On the Cover: Sharon and Ron Matthews, who donated the naming gift for the World Ministry Center, join hands with students and President Ben Hancock.

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The Center for Entrepreneurship’s Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit welcomed Governor Pat McCrory as keynote speaker at the April event. Gov. McCrory addressed local entrepreneurs, business owners, community leaders, and members of the Methodist University community on the impact and value of entrepreneurship in North Carolina.

“Entrepreneurship has not been as attractive in North Carolina as it should have been,” McCrory said. “Two sectors that are growing might surprise you. Manufacturing is seeing an economic revival. Agriculture has great opportunities for entrepreneurs. There is a good future for the younger generation in these two industries.”

In order for that to happen, however, McCrory said that education and commerce had to be aligned.

“Universities should measure success not by how many students they have enrolled but by how many of their students will have jobs,” the governor said.

Governor Pat McCrory, left, shakes hands with President Ben Hancock at the Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit.

AWARDS

Four prestigious business awards were also presented at the Spring Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit.

The awards and the recipients were, from left:
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- American Business Ethics Award - Bobby Hurst, Hurst Annaho Supply
- Small Business Excellence Award - W. Scott Weathington, Agri-Technologies

Six Join Board of Trustees

Methodist University announces the election of six new members to the Board of Trustees to serve three year terms.

TIMOTHY RICHARDSON

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

CHARLES BROADFOOT HOLMES

Originally from Fayetteville, Charles Holmes resides in New York City. He is the senior managing director and head of equities for Oppenheimer & Co. in New York City. In December 2013, Holmes was the commencement speaker at Methodist University and received an honorary doctorate. Following commencement, Holmes made a challenge gift to encourage future graduates to support their alma mater.

EDWARD “TUNA” KEIL

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

LOUIS COX

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

ELTON STANLEY

Originally from Shallotte, N.C., Stanley lives in Plano, Texas, with his wife Debra. He is the director of Client Services for Sedgwick Claims Management Services. He graduated from Methodist in 1975 with a bachelor’s degree in sociology. Stanley was inducted into MU’s Hall of Fame in 2008 for his accomplishments on the men’s basketball team from 1971 to 1975.

WILLIFORD McCAULEY

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

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Scan this QR code for more photos from the event.
The first graduates of the Professional Nursing Studies Program were pinned May 8 at Haymount United Methodist Church. The inaugural event was Methodist’s first, but a time-honored tradition of nursing schools everywhere, signifying the nursing graduate’s official initiation into the brotherhood and sisterhood of nurses.

The program’s first cohort included 17 students, who received their Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the spring Commencement Ceremony on May 10. The program also included words from members of the class, awards, and The Florence Nightingale Pledge.

In the fall of 2012, Methodist University opened the brand new Professional Nursing Studies Building, which houses the program. The $3.2 million facility includes the high-tech MU General Simulation Hospital, where nursing students receive immersive training in realistic scenarios.

**HISTORY OF THE CEREMONY**

The pinning ceremony has symbolism and history that dates as far back as the Crusades of the 12th century and the Knights of the Order of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist. The modern ceremony dates to the 1860s, when Florence Nightingale was awarded the Red Cross of St. George in recognition of her tireless service to the injured during the Crimean War. To share the honor, she in turn presented a medal of excellence to her brightest graduates. By 1916, the practice of pinning new graduates was standard throughout the United States.

This past spring, nine students had the honor of being the first graduates of Methodist University’s Master of Education Program. All of the students are practicing teachers, with two working at Harnett County Schools, two in Hoke County, and five from Cumberland County Schools. The first cohort had a 100 percent pass rate on the professional reading specialist exam, which is a part of the Educational Testing Service. Now in its third year, the Master of Education Program is currently recruiting for Cohort IV, which will begin classes in June 2015. Cohort III will graduate in May 2015 and Cohort III will graduate in May 2016. Each cohort goes through the program together as a group, allowing students to learn a great deal from each other’s professional experiences, as well as current research based practices in their concentration area. Students in the Master of Education Program choose a concentration in either literacy or special education. The program is designed to be completed in two years, taking classes over four regular semesters and during two summers. During the fall and spring, the program blends online and on-campus classes, while summer classes have face-to-face instruction.

“The program was designed for the working teacher,” said Dr. Sue Godwin-Baker, director of the Master of Education Program. “Cohort One found that the online classes helped them with their demanding schedule as teachers and working mothers. The weekend and summer classes that were face to face gave them the opportunity to interact with other professionals. They were able to grow professionally as they learned and demonstrated the best practices for instruction in their classes. I am sure they would say that they will never teach the same way again.”

For more information on the Master of Education Program at Methodist University, visit methodist.edu/med or call Dr. Sue Godwin-Baker at 910.630.7060.
PA PROGRAM HOSTS GOLF TOURNAMENT

On May 3, the Physician Assistant Class of 2015 hosted its 5th Annual Golf Tournament at King’s Grant Golf and Country Club. Proceeds from the event assist in providing funds towards the students’ preparation for the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE) and to The CARE Clinic of Cumberland County.

This year’s tournament had a total of 84 golfers and multiple sponsors from the Fayetteville and surrounding areas’ medical communities and local businesses. In total, $13,000 was raised for the cause, and $1,500 was donated to the CARE registration fee.

Additionally, the golf tournament helped benefit The CARE Clinic of Cumberland County. The CARE Clinic is a free treatment center that provides medical care to low income and uninsured residents of Cumberland County. It first opened its doors in 1993 and operates under four major principles: compassion, assistance, referral, and education, all of which are vital components of healthcare today.

FASTMED PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

FastMed Urgent Care, founded in 2001 by MU PA Program graduates Dr. Jason Williams ’96, and Mr. Reza Hatefi, PA-C ’00, awarded $500 academic scholarships to members of the MU PA Program’s Class of 2014. These students were selected based on their post-graduation professional and personal goals and scholarship

LONGTIME FACULTY, STAFF RETIRE

JOE DOLL

Dean of the Reeves School of Business Joe Doll received his B.S. from the University Dayton and his M.B.A. from American University before beginning his career at Methodist. Throughout his time at MU, Doll’s leadership and intelligence impacted students as they learned the art of managing businesses in an open style. He allowed students to express their opinions and offer ideas to lead to the best possible solution to various problems.

Doll’s research interests included the relationship of corporate and organizational culture to sustainable development, entrepreneurship, business policy and strategic planning. He is also the founder of two for-profit companies, and a non-profit organization.

Doll first started at Methodist in 1992 as a professor and director of the Reeves School of Business. He resigned in 2007 but returned in 2011 to be dean of the business school until his retirement this fall.

SAMUEL J. CLARK III

In July, Fayetteville native Sam Clark ’74 retired from Methodist after 30 years of service as a business instructor, registrar, and director of computer services. Dr. Clark earned his law degree from N.C. Central University and married Lynn Gruber ’72 while she was serving as director of alumni affairs.

He assisted in the implementation of new computer programs and Internet access across the campus, from the Registrar’s Office to the classrooms. Several years ago, he helped MU administrators and faculty acquire the laptop computers and information management software needed to operate a modern university. Now MU has a campus computer network linked to Blackboard, Jenzabar data management software in several administrative offices, and Smartboards in every classroom. Sam said he enjoyed helping Methodist enter the Digital Age and become a world-class university equipped with 21st century technology.

GERRI WILLIAMS

Geraldine Norman Williams ’68 amassed 35 years of service to her alma mater, serving as administrative assistant to Methodist presidents Richard Pearce, Elton Hendricks, and Ben Hancock. At her retirement reception in August, Gerri was warmly praised by friends and colleagues for her devotion and efficiency. When Dr. Michael Martin and several members of the MU Chorale serenaded Gerri by singing “Sunny,” a 1966 rock tune, Gerri shed a few tears.

Gerri also had an incredible knack for keeping track of things. She said she loved working with the staff, students, and friends of Methodist, was proud to be a Monarch, and looked forward to spending more time with her husband Steve, who is also retired.

AL STRATTA

With more than 45 years in the hospitality, resort, hotel, restaurant, and club business, Stratta’s work experience included work at Hilton Hotels International, the Beverly Hills Hotel Corporation, and The Country Club of North Carolina at Pinehurst. He also worked as a consultant for various hoteliers, resorts, and clubs. His teaching philosophy stressed the ability to analyze, push students to be sensitive to other people’s abilities and weaknesses, think strategically, and evaluate themselves during the learning and career process. He spent 12 years as the Executive in Residence in the Reeves School of Business at Methodist University, where he mentored students on a daily basis.
SEVERAL FACULTY MEMBERS WERE RECOGNIZED AT THE ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY IN APRIL

Clockwise from top row:
Assistant Professor of Social Work Mary Deyampert-McCall, right, was given the Exemplary Teacher Award from the General Board of Higher Educational Ministry of the United Methodist Church.
Music Department Chair Dr. Keith Dippre, right, was given the President’s Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Expression.
Government Studies Chair Dr. Andrew Ziegler, left, received the Alfred E. Cleveland Award for Excellence in Teaching, shown here with Cleveland, center.
History Professor Dr. Patrick O’Neil, right, received the Distinguished Professor of the Year Award.
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Jane Weeks Gardner presented Social Work Chair Dr. Carla Vagn and Academic Service Associate Eugenia Johnson with the Annual Award for Excellence in Academic Advising.
Assistant Professor of Chemistry Dr. Stephanie Hooper Marosek, right, was recognized for her support and mentorship of undergraduate research and creative projects by Dr. Clay Britton, director of the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creativity.

METHODIST RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

Cumberland Community Foundation board members Elaine Bryant Hayes, left, and Libby Daniel, right, present a $54,450 check from the Robert H. Short/Cumberland Community Foundation Scholars Program to President Ben Hancock in April. The money was used to provide scholarships for 16 students.

RECORD NUMBER GRADUATE AT 51st Annual Spring Commencement

Methodist University celebrated its 51st annual Spring Commencement Ceremony May 10 with a record number of 238 candidates for graduation. The first graduating class, the Class of 1964, was also honored at the ceremony: Several members of the Class of 1964 led the graduation procession and were hooded for the first time, compliments of the MU Alumni Association in recognition of their 50th anniversary.
Major Dan Rooney, a retired F-16 fighter pilot and founder of Folds of Honor, delivered the commencement address and was presented with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.
The University also presented the University Medallion to Dr. Christopher Aul, chief medical officer of Cape Fear Valley Health System and medical director of the university’s Physician Assistant Program.
Rooney spoke about the importance of synchronicity, which he called “chance with a purpose,” and to identify their passion and pursue it with “reckless abandon.”
“The right moment is meaningless unless you have faith and courage to take advantage of it,” Rooney said.
After Rooney spoke, President Ben Hancock announced that Methodist would award two scholarships to Folds of Honor recipients, and challenged other colleges and universities to do the same.
The 2014 Spring Commencement Distinguished Graduate was biology major Cassidy Conley. Flags from Jordan, Rwanda, Zambia, Botswana, Cambodia, and Tonga were presented to the university by students who were the first to graduate from their countries.
Prior to the commencement ceremony, Dr. James Howell, senior pastor at Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, delivered the baccalaureate sermon.

METHODIST UNIVERSITY Excellence
From left: Josh Clarke, Eddie Crawford, Jordan Reiling, Paul Brown, and Bernard "BJ" Minter helped make a superhero-themed poster for the event.

The annual Mr. Methodist pageant was held in March, with seven students vying to be crowned. Mark Goslee, a music major, was awarded the title, and Christian Lopez was named People’s Choice. The event was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.

Robert Jordan, owner of Jordan Lumber and Supply, was this year’s Lowdermilk Ethics Speaker. Jordan visited campus in March to speak to students, faculty, and staff at two events.

Since 1995, the Reeves School of Business has hosted an annual lecture and discussion in the area of business ethics in conjunction with the announcement of the Lowdermilk Student Achievement Awards. The Lowdermilk awards are given to full-time students who have been nominated by current faculty or staff and meet certain selective criteria, including exemplary service and demonstrating high ethical standards and spiritual values in their lives.

The original award was established in 1995 by the Board of the Fayetteville Rotary Club to honor Dr. William P. Lowdermilk for his long and honorable service to Rotary and to Methodist College.

Robert Jordan, at right, also spoke with a small group of Campus Ministry students as part of his visit as the annual Lowdermilk Ethics Speaker in March.

The U.S. Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) Southern Division awarded scholarships to two students in the Methodist University Professional Tennis Management (PTM) Program. The scholarships are a new three-year contribution to Methodist from the organization, which will be awarded to two different sophomores each year.

This year, the well deserving recipients were Jacob Groce and Morgan Mann, who both met the scholarship requirements and exceeded the PTM Program standards and minimum requirements.

The USPTA Southern Division’s financial gift to the Methodist PTM Program provides opportunities for new professionals to enter into the industry and make a direct impact on tennis in the United States.

“We are very grateful for the continued support and involvement of the USPTA with the Methodist University PTM Program,” said Kaitlin Flaherty, assistant director of the PTM Program. “This new scholarship provided by the USPTA Southern Division will allow young and passionate teaching professionals to pursue their dreams of entering the tennis industry with a college education, numerous teaching certifications, and knowledge of the tennis business with a lightened financial burden.”

Students Jacob Grace, left, and Morgan Mann show off their USPTA Scholarship certificates.
Athletic Training students Russell Sinetti, left, and Chelsey Keene, right, examine "patient" Connor Harling, while another actor pretends to be a concerned parent. In the distance, students Danielle Heid, left, and Elizabeth Fauscette tend to another "patient."


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

The scenario for the exercise involved a portable methamphetamine lab exploding in a vehicle, injuring 10 innocent bystanders attending a football game. Students worked together as they would in a real life emergency situation. University Police responded first to the scene to secure the situation. Nursing and Physician Assistant students received the patients, accessed their situation, and provided medical care. The patients included students and computerized mannequins programmed by the instructors. Applied Forensic Science students investigated the crime scene. Environmental and Occupational Management students contained and removed the hazardous materials. Students and faculty gathered after each section completed their response and participated in an after-action review and watched the video recording of the event. A documentary of the exercise will be produced and used in the classroom to teach students about emergency response, be prepared and serve food to the homeless, and shared emergency preparedness information to residents. The event, which involved all of the freshman class, was in memory of two long-time former employees of Methodist University, Mike Sinkovitz and Jesse Smith, both of whom left a legacy of community service and leadership and were well-known and respected by faculty, staff, and students.

Participants gathered for an opening rally in Huff Concert Hall before departing campus on 10 chartered buses that went to the 17 nonprofit agencies throughout Fayetteville listed at right. More than 400 Methodist University students, and members of the faculty and staff volunteered to serve the Fayetteville community on the MU Day of Service Oct. 4, which was organized by the Center for Community Engagement.

Leadership Fellows continue their program of leadership development. Some fellows traveled to N.C. State for the General Hugh Shelton Leadership Forum in November, and in February, others will travel to the University of South Carolina for the Student Leadership and Diversity Conference.
FIRST ISSUE OF MONARCH REVIEW PUBLISHED

The Monarch Review, a publication that showcases the best of Methodist University’s undergraduate research and creativity, celebrated its first issue with a kick off reception on Nov. 10. The student-run journal was created to feature work from all academic and artistic disciplines, ranging from life sciences to theatrical performances.

Each work in the journal was reviewed by at least two faculty members and revised to meet professional and academic standards.

“It is exciting to be able to publish Volume 1 of the Monarch Review,” said Dr. Clay Britton, director of the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creativity (CURC). “The students that have had a role in the production of the completed work have done an awesome job. Also, the leadership and dedication of Senior Staff Editor and MU Writing Center Consultant Baylor Hicks was instrumental to the success of this project. Publication of our students’ research and creative projects is a great step forward in preparing them for their endeavors after their time at Methodist.”

The public and the Methodist community can hear about many more research projects at the fourth annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium, which will be held April 15. The CURC offers grants to students to assist them in completing their projects and sharing the results at Methodist and other venues. The CURC also offers a Fellowship Program, for students who desire more rigorous independent projects.

METHODOLOGY:

- The university is committed to an ecumenical spirit, respects diversity, and recognizes the dignity and worth of all human beings.
- From the Methodist University Mission Statement

Faith is an important part of the University’s Mission to develop the whole persons. It is a pillar of the current campaign, the day to day life on campus, and the Methodist University community. The following section explores the many facets of faith and Campus Ministry at Methodist University.
Ron Matthews was posing for photographers outside the Reeves Fine Arts Building with his wife Sharon, several students, and the president of Methodist University, when he got his own idea for a picture. “Why don’t we hold hands?” he suggested. The resulting image of the elegant couple, clasped hands held high with Dr. Ben Hancock and the students – many wearing colorful clothing from homelands around the world – seemed to fit the occasion. Only a few moments before and a few yards away, Dr. Hancock had announced Ron and Sharon Matthews’ $2.5 million gift toward the building of the Sharon and Ron Matthews World Ministry Center on campus. The new Sharon and Ron Matthews World Ministry Center will provide a 300-seat chapel that will serve as the home for Campus Ministry and student worship. While the center will recognize the University’s past and present connections with the United Methodist Church, it also will celebrate all faiths and provide a space for all cultures to come together to promote peace and understanding. “This inspirational gift from Sharon and Ron is more than a gift to our university and in support for our faith-based mission,” said Dr. Hancock. “This gift brings us that much closer to our $5.4 million goal for the Reeves (Fine Arts) Building that will make this combined chapel, cultural arts venue and educational facility a reality and fulfill our vision for the future that we share with our faith and community partners.” Sharon Matthews hopes that the new facility will be like a “shining star” to the community. “We hope by doing this, that it’s going to draw more people to Methodist, that it will reach out to people other than the students … that it will just touch lives everywhere,” she said. The center, her husband said, will be “a place of worship, peace, and reconciliation. It will enhance all students’ experiences on campus and in the world. It is important for a well-balanced experience and a rich spiritual life.” “God put it on our hearts,” Ron Matthews said. “It was something we had to do. We had to do it not just for Methodist University, but for the world. This could be a seed that germinates, and our world needs it.” The Rev. Dr. Mike Safley noted the same need in a prayer that opened the convocation. “As we are gathered here,” he said, “we acknowledge that the world is struggling with open conflict, and the world suffers from the illusion that certain groups or individuals have a monopoly on the truth. We are struggling in Ferguson, Missouri; in Iraq; in Afghanistan and around the world. Therefore we ask this morning. Break down the walls that separate us. Open our minds, hearts and spirits to universal truths and principles that bind us together in understanding and love.” Department of Philosophy and Religion Chair J.R. Hustwit said that “the Matthews’ gift could not have come at a better time. More international students than ever are attending Methodist University. Our study abroad programs are taking off.” Hustwit also noted the development of the university’s interfaith council, which is dedicated to increasing inter-religious understanding. “All of these trends reflect the reality of the world beyond the campus gates,” Dr. Hustwit said. “Cultures around the world shift and intersect – often violently. The World Ministry Center will provide a space in which we can wage peace together, across the lines of religious identity. I think this is what it means to take seriously the radical charge of the Good Samaritan: to recognize another person’s common humanity before we recognize theological differences. We are blessed to have this opportunity.” The center will connect to the renovated Linda and Ralph Huff Concert Hall in the John M. Reeves Fine Arts Building by the Union-Zukowiski Lobby and Gallery – reflecting earlier, major gifts to the university. The gift from Sharon and Ron Matthews brings the total raised to more than $30 million toward the capital campaign goal of $35 million – the largest fundraising initiative in Methodist University’s history. Sharon and Ron Matthews, who owned Family Foods until selling their company this year, have a long history as benefactors to Methodist University. Ron Matthews joined the Board of Trustees in 2006 and has served on the board’s Executive Committee and the National Campaign Committee. In 2000, Ron and Sharon were the recipients of the Small Business Excellence Award from MU’s Center for Entrepreneurship. “We believe in Methodist University, strongly,” Ron Matthews said. “And we ask the community and the world to take a close look at this university – with the World Ministry Center being a vital part, a spiritual element as a good balance in life and learning.” Contributing author Dan Trigoboff, J.D. is an Assistant Professor in Mass Communications at Methodist University. Visit CampaignForMU.org to see renderings, floor plans, and named gift opportunities.
Methodist University is always working to strengthen its bonds with churches in the Fayetteville community. Approximately 50 United Methodist Churches and 15 other churches have existing connections with the University, whether through alumni, providing counseling, or helping with numerous events on and off campus.

Churches such as Manna Church, Village Baptist, Fayetteville Community Christian, and Cedar Falls Baptist participate in the Adopt-a-Dorm program. The program fosters relations between students living on campus and the local churches when the members of the congregation come into the residence halls for a variety of purposes.

According to Donna Wilson, director of Campus Ministry, Programs and Outreach Administration Services, the pastors who aid in the successful Adopt-a-Dorm program provide a faith-based connection and offer love and acceptance to all Methodist’s students.

“Methodist is one of three main colleges in Fayetteville,” said Michael Troxel, the minister of college and singles for Village Baptist. Because the University has a smaller population, he feels their ministry has bigger ability to make a difference in the students’ lives.

“The focus of the Adopt-a-Dorm program is ‘Love students where they are,’ and that’s what we do. We share our lives with them, build relations with them and share the gospel with them,” said Troxel.

In addition to the Wednesday chapel service on campus, there are also two other weekly services that are offered on campus through community partners. On Sunday mornings, there is a non-denominational service hosted by Manna Church, followed by a Catholic mass in the evening, hosted by St. Ann Elizabeth Seaton Catholic Church.

Methodist University thanks the many local churches that have built a relationship with Campus Ministry over the years. Our current list of active church relationships is below. To add your church to the list, contact Campus Ministry.

Haymount United Methodist Church
St. Andrew United Methodist Church
Hay Street United Methodist Church
Person Street United Methodist Church
Fayetteville Community Christian
Gardners United Methodist Church
Solid Rock United Methodist Church
St. Ann Elizabeth Seaton Catholic Church

Haymount Presbyterian Church
Manna Church
Village Baptist
Covenant Love
Peace Presbyterian
Cedar Falls Baptist
Pursuit Church
True Vine

To add your church to the list, contact Campus Ministry at 910.630.7157.
Student Erika Henriksen blows bubbles at the Songkran Thai Water Festival, one of the activities hosted by the Interfaith Council.

There are many student groups sponsored by Campus Ministry.

LEADERSHIP TEAMS:
- Campus Ministry Leadership Team
- Interfaith Council
- Wednesday Welcome Team

WEEKLY STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS:
- In His Grip
- FCA
- Chris’s House Connection
- Men’s Bible Study
- Women’s Bible Study
- One Voice – (Practice/Concerts/Workshops/Church Performances/Outreaches)
- FCA House Band – (Practice/Church Performances and Outreach)
- Common Ground – (Practice/Church Performances and Outreach)

REACHING STUDENTS

ONE CAMPUS MINISTRY PROGRAM AT A TIME

With more than 10 extra-curricular faith programs, Methodist University helps provide an active spiritual foundation for over 400 students each year who get involved in Campus Ministry. The office's programs range from Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the largest and most well known group, to the Interfaith Council, a new group created last year that focuses on sharing and creating dialogue between different religions. Each group has the common goal of working together to represent Campus Ministry as a whole.

"Campus Ministry plants the seeds of faith, so they can develop and nurture," said the Reverend Dr. Michael W. Sailey, vice president of Church Relations and Campus Ministry. "Everyone needs a spiritual foundation and everyone is on a spiritual journey."

Campus Ministry reaches out to many students in their first days at Methodist and continues to welcome and engage students throughout the school year.

"Men's Bible Study really impacted me personally. I have never had an all men's group that would openly share how they felt and how they believed. It was inspiring to see so many guys just open up like that, without fear of judgment or ridicule," said Tripp Taylor, a sophomore studying Business and Organizational Communication and Leadership.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is one of the more popular groups within Campus Ministry and the University as a whole. With weekly meetings, they try to see the "world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes."

"We are meeting the spiritual needs of our students," Sailey said. By meeting the student’s spiritual needs, Sailey says it creates a better student, which in turn betters the student in all aspects of life.

"Campus Ministry was the first activity that I was involved in when I arrived at Methodist," said Connor Kingdom, a sophomore studying Mass Communications. "It gave me the homely feeling of school, gave me my first friends, exposed me to the spiritual side of college, and has helped me grow in my spiritual life."
Scan QR code to watch a video online about the most recent mission trip to Nicaragua.

SENDING NATIONAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS

“IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN” MISSION WORK TAKES STUDENTS ON SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Since 2009, Campus Ministry has taken students on nine long-distance mission trips. Instead of spending their spring and winter breaks vacationing with family, these students have volunteered to travel to places in need and do home construction and repair, provide neighborhoods with clean water, visit orphanages, minister to and feed the homeless, and be in community with those from other countries.

Students on past mission trips have traveled to Belize, Bahamas, Haiti, Nicaragua, as well as locations in the United States like Georgia and New York City. This coming year, plans have already been made to go to Haiti in January.

“Giving back to someone else is the only way I can truly enjoy the blessings that God grants me every day,” said student Tevin Rogers. “I developed this perspective during the fall break mission trip to St. Simons Island, Georgia.”

Not all mission work is far from campus, though. Campus Ministry also offers students the chance to work in the local community. This year, Campus Ministry began working with Person Street United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, bringing students, faculty, and staff every first and third Saturday to assist with the church’s mission to feed and clothes the homeless.

In the future, the office hopes to also offer mission trips that are open to other parts of the Methodist University community, such as alumni and community partners.

PAST MISSION TRIPS

2014 - Nicaragua
2013-14 - Haiti
2013 - New York City
2013 - Nicaragua
2012-13 - Haiti
2012 - Eleuthera Island, Bahamas
2011 - Jaguar Creek, Belize
2010 - Eleuthera Island, Bahamas
2009 - Cristo Rey, Belize

Student Gavin Daniels plays with a child in Nicaragua during a work team trip, Spring Break 2014. The work team trip had such an impact on Daniels that he returned to Nicaragua during the summer to continue ministry work there.

Student Morgan Mann takes a break from the house building project during the most recent mission trip to Nicaragua during last spring break.
WORSHIPING YEAR-ROUND

CAMPUS MINISTRY FILLS CALENDAR WITH TRADITIONAL SERVICES

Throughout the year, the campus community can find many different worship services hosted by Campus Ministry. The 11 a.m. Wednesday service in Hensdale Chapel is a keystone for many students in the middle of their busy weeks. With frequent guest speakers and special musical performances, chapel time is a welcome respite for all members of the campus community to gather, reconnect, and share in an interdenominational worship service.

Campus Ministry also hosts special services connected to Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and graduation. The graduation worship service is called the Baccalaureate, and takes place in Huff Concert Hall, where the friends and families of students gather the morning of graduation for prayers, singing, and a sermon from the Baccalaureate speaker.

The Thanksgiving service starts with a traditional Thanksgiving meal in the Green and Gold Cafe, followed by a community service in the chapel. The campus welcomes residents of local nursing homes, who are invited to share the feast and fellowship. Last year, the guests were residents of Fayetteville Manor.

“Methodist University has been having a Thanksgiving Buffet and worship service since I returned to Methodist University as the campus minister in 2006,” said the Rev. Dr. Mike Safley. “I wanted to make the service a positive experience for the university faculty, staff, students, and their families. We invite persons from local nursing homes so they can feel love and support from our community.”

In December, the chapel brings out the Nativity decorations and candles for a Moravian Love Feast. Many churches hold a love feast on Christmas Eve, but the campus service is held before students leave for winter break, though it is also open to the public. The traditional service includes singing Christmas carols and sharing sweetened buns and coffee.

“This one night a year, we get to meet people from all over the community and share stories of Thanksgiving with one another,” said student Gavin Daniels, who went to his first Moravian Love Feast on campus in 2012. “It is a night to have great fellowship with one another and give thanks again to God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us in the last year.”

On Easter, Campus Ministry hosts an Easter sunrise service in the O’Hanlon Amphitheater, weather permitting. This early morning service celebrates the resurrection in the beautiful amphitheater as the sun comes up through the surrounding trees.
FROM STUDENT GROUPS TO MAINSTREAM CHRISTIAN ARTISTS, CAMPUS MINISTRY BRINGS HARMONY

Music is an important part of any worship service on campus, but thanks to student groups and the annual Easter Jam concert, Campus Ministry’s efforts at musical praise echo much further. The One Voice International Gospel Choir, which is open to all students, and Common Ground, MU’s contemporary praise and worship band, have performed up and down the East Coast. As well as exporting these performances, Campus Ministry has hosted Easter Jam for the last five years, which brings in well-known Christian recording artists for a free public concert that always draws a large crowd from the local community.

EASTER JAM

One of the biggest Campus Ministry events of the year is Easter Jam. This year, the event welcomed the “We Won’t Be Shaken” tour, featuring Building 429, Family Force 5, and Hawk Nelson. Past headliners include Leeland, Josh Wilson, 7th Day Slumber, and Charlie Hall. This free concert is a community favorite, bringing many individuals and church groups to campus for well-known contemporary Christian musicians.

THE MOVEMENT

Building 429 performs at Easter Jam 2014

Scan this QR code for more photos from the Easter Jam event.

Common Ground members, from left, J.D. Williamson, Joel Wise, Landon Bentham, Sam Morrison, and Chris Carter perform as part of Easter Jam 2013.

Scan this QR code for more photos from The Movement event.

One Voice members, from left, Gabrielle Isaac, Thelma Smith-Chaney, LaMirica Barry, Shamar Johnson, Julius Toney, Ralph Chew, and Michael Price perform as part of The Movement.

COMMON GROUND

Formed out of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes’ 2010 retreat, the idea of a house band for FCA meetings grew into a ministry that has travelled to more than 30 churches, some as far away as New York, as well as opening for national acts at Easter Jam and recording an album.

The group welcomed 16 different students as members over the years, but the current members are now all alumni, with the lineup including Landon Bentham, Sam Morrison, J.D. Williamson, Chris Carter, and Joel Wise. The idea of a student rock worship band is still alive, however.

“The creation of a second worship band is well underway,” says Morrison. “The new band currently plays at weekly FCA meetings and they are beginning to play at area churches.”

ONE VOICE

“The gospel choir is a chapel staple, but the students also perform off campus more than 20 times per semester at churches, nursing homes, schools, and other events throughout the state, as well as travelling a little farther each year on their annual tour. In March, the group held The Movement, an all-day seminar on gospel singing.

The choir is directed by alumnus and former choir member Ralph Chew ‘10, and current student Gabbie Isaac is the choir’s president.

“To me, One Voice is awesome because of the truthness of its name,” Isaac said. “I truly believe that our group is a group of very talented and Christ-minded people who come together as one voice and one sound.”

DONNA WILSON

For me, Methodist University is where my family and I call “home”. I have served in the United States military overseas, worked as a cardiology technician in the medical field, served as parent facilitator in the public school system, and traveled the world. I am blessed to have had a lifetime of career experiences and opportunities, but Methodist is where I have been able to bring all of my education, experiences, and talents together to make a difference.

Methodist University is where I have watched my family grow. Each of my family members have been employees of Methodist University: My children and I received our education from Methodist University. My boys both met their fiancés at Methodist University. It is here, in our journey at Methodist University, that our lives transformed.

As a parent, I have been able to watch my children obtain their education at Methodist University, grow and transition from their high school years into careers that are truly their passion.

As an employee, I have been given the opportunity to utilize my education, experience and talents to work in a career that is my passion. As the director of Campus Ministry Programs and Community Outreach, I have the opportunity to share my faith, travel with students on mission trips, and serve our community.

As an alumna, I have the opportunity to give back to our students and our community.

I care about our students and their life goals. There is no greater calling for me than to work with our students and serve as a mentor to help them find their passion and purpose in life. I am blessed to work for Methodist University. For me, Methodist is home.

THE REV. DR. MIKE SAFLEY

I began my journey as a Monarch back in 1968 as a freshman when the university was still called Methodist College. I left Methodist and came back to the University in 1987. I stayed for about ten years, then left to work at the Methodist Home for Children. In 2005, I was asked to come back as vice president of University Relations.

I’m passionate about my work and what I want to accomplish is my goal of helping students find themselves in their spiritual journey. Methodist as a melting pot of all faiths. I’ve helped to grow the Campus Ministry foundation, too.

When I first came to Methodist, it was very one-dimensional. Now we have students of all faith who are able to complete their spiritual journeys here at Methodist.
NURTURING FUTURE MINISTERS

FOR DECADES, METHODIST HAS HELPED STUDENTS ANSWER THE CALL

For decades, Methodist University has helped prepare students to answer the call of ministry. Students who find themselves working in the ministry after graduating from MU serve in a variety of positions, from pastors to lay leaders, all with a common cause of bringing good news to the world.

PATRICK MURPHY

Patrick Murphy ’09 studied Psychology and Religion during his time at Methodist University, and attended Duke Divinity School, where he graduated in 2012 with a Master of Divinity. Murphy is currently the pastor of Spring Lake United Methodist Church.

JON STROTHER

The Rev. Jon Strother grew up in Sanford, N.C. After graduating from Sanford Central High School, he attended Methodist University and Duke University’s School of Divinity. Since his graduation from Methodist University in 1980, he has served congregations across Eastern North Carolina since 1982, including Macon Charge in Warren County, Hayes Barton in Wake County as an Associate Pastor, Rose Hill in Duplin County, Herrito in Perquimans County, Windborne and Benson Memorial, both in Wake County. He has been the District Superintendent in the Raleigh District since 2009. Jon is the proud father of three daughters. He is a lover of music in almost every form, and is becoming a budding photography. He enjoys travel, hands-on mission, preaching, storytelling, poetry, and being with people.

COL. JERRY D. LEWIS

Colonel Jerry Lewis is the highest-ranking United Methodist Church chaplain in the Department of Defense. With a desire to join the ministry, he entered the “License to Preach” course at Duke Divinity School, alongside his father, prior to his arrival at Methodist College in 1975. As a student at Methodist University, Col. Lewis found ways to continue his ministry. The Campus Ministry office and a student group called “Koinonia,” the Greek word for community, gave Col. Lewis the spiritual environment he craved.

Col. Lewis was commissioned as a chaplain in the United States Air Force in 1985. He worked his way through the ranks to become the Chief of Personnel, Budget and Readiness at the Headquarters of the United States Air Force in the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Col. Lewis plans to retire at the end of the year.

While on a visit to Djibouti, Jerry Lewis ’79 was asked to help address concerns a local village Imam, pictured on his left, who was having concerns with military operations close to his village.
HOSTING METHODIST YOUTH

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SUPPORTING DIVERSITY

INTERFAITH COUNCIL SPREADS UNDERSTANDING AND TOLERANCE

In 2012, Campus Ministry and Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion Dr. J.R. Hustwit created the MU Interfaith Council, which consists of a group of students who identify as Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, atheist, and agnostic. Students gather periodically to learn about other faith traditions by celebrating religious festivals from around the world. Since it started, the following religious events have been celebrated and observed:

- * Christmas - Commemoration of Jesus’ birth
- * Diwali - Indian festival of lights
- * Eid al Adha - Islamic feast honoring Ibrahim’s (Abraham’s) submission to God
- * Holi - Indian festival of colors
- * Lunar New Year - New year for China, Korea, and other east Asian countries
- * Songkran - Thai water festival associated with Buddhism
- * Yom Kippur - Jewish Day of Atonement

In the future, the MU Interfaith Council hopes to hold interfaith service projects to demonstrate that healing the world is a common task that is more important than theological differences. For more information, contact Hustwit at 910.630.7514 or jhustwit@methodist.edu.

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PA Student Jamey Coll performs a finger stick on former MU President Dr. M. Elton Hendricks at Annual Conference.

Bishop Hope Morgan Ward speaks at an “MU on the Move!” event at Annual Conference.
Methodist University’s hidden gem is the beautifully landscaped 18-hole golf course, or in Golf Course Superintendent Steven Dockery’s words, it is a living lab that has afforded him many opportunities over the past nine years.

This year Dockery worked the 2014 U.S Open in Pinehurst every single day, ensuring that the grounds were up to par. "For me, I would joke with the guys and say that it was Ground Hog Day. It was the same thing for 14 days, almost 2,000 miles on my truck, but it was very, very rewarding," said Dockery.

Each morning he would travel from his home in Eastover around 2 a.m., and would arrive in Pinehurst to help set up the course by 4 a.m. and would stay through the early evening.

Although the days were long, it allowed him to network with superintendents from St. Andrews, New Zealand, and all over the world.

“It felt like Christmas for 14 straight days,” he said.

Dockery came to Methodist in 2005 when he was extended an offer to leave the 18-hole private club he was managing in South Carolina. “This is more of a teaching facility where there is more opportunity to have an impact with the future golf professions and the quality of life is so much better here,” said Dockery.

Despite his humble manner, Dockery is a pivotal person within the Methodist family. “His number one priority is to maintain the outstanding quality of the golf course so the PGA students can continue to develop their golf skills,” said Vice President for Business Affairs Dr. Gene Clayton. “Steve takes great pride in his work and each year makes improvements to the course.”

Methodist University proudly cheered on alum Chad Collins as he played in the 2014 U.S. Open Championship in Pinehurst in June. Collins is a former three-time NCAA Division III champion. This was his second time playing in the U.S. Open. Collins was able to reconnect with former coaches, staff, and players from MU. He turned professional immediately after graduating from Methodist in 2001 and enjoyed instant success on tour.

Chad Collins steps to greet MU alums and friends before teeing off at the U.S. Open.
In 2013, Methodist University quarterback Max Reber had one of the most decorated individual seasons on the gridiron in Monarch history. On his way to leading Methodist to an 8-2 record and a share of the USA South Conference Championship, the junior quarterback set single-season and career records in pass attempts, completions, yards, and passing touchdowns. He finished as the NCAA Division III leader in total offense at 364.2 yards per game, and was named the USA South’s Offensive Player of the Year, a first team all-conference pick and was tabbed to d3football.com’s All-South Region Second Team.

Despite the season ending in November 2013, the recognition for the talented signal-caller and leader of the Monarch football team continued to roll in, and the laurels were not limited to the playing field. In March, he was selected as a recipient of the Dr. William P. Lowdermilk Student Achievement award. Later in the spring, Reber was honored with the Sport Management Major Leadership Award.

In early June, the USA South honored Reber once again, awarding him the prestigious Don Scalf Award. The award is named in honor of Don Scalf, whose commitment to the student-athlete, guardianship of the value of academic achievement, and devotion to the principles of Division III athletics set a standard that holds steadfast in the Conference. To be eligible for the Don Scalf Award, a student-athlete must be a junior or senior, have participated in a USA South sport earning at least All-Conference recognition, and have a minimum 3.00 GPA. Winners are then chosen by a vote of the conference athletic directors at the conclusion of all conference schedules.

To round out Reber’s incredible run, he was named Methodist’s Mason Sykes Cup winner in July. The Sykes cup is named for former Methodist coach Mason Sykes and is awarded annually to the University’s top student-athlete. Based on outstanding athletic achievement, and a minimum grade-point average of 2.0, the Methodist coaching staff has chosen an annual winner every year since 1986. Reber became the first MU football player to earn the award.

As the 2014 football season opens, seeing Reber’s name among the 10 finalists for the Gagliardi Trophy, presented annually to the most outstanding football player in Division III football, is not out of the question. Given that the award recognizes excellence in athletics, academics, and community service, Reber has certainly done enough in his career to warrant consideration.

The Methodist University Department of Athletics has announced its annual male and female Scholar-Athletes of the Year. The awards were presented at Fall Convocation. Baseball player Pete Wildeboer was the male recipient, while softball player Marcy McKee and soccer player Stephanie Breitenbach shared the women’s award.

The annual awards are given to the varsity student athlete who posts the highest grade point average in a given academic year. The recipient must have been a full-time student in both the fall and winter semesters and possess a GPA of at least 3.2.

Wildeboer is the second consecutive baseball player to win the award after Tyler Younger took home the award in 2013. As a freshman, Wildeboer started 34 of 38 games for the Monarchs on the infield and posted a batting average of .275. He added a pair of doubles and scored 19 times with 18 runs driven in.

Marcy McKee

On the women’s side, McKee won the award for the second time, having also been honored following the 2011-12 academic year. A senior, McKee appeared in 33 games, with 31 starts, and finished fifth on the team with a batting average of .321. She hit six doubles and was second on the team with 19 RBI.

Stephanie Breitenbach

Breitenbach, also a senior, helped lead the women’s soccer team to an 11-7-2 overall record (8-3-1 USA South). Primarily a defender, she started all 20 contests for MU and helped the squad to a 1.06 goals-against average with five shutouts on the season.

To view images, please refer to the document.
MU HOSTS SOCCER ALUMNI WEEKEND

On Friday, April 4, Methodist University kicked off the Men's and Women's Soccer Alumni Weekend with several contested alumni soccer matches, followed by dinner. More than 100 alumni players, coaches, and current student-athletes attended the celebration. During dinner, renditions were unveiled for the planned additions to the Soccer Stadium. President Ben Hancock brought greetings on behalf of the university. Head Men's Soccer Coach Justin Terranova and Head Women's Soccer Coach Bryan Maday welcomed all of alumni and guests, and spoke of the importance of the new facility. Also in attendance were Alan Dawson, men's coach from 1987-1995, and Joe Pereira, women's coach from 1983-1994, who showed their support for the program and the new facility. Dawson and Pereira are members of the Methodist University Hall of Fame and were instrumental in creating the foundation of success for their respective programs.

It was a great day highlighted by the friendly competition on the pitch and the exciting news for the future of Methodist University Soccer.

RONE TERRANOVA NAMED MCLEAN FOUNDATION COACH OF THE YEAR

Justin Terranova, Methodist University's head men's soccer coach, was named the recipient of the Thomas R. and Elizabeth P. McLean Foundation's annual Methodist University Coach of the Year Award. The award, in its fifth year, recognizes the top head coach in the Methodist Athletic Department, as voted on by a committee of Methodist University faculty and staff.

Terranova joins Tom Austin, Francie Barragan, Steve Conley, Duane Ross, and Tom Inczauskis as winners of the prestigious award.

Terranova, an accomplished player for Methodist in the early 1990s who took over head coaching duties in 2002, led the Monarchs to an 11-7-2 overall record and a 7-1-1 mark in conference play in 2013 en route to the program's first regular-season conference title since 1998. Seeking a repeat of their 2012 USA South Conference Tournament Championship, the Monarchs advanced to the conference title game in 2013, but ultimately fell to Greensboro, 2-1.

Terranova became the program's all-time winningest coach with a 1-0 victory over Maryville (Tenn.) on Oct. 13, and now holds a 113-86-36 mark at the helm of the Monarchs. He has led the team to one regular season conference championship (2010), one conference tournament championship (2012), and one NCAA Division III Tournament appearance (2012).

Methodist has finished with a .500 or better record in 11 of Terranova's 12 seasons as head coach and he has had 38 players named first, second, or third team all-conference. Recently, he has coached the 2011 USA South Rookie of the Year (Eirik Nordseth) and the 2013 USA South Player of the Year (Eric McGinnis).

RON SIMPSON EARNS COACHING WIN No. 500

With a 12-11 win over Ferrum on April 1, Methodist softball coach Ron Simpson earned the 500th win of his 19-year career, 16 of which have been spent at Methodist.

For his career, Simpson has posted a 438-254-1 (.634) record at the helm of the Monarchs. Prior to arriving at Methodist, he helped lead St. Andrews to a 29-94 record in two seasons, and also added 34 wins as the head coach at Faulkner State Community College for his current career total of 502.

Entering the 2014 season, Simpson ranked 30th among active NCAA Division III coaches in wins with 452.

Simpson has been named the USA South Athletic Conference Coach of the Year four times, and he led MU to a total of nine conference championships and five appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

METHODIST EARN OVERALL AND MEN’S PRESIDENT’S CUPS FROM USA SOUTH

On the strength of three conference championships and a solid showing throughout the 2013-14 athletic seasons, the Methodist University Department of Athletics claimed the USA South Athletic Conference Overall and Men’s President’s Cups.

The USA South Athletic Conference President’s Cup symbolizes the league’s top men’s and women’s athletic program each year. The President’s Cup is awarded by a points system in which the first place team in each sport is 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. Methodist finished with 101.0 points in the overall standings to defeat Piedmont College by seven points, and 52.0 points in the men’s standings to top Huntingdon College by 12 points.

This marked the ninth year that Methodist has won the Overall President’s Cup, and the third time it has captured the Men’s Cup. Methodist’s last win in the Men’s Cup came in 2005-06, and it last won the overall cup in 1996-97. The Monarchs came in fourth place in this year’s Women’s Cup.

Methodist got off to a strong start in the fall, claiming its first regular-season conference title since the 1996 season, and the football team posting an 8-2 record en route to a share of the Conference Championship with Maryville (Tenn.).

In the spring, the women’s tennis team continued its stretch of dominant play with its seventh consecutive regular-season championship to bring MU’s conference championship count to three on the year. The Monarchs also received runner-up finishes from the men’s cross country team, the men’s tennis team, and the men’s golf team.
In July, the Department of Athletics announced its 17th class for induction into its Hall of Fame. Inductees for 2014 include men’s golfer Mike Adamson ’97, women’s soccer player Chrystal Bradley ’07, and women’s golfer Charlotte Williams ’07. Additionally, the Teams of Distinction are the 1995 men’s soccer team, the 1995 women’s soccer team, and the 1994-92 women’s basketball team.

ADAMSON
Adamson is another in a long line of men’s golf standouts to play for the Monarchs. He helped lead the team to four National Championships and four conference championships. Along the way, he was a two-time All-American and the 1996 NCAA Individual National Champion. He nearly repeated as the Individual National Champion, finishing as the national runner-up in 1997. Additionally, Adamson was a two-time first team all-conference and one-time second team all-conference honoree.

BRADLEY
Bradley led the women’s soccer team to a pair of USA South Regular Season Championships in 2006 and 2007, a conference tournament title in 2007, and a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances following the 2006 and 2007 seasons. She was a four-time First Team USA South selection and garnered both the 2004 USA South Rookie of the Year award and the 2006 USA South Player of the Year honor. One of the most decorated players in MU history, she is still the program’s all-time leader in goals (92) and holds single-season records for points (100) and goals (37), while also ranking second in career points (194) and fourth in career assists (30).

WILLIAMS
Rounding out the 17th induction class to Williams, a four-time First Team All-American for the women’s golf team. She helped lead the team to four NCAA Championships and was a two-time NCAA Individual Champion (2005, 2006). In 2004, she was the NGCA Freshman of the Year, and in 2006, she was the two-time NGCA Player of the Year. To date, she is still the MU single-season leader in scoring average to par (+1.54 in 2006-07) and is tied for second in single-season wins (6 in 2005-06). She is also Methodist’s all-time leader in scoring average to par (+4.87) and career rounds played (1108), second all-time in tournament wins (6), and second all-time in par or better rounds (8).

TEAMS OF DISTINCTION
The “Teams of Distinction” designation was created in the summer of 2013 to honor many teams at Methodist that have distinguished themselves as special, with great performances at the conference, regional, and national levels. The inaugural Teams of Distinction were the men’s basketball teams from 1972-75, the 1977 baseball team, the women’s golf teams from 1997-98, and the men’s golf team from 1990.

Spring Wrap Up
Methodist sealed its win of the 2013-14 USA South Overall and Men’s President’s Cups with a stellar spring season. Four programs captured berths in their respective NCAA Tournaments, women’s tennis swept both the regular season and conference tournament championships, and two MU teams finished in second place in the conference standings. The men’s and women’s golf teams continued their storied traditions, capping strong regular season with a pair of Top 5 finishes at the NCAA Division III Championships.

Track and Field
Rounding out the NCAA participants in the spring of 2014 was Donte Smith, who represented the men’s track and field team at the NCAA Outdoor National Championships in the 400m. Smith was the last person to qualify into the field of 20 and wound up placing 15th overall with a final time of 48.85. Smith’s advancement to the NCAA Championships gave MU Head Coach Roland Whiting at least one national qualifier in each of his first two years at Methodist.

Donte Smith rounds a turn for Methodist Track & Field.
The women’s golf team recorded a Top 5 finish, taking fifth at the National Championship. The Monarchs captured four tournaments in the regular season, including a come-from-behind win in the season’s final event, the Northeast Elite Invitational, hosted by Williams College. Trailing the host Ephs by one stroke entering the final day, four Monarchs finished the event in the Top 10, including Lizzy Blomgren’s fourth-place finish, and MU rallied for a two-stroke win. At the National Championship, the Monarchs battled several weather-related delays over the four-day event and rode the performances of All-Americans Loretta Giovannettone and Kelsie Carralero to the aforementioned fifth-place finish. Giovannettone finished in ninth place overall, one stroke ahead of Carralero, who wound up in a tie for 10th place.

The men’s team wrapped up its regular season with a tournament win at the rain-shortened Emory Invitational behind individual medalist Jeff Wells, who shot a 3-under 69. Riding the momentum of that win, MU rolled into the USA South Conference Championships and took home a second-place finish with a three-day total of 920 to finish four strokes back of LaGrange College. Just prior to the Conference Championship, the USA South announced its postseason awards. Methodist Head Coach Steve Conley was named the league’s Coach of the Year, and Dakun Chang was tabbed the Player of the Year and joined on the all-conference first team by Wells. Mason Stutler earned second team all-conference honors and Brian Hunzeker took home third team laurels.

The third Monarch squad to advance to postseason play in the spring was the women’s tennis team, which followed up a regular season championship by breezing through the conference tournament. MU opened with 9-0 wins over William Peace and Huntingdon, respectively, to reach the finals against second-seeded Meredith College. In the finals, the Monarchs cruised past the Avenging Angels, 7-2, to earn their fifth consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament. Laura Baker took home USA South Player of the Year and Tournament MVP, and Head Coach Francie Barragan was named the league’s Coach of the Year. Joining Baker on the all-conference first team was Isabella Graf, and Abigail Randolph took home second team honors. Munze garnered third team recognition. The Monarchs saw their season end with a 3-4 loss to Berry in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Methodist men’s tennis team nearly joined the previously mentioned teams in NCAA competition, dropping a thrilling 6-3 match to N.C. Wesleyan in the conference finals. The loss wrapped up a 19-7 season for the Monarchs that saw them sweep Conference Player of the Year (Duncan Miller) and Coach of the Year (Mike Bonnell) awards. Taylor Buchholz joined Miller on the all-conference first team, Greg Patterson was a second team honoree, and Max Mancini and Dillon Sullivan both picked up third team laurels.
The women’s lacrosse team endured some change in 2014 as Head Coach Kendyl Clarkson was brought on in November to lead the program. One of the most prolific scorers in NCAA Division III history, Clarkson brought a fresh attitude to the team and helped lead MU to a 5-12 record, a four-game improvement from 2013. Along the way, Clarkson helped develop one of the USA South’s most dynamic scorers in Cassie Walter. Walter set new a Methodist and USA South single-game scoring record with 15 points in a win over N.C. Wesleyan. Additionally, she tied the MU single-season goals record (63), and her 87 points rank as the fourth-most in a single season at Methodist and earned First Team All-USA South honors at the conclusion of the season.

Nate Barham looks to pass in a game against Southern Virginia.

The men’s lacrosse team may not have qualified for the NCAA Tournament, but the squad made history nonetheless. Competing for the first time as a varsity sport at Methodist, the Monarchs, comprised entirely of freshmen, opened the 2014 season with a 23-3 win over Southern Virginia for the program’s first-ever win. Chris Lombardi scored the first goal in school history, and Matt Layden scored five goals and added four assists in the first game. Methodist finished its inaugural campaign 3-10 overall.

Sereena Coleman accepts a pass during a game against Berry.

The baseball team showed fans a glimpse of the future as it posted a 22-16 overall record and finished in fifth place in the conference, but did so with a lineup heavily reliant on first and second-year players. The Monarchs’ leader in batting average at the end of the year was a freshman (Tyler Harder), and the team’s pitcher with the most wins (6) was also a freshman (Darin Salter). Chris Power was a first team all-conference selection at the end of the season, Josh Ayers earned second team laurels, and Steven Kirby and Salter were both named to the third team. Having lost just three players, including Ayers, to graduation following the season, the MU baseball team appears to be trending in the right direction.

Krista Zentner steps up to the plate against Covenant.

The Methodist softball team played to an 11-26 overall record in 2014 as pitching consistency proved to be a problem for much of the season. Head Coach Ron Simpson earned the 500th win of his career on April 1, with a 12-11 win at Ferrum College, and he finished the season with 562 wins for his career, 439 of them coming while at Methodist.

Alex Rodriguez comes up to bat for the Monarchs.
June 10, 2016, Brian Akom '03 wrote, “Today is a bittersweet day for Whitney Akom and me. We are so blessed to welcome our beautiful and perfect little girl, Hollins Charlotte Akom, to our family, but in the same breath we had to say goodbye to our little boy Maddox. There is a most special angel watching over us now. Thank you to our amazing family and friends for all the support. We could not get through without you.”

Courtney ’05 09M and Jason Miller ’02 added to their family back in November. Piper Elizabeth Miller was born November 27, 2015, was 21.5 inches long, and weighed 9 lb 7 oz.

Leslie Thomas Nunn ’08, ’12M and her husband Travis are the proud parents of Bristol Andrey Nunn, born on June 20, 2014. Bristol weighed 8.9 lbs. and was 23 inches. The family resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

Mary is current a N.C. Principal Fellow and Antonio is a full-time student working toward a master’s degree. The bride-elect is currently a N.C. Principal Fellow and Antonio World Slaydon ’05

They both live in Columbus, Ohio and are looking to marry there sometime in 2015.

Antonio World Slaydon ’05 and Mary Allison Krempsky were married September 6, 2014. Mary is currently a N.C. Principal Fellow and Antonio is a full-time student working toward a master’s degree. The bride-elect is currently a N.C. Principal Fellow and Antonio World Slaydon ’05

Landon Bentham ’08, ’10M married Dr. Emma Rice at a November 27, 2014, service in Memorial United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, N.C. Landon is Senior Director for Annual Giving and Alumni Affairs at MU and Emma is an audiologist at Fayetteville Otolaryngology.

Alicia Secord ’10 is engaged to Trisha Peters. They are planning a wedding for June 21, 2015, near Sleeping Bear Dunes on Lake Michigan. Alicia is a news page designer for the Detroit Free Press in Detroit, MI. Trisha is a small business owner. They live in Detroit with their five-year-old son, Dylan.

Avery Jordan Grady, PA ’10, ’13M and Thomas Radford Brown, PA ’13M, both of Fayetteville, announced their marriages in August 2014 at First Presbyterian Church.

Betty-Neill Guy Parsons ’64 and Larry Parsons ’77 marked their 50th wedding anniversary June 21, 2014. They celebrated with a week-long trip to the Shenandoah Valley. They have one son, Wayne Parsons ’91.

Patsy Melvin Cashon ’64 and Hilton Cashon enjoyed a 50th wedding celebration July 27 with friends and family at Culver Memorial United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, N.C.

Jerry Wood ‘64 and his wife, Jane Lee Wood, celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Blockade Runner in Wrightsville Beach, N.C. Their weekend anniversary gathering included their family’s three sons and daughters-in-law, and seven grandchildren, who joined them for a weekend of beach fun and an anniversary dinner.

Matt Seals ’05. Other MU alumni in attendance included Leslie Dunn ’05, Kara Dawson ’06 and husband Lawrence Dawson ’11, Jessica Wagner ’07, Michelle Simmons ’11, Samantha Gamble ’09. Brittani Barrows ’09, Jerry Keen ’65 (MU Trustee), and Doris Jackson Munor ’06 (Director of Campus Life). The Stones live in the Wilmington, N.C. area.

Kristie Meave ’11M and Charles “Charlie” Allen V ’11M were married in June 2014. Kristie is senior vice president of marketing for Coldwell Banker Advantage and H&H Homes, and Charlie is with of Greenbriar Nursery, Inc. and Two Men and a Truck. The couple resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

Jeff Headman ’12 was wedded to Grace McNair on June 7, 2014 in Orlando, Fla. Jeff is a former SGA President and serves on the National Campaign Committee for the Building Excellence Campaign. In addition to President Ben and Mrs. Debbie Hancock, other Monarchs in attendance were Landon Bentham ’08, ’10M, Greg Fischer ’11, Caleb Wilson ’12, Glen Murray ’04, and Chris Plavcan ’13. The couple will reside in Birmingham, Ala., where Jeff is a golf pro at Farmlinks Golf Club and Grace is a development assistant at a local non-profit theater.

Perry Olbre ’80 has recently joined Townsend Real Estate as a Broker associate.

Linda Truade Wise ’83 retired June 10, 2014 after a 30-year career teaching elementary music. She worked in Cumberland County, Vance County, and Harnett County Schools in North Carolina. In 2007, she received her National Boards Certification and has been named teacher of the year three times in her career. She is looking forward to joining her husband, Gil Wise ’83, on the road in the Beacon District of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, where he serves as District Superintendent.

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Gerry Norman Williams ’68 has retired from Methodist after 35 years of them by three of his students, three as administrative assistant and three as president, serving three MU presidents over her tenure at the university. She received the MU Alumni Association Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award in 2010.

Terri Alexander Sandy ’70 is in search of contact information for her Methodist College roommate from the third floor of Carber Hall, Susan Kay Brown ’71. Susan was an Art History major who worked at the Smithsonian following graduation, and her last known address was in Alexandria, Va. If anyone has information about Susan, please contact Terri at terriwannady@gmail.com.
Nick Spinnato ’91 earned Resort Merchandiser of the Year honors for the Middle Atlantic PGA section in spring 2014.

Michael A. Stone ’92 has been appointed as a district court judge in the 16A Judicial District. Stone is the sole proprietor of the Law Firm of Michael A. Stone, PA. Prior to this, he worked for Hatley & Stone, PA and Stone Associates. Michael and his wife live in Raeford and have one daughter.

Chris Shaw ’94, a two-time Conference Carolinas Coach of the Year, most recently at Barton College in 2013, became the new head women’s soccer coach at the University of Nevada – Las Vegas (Rebels). Chris was an All-American athlete, having helped the Monarchs to four-straight conference championships and four NCAA tournament appearances. He earned Adidas Scholar-Athlete All-American honors in 1993, while also being named the Methodist University Male Senior Athlete of the Year, and a member of the USA South Conference 50th Anniversary Team. After graduating from Methodist, he played professional soccer for the Raleigh Flyers of the USISL in 1994. Chris earned his master’s in exercise physiology from East Carolina.

This year, the Triangle Business Journal (TBJ) held the 13th annual Health Care Heroes Awards. The awards program recognizes various leaders in the healthcare field. This year, TBJ honored 13 inspiring individuals who proved themselves to be trailblazers in the healthcare industry. FastMed Urgent Care’s founder and CEO of the Eastern Region, Michael A. Stone '92, is the sole proprietor of the Law Firm of Michael A. Stone, PA. Prior to this, he worked for Hatley & Stone, PA and Stone Associates. Michael and his wife live in Raeford and have one daughter.

Kim McCall ’05 has been tabbed as the new Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, Va.) Eagles Softball Head Coach. Following a nationwide search, Bridgewater College Director of Athletics Curt Kendall has announced this appointment. Prior to her time at Missouri-St. Louis, McCall served as the head coach at St. Mary’s College (Morristown, N.J.) and was also an assistant coach at the University of Montana.

Paige Caldwell ’11 has been named the new Golf Shop Manager at Jonathan’s Landing Golf Club in Jupiter, Fla. In 2013, Kim Sublett ’13M was nominated for the Fayetteville Observer’s 40 Under Forty awards. Kim also received a promotion to Information Systems & Technology (IST) Project Manager at Cape Fear Valley Health System, where she has been employed since 2008.

Congratulations to Chris Perry ’12, the St. Louis Cardinal Nation Pitcher of the Month for May, for an outstanding month. Perry was a 17th-round pick in the 2012 draft by St. Louis. He was the Pitcher of the Month for May in the Cardinals’ minor league system, playing for the Peoria Chiefs. Chris’s season also included pitching in the Midwest League’s 50th annual all-star game in June.

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MU Soccer is going to England in March of 2015 for the international tour. The team is scheduled to conduct every four to six weeks. The team traveled to Brazil in 2007 and Italy in 2011. MU Soccer players and alumni are invited, along with friends and family of current players. If we get 9-10 alums to go, we can schedule a match for the alums, because with the two alumni coaches attending, we have a start of an alumni team. Let us know what you think. Check it out: http://programs.educationssoccertravel.com/ Program-Details/pkcode/MethodistUniversity

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Sandra Markovic ’10, ’13M has a new position as a Technical Writer at K3 Enterprises in Fayetteville, N.C. She is also a language instructor at Millburn Academy at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

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Alyson Fellers ’92 has been named the new Annual Fund Director at Methodist University, where she will be responsible for the Loyalty Day Fund Drive and other annual giving programs. She comes to Methodist from the Fayetteville Regional Chamber of Commerce, where she served as Manager of Membership Development.

Darl Champion, Jr. ’04 announced the establishment of his law firm in June 2014 in the Atlanta, Ga. area. Darl “Champ” Champion was also selected as the Cobb Justice Foundation’s (CJF) Volunteer of the Month for his work on pro bono cases through CJF and Atlanta Legal Aid.

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Methodist University is pleased to announce that more than $30 million has been raised towards the campaign goal of $35 million.

“The success to date of the Building Excellence Campaign would not have been possible without the leadership gifts that have enabled the University to move forward with the construction of signature facilities aligned with our highest priorities,” said Dr. Ben Hancock, Methodist University president.

The campaign entitled “The Campaign for Methodist University – Building Excellence” is the largest fundraising initiative in Methodist University’s history. The campaign will fund scholarships, endowed faculty positions, academic programs, campus life enhancements, new and renovated academic buildings, and six new and expanded athletic facilities.

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

- Sharon and Ron Matthews World Ministry Center
- Linda and Ralph Huff Concert Hall
- Union-Zakrowski Lobby and Gallery
- John M. Reeves Fine Arts Building Renovation
- The Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building
- Student Union and Berns Center Renovation and Expansion
- Gene Clayton Tennis Center
- Armstrong Baseball Fieldhouse
- Price Field and Softball Fieldhouse
- Soccer Facility, Renovation and Expansion
- Football, Track and Field, and Lacrosse Facility
- Golf Facilities Expansion and the Golf Education Center at the Player Center
- Surpasses the $30 Million Mark

Methodist University broke ground Oct. 16 on the new Thomas R. McLean Health Sciences Building, a 34,000-square-foot facility that will house programs in the School of Health Sciences, including the new Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program. The project, which met its $5.5 million campaign goal, is expected to be finished by Fall 2015, in time for the DPT Program’s first class of students. An additional proposed program in Occupational Therapy is also being planned for a later date.

President Ben Hancock told the assembled crowd that the building represents a commitment that Methodist has to the greater community, health care professionals, and health care students. Standing in front of the construction site, Hancock said the real foundation of the new building was the students and faculty in the School of Health Sciences, many of whom were in attendance.

“This is a day that we have been looking forward to for some time,” Hancock said. “As we make an investment in our future, we’re doing it through people … It’s because of your success to date that we have the confidence that we will be equally successful with these two new programs that will be housed in this facility.”

Dr. Lori Brookman, dean of the School of Health Sciences, said she was initially disappointed that several maple trees had to be taken down for the new building, but saw a brighter side to the construction today.

“Perhaps it’s coincidence that those trees would just now be bursting into full autumn color,” Brookman said. “I’m confident that the McLean Health Sciences Building will do them justice.”

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

For more information on the Campaign for Methodist University, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 910.630.7200 or visit the campaign website at www.CampaignForMU.org.
ARMSTRONG BASEBALL FIELDHOUSE
Named in Honor of Carolyn and George Armstrong

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

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

The Armstongs have been longtime supporters of Methodist University. George graduated from Methodist College in 1968 with a B.A. in Business Administration. Carolyn and I have been active in the baseball program for many years,” said George Armstrong. “Our families have supported the university since day one. I’m proud to be an alumn and grateful for my friendship with Coach Austin. Through the years, as I talked with Coach Austin about the needs of the program, we felt there was a need for a first-class facility to match the first-class baseball team. Carolyn and I decided to give the gift to get the ball rolling.”

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

CLASS OF ’64 ENDOWS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Nine members of the Class of 1964 attended the 50th anniversary of their graduation. They were, front row, from left, Patry Melvin Cashion, Lucy Martin, Jerry Stein Gimesh, and Helen Carter, and back row, from left, Jerry C. Wood Sr., Betty-Neill Guy Parsons, Rev. James W. Johnson, Guy “Bud” Beattie, and Amos W. McLamb. Photo courtesy of StevenAshmore.com.

NEWEST GRADS GIVE BACK

The graduating Class of 2014 decided that they would like to leave a lasting legacy. Keeping with a strong tradition of an international presence on campus, the class decided to replace and revitalize the international flags that hang in the Bennis Student Center. Many of the flags had been flying high in the student center for many years and needed a face lift. In May, the class secured gifts from over 80 graduates, the most gifts from a senior class in recorded history. Because of their strong effort, the flags have been replaced and will remain in the Bennis Student Center until they find their permanent home in the new Hall of Flags, part of the planned expansion for the student center in the Building Excellence Campaign.
On April 23, Bernie Krick was honored by Methodist University for his gift to the Krick Teaching and Technology Center. Krick served as the Head Gold Professional/Director of Instruction from 1997 to 2005. The Krick Teaching and Technology Center is located next to the Richard L. Player Center and houses a state of the art golf technology and club fitting center. The event was attended by the Krick family and many of Krick’s former students. Following the dedication and reception, Krick posed for a photo with more than 200 PGA Golf Management students.

“This is indeed a festive occasion, and it’s worth celebrating,” said President Ben Hancock during the Krick Center dedication. “Nothing is more important than having the kind of facilities we need to reflect the commitment that we have made and continue to make to what’s needed for our students.”

Krick set high standards for the PGA Golf Management Program during his time at MU, making a lasting difference in the lives of multiple young men and women. His wisdom and dedication to students has been passed along on a daily basis.

“It’s a dream come true for me to be able to share so many of the lessons that I learned from Mr. Krick with our student to help them become college-educated PGA professionals,” said Head Golf Professional and Director of Instruction Robbie Fritz.

The renovated Krick Teaching and Technology Center is available to all PGA Golf Management students on campus.

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Vice President for Business Affairs Gene Clayton, left, stands at the courts in the tennis center named in his honor with the couple who made the naming gift, Marta Bullard and Trustee Howard Bullard.

Student Brittany Champion makes presentation on a Smart Board.

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The tennis courts at the Gene Clayton Tennis Center were dedicated Oct. 15. Previously Marta and Howard Bullard generously donated $500,000 in honor of longtime Methodist University administrator, coach, and faculty member Gene Clayton to name the new facility in his honor. Additionally, all eight individual courts were funded by donors, many of whom were present at the dedication. The court donors are Bob Allen, Bob Bryan, Pat and Gene Clayton, Debbie and Ben Hancock, Linda and Mac Healy, Gwen and Tim Holtsclaw, Beth and Mark Miller, and Emily and Dickson Schaefer.

The center will give the Professional Tennis Management Program (PTM) and Monarch Tennis a new courtside home. The 3,000-square-foot building will be situated next to the newly renovated tennis courts, with convenient access from the existing parking lot.

The new facility will allow all of the tennis-related programs to have their own central space, with a classroom, tennis pro shop, offices, lobby, locker rooms, and laundry. The center will also be used for tennis seminars, certification events, and student association functions.

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**PINEHURST**
On June 13, Monarch alumni and friends socialized at the Legacy Lakes Tennis and Swim Clubhouse near Pinehurst, N.C. during the U.S. Open weekend.

**FROGLAND**
MU alumni visited Frogland Farms for the Annual Frogland Jam at MU Trustee and Alumni Association Board member Ed "Tuna" Keil's '70 home in Hampton Roads, Va., June 21.

**PGA**
More than 100 PGA Golf Management alumni networked at the PGA Show MU on the Move! in Orlando on January 23.

**SAVE THE DATE!**
Join fellow alums from your area to network and learn what’s new at Methodist University.

- **Orlando, FL**
  Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015
- **Fayetteville, NC**
  Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015
- **Fayetteville, NC**
  Chorale Performance
  Friday, Feb. 6, 2015
- **Greensboro, NC**
  February 2015
- **Raleigh, NC**
  March 2015
- **Pinehurst, NC**
  March 25, 2015
- **Charlotte, NC**
  April 2015
- **Richmond, VA**
  Thursday, April 16, 2015
- **Fayetteville, NC**
  Friday, April 25, 2015
- **Wilmington, NC**
  Wednesday, June 10, 2015
- **Hampton Roads, VA**
  Saturday, June 20, 2015

For more information about these alumni events, or to host one in your area, please contact Alumni Affairs at 910.630.7167 or 1.800.488.7110 ext. 7167 or alumni@methodist.edu.
Loyalty Day is a community-wide effort to raise money for student scholarships. Without your support, many of the 95% of Methodist University students receiving financial aid would not be able to attend the university. Thank you for the difference you make in the lives of students and their families!

TO CONTRIBUTE OR VOLUNTEER, CONTACT:
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