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METHODIST COLLEGE ALUMNI HONOR MRS. JOY COGSWELL

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—The Methodist College Alumni Association recently presented its Outstanding Faculty Award for 1996 to Mrs. Joy Cogswell, director of the Methodist College Preparatory School for the Performing Arts and instructor of piano.

Mrs. Cogswell joined the Methodist faculty in 1984. A native of Columbia, Mississippi, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Florida State University. The Preparatory School which she directs, formerly known as the college's "community music program," offers a wide range of private music instruction in afternoon classes. It includes the highly acclaimed "KinderMusic" and "Music Box" programs for preschoolers.

About ten years ago, Mrs. Cogswell established a summer music camp at Methodist, which brings three professional artists to the campus each summer to instruct young musicians in piano, strings, voice, and music theory. Her MusiCamp is now regarded as one of the finest in the Southeast.

The student who nominated Mrs. Cogswell for the Outstanding Faculty Award described her as "a caring, concerned instructor. . . whose loyalty to Methodist College is demonstrated in her Christian commitment to the students, faculty, and staff who live and work here. . .and whose love of music is as evident in her teaching as it is in her performance."

Joy Cogswell has been active in the music ministry of Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, serving as pianist and directing the Senior High Youth Choir, and has served on the boards of the Fayetteville Piano Teachers Association, the Fayetteville Symphony Association, and the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County.

Mrs. Cogswell and her husband Robert have one daughter, Katheryne.