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Winter 2012

Message from the president

Hebrews 12:1 “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

By Dr. Todd Voss
President, Southern Wesleyan University

We live in a “get it now” and “get it done” world. We seem to do almost anything to avoid hardship or delay. Perseverance is on the opposite end of this continuum and

is decidedly a learned character trait. It is clear we are not naturally gifted with it. On the contrary, we need to learn how to do something despite adversity or delay in achieving success. And

as a learned trait, experts agree, perseverance is most often developed from trials and difficulties in life. It is a quality concept that I have often referred to as “patient persistence” and it turns out it can be one of the biggest defining traits for success.

Most of us have never heard of Florence Chadwick, but history recalls her as the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions. How did she get so accomplished? Well it came by way of a good dose of perseverance.

Earlier in her life, Florence made a noble effort to swim from Catalina Island to the California coast. The challenge was not so much the distance, but the muscle depleting cold waters of the Pacific Ocean. To make matters worse, she had to deal with a dense fog while swimming, obliterating her view of the shoreline. After almost 15 hours in the water she was within a half mile of her goal. But Florence gave up. She was unaware of her relationship to the land. She told a reporter, “Look, I’m not excusing myself. But if I could have seen land, I might have made it.”

It didn’t take long for her to try this treacherous swim one more time, but once again a deep fog descended on her route. No shoreline, no sense of location. But this time, she persevered. The difference? She learned from the first experience to trust her capability and to have faith that the shore was just ahead... even if she could not see it. With new confidence she bravely swam, and even broke the men’s record by two hours.

Working hard, sometimes against all odds to achieve a goal is not only something we want to instill in our athletes, our scholars and our alumni; it is something our University desires to model for the world.

Southern Wesleyan’s past 105 years has prepared this University to begin a new era of running the race marked out before us of growth, influence and impact. Employing the quality of perseverance along with innovation and an unwavering commitment to Christ we are poised to introduce and achieve new initiatives and new milestones for students and the Kingdom. Thank you for “persevering” with us on this exciting adventure called Christ-centered Wesleyan higher education. Together, we can steadfastly pursue all God has called us to be.



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First Citizens supports SWU students

Southern Wesleyan University accepted a \$10,000 check from First Citizens Bank to benefit its Promise Fund during the P.B. Wood Golf Tournament Oct. 17. Dr. Todd Voss, left, president of Southern Wesleyan and Rev. Jim Wiggins, right, vice president for development, accepted the check from Bill Harley, senior vice president of First Citizens Bank. This year's tournament raised \$27,107 for student scholarships.

On the Cover

During their Fall meeting, the Southern Wesleyan board of trustees gave approval for SWU to move beyond, allowing the athletic department to move forward on the application process for the NCAA Division II. Read more about this on page 8. The theme of this issue of FOCUS is running with perseverance. Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Considering the risk – Counting the cost – Making the investment – Realizing the dividends

By Reverend Jim Wiggins
Vice President for Development

Words like risks, investments, costs, volatility of the markets, etc., capture the headlines of our national news media. Because of the insecurity created in our tough economic times, investors are holding on to their money. Most economists agree there is a great lack of confidence in our current markets.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE we have in higher Christian education!

- One can invest with confidence and certainty.
- One can dare take the risk. Investments in God's Kingdom yield eternal dividends.
- One cannot fully measure the greatness and blessing bound up in the life of one student. So many, yes literally hundreds and thousands, (teachers, preachers, doctors, lawyers, dentists, business men and women and missionaries) have gone out from SWU to impact people for good around the world.
- Not only are these investments producing great dividends, they become multiplied dividends when given in the Name of Jesus. Jim Elliott, the great missionary to the Auca Indians in the 1950's, who became a martyr, left behind this statement, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain

what he cannot lose." HOW TRUE! Thank you for investing in so many lives.

Because you and hundreds of others have dared take the RISK and INVEST in young lives at SWU, God has worked miracles in the lives of our students on the Central campus, in the lives of adults at our learning centers across the state, and in lives around the world through our graduates.

As you have no doubt thought of and counted your blessings during the recent Thanksgiving season, may I encourage you to remember and share with SWU in the most generous way possible in your giving. Giving to the Promise Fund helps us to keep our promise to many worthy students through student scholarships. The annual Promise Fund goal of \$450,000 this year is big, but reachable. Giving to The Promise Fund is still running behind last year's giving at this point. Your gift of \$50, \$100, \$200, \$300 or more would help tremendously at this time and will make a great difference.

Remember, to count the cost, take the risk, and make the investment!

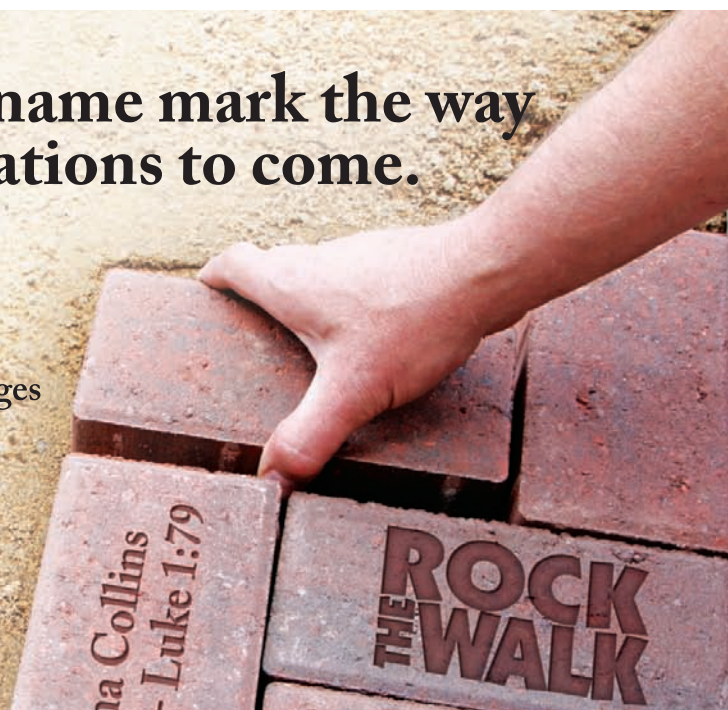
You are promised blessings here and now and great dividends that are eternal. SWU is well worth your investment.

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UNIVERSITY**

**Let your name mark the way
for generations to come.**

Our new Alumni Walk – a path every future SWU grad will travel – will be paved with bricks engraved with the names and other inspiring messages contributed by alumni and their family members.

For details, contact the Alumni Office (jbryant@swu.edu or 864-644-5385) or log on to www.swu.edu/rockthewalk.



Phonathon

Forty one student volunteers raised \$33,185 during the Fall phonathon. The top phonathon callers were recognized and presented prizes during chapel on November 1: April Chandler, who raised \$3,710 and won \$350; Serena Miles, who raised \$7,415 and won \$500; and Shanice Gatling, who raised \$7,995 and won an Apple iPad.

Special thanks to the following restaurants for providing food for our student volunteers during the week of the phonathon: Subway (Central Walmart Shopping Center); Zaxby's (Clemson); and Pizza Hut (Clemson).

If you missed our call and would like to donate to the Promise Fund, you may do so by sending a check in the enclosed envelope, go online at www.swu.edu, or call Mary Costello in the development office at 864-644-5004.

The students really enjoyed speaking to our alumni and friends and greatly appreciate the pledges and gifts to The Promise Fund which provides much needed scholarships for them as well as other students who receive financial aid from SWU.



SWU Fine Arts Schedule, Spring 2012

January 20, 7:00 p.m. Upper Region Honor Choir

January 30, 7:30 p.m. The Tarradiddle Players present: "The Commedia Cinderella" Adults, \$5; Children under 12 and all students with ID-FREE. Call 864-644-5191 for ticket information.

February 3, 7:30 p.m. "Back by Request" – SWU Music Alumni Concert. Adults, \$5; Children under 12 and all students with ID-FREE. Call 864-644-5191 for ticket information.

February 23, 6 p.m. SWU Jazz Invitational

March 3-April 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. New Harmonies ROOTS: America Music Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition Contact 864-644-5191 for details.

March 16, 17, 23, 24, 7:30 p.m., March 24, 2 p.m. "The Wizard of Oz" Folger Auditorium; Adults, \$10; non-SWU student/senior, \$7; Children under 12, \$5; SWU students-FREE. Call 864-644-5191 for ticket information.

April 13, 4:30 p.m. Music Majors Formal Recital

April 16, 7:30 p.m. SWU Wind Ensemble

April 19, 7:30 p.m. Music Majors Honors Recital

April 22, 3:00 p.m. Glorias and Spice Masterworks Concert with SWU Concert Choir and Orchestra

April 24, 7:30 p.m. SWU Jazz Ensemble

Unless otherwise noted, all events are free of charge, open to the public and are held in Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center. For more information on these events, visit www.swu.edu/academics/fine_arts/events.htm or call 864-508-0555 unless otherwise noted.

Promise Fund 2011-2012

Churches, Organizations and Foundations
\$40,000
 > 41.04% raised

SWU Employees
\$35,000
 > 26.9% raised

Corporations
\$50,000
 > 55.46% raised

Alumni
\$100,000
 > 28.45% raised

Friends
\$60,000
 > 27.19% raised

Trustee
\$95,000
 > 8.46% raised

Board of Visitors
\$70,000
 > 21.64% raised

GOAL
\$450,000

Progress to date \$120,137

Catalog of needs and opportunities

Tight budgets and tough economic times have left most of our departments at Southern Wesleyan with many legitimate needs, which have been placed “on hold”.

In recent weeks, we have addressed this important matter by creating what we are calling the “Catalog of Needs and Opportunities”.

This was created by asking all departments to identify important needs that will advance academics, outreach, community life and student learning this current academic year.

Visit our website at swu.edu/needs to view this catalog of needs and see how you can make a difference by meeting a need such as:

- Micro LCD Projector
- Box truck for Fine Arts
- Musical instruments
- Drop ceiling for Brower Hall
- Low-temp freezer for the Science Division
- Outdoor equipment (sleeping bags, tents, mountain bikes, kayaks, etc) for the Recreation program and Outdoor Orientation program
- Microphones and stage lighting for Spiritual Life
- Outdoor challenge course for Student Life
- New carpet for residence halls
- Locker room for the softball team
- New classroom tables for adult and graduate learning centers

To see the full list, please visit swu.edu/needs and find a way to meet a need and make a difference.



Heidi Wilcox Ravenscraft, right, goes through shoes and socks donated by Southern Wesleyan University as her daughter, Lesley Ann, looks on. Also pictured is Vicki Hayes, left, director of student accounts at SWU.

Southern Wesleyan graduates go the extra mile so others have shoes

More than a 1,200 homeless men, women and children have better, more comfortable shoes, thanks to the efforts of two Southern Wesleyan University graduates. Heidi Wilcox Ravenscraft, a 2002 special education graduate, along with her sister Melissa Wilcox, a 2006 elementary education graduate, started Shoes for Steve four years ago.

Their outreach, aimed at homeless shelters in the Upstate, is named in honor of their father, whose addiction to alcohol led to a life on the streets. From the time they were little girls, Ravenscraft and Wilcox gave a gift they knew their father really needed. “When we were very young, we started giving him a pair of shoes, wrapping them in two separate boxes. I’d give one and my sister would give another,” said Ravenscraft, adding that they did this each year until he was tragically murdered in 2007. For the first time, the sisters could not buy their father shoes for Christmas.

“The first year, we didn’t do anything. It was weird to not give him shoes as we did for 20 years before,” Ravenscraft said. The next fall, she started a shoe drive at Ravenel Elementary, where she teaches special education. With the help of a few churches, she ended up with 450 pairs of shoes, which were given to homeless shelters in Greenville.

For the last two years, the sisters have handed out the shoes in person at Haven of Rest, a homeless shelter in Anderson. “It’s more meaningful that way – handing them out in person Thanksgiving Day. You meet men very similar to what my dad was like – you see whole families – that’s really

Alumna is active in fight against Alzheimer's

"It's a tsunami waiting to happen," said Dee Dee Kurilla, a Southern Wesleyan University North Augusta alumna. Referring to a perfect storm fueled by aging baby boomers and people living longer, Kurilla asserts that the number of victims of Alzheimer's Disease, an illness already considered the sixth largest cause of death among Americans, is expected to increase.



Dee Dee Kurilla

Kurilla graduated from Southern Wesleyan's North Augusta location in 2006 with a bachelor of science degree in management. She says that earning a degree opened the door to a rewarding position as director of development for the Augusta Region of the Alzheimer's Association's Georgia Chapter, which serves 17 counties in the CSRA. "Dee Dee is a tremendous asset to the Alzheimer's Association and therefore to the community that she serves," said Dave Houston, vice president of development at the Alzheimer's Association Georgia Chapter. "Not only is she a tremendously dedicated worker, she excels in all of the intangibles that make working with volunteers a rewarding and inspirational experience." Houston added that he's also appreciative of Kurilla's professional training from Southern Wesleyan.

Kurilla is passionate, not only about her Southern Wesleyan experience, but also about her work with the Alzheimer's Association, providing training and support for families and professionals who work with Alzheimer's patients and serving as an advocate for them in Washington. "We ask our federal legislators to join a bipartisan Alzheimer's task force," said Kurilla, adding that they urge support of the National Institutes of Health to make Alzheimer's research a top priority.

Kurilla is excited about a new fundraising event taking place across Georgia, which is similar to a popular TV show where contestants dance with celebrities. "Dancing with the Stars of Augusta" will involve 10 local celebrities in a ballroom dancing event where each celebrity will raise \$5,000 or more. "We're trying to find fun ways for people to get involved," she said. Recently, Kurilla and a team of volunteers raised more than \$96,000 at their signature Walk to End Alzheimer's and hopes that people will continue to give until the end of the year. "Funds raised will provide care and support services to the 200,000 residents of Georgia living with Alzheimer's, while also contributing to advancing critically-needed research," Kurilla said.

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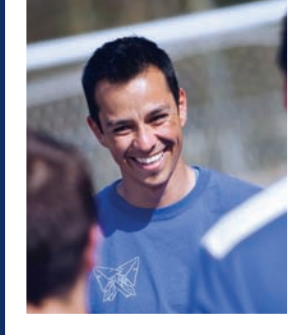
- Dave Houston,
vice president, development
Alzheimer's Association
Georgia Chapter



powerful," Ravenscraft said. She pointed out that a pair of shoes wears out fast - often in a few weeks - when worn by someone who spends their day walking the streets. Shoes for Steve takes donations of new or gently-used shoes, as well as socks, to the shelters. "We try to give away a pair of socks with each pair of shoes, and this year we also wanted to include a reusable grocery bag," Wilcox said. Wilcox feels the growth of Shoes for Steve is evidence of the Lord's hand in their efforts.

The homeless are often overlooked during the holidays, and often they have the greatest needs," Wilcox said. "People often forget that the guy standing on the street corner is somebody's little boy," Ravenscraft said.

SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES voted to begin the process of moving the Athletic Programs to NCAA Division II. Show your support of this decision. Commit to help raise **\$150,000**.



MOVING SWU TO THE NCAA.



\$150,000

> ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR APPLICATION YEAR

| POSITION | ESTIMATED SALARY/BENEFITS | FEES | OFFICE FURNISHINGS & SUPPLIES | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| COMPLIANCE OFFICER | \$50,000 | | \$3,500 | \$53,500 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT | \$33,000 | | \$3,000 | \$36,000 |
| NCAA CONSULTANT FEES | | \$30,000 | | \$30,000 |
| APPLICATION FEE TO NCAA | | \$28,000 | | \$28,000 |
| CONVENTION ATTENDANCE | | \$2,500 | | \$2,500 |
| TOTAL FOR FULL YEAR | \$83,000 | \$60,500 | \$6,500 | \$150,000 |



WHY MOVE BEYOND?

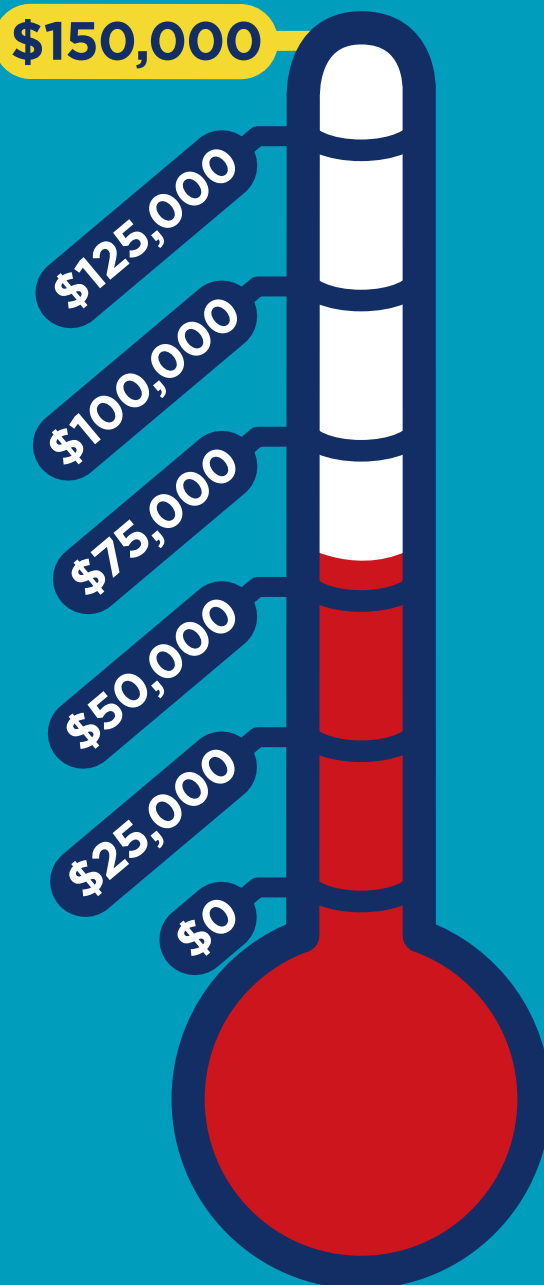
- > At one time, the southeast and the state of South Carolina was predominantly an NAIA area. Now it is quite the opposite.
- > The SSAC is expanding, both in numbers and in distances, creating a larger divide between the have's and have not's. This increase in travel results in higher cost and higher percentage of missed classes for student-athletes.
- > NCAA II and Conference Carolinas align with SWU's university and athletic department's mission as it relates to the student-athletes.
- > A proactive change to the NCAA II level would place SWU and the athletic department in a positive position to move forward in the future.
- > A proactive change would allow SWU to be a member of the NCAA, allow SWU to pursue membership in Conference Carolinas and brand SWU and our athletics in the state and region.

MOVING SWU TO THE NCAA



Joy Bryant, Executive Director of Alumni and Constituent Relations, expresses her support for all alumni to join together to move SWU Athletics Beyond. Alumni Relations, along with previous and current Southern Wesleyan Athletic Directors, Dr. Keith Connor and Chris Williams, join the President's cabinet with an aggressive approach to reach this \$150,000 "God-sized" goal in 90 days. **In the month of December, one third of the goal was reached. We need everyone to respond to help raise the remainder by the end of February 2012. With everyone working together we will reach this and many other goals that have been prayed over and presented to the Southern Wesleyan family.** Use the enclosed envelope to send a gift today for the NCAA Division II application process. You may give online at www.swu.edu/ncaa or by calling our Development office at 1-800-282-8798 ext. 5004. There is excitement in the air as we await the response of our SWU family. God has blessed each one differently so give as you have been blessed. For others, give as a seed of faith that God will multiply your gift. All gifts, great or small, will make the difference in reaching this goal. Thank you for joining us in the exciting opportunity to MOVE SWU ATHLETICS BEYOND!

Dr. Todd Voss,
President





DEADLINE for nominations for Annual Alumni Awards is Feb. 29, 2012

Each year, the Southern Wesleyan University Alumni Association grants special awards in order to encourage and recognize alumni in their efforts to advance in their occupation and relationship with Christ. These awards honor those who embody Christian values and who strive to become the person Christ intended them to be in their work and personal life.

AWARD CATEGORIES ARE:

Outstanding Alumnus

The awardee for the Outstanding Alumnus Award is selected on the basis of the broadest aspects of service in the areas of humanity, community, and Southern Wesleyan University, as well as achievement in the recipient's chosen vocation. All former students of Southern Wesleyan University who have received academic credit are eligible.

Professional Excellence School of Business

Professional Excellence School of Education

Professional Excellence College of Arts and Science

The purpose of the Professional Excellence Awards is to recognize alumni who have made outstanding contributions to their profession and community and who have achieved honor and distinction for Southern Wesleyan University. All Southern Wesleyan University alumni who have received academic credit are eligible. However, only those who have been established professionally for at least five years can be considered. The recipient must also hold membership in at least one professional organization and must have been recognized by an organization for his or her accomplishments, achievements, or contributions. Three awards are considered for each of the following areas: School of Education, School of Business and College of Arts and Science.

Young Leader

The purpose of the Young Leader Award is to recognize alumni who are outstanding leaders in their vocation and community and show promise of future professional growth. They should also provide service to Southern Wesleyan University and exemplify Christian values. All former Southern Wesleyan University alumni who have received academic credit are eligible. However, the recipient must be 39 years of age or younger.

In 500 words or less please submit nominations for these awards. E-mail your nominations to jbryant@swu.edu or mail to the Alumni Office at 907 Wesleyan Drive, PO Box 1020-SWU 1875, Central SC. 29630. If you have questions please call the Alumni Office 864-644-5385.

All alumni and friends are invited to join together for the

2012 Annual Alumni Luncheon

Saturday, April 14, 2012. Seating begins at 11:30.
Lunch served at noon with awards to follow. Tickets are \$15 each.

Seating is limited. RSVP 864-644-5384 by April 6.

Southern Wesleyan University winter graduation conferred over 300 degrees

Southern Wesleyan University graduates, their family members and friends gathered at the university's campus in Central on Dec. 8 and 10.

The speaker for the graduation ceremonies was Dr. Lawrence Clayton, member of the University of Alabama faculty and a member of Southern Wesleyan's board of visitors. Clayton has been on the faculty of the University of Alabama since 1972, where he directed the Latin American Studies Program and chaired the Department of History. Clayton has published numerous books, including *Alabama and the Borderlands: From Prehistory to Statehood*; *W. R. Grace & Co., the Formative Years, 1850-1930*; and *The DeSoto Chronicles*. Clayton earned a bachelor of arts degree at Duke University and a master of arts degree and Ph.D. at Tulane University.

The December 2011 Graduation Exercises were held in Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center on the Southern Wesleyan University campus in Central, S.C. Students graduating from the university's traditional program participated in the ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. There were two separate graduation ceremonies on Saturday, Dec. 10, for students graduating

from the university's Adult and Graduate Studies programs. The 10 a.m. ceremony on Dec. 10 was for students earning associate degrees, bachelor's degrees and master's degrees from the Central, Greenville, Greenwood and Spartanburg locations.

The 3 p.m. ceremony on Dec. 10 was for students earning associate degrees, bachelor's degrees and master's degrees from the Columbia, Charleston and North Augusta locations. The university conferred more than 300 degrees during this winter ceremony.



Wesley Waters, left, a MBA graduate, and his wife Greta, talk with Joel Crawford, right, student services coordinator, during a celebration of 2011 Winter graduates in the Adult and Graduate Studies program Nov. 29 at Charleston. Southern Wesleyan's Alumni Association hosts receptions across the state, honoring the graduates: Greenville, Nov.9; Central, Nov. 16; Columbia, Nov. 22; North Augusta, Nov. 28.

SWU names new AVP for student life, director of communications

Dr. Justin Carter

was recently named associate vice president for student life.



Carter comes to SWU with experience in residence life and multicultural affairs. His primary responsibilities will be to direct new student orientation and develop a comprehensive leadership program for students. Carter received his B.A. in English literature from the University of Akron, his M.A. in education from University of Phoenix, and his Ph.D. in leadership in higher education from Capella University.

Greg Wilson

was recently named SWU's new director of communications.



Wilson comes to SWU with extensive communications and marketing experience from Anderson University and Clemson University. He also served as a regional trainer/consultant for Apple, Inc. Wilson has published articles in *Christianity Today*, the *New York Times* and *Rolling Stone* and has interviewed notable figures, including Billy Graham and Bob Dylan. He completed his BA in English at Carson-Newman College and is actively involved in ministry at Newspring Church.



Pastors' annual appreciation dinner

As a means of making connection and building a network of relationships in the community and in the broader area around the university, the Development Office sponsors an annual appreciation dinner for pastors and spouses of all denominations. The invitation covers a broad geographical area: Oconee, Pickens, Anderson and Greenville counties. Included in this gathering are religion faculty, fine arts faculty and members of the president's cabinet. On November 17, 2011, a large group of almost 100 enjoyed the great time of fellowship. The University Singers provided a lovely concert. The response back has been gracious and gratifying.

Since SWU has a strong fine arts and music program, ministers of music/worship leaders have also been invited to the appreciation dinner. There is an increasing interest of ministers of music. This has become not only a very positive public relations event, but also an opportunity to showcase some of our music department.

Board of Visitors to meet March 22

On September 29 the board of visitors had an excellent meeting with the new president, Dr. Todd Voss. The theme for the meeting was "Growth"... growth in student life, in the adult and graduate program and in the athletic program. In addition, the BOV members participated in a lively discussion of SWU's "Mission, Values and Vision" led by Dr. Keith Iddings, provost. Southern Wesleyan University deeply appreciates the interest, support and involvement of its members of the board of visitors. The next meeting of the board of visitors is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2012.

Anyone interested in serving on the board of visitors should contact Rev. Jim Wiggins at 864-644-5013.



The board of visitors, pictured during their meeting Sept. 29, 2011 at Founders' Hall on the campus of Southern Wesleyan University in Central.

"Happy Days" Homecoming at SWU

Southern Wesleyan University alumni and their family members "cruised in" to the campus in Central, joining students, faculty and staff for "Happy Days," a 50s-themed Homecoming celebration Nov. 5.



Alumni and their family members were treated to athletic events, entertainment, a classic car show, arts and crafts, games, a drive-in movie with the hit TV classic "Happy Days" and times for reconnecting with classmates during the event, which took place Nov. 5 at Southern Wesleyan. Homecoming festivities also included a homecoming chapel service at Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center, Homecoming coffee at the president's home, reunion luncheons and dinner on the grounds.

Southern Wesleyan also crowned its 2011 Homecoming Queen, Amy Shepard, a human services major from Winder, Ga.; and Homecoming King, Colicus Jones, a music major from Williamston.

The Warriors volleyball and basketball teams enjoyed Homecoming victories. The Lady Warriors defeated Brewton-Parker College, 3-0; the Lady Warriors Basketball Team defeated Barber Scotia College 90-73; and the Warriors defeated Barber Scotia 93-51 at Historic Tysinger Gymnasium.



Spittal Community Award presented at Southern Wesleyan University

Janelle Beamer, SWU class of 2003, left, director of advancement and development at John de la Howe School in McCormick, received the Dr. David Spittal Community Award, named for Southern Wesleyan University's former president who retired this past Summer.

The award was presented by **Al Cumbie**, chairman of the Central Area Business Council during the 2011 Central State of the Community dinner, held Nov. 3 at Founders' Hall on the university's campus in Central. Beamer began working at John de la Howe School recently after serving as director of public relations and communications at Southern Wesleyan University for eight years.

2012 WARRIORS Baseball

FEBRUARY

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|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 1 WED | University of Virginia-Wise | 1 pm | Central, SC |
| 3 FRI | Bluefield College | 4 pm | Central, SC |
| 4 SAT | Bluefield College | 12 pm | Central, SC |
| 7 TUE | Anderson University | 3 pm | Central, SC |
| 10 FRI | Toccoa Falls College | 4 pm | Central, SC |
| 11 SAT | Toccoa Falls College | 12 pm | Central, SC |
| 14 TUE | Young Harris College | 4 pm | Central, SC |
| 15 WED | North Greenville University | 2 pm | Tigerville, SC |
| 17 FRI | Brewton Parker College* | 4 pm | Central, SC |
| 18 SAT | Brewton Parker College* | 12 pm | Central, SC |
| 22 WED | Point University | 3 pm | East Point, GA |
| 24 FRI | Auburn Univ. at Montgomery* | 5 pm | Montgomery, AL |
| 25 SAT | Auburn Univ. at Montgomery* | 12 pm | Montgomery, AL |
| 28 TUE | USC-Beaufort | 3 pm | Hilton Head, SC |
| 29 WED | USC-Beaufort | 2 pm | Hilton Head, SC |

MARCH

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| 2 FRI | Faulkner University* | 4 pm | Central, SC |
| 3 SAT | Faulkner University* | 12 pm | Central, SC |
| 5 MON | Shawnee State University | 6 pm | Central, SC |
| 6 TUE | Shawnee State University | 4 pm | Central, SC |
| 9 FRI | Southern Poly State University* | 2 pm | Marietta, GA |
| 10 SAT | Southern Poly State University* | 12 pm | Marietta, GA |
| 13 TUE | North Greenville University | 6 pm | Central, SC |
| 16 FRI | Emmanuel College* | 6 pm | Central, SC |
| 17 SAT | Emmanuel College* | 1 pm | Central, SC |

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| 20 TUE | Rhodes State College | 6 pm | Central, SC |
| 21 WED | Rhodes State College | 4 pm | Central, SC |
| 23 FRI | Truett-McConnell College* | 3 pm | Cleveland, GA |
| 24 SAT | Truett-McConnell College* | 12 pm | Cleveland, GA |
| 27 TUE | Point University | 6 pm | Central, SC |
| 28 WED | Milligan College | 3 pm | Milligan, TN |
| 30 FRI | Lee University* | 6 pm | Central, SC |
| 31 SAT | Lee University* | 1 pm | Central, SC |

APRIL

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| 2 MON | Milligan College | 6 pm | Central, SC |
| 4 WED | Young Harris College | 6 pm | Young Harris, GA |
| 6 FRI | Shorter College* | 3 pm | Rome, GA |
| 7 SAT | Shorter College* | 1 pm | Rome, GA |
| 13 FRI | Loyola University-New Orleans* | 6 pm | Central, SC |
| 14 SAT | Loyola University-New Orleans* | 1 pm | Central, SC |
| 16 MON | Anderson University | 6 pm | Anderson, SC |
| 17 TUE | USC-Beaufort | 4 pm | Central, SC |
| 20 FRI | Mobile University* | 6 pm | Mobile, AL |
| 21 SAT | Mobile University* | 1 pm | Mobile, AL |
| TBA | SSAC Baseball Tournament | | Golden Park - Columbus, GA |
| May 10-12 | NCCAA South Region Tournament | | Southern Wesleyan - Central, SC |
| May 10-14 | NAIA Opening Round | TBA | |
| May 16-19 | NCCAA National Tournament | | Prasco Park - Mason, OH |
| May 25- | NAIA World Series | | |
| June 1 | Lewis Clark St Coll - Lewiston, ID | | |

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2012 LADY WARRIORS Softball

FEBRUARY

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| 8 WED | Newberry | 2 pm & 4 pm |
| 16 THU | Spartanburg Methodist | |
| 18 SAT | Columbia | 1 pm & 3 pm |
| 20 MON | Coastal Georgia | 3 pm & 5 pm |
| 22 WED | North Greenville | 4 pm & 6 pm |
| 28 TUE | Montreat | 2 pm & 4 pm |

MARCH

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| 2 FRI | BPC* | |
| 3 SAT | TMC* | |
| 7 WED | Anderson | 5 pm & 7 pm |
| 10 SAT | Emmanuel* | |
| 14 WED | Anderson | 5 pm & 7 pm |
| 16 FRI | Lee | 2 pm & 4 pm |
| 17 SAT | Shorter* | |
| 21 WED | Columbia | 5 pm & 7 pm |
| 23 FRI | Brenau* | |
| 24 SAT | North Greenville | |
| 29 THU | Crossover Tourney Columbus, GA* | |
| 30 FRI | Crossover Tourney Columbus, GA* | |
| 31 SAT | Crossover Tourney Columbus, GA* | |

APRIL

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| 3 TUE | Emmanuel* | |
| 5 THU | TMC* | |
| 9 MON | Newberry | 5 pm & 7 pm |
| 12 THU | Spartanburg Methodist | |
| 13 FRI | Lee | 3 pm & 5 pm |
| 14 SAT | Shorter* | |
| 17 TUE | Brenau* | |
| 20 FRI | BPC* | |

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Alumni

'82/Trustee



Ray Lattimore, a member of the Southern Wesleyan University board of trustees, was named to the Greenville Technical College Area Commission. He was appointed to a four year term on the 12-member commission by the Greenville County Legislative Delegation, succeeding Rev. O.T. Hill. Lattimore is president and CEO of Marketplace Staffing. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from SWU and has received advanced management training from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

'91

Darren Schaupp, a religion graduate, left for Nairobi in August 2011 to lead an emergency disaster response team for Samaritan's Purse to the largest refugee camp in the world, Dadaab, Kenya, (more than 550,000 people and growing daily). He is the son of Don Schaupp, retired professor of computer science at Southern Wesleyan. Donations can be sent to: Samaritan's Purse, Somalia Disaster Relief Effort, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607-3000.

'91 & '03

Rick Freeze, a fifth-grade science and social studies teacher, was named the Teacher of the Year for 2011-2012 at Central Elementary School.

'04

Rupal R. Shah, a chemistry/biology graduate, ran 26.2 miles in the New York Marathon Nov. 6, 2011. She was also the official delegate/flag bearer for Tanzania in the Parade of Nations at the Opening Ceremony of the New York City Marathon. She ran to support Team for Kids which, a New York-based charity that combats childhood obesity and empowers youth development and character-building in low-income schools and community centers throughout New York City, around the country and in parts of Africa.

'04

Audrey Thompson, a master of education student in the AGS program at Greenwood, was named Teacher of the Year for Greenwood District 51. She teaches fifth-grade science, social studies and English and language arts at Ware Shoals Elementary School. She also earned her BS degree in elementary education from Lander University in 2006.

'07

Abraham Deng, a pre medicine/dentistry graduate and one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, shared his life experiences during academic convocation Jan. 18, 2011 at Rabun Gap-Nacoochie School, located in Northern Georgia. Deng is currently attending Mercer University's

McAfee School of Theology, where he is in the MA in Christian ministry program.

'07

Philip Rabon II was recently selected as the Lexington District 2 School District Teacher of the Year. He is a graduate of the MEDCL program in Columbia and has plans to start the MEDAS program in the spring.

'09

Diana West, a MSM graduate, has coauthored a faith-based women's empowerment book titled "Releasing Strongholds - Letting Go of What's Holding You Back," scheduled for release in March, 2012.

'10

Zak Schamell, an applied computer science graduate, is working at Accenture, a software firm with 250,000 employees. He is working in the insurance sector creating new lines of business for insurance companies.

Weddings

'05



Tasha Howard, compliance analyst in the Financial Aid office, and **Garrett Morgan** were married Sept. 25, 2011.

'09

Victoria Stanley and **Michael Mosley** were married Dec. 28, 2010, in Central, S.C.

'07



Sean Gasperson and **Jenna Hartinger** were married in Fuquay Varina, N.C., on Oct. 1, 2011.

Births

'95

Brock Darren Sheets was born Oct. 30, 2010, to **Ronda Tucker Sheets** and Rick Sheets. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 1/2 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long.

'05

Landon William Satterfield was born Feb. 9, 2011, to **Jessica Smith Satterfield** and Brett Satterfield.

'10



Landon Scott Jolly was born to **Nathan** and **Brittany Buchanan Jolly** Oct. 18, weighing 5 pounds 11 ounces and 19.5 inches long.

'10



Easley Raegan Connor was born June 20, 2011 to **Jamin** and **Dana (Casey) Connor**. Proud grandparents are **Dr. Keith** ('63) and **Jamella Harris** ('78) **Connor** and Rev. Anthony R. and Sherri Casey.

Staff

Paul Darian Washington was born to SWU Reference Librarian **Erin Washington** and her husband Paul Darian Washington Jan. 24, 2011. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 oz., and was 21 inches long.



Tiana Binda was born Nov. 16, 2011 to **Pascal** and **Euphemia Binda**. Pascal is assistant professor of chemistry.

Obituaries

'46

Dr. Henry Israel, Leesburg, Ga., Jan. 20, 2011

'48

Christine Price Hunnicutt, Smithfield, Va., May 1, 2011

'50

William C. Wright, Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 26, 2011

'50

William Anderson Wiggins, Oct. 8, 2011

'53

Everette Bruce Sheets, Winter Haven, Fla., Feb. 24, 2011

'54

Virgil Veal, Fairburn, Ga., April 3, 2011

'54

Thomas J. Arnold, Athens, Ga., May 19, 2011

'55

Glenn Cole, Central, S.C., Jan. 24, 2011

'59

Bernice Quarles Nyberg, Moore, S.C., Jan. 25, 2011

'63

Jason L. Smith, Easley, S.C., April 28, 2011

'63

Rev. David Tillman Tillotson Sr., Whitmire, S.C., March 12, 2011

'65

Jane Allison Adams, Inman, S.C., Feb. 2, 2011

'02

Samuel Frederick Looper died Oct. 13, 2011 after a long struggle with Muscular Dystrophy. Funeral services were held Oct. 15 at Pickens.

'10

Travis John Eiler age 23, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., died Friday, Dec. 2, 2011 in Southeast Asia. A Celebration of Life was held Dec. 18, 2011 at Socastee High School, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Student

Nowlan Allen, a senior and a member of the SWU baseball team for four years, died Dec. 13. A Celebration of his life was held Dec. 18, 2011 at the Newton Hobson Chapel on the university's campus in Central.

Cliff Green died Sept. 22, 2011 after battling a brain tumor. He was enrolled in the music education program at SWU.

Chuck Peurifoy, a former student and member of Southern Wesleyan's Men's Soccer Team, died unexpectedly Sept. 17, 2011. He played under the coaching of Claudio Arias before transferring to Clemson University and assisted the team under the coaching of Camilo Rodriguez.

Former Trustee

Rev. William Donald "Don" Richardson, a member of the SWU board of trustees from 1984-1994, died at age 80 in Archdale, N.C. Richardson earned a bachelor of theology degree from Southern Pilgrim College and a bachelor of arts at Elon College. He was an ordained minister in The Wesleyan Church, serving from 1954-1994

in various churches in North Carolina and Wisconsin. He was the pastor at First Wesleyan, Randleman, N.C., from 1973-1986. Richardson served in numerous other capacities, including district treasurer for 12 years, district board of administration member for 19 years, district board of ministerial development member for 11 years and as a General Conference delegate.

'39/Trustee

James Henry Johnson of Mentone, Ala., passed away Oct. 18, 2011 after a brief stay at Shepard's Cove Hospice of Marshall County.

Funeral services were Oct. 21, 2011 at Mentone Community Church (formerly Mentone Wesleyan Church) of Mentone, Ala., followed by burial at Bank Head Cemetery. Johnson is survived by his daughter, Betty Sue Rickman ('68), and son-in-law, Dr. Claude M. Rickman ('66), of Clemson, S.C.; son, Fred Johnson ('82), and daughter-in-law, Susan Johnson ('81), of Rainsville, Ala.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Johnson attended the academy and college at Wesleyan Methodist Institute (now Southern Wesleyan University). He served in Gen. Patton's 3rd U.S. Army and was assigned to the 80th Division. A member and clerk of Company I, 317th Infantry Regiment, he attained the rank of sergeant and was fully committed to combat during his service career until the end of the war at which time he was honorably discharged.

Upon his return from the war, Johnson married his childhood sweetheart Betty Joe Jones ('45) in 1946 and celebrated 62 years of marriage. He was employed for 30 years, including 10 years as manager, at Farmers Telephone Cooperative in Rainsville, Ala., one of the largest telephone cooperatives in the nation. Recognizing his outstanding contributions to rural telephony and service to the state, the Governor, the Senate and the House of the State of Alabama honored him in joint session in 1985 with a citation and legislative luncheon. He also maintained a private accounting practice for 52 years. He was a long-time member of the Mentone Community Church, serving as treasurer for 52 years. Johnson received awards for his service as District Treasurer and member of the District Board of Administration for the Alabama and Delta District of The Wesleyan Church for 40 years. He was elected as a district delegate to eight Quadrennial General Conferences of The Wesleyan Church International. Also dedicated to Christian Higher Education, he was elected and served as a member of the board of trustees for 28 years (and subsequently awarded trustee-emeritus status) for Southern Wesleyan University, where he was also recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus of the Year and awarded a presidential citation. Active in the community, Johnson was a member of the town council and was named AARP Man of the Year. Memorials may be made to Southern Wesleyan University for the Johnson/Rickman Scholarship Fund.





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