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INNOVATIVE COLLABORATION

SWU and Baptist Easley Hospital Sign Agreement

In response to demands of the rapidly growing, expanding health-care field, Southern Wesleyan University will soon offer a degree concentration focused on health care administration. An agreement between Southern Wesleyan University and Baptist Easley Hospital paves the way for this new concentration offered within the university's MBA program. Also, new wellness programs are among the enhancements becoming a reality, thanks to this agreement.

On June 13, Baptist Easley CEO Michael L. Batchelor and Southern Wesleyan University President Todd S. Voss signed a memorandum of understanding, aligning the two organizations for years to come.

"Collaboration is the future for higher education as well as health care, and joining forces with an innovative and caring organization like Baptist Easley allows for both organizations to serve the community and our constituents in new and exciting ways," said Voss.

"As we continue to preserve, promote and enhance the health of those we serve, it is critical that we connect with partners who share a common mission and commitment to our community," said Batchelor.

One of the first joint initiatives will be the development of a master's in business administration degree with a health care administration concentration that will start in March 2015. The 19-month degree program—the first program of its kind in the Upstate—will

combine the finance, operations and business management components of a traditional MBA while adding key elements of health care management.

The memorandum also addresses physician and health care support for the growing sports program at SWU; enhancement of faculty, staff, student and dependent health care options, including wellness and prevention programs; a possible future health care clinic on the SWU campus that would also support the surrounding community and advance the outreach mission of Baptist Easley; and investigation of health care benefits and savings options by working to find solutions through collaboration.

This new partnership will remain flexible, allowing new initiatives and ideas to develop, according to Voss, adding "This is an exciting venture with a great partner."

"Together, we will be able to achieve for our community what would not be possible otherwise," said Batchelor.

On Oct. 1, Lynn Brown-Bullock joined the university's faculty as an associate professor of business and a coordinator for the new health care administration concentration. The addition of Brown-Bullock's position is being funded through a donation from Baptist Easley.

Southern Wesleyan University President Todd Voss, left, and Baptist Easley CEO Michael L. Batchelor sign a memorandum of understanding signaling collaboration on initiatives that include a new MBA with health care administration concentration and wellness and prevention programs.



SWU SETS RECORD FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

As the new academic year began, a record number of new students were lining up at check-in on the Southern Wesleyan University campus in Central.

Residence Life staff spent this past summer preparing for increased occupancy of residence halls and student apartments. On a warm Friday morning, cars, trucks and SUVs—even a U-Haul rental truck—lined Wesleyan Drive carrying a record number of new students and their belongings. Student groups, including Sigma Deltas, Presidential Ambassadors and student-athletes, were on hand to ease the move into residence halls, as were several members of nearby Trinity Wesleyan Church, who have volunteered their services for many years.

Southern Wesleyan reported 269 new students and an overall headcount of 706, which includes full-time and part-time students. Last fall, the university started the year with a headcount of 597.

According to Joe Brockinton, vice president for student life, almost 400 students will be living on campus this year, up by about 40 from last year this time. During the first week of class, Clay Bolton, a recreation and sport management professor, was seeking extra desks to put in a classroom filled with students. Most of the seats in the auditorium of Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center were filled as the university held its opening convocation.

Chad Peters, vice president for enrollment management, believes offering relevant academic programs, having a faculty engaged in the recruitment process alongside the university's enrollment team, making widespread improvements to campus facilities, offering new scholarships and expanding athletic programs are key factors driving the growth. These new degree programs are experiencing growth, according to Peters, and the Fine Arts program is benefiting from a new music ensemble scholarship.

A block of student apartments was extensively renovated, with updates that include a community area complete with new exercise machines, TVs and improved laundry facilities. A new coffee shop, Blue Hill Coffee and Tea Co., and the Warrior Court, a new sports-themed snack shop, anchor an inviting new gathering area within the Jennings Campus Life Center.

New and returning student-athletes are seeing changes as well. Walden Tysinger Gymnasium has a new look that reflects the changes in athletics as the Warriors begin competition as a new member of Conference Carolinas in NCAA Division II. The Warriors soccer teams will take to a new practice field, located within the Joe R. Gilbert Track and Field. The cross country course has been totally revamped, something that Athletic Director Chris Williams says will heighten interest in the local running community, as well as the local high school cross country teams. Also improved

is the playing surface of the Dr. Keith Connor Baseball Field and site preparation has been done for a future USTA-designed tennis facility.

Peters maintains that such improvements make a positive impact on the university's efforts to recruit and retain students. He adds that moving athletics into the NCAA has helped recruitment efforts.

The key factor, Peters noted, is Southern Wesleyan's continued commitment to Christian values.

"Students are seeking colleges across the state and the country that are providing instruction from a Christian view that is based on ethical standards and values," he said. "They are filling a gap that is desperately needed in society today."

New students and family members check in Aug. 15 at Southern Wesleyan University in Central. The university experienced an influx of a record 269 new students.



NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Earlier this year, Southern Wesleyan University began offering the Music Ensemble Scholarship, which has benefited the division of Fine Arts through significantly increased enrollment. Beginning Fall Semester 2015, SWU will offer three brand new scholarships, along with many new donor-funded scholarships, to help make college affordable for more students.

“At SWU, we realize earning a degree requires an investment of time, energy and financial resources. We continue to explore opportunities that will assist students and their families as they invest in an SWU degree that provides a lifetime of valuable returns,” said Chad Peters, vice president for enrollment management.

CHURCH MATCHING SCHOLARSHIPS

The Church Matching Scholarship creates an avenue for the local church, in conjunction with Southern Wesleyan University, to continue being an active part in the lives of their students. The scholarship will be for students who are enrolled in the traditional program. Students from Wesleyan and Non-Wesleyan churches can participate.

PALMETTO BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE SCHOLARSHIP — \$6,000

The Palmetto Boys' and Girls' State Scholarship of \$24,000 (\$6,000 per year - up to four years) will be awarded to two students in the incoming freshman class.

MUSIC ENSEMBLE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Division of Fine Arts supervises the awarding of scholarships to students based on their ability to participate in music ensembles at Southern Wesleyan University. Music majors and non-music majors are eligible for this scholarship.

PALMETTO BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE GRANT — \$1,000

Awarded to students who attended and graduated from Palmetto Boys' and Girls' State. Students will receive a scholarship of \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year - up to four years) if they are not awarded the Palmetto Boys' & Girls' State Scholarship.

For more information about SWU scholarships and grants, visit swu.edu/scholarships.

Spring 2015 SWU FINE ARTS SERIES

The Spring 2015 Fine Arts Series will feature a wide variety of events, from the Annual Jazz Invitational Festival to a joint choral Masterworks program with the GAMAC Chorale and Orchestra. There will be something for everyone!

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FACULTY & STAFF OF THE YEAR

“Emily is one of the most hardworking individuals I know! She is thorough, consistent, readily available, and gives everything she has each year to ensure students come in. She goes out of her way to maintain relationships and make sure that each student is taken care of.”

TIANA ROBBINS, senior, special education

“Words cannot express what Emily means to me! She helped me get to SWU and has helped greatly since then. Her smile and laugh brighten my day and she encourages me greatly. Christ truly radiates through her!”

KAYLEE FRAZIER, senior, children’s ministry

“Emily quickly became more than just an admissions counselor to me here at SWU. She has become a good friend that is encouraging, thoughtful, loving and Christ-like. Emily loves to laugh and never fails to put a smile on my face!”

SYDNEY FLETCHER, senior, exercise science

STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR



Emily Bloxdorf

ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR



Dr. Darryl Jachens

PROFESSOR OF MUSIC AND
COORDINATOR OF STUDIES IN MUSIC

“Dr. Jachens has been a vital part of my education, both in the classroom as a professor and as an advisor and mentor. His passion for music, SWU, and especially his students is evident in absolutely everything he does.”

SARAH GRAY, senior, music education

“Dr. Jachens is one of those teachers you can’t help but love. He shows his love for music not only through his playing but through his teaching! I will forever remember the classes I had with Dr. Jachens after I’m gone from SWU!”

TANNER LAMBERT, senior, church music major

“Dr. Jachens is an exemplary professor in both professionalism and character. He is always kind and caring in his interactions with students and fellow professors. He has also helped me personally as an academic advisor to ensure I was able to graduate a semester early.”

KAYLEIGH BRAY, senior, music education



ACADEMIC UPDATES

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Division of Fine Arts

With the implementation of a new scholarship program, the Music Department has seen a jump in new student enrollment as well as increased numbers in the ensembles. The number of new music majors caused the department to double in size. These students participated in an initiative that involved them being “signed,” just as athletes do when accepting a collegiate scholarship. These signings helped increase the visibility of Southern Wesleyan University and allowed students and their families a chance to receive some extra recognition for all the years of musical training, study, and practice. The Music Ensemble Scholarships had the most dramatic effect on the Concert Choir, which has the largest enrollment in the school’s history. The Wind Ensemble also has seen a marked increase in its membership. These ensembles will be featured in concerts on the SWU campus and will also be involved in tours this year to local schools, churches and venues across the region.

Division of Humanities

The Humanities Division is celebrating that which is new for 2014-2015. One of the “newbies” is Dr. Chad Chisholm, assistant professor of English, who comes to us from Rust College in Holly Springs, Miss. Chisolm brings a great deal of academic preparation and experience and is a valuable addition to the English program at Southern Wesleyan University. The other “newbie” is our freshly-approved, state-certified program in Secondary Social Studies Education. This program completed the approval process this past summer and officially launched with the start of the 2014-2015 academic year. The program has been in great demand among SWU students for some time and will open up exciting opportunities for those who want to teach history or social studies at the secondary level.

Division of Religion

The Division of Religion is rejoicing in a more than 70 percent increase in enrollment over last fall, with new students studying in concentrations in Christian ministry, youth ministry, children’s ministry, sports ministry and Bible. Another highlight this school year has been the rollout of a new ministry practicum program that is more accountable, more closely mentored and tiered for the developing experience and responsibility of the ministry student. Both area pastors and students have embraced this enriched experience with anticipation and excitement. The development comes at the end of the work of a year-long task force of faculty and pastors to provide a more effective experiential component to accompany classroom learning. Also anticipated is a new “Pastor-in-Residence” program kicking off in the spring of 2015.

Division of Science

The SWU Science Division is busting at the seams and busier than ever! We are experiencing tremendous growth as we now have just under 200 majors in the Science Division, with our Exercise Science program growing at an amazing rate, nearly doubling in size this year! In addition, many of our majors and faculty are involved in research. Professor Staci Johnson received a grant to fund teaching research that compares the learning between high-tech and traditional methods of team reporting. Dr. Rocky Nation and an Environmental Studies student presented a paper at the South Carolina Water Resources Conference in Columbia in October on the influence of stormflow discharges on bacteria levels along the paddling corridor of Twelve Mile Creek in Pickens County.

Division of Social Science

Dr. Steven Hayduk, professor of psychology, and Mildred Williams, assistant professor of psychology, are developing courses for the

online Human Services degree program. As the criminal justice degree program grows, James McDonald, associate professor, is investigating the feasibility of providing this major in a non-traditional format tailored to Upstate law enforcement. Dr. Clay Bolton, assistant professor of recreation and sport management, sponsored a free “Kids Golf Day” Sept. 20, drawing 37 boys and girls age 6-13 from the local community. Also, the Recreation and Sport Management major added an outdoor leadership concentration, part of Leadership for Outdoor Recreation Education (LORE). LORE programs include a low ropes challenge course and an outdoor orientation program (SWOOP). Dr. Daryl Couch is transitioning to a new role as assistant professor of psychology and division chair. He is completing SWU’s fifth year report to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and the assessment report for the Quality Enhancement Plan.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The School of Education collaborated with Pendleton Elementary on a disability awareness fair Oct. 17, where education majors hosted 10 stations to provide students in grade 2–6 and adults at Pendleton Elementary a taste of life as a person with a disability.

Jennifer Wagner published articles in peer-reviewed journals—one about high-risk obesity populations and another article about research devoted to the use of young adult literature about autism with pre-service teachers. Also, Wagner was selected to be a CEC (Council for Exceptional Children) program reviewer. She is in her second term of working as the School Improvement Council Chair for West Pelzer Elementary.

In May, Dr. Paul Shotsberger presented a paper, “Sustainability as a Metric for Deciding Educational Priorities and Measuring Teaching and Learning Effectiveness” at the biannual gathering of the International Christian Community for Teacher Education (ICCTE) in Toronto, Canada. A version of the conference paper has been submitted for publication in the ICCTE journal.

Dr. Mona Williams Thornton is a Lead Peer Reviewer for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) for Baccalaureate and Graduate Programs. She participated in a Peer Reviewer update process at the Annual Conference for NAEYC held in November at Dallas.

Dr. Lavinia Anderson and Dr. Lisa Hall-Hyman participated in the External Review Team staffed by the State Department of Education, visiting schools and examining all facets of school operations—focusing on strengths and weaknesses and determining how their instructional program is aligned with content standards.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The School of Business at Southern Wesleyan University is pleased to welcome Dr. Francis Adams to the Central campus as associate dean of the school and faculty member in business for 2014-15. Adams brings a wealth of experience to the school as well as an outstanding record of academic achievement in his previous institutions. Students should expect exciting and challenging classes with Adams and his administrative contributions will assist the School of Business in accomplishing a number of important initiatives this coming year.

New offerings from the business school beginning this fall 2014 include a new concentration in Entrepreneurship for the traditional undergraduate business program. In addition, an MBA with a concentration in Health Care Administration will be offered in the spring. This new program is made possible by a partnership with Baptist Easley Hospital. The school welcomes Dr. Lynn Brown-Bulloch as faculty and program coordinator for this new concentration. Students will benefit from her extensive background in health care, business and higher education.

Dr. Charlotte Houke, D.B.A., C.P.A. of the graduate faculty presented at the 2014 Christian Business Faculty Association conference “Making a Difference at the Intersection of Faith and Business” in Nashville on October 9–11.



URBAN PLUNGE

Course immerses SWU students in inner-city life

A group of seven Southern Wesleyan University religion students headed for two Midwestern urban centers for a taste of life and ministry different in many ways from ministry taking place in the “Bible Belt” environment of the Central campus.

As this group of students “walked alongside” residents living in the poorest areas of Milwaukee and Chicago, any preconceived notions they had were challenged as they got to know people and became more aware of their situations.

The SWU students were taking part in Urban Ministry Plunge, a course offered for the first time by the university’s Division of Religion.

The Urban Ministry Plunge considered the question “What would Jesus do in the context of the city?” The ministries visited are living out an incarnational theology, attempting to live as Jesus would by moving into the community and becoming neighbors to bring the transforming love of Christ “with skin on.”

The students, mostly from small towns and mostly from the Carolinas, spent the first four days in Milwaukee at Transformation City Church. Milwaukee was recently considered the fourth poorest city in the nation, according to Jason Butler, lead pastor at Transformation City Church.

“We had sessions in Milwaukee on incarnational theology, systemic problems in urban areas, on urban youth ministry and urban children’s ministry,” said Mari Gonlag, professor of religion and chair of Southern Wesleyan’s Division of Religion. “One afternoon we did a prayer walk around the neighborhood.”

As Madalyn Mills of Kernersville, N.C., went with others on the prayer walk, she noticed stark differences—on one street many

homes were dilapidated and about to fall down, while on a street a block over, the houses appeared to be well-cared-for.

“It’s not only the houses that show abandonment. Like the houses, the people who live in the ghetto show, feel and reflect abandonment,” Mills said.

“I began to see people as the Lord sees them—this is incredibly difficult,” said Stephanie Snyder of Simpsonville. “To see people as the Lord sees people is to set aside all of your prejudices (that often times you did not even know you had) and rid yourself of all assumptions and let the Lord take hold of your heart.”

Gonlag added that the students were introduced to Inhabit, a ministry whose aim is to restore neighborhoods, which includes doing rehab on boarded-up houses. Christians are recruited to live in these homes, where they seek to touch lives in the surrounding neighborhood through mentoring, Bible studies and other activities. While in Milwaukee, they stayed in some of the rehabbed homes.

The students also traveled to Chicago and JUSTembrace, a ministry organized by Southern Wesleyan graduate Sherilyn Sheets, whom everyone calls “Sher.” As Chicago continues to make news headlines for its violent crime rate, Sheets has been living as a missionary in the city’s North Side neighborhood of Uptown for the past four years. Known for its ethnic and economic diversity, Uptown is home to thousands of Chicago’s most vulnerable people. During the last three years, Sheets has lived in and run a hospitality house called JUSTembrace, where she throws dozens of parties each year for the marginalized in her neighborhood.

Some students, including Mills, entered a soup kitchen dressed in a manner similar to someone who is homeless.



Arriving in Chicago are Amber Collins of Millsboro, Del.; Stephanie Snyder of Simpsonville; Mari Gonlag, chair of Southern Wesleyan University’s Division of Religion; Emily McClendon; Champ Squires of Alcolu (inside van); Carol Sinnamon, retired SWU director of counseling and health services; André Winters of Rockford, Mich.; Madalyn Mills of Kernersville, N.C.; and Travis Delgado of Myrtle Beach. The group took part in Urban Ministry Plunge, a new course focusing on incarnational ministry in an urban context this past May.

“No one knew who I was, where I came from, if I had money or not, if I was educated. I wanted so badly to talk to the woman in front of me because she looked as if she wanted to talk to me, but I couldn’t say anything,” said Mills, adding that she prayed for the woman.

Sheets’ neighborhood is filled with SRO (single room occupancy) buildings where the urban poor have a room. A lot of people staying in this type of housing have no families and are living alone.

Just as someone might make the corner coffee shop their local hangout, Sheets has done the same at neighborhood soup kitchens and street corners to establish herself as a friend and good neighbor.

Sheets’ brand of hospitality made an impact on Champ Squires of Alcolu.

“After spending three days with Sher and Jordan (a ministry intern), I think I personally saw the best expression of what it means to love your neighbor,” said Squires.

“Being hospitable means you are leveling the playing field between yourself and others—as Sher put it, ‘equalizing the power dynamic and realizing that both of you are human and are broken,’” said Andre Winters of Rockford, Mich.

In his book “Dangerous Presence,” Butler writes, “The hurting do not need our money, ideas or solutions. They need us—in the flesh. They need our relationship, our listening ear, our hand on their shoulders. They need our presence, not our presents.”



SWU GRADUATES FIRST ‘MISTER’



Tyson Wright beams as he waits for the start of Baccalaureate services at Southern Wesleyan University. Wright is the first to graduate from SWU in the “Call Me MISTER” (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models) program. Wright teaches at Chandler’s Creek Elementary School in the Greenville County School District. He received his MISTER jacket during a ceremony at Clemson University this past summer. Wright, who comes from Greer, received his degree in elementary education.

“We are so proud of Tyson—a wonderful role model for the MISTERS and Ambassador for Southern Wesleyan University,” said Sandra McLendon, dean of the School of Education.



SWU DEDICATES SHERIFF NATIONAL GUARD MEMORIAL FLAG PLAZA

What began as an effort to place flags at Southern Wesleyan University's new athletic facilities grew into a tribute to those who have served and continue to serve in our military.

The plaza, located near the campus entrance, was dedicated on Veterans Day to the late Col. Jimmy D. Sheriff and his widow, Gwen Anne Campbell Sheriff, and to the soldiers and spouses of the S.C. National Guard, Battery C, 2nd Battalion (AW) (SP) 263rd ADA.

Col. Sheriff served in the Clemson "Charlie Battery" from 1959-1977. Col. Sheriff graduated from SWU with an A.B. degree. Also a SWU graduate, Anne is a retired educator who founded the Faith Clayton Family Research Center at Southern Wesleyan.

U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham joined S.C. Lt. Gov. Yancey McGill; Adjutant General Robert Livingston Jr.; S.C. Senator Thomas Alexander, S.C. Sen. Larry Martin, S.C.; Representatives-elect Neal Collins and Gary Clary; Pickens County Council Chairman Neil Smith; Central Mayor Mac Martin and others in state, county and local leadership. Also present were members of Representative Jeff Duncan's staff. Rev. Tim Jones represented The Wesleyan Church, Coach Charles Wimpfrie represented SWU faculty and athletics, Judge Darl Fowler represented university alumni as well as the Board of Trustees and Mark Cromer represented the student body.

"What started as a simple idea was transformed into a more than

huge flag plaza, but also a prayer plaza as we celebrate our military along with the religious liberty and freedom they have fought to keep," said University President Todd Voss.

"This memorial today is one of the best in South Carolina," said Graham, who was born and raised in Central. "Every person out here today has lost family members," said Lt. Gov. McGill, noting relatives he lost to war.

Calling attention to members of the Clemson ROTC "Fightin' Tigers" battalion who escorted the U.S. flag, S.C. Adjutant Gen. Livingston Jr. said, "When you saw that flag come across here, it was very appropriate that it was carried by the future leaders of our military."

Central Mayor Martin praised Voss for his vision for SWU and his desire to work with the town to achieve common goals.

"We celebrate this Plaza dedication but we celebrate so much more. These stones, bricks, concrete, seals, fountain, poles, bronze plaques and flags mean more than the sum of their parts. They signify to all passersby 'love, honor, reverence, respect, freedom, faith, perseverance, commitment, sacrifice, patriotism, adversity and triumph.' Thank you to Anne Sheriff and the 2nd Battalion of the Clemson National Guard for reminding us how special these enduring qualities are to our community," said vice president for

Advancement, Dr. Lisa McWherter in her welcome to guests. “In the words of Judge Darl Fowler, ‘To God be the glory!’”

Other highlights included The 282nd U.S. Army Brass Ensemble from Fort Jackson, the University Singers performing patriotic selections and area Scouts leading in the Pledge of Allegiance. At the conclusion of the ceremony was a 21-gun salute from the Clemson ROTC Rifle Team followed by the playing of Taps by Sgt. Brent Watts of the U.S. Army, a 2009 SWU alumnus.

Many businesses and individuals shared in the vision to make the plaza a reality. Its centerpiece is a large U.S. flag, donated by Sam’s Club of Easley, who also donated the South Carolina flag. McKinney Dodge of Easley donated the 80-foot flag pole. Special appreciation goes to Walmart, Drs. Chuck and Betty Mealy, Mike Metz and John Ross of Palmetto Insurance in Anderson. The Class of 1953 was also recognized for their donation toward additional poles, on which fly the South Carolina flag, Pickens County flag, Town of Central flag, the Christian flag and the SWU flag.

A celebratory dinner was held after the dedication for dignitaries, donors and friends of the university. Anne Sheriff, Darl Fowler, Representative Clary, Town of Central Administrator Phillip Mishoe and others addressed dinner guests.

The Veterans Day events were hosted by the Office of Advancement at Southern Wesleyan University. For details about the Sheriff National Guard Memorial Flag Plaza, contact Dr. Lisa McWherter at lmcwherter@swu.edu or Dr. Chuck Mealy at cmealy@swu.edu or call 864.644.5006.

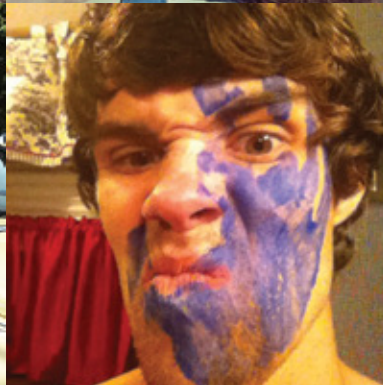
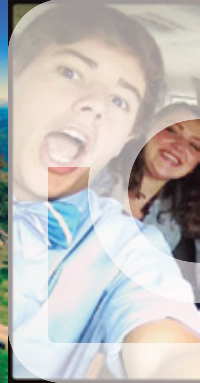


Southern Wesleyan University students unveiled a bench dedicated to the memory of student Krystal Pearce during a ceremony Oct. 20 at the Sheriff National Guard Memorial Flag Plaza. Pictured from left: Amber Collins, Millsboro, Del.; Olivia Bush, Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.; Heather Pearce, Krystal’s mother; Kirsten Cosgrove; Ken Dill, university chaplain; and Gavin Potter, Student Government Association vice president. Krystal was a freshman who died in a tragic accident Oct. 3, 2013.

OPPOSITE: The Clemson Army ROTC “Fightin’ Tiger Battalion” raises the United States Flag during dedication ceremonies for the Sheriff National Guard Memorial Flag Plaza at Southern Wesleyan University. National, state, county and local leaders joined university administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni and the surrounding community for the patriotic ceremony that took place on Veterans Day.

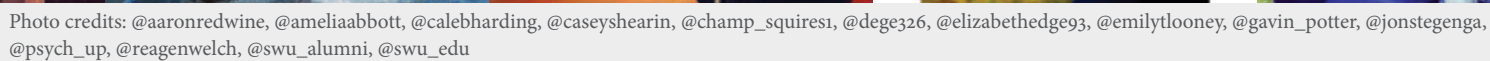
BELOW: Anne Sheriff looks on as the United States flag starts its journey up the flagpole. The plaza honors Anne and her late husband, Col. Jimmy D. Sheriff, along with soldiers and their spouses in the S.C. National Guard, Battery C, 2nd Battalion (AW) (SP) 263rd ADA, Clemson National Guard.







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SWU PILOTS STUDENT-RUN COFFEEHOUSE, GOLF FACILITY

Student-run organizations aren't a new thing on campuses across the nation, but what about student-run businesses?

Watching how his children benefited from internships when they were in college, Southern Wesleyan University President Todd Voss explored ways for students to gain experience that went even deeper than a traditional internship.

"Evidence is significant that internships result in stronger application in and out of the classroom, better grades and greater success after graduation in landing that first job or graduate school acceptance," Voss said. "So it seems to follow that more intensive year-long campus business experiences would provide even greater benefits!"

Last fall, Southern Wesleyan opened the P.B. Wood Golf Practice Facility, which includes a driving range and putting green. The university also hired their first student business interns, offering an opportunity to manage the day-to-day operation of a new facility quickly getting noticed by area golfers.

Wanting to see such opportunities expand, the university is offering more positions to enterprising students to apply what they have learned in the classroom as they gain experience as part of Blue Hill Coffee & Tea Co., located in its campus life center. Two new positions, one in marketing and human resources and another in purchasing and accounting, have been created along with 12–15 barista positions for the new gathering spot that opened in the fall.

"Blue Hill" is derived from "Blue," the school's color, and "Hill"

refers to a historic reference to "The College on the Hill."

Thanks to a generous foundation grant, support from Pioneer College Caterers, and amazing work by the campus Physical Plant team, Southern Wesleyan has extensively upgraded and expanded its previous coffee shop and snack shop space, knocking down walls and creating an inviting, multi-level area with more seating and features that include a small moveable stage area for performances and events. A new coffee roaster partner has been selected as part of a commitment to providing the freshest possible product to enhance the new menu.

"These paid coffee house student interns will gain important leadership skills, experience a myriad of real life business challenges and results, and recognize the importance of key business qualities that include teamwork, thoroughness, cost control, marketing, customer service, product consistency, hiring and training, and contingency planning," said Voss.

The "big picture," according to Voss, is to provide an entrepreneurial environment, giving students who are energetic self-starters a management opportunity that will provide a strong foundation that will be in place when they graduate.

Voss envisions the student-operated businesses on campus to be self-supporting with revenue over expenditure being slated for student scholarships. Additional internship options are being considered for the future.

Students at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Blue Hill Coffee & Tea Co., located in the Jennings Campus Life Center on Southern Wesleyan University's Central campus.



NORTH APARTMENTS GET NEW LOOK

SWU's physical plant staff have been working hard to give the North Apartments a new look. Each apartment has new laminate flooring and new lighting. At the center of the building is a new community area with exercise equipment, space for lounging around and new laundry facilities.



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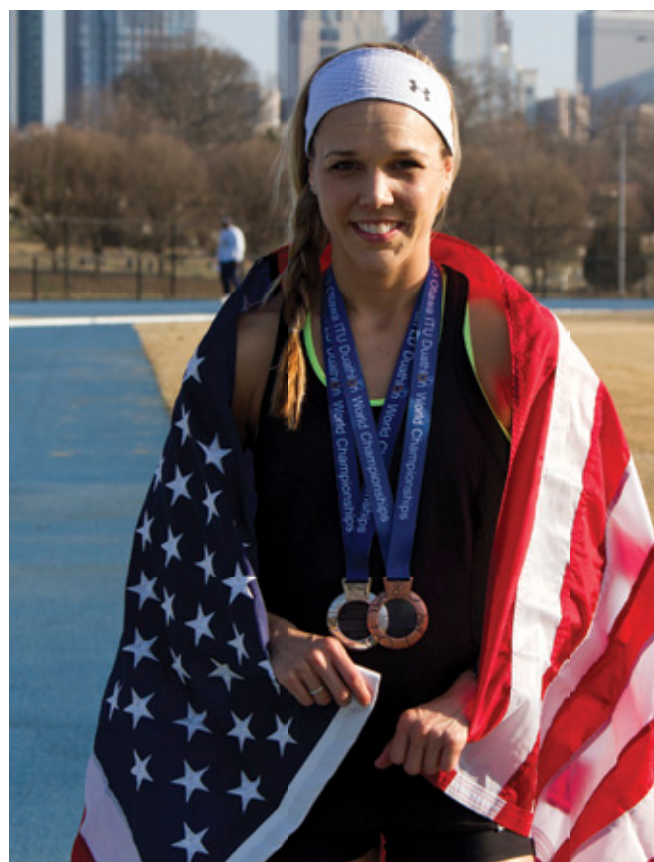
This past July, Lindsey Torgerson, a 2009 business graduate, won the 2014 Duathlon National Championship in St. Paul, Minn. This first-place finish qualifies her for the 2015 World Championships in Adelaide, Australia.

"This race was a very special race for me. I had many family members and friends who showed up to this race to cheer me on," Torgerson said. This past May, she took second place at the Cary Duathlon National Championship and went on to compete in the Duathlon World Championships at Pontevedra, Spain, where she was the first woman from Team USA to finish, although overall she finished in 14th place. While disappointed over her performance in Spain, Torgerson said the experience was "a really big learning curve."

Torgerson noted that this past year she has changed the way she trains. At Human Performance Initiative Strength and Conditioning in Virginia Beach, Va., former Navy Seal Rob Stock, her coach, has put her through cutting edge training methods to take her to the next level as a duathlete.

"I could not do this without all the love and support of family and friends and of course my Rock, Jesus," she said, adding that her mother is her number one fan and never misses a race.

"I am so grateful to have my very own, Southern Wesleyan University, as a sponsor and I absolutely love that I get to wear the SWU Athletics logo on my uniform again," Torgerson said.



P.B. WOOD GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITS SWU SCHOLARSHIPS



Golf teams teed off Oct. 13 at Pickens Country Club for Southern Wesleyan University's annual P. B. Wood Golf Tournament. The funds raised from the P.B. Wood Golf Tournament from sponsors support The Promise Fund, which provides student scholarship assistance and uplifts the areas of greatest need for Southern Wesleyan University.

First-Place winners of the P.B. Wood Golf Tournament were P.B. Wood, Pete Wood, Dan Wood and Tom Harding, scoring 57. Each won a set of 2015 Mizuno JPX 850 irons. Presenting the award was Dale Gilbert, left, of WYFF-TV. Pictured at right are Southern Wesleyan University President Todd Voss and Vice President for Advancement Lisa McWherter.

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'THIS ISN'T A TRACK THING—IT'S A JESUS THING'

Friday afternoon is a time when weekend plans dominate thought processes—football, dates, hanging out with friends and relaxing.

On the minds of many on Southern Wesleyan University's Central campus was a celebration, but not a celebration of the week's hard work winding down. Word was spreading about life-changing



decisions being made by student-athletes who were reaching out to Christ as their savior. Just after 3 p.m., a group of student-athletes gathered on the "SWU Blue" track, locking arms and praying as students, faculty and staff made their way toward the track.

Rev. Tom Harding, pastor of ALIVE Wesleyan Church, stepped into a steeplechase pit filled with water, and—one by one—baptized

more than a dozen students and student-athletes wishing to make public their new found faith.

Harding commented that the baptisms are a "great symbol" of SWU's desire to partner with local Wesleyan churches in caring for the student body and added that they brought together student-athletes of many teams as well as friends in a show of support.

Olivia Bush of Indian Rocks Beach, Fla., recalled a conversation with friend and classmate Krystal Pearce just before fall break last year. Pearce, a tennis recruit who worked out with the track athletes, said she had been praying that the Lord would bring the team closer together. On Oct. 3, 2013, Pearce was killed in an automobile accident as she was returning home to Delaware for fall break. Bush believes Pearce's prayers are now being answered.

Charles Wimpfrie, Southern Wesleyan's head basketball coach, hasn't seen anything like it in his 28 years at the university.

"These kids are making life-changing decisions that will give them a solid foundation for the rest of their lives," he said.

Greg Thiel, head men's and women's track coach, leads a Bible study with student-athletes in the cafeteria. Thiel shared his story of running from the Lord when he was head track coach at the University of South Florida, then coming to a dramatic conversion experience. Thiel shared his own experience of the events that followed this experience and subsequent challenges he had with friends and family members who didn't understand the change in his life.

Morgan Haney had come to Southern Wesleyan from Indiana planning to run track for the Warriors. Shortly after the start of fall semester, Thiel invited her to a Bible study.

"I didn't want to go at all. I ended up just stumbling into his office right when the Bible study was going on," Haney said. She was unprepared for the tug on her heart and the subsequent experience she was eager to share with others.

"When (Thiel) asked me to pray out loud to God, it was like all chains being broken," Haney said. "I poured out everything I had to Him and I immediately felt free."

Lavonne Taylor of Phenix City, Ala., said her life was like a roller-coaster. She was on medication to control her emotions. She told Thiel she felt bad and wanted to go home for a week. Thiel told Taylor that running from her problems wouldn't help, and shared Bible verses with her.

"I just prayed for God to be in my life," Taylor said, adding that, although she still has some problems she is better able to cope with them. She soon realized she no longer needed her medication and stopped taking it. "Everything is different just because of that one simple prayer," she said.

"When I was in that water, I didn't even feel the coldness," said



Several student-athletes received Christ as savior, then publicly proclaimed their faith at SWU's Track Complex Sept. 26, being baptized by Rev. Tom Harding of ALIVE Wesleyan Church. The baptisms took place in a steeplechase pit on the Joe. R. Gibson Track and Field.

Kayla Eison of Spartanburg. "All I heard was, 'Forgiven, everything is gone.' I made a list previously that day of everything that was eating me. I burned that letter. I haven't thought of it since."

"I felt like I just needed (Christ) in my heart because I was distant from Him," said Kia Tillman of Anderson, grateful to Thiel for mentoring her and helping her find Christ.

"(Thiel) is like a father figure to me because my father is not in my life like he is supposed to be. I look up to coach as my father because he does what a father is supposed to do."

"When I recruit athletes, I never ask them where they are at

spiritually. I tell them what we're about as a school. I tell them what I'm about," said Thiel. "I've given my testimony to recruits a couple of times, but usually it's about listening."

Thiel would tell his recruits, "I'm not worried about making you a better track athlete. I'm not asking you where you're at, but I just want you to know all about relationships with Jesus. My dream and prayer is that you'll have a strong relationship when you walk across that stage in four years."

PASS OFFERS NEW AVENUE FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE SUCCESS

Southern Wesleyan University student-athletes facing challenges with coursework have a new resource to help them improve their grades and academic performance.

Southern Wesleyan's PASS (Promoting Athletic Student Success) program began this fall semester, staffed by student affairs graduate interns from Clemson University and geared toward up to 40 student-athletes.

"The purpose of PASS is to support student-athletes by promoting scholarship through intentional, purposeful and consistent academic accountability," according to Emily Germain, a psychology

instructor and the program's coordinator. "It is our hope that students will experience deep transformation as they discover their God-given gifts in the context of the SWU community."

PASS is intended for student-athletes with a semester GPA of less than 1.5 (cumulative GPA less than 2.0) who have received academic warnings or put on probation.

PASS will also help Southern Wesleyan as it continues in its process toward full NCAA Division II membership. The facility is located in the Ringsdorf Room of Rickman Library on the university's campus in Central.



SWU GRADUATE WORKS TO ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION

From a young age, Justin Brooks has been around the construction business. Now he hopes the field will benefit from his doctoral research.

Brooks, who graduated from Southern Wesleyan University in 2009 with a social science degree and a minor in business administration, remembers being on the job sites of his grandfather's construction business when he was as young as five. As he grew up, Brooks would work with his grandfather, Junior Pilgrim, taking over the business shortly after his graduation from Southern Wesleyan.

Brooks originally intended to study law. He initially went to college in Charleston, but returned home in a few months. Looking back, Brooks realizes God set a different direction for his life, building on experience he had already accumulated.

"I think the Lord put me here at SWU for a reason. First of all, the atmosphere here at SWU is exactly what it proclaims to be," Brooks said.

Brooks entered Clemson University, where his master's research was initially focused on Building Information Modeling (BIM), but he turned his attention to researching high performance building construction techniques and materials. He finished his master's coursework in three semesters and was invited by Clemson's Department of Planning, Design and the Built Environment to "stay on," to get a Ph.D. as a research and be a teaching assistant. He has served as a member of Clemson's College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities dean's council, faculty committee and university senate and was named a Ronald E. Knowland outstanding graduate student. As a Southern Wesleyan student, Brooks and his team tied for first place in the Business Strategy Game, competing in 2009 against 2,904 other teams from around the world.

Also a volunteer builder of houses for Habitat For Humanity, Brooks is interested in using knowledge from his Ph.D. research to make Habitat homes more energy efficient. This he believes will help in reducing costs, allowing Habitat to build more homes and be an added benefit to the owners of Habitat homes.

Now deep into his Ph.D. work, Brooks has gained a deeper appreciation for his studies at Southern Wesleyan. He hopes to use his Ph.D. to become a university professor and a consultant in the construction industry.

"Now that I'm advanced into the Ph.D. program, the social science background has really prepared me for the philosophy part of the Ph.D.—the social constructs, the 'why things happen like they happen,' 'how people see things'—I'm seeing the benefits now," Brooks said.

Brooks is also employed by Trehel Corp., where he compiles

historical and financial data, as well as projects. He records and analyzes those projects for use in estimating and scheduling future projects.

Keith Poole, COO and executive vice president of operations at Trehel, calls Brooks "a computer and research guru."

"We have used him in a part-time capacity leading an effort to evaluate 20 years of past work and to develop a system for cataloging the information in a database that is highly detailed and complex," Poole said, adding that Brooks' creativity has been a "huge asset" as the company presents information in an intelligible way to all the parties that need access to it.

"He has done a fabulous job and done it all with a great attitude," Poole said.

Brooks also stays actively involved ministering to children and youth at NewSpring Church in Anderson.

"At NewSpring, I started out just going to Fuse, a Wednesday night service for youth in 6th through 12th grade," Brooks said. "I ended up getting pretty close to a group of sixth-graders and they asked me to be their small group leader. I said 'okay.'" He serves as a youth leader at NewSpring's summer camp in Daytona Beach, Fla., seeing more than 3,000 students in attendance this past summer. Brooks also teaches preschoolers in KidSpring and is involved in NewSpring's community outreach where members do home repairs, such as ramps for disabled residents.

Drew Goldie, home group leader at NewSpring, said Justin is very passionate about working with children and young adults and traveling with the youth for Gauntlet, their summer trip.

"Justin is a very hard worker that is committed to his church and is making a difference in this world in the name of Jesus Christ," Goldie said, adding that Brooks is also involved in one of the home groups.

"Justin is very involved and sometimes helps me lead discussion and teaching," Goldie said.

A lifelong resident of Six Mile, Brooks is married to Holley Laney Brooks, who is also a Southern Wesleyan graduate. Among his favorite hobbies is horseback riding on any of several Tennessee Walkers they own.

A photograph of three men standing on a stage. On the left, an older man with white hair in a dark suit. In the center, a man in a light blue shirt and patterned bow tie. On the right, a man with a beard and glasses in a dark pinstripe suit and bow tie, standing behind a wooden podium with a microphone. The background is a wood-paneled wall with a green 'EXIT' sign on the left.

JACKSON RECEIVES HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Eric Jackson, a human services student enrolled at Southern Wesleyan University's Charleston learning center and an equipment tech at Roper St. Francis Hospital, was named the 2014 President's Humanitarian Award winner, the highest honor the hospital bestows on a teammate.

Jackson was recognized for his dedication to mentoring teenagers from troubled neighborhoods. Jackson is the founder of R3 Inc., an organization whose name stands for "Real Talk, Real Action, Real Results."

"For this man, 'healing all people with compassion, faith and excellence' is a mission carried out well beyond the walls of Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital," said David Dunlap, the hospital's president, as he prepared to announce Jackson's award during Leadership Development Institute at Trident Technical College.

Deeply moved when he learned he was being awarded, Jackson said "to God be the glory."

To be honored in such a way was "a total surprise," according to Jackson, who thought he was there to make a presentation about R3

Inc. for Trident United Way.

R3 Inc. is a labor of love born out of Jackson's own experiences growing up on Charleston's East Side in a home "that had holes in the floor, roaches in the wall, a broken stove and often very little food in the refrigerator."

Jackson isn't interested in pointing fingers to blame others for problems; he is committed to "stepping up" with solutions. From the beginning, he has wanted to help teens who were at a disadvantage socially, economically and academically and has a message, "school can be cool," that he backs up with educational, fun activities.

R3 Inc. has grown and now serves more than 120 youth age eight through their teens. Their latest projects, according to Jackson, are establishing a new teen center dedicated to promoting education and fun in a safe environment for the youth of Charleston. Another program, "Kids Cook," promotes healthy eating habits for youngsters. Jackson said their focus is not only on teens but now on "bridge" programs for 8-12 year olds. In addition to tutoring and sports, R3



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Inc. has taken youngsters to Gibbes Art Gallery, Sky Zone and rock climbing at James Island County Park. Jackson wants to organize trips where teens served by R3 Inc. travel out of town to visit colleges and other destinations to expand the view of the world around them.

“Just seeing that the community we’re serving understands what we’re doing and is supporting us from the ground up, having the parents’ and grandparents’ support—having the kids come in and participate—the most important thing is the community sees we’re genuine and dedicated,” Jackson said.

Jackson says family members never question the need to get up early in the mornings or to come home late because of hours spent volunteering.

“My family is a part of R3 Inc. We pray together. My wife teaches Sunday school, and we take some of our participants to church on Sunday,” he said. “We just want to let people see that we can work together as a family to help our community.” Jackson’s wife, Kimberly Perrineau-Jackson, who earned her master of science in

management degree from SWU, serves as R3 Inc.’s CEO.

Jackson maintains that putting God first is the key to his ability to balance his work at Roper St. Francis and R3 Inc., with church and his studies at Southern Wesleyan. Now working on his human services degree at SWU’s Charleston learning center, Jackson sees both spiritual and professional benefits from being in class at Southern Wesleyan.

“We start class with devotionals; I use that for my focus during the week. It gets me deeper into the Word,” Jackson said. “Professionally, a lot of the courses I’m taking help me understand how to work with my team in R3 about programming,” he said.

“The faculty and staff have been so supportive. They make sure your schedule fits your busy life. Professors who have knowledge about human services share so much vital information in their experiences,” he said. Jackson credits one of his professors, Dr. Ronald Dickerson, for giving him grant-writing ideas. The professor is also considering becoming a board member for R3 Inc.



KEITH CONNOR

A Legacy of Leadership On and Off the Field

Dr. Keith Connor, professor of physical education since 1969, guided Southern Wesleyan University into a modern era of intercollegiate athletic competition.

During his tenure, which spanned five decades, Connor has coached many of the university's teams and was instrumental in taking several teams to the NCCAA and NAIA national tournaments. In 1992, Connor was recognized by the naming of the university baseball field in his honor. In 2005, he was named as the first inductee into the Southern Wesleyan University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Current Athletic Director Chris Williams interviewed Connor about his legacy of leadership.

WILLIAMS: Tell us about when you came to Southern Wesleyan University, then known as Central Wesleyan College.

CONNOR: I came here as a high school senior and college freshman. It was the last year we had the academy—I took senior English and the rest of college work.

Tell us about how you were hired as a faculty member.

I was actually stationed in Korea. This was in 1969 and along about Christmas, I felt a call going into some type of Christian education work. My grandfather married Dr. (Claude) Rickman's wife's parents many years before that. My parents had a good relationship with Dr. Rickman. He said, 'Do you think Keith would be interested in coming back and teaching at CWC?' I was going to be the first fulltime physical education person because I had a master's degree in physical education from UNC Chapel Hill.

How did intercollegiate athletics get started here?

Dr. Bob Nash and I took (intercollegiate athletics) to the board and got it approved. The first game was in basketball at Toccoa Falls College—we won that game. In fact, in 10 games the first season we were 6-4. It went and it just exploded after the first couple of years.

After starting athletics in 1970, where did it go from there?

We started soccer in 1973. I was the first soccer coach. I knew nothing about soccer. I spent the summer before reading up as much as I could about soccer. Our first game we played we had 12 on the field, nine of them had never seen a soccer game before in their lives. I went to the referee before the first game and said 'you'll probably have to explain the rules to us as we go along because we don't have a clue what we're doing.' That first game we played the Citadel and we got beat 10-0.

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“I appreciate Dr. Connor for his work ethic, leadership and caring attitude for the student-athletes at SWU. Several athletes under his tutelage have gone into professional ranks and credit Dr. Connor for shaping and molding their lives while students at SWU. He cared for me as a student-athlete and believed in me as a professional by hiring me to my first head coaching opportunity as women’s basketball coach at SWU. I will always be thankful to him for his guidance and what he has meant to my life.”

CHARLES WIMPHRIE

HEAD BASKETBALL COACH,
ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

“We were in school together at CWC. I’ve known him a good long while and he’s solid as a rock. Overall, he’s a man of absolute integrity. He would tell you the truth even if it hurt him. He had strong character. I guess he got that from his mom and dad. If I wanted someone to tell me straight he would tell me.”

DON WOOD

RETIRED SWU COACH, PROFESSOR

Everybody wanted us on their schedule because we were such a terrible soccer team. Coaches get flyers in the mail from players trying to sell themselves and I get this one letter from a high school coach up in Alexandria, Va. T.C. Williams High School. I ended up going to Alexandria and recruited five foreign players. The next year we went from a 1-10-1 record to a 9-8-2 record.



Few people realize you were also doing play-by-play on a local radio station. Tell us about that.

We did it for a couple of years (WSNW-AM, Seneca). We went to USC Aiken and broadcast the first half. At halftime I was told there was a special event, which would make the half time longer than the usual 15 minutes. They ended up taking 40 or 45 minutes and I’m trying to think of everything I can talk about to fill that 45 minutes. Then when I got back home I found out I talked for 45 minutes and we weren’t even on the air. A storm had hit and there was not any connection.

What sports did you coach?

I coached men’s soccer, women’s basketball, women’s volleyball, women’s softball and baseball. I covered a couple of times for cross country.

Volleyball started in 1976. We went to the NCCAA National Tournament in Chicago, played at Trinity Christian College. Going up there we had a school van and we had 11 players, luggage and everything else in a 15 seat van. That was really tough, so one of our players’ father



loaned us his van. On the way back down, the lights started getting dim on the van, and the alternator ended up going bad, so it drained the battery. We were somewhere up in Tennessee around Knoxville about four hours away. It's like 1 o'clock in the morning. Nothing is open. We drove from Knoxville, Tenn., all the way back here with the lead van having lights, and the van behind the lights were just dim to not at all, about six feet apart.

Also, the softball team went to the NAIA national tournament in Nebraska. We figured we would be gone five days and ended up being gone 11 days. It rained and rained. About every couple of days I would have to call back the university and say wire me some money because we're still stuck. We figured on going out, losing two and coming back. I also remember when we went to the district tournament at Lander University. We won our first game—we really didn't have any fans there. We won our second game—didn't have any fans. Third game, we had a few fans to show up and then the fourth game we were playing for the championship. They brought in a busload and a couple of carloads of fans down for the championship game and we ended up beating Lander, the top-seeded team.

We joined the National Christian College Athletic Association in our third year. We played our first NAIA school in 1974, which was Lander University. We joined the NAIA in '74 or '75. We're out of it now as of June 30.

How did the Warrior mascot begin?

The 'Warriors' came up basically with Dr. Rickman, Paul Wood and I putting our heads together and then we basically picked out the little warrior—that's basically how the mascot came about. In those days, you just sort of made a decision and went on with it.

What were the colors? How did you decide on blue and gold? Was that already a university color?

We had to have uniforms. When we decided to have basketball or we had to buy uniforms, blue and gold sounded like good colors.

PHOTOS – PREVIOUS SPREAD: Connor and his family at the dedication of Dr. Keith Connor Baseball Field. Keith and Jamella Connor are pictured with children Erin, Christiana (Tiffany) and Jamin. ABOVE-LEFT: 1. Connor coaching soccer. 2. Connor carrying the academic mace at graduation. 3. Connor coaching soccer. 4. Connor with Dr. James Bross, left, and Dr. P.B. Wood, right.

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“Two of the most important men in my life are my Dad and Keith Connor. The way Keith Connor lived, he was a role model. He was a humble, servant-hearted guy. I played men's soccer under Keith Connor from 1978-82. Keith said, ‘Admit what you don't know, deal with it and find those who know.’ There is zero I've done in athletic work not greatly influenced by this guy.”

DAN WOOD

EXECUTIVE DIR. NCCAA

“I love and respect Coach Connor more than words can express. He was like a father to all the girls on the team. We were one, big, happy family—we ate together, played together, prayed together. Coach gave me an opportunity to attend college on a softball scholarship and, in addition to an education, I had a person who invested in me and loved me through the ‘growing up years!’”

JOY BRYANT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AND CONSTITUENT RELATIONS, FORMER WARRIORS SOFTBALL PLAYER

WILSON TO COORDINATE COMMUNITY-BASED MINISTRY

Rev. Dustin Wilson, a 2007 religion graduate and pastor of Freedom Roots, a compassionate ministry in East Spencer, N.C., is now the coordinator of the Community-Based Ministry Movement of The Wesleyan Church under the Spiritual Formation Department.

Jeremy Summers, director of spiritual formation for The Wesleyan Church, says Wilson will take the lead in a team devoted to community-based ministry.

Summers said that Wilson “lives out his faith Biblically in engaging the community around him.” He added that Wilson lives out the mandate of “making disciples of all nations.”

Wilson, along with his wife, Rev. Hannah Dawalt Wilson (also a 2007 SWU graduate) and their three daughters moved into East Spencer, a historically African-American community in North Carolina.

“Before moving, we drove down Long Street in East Spencer and saw a sign for a grand opening of a café, the ‘No Name Café.’ The spirit of the Lord spoke to me and said that’s how people from that area view themselves,” Wilson said. “In that, God said you’re to move there and plant hope.”

The Wilsons spent the first two years listening to the community and gaining their trust, overcoming socioeconomic and racial barriers to open doors.

“Now we eat with our neighbors and break bread together,” Wilson said, adding that they started a garden area on their property as well as other gardens in the community—something he maintains is critical because East Spencer is a food desert. There are no grocery stores or produce stands located within walking distance for residents, many of whom have limited transportation. “We try to inspire others to garden and be good stewards of the land. There’s an ownership aspect—it makes them feel empowered,” he said.

Wilson also built partnerships with African-American pastors and community leaders and began conducting basketball camps at a local park.

“In this area, there’s not much for youth to do; this is a way to offer a positive alternative to that,” said Wilson, adding that several hundred youth come to the camps. During one camp, NBA former player, now coach Bobby Jackson, talked to the youth about peer pressure and not giving in and gave his own testimony. His story was especially inspiring because he grew up playing basketball on the courts where the camp was held.

Pastor Anthony Smith, a local pastor and friend serving on the board for Freedom Roots, says Wilson is “a salt of the earth kind of brother” whose passion for Christ is authentic.

“His humility and ability to connect with community

stakeholders from different cultural backgrounds has been a vital asset to our common missional work,” Smith said. “Dustin’s chief qualities have been his integrity, gift of discernment and neighborhood hospitality. We keep each other accountable and energized to do our mutual work. We do family life together and create collaborative space for local community leaders.”

“Overall, Dustin’s passion for Christ and kingdom is both winsome and authentic. I am grateful that this brother is in my life and in the life of our community.”

“In May of this year, we organized a one-day conference called, ‘Community Based Ministry Café,’ for leaders to educate them on the way we do community development and how it can be rooted in our faith,” Wilson said. “The key has been empowering local leaders. It has created lots of energy.”

Wilson has joined an African-American pastor friend, Rev. Timothy Bates, who started a prayer and presence group called the Nightcrawlers. On Friday nights, the Nightcrawlers hit the streets at 10 p.m. marching, singing and offering fellowship and encouragement to those who come alongside of them. Wilson recalled a young man who tried to turn his life around and started coming to Nightcrawler marches. Unfortunately, his life was one day cut short as he was shot and killed on the street. The following Friday, Nightcrawlers gathered at the spot where he was murdered, and held prayer.

“Nightcrawlers have also been known to dissolve tense street activity,” Wilson said. “When they see 30 plus people singing praise to Jesus, the guys fighting each other stop and some join hands and pray with us.”

Wilson hopes to build from these experiences from East Spencer as he co-labors with others in the community-based ministry movement.

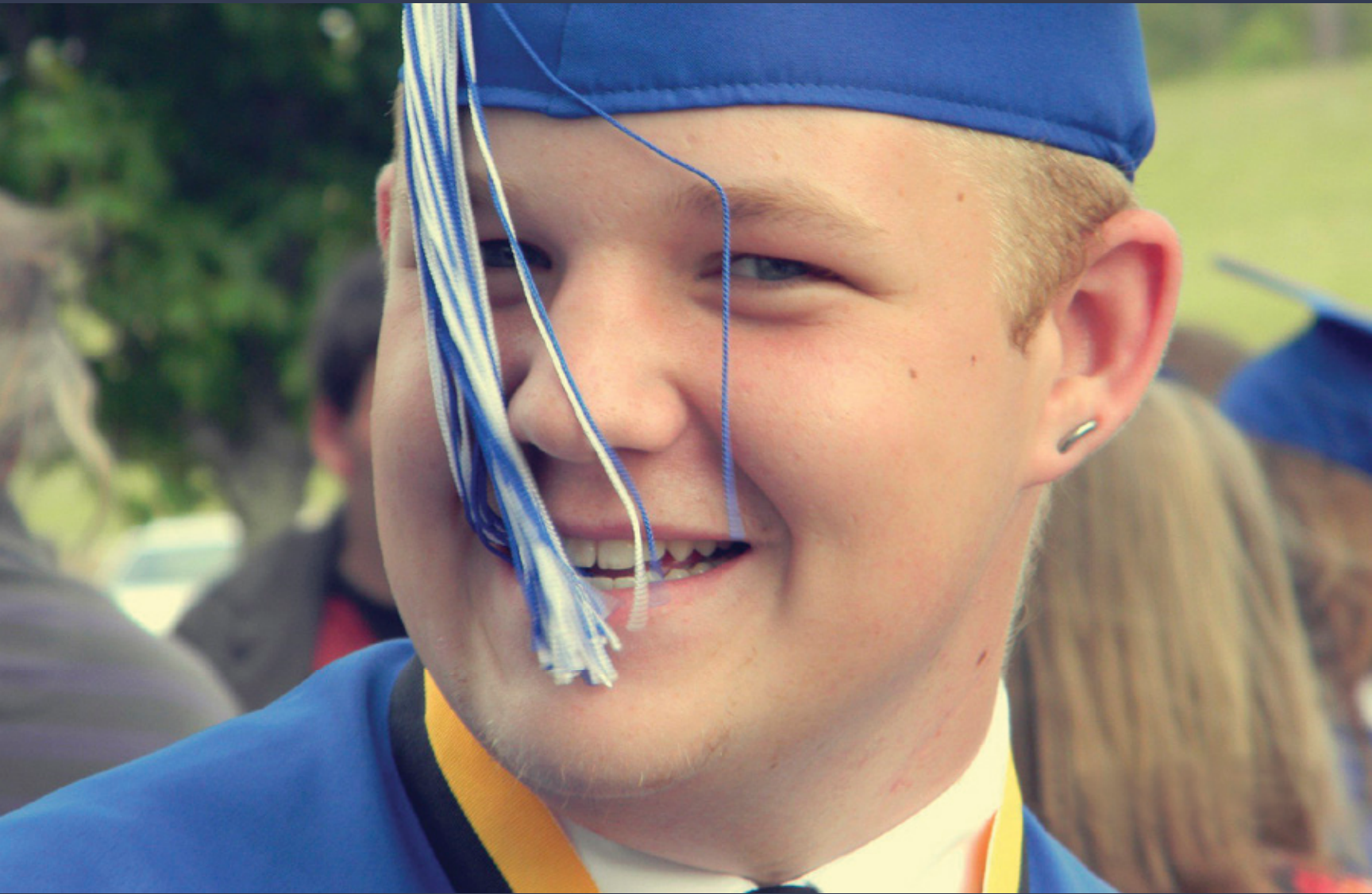
Summers commented that community-based ministries will be a vehicle where teams work with churches and faith-based organizations to disciple the community.

“We’re doing more development type work—integrating the church into the community,” Summers said, adding that they work to build relationships with community organizers and community officials.

“At the end of the day, what’s important is how we disciple the community,” Summers said, noting that Wilson will carry on the vision behind community-based ministry and connect with pastors in various ministry areas.

For details about what God is doing through Freedom Roots, visit freedomroots.net.





This is for My Brother

by Christopher Heironimus

Christopher Heironimus, a December business graduate from Southern Wesleyan University's Charleston learning center, will wear his brother's tassel on his cap—part of a promise he kept to his brother. Heironimus shared his thoughts with SWU in this letter.

MY STORY IS ONE OF BROTHERS SEPARATED BY 18 YEARS. Not only did we have the typical relationship that brothers do, we had one of a mentor/mentee as well. Chase looked to me for answers to anything from girls, school, and life in general. Due to our age difference, my wife has been in his life from his age of seven months. When we tried to explain the concept of a sister-in-law, he would get upset and say, "No, Denise is my sister." This led to some interesting conversations as we had to explain to people that his "brother and sister" were not married to people when he was a little boy!

Chase was always a star student, even being offered to skip a grade. This held true until his freshman year in high school when he ended up hanging with the wrong crowd. We were raised in a Christian home with a mother whose faith always appeared unshakeable to us. This was proven to me in watching her deal with the loss of her youngest child. He was actually expelled from school his freshman year and was sent to a secondary school in order to be able to earn a few high school credits.

Upon returning to his regular school, Wagener Salley High School, he met the Command Sargent Major of the JROTC unit. This is when his life turned around. He became the fifth ranked drill team rifle spinner in the nation, leading his school to the nationals in Daytona Beach, Fla., two years in a row. After graduation, he remained with his team as a coach and, after his death, his former Duo partner (then a Senior) went back and won Nationals again.

After graduation, we discussed many times what he wanted to do with his future. He always wanted to be a mechanic or have something to do with automobiles. I coached him on how to approach our parents with the school of his choice. Our stepdad offered to pay for his education anywhere he wanted to go. He chose a tech school in Texas and had already set up everything he needed to get in. Our biggest discussion was whether or not to join the military first. We finally settled on going to school and joining the National Guard.

He had one condition—that I finish my schooling that I had started in 1999 at Southern Wesleyan University. I agreed. We had hoped to graduate around the same time—we just thought it would

be cool for our parents. We never got that chance.

On April 9, 2012, a man ran a stop sign and struck my brother's car in the driver's door, killing him instantly. I cannot begin to describe the pain, anger and loss my family felt losing such a huge part of our lives. I will never forget that call at 2:30 in the morning and my stepdad telling me my brother was gone.

After a few months, I decided to keep my promise to him as a way to honor him. He and I held many secrets together and I felt I owed it to him to keep my end of the deal.

At 40 years old and working a full time job, there was nothing easy for me about doing this, but I knew I had to keep my word. There is a bond between brothers that cannot be broken, even in the absence of life.

My original goal was to simply achieve my BSBM—that's what I had promised. I upped the challenge to myself by trying to do it with honors. I now intend on completing my MBA as well. Though I will not graduate with honors, I will honor him by walking the stage as promised.

I had the idea to wear his tassel as another way to honor him. After all, if not for him and the promise we made, I would not be here doing this. My mother is not aware that I have this planned and it should be a nice, though bittersweet, surprise for her. Chase and I always told each other, "I got your back." I would ask myself what a degree at my age would really do for me and I was ready to give up on school. My mother and my wife would always remind me, "Stay strong, he's got your back." Having his tassel hanging from my cap is a way to feel that we are graduating together and feeling as though he is with me. If I wasn't granted permission to wear it, I intended on carrying it in my hand.

I am here today because of the love and support of my mother, stepdad, my loving wife and desire to honor a promise between brothers.

Thank you for allowing me to tell his story and honoring his memory by allowing me to wear his tassel. I cannot express what that means to me. My brother was and is a very large part of who I am.

Chris Heironimus, left, and his brother, Chase Ray, right.



Warrior Homecoming 2014

Fill the HILL

SWU alumni, along with their family and friends joined current students at Central to "Fill the Hill" during Homecoming, Oct. 24 and 25. Highlights of this year's Homecoming included "Coffee with the President," the first Homecoming Parade along Wesleyan Drive, reunion luncheons, games for the young and "young at heart," and "SWU Blues and BBQs" to wrap up Saturday's activities. In athletics, Warriors teams faced off Conference Carolinas Foes North Greenville University in volleyball and soccer. The Warriors Volleyball Team defeated NGU 3-0 (25-20, 25-14, 25-12), the Men's Soccer Team defeated NGU 7-1 and the Women's Soccer Team fell to NGU 1-0. Saturday's activities began with Run2Fall, a 5k race run through the Central campus, won by Alex Pena of Anderson. Madalyn Mills, a religion major from Kernersville, N.C., was crowned Homecoming Queen; and Mark Cromer, a biology major from Temperance, Mich., was crowned Homecoming King. The Warriors Volleyball Team won the parade float competition.





1. The Warrior mascot relaxes with a group of students before the SWU vs. NGU game at Childs Soccer Field. 2. Rev. Eddie Gray ('85) of Kings Mountain, N.C., left, with his mother-in-law Martha Evatt ('41) and with Sally Wood ('67), walk across the grounds of Bryant Lodge after reunion luncheons. Evatt and Wood are also retired SWU employees.

3. From left: Patrick Hampton of Spartanburg, Nathan Stegenga of Pickens, Curtis Burkhalter of Northport, Ala., and Jonathan Stegenga of Pickens mastered the "giant Jenga" during tailgating outside Tysinger Gymnasium. 4. Students dressed in "Warrior" garb run across Childs Soccer Field prior to the start of the Men's Soccer game vs. North Greenville University. The "Warrior Run" is a new tradition, now in its second year.

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To God Be The Glory!

Darl

WHY I GIVE

The Bible tells us, "To whom much is given, much is expected!"

We have been blessed far beyond what we could ever return through our donations, and God has helped us stand on the shoulders of giants who have given donations of food, time, and especially their funds. Part of giving is receiving, just as being blessed is the open door to be a blessing.

When we think of the young lives who feel a call from God to come to SWU to prepare to be a blessing to their world, we have determined that there is also a call from God for His people to support their education with our time and our finances. As God has blessed our efforts, He has rewarded us by watching students who have achieved in their academics, greatly appreciated their scholarships, and pushed themselves to do what they needed to do to show their personal appreciation for the financial assistance they received. The financial donations that we have made have been like small seeds that have been planted in the hearts of the students, and now we have the opportunity to see them develop their minds, but most importantly is the development of their hearts and their desire to be all that pleases God.

We count our giving to the university as a privilege. Being close to campus helps us see a variety of special projects. For times when we are away from campus, opportunities are given for donating to causes that the administration and students feel are important. Trying to do our part now will pave the way for SWU in the future to reach more students with a quality education and an opportunity for them to draw closer to God.

DRS. CHUCK AND BETTY MEALY



'FREEDOM'S CADENCE' TO EXTEND UNIVERSITY SINGERS' OUTREACH OVERSEAS

Through Operation Freedom's Cadence, the University Singers are planning a tour in May to perform and minister at chapel services in Germany and Italy.

The tour is planned for May 15-28, 2015, and fund-raising efforts have begun.

"Our purpose is to share our music with military service members and assist the chaplains in their command religious program," said Gary Carr, military endorser for The Wesleyan Church. "We have tentatively scheduled visits to military units in the Frankfurt and Garmisch areas of Germany and Venice and Naples in Italy."

Plans to take the University Singers tour overseas grew out of a conversation Carr had with Rev. Gail Kerstetter as they discussed the success of the University Singers' ministry and considered future directions for the ministry.

"Gail said the Lord was telling her 'we could do something more,'" Carr said. "I presented this idea of traveling around country or we could go forward into Europe."

Carr noted that the University Singers are raising their own support to cover the cost of airline tickets, lodging and meals. Carr estimated the costs to be "in excess of \$70,000."

In his capacity as a military endorser for The Wesleyan Church,

Carr will travel to these bases in Germany and Italy, accompanied by the University Singers. Also accompanying them will be Dr. Karl Westfall, former district superintendent and current SWU pastor-in-residence, as a cultural expert. Westfall has extensive experience conducting tours throughout Europe. Details are still being worked out, according to Carr. Also accompanying the group will also be Rev. Ken Dill, university chaplain, and Jane Dill, chair of the Division of Fine Arts. Lewis Knight, the university's media communication program coordinator, plans to take four to six students along to report on the trip, videotaping and photographing all of the activities and reporting on a blog-like website each night and making a "Webumentary" of the trip.

"We may also be visiting ministries in Germany and Italy that have affiliations to work with the military," Carr said. "One is Cadence International, a ministry to overseas service members." Cadence, headquartered in Denver, provides hospitality houses overseas for service members.

"We are going to also get to visit some beautiful spaces in Europe and sing in some of the prettiest places on earth," Carr said, adding that the tour will take the ministry of the University Singers to a new level. "This is what makes us unique among all the (Wesleyan) schools. They not only do wonderful performances but are a tremendous ministry to their audience," Carr said.

To find out how you can help, contact Rev. Gail Kerstetter, director of music ministry and outreach, at (864) 644-5433 or email gkerstetter@swu.edu. For details about Cadence, go to cadence.org.



FRONT ROW: Katy Dyches, Kayleigh Bray, Gail Kerstetter; MIDDLE ROW: Cameron Tarrant, Kaitlin Mosley, Caitlyn Gardner, Lauren Schaupp, Bob Kerstetter; BACK ROW: Tanner Lambert, Ryan Hendricks, Ryan Kivett, Zach Ford

NICHOLSON-MITCHELL CAMPAIGN REACHES 90% OF GOAL

by Dr. Robert Black

At Southern Wesleyan University, the Doxology is practically the school song.

It was sung at our founding, history tells us, and it has been sung countless times since, through good times and bad. Recently it was sung again when President Todd Voss announced the receipt of a gift to the university of more than \$2 million from an anonymous donor estate, with \$350,000 of that amount going toward the capital campaign for the much-anticipated Nicholson-Mitchell Christian Ministry Center. The gift, largest to date in the Nicholson-Mitchell campaign, pushed the total in cash and pledges over the million-dollar mark.

Then God heaped blessing on top of blessing!

On the heels of that generous gift, previous university trustee J. D. Fralin offered an additional \$125,000 as a generous matching gift. And the matching teams for that gift? Our own South Carolina District Superintendent Buddy Rampey and ALIVE Wesleyan's senior pastor Tom Harding announced \$75,000 coming from the district and \$50,000 from its largest church. (Both the district and the church had also given previously as well.) That means that a total of \$1,250,000 has now been raised toward the \$1.4 million needed to purchase and renovate the former campus church facility.

We're at 90 percent of our goal. Every gift now will help us over the top.

The Nicholson-Mitchell Center will not only preserve the historic stone church building in the middle of the SWU campus but will also continue and expand its mission of Kingdom service. The re-commissioned facility will become the home of the university's Division of Religion and will be the base for innovative approaches to preparing students for effective ministry in an increasingly post-Christian society.

Alumni and friends of the university continue to work hard to make this dream a reality. Many have made contributions in memory or in honor of a family member, a pastor, a district or denominational leader, or a SWU faculty member or administrator who impacted their lives. A mini-campaign mounted by friends of David and Shirley Duncan to raise \$25,000 to name the new Children's Ministry Lab in honor of the Duncans has successfully reached its goal, and another to name the Youth Ministry Lab in memory of Jimmy Johnson is well underway.

Other naming opportunities are still available, ranging from stained glass windows in the remodeled chapel to classrooms and offices throughout the building's two wings.

Your gift will make a difference! See www.swu.edu/NMCenter for details, or call (864) 644-5008. Online giving is one option. However you choose to give, be sure to specify if your gift is intended for any particular project within the campaign.

Movements often find a tipping point, when momentum becomes so great that it triggers a sudden avalanche of support from those who realize that the end is in sight. That's our prayer for the Nicholson-Mitchell campaign in the wake of these wonderful gifts.

We're ready to sing the Doxology once again.



Several members of the Nicholson-Mitchell Steering Committee celebrate the passing of the million-dollar mark in the capital campaign. Pictured from left to right: Committee Co-Chair Bob Black; Joy Bryant; Buddy Rampey; President Todd Voss; Committee Co-Chair James Wiggins; James Capps; Vice-President for Advancement Lisa McWherter; Glenda Hoyle; and Mari Gonlag.

ALUMNI NEWS

1974

01 MILTON and VERA JOHNSON LOWE celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in July.

DR. D. JONATHAN WATTS recently published "Our Hearts Strangely Warmed: A Practical Theology for Worship in the Wesleyan Tradition." This is a companion to an earlier work "The Battle Lines of Worship: Finding a Place of Truce and Trust." Watts, an Oxford Foundation Fellow, returned to Oxford University, Oxford, England in May 2014 to begin work on his next text title "Ethical Dilemmas in Genesis: From Failure to Grace."

1986

The board of trustees of the John de la Howe School in McCormick recently named Seneca native **DANNY WEBB** to serve as agency head/president. He had been serving as interim president of the school since February.

1989

REV. PETER DONGELL graduated from Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio on May 4. He received a Ph.D. in Judaic, Hebrew, and Cognate Studies, the emphasis being in the History of Interpretation. Dr. Dongell's dissertation is entitled "The Evaluation of Paul's Education in the Greek and Latin Fathers."

1992

02 JOY BRYANT was ordained into The Wesleyan Church during a ceremony July 12 at ALIVE Wesleyan Church in Central. She is the university's executive director of alumni and constituent relations and is a member of Pickens View Wesleyan Church.

1993

TOMMY BOLGER, an education graduate and veteran educator in the Upstate, was named principal of Wren Elementary School in Anderson School District One. Bolger was principal at Ravenel Elementary in Oconee County, and was previously assistant principal at

Dacusville Elementary. A native of Dublin, Ireland, Bolger moved to the U.S. at age 26, attending SWU on a soccer scholarship.

1995

BRIAN SWORDS, a business graduate, was elected to the board of the School District of Pickens County, representing his hometown of Liberty. He is director of Tri-County Technical College's Easley Campus and QuickJobs Training Centers.

2001

JARED ROPER, a music education graduate, was named by the School District of Pickens County as one of four finalists for the 2014 Teacher of the Year. Roper teaches music and gifted and talented classes at McKissick Elementary School, Easley.

2003, 2005

MALACHI EDWARD TOLAN was born Oct. 15 to **FAITH** and **AARON TOLAN**. Aaron is the son of Rev. Dave Tolan, SWU missions mobilizer.

2004

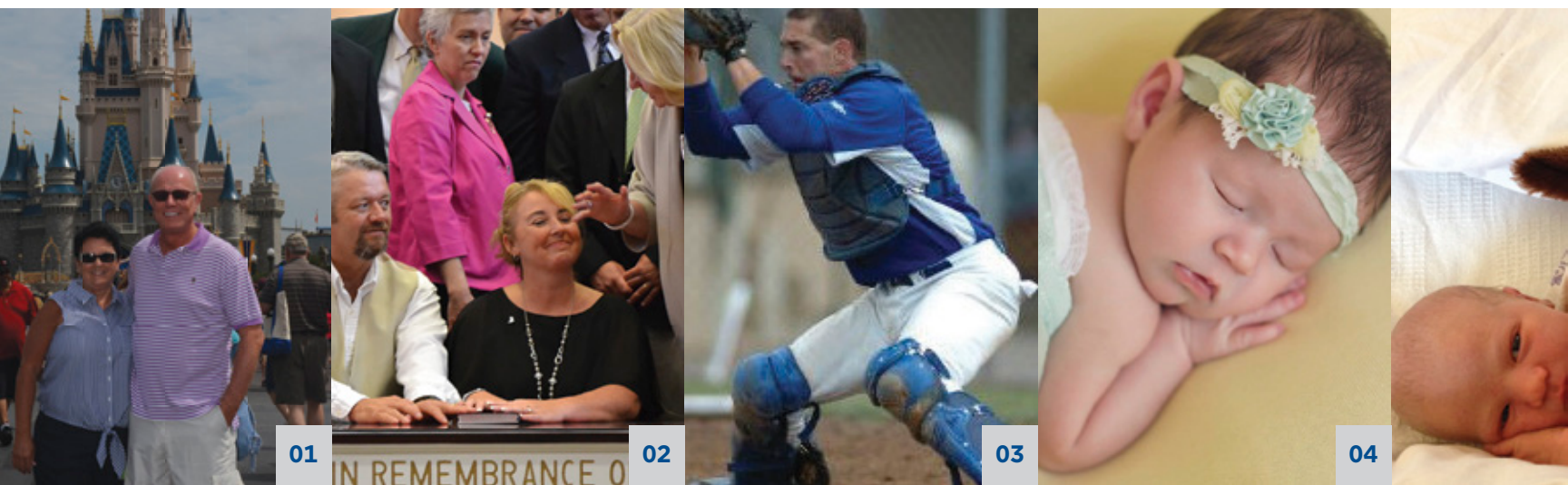
LAHNA LEIGH LOGAN was born Nov. 21, 2013 to David and **KRISTEN BIGGERSTAFF LOGAN**. Lahna was welcomed by her big brother Landon, age 5.

2007

03 RYAN MAEDEL, a SWU graduate from Ontario, Canada, who played on the Warriors Baseball Team, is currently the strength/conditioning coach in the Toronto Blue Jays Farm System with the Lansing Lugnuts of the Midwest League. Last year, he was with Blue Jays in the Gulf Coast League.

04 JOLEE REESE TAYLOR was born in Lexington, Ky. May 15 to **ROBIN (LOWE) TAYLOR** and Liles Taylor. Jolee weighed in at 6 lb. 15 oz. and was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents include **MILTON** ('74) and **VERA JOHNSON LOWE** ('74).

JUDAH DAVID TOLAN was born July 5 to **REV. MARK** and **ERIN (WOOD-**



BURY) TOLAN. Mark is the Assistant Pastor at Bessemer City First.

DUSTIN WILSON, a religion graduate and spiritual leader of the Freedom Roots compassionate ministry in Salisbury, N.C., is now the coordinator of the Community Based Ministry Movement of The Wesleyan Church under the Spiritual Formation Department.

2008, 2011

05 ADAM and JENNIE FAIRCHILD LADD welcomed a new son, **ISAIAH THOMAS LADD**, into the world July 18 at 2:48 a.m. He's 21 1/2 inches long and weighs 8 lbs. 10 oz. Adam is custodial manager and a 2011 graduate; Jennie is a 2008 graduate.

2009

06 MICHELLE DEROSSETT, children's pastor at Smith Chapel Wesleyan Church, Liberty, was ordained into The Wesleyan Church during a ceremony July 12 at ALIVE Wesleyan Church in Central.

07 JUSTIN DONNAHOO, associate pastor at Providence Wesleyan Church in Summerville, was ordained into The Wesleyan Church during a ceremony July 12 at ALIVE Wesleyan Church in Central.

08 Congratulations to **FRANKIE and DEYSI RODRIGUEZ** (Iglesia Wesleyana El Camino) on the birth of a son, **WESLEY SEBASTIAN**, on April 25, weighing 6 lbs., 12oz. and 19 inches long. He is welcomed into the family by big brother Christian, and proud maternal grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Dumar Camacho (Iglesia Wesleyana Amistad Cristiana). Deysi is a music graduate.

VALERIE RAMSEY of Easley, a SWU human resource management ('90) and master of ministry ('08) graduate, was appointed by Gov. Nikki Haley to serve on Tri County Technical College's Commission. Ramsey retired in 2009 as the CBO for the College of Health, Education and Human Development at Clemson University.

2010

09 JAMIN and DANA CONNOR welcomed their son, **RIORDAN ATLAS CONNOR**, into the world on July 16. Jamin is the son of **KEITH CONNOR**, professor of physical education and former athletic director; and **JAMELLA CONNOR**, who served on the SWU staff.

DORNA REDD, a MED graduate of SWU's North Augusta learning center, was named as a finalist in the Teacher of the Year Honor Court. She is a mathematics teacher at South Aiken High School. Redd was among a select group of finalists chosen by Public

Education Partners of Aiken County Public Schools from 37 school-level winners.

2012

10 AMANDA ALMOND an English graduate, married Jason Shive May 17.

ETHAN CASHWELL began his position as coordinator for alumni relations and special events at SWU in June.

11 WESLEY DAY was named band director for Scott's Branch High School, Summerton.

TYLER MCGRADY, a pre-medicine/pre-dentistry graduate, graduated from the University of Kentucky May 10 with her master's in public health. Her plans are to continue studies at VCOM (Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine) in Spartanburg.

TONY PAYNE began his position as associate vice president for development at SWU in October.

AMY REESE began her position as administrative assistant to the VP for advancement at SWU in August.

COURTNEY SELLERS, a forensic science graduate, married Jarid Johnson Sept. 20.

2013

JOHN GRECO, a psychology graduate, was named Teaching Parent of the Year at Tamassee DAR School in Salem.



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ALLEN POWELL, a December 2013 MBA graduate, is currently regional director of the National Wild Turkey Federation. He feels his SWU degree will be put to good use as he transitions into his new duties.

LEAH STAFFORD, a teacher at Heritage Elementary School, was named among 10 finalists for Greenville County Schools' Teacher of the Year. Stafford is a MEDAS graduate from Travelers Rest.

CRYSTAL SYMSICK and **RYAN PROPE**s were married May 10. Crystal is a 2013 forensic science graduate and Ryan is a 2013 biology graduate.

STUDENT

ERIN KING married Dalton Johnson May 17. King is a biology major.

EMPLOYEES

LAVINIA ANDERSON, professor of education, along with her husband Michael Anderson and big brother Grant Anderson, welcomed into their family Anitra Kristine Anderson, adopted May 25 at four days old, weighing 7 pounds and 18 inches long.

SUSAN FINLEY, assistant professor of education and coordinator of field studies, was selected to participate as a scorer in the Pilot Praxis Performance Assessment for Teachers to be held by ETS in Princeton, N.J. Sandra McLendon, dean of the School of Education, said, "this is a tremendous honor and responsibility for Professor Finley as well a plus for the School of Education, because she can pass this knowledge on to the teacher candidates and the School of Education faculty."

LISA MCWHERTER, vice president for advancement, was elected as board chair for the Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce. She received the gavel from outgoing chair Catherine Sullivan during the Chamber's membership luncheon June 17 at Southern Wesleyan's Central campus.

IN MEMORIAM

1940

MRS. VIRGINIA RUTH CONNOR DYAR, Winston Salem, N.C., passed away July 24.

AVA LORETTA ROCKWELL HARRIS, Savannah, Ga., passed away March 4, 2013.

1949

LONEY WARREN COWART, Irmo, passed away March 12.

1952

BENJAMIN T. MICKEL, Albemarle, N.C., passed away April 28.

1953

DOUGLAS HAMES, Forest City, N.C., passed away Aug. 29, 2013.

1963

REV. J. MARVIN QUARLES, SR. passed away in his home in Maiden,

N.C., Feb. 9. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rachel Moore-field Quarles ('65) a son, Jay Quarles, a daughter, Renee Cook, seven granddaughters, and one great granddaughter. Quarles pastored Wesleyan churches in South Carolina and North Carolina.

1977

ELLEN BELLIVEAU, Highland, Md., passed away June 13. Ellen was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Lowell and Mary Faith Jennings and the sister of Janene Bryson.

1985

PHYLLIS GREEN of Seneca passed away Aug. 3.

1989

RONNIE HORNICK of Westminster passed away June 26.

EMPLOYEES

WINNIE MOLLOSEAU, passed away July 29. Winnie served Southern Wesleyan University for more than 26 years, serving as an administrative assistant in Student Life and as residence director of Eagles Rest.

SUSAN ROUSE, chair of the Science Division and professor of biology, passed away Nov. 11, after a two-year battle with cancer. She also served as the director of the Honors Program at SWU, and in 2009, she was honored as Faculty Member of the Year. The Dr. Susan T. Rouse Memorial Honors Research Scholarship was established by the Rouse Family in her honor.

RENEE SIMS, the former secretary for Counseling and Health Services, passed away peacefully on July, 5 at the Rainey Hospice House in Anderson.

HAROLD WATERS, longtime professor of education, passed away at his home June 20. Funeral services were held for Waters June 28 and a memorial service took place Sept. 1, both at Southern Wesleyan University.

STUDENTS

SHIRLEY ALLEN, an AGS student at the Charleston learning center, died Aug. 28 after battling a brain tumor. She was a true warrior as she endured treatments and countless visits to the doctor and medical facilities.

ROBERT BARR, an undergraduate student at the Charleston learning center, passed away Aug. 9. He honorably served in the US Navy, was a proud member of Solomon's Masonic Lodge Number 1, and was a dedicated employee with Santee Cooper.

CINDY DAVIS, an AGS student in General Studies at the Central campus, died unexpectedly Sept. 8. Her funeral was Sept. 11.

MICHELLE HAMMOND, a transfer to SWU's traditional program from Tri-County Technical College, died Aug. 24.

PASTOR AND FRIEND

REV. WAYNE TIPPEY of Myrtle Beach passed away June 15. Tippey is a retired pastor of the South Carolina District.

2014 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

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Grads)
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 Mr. & Mrs. Len Gough
 Mr. James Gurley
 Dr. & Mrs. G. Hydrick
 Dr. & Mrs. Keith Iddings
 Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Jennings
 Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Kindred
 Mrs. Elanor Large
 Mr. & Mrs. Mahony Wilbur
 Mr. & Mrs. Warren Morgan
 Dr. & Mrs. Mickey Rickman
 Rev. & Mrs. T. Wayne Preusz
 Dr. Everett Putney
 Mrs. Mary Ramsey
 Mr. & Mrs. James Roberts
 Dr. & Mrs. David Spittal
 Mrs. Miriam Stanley
 Ms. Candace Torgerson
 Ms. Maree Turner
 Mr. & Mrs. Travis Wanner
 Ms. Barbara Watts
 Dr. & Mrs. Byron Webb
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Whitney

SC BUSINESSES & FOUNDATIONS

Pepsi Bottling Group Inc., Columbia, SC
 Southland Pharma LLC, Roanoke, VA
 Team Based Learning Collaborative,
 Huntington, WV
 D.L. Scurry Foundation, Columbia, SC
 The Parkette, Pickens, SC
 Wal-Mart Foundation, Bentonville, AR

CHURCHES & ORGANIZATIONS

Baywood Wesleyan Church, Galax, VA
 Brevard Wesleyan Church, NC
 Clemson Area Adult Chapter of FCA, Clemson, SC
 Covington Memorial Wesleyan Church,
 Reidsville, NC
 Hayworth Wesleyan Church Faith Promise,
 High Point, NC
 NCCAA National Christian College Athletic
 Association, Greenville, SC
 Discover the Joy, Roanoke, VA
 Firestone Wesleyan Church, Gastonia, NC
 First Baptist Church, Sylacauga, NC
 First Baptist Church at The Villages,
 The Villages, FL
 First Wesleyan Church, Bessemer City, NC
 Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Church, High Point, NC
 High Point Area Wesleyan Men, NC
 Mentone Wesleyan Church, Mentone, AL
 Mountain View Wesleyan Church, Salem, SC
 SC District of the Wesleyan Church, Greenville, SC
 Smith Chapel Wesleyan Church, Liberty, SC
 Williamson Wesleyan Church, Williamson, WV

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 Dr. & Mrs. Watson Black
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bonham (1970) (1968)
 Mrs. Mary Bowden (1953)
 Dr. & Mrs. James Bross (1959) (1976)
 Mr. & Mrs. Devon Broome (2010)
 Mr. James Brown (1980)
 Mr. & Mrs. Don Costello (1999, 2003)
 Rev. & Mrs. James Brown (1987)
 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Davis (1998) (1958)
 Rev. & Mrs. Morris Davis (1962) (1966)
 Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Dennis (1980) (1981)
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Dickens (1953) (1953)
 Dr. Phillip Edmonds (1996)
 Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Foutz (1961) (1982)
 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Frost (2002) (2003, 2010)
 Mr. & Mrs. Randy Garner (1984) (1983)
 Mrs. Krista Garren (2001)
 Dr. & Mrs. Mark Gorveatte (1984)
 Dr. Kenneth Heer (1998)
 Dr. Judith Huffman (1984)
 Rev. & Mrs. Carroll Hutcheson (1966) (1968)
 Mrs. Mary Kelley (1954)
 Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Lefter (2005, 2007)
 Mrs. Geraldine Masters (1961)
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald McClellan (1989)
 Mrs. Edwina Molloseau (1995)
 Rev. Glenn Rader (1953)
 Rev. & Mrs. W. Rampey (1969) (1969)
 Dr. & Mrs. Hal Robbins (1948) (1945)
 Mr. & Mrs. Darren Schaupp (1991) (1990)
 Mr. James Singleton (1953)
 Dr. Brian Swords (1995)
 Ms. Victoria Wanner (Current Student)
 Mrs. Peggy Wilkes (1953)
 Mrs. Frances Williams (1962)
 Dr. Katie Wood-Ray (1985)
 Rev. & Mrs. Frederick Andrews (Kernersville

Wesleyan Grads) (1979)

Dr. Louise Carlton (Kernersville Wesleyan Grad)

EMPLOYEES

Mr. Devon Broome
 Dr. James Bross
 Mrs. Mary Costello
 Mrs. Dana Frost
 Mrs. Krista Garren
 Dr. Paul Jordan
 Mr. & Mrs. Don Schaupp
 Rev. Dave Tolan
 Mr. Christopher Williams

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 Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Berry
 Rev. & Mrs. James Brown
 Dr. Louise Carlton
 Dr. Kenneth Heer
 Dr. Jo Anne Lyon
 Rev. & Mrs. W. Buddy Rampey

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 Mr. William Clayton
 Mr. Charles Craig
 Ms. Jane Cude
 Rev. Donald Dawalt
 Mr. Scott Dover
 Mr. & Mrs. James Floyd
 Mr. & Mrs. Darl Fowler, Jr.
 Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Gentry
 Ms. Ruth Gonlag
 Mr. Eddie Horne
 Dr. & Mrs. Floyd Mast
 Mr. & Mrs. Cecil McCaskill
 Mrs. Rebecca Newby
 Mrs. Emily Pearce
 Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Quarles
 Ms. Lori Sons
 Ms. Linda Walker
 Mr. & Mrs. W. Warren
 Mrs. Vivian Wenrich
 Mr. & Mrs. Karl Westfall
 Dr. Katie Wood-Ray

SC BUSINESSES & FOUNDATIONS

Beef O' Brady's, Clemson, SC
 Blue Ridge Electric, Pickens, SC
 Business Women's Educational Foundation,
 Seaford, DE
 Delmarva Antique Bottle Club, Oceanview, DE
 DL Pearce Enterprises, Inc., Severna Park, MD
 Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI
 Goldstein Charity Golf Tournament, Clemson, SC
 Homesmart, Easley, SC
 Jean's Bus Services, Inc., Greenville, SC
 Jersey Mike's, Clemson, SC
 Long Neck Business Associates, Millsboro, DE
 Nyberg Irrevocable Trust, Moore, SC
 PrimeLending, Dallas, TX
 Woodford Group LLC, Charlotte, NC

CHURCHES & ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Auxilliary Unit 28, Millsboro, DE
 Bethel Wesleyan Church, Kannapolis, NC
 Central Wesleyan Church, Thomasville, NC
 Covington Wesleyan Church, Reidsville, NC
 Faith Wesleyan Church, Lakeland, FL

First Baptist Church, Clemson, SC
 First Wesleyan Church of Kannapolis, NC
 Helen Barson Sunday School Class, Pickens, SC
 Hollins Road Church of the Brethren, Roanoke, VA
 Liberty Wesleyan Church, Summerfield, NC
 Mahaffey Camp, Mahaffey, PA
 Mount Airy Wesleyan Church, NC
 Reserve Worship, Sunset, SC
 Shady Grove Wesleyan Church, Colfax, NC
 Trinity Wesleyan Church Wesleyan Women,
 Central, SC
 United Wesleyan Church, Easley, SC
 Vienna Wesleyan Church, Vienna, WV
 Welcome Wesleyan Church, Seneca, SC

CENTURY CLUB

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ALUMNI

Mrs. Joni Addis (2002)
 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Allen (1992, 2000)
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Allred (1990)
 Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Allred (2002)
 Rev. & Mrs. G.K. Andrews (1959)
 Mr. & Mrs. Ed Arnold (1987)
 Dr. Laura Austin (2002)
 Rev. & Mrs. Phil Baily (1970, 2001) (1965)
 Mrs. Elizabeth Baker (1968)
 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Baker (1966) (1968)
 Ms. Janelle Beamer (2003)
 Mr. & Mrs. Terry Beckom (1976)
 Mr. & Mrs. John Benson (2004)
 Mr. Gene Best (1991)
 Mr. & Dr. Ron Black
 Dr. & Mrs. Jim Blackburn (1955)
 Mr. & Mrs. Jono Blackburn (2010) (2013)
 Mr. Rex Blankenship (1957)
 Ms. Emily Bloxdorf (Current Student)*
 Mrs. Regina Bolding Harned (2011)
 Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Boles (1988, 1992)
 Mr. & Mrs. Alvie Boone (1985)
 Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Boyer (1978)
 Mr. & Mrs. James Brackett (1944)
 Mr. Randy Bradshaw (2003)
 Mr. & Mrs. Arlan Brady (2002)
 Mr. Sammy Bratcher (1956)
 Mr. & Mrs. James Brown (2003)
 Mr. Robin & Rev. Joy Bryant (1992, 2004)
 Mrs. Lisa Bryant (1993)
 Mr. Matt Buss
 Mrs. Gisele Butler (2005, 2011)
 Mr. Ethan Cashwell (2012)
 Rev. Howard Castle
 Dr. Ron Cheney (1986)
 Mrs. Jeanette Childs (1962)
 Mr. & Mrs. Jon Childs (1961)
 Mr. & Mrs. Elijah Cockman (1948)
 Ms. Ann Coogler (1987)
 Mrs. Lisa Corbin (2010)
 Mrs. Valeta Cox (1953)
 Mr. Larry Crowe (1958)
 Ms. Kelsey Deerinwater (2013)
 Mr. & Mrs. John Dickey (1994)
 Rev. & Mrs. Ken Dill (1981)
 Mrs. Barbara Dixon (1963)
 Ms. Margaret Donaldson (2012)
 Mrs. Lydia Edmonds (2011, 2013)

Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Elrod (2004, 2009)
 Mr. Kevin Etheredge (1996)
 Mrs. Martha Evatt (1941)
 Mr. Dean Fichtel (2000)
 Mr. Jordan Finster (current student)
 Ms. Tamara Flinchum (1984)
 Mrs. Doris Flint (1955)
 Dr. H Foster III (1982)
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Fowler (1976)
 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Frost (2002) (2003, 2010)
 Mr. & Mrs. David Funderburk (1961)
 Dr. & Mrs. Reggie Gentry (1968)
 Dr. & Mrs. Velon Gray (1964)
 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Green (1961)
 Mrs. Drucilla Grizzard (1959)
 Mr. & Mrs. Scotty Gullede (1987) (1980)
 Mr. Bobby Haithcock (1947)
 Ms. Sherry Haithcock (1978)
 Mrs. Billie Faye Harvey (1989)
 Mrs. Elizabeth Hedrick (1977)
 Rev. & Mrs. Mike Hilson (1990) (1990)
 Mr. & Mrs. Kedar Hodges (1979) (1979)
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Holcombe (1992)
 Mr. & Mrs. Don Hurlburt (1993) (1972)
 Rev. & Mrs. Bill James (1948)
 Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Jennings (1983)
 Ms. Veronica Jones (1999)
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jones (1980)
 Mr. JJ Julian
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Keaton (1993) (1996)
 Rev. William Keever (1968)
 Mrs. Lori Kelley (2006)
 Ms. Kathleen Kelly (2004)
 Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Kendrick (1959)
 Mr. Richard King (1947)
 Mr. & Mrs. David King (1956) (1957)
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 Mrs. Sara Kornegay (1944)
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kuslansky (1972) (1970)
 Mr. Roger Lampkin (2010)
 Mr. Raymond Lawson (1984)
 Mr. Curtis Lee Jr. (1986)
 Rev. & Mrs. Curtis Lee (1964) (1964)
 Mr. Charles Little (1948)
 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Loggins (1982) (1981)
 Dr. Sally Lorbach (1993)
 Drs. Milton & Verna Lowe (1974)
 Rev. & Mrs. Jerry Lumston (1985) (1984)
 Mr. & Mrs. Claude Marchbanks Jr. (1957)
 Rev. & Mrs. R. Mathis (1956)
 Mr. Ronald Maw (1956)
 Mr. Robert McCoy (1953)
 Mr. & Mrs. James McIntosh (1995) (1995)
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert McIntyre (1988) (1945)
 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Menezes Jr. (1989)
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 Rev. & Mrs. Keith Nanney (1970)
 Mr. & Mrs. Harold Nash (1968)
 Mrs. Ruth Newby (1943)
 Rev. & Mrs. Alvin Newcomb (1961)
 Mrs. April Nieves (1990)
 Mr. Kenneth Nix (1974)
 Mrs. Debra Nodine (2007)
 Mrs. Ruth Nodine (1985)

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 Ms. Ruth Smith (1994)
 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith (1973)
 Mrs. Linda Smith (1957)
 Ms. Ollie Smith (1981)
 Ms. Ruth Smyrl (1953)
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Stallings (1976) (1975)
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 Mr. Joel Swaynham (2011)
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 Rev. John Taylor (1963)
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 Rev. & Mrs. Joshua Tietje (2008) (2010)
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 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Wagner Jr. (1999)
 Mr. Karl Weyemann (1992)
 Mr. Daniel Williams
 Mr. & Mrs. James Wimphrie (1982, 2002)
 Ms. Glenda Winchester (1993)
 Mr. Andrew Wood (1993)
 Mr. & Mrs. Pete Wood (1981) (1983)
 Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Young (1998, 2012) (1997, 2007)
 Mr. & Mrs. David Albertson (1980) (1975)
 Ms. Jill Cooper (Kernersville Wesleyan Grad)
 Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Kendrick (1959)
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 Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Phillips (Kernersville Wesleyan Grads)
 Dr. & Mrs. Leo Record (Kernersville Wesleyan Grads)
 Mr. & Mrs. Don Richardson (1954) (Kernersville Wesleyan Grad)
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 Mr. Charles Wimpshire
 Mr. & Mrs. Greg Young
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 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Loggins
 Rev. & Mrs. Gregory Reynolds
 Mrs. Betty Rickman
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Stallings

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 Mr. & Mrs. Ray Arant
 Ms. Jimmie Arnett
 Mr. & Mrs. Ed Arnold
 Ms. Carol Atkins
 Dr. Stephen Babbly
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Baker
 Ms. Jo Ann Ballantine
 Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Barton

Ms. Lois Bass
 Mr. Ryan Bass
 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Beard
 Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Bice
 Mr. & Mrs. O. Black
 Mr. & Mrs. David Blackburn
 Mr. & Mrs. John Blackwood
 Mr. & Mrs. John Boccuzzo
 Ms. Sabrina Bodden
 Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Bohler
 Mrs. Sandra Bolick
 Ms. Velve Bollinger
 Mr. & Mrs. David Bolt
 Dr. Clayton Bolton
 Mr. & Mrs. R. Bolton
 Mrs. Celeste Boudolf
 Mrs. Maxine Bowyer
 Mr. & Mrs. Randall Bowyer
 Mrs. Susie Boyce
 Mr. & Mrs. Lev Bradley
 Ms. Bonnilyn Brown
 Mr. Mark Brown
 Mr. Hal Burchel
 Mr. Brent Burdick
 Mrs. Virginia Burdick
 Cap. Wilbur Burgin
 Ms. Barbara Byrd
 Mr. & Mrs. John Caldwell
 Ms. Hellen Callaway
 Ms. Diane Chappell
 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Christopher
 Mr. & Mrs. William Clayton
 Mrs. Ruth Cole
 Mr. & Mrs. James Connington
 Mr. Daryl Cooley
 Ms. Karen Cottingham
 Ms. Lindy Coulter
 Mrs. Dorothy Courtney
 Mr. Joseph Craig
 Mrs. Elizabeth Crawford
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Crook
 Ms. Marilyn Crots
 Mr. Lee Cummings
 Mrs. Marion Currow
 Ms. Janette Deange
 Ms. Ruth Dec
 Ms. Fanny Diaz
 Mr. Hugh Docherty
 Mr. Patrick Dover
 Dr. & Mrs. Tom Drake
 Mr. & Mrs. Drew Drodgy
 Mr. Dean DuVall
 Mr. James Dykhouse
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 Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Elder
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 Mr. Randy Everett
 Family Trust, Mrs. Elizabeth
 Richardson
 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Farmer
 Mr. Douglas Fela
 Ms. Maria Fela
 Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Finster
 Mr. Ray Flasch
 Mr. & Mrs. James Floyd
 Mr. Paul Foster
 Mrs. Velma Fowler

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 Mr. & Mrs. Harold Garren
 Mr. Donald Garrett
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gettings
 Ms. Sandra Goodman
 Mr. Steve Graham
 Ms. Kathleen Graves
 Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Grimes
 Ms. Rhonda Gullede
 Ms. Doris Gunsalus
 Mr. Robert Hamby
 Mr. Elijah Hannah
 Ms. Lynette Hanson
 Mrs. Marie Harbin
 Mr. Wesley Hardin
 Mrs. Beverly Hargrave
 Mr. Brian Hartsell
 Raza Hassan
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 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hazelbaker
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 Mrs. Ruth Henning
 Ms. Linda Hill
 Mr. & Mrs. David Hiott
 Mrs. Carol Holcombe
 Ms. Marilyn Hollingsworth
 Mrs. Janice Horwood
 Mr. Marcus Hostetler
 Mrs. Donna Howard
 Ms. Deborah Hudson
 Mr. J. Hudson
 Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Hudson
 Ms. Deborah Hughes
 Ms. Roberta Hughes
 Mr. Olin Hunter
 Mr. Thomas Hutton
 Mrs. Peggy Iannolo
 Ms. Jamie Jenkins
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 Rev. & Mrs. Timothy Jones
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 Mr. & Mrs. Palmer Keaton
 Mrs. Opal Keeran
 Mr. J. Keiser
 Mr. Burnett Kelly
 Mrs. Martha Kendrick
 Ms. Judy Kennedy
 Ms. Ethelyn Kilmer
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael King
 Mr. & Mrs. Wayne King
 Mr. & Mrs. Wilton King
 Mr. & Mrs. John Kirby
 Mr. Victor Knox
 Ms. Jean Kring
 Mr. & Mrs. David Lester
 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Lipina
 Mrs. Theresa Lippard
 Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Locy
 Ms. Lynn Lollis
 Drs. Milton & Verna Lowe
 Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Lyon
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 Ms. Elaine Marchbanks
 Ms. Virginia Marhanka
 Mrs. Evelyn McCollum

Dr. Roger McKenzie
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 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Melczak
 Ms. Lois Metcalf
 Mr. Mark Metcalf
 Mr. & Mrs. George Michael
 Mrs. Teresa Michalski
 Mr. & Mrs. William Miller
 Dr. Paul Mills
 Dr. & Mrs. Ranolph Mills
 Mr. James Mirabella
 Ms. Mary Misenheimer
 Mrs. Yvonne Morgan
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Morris
 Mr. & Mrs. Wilford Morris
 Mr. Robert Moseley
 Mr. Richard Nask
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 Ms. Nancy Oberlies
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 M. Oglesby
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 Mr. & Mrs. F. Pair
 Mrs. Norma Palmer
 Ms. Catherine Pearce
 Ms. Diana Pearce
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles PeuriFoy
 Mr. Jim Pfaff
 Mrs. Peggy Pilgrim
 Dr. & Mrs. Paul Prichard
 Mr. John Rankin
 Mr. & Mrs. Harold Redding
 Rev. & Mrs. Todd Reynolds
 Mrs. Janet Richardson
 Ms. Joyce Robinson
 Ms. Judy Robinson
 Mr. Lawrence Roussill
 Dr. & Mrs. George Rupp
 W. Ryan
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 Ms. Priscilla Sanders
 Ms. Catherine Sauer
 Mrs. Helen Schneck
 Mr. Dennis Schwab
 Ms. Nancy Scruggs
 Mrs. Katherine Sheils
 Mr. Edward Shigley
 Ms. Mary Simmons
 Mr. & Mrs. Glenon Simpson
 Ms. Betty Sims
 Mr. Rick Sizemore
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Smith
 Mr. Kalin Smith
 Ms. Lori Smith
 Mr. Louis Smith
 Mr. & Mrs. James Snowden
 Dr. Donald Snyder
 Mr. & Mrs. Matt Spear
 Mr. Thomas Spray-Fry
 Ms. Gloria Steenbergh
 Mrs. Mary Stone
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stonoff
 Mr. Jeffrey Strack
 Dr. & Mrs. Russell Street

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 Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Tippey
 Shunici Toida
 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Tolan
 Mrs. Jeanette Vermilya
 Mrs. Joan Wallace
 Mrs. Shirley Wagner
 Mr. Larry Ward
 Ms. Nancy Weathers
 Ms. Kay Weikert
 Mr. Elvin Weinmann
 Ms. Janell Westveer
 Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Whitley
 Mr. Donn Williams
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wolfe
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 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Woodhouse
 Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Woodworth
 Ms. Ann Wyatt
 Dr. Ben Xie
 Mrs. Susan Ziegler
 Rev. Robert Zuhl

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Adaptive Accounting Services LLC, Edgewater, MD
 Advances Prosthetics of Easley, Inc., Easley, SC
 Atcheson Dental, Inc., Six Mile, SC
 Bob McCloskey Insurance, Matawan, NJ
 Borg-Warner TorqTransfer Systems, Seneca, SC
 C.H. Patrick & Company, Inc., Greenville, SC
 Capitol Decorative Concrete, Piedmont, SC
 Carolina Ad Specialty, Lyman, SC
 Carolina Surveying Services, Inc., Lexington, SC
 Center for Scholarship Admin. Inc., Taylors, SC
 Chick-Fil-A at Clemson, FSU, SC
 Clemson Blues Festival Inc., Clemson, SC
 Consumer Real Estate Title, Inc., Beltsville, MD
 Department of the Air Force
 Dixon Golf, Inc., Tempe, AZ
 Family C.A.R.E. Services, Clemson, SC
 Fleet Guard Maintenance, Columbia, SC
 Fort Hill Natural Gas, Easley, SC
 Frankford VOL Fire Company, Inc., Frankford, DE
 Frazier Floral and Interior Designs, Six Mile, SC
 Gotta Run Clemson, LLC, Clemson, SC
 Gwinn's Tire and Alignment, Easley, SC
 Hess Communications, LLC, Arnold, MD
 Hogan Construction Group, Piedmont, SC
 John Powell Investments, Walhalla, SC
 Kerigan Marketing Associates Inc., Port St. Joe, FL
 L & M Consultation Services LLC, Annapolis, MD
 Let's Dance, Mauldin, SC
 Liberty Family Pharmacy, Liberty, SC
 Memory Gardens, Inc., Clemson, SC
 Norfolk Southern Foundation, Norfolk, VA
 Northstar Bank of Texas, Denton, TX
 One World Technologies, Inc., Anderson, SC
 OnTheWire, Inc., Baltimore, MD
 Panera Bread, Anderson, SC
 Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts Program,
 Princeton, NJ
 Piedmont Pest Control, Laurens, SC
 Publix Supermarkets, Inc., Lakeland, FL
 TCBY of Clemson, Clemson, SC
 The Wellness Center of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa, AL
 Wendy's of Clemson, Clemson, SC

CHURCHES & ORGANIZATIONS

Anderson Haitian Wesleyan Church, Anderson, SC
 Blacksburg First Wesleyan Church, Blacksburg, VA
 Burnsvew Baptist Church, Greer, SC
 CenterPoint Wesleyan Church, Laurens, SC
 Chambers Wesleyan Camp, Beaver Dams, NY
 Christ Wesleyan Church, Greensboro, NC
 Clinton Wesleyan Women, Clinton, TN
 Fair Play Presbyterian Church, Fair Play, SC
 Faith Wesleyan Church, Greensboro, NC
 Faith Wesleyan Church, Forest City, NC
 First Wesleyan Church, Gastonia, NC
 First Wesleyan Church Wesleyan Women,
 Forest City, NC
 First Wesleyan Roanoke Church, Roanoke, VA
 Harvest Missionary Church, King, NC
 Hayworth Wesleyan Church, High Point, NC
 Innerlight Ministries Inc., Indianapolis, IN
 Life Journey Church, Pelzer, SC
 Mount Hebron Wesleyan Church, Old Fort, NC
 Nebo Wesleyan Church Wesleyan Women,
 Hamlet, NC
 Old Zion Wesleyan Church, Tabor City, NC
 Ramseur Wesleyan Church, Ramseur, NC
 Rockwood Wesleyan Church, Rockwood, TN
 Shenandoah District of The Wesleyan Church,
 Saluda, VA
 Skyline Wesleyan Church, La Mesa, CA
 Smyrna Wesleyan Church, Smyrna, DE
 South Coastal District of the Wesleyan Church,
 Conyers, GA
 Tennessee Ladies Retreat Committee,
 Rockwood, TN
 Trinity Wesleyan BYF, Central, SC
 Vinton Wesleyan Church, Vinton, VA

HERITAGE CLUB

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Mr. & Mrs. James Alford (1991)
 Mrs. Deborah Allgood (1976)
 Ms. Allyson Andrews (1993)
 Ms. Myra Armistead (1982)
 Mrs. Janie Aslund (2005)
 Rev. & Mrs. Raymond Bass (1993) (1983)
 Dr. Gloria Bell (1961)
 Ms. Janice Bishop (1991)
 Mr. Clyde Brewer
 Mr. Barney Brown (1985)
 Mrs. Susan Bullard (1973)
 Mrs. Shelia Burnette (1979)
 Dr. Wayne Caldwell
 Mrs. Shirley Cash (1952)
 Mrs. Clara Chandler (1952)
 Mrs. Brittany Clark (2004)
 Mr. & Mrs. James Clark (1953)
 Mrs. Natalie Cloninger (2004)
 Mrs. Stephanie Corley (2013)
 Mrs. Tammie Cothran (1989)
 Mr. Stephen Couch (2011)
 Mrs. Loney Cowart (1949)
 Mr. David Cox (1974)
 Mr. Melvin Cunningham (2008)
 Ms. Sarah Duvall
 Mrs. Kathryn Erickson (2005)

Mr. Stephen Everhart (1968)
 Mr. & Mrs. Terry Frady (2003) (2003)
 Mr. Paul Goldstein (2009)
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Goolsby (1993)
 Ms. Rani Griggs (2011)
 Mr. Stephen Grimaldi (2008)
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 Rev. Priscilla & Mr. Michael Hammond (2006)
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 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Harder (1994)
 Mr. & Mrs. R. Hodges (1979) (1979)
 Mr. Walton Holliday (1974)
 Mr. & Mrs. Tabby Hughey (1983)
 Mrs. Carolyn Ivey (1983)
 Ms. Brenda Jones
 Ms. Danita Jones (2012)
 Mr. Eric Jones (2011)
 Ms. Letha Kay (1970)
 Mrs. Marsha Kelly (1986)
 Ms. Demetrice King (2005)
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 Mrs. Wanda King (1984)
 Rev. William Kirkpatrick (1986)
 Ms. Kimberly Klemm (2009)
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 Dr. Barbara Lassiter (1979)
 Mr. Chad Leaphant (2010)
 Mrs. Diana Lockamy (1979)
 Ms. Leanna Lusk (2012)
 Rev. & Mrs. Donnie Massingill (1970) (1969)
 Mr. Matthew Masula (2001)
 Mrs. Cynthia McClattie (2002) (2005)
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Means (1988)
 Mrs. Jennifer Meece (2008)
 Mrs. Michelle Middleton (2007)
 Mr. Jan Miller (1954)
 Mrs. Verna Mitchell (1956)
 Mrs. Janice Moon (1956)
 Mr. Joseph Moorefield (1973)
 Mrs. Louise Morris (1951)
 Mr. Curtis Newman (1947)
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