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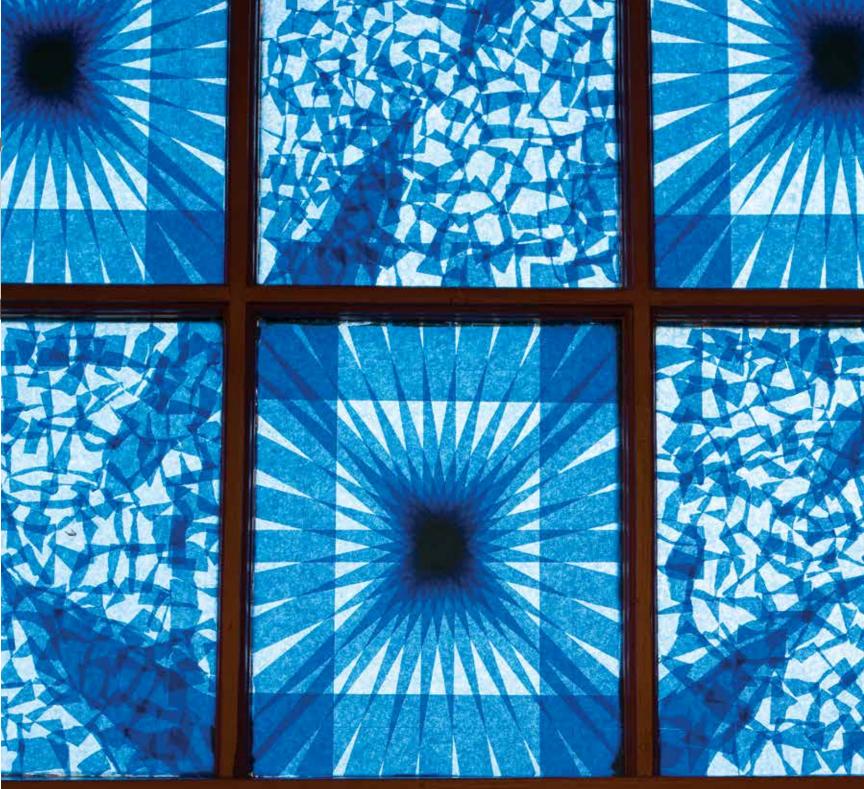
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Samford art students used blue painter's tape to temporarily decorate a total of 36 windows around the campus in a project for professor Stephen Watson's class. The tape helped create a stained glass effect.



From the President



Using Skills and Strength as a Force for Good

A few days ago, we received the first quantitative report on the level of active engagement by Samford students in service and missions, locally and around the world. The report is very encouraging as the university considers its strategic focus to "extend our reach by expanding the borders of the campus through regional, national and international engagement."

Each of Samford's 10 schools and colleges, athletic teams and various departments within Student Affairs submitted data for the report that was prepared by the Office of Student Leadership and Community Engagement. Both cocurricular volunteerism and service-learning experiences incorporated into academic courses were included.

We will share more information in the months ahead, but here are a few highlights of the report:

- Total hours Samford students spent serving our community: 583,198
- Total academic service-learning hours: 535,045
- Total cocurricular service hours: 48,153
- Number of courses that include service learning: 160+
- Charitable donations collected by students: \$300,000+
- Total economic value of Samford students' service to our community: \$13,151,115
- Number of partner community organizations: 79+

Behind these numbers are hundreds of personal stories. Each vignette illustrates Samford's enduring commitment to vital experiences in learning that go far beyond the classroom. Through serving and reflecting on the meaning and value of that experience, knowledge can become wisdom. We grow closer to each other and nurture our souls as we use our skills and strength as a force for good in a needy world. Samford is an exceptional university community where knowledge rooted in faith becomes action.

As always, please keep Samford in your prayers.

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Andrew Westmoreland President

FINAL 'CAMPAIGN FOR SAMFORD' TOTAL EXCEEDS \$202 MILLION

Samford University has declared victory in the multiyear "A Campaign for Samford."

The university announced during its recent homecoming that as of Oct. 31, the final day of the campaign, a total of \$202,542,090 had been received in gifts and pledges from 18,276 different donors. The original campaign goal was \$200 million; the university announced in late summer that it had exceeded the goal five months before the original ending date of Dec. 31.

W. Randy Pittman, vice president for advancement, and Doug Wilson, executive director of development, presented a symbolic check to Samford President Andrew Westmoreland during the annual homecoming banquet Oct. 31. Gifts ranged from 36 cents to \$13.4 million.

"Samford is better today because of what donors provided through 'A Campaign for Samford," Pittman said. "Tonight, we celebrate victory, but tomorrow, we start planning for the next campaign."

The campaign supported five major areas:

Academic programs	\$31,582,390
Annual fund	\$78,630,351
Faculty enhancements	\$6,022,064
Facilities	\$29,755,069
Scholarships	\$56,552,215

During the campaign, 172 new endowed funds were established. These will provide strong financial support for academic programs and student scholarships well into the future, Pittman noted.

He also stressed the importance of annual fund gifts because tuition and fees provide only about 70 percent of the university's annual operating budget. "Annual gifts come to us in all amounts and are critical to ensuring that we continue providing the level of academic programs and experiences that our students and their families have come to expect from Samford," Pittman said. "We cannot stress enough how important those gifts have been and will continue to be."

Among new facilities resulting from the campaign are Brock School of Business building, West Village residential complex,



Doug Wilson, left, Andrew Westmoreland and Randy Pittman display big check emblematic of campaign success.

Sullivan-Cooney Family Field House, John T. Haywood Field House, Martha and Albert Brewer Plaza, Hazel Boren Courtyard, Gertha Earwood Bolding Garden and renovations to Bonnie Bolding Swearingen Hall.

Among the major gifts was more than \$34 million from Alabama Baptist churches, primarily through the Alabama Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program giving plan. An additional 32 donors made gifts and pledges of \$1 million or more.

"The Samford community consistently has demonstrated its faithfulness in giving through the generations," he said. "To have 18,276 members of our family contribute to this campaign affirms that they are committed to Samford's mission of providing academic excellence in an environment undergirded by a Christian worldview."

Pittman noted that university officials already have begun planning for the next campaign which likely will launch in 18–24 months. ▶

SAMFORD ENROLLS RECORD 4,933

Samford University's fall 2014 enrollment reached an all-time high of 4,933, university officials announced Sept.

12. The total exceeds last year's record of 4,833 and is the sixth consecutive year of record fall enrollment.

Included in the totals are 3,051 undergraduates and a record 1,882 graduate

and professional students.

Three programs saw significant increases over fall 2013: undergraduate business (13 percent), graduate nursing (20 percent) and graduate education (23 percent). New programs in the College of Health Sciences, including communication sciences and disorders, public health and health sciences, had an enrollment of 33 students. The College of Health Sciences officially launched one year ago and includes existing schools of nursing and pharmacy and new schools of health professions and public health. ▶

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN CHARTS SAMFORD'S FUTURE COURSE

by Philip Poole

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY HAS HIGH ASPIRATIONS FOR ITS FUTURE, REFLECTED IN A NEW STRATEGIC PLAN RECENTLY APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MULTIYEAR PLAN IS UNDERWAY, EVEN AS DETAILS ARE BEING FINALIZED.

The plan has four main focus areas: emphasize student success, enhance our community, extend our reach and ensure financial strength. Each focus area has four main goals, and there are about 70 objectives being developed to guide and measure progress. The objectives will be reviewed and modified annually.

The plan was developed over the last 12 months under the direction of President Andrew Westmoreland and Chief Strategy Officer Colin Coyne. A 35-member planning committee representing all aspects of the university developed the document that was unanimously approved by trustees at their September meeting.

"The confidence that the board of trustees has in the university has never been stronger, and this new strategic plan gives the university a foundation on which to confidently build for an even better future," said board chair William J. Stevens. "The collaborative teamwork across the Samford community to develop and implement this plan is a testimony to the shared commitment to Samford's mission."

The plan reflects responses to a survey of university constituents conducted earlier in 2014. Support for the university is overwhelmingly positive, based on the 2,750 survey responses from all constituent groups, according to Coyne. The plan builds on that confidence.

"Samford has more of what the world and our students need—what our parents want—than ever before," Coyne said. "We do not have to change who we are. We dare to place expectations on our students, and we attract students who dare to place expectations on themselves."

Those high expectations can translate into long-term success for the university and its graduates. "Samford's willingness to define expectations is why our graduates succeed when they leave," he added.

EMPHASIZE STUDENT SUCCESS

Goals in this focus area include recruiting faculty and staff "committed to exceptional standards of learning" and "extraordinary goals" for retention, graduation and placement.

Steven Epley, who served on the planning committee as Faculty Senate chair, noted that teaching and learning are top priorities in the new plan. Epley is associate professor of English.

"I am very pleased that the top priority for ensuring student success summons us to preserve and continuously improve our already outstanding teaching and learning environment," Epley said. "We likewise strongly support the second priority, which undergirds the first in many ways by committing us to maintain our 'exceptional standards for learning' through nurturing and recruiting high-quality faculty and staff."



ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITY

"Offering the love of Christ to all people" is the first goal in this focus area.

"This captures so many of our initiatives and the tone that has been set on campus for the past few years," Coyne said. "We are dedicated to our Christian mission, and Samford's plan covers at an even higher plane the discussion that many universities are having about cultural and ethnic diversity."

Another goal would position Samford as a "convening place for people and ideas," he noted. "This is not just about being good at what we do, but helping to shape the educational environment around us. Samford has the capacity to influence educational policy, not just to react to what others say and do. We need to influence rather than be influenced."



EXTEND OUR REACH

Samford is a university with national reach and global aspirations, Coyne said. That includes looking beyond the traditional campus context while providing global perspectives for students and faculty and within the curriculum.

"The new plan provides so many new opportunities to enhance Samford's cultural diversity on many levels," said Denise Gregory, Samford's director of diversity and intercultural initiatives. "We want Samford students, alumni and employees to be engaged multiculturally, not just on campus, but in understanding the global society in which we live and work." Online education is another potential objective. Institutions that do not plan effectively for online education are likely to fail, Coyne noted, and it is "important to maintain the quality of education and Samford's academic reputation with any new program."

The plan calls for developing an "appropriate and robust" online platform that helps students build a personal relationship with the university and faculty but also builds an online community in Samford's Christian context.

"What makes Samford special is that we have that distinction, and we're committed to building that with our online programs," Coyne emphasized.

ENSURE FINANCIAL STRENGTH

Being good stewards of the university's resources is both important and prudent, while providing guidelines for enrollment growth, long-term capital needs and long-term financial stability, Coyne said.

He noted that retention goals under student success also tie to financial goals within the plan, including an ambitious goal of 98 percent freshman-to-sophomore retention by 2020.

"Increasing our retention rate will positively impact our financial foundation," he said. "We have an obligation once we admit a student to make sure that student graduates from Samford."



CONTINUE FORWARD

Coyne and Westmoreland both emphasized that the plan is intended as a guide for the future. It gives flexibility while providing direction for planning and implementation.

"We will rank goals and objectives by priority," Coyne explained. "By having specific deadlines, costs and quantifiable expectations, the plan can be used every day to guide our decision-making and our work. As new opportunities arise, the plan will calibrate to the new reality."

Westmoreland said discussions will continue with university leaders and stakeholders, even as implementation of the new strategic plan begins.

"Samford is poised for a brighter future. Plans alone will not move us from dreams to a new reality, but progress within every human institution is dependent upon the clarity found through a shared understanding of goals," Westmoreland said. "I'm grateful to the many, many individuals who have shaped these ambitious expectations. Let's get to work!" ▶

See also "Survey Says Samford Has a Bright Future," Seasons, March

ALABAMA

"Geography is the perfect discipline for people interested in a little bit of everything," Eric Fournier told *Seasons* magazine in 1997. After 17 years at Samford, the geography professor holds that belief just as strongly today.

Fournier also believes the geographic approach is a perfect way to explore the world's challenges. "The world is moving toward more cross-disciplinary approaches, but crossing and connecting disciplinary limits has always been a distinguishing feature of geography," he said.

Fournier has taught cross-disciplinary courses over the years because of the way they bridge the differences between disciplines. Years ago, he developed a course that used the novel to teach urban history and themes.

"They read everything from Charles Dickens to science fiction, with an eye toward such factors as class boundaries, racial patterns and how transportation shaped cities," he said.

He has taught such courses several times at Samford's London study center, Daniel House, bridging subject matter between various disciplines. "I suspect this trend will continue, and I look forward to being a part of that," he said.

Fournier was named Alabama Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching this fall in recognition of his superb teaching skills. He joined other U.S. Professor of the Year winners from across the nation in Washington, D.C., Nov. 20 for an awards ceremony at the National Press Club and reception at Folger Shakespeare Library.

The program is cosponsored by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Fournier said his approaches to teaching have changed over the years."When I first started, it was all about getting through the material, and for a class like Geography 101 where your topic is The World, there is an infinite amount of material and only 15 weeks of class," he said.

"So I have gradually given up on 'covering' the materials and tried to focus more on what students were actually learning."

He said technology has driven other big changes—both educational technology and access to information.

"The idea of memorizing facts doesn't have much of a place in a world where you have access to it all on your device, so I have focused more on ideas, skills and concepts, and less on facts." Fournier said the biggest change in his field has been access to geographic imagery.

"The kind of stuff anyone can see on Google Earth today would have been strictly CIA property in the 1990s," he said. "Today, access to free imagery from anywhere on Earth has transformed how we teach about the world and how we think about it."

PROFESSOR

The professor said most of the scholarly work he does now has to do with the scholarship of teaching. "I got involved with Samford's problem-based learning (PBL) grants not long after I arrived here, and since that time have written over 20 articles and book chapters related in some way to that subject."

He has also done countless presentations and workshops related to PBL and active learning in general.

Paul McDaniel '04, one of Fournier's former students, recalled that the active learning components of the professor's courses "reinforced the knowledge gained from his lectures, facilitating students' learning skills to solve real-world problems."

McDaniel said Fournier's student advising, encouragement and mentorship pointed him toward graduate education in geography, "an exciting career pathway" that led to his role as a research fellow with the American Immigration Council in Washington, D.C.

Fournier recently was named director of Samford's Center for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship, part of a university-wide effort to strengthen and expand the school's commitment to faculty development and teaching excellence.

"I have been involved with early career faculty initiatives through the Association of American Geographers, and I wanted to bring some of the lessons I learned in those programs to Samford," he said. "Many new hires come out of graduate school without much experience or training in the classroom, so a seminar in teaching and learning provides an opportunity to introduce them to best practices."

Teaching is at the center of Samford's mission, Fournier stresses. "We are a diverse and complicated university, but teaching is the one thread that binds those diverse strands together."

Fournier said he was "humbled" by being chosen Professor of the Year because there are "many deserving colleagues here at Samford and at other schools," but he is proud of his good work in the classroom and in scholarship that contributed to the selection.

"I spend my work days learning about the world with bright and motivated students," Fournier added. "For many students, it might be the first and only geography class they ever take, and I feel a huge responsibility to introduce them to the tools, concepts and perspectives that can help them make sense of the world." **D**

Samford Professors of the Year, Alabama Dr. Marlene Reed, Business, 1994 Dr. Tom Woolley, Business, 2000 Dr. Stephen Chew, Psychology, 2001 Dr. Larry Davenport, Biology, 2007 Dr. Eric Fournier, Geography, 2014

Chosen by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

OF THE YEAR FOCUSES ON

by William Nunnelley

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CROSS-DISCIPLINE APPROACH,

AND WHAT STUDENTS

ARE ACTUALLY LEARNING

SAMFORD'S ECONOMIC IMPACT

Samford University has an estimated annual economic impact of more than \$335 million on the state of Alabama, according to a recent study. The independent study was conducted by Samuel Addy and Ahmad Ijaz with the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Alabama.

The study results were released this fall through Betsy Bugg Holloway, Samford's chief marketing officer, who coordinated the project for the university. Holloway noted that the study coincided with the university's current strategic planning process. It came as the university announced that it had exceeded its \$200 million fundraising campaign goal.

For 2012–13, the most recent year for which complete data was available, Samford's economic and fiscal impact was \$335.1 million, 2,438 jobs and \$13.2 million in income and sales taxes. That is almost \$1 million per day, Holloway noted.

The majority of the impact—\$319 million, \$4.3 million in local sales tax revenue and 1,990 jobs—is in the seven-county Birmingham-Hoover metropolitan area.

"Samford University is an attractive investment for its graduates and clearly contributes to the state of Alabama and the Birmingham-Hoover metro area economies," the report states. "In addition, Samford provides many other public and private benefits that, while difficult to quantify, clearly make it a great asset for the state and the metro area."

According to the report, the state gains indirectly because Samford graduates pay "relatively higher taxes" than they otherwise would have. "Over their working lives, the 2012–13 Samford University graduating class will pay \$217.4 million in additional income and sales taxes—\$152.5 million state and about \$64.9 million local—than they would have without a Samford degree," according to the report. Alumni may pay more in taxes because they likely would earn and spend more than they would without their degrees.

The researchers also estimated that visitors to the university had an annual economic impact of \$15.3 million. Holloway said the university estimates it has more than 100,000 visitors annually. In addition to its own athletics and arts events, the university serves as a performance venue for the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, the Alabama Ballet and OperaBirmingham, and hosts the Miss Alabama pageant, Alabama Governor's School, All-State Choral Festivals and a wide range of other arts and athletics events.

The report used two types of economic impact to determine Samford's total economic and fiscal impact. Household impact—jobs and earnings to households deals with the economic and fiscal impacts derived from Samford spending that affects households. The other focuses on broad, economy-wide factors that consider all expenditures such as gross business sales and its components.

The study results also illustrate that a Samford education is a very "high-yielding investment for students."



LION ANNUALLY by Philip Poor

"The positive real rates of return and their magnitude indicate that the decision to pursue a Samford degree is very sensible. These real investment returns are better than the long-term returns on investments in U.S. equity markets," the report notes.

According to the study, the real annual rate of return on some college attendance is 6.2 percent over a high school graduate. The bachelor's degree has a 9 percent real annual rate of return over some college attendance, and the master's degree yields a 17.5 percent return over a bachelor's degree. The doctorate provides a 13.3 percent return over the master's degree and has the highest lifetime earnings.

About 37 percent of Samford's students are in graduate and professional programs beyond the bachelor's degree.

"It is important to note that there is no economic development without education," the report says. "Higher education, in particular, plays a real and critical role in the modern, high-tech economy."

The report also notes that Samford contributes to economic development

through teaching, research and service activities. In their findings, Addy and Ijaz concluded that the university provides "numerous benefits that have lasting impact on its graduates, as well as the general public through service and outreach programs with links to communities, business, industry, government and individuals."

Samford provides jobs, generates significant tax revenues, promotes innovation, assists in business creation and growth, and facilitates economic development by making the Birmingham-Hoover metropolitan area and the state "attractive for the startup, location, and expansion of business and industry," the study says. "These benefits lead to improvement of workforce skills and the general quality of life in the area, the state and the nation. Higher incomes generate more tax revenues for the state and other tax jurisdictions."

Holloway said the study reinforces the university's mission and shows that "a Samford education is a prudent investment" and that the university has "a significant impact" on the state and area economies. "For 173 years, Samford has been part of the state of Alabama, including 127 years in Birmingham," Holloway said. "We are proud of the impact we have had historically and in shaping the future of this region through our rigorous academic programs, well-prepared graduates, highly skilled and nationally recognized faculty, and strong community partnerships. To have that impact affirmed through this independent study is a major accomplishment, not just for Samford, but for the entire state."

Holloway also noted that Samford has had six consecutive years of record enrollments and attracts students from 44 states and 25 countries, many of whom stay in the region after graduation. The university also has received several high national rankings in the last year for academic programs, value and affordability, and was ranked third in the South among regional universities in the 2014 U.S. News & World Report college rankings. Forbes Inc. recently ranked Samford as the top university in Alabama. ▶

The Challenges of by Serena Simoni Transatlantic Relations

EU Official Geoffrey Harris Discusses Key Issues Faced by the European Leadership

In the next five years, the European Union (EU) will face several key issues in domestic and foreign policy: a near record unemployment, a modest economic recovery, a crisis in Ukraine that is reminiscent of the very worst East-West deadlock, peripheral instability, and the completion of negotiations for a massive trade and investment agreement with the United States.

Geoffrey Harris, a British EU official and the deputy head of the European Parliament's Liaison Office with the U.S. Congress, based in Washington D.C., addressed some of the issues in a lecture sponsored by the Samford University political science department Sept. 16.

Harris advises members of the European Parliament in their work on all aspects of transatlantic relations. He maintains close contacts with relevant officials in Congress and the U.S. administration, as well as with think tanks and civil society organizations, and takes part in conferences and seminars on these issues. For example, in July, he addressed a high-ranking roundtable in Washington on the subject of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

This is an important issue, Harris said, because together, the United States and EU would account for about 40 percent of global economic output and 50 percent of global trade. However, those who oppose TTIP call it a monster, the undesirable face of globalization, leading to the loss of national and regional identities. Some Europeans fear that EU markets will be invaded by U.S. food tainted with preservatives or genetically modified organisms, but there are also those who reject such talk as "scare-mongering." Harris reminded his audience that the controversy following revelations about NSA data collection and alleged snooping on EU political leaders in 2013 almost disrupted the talks before they began.

Until July 2012, Harris was head of the Human Rights Unit within the Secretariat General of the European Parliament. Prior to this position, he was in charge of interparliamentary relations with countries in Europe but outside the EU from 1992 to 2004. He coordinated relations with the parliaments of all countries involved in the enlargement process as well as with Russia, the Balkans and the countries of the eastern "neighborhood" of the EU.

Harris explained that after welcoming the former Soviet states of Eastern Europe into the EU, the enlargement process appears to be essentially on hold. For example, Serbia has begun accession talks, but it is clear that it will not become an EU member in the next five years. Likewise, Turkey, the largest and, in many ways, most important candidate, seems trapped in a stalemate with the EU, sometimes complicated by its own domestic political tensions. The other important factor regarding opposition to enlargement, Harris said, seems to come from growing Euro-skepticism in many member states.

Scotland's independence vote in September as well as a potentially similar referendum in Catalonia may also test the EU's strength. Indeed, there are very sharp divisions over how the EU should respond to an independent region seeking membership in its own right, if such a situation ever arises. In fact, while the enlargement process—the consequence of geopolitical changes since 1989—has been a political success, Harris argued that there are still at least two major challenges ahead for the EU: public participation and peripheral stability.

The general public should feel a sense of ownership of the union and not feel left out, Harris said. In July 2014, for the first time in the history of the EU, the European Parliament elected, and not simply approved, the president of the European Commission following a proposal by the European Council, according to the rules laid down in the Lisbon Treaty. This is a very important political choice, Harris pointed out, but only 43 percent of the electorate voted in the May 2014 European Parliament elections, and many votes went to anti-EU parties. Europe, Harris argued, needs to connect with a new generation of EU citizens for





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which World War II and the Cold War are ancient history. The EU needs to find a new basis in a solid shared narrative, which can legitimize the European institutions.

Similarly, Harris argued, the EU has not achieved its goal of a stable neighborhood. Indeed, what was meant to be a "ring of friends" has become a "ring of fire" from Libya to Syria, including Ukraine. He pointed out that one consequence of such instability in the EU's backyard is mass illegal immigration from east and south. This tends to feed xenophobia even in the UK, where immigration from new EU members pushes voters toward the UK Independent Party.

Thus, the main challenge now, Harris said, is to revive the

Eurozone economies without getting trapped in a spiral whereby the EU is blamed for austerity policies. In Germany, new anti-Euro parties accuse Angela Merkel of not being tough enough. There are big tensions with France and Italy over budget deficits, which could explode into the markets again. Generating jobs at a time when 26 million people in Europe are out of work was the single most important issue during the elections campaign and balancing these priorities will occupy the new EU leadership for years to come. ▶

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KORREA'S COMPLEXITIES DEFY STEREOTYPES: KANG ysarby



As a fashion statement, pairing an Adidas ball cap with a Kim II-sung lapel pin leaves something to be

desired. As a measure of cultural change in North Korea, it literally is the picture of progress. Korea scholar David Kang presented many such images when he spoke at Samford Oct. 27.

Kang is professor of international relations and business, and director of the Korean Studies Institute, at the University of Southern California. He is an internationally acclaimed expert on Asia and the author of many books and articles.

Samford history professor Paul Cha invited Kang to speak at an event hosted by Samford's global studies program and history majors, with generous support from the Distinguished Speakers Bureau of the Northeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies, the Korea Foundation and Howard College of Arts and Sciences.

Kang said the notoriously closed society of North Korea is changing, and its people are not the monsters many in the West suppose them to be. "On the one hand, they're 'brainwashed robots," Kang said of common media depictions. On the other hand, they wake up every day "yearning to be free." "They can't be both at the same time," Kang observed. Instead, he said, North Koreans are like people everywhere who want to be in the culture they understand in spite of its faults.

The faults are many. North Korea's notorious prison camps hold an estimated 200,000 people. That's a fraction of the country's total population of almost 23 million, but even the vast majority of North Koreans who Kang said are "neither the true oppressors at the top, nor the true victims" lack basic human rights.

North Korea's government is alternately mocked and feared in the West, depending on whether its leader is threatening the nuclear annihilation of his neighbors or entertaining former NBA player Dennis Rodman. And yet, even those North Koreans who flee to South Korea because they are starving report a desire to return to the north. Why? Tradition, Kang said. Family. Home.

Kang noted that the symbol of the Korean Workers' Party includes, alongside the usual hammer and sickle, the calligraphy brush of the Confucian scholar-bureaucrats who ruled Korea for thousands of years. "Communism is about sweeping away the past," Kang said, yet North Korea maintains and celebrates its traditional culture, especially its emphasis on family.

Clans, identified with specific regions, are extremely influential in Korean culture, said Kang, who is the 39th generation of his own clan. For him and others of Korean ancestry, that connection to hundreds of years of family history provides "an awesome sense of belonging."

"Every Korean company you've heard of is organized around the clan," Kang said. It's not surprising at Samsung, so why not in the government of North Korea? As long as the family of current leader Kim Jong-un survives, Kang said, North Korea will survive. And so, North Korea continues to vex enemies and allies alike as "the only place in the world where the Cold War is still going on." Kang said Western powers are unanimous in their belief that North Korea must change or "disappear forever," but they have only "a wafer-thin band of policy options." Military solutions are out of the question. With 20 million people just across the border in Seoul, South Korea, even a brief war is a guaranteed catastrophe. That leaves only degrees of sanctions and engagement as the means to promote change.

Kang favors economic engagement as a path to the reunification of the two Koreas, and noted that Chinese trucks might do more to open North Korea than any sanctions could. Where once those trucks hauled only Korean coal into China, they now carry out textiles and other products as North Korea is pulled into "the global assembly chain."

Consumer goods are flowing into North Korea, too, legally or otherwise. Some corporations are investing millions in North Korea in the hope of making billions when or if the country follows China's example.

Kang appears to be confident that for all its official bluster and human rights abuses, North Korea can't shut out the rest of the world forever, even if its leaders want to. But it isn't likely to just abandon its powerful traditions and throw open the gates, either. "It's going to change in ways that we probably can't control," Kang said. "At best, we can try to nudge it in a certain way."

Interest in Asia Growing at Samford

Samford history professor Paul Cha, director of the university's global studies major, invited Kang due to growing student interest in Asia and a general lack of public information about North Korea in particular.

Cha, whose scholarship focuses on Korean Christianity in the late 19th and 20th centuries, said a 2013 Liberty in North Korea (LiNK) event on campus brought an overwhelmingly positive response.

"There are not many opportunities to learn anything about North Korea except in the news," Cha said, noting that many students were surprised by the contrast between the media's political focus and a broader focus on Korean culture. One attendee was so inspired he wanted to start a local LiNK chapter.

Cha said the LiNK event also inspired many questions about Christian missions in Korea, evidence of a growing local interest in Asia. Each time Cha has offered Samford's Modern East Asia course, it has filled quickly.

A growing presence of Chinese students at Samford has contributed to interest in, and understanding of, Asia among other students in the core curriculum Cultural Perspective courses he teaches. "Having Chinese students in class has really opened their eyes, in terms of not just Asia, but in terms of different perspectives," Cha said.

Cha said he hopes to serve and promote local interest through the Kang lecture and other events. He hopes, ultimately, to develop an Asia study fund that will encourage interested students to realize that "this is an option. I can do this." **D**



HOMECOMING 2014 NARRA NARRA NEROBRES ONE by Mary Wimberley



A CHILLY FALL DAY WITH TEMPERATURES IN THE 50s COULDN'T KEEP AN ENTHUSIASTIC SAMFORD UNIVERSITY CROWD FROM MAKING WARM MEMORIES AT HOMECOMING 2014.

From the early morning harmonies of an A Cappella Choir concert on the steps of Davis Library to the final whistle at a winning football game in Seibert Stadium, hundreds of alumni and others savored their moments together.

Alicia-Ann Smith happily joined the choir in singing the Alma Mater. "It's my first time back for homecoming, and I'm already glad I came," said the 2006 graduate, a former choir member who teaches school in Montgomery, Alabama.

Will Allen, Class of 1995, brought his wife Jenny and children, Lucy, 9, and Sam, 12. The history and political science major, now an attorney in Brookhaven, Mississippi, arrived early to attend his first Howard College of Arts and Science board meeting. "I wanted to give back," he said of his decision to serve. "My Samford years were great."

The Class of 1989 celebrated its 25th anniversary as Samford graduates at several weekend events. Reunion chair Edith Foster Lyon of Birmingham welcomed classmates from near and far, including Rebecca Brown Michael, an attorney in Washington, D.C.

Teresa LaRussa Boackle, a 1980 pharmacy graduate, relaxed at the College of Health Sciences tent after attending a continuing education course offered by McWhorter School of Pharmacy. "It's fun to see people I haven't seen in a long time, and to see how Samford has changed since our day. It's bigger and has more programs. The campus gets prettier every year," said Boackle, adding that her daughter Mallory Boackle is a 2014 exercise science graduate and daughter Maria Boackle is a 2010 nursing graduate.

She is pleased that the three health professionals can now claim an alumni home in the College of Health Sciences, which was launched in 2013. "We are all excited about the new school," Boackle said.

Larry Cosper, a 1974 alumnus and former football player from Graham, Alabama, was eager to cheer on the Bulldogs against Concordia College. He tries to attend several games year, he said. "It reminds me that I was young once," said the former religion and psychology major who would see his Bulldogs handily defeat their homecoming opponent, 55-0.

Isaac Cooper, a 2012 graduate, was beaming at the Samford Black Alumni Association's first tailgate tent. At one point as many as 40 graduates had gathered to enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers.

"I'm very pleased at the turnout," said Cooper, an SBAA board member and new member of the Samford board of overseers. "It was great to see people meeting, interacting and reconnecting." A bit of history unfolded for Cooper when he met a 1970s alumna who was the first African-American graduate of Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing.

Susan Todd Doyle hosted a steady stream of guests at the Samford Parents tent. "I think we're popular because we have hot apple cider on such a cold day," quipped the 1980 graduate who directs Samford's parent programs.



CLASS OF 1964 AT 50

The Class of 1964 reminisced at a luncheon that brought back memories of friendships that had in some cases not been rekindled since graduation.

"This is the first homecoming I've been to, and I don't know why it took me so long," puzzled Alice Goss Martin of Auburn, Alabama. "I've really enjoyed seeing people I've not seen in years." Wayne Atcheson shared reflections that prompted class members to recall memories, such as programs in the newly built Reid Chapel, rat hats and pep rallies at the women's dorm. John F. Kennedy was killed during their senior year, recalled Atcheson, who like most Americans of the time knows exactly where he was when he heard the news.

"I was giving a campus tour to visitors, and was between the pharmacy building and Reid Chapel when someone told us the president had been shot," said Atcheson, now on staff at the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Class president Rick White, a retired physical therapist who lives in Cullman, Alabama, thanked classmates for raising monies to support the Sigurd F. Bryan scholarship fund for religion students.

"He was instrumental in the lives of many members of our class," White said of Bryan, a 1946 Samford alumnus who taught religion at the school for 46 years before retiring in 2001. Bryan was on hand to accept well wishes from the anniversary class.

Luncheon committee members who helped make the event a success included Ed Ables, Catherine Bryant Allen, Sarah Jacoway Chastain, Jim Elrod, Ray Moon, Monetta Moak Noland, Anne Boynton Payton and Nina Isley Sinclair.

GOLDEN BULLDOGS

Samford's cherished and most senior alumni of classes of 1964 and earlier met on Friday for a luncheon. The customary David Lockmiller awards were given to the male and female graduates representing the earliest class, who had not previously won the handsome engraved clock that goes with the honor.

This year's winners were 1952 business graduate Joe Goode of Clanton, Alabama, and 1953 pharmacy graduate Anne Fadely Anderson of Roebuck Springs, Alabama.

Goode, a retired financial and estate planning consultant, has long served as a class agent.

Anderson, who combined work in pharmacy with life as a wife and mother, met her husband, 1951 pharmacy graduate Roy Anderson, at Samford. Their daughter, Rachel Anderson Harden, is also a Samford pharmacy graduate.

OTHER RECOGNITIONS OF NOTE

Seniors Hannah Newman of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and John Hunsicker of St. Louis, Missouri, were elected by the student body to reign as homecoming queen and king.

Members of the Samford Crew rowing team won the judges' top vote in the homecoming display board contest. Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Chi won the People's Choice award in the competition that lent a festive homecoming feel to Ben Brown Plaza.

Lille, a five-month-old Cavapoo—Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and Poodle mix—owned by alumna and education faculty member Daphne Carr, won the pet photo contest. The first-time event raised \$3,000 to support Samford programs, with \$1,350 going to Lille's cause, Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education.

Samford Recognizes Alumni of the Year at 148th Homecoming Celebration by Jack Brymer

Samford University alumni attending the annual Homecoming Banquet Oct. 31 were told they were continuing a tradition that dates back to 1866.

Gil Simmons, president of the Samford Alumni Association, welcomed the 250-plus alumni to the event that he noted began in 1866 when alumni of then-Howard College hosted a banquet welcoming former college president Samuel Sterling Sherman back to Marion, Alabama, following the Civil War.

"I am pleased to welcome you to what could be considered the 148th anniversary celebration of an alumni homecoming in our great school," he said. "For decades after that, alumni hosted a candlelight banquet at commencement to honor the graduation class. That is the tradition we celebrate tonight."

The annual event was revived 11 years ago to welcome alumni returning to the campus and to honor outstanding alumni. Senior Will Yarbrough, chaplain for the Student Government Association from Gallatin, Tennessee, and the son and grandson of Samford graduates, offered an invocation and blessing for the meal.

Highlighting the event was recognition of four Alumni of the Year, which Simmons noted was "the highest honor that Samford University bestows on its graduates." They were Brenda Mitchell Hackney '90, M.B.A. '94, of Birmingham, owner of Jefferson Giles Investments LLC and president of The Hackney Foundation; Helen Shores Lee, J.D. '87, of Birmingham, the first African-American woman to serve in the civil division of Jefferson County Circuit Court; Bryan K. Owens '81, of Atlanta, Georgia, founder of The Owens Group International, which includes Unclaimed Baggage Center Inc. in Scottsboro, Alabama; and Samford's Young Alumnus of the Year Houston Estes '04 of Nashville, Tennessee, a claims adjuster for Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. (See *Seasons* Fall 2014 issue for profiles of the honorees.)

Also at the banquet, Samford vice president for advancement Randy Pittman declared "the final victory" of the \$200 million capital campaign and presented a symbolic check in the amount \$202,542,091 to Samford President Andrew Westmoreland. Calling it "the most aggressive fundraising campaign in Samford's history," Pittman noted that 18,276 donors contributed gifts ranging from 36 cents to \$13.4 million.

"Samford is better today because of what donors provided through 'A Campaign for Samford," Pittman said. "Tonight, we celebrate victory, but tomorrow, we start planning for the next campaign."

Lauren McCaghren, a 2007 alumna and senior director of Alumni Programs and Annual Giving, recognized several classes who "have gone above and beyond in their generosity to the school." These included the Class of 1974, the top dollar producer (\$1,004,262); Class of 1970, the largest number of donors (59); Class of 1944, the highest percentage of donor participation (43 percent); and Class of 2012, the highest percentage of donor participation among young alumni (9 percent).

McCaghren also noted several groups that were celebrating reunions. These included the classes of 1974, 1989, 2004, Daniel House (London) 30th anniversary and Zeta Tau Alpha 50th anniversary. Together, these groups raised \$20,545 in gifts to the university.



Brenda Mitchell Hackney

Helen Shores Lee







Houston Estes

Brown Conducts Homecoming Audience on 40-Year Teaching Journey

by Sean Flynt



Samford University history professor Jim Brown drew on 40 years of teaching memories and research for a discussion of his new textbook, *Fairy Tales, Patriotism and the Nation-State: The Rise of the Modern West and the Response of the World*, at

homecoming. The book connects the rise of technology, nationalism, empire-building and independence movements, and adds the innovation of custom Google Earth maps to show geography's role in shaping culture.

Many members of the audience were reliving the lectures of their undergraduate years, and Brown named many of those former students as he spoke of the experiences that inspired his own restless curiosity.

He recounted his experience as a student during the late 1960s, when cultural turmoil nudged him from engineering to the study of the past and other cultures. He interviewed for a new history faculty position at Samford in 1970, found a niche for his focus on Eastern Europe and Asia, and got the chance to be immersed in teaching—lots of teaching.

Brown's five-course schedule was tough, but he said he relished the contact with students, especially those who shared his taste for firsthand experience of subjects outside the classroom. He also found colleagues who shared his interests and introduced him to new ones, including Alabama's unique natural environment. Others helped him polish his Russian language skills or encouraged him to lead his students to China or the Peruvian Amazon.

Educator Elliot Wigginton's "Foxfire" experiential education project and book—a collection of folklife articles by Georgia high school students—gave Brown "a road back to American culture" in the early 1970s and inspired similar projects at Samford. Among the most notable of these was a 1976 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities that helped Brown and his students document folk craft survival in 10 counties around Birmingham. "My time machine for the bicentennial year was a rusty old Chevy II, with a 4-year-old son sometimes riding shotgun," Brown said.

Brown described many encounters outside the university that also enlarged his perspective. He bonded with Japanese ESL students over mutually inexplicable religious histories. His first visit to a Sacred Harp singing was "like standing in the surf," as waves of music reminiscent of Russian folk songs and Gregorian chant broke over him. Reading a name in a craft shop led him to learn traditional basket making from a wry master. Brown followed the threads that connected all of these things and brought his students along on the adventure. His new textbook is the most recent expression of that.

The textbook also grows out of his early interest in geographic information systems (GIS) and, before that, the writing of landscape architect Ian McHarg. On the way to his book, Brown created a system of 3D physical maps to explain to young people the connections between culture and environment. As GIS evolved, Brown helped lead efforts at Samford to incorporate the new technology across the curriculum. When he presented a paper on that subject at a 2005 academic conference, an audience member's question led him to explore the Google Earth geographic information program.

The results of that exploration appeared on the screen of Christenberry Planetarium on homecoming Saturday as Brown flew his audience through the landscapes that help explain, for example, the Sykes-Picot Agreement that shaped the modern Middle East, or showed the often-ruinous path into (and out of) Afghanistan.

Brown lamented the price of his textbook—the first to make such use of GIS—but noted that the information-rich maps he created for it are free. The book does include very handy instructions for using Google Earth, he added. **•**



Hale Stresses the Importance of Finding Contentment

Tony Hale, right, chats with interviewer Brad Radice.

Finding contentment in the moment is important to finding success in life, according to award-winning actor and children's author Tony Hale.

The 1992 Samford University graduate regaled an audience of Samford students, alumni and friends with stories of his life journey and acting career during "An Evening with Tony Hale" at homecoming. He touched on a wide range of topics over 90 minutes, including his faith, winning an Emmy Award, favorite Samford professors and even mistakes he made as a student. But, it was life lessons that received the most attention.

Hale is so adamant about finding contentment that he repeated the theme several times during the evening, especially stressing it to the students present. It is an idea that is explored in his recently published children's book, *Archibald's Next Big Thing.*

"When [Archibald] is on an adventure, he's always looking for the next big thing," Hale said of the story's main character. "You have extreme value where you are. It's not about what you might get."

Hale said it was a lesson he embraced when starting his acting career and having to work multiple jobs, doing commercials and other one-time acting roles while waiting for the "big break." When he landed the role of Buster Bluth on the awardwinning television show *Arrested Development*, he thought he had "so much power." He thought being on a situation comedy was "the ultimate dream." He also said it was overwhelming because his wife, Martel, had to leave her job on the crew of *Saturday Night Live* and relocate with him to Los Angeles.

Responding to a question from the audience, Hale said fame had taught him another lesson. "Over the past 4-5 years I have thought a lot about this," Hale said. "I think we all want to be known. In today's world, it is all about how many Twitter followers and Facebook friends you have."

There are more important things, though, than "being known," Hale added.

"In my world, if you are known by God and by people who love you, that's all you need. That's all the 'known' I will ever need."

Hale also said his faith is an important part of who he is. While living in New York early in his career, he helped start a ministry called "Haven" for Christians in the arts. "I didn't know anybody, and I met a lot of Christians who were pursuing the arts," he explained. "They didn't have a lot of support from home or their group."

The group did a lot of service and ministry, such as baking apple pies for the homeless at Thanksgiving. "To get your eyes off yourself is the best gift you can give. That was my support system," he said.

Acknowledging that there is a perception that faith and Hollywood don't mix, Hale said, "My faith is everything to me. I have ownership over it. I don't see how people walk the uncertainty of this business without faith. Knowing that God has my back and I can trust him is everything to me."

JMC ADDS 4 TO WALL OF FAME

Samford University's Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC) added four new members to its Wall of Fame during annual homecoming activities Nov. 1.

Those inducted were Jack Brymer, a veteran denominational journalism and communication specialist; Carol Guthrie, head of the Washington Center for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a Paris-based international organization of which the United States is the largest member; Tony Hale, an Emmy Award–winning actor in the *Arrested Development* and *Veep* television sitcoms; and Debbie McGrady, retired former administrative assistant in the JMC department.

Induction to the Wall of Fame is considered the highest honor the Samford JMC department can bestow on its graduates and members, said department chair Bernie Ankney.

Brymer was inducted by Mark Baggett, a Samford English and law professor who described the 1967 JMC graduate as "irreverent, free-thinking and a journalist par excellence." Brymer served as the first managing editor of *The Alabama Baptist* newspaper and later as editor of *The Florida Baptist Witness*. He joined Samford in 1994 as director of publications and served later as communication director until retirement in 2003.

Guthrie graduated from Samford in 1993 and began a career in television news in Baltimore, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. She later served as a media consultant for presidential candidate Al Gore, communication director for U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (Dem., Oregon), communication director for the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance and as assistant U.S. trade representative for public and media affairs in the Barack Obama administration.

Hale graduated from Samford in 1992. He is best known for his roles in *Arrested Development* and *Veep*, for which he earned a 2013 Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Actor in a Comedy Series.



Wall of Fame honorees, from left, Tony Hale, Carol Guthrie, Jack Brymer and Debbie McGrady.

Hale announced the establishment of a film production scholarship at Samford during the induction program, presenting the first award to Samford student Jenna Adams.

McGrady was JMC administrative assistant from 1994 to 2013, serving as a mentor and "second mom" to students. "Although she was never a journalist by trade, she had a way with words, a gift for saying the right thing at the right moment," wrote JMC grad Anna Cox. McGrady worked for NBC 13 Television in Birmingham for 18 years prior to joining Samford. ▶

Daniel House Alumni Relive London Experience by Mary Wimberley

More than 200 former students and faculty members enjoyed a Daniel House reunion tea hosted by president

Andrew Westmoreland and his wife, Jeanna. Some had studied at the London residential study center soon after Samford acquired the property in the early 1980s.

Alan Thrasher, a 1986 business graduate, was in the first wave of Samford students to study there, and still appreciates his experiences during Jan Term 1985.

"I was in the first group of Samford students to tour Lloyd's of London, the Bank of London and other major companies as part of an international business course," Thrasher said, admitting that highlights for him also included celebrating New Year's Eve in Trafalgar Square and turning 22 a week later.

Things have a way of coming full circle, the Birmingham entrepreneur said, noting that business took him back to London for the Olympics in 2012.

For Kendra Buckles Watson, a 2006 graduate, the Daniel House also carries a lot of happy memories. "The friendships I made, and being able to learn and see new things became a defining part of my Samford experience," said Watson, adding that she chose to attend Samford, in part, after learning about the overseas opportunity on a Preview Day visit.

Mel Coleman, a 1989 graduate who is now a biology professor at Claremont McKenna College in California, wanted to recapture Daniel House memories before attending her 25th class reunion activities. Based on her London experience, she said she urges her students to consider study abroad.

"I tell them it's a great opportunity, and I encourage them to experience it," Coleman said.

The alumni especially enjoyed reuniting with many Samford faculty members, some now retired, who have served as professors in residence in London through the years.

The chatter fell silent when retired music professor and 1974 graduate Timothy Banks led four current A Cappella Choir singers in a performance of "Ashburn Gardens," a tune he first composed at the piano in the Daniel House parlor in 1999.

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Social Entrepreneurs Focus on Programs Creating a Positive Return to Missions by Jack Brymer



Cameron Collins developed a passion for doing something about poverty while still in high school in Charlotte, North

Carolina. As he considered where to go to college, he looked for a university that offered an international approach to poverty alleviation. He found such a program at Samford University, where Brock School of Business offers both a social entrepreneurship concentration and minor.

"Through the Brock School of Business Scholars program and Samford's study abroad, I was able to complete internships with a world-class business incubator and one of the world's most respected Christian NGOs (nongovernmental agencies)," Collins said.

Collins completed his business degree in 2013 and spent a year in Africa as chief development officer for the Rwanda Shyira Diocese. As an administrator, he made sure that supplies were available and dispensed to those in need.

"I worked for the Anglican church, which in addition to ministering to people spiritually, operates 217 preschools, 53 schools, a community college, 694 microfinance groups, a hotel and a Mother's Union that provides spiritual, personal and professional opportunities for women," he said. "Christian faith should permeate every aspect of your life, including your work," he believes.

Collins said business professor Betsy Holloway recruited him into the Brock Scholars program. Holloway, now Samford's chief marketing officer, was founding academic director of the program. Collins was also a University Fellow.

Business professor Jeremy Thornton joined Samford in 2004 and created the social entrepreneurship program in 2007. Prior to Samford, Thornton facilitated the design of microenterprise and antipoverty programs for civil society organizations in developing countries, primarily Latin America.

Social entrepreneurship is becoming a common model, according to Thornton, as traditional funding models become more strained. Unlike business entrepreneurs, who focus more on profits and returns, social entrepreneurs tend to adopt a mission that creates and sustains social value.

"Our students have an increasing interest in combining business with a social mission," said Thornton.

The Frances Marlin Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership was established at Samford in 2008, a year after the social entrepreneurship minor began. Collins recently was selected as program manager for the center.

The social entrepreneurship minor is described as an innovative program that fuses practical business experience, a classical liberal arts education and intimate learning environments. The program is customized for a student with aspirations beyond the scope of a traditional business education. For example, the program might involve an orphanage in Romania, urban farms, or microenterprises in South Africa or Rwanda. Samford student Ryan Plemmons is currently teaching English as a second language in Rwanda through the social entrepreneurship program.

"Samford's social entrepreneurship program has become an important distinction not only for the business school, but also for the university," said Holloway. "The interdisciplinary curriculum and real-world learning experiences provide our students with an in-depth understanding of the most complex social challenges facing humanity, from poverty alleviation to environmental stewardship."

The Mann Center and the social entrepreneurship program are planning a Jan Term course in Rwanda in 2015. The 10-day course will examine the issues of economic growth and global poverty. Students are scheduled to meet with leaders of Christian and secular NGOs as well as local government, nonprofit and for-profit organizations attempting to alleviate poverty in the country.





SCHOOL OF LAW



A Message from the Dean

Preparing Future Lawyers for Modern Practice

From its founding in 1847, Cumberland School of Law's core mission has been to prepare future lawyers for successful careers in the law who are ready to begin practice immediately upon graduation. In addition to teaching legal doctrine, analysis and theory, therefore, the law school seeks to equip students with the practical skills and values that are essential to the practice of law. The following pages highlight just a few ways in which the law school continues to be a leader in preparing future lawyers for modern practice.

Trial advocacy has always been a critical skill for lawyers. Cumberland School of Law has built one of the country's best trial advocacy programs (see page 30). In addition to taking basic and advanced courses in trial advocacy from some of the best faculty in the country, students may participate in numerous intramural mock trial competitions, compete on interschool mock trial competition teams and work in trial-oriented externships. Students who take full advantage of these opportunities can have 10–20 full mock trials under their belts by the time they graduate. The strength of that preparation is demonstrated by the law school's numerous national and regional mock trial championships and the courtroom success of our alumni trial lawyers.

As society changes, of course, the practice of law evolves, requiring lawyers to master new and different skills. In modern litigation, more and more cases settle prior to trial than in the past, whether through direct negotiation, through mediation or through more innovative processes. The information age and new technology are fundamentally altering the legal services industry and the practice of law in all types of practice. The globalization of the economy requires lawyers to work with international law and the law of other countries, and to interact with other cultures. Law schools thus must respond by equipping law students with additional knowledge and skills beyond those traditionally taught in law schools.

To that end, Cumberland School of Law vigilantly updates its curriculum to assure its graduates are prepared to excel in 21st-century practice. Through surveys of graduates and focus groups with lawyers in every area of practice, we determine what our graduates should know and be able to do to excel in the current market. Based on that information, the law faculty continuously reassesses and revises the curriculum to meet the market's demands. In response to this information and changes in law practice, Cumberland has greatly expanded instruction on negotiation and mediation, including creation of the Community Mediation Center. Recognizing that negotiation and related skills

are too important to be left to electives, the law school last year created a mini-term in early January to teach intensive one-week workshops on interviewing and counseling and negotiation. We engaged dozens of volunteer instructors from the Birmingham bar to team with faculty to teach these skills, and to observe and critique student performances.

Recognizing that technology is transforming every aspect of the legal profession, we recently partnered with cicayda, to establish the eDiscovery Institute and Review Center in Lucille Beeson Law Library, which will engage students and alumni with ongoing developments in legal technology (see page 29).

The key to preparing students for practice is great teachers. Cumberland School of Law has an outstanding faculty who are not only accomplished scholars but also truly gifted teachers. In addition to publishing important books and articles on an array of legal topics, all Cumberland professors have practiced law. They value the practice of law and know how the law works in practice. They place a high priority on getting to know their students and making sure students understand the law and how to use it. The quality and engagement of Cumberland's faculty was recently reaffirmed when *Princeton Review* ranked Cumberland one of the top 10 law schools in the country in the category of "best professors."

The supportive interaction between faculty and students is part of another distinctive Cumberland attribute that facilitates students' education: a genuine sense of community that pervades faculty, staff and students alike. Our faculty care deeply about their students and often maintain contact with students years after they graduate. Our faculty and staff are not just available to students, they cultivate personal interaction and provide individual support to students on academic as well as all sorts of other matters. The student body has a cohesiveness that is more like a small liberal arts college than a law school. The cut-throat competitiveness that some associate with law school is absent. This sense of community makes Cumberland a more humane and effective place to learn law, and it helps instill the values that make good lawyers. *The Princeton Review* confirmed this Cumberland attribute as well by ranking the school seventh in the country for "quality of life."

Finally, Cumberland School of Law has a deep commitment to professionalism and service. Recognizing that these values are critical to being a good lawyer and are fundamental obligations of the profession, Cumberland strives to instill these values in all its students. Attention to these values begin at the law school with a week-long orientation for entering students. Orientation includes presentations and discussions about lawyers' obligation to serve the public good and concludes with class service projects. The focus on professional values continues throughout the first year with monthly "Called to the Bar" presentations. Students then contribute countless pro bono and other service hours throughout their law school years in projects sponsored by our Public Service Program.

Growing out of its commitment to service, Cumberland School of Law has a long tradition of producing lawyers who are faithful public servants. These include a U.S. secretary of state, two U.S. Supreme Court Justices, some 16 state governors and 11 U.S. senators, approximately 80 U.S. Congressmen and Congresswomen—including two currently sitting, numerous state legislators, countless state and federal judges, directors of legal service and legal aid organizations, and many others. Graduates who work in the private sector are also known for their public service. Jere F. White, Jr., was such a lawyer. Established in his honor, the Jere F. White, Jr., Fellows Program, one of the premier law school scholarships in the country, perpetuates Cumberland's legacy of service by recruiting to Cumberland gifted students who are committed to public service and providing them the education and resources to pursue that commitment (See page 27).

To learn more about the law school, its people and its programs, please go to www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw.

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Bilas Discusses Role of Students in the 'Big Business' of Athletics

Policy issues in college athletics are going to be a hot topic for the foreseeable future, according to college basketball analyst and attorney Jay Bilas.

College athletics is "big business," and pending litigation could change the way "all of this works," Bilas told participants in the biannual Jere F. White, Jr., Trial Advocacy Institute, which is named for the late Birmingham attorney and Cumberland School of Law graduate. Bilas' appearance was cosponsored by Cumberland School of Law and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Bilas and White became friends when White was being treated for cancer at Duke University Medical Center.

Bilas covered a wide range of topics, drawing on eight years of experience as a commercial litigator prior to his role with by Philip Poole

ESPN. He is a graduate of Duke University Law School.

The business of college athletics is very different today than when Bilas was a basketball player at Duke in the early 1990s, he said. Thirty years ago, the public would not have supported college sports if coaches were being paid millions of dollars annually and television rights were being sold in the billions of dollars.

Bilas contended, "People would have said, 'That's not right."

The people involved in college sports are "great," said Bilas. The challenge is that college athletics has become a huge business.

His concern is that athletes don't get to share in the money college athletics is making. The problem hasn't been revisited in a rational way in years, Bilas said. Pending litigation could change that.

No longer can colleges say to students,



"You will get to train and play in some of the finest facilities, and you will have the opportunity to get a good education. That should be enough," Bilas said.

"You can't tell the difference between the Super Bowl and the college football national championship game—the hype, the television contracts, the exposure—except that the players in the college game will be back in class a few days later with no compensation," Bilas said. He also said colleges can no longer use lack of funds as an excuse for not considering compensation for student athletes. ▶

Law Students Can Help Close the Justice Gap, Says American Bar Association President by Mary Wimberley

Access to justice for all is a major challenge facing the United States, American Bar Association president William C. Hubbard told students at Samford University's Cumberland School of Law this fall.

"Access to justice is a pillar of our society, but that pillar is weakening and potentially could crumble," Hubbard said. Future lawyers, with their fresh, innovative thinking and technical savvy, may hold the answer to close the justice gap, he said. Hubbard spoke Oct. 16 at the law school's Cordell Hull Speakers Forum.

"We need innovative new ways to provide legal services," he said, noting that people today live and learn differently than in years past. "Our clients and those who could be our clients expect us to deliver legal services differently, in a more modern way."

Despite the legal profession's efforts in recent decades to raise money, advocate funding for legal aid programs and give much pro bono service, "We have barely moved the needle on access to justice," Hubbard said.

The Columbia, South Carolina, attorney cited statistics that 80 percent of people who are poor, and many others of moderate means, do not get the civil legal assistance they need.

In some states, at least one party is not represented by counsel in 95 percent of cases in the family courts. Almost 3.7 million people use the nation's nearly 500 court-based legal self-help centers, but many centers have to turn people away. Half of those who apply for legal aid are turned away because of a lack of available resources to help, he said.

The U.S. ranks 66th of 99 countries in accessibility and affordability of civil justice in a 2014 Rule of Law study by the World Justice Project (WJP), said Hubbard, who serves as chair of the board of directors of the WJP.

"You cannot have a society governed by

the rule of law when people who are at risk of having their rights denied do not have access to a lawyer to advocate on their behalf. You cannot establish justice, as our constitution mandates, when people do not have access to justice," said Hubbard, who helped establish the ABA's Commission on the Future of Legal Services.

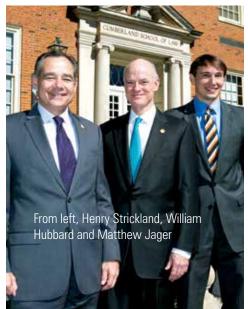
According to American Bar Foundation research, less than one-quarter of civil justice problems in the U.S. are taken to a lawyer. "Many on the lower end of the socioeconomic scale do not seek legal help because they do not recognize their problems as legal problems. They see them as personal problems, moral failings or issues that just happen in life. There is a big educational component that we must recognize," Hubbard said.

And while the poor may do nothing, those in the middle-income bracket may engage in some form of self-help using online services, or they try to go it alone. The model of one lawyer working in person with one client at a time does not meet the demand, he said.

Hubbard said the answer to this problem lies in engaging in fresh, innovative thinking about how to close the justice gap while enhancing opportunities for lawyers in their practices.

The legal profession needs innovative approaches to leverage technology—smart phones, tablets, new software, internet—in order to identify new models to deliver services, said Hubbard, commending Cumberland School of Law's new eDiscovery Institute and Review Center. Smartphone apps could make legal assistance more available and user friendly to a wider audience. A "disaster" app, for instance, provides public safety information, news and legal presentation forms that can be helpful to disaster victims.

"Smartphones have revolutionized the way we access information. Now they offer the possibility of revolutionizing the way we



access courts," he said.

These technologies must be embraced as part of a holistic approach to justice, he said, noting a report that 86 percent of adults making less than \$30,000 per year own mobile phones and nearly half own smartphones. "We need to use these technologies to reach those whose legal needs are not being served."

He noted the rapid rise in dollar investments in legal technology start-ups, a figure that is expected to top \$1 billion in 2014. "These are not investments in law firms, but are technology companies that offer legal services. Our challenge is to marry this creativity with our justice system to provide greater access while protecting the public," he said.

He told students that having grown up with innovation and technical know-how, they are the innovators and entrepreneurs with the capability to rethink problems and re-imagine solutions.

"It's in your DNA," he said. "The profession is getting ready to fundamentally change, and you can lead the way." ▶

Jere F. White, Jr., Fellows Program Gets Boost from Trial Advocacy Institute by William Nunnelley

Jere F. White, Jr., a member of the Cumberland School of Law Class of 1980, loved being a lawyer. But beyond his dedication to the law, he was driven by a commitment to service.

A founding member of the law firm of Lightfoot, Franklin and White LLC, he planned a future that would invest in law students and his law school. Prior to his death in 2011, he and his wife, Lyda, established the Jere F. White, Jr., Fellows Program.

The program provides scholarships to future lawyers who not only have outstanding undergraduate academic credentials but also have demonstrated their commitment of service to others.

"The fellows program is not only an academic scholarship," said law school dean Henry Strickland. "It perpetuates Jere's legacy by identifying and supporting the education of future lawyers who have top-notch academic credentials and a dedication to serving their community.

"This is a wonderful program that reinforces Cumberland's legacy of public service."

The fellows program is supported by generous gifts from Jere and Lyda White, their family and friends, and the Jere F. White, Jr., Trial Advocacy Institute. The program is on pace to reach the multimillion endowment goal that White envisioned, and to help scores of students in the future, according to David Hutchens, Cumberland School of Law's senior advancement director.

The trial advocacy institute is supported by the Alabama State Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers and Cumberland School of Law. The 2014 institute was held in Birmingham Oct. 3. It raised more than \$110,000 for the fellows program. Jay Bilas, an ESPN analyst, attorney and author, was keynote speaker (see page 25).

"The 2014 institute was a tremendous success," said Bennett White, Jere's son. "It achieved its dual purposes: to bring together the state's finest trial lawyers on both sides of the Bar to share lessons on the art of trying a case, and to raise money to support the fellows program at Cumberland."

White said the response from the legal community was overwhelming. The institute included more than 350 lawyers and federal and state court judges from Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas and Florida. Many law students also participated. Strickland added, "We owe great thanks to the program chairmen of this year's institute: Samuel H. Franklin and Harlan I. Prater of Lightfoot, Franklin and White LLC, and Robert P. Mackenzie of Starnes Davis Florie LLP. The event would not have been possible without their determined and meticulous work."

The first two fellows are already at Cumberland School of Law.

Caroline Collins is a second-year student with a dual

degree from the College of Charleston. She has participated in service work for Mitchell's Place (a facility that serves children with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Birmingham), a tutoring program at low-income elementary schools, Habitat for Humanity and other programs.

Jonathan Griffith is a first-year student who was an honors graduate from the University of Georgia. He spent two years caring for and tutoring children at an orphanage in India, and five years coordinating and directing public service projects in Costa Rica.

"Dad would be very proud of the institute and the two very accomplished fellows," said White.

The Jere F. White, Jr., Fellows Program is fast becoming one of the premier law school scholarships in the country, noted Strickland. It provides recipients a full, three-year tuition scholarship to Cumberland School of Law, an annual stipend, tuition and lodging at the school's summer study-abroad program in Cambridge, England, and opportunities to participate in a variety of academic programs.







Samford University's Cumberland School of Law celebrated the 20th anniversary of its unique Master of Comparative Law (M.C.L.) program Sept. 22–26 with a series of events for students and alumni in Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama, and Washington, D.C.

The programs included a seminar on counterterrorism law, a seminar on the U.S. Supreme Court appointment process, visits to the Alabama Supreme Court and the U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Montgomery, and a visit to the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., for a meeting with Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

Cumberland School of Law cohosted the counterterrorism law seminar with the Birmingham Committee on Foreign Relations and the Birmingham International Center at Innovation Depot in Birmingham. Law professor Herman "Rusty" Johnson noted that although 150 U.S. laws define terrorism, virtually all definitions proscribe the unlawful use of force or violence to influence, intimidate or coerce a civilian population or a government.

Johnson said counterterrorism law encompasses a primary challenge: how to balance national security and homeland protection with regard for individual rights.

"Because we are a nation committed to democracy and fundamental individual rights, we have to continually evaluate the threats that terrorism poses as well as our responses to those threats to ensure the proper balance and perspective on our counterterrorism efforts," he said.

Director of the law school's Mediation Center Cassandra Adams spoke about victims outreach. "The care of victims is not a responsibility solely relegated to the prosecution," she said. "Both the prosecution and the defense should appropriately care for the victims of a crime while still meeting their professional obligation to zealously represent their respective clients."

Law professor William G. Ross, a specialist in judicial ethics and American legal history, led a seminar on the Supreme Court appointment process. Ross has written numerous articles and five books on judicial ethics and other aspects of legal history.

"The U.S. Supreme Court appointment process has become increasingly tumultuous as Americans become more aware of the ways in which the court's decisions can affect a wide scope of politically controversial issues," said Ross. "The questioning of nominees has become more wide-ranging during recent decades as senators attempt to discern how nominees would approach various issues, and votes on nominees have become increasingly partisan."

He added that an understanding of the U.S. Supreme Court appointment process can help lawyers in other nations better understand the political context in which Supreme Court decisions are made, which sometimes helps to explain the decisions.

"This is particularly important since the law of the United States has important

economic and political implications for international business transactions," he said.

Michael Floyd, director of the M.C.L. program since 2008, termed the 20th anniversary celebration "a huge success," saying "our alumni and friends thoroughly enjoyed excellent seminars and tours of the Alabama and U.S. Capitol buildings, the Library of Congress and the various courts."

"The M.C.L. program has established meaningful friendships for Cumberland and Samford in major Brazilian cities, including São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia, Belém, Belo Horizonte, Fortaleza and Porto Allegre," said Floyd. "We have introduced ideas from U.S. jurisprudence to our students in Brazil and elsewhere, and we have learned much from them about different approaches to a variety of issues."

The program has served judges primarily in Brazil but has also graduated students from five other nations.

"Perhaps the M.C.L. program's biggest effect in Brazil has been to familiarize Brazilian judges and others with the concept of binding precedent in judicial decisions," said Floyd. "Precedent is fundamental to the common law system that we follow in the U.S., but civil law judges have historically had wide latitude to decide each case without being bound by prior decisions. In recent years, however, Brazil has been moving toward the common law system of binding precedent for certain types of cases, and we expect this trend to continue." ▶

Law School, cicayda Form eDiscovery Institute and Review Center by Derrek Smith

Samford University's Cumberland School of Law has opened the eDiscovery Institute and Review Center in partnership with cicayda, a Nashville, Tennessee-based company that provides eDiscovery software applications, professionally managed litigation support services, and eDiscovery consulting and auditing.

The eDiscovery Institute and Review Center, located in Lucille Beeson Law Library, will assist students in legal technology and provide new opportunities in the marketplace. Recent law school graduates as well as experienced lawyers will be hired by cicayda to staff the center.

Law school dean Henry Strickland announced formation of the institute Aug. 26. "I am excited about this innovative partnership between cicayda and Samford University's Cumberland School of Law," he said. "It provides an unprecedented opportunity to bring cutting-edge legal technology into our law school. It will provide our graduates employment and experience with fast-changing 21st-century legal systems, and it will provide our students and faculty unmatched opportunities to engage with and understand the role of technology in our legal system."

In connection with the center, cicayda and the law school will collaborate on new courses and certificate programs in areas such as technology, information governance, compliance, project management and eDiscovery. Cumberland School of Law and cicayda also may work together on CLE programs designed to educate practicing lawyers in these same areas.

Representatives from cicayda called the partnership a "perfect step with [its] premium delivery of software and services in eDiscovery. The eDiscovery Institute and Review Center marks a historic, immediate step into the future of legal education, and a better-managed review opportunity for corporations and law firms needing outsourced eDiscovery or contract review."

Cicayda cofounder and chief executive officer Roe Frazer said, "As a Cumberland graduate [1985], it is thrilling to see my law school take such a leap into the here-and-now of the practice of law. Like a number of law schools looking to the future of a challenging profession, Cumberland is pushing its students to understand business and technology."

He added, "cicayda wants to empower recent graduates to operate fluidly in a legal environment that is being transformed by technology, giving them DIY [do-it-yourself] opportunities heretofore absent. With the marketplace shifting, schools have increasingly come under fire for being out of touch, but Cumberland is challenging this notion by partnering with cicayda to give its graduates a huge advantage and opportunity," Frazer added.

The eDiscovery Institute and Review Center offers clients a total eDiscovery review solution, Frazer said, including reporting, project management, defensibility and attractive cost.



Keith Lee, left, Anne Marovich, director of law alumni relations and Chelsey Johnson, associate general counsel and executive vice president of cicayda

Henry Strickland, left, and John Haley '75 at center opening



Law School Team off to Fast Start with National Trial Advocacy Win

by Derrek Smith

Since moving to Samford University in 1961, Cumberland School of Law has become nationally known for its trial advocacy program. In fact, the recent edition of U.S. News & World Report ranks Cumberland School of Law 6th in the nation for trial advocacy.

The law school was established in 1847 with an innovative instructional method based on intensive trial practice at a time when legal study was conducted by apprenticeship or through lectures. This foundation has established the law school as a national leader, focused on teaching practical lawyering skills decades before others recognized this approach.

This historic institution is off to another outstanding start at national competitions showcasing practical lawyering skills. Through mid-October, Cumberland School of Law had one championship and a semifinal finish in the two national competitions it entered.

Interschool competitions are independently prestigious. Some have a regional round and a national round, some are only national, and some are by invitation only, based on past success.

Team members Matthew G. Garmon (third-year student, Cullman, Alabama), Collin Hatcher (second-year student, Marietta, Georgia), Amanda Herren (second-year student, Mobile, Alabama) and Matthew D. Woodham (third-year student, Montevallo, Alabama) placed first at the 15th annual National Trial Advocacy Competition hosted by Michigan State University at the Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse in Detroit. They went 5-0 against John Marshall Law School (Chicago), University of Akron School of Law, Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law and Duquesne University School of Law.

"Thinking on our feet and having fun with it is what got us the win," said Hatcher. He noted that many of the other teams were scripted, and off-script questions presented them problems.

Hatcher chose Cumberland School of Law because he was looking for an environment focused on preparing students for legal practice. He credits the team's success with senior leadership, an emphasis from the coaches to show personality and six to seven meetings a week for more than a month.

The third-year student team of Kendall A. Lee (Birmingham), Paige A. Duncan (Red Bay, Alabama), John R. Spade (Austin, Texas) and Spenser H. Templeton (Gadsden, Alabama) competed in the Florida National Trial Advocacy Tournament at the University of Florida in Gainsville.

The team won all cast ballots except one during the preliminary rounds and swept all ballots in the quarterfinal round. During the semifinal round, they lost by a split ballot.

Last year, Cumberland School of Law students won the National Civil Trial Competition. Teams also swept the American Association for Justice (AAJ) Regional Tournament, Atlanta, Georgia, placing both first and second. The first-place team continued to the national round in Santa Monica, California, where it finished eighth in the nation from the original 220 teams. Cumberland School of Law won the AAJ regional from 2007 to 2012, as well as 11 other times dating back to 1982. ▶

School of Nursing Honors Alumni with the Courage to Care by Katie Stripling

Samford University's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing honored 11 alumni at its annual Courage to Care gala Oct. 10. The honorees, including Living Legacy award recipient Sondra Tatum McGinnis, were cited for their adherence to the maxims of the school's namesake, the late Ida V. Moffett.

"Ida V. Moffett was characterized by her commitment to nursing education and her patient-centered approach to nursing practice," said nursing school dean Eleanor V. Howell in reference to the late nursing educator's oft-quoted belief, "It takes courage to care, to open the heart and act with sympathy and compassion."

The 2014 honorees highlight the many opportunities nurses have to make an impact on patients, families and the world around them. Each nurse's path is different, but the honorees are united by their commitment to providing the highest quality of patient care and leadership within the profession. They all hold degrees from the nursing school or its forerunner, Birmingham Baptist Hospital.

In 2012, in celebration of its 90th anniversary, the school established the Living Legacy award to highlight a graduate whose local touch has a global reach through leadership and service to others. McGinnis, who serves as director and associate chief nursing officer for Physicians Services at Erlanger Health System in Chattanooga, Tennessee, is cited as an accomplished clinician, administrator and philanthropist.

In her current role, McGinnis is responsible for nursing oversight for all physician practices and is responsible for operations and financial stability of all primary care practices. She has a strong reputation for solving issues in her community. In 1998, she established the Chattanooga Therapeutic Riding Center, a 501c3 organization providing therapeutic horseback riding for mentally and physically challenged children. She served as president and director of the organization until 2004.

Courage to Care Honorees

Cathy Barber, charge nurse in the one-day surgery care and preadmission testing units at Princeton Baptist Medical Center.

Dr. Cynthia Barginere, vice president for clinical nursing and chief nursing officer at Rush University Medical Center; associate dean for nursing practice and chair of advanced practice nursing at the Rush College of Nursing in Chicago, Illinois.

Carol Crow, solutions consultant for Kronos Inc.

Dr. Sherry Fua, manager of Medical Affairs for Strategic Medical Operations for College of Nursing in Chicago, Illinois.

Bonnie Moore, registered nurse, specializing in cardiac patient care at Trinity Medical Center.

Mary Nunnally, flight nurse for Air Vac in Marble Falls, Texas.

Dr. Rowland Ramdass, assistant professor, Hostos Community College, Bronx, New York; nurse practitioner in interventional cardiology at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

David Sanford, clinical coordinator at St. Vincent's Birmingham.

Cody Walker, director of surgical and medical intensive care units at Brookwood Medical Center.

Tammy Weeks, charge nurse, endoscopy lab, Princeton Baptist Medical Center.

The event also recognized a roster of dedicated supporters:

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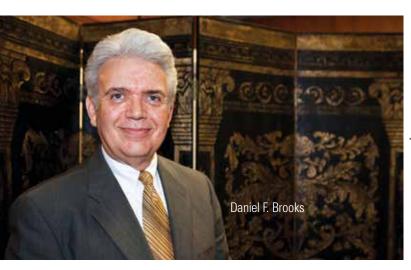
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Sponsorship: in honor of Sue Axford, Lynn Conn and Mary Wallace.

Samford nursing school advisory board member and retired professor Barbara Money was chair of the gala, held at B&A Warehouse in Birmingham. Members of the advisory board served as hosts for the event. ▶

The School of Nursing presents Courage to Care awards and a Living Legacy award annually. To learn more about the awards and to download a nomination packet, go to samford.edu/nursing/alumni-awards.





Brooks Teaches Antiques, Samford's Oldest Community Course by Mary Wimberley

For more than 40 years, antiques enthusiasts have flocked to Samford for a class that teaches them about fascinating and beautiful objects, and perhaps something about themselves as well.

The class, started by the late Margaret Sizemore Douglass in 1972, is the longest-running continuous offering in Samford's community course program, known formerly as Samford After Sundown but offered now through the university's Academy of the Arts.

For the last 28 years, the antiques course has been taught by Samford alumnus Daniel F. Brooks, who took over the class when Douglass retired in 1986.

"We've never repeated a class topic, although we have repeated subjects," said Brooks, who may take a different approach or add new information to popular topics. The course, which meets each fall and spring for six Tuesdays, regularly draws repeat students. Its roster seldom falls below 50, and Brooks recalls one semester with 86 enrollees.

Some who enrolled under Douglass continue to sign up for Brooks' classes, which meet in the same Brooks Hall auditorium where the first class convened. Through the years, the course has covered many genres of antiques and aspects of history.

Whatever the topic, Brooks brings an historical and personal perspective to the class. He served for 25 years as director of Birmingham's Arlington Antebellum Home and Gardens, retiring in 2010.

"I want learning about objects to be personal for the class members," explained Brooks. "What does something mean to you? Why does it appeal to you? Or, why did it appeal to your ancestors who bought it, or better yet, made it? Objects are like illustrations to our history."

In learning about objects they hold dear, people learn about themselves, says Brooks, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees in history from Samford in 1975 and 1984, respectively.

He encourages class members to write down what they know about their objects. "Their children or grandchildren may not appreciate the object, but they can appreciate the history behind it. I like objects that have a provenance, a history. I want to know where an object has lived all these years."

Brooks is a specialist in antebellum history and antiques from that era and is a former president of the Alabama Historical Association.

"We've taken field trips to see covered bridges, old hospital buildings and other interesting architecture," Brooks said. Recent destinations included Mobile, Eufaula and Gainesville in Alabama, and historic Georgia sites in LaGrange and Columbus.

Guest lecturers share expertise, as did 1967 Samford alumnus and renowned silver engraver Bob Rosser, who presented as part of the fall 2014 series entitled "From the Hands of Craftsmen."

Brooks has been involved in the class

on some level since Douglass offered the inaugural session.

"I was an undergraduate student in her 8 a.m. French class when she asked me to go to the airport to pick up a guest lecturer," said Brooks. He was dispatched to collect renowned decorative arts expert and later PBS *Antiques Road Show* commentator Wendell Garrett, who founded the prestigious Natchez Antiques Forum.

Brooks later became active in the forum, and in 2012, joined it as adviser and moderator in charge of speakers and topics.

Brooks builds his antiques lectures around Southern themes. He came by that interest naturally. He grew up with four generations of family under one roof—his great-grandmother's house that was built before the Civil War—in Camden, Alabama.

"Antiques and history surrounded me," he said.

He has written for *Alabama Review* and *Alabama Heritage* magazines, and was a contributor to a major U.S. history compilation, *The Vice Presidents,* writing on Alabamian William Rufus King. In 1995, he curated a portion of a major *Made in Alabama* exhibit at the Birmingham Museum of Art.

Meanwhile, Brooks continues to draw his regulars to the antiques course. One is Kirke Cater of Birmingham, whose interest has spanned five decades. "We love coming to the Samford campus," said Cater, speaking for longtime class members. "It makes us feel young."

CLASS NOTES







1940s

'47 Frances Walker Williamson lives in Indian Springs, Alabama, where she has successfully nurtured a Sherman Oak seedling that she estimates to be almost 30 feet tall. The parent tree was a landmark on the East Lake campus when she was student editor of the *Crimson* newspaper. She later taught high school math at Briarwood Christian School for 18 years. She has three children and seven grandchildren.

1950s

'58 George C. Smith, Sr., a longtime family physician in Lineville, Alabama, was inducted into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame at its 2014 awards luncheon in Montgomery in August. He earned a pharmacy degree at Samford and worked for Eli Lilly Company before graduating from the Medical College of Alabama. He is a former president and chairman of the board of the Alabama Academy of Family Physicians, and has held other medical association leadership posts.

'59 Martha Lee Dickson of Pace, Florida, is the author of her third book, *Anchors of Faith: Early Wooden Churches of the Deep South* (NewSouth Books), a pictorial overview of 145 mostly late 19th-century churches located in Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. As a Samford student, she worked in the library and extension division at the East Lake campus and as a women's dorm hall monitor on the Lakeshore campus. She later worked at Florida State University and Pensacola State College. She and her husband, Max, have two daughters and four grandchildren.

1960s

'64 George and **Judith McMichael Frey '66** of Sanford, Florida, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December 2013. They are retired and enjoy traveling. They have two daughters and seven grandchildren.

1970s

'70 Cindy Mallett Goodwin of Jacksonville, Florida, retired in August after 21 years with the Florida Baptist Convention. As team strategist for the Women's Missions and Ministries/ Missions Education Team, she crisscrossed the state leading conferences, annual meetings and other events. She and her husband, Howard Goodwin '70, who recently retired as pastor of Terry Parker Baptist Church in Jacksonville, have moved to Birmingham. They have two children and three grandchildren.

'70 Johnny Mack Morrow, M.B.A., of Red Bay, Alabama, received the National Conservation Award from the Chief Colbert Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution for his work and dedication to conserving the natural beauty and wildlife of Alabama. A member of the Alabama House of Representatives since 1990, he retired as a business and economics instructor at Northwest Junior College.

'76 Richard V. Neely of Birmingham, a history teacher at Indian Springs School, was the featured speaker at the Alabama Historical Association meeting in Scottsboro, Alabama, in July. The former Samford history professor received the school's Buchanan Teaching Award in 1995.

'77 Ken and **Susan Rucker Berg** are in their 37th year with the Birmingham Boys Choir. He is music director and she is accompanist. **2**

'77 Jim Cooley was named pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham in August. He serves as second vice president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

1980s

'80 Kay Bains, J.D., was one of 10 honorees recently cited by the Women's Fund of Greater

Birmingham for their work in improving the region. As volunteer lead counsel for the Vulcan Park Foundation, Bains negotiated public-private partnerships that led to the restoration and return of the historic landmark to the top of Red Mountain. Her other civic work includes Railroad Park, Planned Parenthood and Ruffner Mountain. She is a partner at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings law firm.

'82 Mark D. Kahler is vice president for university communications at Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois.

***82** Howard Neiswender, J.D., coauthored the book *Inside the Minds: Estate Planning Client Strategies* 2014 edition, which advises on using gifting and portability in estate plans to mitigate tax-related concerns. An estate and business planning attorney with Sirote & Permutt in Birmingham, he is a national instructor for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

'85 Lisa Hodges, J.D., joined Conifer Health Solutions as chief compliance officer. She will manage Conifer's ethics and compliance program, and will maintain the company's privacy and security compliance program. She is based at Conifer's headquarters in Frisco, Texas.

'87 Les McPherson was named chief executive officer of United Benefit Advisors, an independent employee benefits advisory organization. He is based in the company's Chicago, Illinois, office. A former lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, he was most recently with Trustmark Voluntary Benefit Solutions.

'87 Christopher O'Rear was elected president of the Tennessee Association of Pastoral Therapists in August. He is executive director of Pastoral Counseling Centers of Tennessee Inc., in Nashville.



<u>1990s</u>

'90 Lia Claire Scholl, M.Div. '00, was named senior pastor at Wake Forest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She was most recently a pastor in Bali, Indonesia, and is the author of *I Heart Sex Workers* (Chalice Press).

'93 Robert Allman, M.Div. '97, was nominated by the U.S. Army chief of chaplains to be deputy chaplain, White House Military office. He has been instructor/writer at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

'93 Brian G. Baird was elected and installed as president of the Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists. He is a drug information pharmacist at Virginia Commonwealth University Health System in Richmond, Virginia, and is associate clinical professor at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy.







'94 Connie M. Hogewood, B.S.N. '06, M.S.N. '14, is an instructor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing.

'94 Shawn Hall is chaplain at Maryland Correction Institution in Hagerstown, Maryland. He works with 15 faith groups in the maximum/ medium correctional facility that houses 2,000 inmates.

'95 Meredith Davenport married Mark McLendon in September. They live in Montgomery, Alabama.

'98 Adam Greenway was appointed to an endowed faculty position as William Walker Brookes associate professor of evangelism and applied apologetics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where he has taught since 2007. He also serves as dean of the seminary's Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Ministry.

2000s

'00 Kristin Hetterich, Pharm.D., is vice president of strategic initiatives and sales with Truveris health information technology company in New York, New York. She is responsible for developing and implementing strategic programs for pharmacy benefit management. She and her husband, Stephen Leps, have two children, Whit Hetterich Leps, 2, and Ruby Michaela Leps, born in July.

'00 Mark Ervin has been named a partner with Big Communications, a Birmingham-based advertising and public relations agency. Since joining the agency in 2010, he has been a leader in its growth and prioritization of content-driven services for represented brands.

'00 Mary Franklin, M.S.N., was named chief nursing officer at Biloxi Regional Medical Center in Mississippi.

Scholarship Honors Buddy and Linda Anderson '72

A group of Vestavia Hills High School graduates who played football under Coach Buddy Anderson has established a scholarship at Samford to honor the former coach and his wife, Linda, both 1972 Samford graduates.

The scholarship was established in celebration of Anderson's 310th career win at Vestavia this fall, making him the winningest high school football coach in Alabama history. About 150 of Anderson's former players attended a gathering Oct. 3 at which the scholarship was announced by W. Randy Pittman, Samford's vice president for advancement.

The former players, parents of current players, and Anderson's friends and family have contributed more than \$10,000 so far to fund the scholarship.

"The Andersons have been great educators," said Pittman. "Buddy has coached young men at Vestavia Hills High School for 35 years, while Linda taught at Vestavia West Elementary School. They sent all three of their daughters to Samford as well."

Anderson, responding to the announcement, said he was pleased the scholarship would go to a student with financial need.

James A. "Jay" Stewart, a 1995 Samford graduate who also holds M.B.A. and J.D. degrees from Samford and Cumberland School of Law, started the scholarship fund and organized the announcement party.

Contributions to the Buddy and Linda Anderson Scholarship may be sent to Office of University Advancement, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

'01 Emily Adams Perry and Blake Perry '06

live in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he is in a sports medicine fellowship at the University of Alabama. He completed a family medicine residency at Wake Forest School of Medicine in June. Emily is an invitation consultant with Kyle Fine Stationery.

'01 Chris and Melissa Walker Simmons '04

were leaders in the 2014 Light the Night at Birmingham's Railroad Park, an annual fundraiser for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. Their son, Walker, age 3, who was diagnosed with high-risk acute lymphoblastic leukemia in 2013, was the event's Honored Hero. The memorial honoree was former Samford student and volleyball player Caroline Neisler, who died in May 2013, just weeks after being diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia during her senior year.

'02 Dustin Britt joined Chick-fil-A's marketing department as a senior consultant, managing its in-restaurant marketing strategy. He recently earned a master of business administration degree with a concentration in marketing at Georgia State University. He lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

'03 Lindsay Bridges, J.D. '09 was named the 2014 Alabama State Star by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) program. She is regional manager with the SBDC at Auburn University. State Stars are exemplary performers who have made a significant contribution to the SBDC program and have demonstrated a strong

commitment to small business. Bridges, who counseled 203 small businesses in Auburn's eight-county territory, was recognized with other state honorees at America's SBDC annual conference in Dallas, Texas, in September.

'05 Daniel Stallings was named pastor of University Baptist Church in Montevallo, Alabama. He was most recently an associate pastor at Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He holds a master of divinity degree from Mercer University.

'06 Eric Parker Hill married Whitney Danielle Blackwell in August. They live in Trussville, Alabama, where he is a customer service representative at CRST Malone.

'06 Aaron Little is the author of *Water the Earth: A Student's Guide to Missions* (Christian Focus Publications). A business and missions entrepreneur, he earned a master's degree in divinity from Columbia International University. He and his wife, Vio, live in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

'06 Kristen Williams married Keith Wayne Bunger in September. They live in Phoenix, Arizona.

'07 Allison Kellerman, M.S.N. '14 is a nurse practitioner with Saint Thomas Medical Associates in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. She also holds a master's degree in nursing administration from Middle Tennessee State University.

'08 Frances R. Finney, Ed.S., was named a 2014 National Distinguished Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. Principal of Gresham Elementary School at the time of her nomination, she is now principal of Fultondale Elementary. She was among 61 NDP honorees recognized at an Oct. 17 awards banquet in Washington, D.C. The program recognizes public and private school principals who make superior contributions to their schools and communities.

'09 Elizabeth Leslie is coordinator of residence education at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

'09 Jeffery Moore married LaToya Hentz in May. They live in Jackson, Mississippi, where he is deputy director/budget manager at Jackson State University. He recently earned an M.B.A. from Mississippi College.

<u>2010s</u>

'10 Evan Ellis Chandlee married Ellen Page Moman in September 2013. They live in Birmingham, where he is a customer service engineer for EMC Corporation data storage systems provider.

'12 Jana Bell married Steven Sims in June. They live in Duluth, Georgia. She is a special education teacher.

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Doyle Directs Parent Programs

Susan Todd Doyle of Birmingham has been named director of parent programs at Samford University. She began her duties Aug. 22.

Doyle and her husband, Sean, have been active leaders in Samford's Parents Association for the last two years. Their daughter, Bailey, is a Samford junior.

As director, Doyle oversees the work of the association and its

connection with other Samford divisions. She coordinates the Parents Leadership Council, and gives administrative leadership to such events as Family Weekend, send-off parties and parent activities during new student orientation.

A 1980 Samford graduate, Doyle has been a public relations and communication consultant, working previously as a communications officer for Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham. She also has been a curriculum writer and editor for several faith-based organizations.

NEW ARRIVALS



'**76** James Gary Pate, J.D. and Crystal Royall Pate '**05** of Homewood, twin son and daughter, John Willard and Clara Riley, born June 13, 2014.

'96 Derren and Gloria Frey Burrell of Fort Belvoir,Virginia, a son, Nathanael James, born June 27, 2014.

'98 Leo and **Vanessa Freeman Zerhusen** of Augusta, Georgia, a son, Baker Thomas Freeman Zerhusen, born April 10, 2014.

'99 Sherri Coleman Ausbun and **Daniel Ausbun '01** of Moreland, Georgia, the adoption of a daughter, Esther, from Dongguan, China, on Aug. 7, 2014.

'00 Kristin Hetterich, Pharm.D., and Stephen Leps of New York, New York, a daughter, Ruby Michaela Leps, born July 20, 2014.

'02 John Wayne Anderson and Jennifer Killeffer Anderson '03 of Cataula, Georgia, a son, John David, born June 29, 2014.

'02 James Smithson Fly and **Piper Carr Fly** of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, a son, William Oliver, born June 15, 2014.

'02 James and Stephanie Roberts Kling of Birmingham, a daughter, Virginia Brooks, born Oct. 9, 2013. **1**

105 Jeremy and **Emily Ols Long** of Huntsville, Alabama, a son, Asher Reid, born April 28, 2014.

'05 Steven and Stephanie Bryant Wisdom '06 of Birmingham, a son, Locklan Hyde, born Aug. 16, 2014.

'06 Michael and **Jennifer Nelson Riggenbach** of Orlando, Florida, a daughter, Scarlet Veda, born Sept. 18, 2014.

'06 Cameron and **Kathryn Voyles Searle** of Sandy Springs, Georgia, a daughter, Emma Grace, born June 21, 2014. **11**



'06 Alan and **Jennifer Dotson Thornton** of Denton, Texas, twin son and daughter, Micah Alan and Noel Grace, born Sept. 30, 2014. **12**

'07 Travis and **Susan Miller Prewett** of Birmingham, a son, Andrew James, born Feb. 20, 2014. **13**

'08 Martin, Pharm.D., and **Lindsay Hahn, Pharm.D. '10**, of Nashville, Tennessee, a son, Miles Bennett, born Sept. 2, 2014.

'09 Austin and Elizabeth Rhea Ward of Jackson,
Tennessee, a daughter, Claudia Grace, born Oct. 10, 2014.
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'09 Phillip and **Christina Elliott Douglas** of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, a daughter, Emory Elizabeth, born Oct. 11, 2014. **15**

'14 Kim and **Alan Cripps** of Pelham, Alabama, a daughter, Olivia Joyce, born Oct. 16, 2014.

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IN MEMORIAM

'40 Marguerite Fairley Kirkpatrick, age 95, of Birmingham died Sept. 15, 2014. She was a bookkeeper and co-owner of Kirkpatrick Electric Company. She played golf into her 80s and won at Scrabble until her death.

'40 Mildred Downs Noojin, age 94, of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, died Sept. 27, 2014. She was a retired elementary school teacher, and an avid traveler and bridge player.

'41 James Alto Ward, Jr., age 94, of Birmingham died Sept. 24, 2014. He was a general surgeon in Birmingham from 1953 until his retirement in 1989. He was president of the Samford Alumni Association from 1957 to 1959, and was a Samford Alumnus of the Year in 1997, along with his brother William J. Ward '49 and sister Margaret Ward Morland '44.

'42 Matthew B. Bishop, Jr., age 92, of Montgomery, Alabama, died Oct. 1, 2014. He had a long career with Bishop Parker Furniture Company.

'46 Jane Jordan Dickinson, age 87, of Dunwoody, Georgia, died Aug. 3, 2014. She was retired from an insurance career. Her hobbies included music, reading, and playing Bunco with friends and family.

'47 Howard L. House, J.D., age 90, of Batesville, Arkansas, died Sept. 16, 2014. He headed White River Bituminous, a highway and road construction business. He was a member of the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II.

'47 Inez Whitt Stewart, age 89, of Birmingham died Aug. 25, 2014. She taught business education in the Cullman, Montgomery and Midfield school systems in Alabama.

'47 Wynona Kizer Stringfellow, age 89, of Birmingham died May 21, 2014. She served for 43 years at Baptist Princeton Hospital, where she retired as assistant director of nursing.

'**48 Beth Kelley Poe**, age 88, of Birmingham died Aug. 21, 2014. She taught first grade for 30 years in Alabama and Louisiana. She served with her husband, William Allen Poe, with whom she graduated at Howard, as Baptist missionaries in West Africa for 15 years.

'**48 Dorothy C. Raffield**, age 87, of Trussville, Alabama, died Sept. 25, 2014. A pharmacy graduate, she was co-owner and operator of Raffield Drugs in Center Point, Alabama, for 30-plus years.

'52 Elizabeth Scoggins Johnson Cox, age 83, of Birmingham died Aug. 26, 2014. She was an accomplished artist and seamstress.

'52 Harry Marks English, age 85, of Montgomery, Alabama, died Aug. 25, 2014. He worked for Moffitt Theaters for 50 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Germany.

'55 Jo Ann Sturdivant Terry, age 81, of Huntsville, Alabama, died Oct. 10, 2014. She taught at schools in Birmingham and Huntsville before beginning a 20-year tenure as principal of Mountain Gap Elementary School in Huntsville. She was a Huntsville Hospital volunteer and was active with Zeta Tau Alpha sorority alumni.

'57 Robert Chester Edge, Jr., age 79, died Sept. 21, 2014. He served churches throughout Alabama until he retired from Berney Points Baptist Church in Hoover, Alabama, in 1995.

'57 Robert M. Fargarson, J.D., age 82, of Memphis, Tennessee, died Aug. 27, 2014. A member of Fargarson and Brooke law firm, he was assistant city attorney for Memphis and a state senator. He led missionary trips to Europe, the Far East and to Central America. He also was a member of the board of directors of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

'57 Erlaine Hester, age 85, of Altoona, Florida, died Sept. 2, 2014. She was a resident counselor for freshman women at Florida State University before serving 25 years as guidance counselor at Fort Lauderdale High School.

'58 Betty Long Wyskida, age 82, of Huntsville, Alabama, died Sept. 5, 2014. She worked for the Department of Defense at Redstone Arsenal for 26 years and ran a catering business for many years.

'60 Charles E. Walker, age 82, of Birmingham died Sept. 28, 2014. He sold cars for many years and owned Payless Used Tires.

'62 Paul Howell Glenn, Jr., age 74, of Waynesville, North Carolina, died Oct. 6, 2014. An early promoter of the computer industry, his career in systems development included work on the Redstone Rocket and ownership of Software Enterprises programming firm. He was involved in many Christian mission projects, both local and overseas.

'62 Louie R. Watson, age 86, of McCalla, Alabama, died Oct. 12, 2014. He was employed with American Cast Iron Pipe Company for 37 years. He was a volunteer with Boy Scouts, Junior Achievement, youth sports and Civitan International. Prior to attending Samford, he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

'64 James Gerald Hodges, M.A. '72, age 72, of Atlanta, Georgia, died Oct. 13, 2014, of scleroderma. A longtime educator in Atlanta public schools, he also taught literature, English and writing at Purdue University, Central Michigan University, Georgia State University and Southern Polytechnic State University.

'64 Charlene A. Seibert, age 72, of Pelham, Alabama, died Sept. 23, 2014. She served in the Peace Corps and was a volunteer at Shelby Memorial Hospital.

'64 Burl L. Smith, age 75, of Bismark, Illinois, died Sept. 29, 2014. He was an engineer with Teepak.

'66 Robert Kenneth Bradley, age 71, of Jacksonville, Florida, died Aug. 7, 2014. A pharmacist, he worked at Bradley's Drugstore in his hometown of Monroeville, Alabama, before joining Eli Lilly as a pharmaceutical salesman for 28 years. He played trumpet in his church orchestra and was a prison ministry volunteer.

'66 David Conrad, J.D., age 75, of Mobile, Alabama, died Sept. 3, 2014. He cofounded the law firm known today as Conrad Barlar & McCulloch, and was a leader in many civic and professional associations.

'66 James Carson Israel, age 71, of Cape Carteret, North Carolina, died Aug. 15, 2014. A medical doctor, he was an instructor at Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport, Iowa, and was the author of several books. **'67 Kenneth R. Clement**, age 69, of Rainsville, Alabama, died Aug. 20, 2014. He was a pastor of Alabama Baptist churches for 38 years before serving as director of missions at DeKalb Baptist Association for 11 years. He served on various state Baptist boards and was a member of the board of governors at Judson College.

'68 Roy Cecil Webb, M.B.A., age 77, of Brentwood, Tennessee, died Oct. 1, 2014. He was a sales and product manager. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a lifelong member of the Marine Corps League.

'69 John Thomas Coleman, age 69, of Trussville, Alabama, died Oct. 1, 2014. He was cofounder of Coleman Russell and Associates plumbing and manufacturing representative agency. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

'70 David Lloyd Miller, age 66, of Pelham, Alabama, died Sept. 15, 2014. He earned a law degree at the University of Alabama and served as assistant district attorney in Tuscaloosa before beginning a 20-year law practice in Vandalia, Illinois. At times a newspaper editor and television sportscaster, he was a minister at Community Baptist Church in Maylene, Alabama, for the last 12 years. At Samford, he was a varsity basketball player and editorial cartoonist for the *Crimson* student newspaper.

'70 Lindsey Stribling Smith, age 83, of Alliance, Alabama, died Aug. 14, 2014. He worked at Chevron Corporation for 32 years and was later a people greeter at Walmart.

'72 Julia Chamblee, age 71, of Birmingham, died Aug. 31, 2014. She was a paralegal for 30 years with the law firm of Maynard, Cooper and Gale. She was active in organizations that support the arts.

'75 Catherine Blanchen Crothers Hodges,

M.S.E., age 91, of Birmingham died Oct. 5, 2014. She taught elementary school in Birmingham for 23 years, and was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma education society. Active in Presbyterian Women, she received the Presbytery's Woman of the Year Award in 2009.

'75 Mark A. Zimmerman, J.D., age 64, of DeLand, Florida, died Oct. 15, 2014. He practiced law for 35 years and was DeLand's first in-house city attorney. He was president of the DeLand Chamber of Commerce.

'76 Bernard Williams, Ed.S. '01, Ed.D. '03, age 61, of Birmingham died Aug. 22, 2014. The longtime choir director at Miles College also served at various times as college organist, and as a professor and certification officer in the school's division of education.

'78 Timothy Blake Campbell, age 59, of Fort Worth, Texas, died Aug. 7, 2014, after a moped accident. An ordained minister, he was a church music and youth director, and school and family counselor. He was a reservation agent with American Airlines for 15 years. At Samford, he was a member of the A Cappella Choir. He made several choir trips to Germany.

'79 Sandra H. Allison, age 54, of Birmingham died Aug. 8, 2014. She was a nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Montclair Hospital before becoming a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

'81 Gary Arthur Mhoon, age 54, of Suwanee, Georgia, died March 4, 2014, of gall bladder cancer. He was partner and chief product designer for The Merchant Source Inc. At Samford, he was a member of the A Cappella Choir and Minnesingers.

'84 Robert Donald Davidson, Jr., J.D., age 56, of Greensboro, North Carolina, died Oct. 2, 2014. A longtime attorney in High Point, North Carolina, he was active in the local Elks Lodge and was a former Elk of the Year.

'91 Donald Everett McCool, age 47, of Florence, Alabama, died Sept. 26, 2014. A pharmacist, he was audio technician at his church and was a member of The Shags band. At Samford, he was a member of Kappa Psi pharmaceutical fraternity.

'94 Sean Dale Masterson, J.D., age 45, of Town Creek, Alabama, died Sept. 27, 2014. He was an attorney with Thompson & Associates.

Other Samford Family

Roy Shelby Brigance, age 87, of Birmingham died Aug. 25, 2014. He retired from Samford in 1992 after serving as chairman of the sociology department for 22 years. A graduate of Mississippi College, he held master's degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Mississippi State University (MSU), and a Ph.D. in sociology from MSU. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

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LARRY DAVENPORT

Why do you teach?

I'm a natural teacher. It's such a part of me that I'm not sure I could stop even if I wanted. I have a lot to say, with many stories to tell. And, I try to tell those stories in a way that connects my audience to the information in a personal and meaningful way. I'm always listening and learning myself, which just adds to the need to teach!

What is one thing you want your students to know when they graduate from Samford?

Position

Professor of Biological and

Environmental Sciences

Teaching at Samford since

1985

Bonus Fact

Teaching and the Council for

Advancement and Support of

Education.

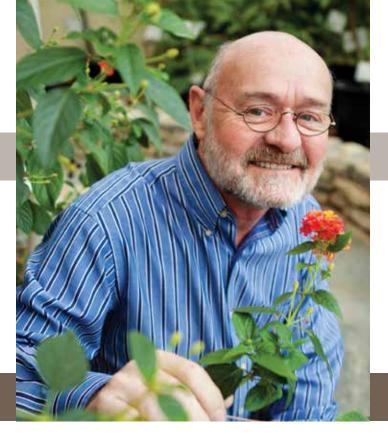
We humans are a part of nature, not apart from it. I want my students to accept that fact, embrace it and live their lives accordingly. I want them to be aware of their everyday impact on nature-to know where things come from and where they go. It's a tall order, I know.

What is your favorite non-Samford activity?

I've been in a band—Not Yet Ded with my longtime partner in musical crime, English and law professor Mark Baggett, since 1996. Dr. Baggett plays rhythm guitar and harmonica and handles the bluesy-type singing. I play keyboards and slide guitar and sing the snarly, smart-alecky songs. It allows us to live out our teenage dreams of being rock stars. And, occasionally we sound pretty good!

What's one thing that most students do not know about you?

I have written a quarterly natural history column, Nature Journal, for Alabama Heritage magazine since 1993. It provides me with a much-needed creative outlet as I pursue nature stories of interest. It's



made me a better writer, and it's made me a better naturalist since those stories might be in geology, ichthyology, ornithology-things outside my comfort zone. It's a continuation of my teaching, with several thousand eager reader-students four times a year.

You are very involved with a native plant called the Cahaba lily. How did you get interested in it and why are you so passionate about it?

My involvement began in 1988 when I learned that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service needed a local botanist to gather all available information about this rare plant, which grows only in the rivers and streams of the Southeast. The town of West Blocton (Alabama) heard about my studies, and in 1990, we held the first annual Cahaba Lily Festival there. It's a way that the town reaches out to the larger community to join in celebrating this beautiful bloom and its habitat. I have been the keynote speaker and presented Davenport was honored in 2007 as Alabama my latest findings at each of the 25 Professor of the Year by the Carnegie festivals. Because it only grows in Foundation for the Advancement of relatively clean and free-flowing waters, the Cahaba lily has come to symbolize the wild,

undammed and unpolluted parts of our world-places that are well worth protecting and preserving. Thanks to the attention that the lily has

been given, we've been able to do just that. The settingaside of more than 3,700 acres near West Blocton as the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge is a direct result of our efforts, and something I'm very proud of.

Larry Davenport's responses have been edited for length. The complete profile on Dr. Davenport and other featured alumni and faculty can be found at www.samford.edu/spotlight.



What Samford faculty or staff member had the most influence on you and why?

[Chemistry professor] Brian Gregory gave me opportunities beyond the classroom and showed me the possibilities of research as a career. He saw potential in me, and pushed me to think critically, get out of my comfort zone and pursue my ideas. His encouragement and mentorship led me to pursue multiple research opportunities, including one in an industry, and discover what I was personally interested in as a scientist.

What would you say is the key to success in today's world?

As I always tell my students, work hard and be humble. I have found that giving one's best, regardless of how insignificant a task may seem, goes a long way and speaks to one's character. At the same time, I believe we must appreciate and acknowledge those who have paved the way before us. As a female engineering student, I appreciate the women who made it possible for me to join this discipline that is still largely male dominated. Humility allows us to listen and learn from those who have more expertise or different perspectives.

What is a favorite Samford memory?

Degree/Year

B.S. in biochemistry, 2011

Hometown Nashville, Tennessee

Current

Lead teacher, Liberty Collegiate Academy, and doctoral student at Vanderbilt University

Bonus Fact

Danielle's husband, Stephen, is also a 2011 Samford graduate and a doctoral student at Vanderbilt.

DANIELLE BAILEY

proposed in the lab. One could say there was a lot of chemistry between us.

Why did you join Teach for America (TFA), and how has that experience affected your approach to education?

I joined TFA because every person, regardless of race or gender or socioeconomic status, deserves the opportunity to receive an excellent education. I have seen firsthand that when expectations are raised for all students, they rise to the occasion and meet them. I

> have learned that my greatest success as an educator came from partnering with community members, parents and veteran educators, and knowing each student on a personal level. These partnerships created a support system for my students that expanded far beyond the four walls of my classroom.

How do you encourage students to enjoy and learn from science?

Now that I am earning a Ph.D. in materials science, I have a unique opportunity to expose students, especially girls, to the variety of applications engineering has to offer. Science is meant to be an interactive, hands-on endeavor, and I find that when students engage in science themselves, they not only enjoy it more, but also

learn more, too. Whenever I enter a classroom, my goal is to instill a sense of wonder in all students and transform them into scientists. Curiosity is at the root of discovery. Who is more curious than a child?

I met my husband in the quantitative analysis chemistry lab. After my biochemistry final my senior year, I noticed a sign that said there was a chemistry club meeting. When I walked in the lab, he had transformed it with journal entries we had written and memories we

had shared at Samford. Then, he got down on one knee and

Danielle Bailey's responses have been edited for length. Her profile and other featured alumni and faculty can be found at www.samford.edu/ spotlight.









Birmingham Kitchen Table (BKT), the brainchild of Samford President Andrew Westmoreland and Shelley Stewart, president and CEO of o2ideas, was born in 2008. And the men weren't even dining at the time. They were sharing how each, though separated their entire life by physical distance and cultural norms, really had a lot in common. Their dialogue was akin to sitting around the kitchen table and just talking.

Westmoreland had read Stewart's book, *Road South*, which cataloged the struggles of Stewart during the Civil Rights Era. "It's a compelling story," Westmoreland said. "I could find no discernment of bitterness in the book."

Inspired by their growing relationship, Westmoreland and Stewart set out to establish a venue that would allow others to experience the same openmindedness. Their mission? To create positive change in the world by encouraging dialogue among diverse people.

Their inspiration laid the groundwork for Birmingham Kitchen Table, a volunteer organization that hosts quarterly meetings for dinner and discussion about diverse issues that matter to the community. The first meeting of BKT was in January 2009, and while the idea seems to have reached maturity in six short years, it is still growing.

More than food is served. Hopes and fears are also on the menu. During the eating and discussion, the group seeks to build relationships between people whose paths in life would otherwise most likely never cross.

Attendance averages around 100 and is inclusive as well as intergenerational.

At each meal, the discussion is centered on a specific issue. These have varied over the years to include music, human rights, education, food, the generation gap, social media and the environment.

The most recent meeting was Oct. 21 in the conference room of Sullivan-Cooney Field House on Samford's campus. The discussion topic was budgeting, both family and the state. Previous meetings have been held at such Birmingham venues as the Civil Rights Institute, Railroad Park, Birmingham Zoo and McWane Center.

Has the original intent—to encourage dialogue among diverse people—been

accomplished? While both founders agree that it has, each is quick to point out that the mission is futuristic and will always be needed.

"We are bringing people together," Stewart notes. "We don't say 'brought,' although we have, but we are 'bringing,' and that will always be necessary." He acknowledged that people tell him "all the time" how they were influenced by the meeting.

Likewise, Westmoreland suggests that the hundreds of people who have participated in the events over the years would say that BKT has enabled them to make friends they wouldn't otherwise have met and learned to know.

"Building friendships and learning to listen, at least in my estimation, are two important building blocks for achieving unity," Westmoreland said.

The importance of and need for dialogue, regardless of the subject matter, can best be seen in the friendship that has developed between Stewart and Westmoreland.

"The relationship is most unusual and has increased my faith," Stewart said. He and Westmoreland acknowledged their friendship at one of the first BKT meetings.

"Our differences are completely irrelevant to our friendship," Westmoreland said. "Mostly, we're the same. Shelley and I are friends for life "

A recent incident seemed to bear that out. Stewart was hospitalized from a serious illness following surgery. Once, when alone, Stewart said he noticed Westmoreland sitting in the darkened room in silence. "That meant a lot to me," Stewart said.

Since, Samford has made Stewart an honorary graduate of the Class of 2013, the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Era. Stewart responded, "I am deeply honored to receive this award from Samford University. It's almost like my life has come full circle. I can remember as a homeless kid, I had to hunt for food not far from where Samford sits now. Today, our friendship with Samford is a blessing to me and to the company I represent."

As to the future of the program, both men seemed unconcerned. "Shelley and I agreed when we put this idea together that we wouldn't use it to sell anything or to promote causes or to create PR buzz," Westmoreland said. "It was and remains a simple idea."

Stewart suggested however, that emphasis would be placed on education in future dialogue. "Any way you look at it, education is the key, and always will be."

He cautioned against ranking or rating people. "We are building people. That's what's important, and the future of the effort is promising because it is about people."

Westmoreland added, "We're convinced that good things happen when strangers sit down together and enjoy a meal, without any interference from someone trying to turn the occasion into a social experiment.

"I'll also admit that Shelley and I hope to continue to have fun, though we probably don't need BKT to accomplish that goal," said Westmoreland. **•**



CAMPUS NEWSCOPE

News from Each of Samford's 10 Schools and Colleges



SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Samford University's art department should have a new home by the fall 2015 semester. The university's board of trustees recently gave approval to a plan to renovate space that currently houses maintenance and physical plant facilities into new lofts for visual design.

The new art lofts will bring together fine arts areas of painting, drawing, foundations, ceramics and sculpture, creating a home where students and faculty can explore their talents without limits in an open space that fosters collaboration, according to School of the Arts associate dean Larry Thompson.

"This new environment will enhance the creative work of our students and faculty while opening up possibilities for significant program growth, national accreditation and service to the university," Thompson added.

The facilities operation center is relocating to new space adjacent to the north parking deck.

Both projects have a scheduled opening of August 2015.



HOWARD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

In the annual J. Roderick Davis Lecture sponsored by Howard College of Arts and Sciences, scholar and author

Stephen Post described research that demonstrates connections between compassion for others and one's overall well-being. On a 1-10 scale of treatments for various illnesses, "helping others is about a six or seven," and doesn't require a trip to the drug store, Post said. "This key to health lies within you. That should be pretty good news."

Post described an experiment that tracked the brains of laboratory subjects who were shown lists of causes they might support. The mere act of thinking about supporting those causes stimulated the mesolimbic pathway, "the part of the brain associated with feelings of joy" and the delivery of dopamine, a "happiness hormone."

He also noted that the "golden rule" is "one of the real universal benchmarks of human civility and spirituality and moral excellence," and asks us "how to contribute to the lives of others." But, he said, "beliefs do matter." "The idea that, somehow, there is an ultimate reality of divine love in the universe can sustain my confidence in the power of love long term, even when, on any given day, the world looks pretty nasty."



BROCK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dan Pahos, president of Home Instead Senior Care in Birmingham, recently was named Small Business Executive of the Year at the Birmingham Business Alliance Small Business Awards. Pahos will serve the next year as executive in residence for Brock School of Business.

As executive in residence, he will

speak to entrepreneurship and small business classes, serve as a mentor to students who are Brock Incubator tenants and judge the Regions New Venture Challenge Business Plan Competition next spring.

"We feel very fortunate to work with Birmingham Business Alliance every year on the small-business awards," said Howard Finch, Brock School of Business dean. "Having the Small Business Executive of the Year serve as a mentor to our students is key to our mission of helping students learn from successful business leaders in our community."

Chad Trull, a 2005 accounting graduate, also won the Technology and Biotechnology Business of the Year Award for his company Hospicelink.



BEESON DIVINITY SCHOOL

The life and ministry of 16thcentury English church reformer Thomas Cranmer was highlighted in the annual Reformation

Heritage Lectures hosted by Beeson Divinity School. Peter Adam, Vicar Emeritus of St. Jude's Church, Melbourne, Australia, was speaker.

"Every English-speaking Christian has benefited from the ministry of Thomas Cranmer, whether they know it or not," Adam said of the leader of the English Reformation and one-time Archbishop of Canterbury.

"We know to our cost how easy it is to misunderstand the words of someone we have known and loved for years," Adam said about preaching. "We also know the frustration and anger we feel when someone does not listen to us with close attention and desire to know what we mean. We know the frustration of being misunderstood, misquoted and misrepresented. We should pay attention to the words of others. We should pay attention to the words of God."

Noting that Cranmer's prayers were shaped by Scripture rather than tradition, Adam said, "His focus was on public prayer rather than the individual. 'How shall the church pray?' was his question."



ORLEAN BULLARD BEESON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Mandy Jayne Stanley, a May 2014 graduate, was named the 2014 National Student Teacher of the Year by the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education and the Association of Teacher Education. This is the first time the award has been granted to an Alabama student, and includes a \$1,200 cash prize and national recognition.

The award honors development of instructional strategies that support the needs of all students, classroom management skills, effective interpersonal relationships with students, parents, faculty and staff, and academic accomplishments.

Stanley teaches fourth grade at Charles A. Brown Elementary School in the Birmingham City Schools, and said her future plans include becoming a master teacher and an education research analyst.



SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

The Samford University chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (SUNSSLHA) recently received recognition as a national affiliate of

the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA).

The Samford chapter was established to encourage professional interest in communication sciences and disorders; to provide an opportunity for students to represent the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders on campus and in the community; to engage members in service projects; and to encourage student involvement and representation in matters of professional concern at the state and national level.

Nationwide, NSSLHA has approximately 13,000 members with chapters at more than 300 colleges and universities. Members of the Samford chapter are planning service projects, including building literacy bags for children with communication disorders at the Bell Center.

NSSLHA is the only official national student association recognized by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. NSSLHA is the national organization for undergraduate and graduate students interested in the study of normal and disordered human communication.



CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

Cumberland School of Law and the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC) have announced a unique partnership

for students interested in legal journalism.

Under the partnership, JMC majors can complete their undergraduate program and law degree in a total of six years (three years each). Law faculty will mentor JMC students interested in law and help with teaching of JMC's law and ethics courses. JMC majors also will be invited to participate in Cumberland School of Law events, according to Henry C. Strickland III, Cumberland School of Law dean.

Bernie Ankney, JMC department chair, said that the partnership offers JMC students new career opportunities. "The benefit of this partnership is that JMC majors can finish their undergraduate and law degree in six years," Ankney added. "This will open up jobs in legal journalism, for example, and give JMC students even more career options."



IDA V. MOFFET School of Nursing

Seventy-two bachelor of science in nursing students who began clinical courses during the fall semester were honored recently at the inaugural White Coat Ceremony sponsored by

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing.

Samford was one of only 100 nursing schools nationally, and the only one in Alabama, selected by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing to pilot White Coat Ceremonies for nursing students.

"This ceremony marks the beginning of a lifetime of giving beyond what is required," said nursing dean Eleanor V. Howell in her address to the students. "Compassionate care is a skill you will develop, and it will serve you well. Being able to fully give of yourself is the hallmark of service," she added.

The ceremony included the presentation of a white coat and commemorative pin to each student. The pin serves as a visual reminder of the student's commitment to providing compassionate, patient-centered care and of the nursing poem recited during the ceremony.



McWHORTER SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

McWhorter School of Pharmacy students continue to be recognized for their academic contributions and leadership at the

local, state and national level.

Chase Carpenter, fourth-year pharmacy student, was appointed to the Section Advisory Group (SAG) for Compensation and Practice Sustainability for the Section of Ambulatory Care of Practitioners at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

Adrienne Darby, fourth-year pharmacy student, was selected as one of the 2014 Frances Marlin Mann Leadership and Character Award nominees. These awards recognize students who demonstrate consistent leadership and strong character, including humility, courage, self-control and justice.

Eighteen fourth-year students have had posters accepted for presentation at the ASHP midyear clinical meeting in Anaheim, California, in December.



SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Two students from the experimental foods class in the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics presented their research

at the recent Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics annual meeting.

Charita Lewis, a senior nutrition and dietetics major, conducted a study related to reducing the salt content of oven-baked chicken. The chicken with added salt was preferred over two reduced salt versions, confirming a person's natural affinity for salt. However, for the two reduced salt versions, the one with less salt was preferred in sensory testing. In objective testing, the removal of salt resulted in a more tender piece of chicken. Barbara Rambert, a junior nutrition and dietetics major, assisted Lewis with the research.

Phillip Clickner, a senior sports medicine major and nutrition and dietetics minor, researched the overall acceptance and fiber content of tomato sauces made with a variety of sizes of tomatoes. Making tomato sauce with grape tomatoes added more dietary fiber from skins and seeds than sauce made with Roma or Beefeater tomatoes with skins and seeds. There was no statistical significance among the sauces in acceptability, suggesting that using grape tomatoes for all or part of a tomato sauce recipe can add several important kinds of dietary fiber, including oligosaccharides that act as prebiotics for gastrointestinal health. **D**

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Samford Renames Field House for Sullivans

Samford University has renamed its football field house the Sullivan-Cooney Family Field House to honor Head Coach Pat Sullivan and his

wife, Jean. The Sullivans were honored during a ceremony officially changing the name prior to Samford's Nov. 1 homecoming game.

The building originally opened in 2009 as the Cooney Family Field House. The name change was approved by the Samford University board of trustees.

"The placement of the Sullivan name to a building at Samford University affirms a family relationship that extends more than six decades," said Samford President Andrew Westmoreland. "Beginning with Jerry Sullivan's time here as a student-athlete through the involvement of Pat and Jean today in so many aspects of campus life, the family has been connected with Samford in ways far beyond letters on a building. This is a well-deserved tribute to their enduring commitment to Samford."

The field house was originally named for Birmingham business executive and 1974 Samford graduate Gary Cooney and his family. Cooney, a longtime friend of Sullivan, gave the lead gift that made the building possible.

"I have always felt through athletics it is the relationships that will last for a lifetime," Sullivan

said. "My friendship with Gary Cooney began when we were teammates at John Carroll High School. Gary's generosity and the generosity of others enabled us to build this beautiful football facility.

"It is an honor to add my family's name to the Cooney Family Field House," Sullivan said. "Gary is graciously including my family's name, alongside his, in honoring our past and future



generations. This is very humbling and it makes me very proud."

Sullivan, who recently completed his eighth season at Samford, became the school's winningest football coach with Samford's 34-20 victory over Western Carolina Nov. 8. That marked Sullivan's 46th victory at Samford, surpassing Terry Bowden's 45 wins during 1987–92, and ensured Samford's fourth consecutive winning season.

Soccer Wins SoCon Regular Season

Senior Amanda Abbott scored the biggest goal of her Samford soccer career Oct. 25 as she knocked home the winning tally in a 1-0 decision over Mercer. That win earned Samford the 2014 regular season Southern Conference title, its second in four seasons and sixth conference championship overall under Head Coach Todd Yelton.

The Bulldogs finished the regular season 12-7 overall and 7-2 in the conference. It was the team's ninth 12-win season in 13 years under Coach Yelton. The Bulldogs then defeated The Citadel, 6-0, and East Tennessee State, 2-1, in the first two rounds of the SoCon tournament before losing to Mercer, 2-1, in the title game. The Bulldogs were 14-8 overall. Yelton was named SoCon Coach of the Year for the fourth time. His Samford teams have a 162-74-32 record.

Samford sophomores Jermaine Seoposenwe and Anna Allen were named to the All-SoCon first team. Malcanisha Kelley and Anna Maddox were named to the All-SoCon second team, and Maddox also was selected for the conference All-SoCon freshman team.

Seoposenwe led Samford in scoring with 31 points on nine goals and 13 assists. Abbott had 22 points on 10 goals and two assists, while Kelley totaled 19 points on seven goals and five assists.

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These graduates attended an MK reunion during Homecoming 2012, where they visited with Bill and Audrey Cowley, former career missionaries who later joined the faculty at Samford. The Cowleys served as surrogate parents to scores of MKs attending the school during their 16-year tenure (1977–93) on the faculty.

The 2012 reunion provided the genesis

for the Bill and Audrey Cowley MK Scholarship. In spring 2014, the scholarship fund became part of Samford's Legacy League roster of scholarship funds.

The Cowleys were naturals at nurturing MKs at Samford, who at one time during the 1980s numbered almost 100. For several years in Nigeria, the couple taught in a school that enrolled many children of missionaries. They raised two daughters who studied at Samford: Carol Cowley '78 and Karen Cowley Bergquist '80, who married MK John Bergquist '81, J.D. '92.

"We realized that we were not a substitute for their parents, but we tried to

be of help in any way possible," Bill Cowley said of their relationship with MKs.

The Cowleys, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sept. 3, hope that the scholarship will provide opportunities for more MKs to attend Samford. These students bring a "fresh, challenging, eye-opening worldview to fellow students, their classes and the campus," said Cowley. ▶

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Jan. 16

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Jan. 19

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Jan. 22 Last day of classes, Jan Term

Jan. 23, 25

OperaBirmingham presents *Hamlet*, www.operabirmingham.org

Jan. 26 First day of classes, spring semester

Jan. 26–27

Alabama Baptist Convention Renewal Conference, hosted by Samford

Jan. 27

Alabama Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster and Friends, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, www.alabamasymphony.org

Feb. 12-14

Step Sing

Feb. 17

Alabama Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster and Friends, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, www.alabamasymphony.org

Feb. 19

Legacy League Scholarship Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., The Club, www.samford.edu/legacyleague

Feb. 20-21

Alabama Ballet presents *Cinderella*, 7:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, alabamaballet.org

Feb. 20–21 Nevin Lectures: Sex Trafficking, sponsored by the Theopolis Institute and hosted by Beeson Divinity School, theopolisinstitute.com

Feb. 21

Alabama Symphony Orchestra Classical Masters Concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, www.alabamasymphony.org

Feb. 24–26

Conger Preaching Lectures, hosted by Beeson Divinity School, beesondivinity.com

March 7

Alabama Symphony Orchestra SuperPOPS! presents Rodgers and Hammerstein, 8 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall

March 8, 15

Harlem Globetrotters, 4 p.m., Hanna Center

March 12

Legacy League Membership Meeting, 10 a.m., www.samford.edu/legacyleague

March 16-20

Spring break

March 24

Davis Architects Guest Artist Series presents Brentano String Quartet, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, www.samford.edu/arts

March 24-26

Biblical Studies Lectures, hosted by Beeson Divinity School, beesondivinity.com

March 26

An Evening with Laura Bush, www.samford.edu/education

See page 47 for additional arts events.

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