim. In December 2012 the film was nominated for seven Golden Globe Awards. Daniel Day-Lewis, who portrayed *Lincoln*, won an Oscar and Golden Globe Award for Best Actor. *Lincoln* won the Academy Award for Best Picture.

Doris Kearns Goodwin teaches leadership lessons from the White House

Focusing on Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Doris Kearns Goodwin shared "Leadership Lessons from the White House" with Methodist University at the Presidential Lecture Series in April. A Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer, historian, and political commentator, Kearns Goodwin delighted small and large audiences on campus with a wealth of presidential anecdotes and stories while showing how history can be fun.

Kearns Goodwin said she's spent four decades with "dead presidents."

"It may seem an odd profession to spend day and night with dead presidents, but I wouldn't have it any other way," she said.

Among the list of leadership traits and lessons she shared during her lecture, the first thing all three presidents shared was an ability to motivate themselves in the face of adversity. Others included the confidence to surround themselves with people who would argue with them, the ability to share credit and responsibility, the continued connection to the people they served, and the ability to communicate with their countrymen. Finally, all three left behind legacies that left a moral aspect to their presidencies, she said.

Before speaking in Huff Concert Hall at the main event, she also sat down with President Ben Hancock and a small group of students in Yarborough Auditorium for a "fireside chat" discussion. There, she advised students to find a balance between work and life that they loved, and to be empathetic leaders.

"The best thing to do is learn about how other people live in different groups," she said. "The most important trait is empathy."

This year's Presidential Lecture Series was sponsored by BB&T, City Center Gallery and Books and Diane and Hank Parfitt, The Fayetteville Observer, First Citizens Bank, Rosalind and Terry Hutchens, Lafayette Ford Lincoln, and Daphne and Ray Manning.



Doris Kearns Goodwin answers questions from Methodist University students in Yarborough Auditorium in Clark Hall.



"My recurring nightmare is that someday I will be faced with a panel: Franklin Roosevelt, John Kennedy, and Lyndon Johnson all of whom will be telling me everything I got wrong about them. I know that Johnson's out there saying, 'Why is it that what you wrote about the Kennedys is twice as long as the book you wrote about me?'"
—Doris Kearns Goodwin



Above: Sharing a moment with Methodist Trustee Danny Highsmith. Retired four-star General Dan McNeill is introduced to Doris Kearns Goodwin at the reception.



Doris Kearns Goodwin signs a book for Trustee Frank Stout.

Methodist University to Offer Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Methodist University is proud to announce the university will offer an undergraduate degree in engineering in the fall of 2016.

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

The university is currently undertaking a nationwide search for a founding director of the engineering program with hopes to fill the position by July. Methodist is also surveying industry professionals and interested students in order to guide the development of specific focuses within the future engineering program. "Methodist University's move into engineering is a natural extension of our mission to serve the needs of prospective students, employers, and our nation," said President Dr. Ben Hancock. "Increasing numbers of individuals are inquiring about the availability of an engineering program, so we are responding accordingly with a commitment to excellence that characterizes our other signature academic programs."

Executive Vice President and Academic Dean Delmas Crisp said the program will continue to build on the University's strengths in the natural, physical, and health sciences.

"The Methodist University Engineering Program will provide a firm foundation for multiple engineering disciplines which will satisfy the needs of the local and regional work force demands and will prepare students for graduate study and licensing as professional engineers," Crisp said.

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

Following the guidelines of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC),

Methodist University will first seek approval of the proposed engineering program from SACSCOC, which governs regional accreditation. Then, immediately upon the graduation of its inaugural engineering class in May 2020, the University will seek national accreditation of its undergraduate engineering program from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

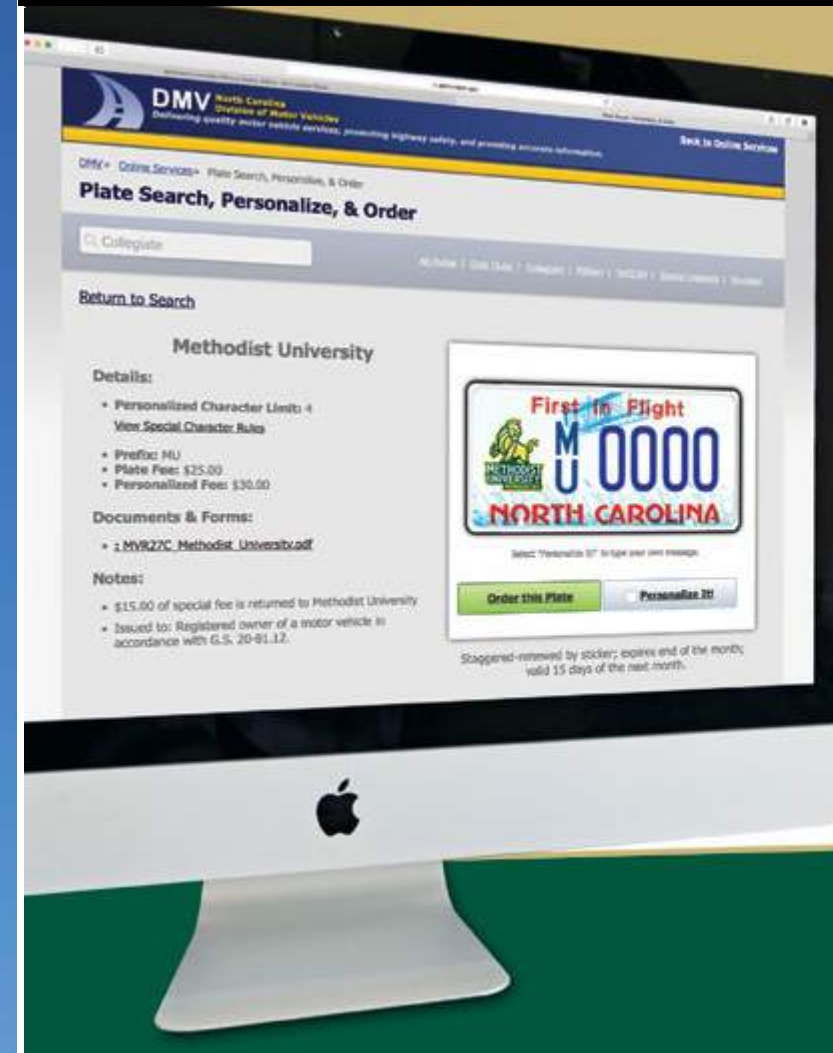
EASTER JAM 2015



On March 28, award winning contemporary Christian music artist, Josh Wilson headlined Easter Jam and delighted the audience with hits such as "Pushing Back the Dark" and "I Refuse." Special guests included Grammy nominated Christian hip-hop artist FLAME and local favorite Amy Bill.

Easter Jam is a free public concert sponsored by Methodist University Campus Ministry and is a community favorite.

To view photos from this event go to www.flickr.com/photos/kingmonarch/sets



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- ◆ \$25 for a regular plate
- ◆ \$55 for a personalized plate
- ◆ Methodist University will receive \$15 for every MU license plate purchased

ROTC alumni receive HONOR and RECOGNITION

A free spring Saturday in Monarch Stadium was hard for senior and ROTC Cadet Joshua Franklin to find, but on April 18 he got it. Planned as a day to honor past ROTC alumni and provide some family friendly fun, Franklin helped bring back ROTC Day at Methodist. The senior spearheaded the event, which invited ROTC alumni to connect, reminisce and become recognized.

“My mission was to find a way to honor distinguished alumni,” Franklin said. “I took this as an opportunity because those alumni are the bricks who paved the path that our current cadets are walking now. Without them, we wouldn’t be here.”

Methodist first instituted ROTC Day in 1981, but the tradition fell by the wayside

over the years. In its new version, the event transformed Monarch Stadium into a Drop Zone for the U.S. Army’s Black Dagger Parachute Demonstration Team.

At the fringes, brightly colored bouncy houses lined the field like a small village. For a gathering of about 100, a lunch of sandwiches, chips and treats like popcorn and snow cones were provided.

Cadet Franklin presented the Black Daggers with a certificate of appreciation for their service and support of Methodist University Monarch Company.

Colonel David J. Leach '92, director of J37, Joint Special Operations Command, was the honored speaker for the event. Colonel Leach said he was amazed how the program has grown,



Col. David J. Leach '92 speaks at the event.



Cadet Joshua Franklin and SFC Sunnydale Hyde of the Army's Black Daggers.

reminisced about his own college days and praised the strides the program has made. At the speech's end, Col. Leach gave the Methodist University ROTC program direct credit for opening doors throughout his military career and many times contributing to his success.

With the help of past ROTC graduates, large plaques engraved with the names of each ROTC alumni from Methodist University were unveiled. After the unveiling, alumni drew close to find their names and left with a smile. The plaques now reside in the Dr. and Mrs. M. Elton. Hendricks Science Complex, across from the ROTC office. There's plenty of space for future graduates.



Above: A large plaque bearing the names of every Methodist University ROTC graduate is unveiled with the help of ROTC alumni.



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For more information, call the Methodist University Army ROTC office at 910.630.7693 or visit the Green to Gold page at www.methodist.edu/rotc/gtog.htm



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Dr. Gene Clayton instructs a group of volunteers — Methodist University students, faculty and staff — on planting shrubbery on Show You Care Day, held this year on April 8.



SHOW YOU CARE DAY 2015

Campus volunteers took a day to show how much they cared about Methodist University this April on the latest Show You Care Day. The group helped beautify and landscape an area that had long suffered under heavy foot traffic.

The busy walkways that intersect between Reeves Fine Arts Building, the Dr. and Mrs. Elton M. Hendricks Science Complex and Hensdale Chapel are now beautifully spaced with plantings of flowers, bushes, small trees, and pine straw.



Ilisha Housch, Aimee Boyd, and Matthew Lohff volunteer at the Spring 2015 Show You Care Day.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT HOSTS WOMEN'S HISTORY AND SOCIAL WORK EVENT



The Hon. Patricia Timmons-Goodson, left, Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan, The Hon. Margaret Highsmith Dickson, Dr. Sharon Cooper, and Lori Jones Gibbs were the speakers at the March event.

In recognition of March as both Social Work Month and Women's History Month, the Methodist University Department of Social Work hosted "Threads of History: Powerful Women in Service," March 26.

The event featured five distinguished women: Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan, The Hon. Patricia Timmons-Goodson, The Hon. Margaret Highsmith Dickson, Lori Jones Gibbs, and Dr. Sharon Cooper. At the end of the event, a painting commissioned from artist Synthia Saint James was unveiled.

"This year, the stories of accomplished women from many professions were made visible for all to appreciate," said Social Work Chair Dr. Carla Fagan. "Methodist University wanted to celebrate these five powerful women who serve humanity in multiple venues. The work of an accomplished artist lent a sixth voice to the power of women in service."

About the speakers

Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan is chair of the MU Board of Trustees and is the chairwoman of The Campaign for Methodist University - Building Excellence. She also serves as the editor of "The Jane Addams Papers," is the former executive director for the Cumberland Community Foundation, and has served on the North Carolina Historical Commission.

The Honorable Patricia Timmons-Goodson was appointed to the N.C. Supreme Court by Governor Michael Easley in 2006, becoming the fourth woman and first African American woman to serve on the state's highest court. She served 28 years in the judiciary of North Carolina before retiring in 2012.

The Honorable Margaret Highsmith Dickson was elected to the N.C. House of Representatives in 2002, and appointed to the North Carolina Senate in 2010 by Governor Beverly Perdue,

where she served until 2011. She serves on numerous boards, including the Methodist University Board of Trustees, Lillian's List Action Fund, the Women's Forum of North Carolina, and the North Carolina State Bar.

Lori Jones Gibbs is the vice president and Community Development Carolinas Market Manager for PNC. She directs a team of people who focus on partnering with organizations to initiate and expand existing community and economic development activities.

Dr. Sharon W. Cooper is the CEO of Developmental and Forensic Pediatrics, P.A., a consulting firm which provides medical care, research, training and expert witness experience in child maltreatment cases as well as medical care for children with disabilities. She works with national and international investigative agencies on Internet-facilitated crimes against children cases.



Ben Hancock addresses the audience at the event.

About the artist

Synthia Saint James is a world-renowned multicultural visual artist, and an award-winning author and illustrator of 17 children's books. She is also a speaker, educator, and architectural designer who has garnered numerous awards. She serves as a global ambassador for Susan G. Komen for the Cure's "Circle of Promise."



Social Work Professor Mary Deyampert-McCall presents Margaret Highsmith Dickson with a copy of the painting unveiled at the event, which each speaker received.

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—Patrick Cortes, Class of 2017, Anchorage, AK
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CONVOCATION SPRING 2015



Methodist University's 2015 Spring Convocation took place in Huff Concert Hall in the Reeves Fine Arts Building on Feb. 2. The annual event showcased gospel music in celebration of Black History Month, and highlighted the historical development of gospel music and its influence on American society. The university's Triple Threat step team also performed.



"A record number of students traveled abroad this past year on four continents. This included two new MU study centers in Wales and Italy. The University also attracted a record number of international students – 160 from 55 different countries."
– President Ben Hancock

Methodist University makes

GLOBAL IMPACT



MONARCHS EXPLORE INDIA'S DIVERSE OPPORTUNITIES

A six-member delegation from Methodist University visited India for 11 days in January to learn firsthand about opportunities for recruitment, exchange, and study abroad. The group included Dr. Ben Hancock and his wife, Debbie; Trustees Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan and the Hon. Margaret Dickson; and International Programs and Study Abroad Director Lyle Sheppard and Assistant Director of Study Abroad Jennifer Ramos.



Lyle Sheppard speaks with visitors at Education USA university fair.



The India group visits the Red Fort in New Delhi.

“We returned to the U.S. with much more than we expected,” Dr. Hancock said. “There is a great deal of interest by Indian students and their families in experiencing an American university education, and they are particularly interested in MU’s ‘hand crafted’ educational approach. They were intrigued by our niche programs in professional management like golf and tennis, and in health sciences that are not readily available in India.”

According to the 2014 Open Doors Report by the Institute of International Education, 102,673 Indian students studied in the U.S. during the 2013-2014 academic year. This represents 11.6% of all international students studying at U.S. institutions, second only to China in the number of international students studying in the U.S. That, 6.1 percent, is expected to grow.

The expedition first arrived in New Delhi, where they took a cultural tour and attended a Education USA university fair at the Fulbright House. The next stop was Mumbai, to visit businesses and schools and meet with the Indo American Society. The group continued to the Mahindra United World College site in Pune, where they interviewed prospective students, met with faculty and staff, and visited the nearby home of 2014 graduate Sachin Gaikwad’s parents.

“His parents were gracious hosts and even though we could not understand the language, their hospitality transmitted throughout their feelings and their words,” Sheppard said. “We were also accompanied by another alumnus, Nabanita Choudhury ’13, at the Education USA Alumni Fair in New Delhi. It was certainly refreshing to know that we have outstanding and committed alumni throughout the world to assist us in our recruitment efforts.”

The last leg of the journey was in Bangalore, where they visited several international schools,

and two golf clubs, promoting MU’s Professional Golf Management Program. The meetings were facilitated by MU Trustee Dr. Rakesh Gupta and his niece, businesswoman Ashita Gupta. A highlight of the trip was a special dinner for the Methodist delegation hosted by the Gupta family.

“I returned to North Carolina understanding more clearly than ever that our world really is flat,” Dickson said. “Just as our small group flew in and out of India, meeting and interacting with people there, today’s students can and will experience other cultures and compete in a global workplace. It can only be positive for students from other countries, including India, to study and share at MU, and for MU’s traditional students to have opportunities for travel and study in other nations - again, including India. I find these possibilities so exciting and wish they had been as available in my college days.”

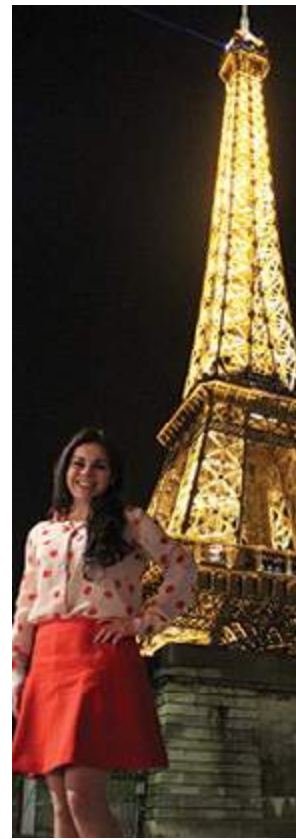
Several of the delegation praised the opportunities within India, in both the people and the country, and the opportunities that MU hopes to offer in return.

“I hope that MU will continue building relationships with people and institutions in India, both to attract Indian students to MU and also to create opportunities for MU’s students to visit and to study in India,” Dickson said. “Our trip was the beginning of what I hope will be expanding opportunities going in both directions.”

Hancock said the way is clear for the MU Journey to now extend to and from India.

“The journey for their students to our campus and community, and for our students to their communities, offers a wonderful pathway toward fulfilling our vision for globalization. As the largest democracy in the world, India shares with the U.S. many of the same goals and cherishes the same values for their citizens,” Hancock said.

The group shows their Monarch pride in front of The Cathedral of St. Michael and St. Gudula in Brussels.



Mary Allen stands in front of the Eiffel Tower.



The Methodist University Chorale performing at La Madeleine in Paris.

the cemetery stop. "After receiving stories of three soldiers on our tour of the cemetery, the choir stood in a large circle, hand in hand, and sang "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" in the chapel at the cemetery. It was beyond words and left many in tears."

The group also got to experience European congregations on smaller scales, like a little church south of Amsterdam, where the group got to partake in a potluck dinner and receive a blessing in Dutch. In St. Avold, which is the sister city of Fayetteville, the students were treated as dignitaries representing Fayetteville. Often drawing more than 200 people to hear them sing, Martin said he was humbled by the response and welcome the group received wherever it went.

"The very first cathedral in which we performed was in Brussels," Martin said. "That was first time we heard a Renaissance motet performed in a space for which that kind of music was conceived. We kept building on moments like that throughout the tour."

Students dine on a riverboat their first night in Paris.



President Ben Hancock and Chorale Director Michael Martin participate in a ceremony at St. Avold City Hall with the Mayor, Andre' Wojciechowski, and U.S. Consulate General Representative Amy Westling.



Students visit windmills while in Kinderdijk.

CHORALE TOURS EUROPE

The Chorale is used to performing at University events and local venues, but this spring break the group traveled to sing in European churches, cathedrals, and a World War II cemetery.

The trip included 34 students, two alumni, and five guests, on a six-city European tour, visiting Amsterdam, Netherlands; Brussels and Cologne,

Belgium; Reims and Paris, France. The group also stopped in St. Avold, France, which holds a special place as the sister city of Fayetteville, N.C.

"The trip was one of the best experiences of my life," said student Adam Hickerson. "My favorite part was probably singing in all of the old cathedrals and experiencing the different cultures."

Some of the larger venues the group sang in were The Cathedral of St. Michael and St. Gudula in Brussels; the Cologne Cathedral and The Great Saint Martin Church, also in Cologne; the Notre-Dame de Reims; and the Lorraine Military Cemetery in St. Avold.

"It was a very powerful moment in the tour," said Director Michael Martin of

Monarchs on a mission in Haiti

Campus Ministry took its annual winter break mission trip this December, travelling to Jacmel, Haiti with a group of 20 that also included a few alumni and friends of the university. The group spent their mornings helping with the construction of a church office, and in their afternoons they led Vacation Bible School activities with local children. They also spent time planting fruit trees in the community around the church.



Above from left, Lindsay Tippett and Nicole Hardin pass buckets at the construction site. Below, Josh Clarke smiles during the construction project.



Left, Peter Wildeboer, Josh Clarke, Katie Nation, and Nicole Hardin help build a church office in Haiti.



Peter Wildeboer with a Haitian national in Jacmel.



BUILDING WORLD PEACE

one project
at a time.

Since the Davis United World College (UWC) Scholars Program started Davis Projects for Peace in 2007, 13 projects from Methodist have been chosen. The UWC chooses 100 winning projects each year in the competition, with participation from students on more than 90 campuses, and no limit to the number of proposals each campus can submit. The selected student-crafted proposals each receive a \$10,000 grant to help solve problems that promote peace and address causes of conflicts, and the winning projects are carried out in the summer.

Here's a look at past and present Davis Projects for Peace from Methodist University:

2007

Empowering Women Through Education

Sana Sabri '08 opened a Women's Vocational Center in India to train women with skills and education to help support themselves and their families.

Digging to Surface Water Wells

Husein Nasiro-Sigo '07 dug a water well capable of serving thousands in the Oromia region of Ethiopia.



Project: Youth Leadership for Peace

Rahila Muhibi '09 started a summer camp that brought together diverse youths in Afghanistan

2008

Greenhouse Project in Ecuador

Heather Eckhardt '10 and Marco Marin '10 built greenhouses to help sustain and improve life for indigenous groups in mountain communities of Ecuador.

A Call for Help

Gladys Michelle Reyes '10 and Cathryn Sinkovitz '10 provided vaccinations, health workshops, sanitation training and school supplies to the residents of Mistruck, Honduras.

2009

Community Water Project in Baguia

Milca Baptista '11 provided safe drinking water, built sanitation facilities, and educated people about better hygiene in East Timor.

2010

Build to Educate

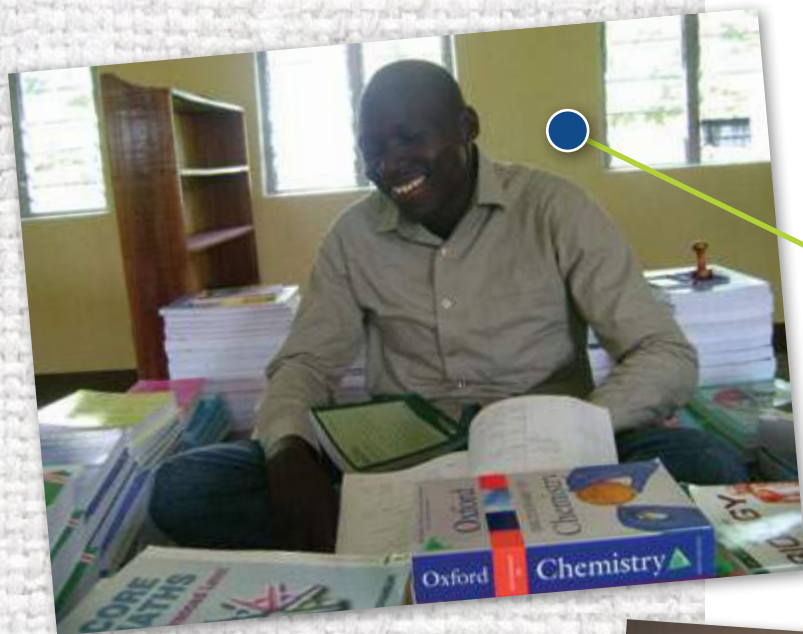
Fredy Heriberto Quib Oxom '11 and Andrés Camilo Rubiano Gómez '11 built a secondary education space for indigenous Guatemalan Q'eqchi' communities.



2011

Collecting Smiles in Srebrenica

Dzenana Dzanic '14, Amna Causevic '14, Samra Markovic '14, and Emina Hodzic '14 provided livestock and material goods to help returnee victims of a genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



2012

Rebuilding the Ruins and Promoting Peace

Nyoma Clement '14 and Talata Evers '14 renovated the library of St. Joseph Secondary School in South Sudan and restocked it with student and teacher textbooks.



2013

Sewing and Business Skills for Integration of Women in Society

Esra'a Al-Shawafi '15 trained Yemeni women in sewing and business skills, then created a small textile factory and helped them find venues to sell their goods and generate revenue.



2014

Educating Future Leaders

Natalie Matthews '14 produced a free monthly children's newspaper in Swaziland to help encourage children's education.

2015

Goat Breeding for Peace: Women Empowerment through Sustainable Agriculture

Pierre-Ricardo Jean-Baptiste '16 is working to help build a sustainable semi-intensive goat breeding program in Cap Rouge, Haiti.

Family Farming for Peace

Archibal Miracle '16 and Gynal Saintilien '16 are training residents in Cite Soleil, Haiti in organic farming methods and supplying seeds to start their gardens.

FOREIGN FILM FESTIVAL BRINGS INTERNATIONAL CINEMA TO CAMPUS

For the past 11 years, the Department of Modern Languages and Literature has sponsored its Foreign Film Festival, showing classic and award-winning films on campus at no charge. The film festival's organizer, then-department chair, Dr. Cristina Francescon, selects the art house movies from around the world.

"I choose the films on the same foreign film requirements the Academy Awards uses," Francescon said. "It has to be released in a country other than the U.S. and be originally in another language."

Shown once a month each spring and fall semester, the films are always in their original language, with English subtitles. Attendance at the movie nights is sometimes a requirement for some students, but the screenings are open to the entire MU community and the public.

"I like to go to the foreign film festival to experience new cultures, as well as to have some fun on a Friday night," said student and regular attendee Safar Kurbansho.

Francescon started the festival the year after she arrived at Methodist.

"I was always a part of foreign film festivals at other universities, so I thought this would be a good way to promote everything the languages department and globalization strive to achieve," Francescon said. "Now that we have the Center for Global Education as part of the MU Journey, it's even more important. For those two hours during the film, students are exposed to another language, culture, and history, which is so important. There is something for all disciplines and majors."

This spring, the festival showed "Departures" from Japan, "When I Saw You" from Palestine, "Pan's Labyrinth" from Spain, and "The Last Kiss" from Italy. In the fall, the semester's selections will be listed on the Events section of the MU website.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Armstrong Fieldhouse



Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building



Tradition lives in PANGEA

Geologists say that before the continents separated, they were all connected in one place, called Pangea. Since 2009, the International Club has presented its own Pangea, an annual show that brings the world back together again for a couple of hours.

The International Club, which is open to all students, started the show as an outlet to share their different cultures and perspectives with the community. Open to the public, the event has grown in the number of participants and spectators every year, with hundreds of students and community members coming to performances, and more than 60 international and domestic students participating on stage, as well as many more involved in the work backstage, planning, and advertising.

Pangea takes a different approach each year, borrowing its structure from concepts that have ranged from Arabian Nights to Jules Verne, to a game show. However, the audience can always expect an evening of amazing multicultural entertainment.

"Pangea attendees will experience different cultural performances ranging from dances and songs to skits and poems from all around the world," said student Mariama Jabati '15,

one of last year's organizers.

Jose Pablo Salas Rojas '11 and Francisca Frisone '12 were some of the students who brought the show to life its first year. Salas Rojas was president of the club. He said the first year drew more than 300 people, and the second was more than 450.

"I was fortunate to have the help from my board at the International Club at the time, and some university professors and executives," he said. "It was my idea and my baby. It makes me so happy to know that I started something that has become a yearly tradition and still serves its purpose."

Salas Rojas said the most rewarding part of producing and directing the first show was seeing the collaboration among the students.

"This was not a show put together just by international students, but all students," he said. "Other clubs and organizations were onboard and volunteered to help throughout the show. The show changes year by year, however, the main purpose remains the same: We have one planet to share, our cultural differences are to be celebrated, and we should encourage collaborations and cross cultural understanding if we seek to make our world a better place."



Velemseni Ndzimandze '15 from Swaziland sings during Pangea.



Students perform a dance at Pangea.

NCICU study shows MU's economic impact

Methodist University's economic impact on the region and state is visible everywhere you look. The university improves educational delivery throughout the region and helps students achieve their individual potential. By partnering with local businesses in the Fayetteville area, the university helps generate income and new opportunities for the region.

The state is also aided through the added income and social savings generated by alumni who choose to remain in the state after graduating with their degree from MU.

The North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities' Economic Impact Study recently assessed the impact of MU on the economy, and the benefits generated by the university for students, North Carolina, and taxpayers. Results of the analysis reflect student and financial data for the 2012-13 Fiscal Year.

Visitor spending added approximately \$786,900 in regional income for the MU Service Area economy, which is equivalent to creating 25 new jobs.

- ◆ For every dollar that society spent on education at MU during the analysis year, North Carolina communities received a cumulative value of \$8.20 in benefits, for as long as MU's 2012-13 students remain active in the state workforce.
- ◆ The accumulated contribution of alumni currently employed in the areas near MU amounted to \$58.4 million in income added to the MU Service Area economy, which is equivalent to creating 1,152 new jobs.
- ◆ Payroll to support MU's day-to-day operations amounted to \$27.9 million.
- ◆ The net impact of the university's spending in the area near MU was approximately \$32.9 million in added regional income, which is equivalent to creating 629 jobs.

The expenditures of students who relocated to the region during the analysis year added approximately \$8.8 million in regional income to the MU Service Area economy, which is equivalent to creating 200 new jobs.



The net impact of MU's construction spending in FY 2012-13 was \$767,100 in added regional income, equivalent to 28 new jobs.

\$767,100
Construction spending impact

\$786,900
Visitor spending impact

\$8.8 million
Student spending impact

\$32.9 million
Operations spending impact

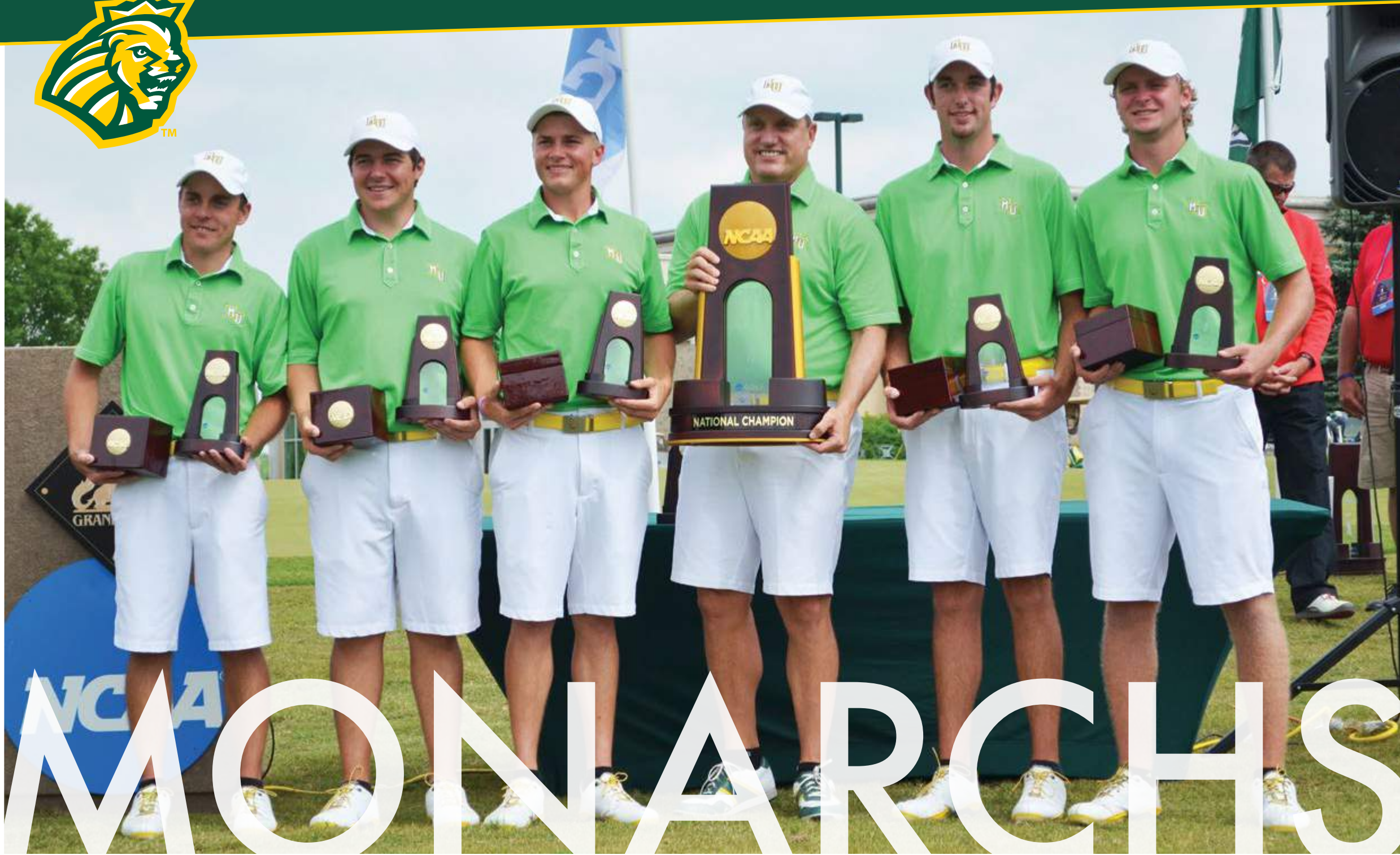
\$58.4 million
Alumni impact



Source credit: N. C. Independent Colleges and Universities' Economic Impact Study

2015 NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S GOLF

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



MEN'S GOLF TEAM WINS 11TH NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Methodist men's golf team won its 11th NCAA Division III National Championship at the Grandover Resort on May 15 as it edged LaGrange by three strokes.

The Monarchs shot a final-round 292 to make up a five-stroke deficit on the final day and finished with a four-day score of 1,173 (284-302-295-292).

Methodist's victory was its 11th since the Division III Tournament began 41 years ago. The only school with more titles is California State University, Stanislaus, which won 12 times from 1976 to 1981 and from 1984 to 1989. The school has since moved up to the NCAA Division II level. The Monarchs have appeared in each of the last 35 NCAA Championships, and have never missed the event under current head coach Steve Conley, who has been at the helm for the last 28 years. The Methodist women's golf team has also won 25 national championships, most recently in 2012.

In addition to its 11 team titles, MU has also claimed nine individual NCAA Champions, 29 conference championships and a combined 98 All-Americans. Methodist's other NCAA championships came in 1990-92, a string of six straight in 1994-99 and in 2010.

Jeff Wells led the Monarchs with a final-round 69 and finished in a tie for second place. He finished with a four-day score of 285 and was six strokes behind individual winner Kelby Scharmann of La Verne. Mason Stutler finished tied for 13th overall after carding a final-round 74 (+3). He had a four-day score of 293. At the conclusion of play, both Wells and Stutler were named First Team All-Americans.

Aaron Purviance shot a final-round 76 (+4) and tied for 18th. Charles Maness finished in 74 (+2) on Friday and wound up tied for 56th. Jackson Collier posted a 75 (+3) and finished in 63rd.

*Left to right, Jackson Collier, Charles Maness, Jeff Wells
Coach Steve Conley, Mason Stutler, and Aaron Purviance.*

Solid 2014-15 Athletic Year Leads to Second Straight USA South Presidents Cup for Monarchs



Above, Josh Howard pitching.

Following a strong 2014-15 academic year, the Methodist University Department of Athletics was awarded its second straight Overall and Men's USA South Presidents Cups.

This is the 10th Overall Presidents Cup that Methodist has won and the fourth Men's Presidents Cup for the Monarchs. The USA South Athletic Conference Presidents Cup symbolizes the league's top men's and women's athletic program each year. The Presidents Cup is awarded by a regular-season points system where the first place team in each sport will be awarded the number of points that corresponds to the number of schools that sponsor teams in that sport. The second place team receives one point less than the first place team and so on, down to one point for the last place team that competes. For the sports of cross country and men's golf, a team's finish during the Conference Championships is used.

The Monarchs captured the Overall Presidents Cup with an even 100.0 points, seven points ahead of runner up Maryville. Piedmont took third with 91.0 points and Averett (79.5) and Greensboro (74.5) rounded out the top five. In the men's

standings, MU had 49.5 points to top Maryville's 40.0 points. Meredith College won the Women's Presidents Cup with 61.5 points and Methodist took fourth with 50.5 points.

"In a very competitive and expanded USA South Athletic Conference, we are both proud and excited to repeat as both Overall and Men's Presidents Cup winners for 2014-15," said Methodist Director of Athletics and Vice President Bob McEvoy. "It is a tribute to our coaches, student-athletes and support staff in accomplishing this difficult task. We also appreciate our University for providing the resources to allow our teams to compete and flourish in a championship environment here at Methodist University."

While not a dominating year for the Monarchs, the Green and Gold brought home just one conference championship (baseball), MU finished in the top three of the USA South standings in five other sports in what was a tightly contested conference across the board. Men's and women's tennis both finished in second place during the regular season, falling just short by two and one game, respectively. The men's golf team took second place at the USA



Linsey Gabris



Alex Rabone



Eirik Nordseth

South Championships, and the men's and women's soccer teams each took third place. The Methodist women's team was one point up on fourth-place Meredith, and the men's team tied with N.C. Wesleyan, just one point out of second and three out of first.

All told, 52 student-athletes and coaches were recognized with postseason honors from the USA South, including men's soccer player Alex Rabone, who was named the USA South Rookie of the Year, baseball player Josh Howard, who was the league's Pitcher of the Year, and Head Baseball Coach Tom Austin, who was named Coach of the Year. Seven different student-athletes earned a combined nine all-region honors from a variety of outlets, two individuals picked up First Team All-America honors, and two teams, baseball and men's golf, competed for their respective NCAA Championships, with the men's golf team capturing their 11th NCAA Division III National Championship in program history.

The Methodist cheer team also won its second consecutive title at the Cheer Ltd. Nationals at CANAM held at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.



Deycasha Miller



The Methodist cheer team poses for a picture at the Athletic Awards Banquet.



Cheer Ltd. Nationals at CANAM
BACK TO BACK CHAMPIONS



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Men's Soccer Travels to England for Spring Break Trip

For most college students, spring break means a time away from school to relax, let loose and maybe soak up some sun in a tropical place. This wasn't the case for the Methodist men's soccer team.

On March 7, the team of 22 and two coaches departed on a spring break journey not many student-athletes get to experience: a nine-day international tour to England with visits to London, St. George's, Liverpool, and Manchester. While abroad, the athletes not only got to explore England's largest cities, but they were given the chance to engage in training sessions by Academy and Premier League coaches as well as play in the same high-end arenas as the professionals.

The team also competed in three matches during the trip, as well as a round-robin tournament hosted by 2001 MU soccer graduate Jamie Bennett, who now resides in England and works for Portland College. On the sixth day of the tour, the team visited Portland College, where they observed work being done with disabled athletes.

Head Coach Justin Terranova explained the trip to Portland College as "an unexpected moment during the trip. We knew we were going there to view disabled athletes training but we had no clue we would be thrown into the actual game of wheelchair rugby. It was a very important moment for us as a team. We grew together with motivation provided by athletes who do not allow anything to stop them from playing sports."

The Monarchs also had the honor of getting trained by the Chelsea Academy coach and Fulham Academy (FA) coaches on the fields of the famed St. George's Park. St. George's Park is best known as the grounds on which the England national team practices, offering an indoor 3G pitch built to FIFA 2-star standard and 12 pristine external pitches.

"Training at St. George's was amazing," said Terranova.

"The hotel we stayed in was the same place the England team stays when they are there. The English FA coaches were very intense and hard working. They gave us great passion and energy. We were also given the chance to practice on David Beckham Field."

On its last day of playing, MU participated in a competitive match against the Liverpool Foundation Select team, who was fully-clad in the Liverpool kit. "This day was by far the most memorable moment of the trip," Terranova confessed. "From touring Anfield, the home of Liverpool, to having to change on the bus on the way to the Liverpool match, it was all exciting. We won that game 3-2 in the last minute of the game."

In the past, the Methodist's men's soccer team has taken international tours to Italy and Brazil, but this time, Head Coach Justin Terranova wanted to make this trip extra special. "We picked England because of the popularity of the Premier League, especially in the United States. Almost every kid on the team is following the Premier League and we knew this would be a memorable experience," Terranova explained.

When asked if the program would return to England for a second trip, Terranova answered. "Although it would be great to return to England, to improve the trip in some small ways, I think the legacy of MU Soccer going on international trips every four years dictates that we find a new destination. We will most likely travel to Argentina in 2019."

Additionally, the team was enrolled in a one-credit class titled "Leadership/Excellence" where they read from and studied a book called 'The Manager' written by Mike Carson to learn about leadership and just what it takes to be a manager of a soccer team. At the end of the tour, the student-athletes presented and shared their thoughts on management in front of MU athletic director Bob McEvoy.



Above, from left, Eirik Nordseth, Chris Ryan, Sean MacDonald. Right, members of the MU Team participate in a game of wheelchair rugby.

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Along with giving the team a spring break to remember, the MU coaching staff believed the students got the experience of a lifetime. "Every aspect of the trip was top notch. From soccer to culture, the team was amazed by England and its people," Terranova said.

"I think [the trip] was lot of team bonding and getting the team prepared for next season. It allowed underclassmen to stamp themselves into the team and step out of their comfort zones," Assistant Coach Mike DeMara added.

All in all, the men's soccer team is extremely grateful to have been able to travel to England, and have many thanks to give.

"First and foremost, we would like to thank the University for backing our trip," said Terranova. "Dr. Hancock and Bob McEvoy were very supportive, that's part of our global initiative. Dr. Hancock and the University stepped up to support each student through our study abroad program, and the school somewhat made some new initiatives because we went on this trip. Future opportunities to earn stipends and go on international tours are possible because of this trip. Beyond that, I would say, the most important thank yous would have to go out to the families of each player traveling; without you, it wouldn't be possible."

STILL KICKING

“Has-Been” women’s soccer alums carry reunion tradition almost 30 years



From left to right, Joe Carreiro, Theresa Pereira, Bobby Graham '88, Joe Pereira, Kelly (Ramsey) Dolson '90, Becky Burleigh '89, Brenda (McKimens) Case '88, Ruth Keegan '95, Steve Springthorpe '87, Megan Burnett '96, and Paul Smith '85 at Burleigh's induction into the USA South Hall of Fame May 3.

More than 20 years after they graduated, a group of former Monarch women’s soccer alumni arranged their own annual reunion. The reunion is a tradition for them, not just a one-time thing to mark the milestones, but something they do every year. With children of their own in college, demanding careers, and family responsibilities, the women take pride in making their alumni group a priority year after year.

It all started in the late 80s when the Methodist University (then College) women’s soccer team was starting to see the first signs of success. Joe Pereira had served as an assistant for the men’s soccer program from 1981-84 before being named head coach of the women’s soccer program for its inaugural season in 1984. In just their second season, the Monarchs notched a winning record and the program’s first of 12 regular season conference titles in 1985. The NCAA hosted its first Division III Women’s Soccer Championship tournament in 1986 and Methodist was one of 12 teams selected to participate. Two years later, the Monarchs reached their first of three straight Final Fours (1988-90).

Pereira built a strong foundation beginning with Brenda (McKimens) Case '88. She was one of Pereira’s first recruits, along with Lori (Silvasy) Stephenson '88. The two were part of the inaugural team that included an estimated five people who had played soccer before ... ever. Case had plans to go to West Virginia University. She had been assigned a roommate and was ready to go, but Pereira saw her play the spring of her senior year and convinced her to come to Methodist.

“I liked the idea of being able to play soccer,” Case said. “Playing for Joe was even better.”

Kelly (Ramsey) Dolson '90 wasn’t recruited to play soccer at Methodist. She talked to Pereira while she was in high school, but then she tore her ACL during her senior year and decided to go to Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida. On her way home that first year, she stopped in at Methodist to meet with Joe.

“I missed soccer and Joe said I could come play,” Dolson said. “I ended up dropping a class my senior year so I could stay an extra semester and play four years of soccer. That’s how much I was drinking the ‘kool-aid.’”

As players graduated from the program, they started coming back for an alumni game hosted by Pereira. Pereira always made a big deal out of a player’s graduation. Upon graduation, a player was officially inducted into the alumni family becoming a “has been.” There were trophies for the least coachable, least valuable and most regressed.

After Pereira left Methodist for the head job at Old Dominion University, many of the women’s soccer alumni declared themselves “too old” to compete in the alumni game and opted for a gathering at the beach. It started in the Outer Banks of North Carolina and then moved to Sandbridge Beach, part of Virginia Beach.

“The players are the reason why it continues to happen,” Pereira said. “They all went away and got married, but they kept coming back for that weekend.”

Since graduating, six Methodist University women’s soccer players have been inducted into the MU Hall of Fame. Five of the six played for Pereira, who has also been inducted into the Hall of Fame. The USA South Athletic Conference inducted its first class in 2010 and on May 3, Becky Burleigh '89 became the fourth Methodist women’s soccer inductee.

Burleigh is part of the core group of “has beens” who ensures the reunion happens every year. A four-year letterwinner for the team, Burleigh transitioned quickly from student-athlete to coach when she took over as head coach of Berry College (Ga.) in 1989. She spent five seasons at Berry and won two NAIA national titles before being picked to start the program at the University of Florida in 1994. Burleigh has since won a NCAA Division I



The reunion group called the “has-beens” pose at the beach during one of their reunions.

National Championship with the Gators in 1998. In 20 seasons at Florida, she has earned 18 trips to the NCAA tournament.

Joining Burleigh for the last 20 seasons at Florida is another Methodist alum, Vic Campbell '85. Prior to joining Burleigh at Florida, Campbell spent seven years as Pereira’s assistant. “It all started with Joe,” Campbell said. “Joe is connected in the soccer world so we worked camps and he plugged us into the North Carolina Olympic Development Program (ODP).”

There are not a ton of former Division III student-athletes coaching premier Division I teams, let alone winning a national title. Burleigh is doing it, and yet she hasn’t forgotten her roots. Every year she reunites with Methodist alumni, once in the spring with the “girls,” and then again Memorial Day weekend for the family weekend at the beach. She has also invited some of her Methodist teammates to come talk to her team at Florida about the importance of staying connected as alumni.

“Neither Vic nor I would be here without Methodist,” Burleigh said.

Do you have a good alumni gathering story? We’d love to hear it. Contact Director of Alumni Affairs Kirbie Dockery at 910.630.7167 or alumnioffice@methodist.edu.

MU honors retiring faculty



Linda Gravitt, left, Jane Gardiner, Eleanor Ninestein, Bill Billings, and Peggy Hinson stand with President Ben Hancock at their retirement reception in May.

Methodist University honored Bill Billings, Jane Gardiner, Linda Gravitt, Peggy Hinson, and Eleanor Ninestein with a retirement reception May 4 in the lobby of the John M. Reeves Fine Arts Building.

Billings graduated from Methodist with his bachelor’s degree in 1968. He started working at Methodist in 1987 as director of the News Bureau. He would go on to be the director of Public Relations, and in 2002 began working on the University’s 50th anniversary history book, “From Cotton Field to University,” which was released in 2009. After finishing the monumental project, he served as an instructor of English.

Gardiner joined Methodist in 1981 as an adjunct instructor of piano and the director of the Community Music Program. She held many titles in the Music Department for 25 years, rising to dean of the School of Arts and Humanities in 2006. She was recognized as Professor of the Year in 2007, the same year that saw her serving as

interim vice president of Academic Affairs and dean of the university, and then associate vice president for Academic Affairs. In 2011, she added the title of director for the Center for Student Success.

Gravitt graduated from Methodist in 1982 and was hired in 1985. She has been a constant in the MU at Night program ever since. She has served as a counselor, coordinator, and director for the program. In 1999, she was named assistant dean for Summer and Evening Programs.

Hinson came to Methodist in 1983 as an instructor of art. She taught drawing, painting, ceramic studio courses, art history and theory. Hinson served as an assistant professor, professor, and in 2011 was named as chair of the Department of Art.

Ninestein began teaching at Methodist in 1976 as a visiting instructor of mathematics. She later worked as an adjunct, and was hired full time in 2000. She was made an associate professor of mathematics in 2002.



Michael Stevens '69 retired from Unisource Paper Corporation in 2010 after 31 years as a paper salesman. Michael and his wife **Cecily Smith '69** currently live in the Wilmington area. Cecily retired from SoftPro Corporation in March 2015 after 15 years with the company. The Stevens have four children and seven grandchildren.

Jim Percherke '90 was named the Middle Atlantic PGA Section's 2015 Salesperson of the Year Award for FootJoy. The award is presented yearly to the outstanding golf salesperson in the Middle Atlantic region for outstanding service and dedication to the members and apprentices of the MAPGA. A committee of PGA Professionals selected Jim as the recipient of this award in recognition of his dedication, persistence, and tireless commitment to service in the Middle Atlantic region.



Jamie Glass '91, associate vice president for Corporate Solutions at Wake Technical Community College, received a Triangle Business Journal Women in Business Award. The Women in Business Awards program recognizes Triangle women who have proven to be dynamic and outstanding leaders with established track records of significant accomplishments in business and/or community service. The judges, a mixture of Triangle business leaders and TBJ staffers, pored through nearly 100 entries to come up with this year's crop of winners.

Anthony Hibbert '01 joined the Oklahoma State strength and conditioning staff in March. Hibbert previously worked at Southern Miss, where he spent two years as the strength and conditioning coordinator for football and also worked with the baseball program. Prior to his time with the Golden Eagles, Hibbert spent the 2012 season working with the football program at Livingstone College and the 2009-11 seasons on staff with the NFL's Carolina Panthers, where he worked as an assistant with the Panthers' strength and conditioning program. Hibbert and his wife, April, have three daughters, including twins Madison and Sophia (3), and Riley (2).

Elaine Van Vliet '78 and **Jeanne Roller '79** finished in the top four of the Southern Combo Doubles Sectional tournament in Auburn, Alabama. The two were teammates at Methodist from 1976-78. The highlight of their time at the Fayetteville school was finishing fifth in the nation in Division III during their junior year. "It's one thing to be able to play tennis after all these years and then to travel again with a college teammate and play together 40 years later is special," Van Vliet said. "Twenty years went by before we crossed paths (after playing at Methodist). My daughters were playing at Pinecrest and she was the coach at Scotland High School and we reconnected."

Eric Haile '93 was named the 2014 Section Golf Professional of the Year by the Western New York PGA (WNY PGA) Section. WNYPGA Professional of the Year is determined annually by the Section to honor the working club professional whose total contributions to the game best exemplify the complete PGA golf professional. While the honor is based on the candidate's entire record, special emphasis is placed on performance and achievement over the past five years in the following criteria: overall performance as a golf professional at his/her club, service to PGA Section and Association, leadership ability, image and ability to inspire fellow professionals and promotion of golf.

Caryn Moreland McMahon '06 was recently appointed Deputy Chief State Fire Marshal by the Office of the State Fire Marshal in Maryland. Assigned to the Upper Eastern Regional Office (UERO) located in Easton, Maryland, Caryn is the first female regional commander in the state. McMahon has been nominated for Deputy Fire Marshal of the Year three times regionally, and was recognized as the State Deputy Fire Marshal of the Year for 2011. In 2011, McMahon was also selected for the Exceptional Police Performance Award by the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association.



Methodist is well represented in this year's Fayetteville 40 Under 40. Faculty and staff members **Dr. Clay Britton**, **Dr. Kimberly Scruton**, **Landon Bentham '08 '10M**, and **Dr. J.R. Hustwit** were honored during a gala March 27. The 40 Under 40 celebrates the achievements of young professionals in the Fayetteville community.

Matt Bova '09, Assistant Golf Professional at Haig Point Club, received the Assistant Professional of the Year Award for the Carolinas PGA Section for demonstrating a high level of excellence at his facility and service to the Section while promoting the game of golf and assuming the image of a Golf Professional. In his current role, Bova directs the instructional program, assists with the tournament program, checks in merchandise and helps with the organizational needs of the golf shop. In addition to these roles, Bova is an avid volunteer with the Hilton Head Island PGA Chapter's Education Committee and, in the past, provided assistance to Haig Point Club's involvement in the Deep Well Project.

Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club - A Dolce Resort, a Troon Golf-managed facility and one of the premier golf resort destinations in the Northeast, has announced that **Brian Rashley '09** has been named Director of Golf for the 36-hole facility, and home of the ShopRite LPGA Classic. In his new role at Seaview, Rashley will oversee all golf operations for the club, including golf and grounds maintenance, tournaments and outings, and all sales and marketing initiatives. Rashley, who has been on the golf staff at Seaview since 2009, has held a variety of positions at the resort, including stints as Head Golf Professional, Associate Golf Professional and Golf Shop Supervisor.



Dr. Bret Brennan '10 graduated May 16, 2014 from Kent State College of Podiatric Medicine with a Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine. He is currently completing his three year residency at the James Haley VA in Tampa, Fla.

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Priscilla Farhan-Benitez '00 and Luis Benitez are the proud parents of Emilia Benitez born Feb. 5, 2015. She weighed in at 8.8 pounds and measured 20.5 inches. The family is living in Miami, Fla.



Sara Seiling Greene '08 and R.C. Greene welcomed Teagan Amelia, on Feb. 18, 2015. Teagan weighed in at 7 lbs 10 oz. and measured 20.25 inches.



Megan Gleason Gallagher '06 and her husband, Andrew, welcomed their daughter, Emery Jane, on Dec. 5, 2014. She was born at 3:10 a.m., weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz., and was 21 inches long. She was born at Bon Secours DePaul Medical Center in Norfolk, Va. The new family is doing well and looking forward to future family adventures!



Barton '09 and **Kelsie Britt Bowser '09** are the proud parents of Andrew James Bowser, born on June 16, 2014. Andrew weighed 8 lbs. 3 ounces and measured 21.5 inches. Barton, Kelsie, and Andrew are currently living in Easton, Md.



Doris Jackson Munoz '06 and Robert Munoz welcomed their first child, Julia Avery, on Dec. 7, 2014. She weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. Mommy is already trying to teach little Avery how to say "Go Monarchs."



Lindsey Cosgray Mettinger '10 and her husband Ryan welcomed Ryan Charles 'RC' Mettinger, Jr. on May 22, 2014. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 20 inches. The family lives in Warrenton, Va.



Lindsey West Lutz '06 and husband Jason welcomed their second child, Owen William, on March 3, 2014. He joins his sister Elyse Catherine who is two-and-a-half years old. The family of four resides in Stephens City, Va.



Maggie Gaines-Hackney '11 and her husband Drew celebrated the birth of their daughter, Finnlie Raxter, on Oct. 29, 2014. She weighed 7.2 pounds and measured 20.5 inches. The Hackneys are living in Siler City, N.C.



William 'Bobby' '08 and **Katherine Harbeson Culver '08** welcomed their second baby girl on Dec. 31, 2014.



Jasmine Stephens '12 and Jason Talbert welcomed Ryder Vincent Talbert, on Dec. 11, 2014 at 10:17 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs, 12 ounces and was 22 inches long.



Christina Schrader '13 announces her engagement to Jesse Creech. The couple is planning to marry Oct. 24, 2015 in Atlantic Beach, N.C.



Candice Tynes '11 and Shaun Smith are engaged to be married Aug. 8, 2015 in Smithfield, N.C. The couple met at Barnes and Noble in Lynchburg, Va., where Candice works as a barista while pursuing her master's degree in clinical mental health counseling at Liberty University. Shaun, originally from St. Louis, Mo., finished his master's degree in philosophy from Liberty in December and will pursue his doctorate in philosophy in the fall of 2015. Candice completed her master's in May and will pursue her licensure in counseling.



Major Lauren Maloney '04 is engaged and planning a March 12, 2016 wedding to William "Blake" Grantham. She is serving in the United States Army and is currently stationed at the Pentagon. Blake works for the Department of the Army Civilian at the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center in Fort Rucker, Ala.



Lindsie Bentham '12 is engaged to Jeremiah Graham. They are planning to wed May 21, 2016 at the Glenn Iris Inn in Castile, N.Y. Lindsie is the buyers assistant at Sea Island Golf Club and Jeremiah is the first assistant at Sea Island Golf Club Retreat Course.



Ann Ferrara '09 announces her engagement to Anthony Angelucci. The wedding will take place Sept. 5, 2015. Ann is a senior sales consultant at Paychex Inc. and Anthony is a pharmacist and pharmacy manager at CVS. The couple lives in West Chester, Pa. and will get married at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino in Verona, N.Y.



Elizabeth Rice '12 is engaged and planning a June 27, 2015 wedding to Derwin Charles II. She is an exceptional children's teacher at Granville Central High School and Derwin is a control operator for Duke Energy.



Ashley Baggett '11 '12M is engaged to **Trey Such '12 '13M**. They are planning a wedding for Oct. 3, 2015. Trey is an admissions counselor at Methodist and Ashley is a loan officer at Cape Fear Farm Credit in Fayetteville.



Elizabeth Neal '13 and **Stacey Brooks '13** have announced their engagement with plans to get married in the fall of 2016. Elizabeth is currently pursuing her master's degree in counseling at Fayetteville State University and Stacey is working as a legal assistant in a real estate law office.



Josh Caminite '13 announces his engagement to Nicole Rombold. The wedding will take place Aug. 29, 2015 at the Edgeworth Club in Pittsburgh, Pa. Josh and Nicole will live in Las Vegas, Nevada.



Stephanie Breitenbach '14 is engaged and plans to marry Tanner Carnes June 4, 2016 in Prince Frederick, Md. Stephanie is working as a forensic research chemist at GWU. Tanner is a sales adviser at White's Automotive in Roanoke, Va.

WEDDINGS



Charles 'Chas' Golibart '10 and **Paige Caldwell '11** were married Oct. 17, 2014 at the Jupiter Beach Resort in Jupiter, Fla. Paige is the golf shop manager at Jonathan's Landing Golf Club and Chas is the first Assistant at Admiral's Cove. The bridal party was full of Methodist alums including: **Mason Colling '10**, **Morgan Jewell '10**, **John Macurdy '10**, **Salvatore 'Sonny' Grosso '10**, **Kevin Owen '11**, **Alana Swain '10**, **Allyson Burak '10**, **Madeline Bass Owen '11**.



Mary Beth Warford '03 were married April 25, 2015 at The Dunes Beach and Golf Resort in Myrtle Beach, S.C.



Kirbie Britt '03 and Steve Dockery were married May 30, 2015 in Jarrettsville, Md. Kirbie is the director of alumni affairs at Methodist and Steve is the golf course superintendent at Methodist.



Christopher Coats '09 '11M and Anna Ertenberg were married May 2, 2015 in Fuquay Varina, N.C. Chris is a manager at Coats Cabinets and Anna is an instructional coach at Highland Middle School.



Gretchen McLean '11 married Sean Christopherson Oct. 11, 2014 on Fort Bragg, N.C. Gretchen helped the Monarchs win four National Championships during her time on the Methodist women's golf team. She is currently a program manager for a software company based out of Washington, D.C. Former teammates **Susan Martin '10** and **Holly Shupe Champion '12** served as bridesmaids.



Kristyn Zeiler '11 '13M and **Frank Olivarez '11** were married Nov. 8, 2014 in Baltimore, Md. The couple resides in Fayetteville where Kristy is a physician assistant for Cape Fear Senior Health and Frank is an accountant for Fayetteville Christian School. Methodist graduates **Candice Tynes '11** and **Sarah Phillips '14** served as bridesmaids.



Monica Cheek '06 '11M married **Justin Agema '06** Sept. 27, 2014 in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. The couple met at Methodist, but lost contact after graduation before reconnecting on Facebook. Monica is a sales & marketing representative for Ryan Homes and Justin is a professional pet stylist for Prissy Paws mobile grooming business. The couple lives in Lexington, S.C. **Christen Snyder Bagwell '05** and **Kristie Kennedy Ballard '07** served as bridesmaids and Sean Donnelly was Justin's best man.



Major **Laura Gurganus '02** and Major Justin Sime were married Oct. 10, 2014 at The Stockroom at 230 in Raleigh, N.C. Laura is a reservist in the Air Force and she is studying pre-nursing at East Carolina University. Justin is active duty and flies the F-15E (Strike Eagle) out of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. Among the bridesmaids were two of Laura's closest girlfriends from Methodist, **Bobbie Degrand Wabick '02** and **Shirley Autry Reeves '02**.



Caline Daun '09 '11M was married to Jeffrey Long Sept. 20, 2014. The wedding took place at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. **Courtney Vail Pittsonberger '08** and **Jaclyn West Bates '11M** were bridesmaids in the wedding. Caline is a physician assistant in the emergency department at Cape Fear Valley in Fayetteville, N.C. Jeffrey is a paramedic at Cape Fear.

Timothy McAdam '04 married Paige Elliott March 21, 2015 in Manhattan. Tim is an owner of Electronic Machine Parts in Hauppauge, N.Y., and Paige is a social worker at the Jewish Child Care Association in the Bronx.

Tom Burick '08 and **Zan Messer '09 '11M** were married Sept. 6, 2014 in Highlands, N.C. Zan is a transplant surgery physician assistant in Charlotte and Tom is an assistant golf professional at Northstone Country Club in Huntersville. Andy Allred and **Nicole McLaughlin '08** were in the bridal party.



Sandra (Autry) Gillikin '64 died Jan. 29, 2015, at the age of 71, following a brief illness. She was a 1961 graduate of Fayetteville High School. She received an undergraduate degree from Methodist, and earned her master's degree in English from East Carolina University. Sandra was an instructor at Fayetteville Technical Community College for more than 25 years. She had an ear for language, an eye for beauty, and the hands of an artist.

Jack Hunter '64, 84, died Nov. 2, 2014. Reverend Hunter was an alumnus of Louisburg College and Methodist College. He was also a graduate of the Methodist Conference's Pastor School of Duke University. Serving as a Methodist minister in the Eastern Conference for 43 years, Reverend Hunter's appointments included Harlowe-Oak Grove, Fayetteville, Stedman, Durham, and Farmville.



Big Jack, as he was fondly called by his family, was known for his keen sense of humor, his love of sports and traveling, and his deep compassion for his parishioners.



Jerrold "Jerry" Marcus '65 passed away Feb. 17, 2015 in Philadelphia, Pa. Jerry is remembered fondly as Methodist's first mascot before becoming a teacher in the Philadelphia school system and later a vice principal in charge of discipline.

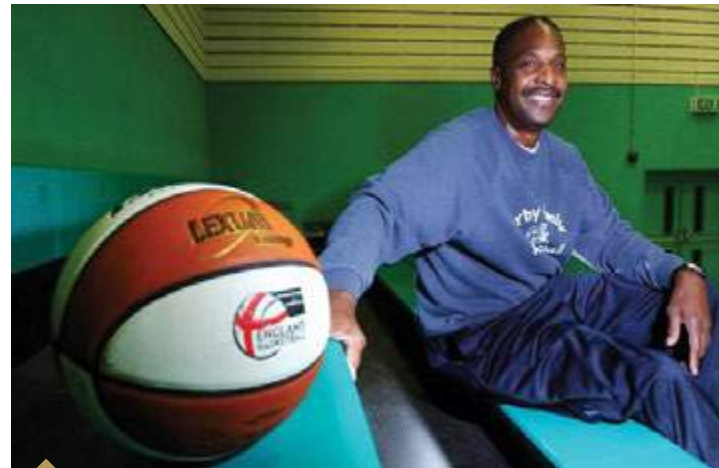
Towanna Gale Fields Thompson '70, 68, of Fayetteville, passed away March 7, 2015, in Highsmith-Rainey Specialty Hospital. She was a lifelong Fayetteville native and a 1970 graduate of Methodist University.

Retired Army Capt. Arthur T. Fields Jr. '75, 83, died March 6, 2015. He was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Laura Kathryn Stewart '75, 61, passed away in her home, surrounded by her family, on Feb. 1, 2015 after a courageous battle with cancer. She graduated from Bayside High School, Chowan College, and Methodist. She was an elementary school teacher before becoming a mortgage loan officer. She has been a homemaker for the past 25 years. Kathy was a member of Lynnhaven United Methodist Church. One of her proudest achievements was the awarding of the Girl Scouts Gold Award to all 10 of her girl scouts, who she had led since kindergarten.

Retired U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. George R. Beldon '75, 89, died, Dec. 21, 2014.

Wanda Lee (Steele) Jones '80 departed Feb. 11, 2015. Wanda was a member of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tenn. She will be remembered for her love of family, all animals, especially her dogs, and the Lady Vols, as well as her playful and mischievous spirit. She loved writing and receiving letters, fishing, travel, black coffee, and peach tea. She loved classical music and played first chair clarinet in her high school band in Henryetta, Okla.



Clarence Henry Wiggins '79, 58, died Dec. 29, 2014, in Derby, England. Clarence went to Derby from North Carolina to play basketball, for £50 a week and the promise of free bus travel. He and David Smith '81 were the first professional overseas players to be recruited by the city's club, then named Team Discounter Derby, for their first season at National League level.

Through the many evolutions of professional basketball in Derby since 1983 – Turbos, Rams, Bucks, Storm and now Trailblazers – one constant has been Clarence Wiggins. He was a player for Derby's first three seasons and, following a year with Cleveland, was brought back as coach for their second season in the top division – the forerunner of the BBL – in 1987. The city has been

his home ever since.

After taking Trailblazers to the Division One title in 2009-10 and being voted the league's coach of the year again, he decided to step aside and return to developing more junior players and more young lives. He balanced that role with his job as a PE teacher at Noel-Baker School until his sudden death.

Peggy Peterson McCullen of Fayetteville, passed away April 9, 2015, in Fayetteville. She was a retired librarian with Methodist University (31 years). Her two sons, Ronald and Charles, both attended Methodist.

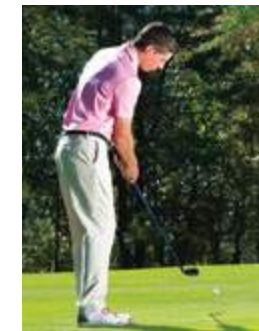
W. L. Smith, 87 of Wilmington, N.C., passed away Nov. 17, 2014. He was owner of W.L. Smith Supply Co., Inc. of Fayetteville, with six branches in North and South Carolina from 1952 to 1984. In 1982, he received the Center for Entrepreneurship's Silver Spoon Award. Smith was a member of numerous Fayetteville and Wilmington business, civic, church and service organizations including the Methodist University Board of Trustees from 1975 to 1985, Peoples Bank and Trust in Fayetteville, Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry, Creasy Proctor Masonic Lodge, Boy Scouts of America and The Shriners of Cumberland County. W. L. was an avid golfer, fisherman and hunter. He was a member and served on the boards of Wesley Heights United Methodist Church and Wrightsville United Methodist Church. In his retirement years, he spent his time helping the community by mentoring others and volunteering with Wounded Warriors.



Joseph "Joe" Wilbur Walker Jr. 76, of Fayetteville, passed away April 28, 2015, in Jacksonville, N.C. He was the owner and president of Ellis-Walker Builders Inc. and a member of the MU Board of Trustees from 1990 to 2002.

Walker was president of the Fayetteville Rotary Club. He served on the Salvation Army and Branch Bank and Trust boards, as well as several boards and numerous church committees at Haymount United Methodist Church. Joe was a member of Haymount United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. He played a big role in the vision and building of Camp Rockfish Bergland Retreat Center. His company also built the community building that serves the Cape Fear Commons apartment complex on campus.

Dr. William Rand "Bill" Jordan, of Fayetteville, died Oct. 10, 2014. Dr. Jordan graduated from UNC undergraduate school with a B.A. in English in 1965, graduated from UNC Medical School in 1970. He interned and worked in Florida for several years before moving back to North Carolina and opening Fayetteville Urology Associates PA in 1978. An avid soccer fan, he was a significant supporter of the Jordan Soccer Complex at Methodist, named in his honor. He also sponsored scholarships for international students at Methodist and Fayetteville Academy. He was a past member of the MU Board of Visitors and the Center for Entrepreneurship's 1996 Entrepreneur of the Year. He also served on the Board of Trustees at UNC and Barton.



Wesley R. Mensing '09 of Scotch Plains, New Jersey went to be with the Lord on Jan. 3, 2015. Wes was a PGA Professional and most recently worked as the Director of Instruction at Plainfield Country Club in New Jersey. Previously, he worked for the Jim McLean Golf School in Miami, Florida. He was a graduate of Hampton High School and received his Bachelor's Degree in 2009 from Methodist. During the fall of 2014 Wes was recognized by Golf Digest as one of golf's top 40 golf instructors under the age of 40.

Wes was a caring person who never met anyone he did not like. Wesley's compassion and heart for serving others led him to participate in several overseas mission trips throughout his life. During his time at Methodist, Wesley served as captain of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, developing spiritual leaders on campus and challenging students to grow deeper in their personal faith walk.



Maureen Marth Molter '10, 67, of Fayetteville, died April 22, 2015. A 1966 graduate of SS Peter & Paul High School in Easton, she earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg, Md. in 1970. After a few years of teaching, Mrs. Molter earned a Master of Library Science from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in 1978.

Mrs. Molter became the director of the Teaching Materials Center at Methodist University in 1990, retiring in 2000 to care for her mother in her final illness. Later, in retirement, she received an associate's degree in accounting from Methodist University in 2010 and was inducted into the Delta Mu Delta honor society. Her son, Michael Molter '94, is the webmaster for MU.

Remembering...



JEAN BOWERS ISHEE

Jean Bowers Ishee, age 95, lost her 23-year battle with Alzheimer's disease on Feb. 3, in the Well-Spring Retirement Community in Greensboro.

Ishee was a lifelong minister of music who served as an accomplished pianist and organist, professor, mentor and choirmaster.

Born in 1919, she was a graduate of Greensboro College and The Julliard School in New York City. Ishee met her husband, Bert, during a World War II social at Fort Bragg.

They married in 1943. From 1951 to 2003,

the couple lived in Fayetteville, where Mrs. Ishee taught, served as the organist at Hay Street United Methodist Church, and was accompanist for multiple community concerts.

In 1960, Mrs. Ishee became one of the founding faculty members at Methodist University, where she remained until 1988, retiring as associate professor and chair of the Fine Arts department. Upon retirement, the University awarded her Faculty Emeritus status. There was a special concert honoring her on April 19.



ELISABETH B. NIMOCKS

Elisabeth Holt Burns Nimocks, 86, of Fayetteville, passed away August 26. She grew up in Fayetteville and graduated from Fayetteville High School in the Class of 1946. She also graduated from Saint Mary's Junior College in Raleigh in 1948 and from Woman's College in Greensboro in 1950.

Nimocks married David Ray Nimocks Jr. on Nov. 4, 1950. Together, the couple were the source of the \$1 million naming gift for the Nimocks Fitness Center in 2004. In 1998, the Nimocks family established the Col. David R. Nimocks endowed professorship

in the Charles M. Reeves School of Business and followed it with a second endowed professorship in 2003. The endowments were named for Mr. Nimocks' late father. Her son, David Nimocks III, is a former MU Trustee.

Nimocks was also a member of the Junior League of Fayetteville, the Fayetteville Garden Club, and the Fayetteville Historical Society. She attended Saint John's Episcopal Church from childhood and was a member of the Episcopal Church Women and the Altar Guild. She was active in philanthropic endeavors.



DICK PLAYER

Richard L. "Dick" Player, longtime supporter and Trustee Emeritus, died March 24, at the age of 80. Player and his family have contributed much to Methodist University and the community for more than 50 years.

Player served on the Fayetteville College Foundation Board, now the Methodist University Foundation Board, and he chaired Loyalty Day in 1991. He spent 16 years as a member of the Board of Trustees, including a time as chair, when he led the Board with distinction during an important time in the University's development, before being elected as a Trustee Emeritus in 2010.

Most recently, he and his wife, Margaret

Ann, were presented with the University Medallion at the 2014 Winter Commencement in December, recognizing a lifetime of contributions to Methodist.

Many of the buildings on campus are the professional work of Player, Inc., including The Richard L. Player Golf Learning Center, The March F. Riddle Athletics Center, The Hendricks Science Complex, Nimocks Fitness Center, Joe W. Stout Hall, The Davis Memorial Library Addition, Margaret and Walter Clark Hall, and the Alpha Delta Pi House.

Mr. and Mrs. Player personally provided the primary funding for the Richard L. Player Golf and Tennis Learning Center in 1995.



MARCH RIDDLE

At age 87, and having enjoyed a full life, March Floyd Riddle passed away after a brief illness on Feb. 28. Mrs. Riddle was the matriarch of a family that has had a tremendous influence on the growth of the Fayetteville area. Through their land development, construction business, and philanthropy, they helped change the landscape of the community.

The Riddle family's involvement with Methodist University spans four decades and is most evident through the Riddle Center on

campus, which bears March Riddle's name. The family has also been involved through ongoing support of the University through other family members, including her daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and George Armstrong, as well as son, Joe Riddle III, and daughter, Sharlene Williams.

For her tremendous support of Methodist, Mrs. Riddle was awarded the Greater Good Award by the Center for Entrepreneurship in 2012. The award recognizes those who have shown kindness, charity, humanity, love, and friendship to their associates.

Bringing MU to You

Can't make it to campus? Don't worry, we are bringing MU to you. Methodist University regional events bring alumni, parents, and friends of MU together for educational, social, and cultural opportunities. Attending a regional event is an excellent way to build and grow social and professional networks, remain informed about news from campus, and display pride in your alma mater. Whether you're new to an area or have been a long-time resident, it's never too late to start attending regional events.



Fayetteville, N.C.

MU President Dr. Ben Hancock greets guests at the home of Nancy and Murray Duggins '66



Left, Dave Baggett '00 and Magda Baggett spend time with Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan. Right, Dr. Hancock speaks with Cal Violette '84, Dr. Mary Lynn Bryan, and Dr. Allison Violette.



Bristol, R.I.

Ron Matthews and Peter Broome



Mary Wright '68, Debbie Hancock and Sandy Broome



Wilmington, N.C.

Matt Seals '05, Robert Flynn '70, Tom Walden, Dr. Elton Hendricks, Jerry Jackson '75, Duncan McMillan



Fayetteville, N.C.

George and Dena Breece '00 (pictured with the Hancocks) hosted an event at their Fayetteville home around the Dogwood Festival.



Raleigh, N.C.

Barry Horne '71, Dr. Hancock, and Dave Woodard '71



Left, Lisa and Clint Edwards '99 '99 Right, Medina Jones '95 and Angela Buchholz '93



Orlando, Fla.

Above, MU Director of PGA Golf Management Jerry Hogge, center, with Matt Hogge, left, and Trustee Peter Broome at the PGA Merchandise Show alumni reception.



Chris Muldoon '03, Mike Connors '05, Kevin Muldoon '03, Tony Romansky '01



Pinehurst, N.C.

Elaine (Lewis) Van Vliet '78 and Gene Clayton



Richmond, Va.

Bill Estes '69, Felix Sarfo-Kantanka '99, Sam Compton '69



Chris Dennis '05 and Mischa Zakhary

SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ Oct. 13 – Charles Holmes and the Alumni Office will be hosting an alumni and friends event in New York City at the University Club.
- ◆ Jan. 27 – Meet up with MU faculty, students, and alumni at the PGA Show in Orlando, Fla.

For more information about these alumni events or to host one in your area, please contact Kirbie Dockery, Director of Alumni Affairs at 910.630.7167, 800.488.7110 ext. 7167 or alumnioffice@methodist.edu.



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