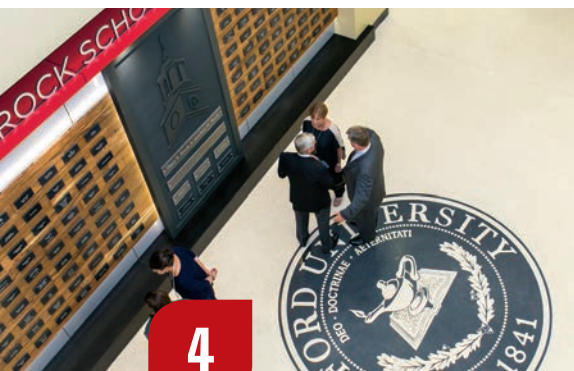


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# Calendar

**Oct. 1**

Legacy League presents Kristen Bowden Sharp, "From Birmingham to Broadway and Back"

**Oct. 2**

Samford Black Alumni Association Gala, 7 p.m., WorkPlay

**Oct. 12-13**

Fall Break; no classes

**Oct. 17**

Preview Day, [samford.edu/admission](http://samford.edu/admission)

Football vs. The Citadel

**Oct. 29**

Roderick Davis Lecture, Joan Breton Connelly, archaeologist and author, 7 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall

Arianna String Quartet and Einav Yarden, Davis Architects Guest Artist Series and Birmingham Chamber Music Society, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall

**Oct. 31**

Preview Day, [samford.edu/admission](http://samford.edu/admission)

Football vs. Furman

**Nov. 6-8**

Homecoming

**Nov. 7**

Football vs. Clark Atlanta

**Nov. 8**

Opera Birmingham, "Catch a Rising Star," 2:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall

**Nov. 23-27**

Thanksgiving Break; no classes

**Dec. 10**

Legacy League Christmas Home Tour

Opera Birmingham, "Home for the Holidays," 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall

**Dec. 12**

Commencement

Opera Birmingham, "Home for the Holidays," 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall

For complete information on these and other events at Samford, including academic, arts, athletics, summer camps and continued learning programs, go to [samford.edu/events](http://samford.edu/events).



# From the President



## Extraordinary Growth Marks Start of Samford's 174th Year

The morning after a preview event at Samford's new business building, I received a note from one of the guests, Paul Carter '89, who wrote, "I couldn't help but think that regardless of how beautiful the new business school is (and it IS!), it pales in comparison to the people that make up our university. Our Samford University family is stronger than we have ever been and we are working tirelessly and with great passion to further: For God. For Learning. Forever."

Samford people are joining together these days to provide an enriched and more vibrant educational experience. An extraordinary season of growth continues as we begin our 174th anniversary session. These are a few highlights:

- **Record enrollment.** This fall semester, the university will welcome the largest, and one of the best prepared, freshman classes in its history; and the total enrollment will top 5,000 for the first time. Students will come from almost all 50 states and approximately three dozen nations. Samford's graduate and professional programs account for much of our enrollment growth over the past decade.
- **Expanding curriculum.** In recent months, our trustees have approved 36 new or restructured academic programs in a wide variety of areas to better serve the needs of our students. A complete listing of these programs is found on [page 3](#).
- **Developing faculty.** This fall, the university has enlisted 44 new full-time faculty members who hold degrees from 64 different institutions of higher learning. They will join a community of talented and committed teachers who are engaged in ongoing research and scholarship.
- **Changing campus.** Samford is opening new and remodeled facilities this year. Along with the completed 80,000-square-foot home for Brock School of Business, the university has transformed a massive facilities services building on the north side of the campus into the Art Lofts to provide studio space for our faculty and students in painting, sculpture, pottery and other visual arts. To enhance the dining choices for our students, the university center cafeteria received extensive remodeling throughout the summer. This year, the university will renovate two newly acquired buildings from Southern Progress Inc. to house our programs in the College of Health Sciences.

We take none of these blessings for granted. Inspired by those who preceded us and grateful for every demonstration of support, we will remain focused on the opportunities that await us.

As always, please keep Samford in your prayers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Andrew Westmoreland". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Andrew Westmoreland  
President

# Samford Enrolls a Record **5,206** Students

**Samford enrolled a record 5,206 students for the start of its 174th year this fall. The number includes the largest freshman class in history (828) and growing enrollments in almost all of Samford's 10 colleges, including its two newest components, the School of Health Sciences and School of Public Health.**

As a result, Samford also has a record 2,317 students residing in university housing.

Samford welcomed 44 new faculty members this fall, including new provost Michael Hardin, who also holds faculty status in Brock School of Business and the School of Public Health.

Samford's 2015 enrollment figures eclipsed records of 4,933 students last fall and 755 freshmen in 2013.

"This record entering freshman class further demonstrates

Samford's competitive position in the higher education market," said Phil Kimrey, Samford's vice president for student affairs and enrollment management.

"The university's approach to integrate academic quality and faculty interaction, Christian perspective, the residential experience and financial value gives Samford a distinct advantage as we recruit students."

Kimrey said several factors have provided momentum recently for Samford, including the formation of the College of Health Sciences, the opening of the new Brock School of Business building and the acquisition of the Southern Progress property on the eastern perimeter of the campus. ▀

## New or Updated Academic Programs February 2013–July 2015

Master of Athletic Training  
Business (graduate minor)  
Christian Education and Missions Concentration  
(Bachelor of Science in Education)  
Communication Sciences and Disorders (Bachelor of Science)  
Communication Sciences and Disorders (undergraduate minor)  
Criminal Justice (Bachelor of Science)  
Dietetic Internship Program Certificate  
Physical Education (Master of Science in Education)  
Educational Leadership (Master of Science in Education)  
Entrepreneurship (undergraduate minor)  
Global Health Concentration (Master of Public Health)  
Health Sciences (Bachelor of Science)  
Liberal Studies (Bachelor of Arts)  
Medical Ethics (undergraduate minor)  
Organizational Leadership (Bachelor of Arts)  
Paralegal Studies (Bachelor of Arts)  
Pharmacy Studies (Bachelor of Science)

Doctor of Physical Therapy  
Policy, Organization and Leadership  
(Master of Science in Education)  
Psychology (Bachelor of Science)  
Public Health (Bachelor of Science)  
Master of Public Health  
Master of Public Health with Dietetic Internship Certificate  
Master of Public Health/Doctor of Pharmacy  
Social Work (Master of Social Work; or fast track 3-2 B.S./M.S.W.  
programs in family studies, food and nutrition, global studies,  
health sciences, psychology, and sociology)  
Speech Language Pathology (Master of Science)  
Sports and Recreation Ministry (undergraduate minor)  
Vocal Performance (Master of Music)  
Western Intellectual Tradition  
(interdisciplinary undergraduate minor)  
Youth Studies (Bachelor of Science)



# MAKING AN IMPACT

## New Cooney Hall Enhances Business Education

**Samford's Brock School of Business this fall moved into its grand new building, Cooney Hall, a "next generation" structure that provides much-needed classroom, office and meeting space for the university and the Birmingham business community.**

Samford's board of trustees approved naming the building for Samford alumnus and Birmingham business executive Gary Cooney, vice chairman of McGriff, Seibels and Williams Inc., a member of the Samford Board of Overseers and a 1974 Samford graduate. Cooney pledged \$12.5 million as the lead gift for the building.

"We are thankful for the many alumni and friends of Samford University who so generously gave to make this building become a reality," said Samford President Andrew Westmoreland. "This extraordinary facility enhances our ability to develop future business leaders in remarkable ways. The innovative and modern spaces for teaching and learning will benefit Samford and the Birmingham business community."

The \$25 million four-story facility features classrooms with advanced

audiovisual capabilities and a portfolio management room with Bloomberg data terminals, a student incubator providing support and facilities for students to launch their own new businesses, and facilities for student independent and collaborative learning.

A breathtaking glass atrium at the center of the structure sets the tone, but according to business Dean Howard Finch, "The real impact . . . will be an exciting learning and meeting environment that fosters outstanding business education for generations to come."

Technology throughout the building enables students and professors to learn at the highest level possible. Microsoft and Apple software and hardware are available throughout the building's classrooms and computer labs.

One of the focal points of the new building is the Regions Community Resource Room that provides much-needed event space. The venue holds more than 350 people in a theater-style setting or 200 for dinners and receptions. It has three audio-visual projection systems and sound systems for conferences and meetings. It is

supported by an enhanced catering kitchen that allows events to take place simultaneously.

Gazing down from the upper levels of the atrium, visitors look upon a lobby area surrounded by donor walls listing the names of those who made the building possible. At the center of the lobby, emblazoned in the terrazzo floor, is a striking reproduction of the Samford seal.

Donor walls are made from the wood of an oak tree that stood on the site of the new building, noted Harry B. Brock III, Samford's executive vice president and vice president for business and financial affairs. He is the son of Harry B. Brock Jr., the longtime Samford trustee for whom the business school is named.

"Like that old oak tree, my dad's spirit will be forever woven into the fabric of this building, this campus, this university and will make a difference in the lives of young people for generations to come," said Harry B. Brock III at the dedication of Cooney Hall Sept. 4. ▀

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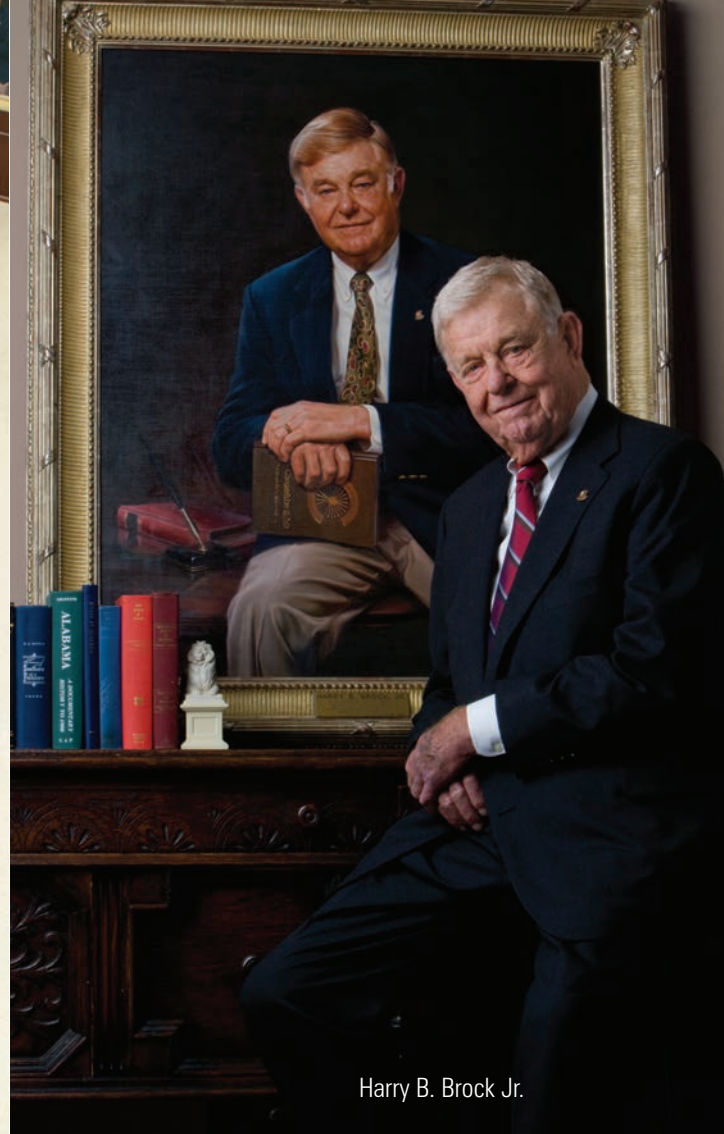
Cooney Hall, new home  
of Samford's Brock  
School of Business







Lobby of new business building



Harry B. Brock Jr.

## Brock Transformed Alabama's Banking Industry

**Harry B. Brock Jr., for whom Brock School of Business is named, was a giant of the banking industry and stalwart trustee of Samford University for more than 50 years.** He transformed the structure of the banking industry in Alabama in the early 1970s, spearheading a multibank holding company concept that laid the foundation for Birmingham to become a major regional banking center. Over the years, he provided leadership and financial support to Samford as a trustee and champion of its business school.

Mr. Brock and a group of his friends opened the first new bank in Birmingham in 18 years on March 2, 1964. From that beginning, he brought Central Bank and State National Bank of Alabama together to form a registered bank holding company. As more banks joined the Central family, the name changed to Central Bancshares of the South Inc. Brock was instrumental in the passage of the Statewide Bank Merger bill in 1980, allowing branching across county lines. With this development, Brock could merge his banks into one bank with branches throughout the state.

In 1987, Central Bancshares bought a bank in Texas, becoming the first bank in Alabama to own a bank in another state and the first out-of-state bank to own a bank in Texas. He named the Texas

bank Compass Bancshares of Texas and later changed the name of the parent organization to Compass Bancshares. Brock served as chairman and CEO of Compass Bancshares and Compass Bank of the South until his retirement in 1991.

Brock gave unstintingly of his time and resources to charitable and civic organizations. No organization benefited more from these endeavors than Samford. Brock was named to the Samford board of trustees in 1962. He served for 53 years, including four years (1985–89) as chairman. He was elected a Life Trustee in 1992.

Brock had a particular interest in business education and the Samford business school. “My desire and vision for the school of business is to be a little different and to find a niche that will help these young people fulfill their dreams,” he said in 2007. The business school was renamed for the legendary banking pioneer that year, becoming Brock School of Business.

Harry Brock died at the age of 89 on July 29. His death came almost on the eve of the opening of a grand new home for Brock School of Business. Classes began in the \$25 million structure August 17. Brock was proud of the building he helped build, but even prouder of the innovative and forward-looking approach to business education that the building represents. ▀

Jamie Gentile's internship at Taziki's led to a full-time job in the company's franchise department.



# Learning Experience, Career Pathway

by William Nunnolley

**Samford finance student Reed Stewart did an internship with an automotive company in Shanghai, China, this summer. He said it was time well spent.**

“Not only did I gain experience in the fields of finance, treasury, business case and plant finance, but I was able to gain insight into the culture of China and how international businesses are run on large scales,” said Stewart.

He said the experience was “extremely useful not only as a learning process, but as an indicator to what career path I would like to pursue.” He found it “a great way to really test what I had learned in the classroom.”

Student Kelsey Clark had similarly valuable experiences. She worked as the Broadway marketing intern at Starlight Theatre in Kansas City, Missouri.

“This internship has allowed me to combine my passions of PR, communication and music, theatre and arts,” said Clark. “I am expanding my skill set by learning in a true working, business environment and from industry professionals.”

Stewart and Clark are among hundreds of Samford students doing internships each year. The experience teaches some valuable lessons. One is how to be ready for the professional world. Students can also learn that what they thought they wanted might not be a good fit.

“If you think in terms of potential teachers doing clinical experiences, nursing students doing practicums, business students interning at an accounting firm, these are all great examples of how on-the-job experiences equip students to be ready for the professional world,” said Ashley McDuff, Samford’s director of experiential education.

McDuff said a survey she conducted showed about 600 Samford students being involved in internships, externships and experiential education during 2013–14. She thinks those numbers might have increased during 2014–15.

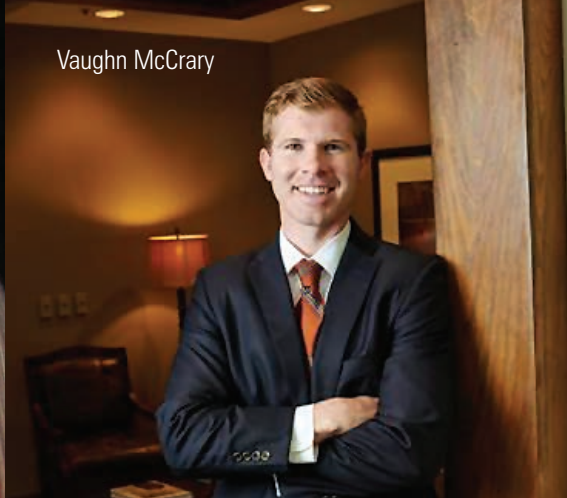
“Besides the experience that is specific to their major/field, the students also learn how to work in a professional environment,” said McDuff. “This is huge. They improve their soft skills (interpersonal, listening, professionalism, communication,

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Kelsey Clark



Vaughn McCrary



Ashley Thomas



adaptability) and also expand their network for future opportunities.”

While internships have the potential of leading to job offers, “the hands-on pre-professional experience gained from the academic internship experience is the goal,” said Carrie Anna Pearce, director of the academic internship program for Samford’s Brock School of Business.

Vaughn McCrary, a 2014 business graduate, said internships are one of the best ways to figure out what you want to do after graduation. “In my internships, I was able to contribute significantly because of the skills Samford had prepared me with,” he said.

McCrary did two internships, one with a health care startup in Birmingham and the other with PricewaterhouseCooper’s Consumer Finance Group in New York City.

“For me and many others, Samford not only provided those opportunities, but armed us with the confidence and capabilities to strike out on our own, identify and pursue the internships that we wanted.”

McCrary is now working for Founders Investment Banking in Birmingham in a finance-oriented role.

Jamie Gentile, a 2015 business graduate, completed internships with an

online store and with Taziki’s Mediterranean Café. “I was able to apply concepts learned in the classroom to real-world scenarios, get hands-on experience and become comfortable in professional environments,” she said. Since graduating, Gentile has worked as an analyst and talent acquisition coordinator in the Taziki’s franchise operations department.

Pearce stresses that, for all students, the goal of the internship experience “is to provide an opportunity for personal discernment of skills and interests as applied in the workplace and the opportunity to test career decisions.”

A total of 95 to 100 percent of Brock School of Business grads have found placement in jobs or graduate school for the past few years. Business faculty believe the internship experience is “a primary factor” in the success of students to find that first career opportunity, said Pearce.

Journalism and mass communication students “grow professionally” in their internships, said assistant professor Lee Farquhar. “They build skills, learn how a professional work environment operates, network and produce work for their portfolios. It is both exciting and frightening.”

Farquhar said internships can turn into first jobs, or teach students lessons about

what they don’t want to do, “which can be equally valuable.”

Yvonne Thomas, a journalism and mass communication major with a broadcast concentration, has done three internships. “Each experience has given me a different perspective on the business,” she said. This summer, she was production assistant with the weekday morning *Talk of the Town* show in Nashville, Tennessee, floor directing the entire show. “Every day, I’m taking steps to become a better reporter,” she said, “and I have my internship experiences to thank for that.”

Sydney Cromwell, a 2015 journalism and mass communication graduate, interned with a small newspaper publishing company as a junior. She thought it would provide a good chance to build her résumé.

“I enjoyed my work and coworkers there much more than I had anticipated,” she said. She returned for another semester and then worked full time during the summer. By the end of the following semester, she had accepted the company’s part-time job offer.

“By interning with a small company, I was given more responsibilities and more mentoring to grow professionally. I also had the chance for my abilities to stand out. By sticking around for two years as an unpaid



Reed Stewart



Yvonne Thomas

or part-time journalist, I proved my worth and persistence.”

Upon graduation, the company hired her full time.

Eric Mathis, assistant professor of music and worship, likens internships to the historical model of an apprenticeship, “a master teaching a trade to a student.” He believes the practice is “revitalizing itself as a prominent and valuable pedagogical model” in which teacher and student learn from each other.

Mathis believes most students majoring in music and worship “learn the most important practices of ministry” in the two semesters they spend studying under the tutelage of seasoned ministers of music and worship leaders. “There are things the classroom simply cannot simulate, such as the pastoral care that music can bring,” he said.

He added that most internships in his field become stepping stones to full-time jobs after graduation.

Experiential education is a requirement for pharmacy students. They apply for an externship/internship license with the Alabama Board of Pharmacy at the start of their first year. They complete a certain amount of work in community pharmacies, hospital-related environments, general

internal medicine and other specialized settings during each of their four years of pharmaceutical study.

“Preceptors who are either clinical faculty members of McWhorter School of Pharmacy or pharmacists at practice sites teach our students in experientials,” said Patricia Naro, director of the experiential program for Samford’s McWhorter School of Pharmacy. “These pharmacists, many of whom are alumni, are required to take selected continuing education, submit their CV [curriculum vitae] and complete additional information about their practice in order to be appointed as an affiliate clinical instructor of pharmacy practice with Samford University.”

Ashley Waddell Thomas, a 2014 pharmacy graduate, said she had the opportunity to visit many different pharmacy settings and work under dozens of talented clinical pharmacists as a student. Seeing different sites helped her narrow down the areas of pharmacy she liked best.

“I found these experiences invaluable,” she said. “Taking medicine from the classroom to a patient is a difficult transition, and having these clinical rotations allowed me to have a very smooth transition.”

She said she left all the rotations being

“much more interested” in the subject. “I never disliked a rotation but may have discovered it wasn’t my area of expertise. However, I still found the site interesting.”

Thomas is currently doing a residency at the Tennessee Valley Healthcare Systems Veteran’s Administration Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

Many Samford programs offer internship opportunities of one kind or another. They provide learning experiences and can lead to career pathways. “Take up as many internship opportunities as you can,” advised journalism and mass communication student Madison Miles. “They help you gain confidence and life lessons that can really help when it comes time to interview for a full-time job.” ▮

*If your company or business would like to post an internship or other job opportunity for Samford students, please go to [hiresamford.com](http://hiresamford.com).*

*See Career Development Center ad on page 36.*

*See page 26 for additional internship information.*

# Todd Carlisle

Enjoyed Samford's 'Great Mix of History and Business' by Mary Wimberley



**Todd Carlisle has excelled in his career while never ignoring his faith life, making him a fine example of the type of scholar and true Christian that Samford can produce.**

As chief executive officer and cochair of the privacy and data security practice group at Birmingham's Sirote & Permutt law firm, the 1988 Samford graduate and 1991 Cumberland School of Law graduate advises clients in diverse industries that include insurance, financial services, technology, health care and real estate.

An elder at Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Carlisle is also deeply engaged in Birmingham's Christian Service Mission ministry and other faith-based groups.

Those attributes, coupled with long-standing service and support of his alma mater, helped earn Carlisle recognition as a 2015 Samford Alumnus of the Year. He and other honorees, including his wife and former classmate, Karen Duncan Carlisle, will be saluted at the homecoming banquet Nov. 6.

Other than a year as a law clerk with U.S. Federal district judge Edwin L. Nelson and eight years as cofounder of Highland

Capital Holding Corporation, Carlisle has spent his entire professional career at Sirote.

"I remember my parents suggesting law to me as a career in junior high. I never seriously considered any other vocation," recalled Carlisle, who grew up in Jacksonville, Florida.

Samford came on Carlisle's radar when he toured the campus with his high school church choir. "I was intrigued and came back for a scholarship day several months later," Carlisle said.

Early in his freshman year, on Sept. 2, 1984 — he remembers exactly — a friend introduced him to Karen Duncan, "a cute freshman girl from Ocala, Florida," at a football game.

Although they did not date until graduate school, they built a friendship based on common activities on campus and at church. Married in 1989, they have three children, Mary Beth and Caroline, both Samford students, and Will, a high school junior.

"I loved my time in the classroom at Samford and Cumberland," Carlisle said.

"My public administration degree provided a great mix of history and business, which has been very helpful," he said. Professors Don Wilson, Jim Brown and Bill Collins challenged him to think and explore new ideas, which the analytical work of his profession demands.

"In law school, Mike Debow's corporate finance class gave me the foundation for the securities/mergers and acquisitions work that became the foundation of my law practice," said Carlisle, who is also a member of the firm's corporate and tax practice group.

As an undergraduate, he was involved in Campus Outreach interdenominational ministry, Genesis Project and other activities. After several years on the debate team, he

transitioned into student government activities and was elected student body president.

"SGA provided a great opportunity to learn about serving others, which has been helpful to me in various civic activities today," said Carlisle. He treasured the opportunity to work with then-Samford President Thomas Corts, who became "a great friend, mentor and encourager."

"Serving through SGA also cemented my love for the school, and my passion to serve Samford in whatever way possible," said Carlisle, who, while at law school, was a member of the *Law Review*, Research Board and International Law Society.

He serves on Samford's Howard College of Arts and Sciences advisory board and served on the Alumni Association advisory board. He and Karen are longtime supporters of campus activities, such as Step Sing and athletic contests.

His leadership touches the community through his service on the boards of United Way of Central Alabama and Campus Outreach Ministries, and as a member of the Rotary Club of Birmingham.

Carlisle is a member of the board of trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, which impacts students, faculty and administration at higher education institutions from Texas to Virginia. The experience has meant quality time with Samford president and SACS board chair Andrew Westmoreland, who Carlisle appreciates for the "valuable contribution he is making as a servant leader at Samford."

Carlisle sees the university's commitment to excellence in the classroom and in athletics while maintaining a distinctively Christian culture as what sets it apart from other schools.

"We were blessed richly by our time as students — academically, socially and spiritually," he said. ▀

## Her Time at Samford ‘Pivotal,’ Says Karen Carlisle

by Mary Wimberley



**Karen Duncan Carlisle treasures the relationships that nurtured her as a Samford student.**

“When I try to communicate Samford’s main strength to someone—such as a prospective student or a new Samford parent—I almost always come back to the nurturing environment that Samford provides,” said Carlisle, a member of the Class of 1988.

“I was nurtured through my time at Samford by faculty, administrators, mentors and fellow students. And, I feel that was something I was taught to do as well during my time there.”

As a physical therapy professional, loyal Samford alumna, active church worker and now a Samford parent, she has consistently paid forward her thanks for what she received at her alma mater.

Her many supportive acts to Samford, her faith and church life have led to her being named a 2015 Alumna of the Year. She will be recognized with other honorees at the homecoming banquet Nov. 6.

Mentoring college students and young adults, which she and her husband, 1988 classmate Todd Carlisle, have long done at

Birmingham’s Briarwood Presbyterian Church, is a large part of her life.

“I know that must be because our time at Samford was such a pivotal time in our lives. God provided us with some great professors, mentors, friends, churches and other opportunities that made our college years a time of real growth academically, socially and most importantly, spiritually.”

She has been a Class Agent and member of the 25th anniversary reunion committee, and is a member of the Legacy League and Birmingham Area Parents Association.

“I love how Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland and the other leaders have been very intentional in finding deserving students to be recipients of

Legacy League scholarships,” said Carlisle, who has coordinated dinner gatherings and made gift bags for the students. “Getting to know them has been very rewarding, and it’s very bittersweet when they graduate.”

Her own Samford experience began as a child of 1966 Samford graduates Clarence and Fran Duncan. They had transferred to Samford as married students and were in the first class to receive Samford University diplomas. “I grew up hearing of their wonderful days at Samford,” Carlisle said.

After moving to Florida at age four and attending a public high school in Ocala, Carlisle liked the idea of a small Christian college in a larger city such as Birmingham. Wanting a career in health care, perhaps medicine, she majored in biology. Academic advisers helped her realize that her interest in medicine extended to teaching and counseling. All were aspects of physical therapy.

She earned a master’s degree in physical therapy from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and for about 15 years helped coordinate Samford’s pre-physical therapy externship program.

As a student, she was a residence assistant in Vail Hall, which at the time housed women from all class years. “That was probably the highlight of my college experience—living with so many friends and hanging out with each other late each night,” said Carlisle, who in her junior year won the Friendliest Female Student Award that was presented at Step Sing.

“Samford is a place where it is very easy to be friendly,” she notes, adding that the other friendliest award recipients that year were two of her favorite professors, Mabry Lunceford (religion), and Charlotte Freeman (education), and a close friend, Pat Eddins. “That made it even more special.”

She gave campus tours as part of the Genesis Project, similar to today’s Samford Ambassadors program, and enjoyed a Jan Term stay at the London Study Centre. “That was my first time to go overseas, and I loved my time there,” said Carlisle. A special highlight was her involvement in Campus Outreach (CO) interdenominational ministry.

“The things I learned in weekly meetings, summer beach projects and everyday interactions with Christian friends are still blessing my life today,” she said. Her husband, Todd, was also involved in CO.

“Even though we weren’t dating in college, we have common memories from our involvement with CO,” said Carlisle. The couple, who had met at a football game their freshman year, started dating when both were in graduate school. They have three children, Mary Beth, a Samford senior nursing major; Caroline, a sophomore math major, and Will, a junior at Briarwood Christian School.

Their daughters spent part of the summer on Campus Outreach-sponsored mission trips. “We never would have imagined that our children would be doing some of the very things we were doing and being blessed so much.” ■

# Larry Cox

## Delights in Supporting Samford by Mary Wimberley



**Larry Cox has been a loyal alumnus from the time he earned his diploma in 1972, never ceasing to maintain contact with his former football teammates and coaches.**

**Besides personally encouraging former athletes to engage with the school, he undergirds the university through service and financial support.**

The opportunity to play on a college football team grows a special dedication to one another, said Cox, a dentist with offices in Phil Campbell and Hamilton, Alabama. "It is special it is, it is indescribable and it never ever goes away," Cox said of the unity on the 1971 team that, under head football coach Wayne Grubb, defeated Ohio Wesleyan 20-10 to win the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl and claim the NCAA Division II national championship for the east region. That enduring team spirit and loyalty to his alma mater were major factors in Cox's being named a 2015 Alumnus of the Year. He will be honored at the homecoming banquet on Friday, Nov. 6.

It will not be Cox's first time to be applauded for his efforts. In 2012, he was chosen as Samford's honoree to receive the

Southern Conference Distinguished Service Award. At the league's honors dinner in Asheville, North Carolina, Cox was cited for his involvement in the athletics annual giving program through the Bulldog Club, his major gifts toward completion of the Sullivan-Cooney Family Field House, and his service on the Samford Athletic Foundation executive council and as president of the Lettermen's "S" Club. He has also assisted with funds for the J. T. Haywood indoor baseball hitting facility. While his generosity of time and funds leans mostly to athletic programs, he encourages other alumni to help in whatever way speaks to them.

"Every graduate has a very special opportunity to give back, in some form, help for the future of our university," said Cox, who remembers feeling at home from his first day as a student. "The beautiful campus was an alluring sight to me. I was comfortable there. Everyone that I met seemed to be working hard to achieve a better life."

Cox enrolled in Samford on a football scholarship after lettering in four sports and earning academic honors at Cullman County High School. Recruited by then Samford head football coach John Lee Armstrong, the 165-pound freshman tight end quickly learned to respect the leader's kindness and fairness.

"Coach Armstrong was a father figure to me, as he was with all the other first-year recruits. He was very knowledgeable about the game of football, but he put his own personal touch to the way he cared for the players," Cox said.

During his five-year Samford football career that included a redshirt season, each team had its own personality and capabilities, he said, but the 1971 team that went 9-1 was different. "We were brothers joined

by a common core with the belief that we could beat anyone on any day. We were not individuals. We were a team. We expected to win. We stood up for each other, on and off the field," Cox said.

Cox was a second generation Bulldog. His father, the late Royce B. Cox, Class of 1958, was a high school math teacher, principal and coach who played football at Samford in the 1950s.

"I still have a yearbook that shows the coaches and team he played on. He was extremely proud that I attended and played at his alma mater. He and mom never missed a game, whether it was in another state or at home, come rain or storm," said Cox.

The math major who minored in English was active in Sigma Nu fraternity and the Math Club. He met his wife, the former Debbie Ann McCombs, at Samford. They have two sons, Garret, a 2000 Samford math graduate, and Martin; and two granddaughters, Caroline Bessane, 4, and Cecilia Mariella, 2.

Cox's original plan was to play two years for the Bulldogs and then apply to engineering school at Auburn University.

That changed after chatting with a buddy who had just entered dental school.

"He told me that I should consider dentistry," recalled Cox, who liked the idea and had no trouble retaining his football scholarship for his final two years. He graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry in 1975.

The dentistry profession has been satisfying. "Nothing is routine. Every patient, every procedure is unique," said Cox, who offers a variety of dental services to adults and children. Active at Grace Life Baptist Church in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, he enjoys hiking and water recreation, and "doing anything that involves my grandchildren and my children," said Cox. ▀



# Andrew R. Patterson

## Believes in Getting Out from behind His Computer

by Mary Wimberley



**As Andrew R. Patterson observes his 10th anniversary as a Samford University alumnus, he also celebrates the ways his college experience has defined his life since graduation.**

With that sense of gratitude, the 2005 Brock School of Business graduate has started early to be an involved alumnus who gives back.

“I am where I am today because of individuals giving back to Samford,” said Patterson, citing professors and classroom speakers who laid the groundwork for his success as a partner and executive vice president at Shannon Waltchack LLC, a Birmingham commercial real estate agency.

A member of the Shannon Waltchack team since its inception in 2005 and a principal in the company since 2010, Patterson oversees property management and deals in investment sales, leasing and tenant representation.

He was named Birmingham Association of Realtors’ 2006 Rookie of the Year for sales in excess of \$8 million and in 2010 was a Top Producer for the Development Division. He was named to the *Birmingham Business Journal’s* 2015 Top 40 Under 40 list.

Those and other accomplishments,

including his involvement with Brock School of Business, contributed to his selection as this year’s Outstanding Young Alumnus. He and other alumni honorees will be recognized during homecoming weekend Nov. 6–7.

His award was inaugurated in 2009 to honor a graduate of the past 10 years for outstanding professional achievement, community and church involvement, and ongoing service to and financial support of Samford. Patterson excels in all those criteria.

President of the Alabama chapter of Certified Commercial Investment Members (CCIM) and treasurer of the state chapter of the Institute of Real Estate Management, he is a member of local, state and national realtors associations and the International Council of Shopping Centers. He was Certified Property Manager of the Year in 2012.

He serves on the Lifeline Children’s Services leadership board and the Brock School of Business Entrepreneurship, Management and Marketing advisory board. Patterson encourages other young graduates to participate similarly.

“You can go broke sitting behind a computer, so it’s important to get out and meet people if you want to be successful in your profession,” he said.

The Pi Kappa Phi fraternity member served as Student Government Association special events chair and vice president of the senate and was a member of the LEAD Scholars program, which he said helped him hone critical leadership skills.

“Education, coupled with service opportunities and leadership development is a unique part of the Samford experience,” said Patterson, who chose Samford because he wanted a small private university no more than four hours from his hometown of Nashville, Tennessee.

“Samford offered me a Presidential Scholarship, and it was a perfect fit,” said

Patterson, who was joined at Samford by four high school classmates, including Bridget Officer, who became a 2005 business graduate and his wife.

Fascinated by new development, real estate and construction from a young age, he earned his real estate license while a student. “I knew that was a career path I wanted to pursue and having this credential helped set me apart as I was talking to people about a career in real estate,” said Patterson, who also credits business professors Betsy Holloway and Barbara Cartledge with his quick start in the profession.

“They connected me with local commercial real estate professionals who were willing to invest time and energy in me and give me prescient advice,” he said. “The connections helped solidify what I wanted to do after graduation and ultimately led me to where I am today.”

One of those connections was 1996 alumnus Derek Waltchack, who Patterson met when the entrepreneur spoke to a class about commercial real estate. A few weeks later, Waltchack offered Patterson a job with him and Len Shannon, who became founding partners of Shannon Waltchack.

“Had he [Waltchack] not given back to Samford by speaking to one of our classes, my career path would have been completely different,” Patterson said.

The company frequently hosts Samford student interns. “Investing in Samford students both financially and with our time has been extremely rewarding and fruitful,” said Patterson, who also speaks to Samford business classes.

Patterson is an avid cheerleader for Birmingham. “I am a big believer in our city and am proud to play a small part in helping move our region forward,” he said.

He and Bridget, members of Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, have three children: William Andrew, 6, Caroline Marie, 3, and Margaret Elizabeth, born in April 2015. ▀

A stylized illustration of a mountain range in shades of blue and grey, with a white sunburst behind the peaks. Orange diagonal lines radiate from the top and sides, creating a sunburst effect.

# CHANDLER MOUNTAIN

by Katie Stripling

## Nursing School Offers Hope and Health Care to Migrant Farm Workers and their Families

**Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing's relationship with migrant farm workers and their families began 15 years ago with a phone call to Jane Martin, nursing school senior associate dean.**

The individual painted a picture that included children and pregnant women, some of them severely ill, working in tomato fields under the harshest conditions in the heat of the summer, without a single hope for medical care or assistance. The description mirrored what you might imagine in developing countries, but the reality was that this way of life was playing out less than an hour away from Samford's campus in the Chandler Mountain area of northeast Alabama.

For 10 years, the nursing school demonstrated the Samford mission by providing an array of health care and humanitarian services to migrant farmers and their families in Chandler Mountain, but funding was eventually depleted and the school had to discontinue services in the area.

"We never forgot about the need that existed in Chandler Mountain, we just had to wait for the right time to re-engage," said Martin. "When the College of Health Sciences was formed, we knew that the timing was perfect to re-establish our partnerships and not only resume services, but expand them," she added.

Thanks to grants from the Hugh and Charlotte Maclellan Charitable Trust and the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing mobilized a team to return to the area for the first time in five years. Under the leadership of Martin and Andrea Collins, assistant professor in the nursing school, faculty and students from all four schools within the College of Health Sciences and an array of community volunteers spent four days in July offering health care, education and hope to migrant farmers and their families.

According to Collins, services were provided to nearly 300 children and adults in four locations — the East Coast Migrant

Head Start Center, the Migrant Summer School in Steele, Alabama, and two roadside clinics for adults. Nursing, pharmacy and nutrition faculty, as well as Samford Spanish majors serving as translators, were present at each event.

At the Head Start Center, nursing students and faculty provided physical exams and government required health screenings for children six weeks to five years old. Samford's Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders conducted teacher training that offered new ways to make educational activities fun and engaging for children of all ages. Prior to the trip, communication sciences and disorders students prepared literacy bags, including books written in Spanish and English and educational toys for teachers and parents of the children to use to facilitate language learning.

"The teachers were so grateful for the new materials and methods," said Margaret Johnson, chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. "In



fact, I went to borrow one teacher's basket to show something to her neighbor and she wanted to make sure I would be returning it. It was important to her that she had the materials she needed for her children," added Johnson.

Children kindergarten through eighth grade received the physical exams needed for them to enroll in school in the fall at the Migrant Summer School. They also participated in nutrition education activities led by faculty and students from Samford's Department of Nutrition and Dietetics. Sav-A-Life and McElwain Baptist Church's puppet ministry also presented programs.

Each evening, at the conclusion of the farmers' workday, roadside clinics opened to meet the needs of the farmers and their adult relatives. The clinics offered free primary care services and health screenings as well as nutrition education and counseling. For many of the participants, this was their first encounter in decades with a health care provider.

"It's unclear who benefits most from these activities — the individuals served or the students and faculty who volunteer," said Collins. Students gain valuable insight into caring for vulnerable populations, and they learn to work together to solve complex problems.

"It's a mission trip less than an hour away," said Courtney McAlister, a student in Samford's Family Nurse Practitioner program. "My experiences here mirror what others have described from international mission trips. I have been given the opportunity to think outside hospital walls and traditional clinics, and to use my skills and knowledge to serve an often overlooked population. For that, I'm grateful," she added.

The interprofessional nature of the work in Chandler Mountain is a strong example of the types of learning experiences the College of Health Sciences seeks to provide its students. "Any time you can expose students to the roles and

responsibilities of another profession and learn from each other, patient care is ultimately improved. We believe that together, we are stronger," said Johnson.

Chandler Mountain provides the perfect setting for students to live out the Samford mission while gaining experience caring for individuals from a different culture, who speak a different language, explained Martin. "It is important that we continue to provide services for this invisible population of people. The families there are sacrificing themselves to try to provide better opportunities for their children, which is no different from what I've always wanted for my own family," she added. ▀

*Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing hopes not only to continue services in 2016, but to increase the number of services offered and the length of time spent in the area. To support the Chandler Mountain project, please go to [samford.edu/give](http://samford.edu/give).*



Brian Toone

# PUSHING TO THE ABSOLUTE LIMIT

by William Nunnelley

## Toone Tackles Biking's Race Across America

**Although sightseeing was not his first priority, Samford computer science professor Brian Toone viewed some striking vistas during his 3,004-mile bicycle Race Across America in June.**

"During the day, the views in Colorado climbing Wolf Creek Pass (10,800 feet) and LaVeta Pass (9,500 feet) with 14,000-foot snow-covered peaks filling the view were spectacular," he said. "Further east, it was awesome to hit Missouri as the terrain and vegetation started to match that of Alabama."

On the East Coast, "western Maryland with huge ridges and long drops down into valleys" were the most scenic, he said.

Toone completed the exhausting race from Oceanside, California, to Annapolis, Maryland, in 10 days, 14 hours and 20 minutes to finish seventh in the men's solo category. He started June 16 and finished June 27. He told *al.com* the race "pushes you to the absolute limit of what you can endure."

You ride day and night, Toone said, grabbing a few hours of rest as you can and, in the California and Arizona deserts, avoiding the scorpions, spiders, rats, snakes and rabbits crossing the road ahead of you in the darkness.

"Sleep was probably one of the biggest challenges of the race," Toone said. "I struggled with heat exhaustion early in the race, so I got some extra sleep (3–4 hours) during the afternoon of the second day. After that, I averaged about two hours of sleep per night."

Some nights he had three hours and others as little as 30 minutes. Several times, he fell asleep while riding. He arrived at the finish line in the morning and slept all day before the awards ceremony that night.

Toone has been racing bicycles 22 years, since he was a junior in high school.

"A friend invited me to borrow his dad's mountain bike and ride with him at Oak Mountain," he recalled. "We had a fun time, and a few days later, a different friend found a flyer for a mountain bike race up in Sewanee, Tennessee. Once I did that first mountain bike race, I was hooked."

Back at home, Toone rides daily to keep in shape and takes part in organized events such as Samford's Old Howard 100 Bike Ride when he can. For the most recent Old Howard in April, he rode his bike to Marion, Alabama, completed the 100-mile event, then rode back home — a total of 302 miles the same day.

"I ride everywhere," he told *Velo* bike racing magazine, which did a feature story on him in July. Both distance and elevation are important to cyclists. Toone had averaged 95 miles and 11,114 feet of climbing per ride for the early months of 2015, according to *Velo*.

He often adds distance and elevation on short trips by taking roundabout routes to his destination. For example, he might take a ride that adds 100 or so miles to his regular route home from campus, which is 7–10 miles.

"I recently rode from home to Samford by way of Mount Cheaha," he said. Mount Cheaha is about 85 miles east of Birmingham.

Looking ahead, Toone wants to ride in a 150-mile winter mountain bike race near his wife's hometown in Wisconsin during the Christmas break. He might also try the Iditarod bike race in Alaska at some point. Plus, he's taking a look at entering the Race Across America again to put into practice the lessons he learned this year.

Toone joined the Samford faculty in 2005, and recently started his 11th year at the school. He teaches a variety of computer courses, but software engineering is his specialty. ▀

# Petrella, Martin Win Awards at Opening Convocation

by Mary Wimberley

**John Petrella, an associate professor of kinesiology in Samford's School of Health Professions, was named winner of the John H. Buchanan Award for excellence in teaching at the start of the fall semester Aug. 18.**

Petrella was cited for his background and passion for research, which provides exceptional opportunities for his students. For three consecutive years, his undergraduate students have won prestigious research awards at the Southeast American College of Sports Medicine annual meeting. The Buchanan winner is chosen by a vote of the previous spring's senior class.

"While his accomplishments are impressive, it is his heart for serving others that outshines all other accolades," said Samford Provost Michael Hardin in a video presentation. "He is sought after as a mentor by students and faculty for his wisdom and advice, and because they know he cares about them, their success and, most importantly, about what God is calling them to be," Hardin said.

Petrella holds a bachelor's degree from Georgia Institute of Technology, and master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Georgia. He joined the Samford faculty in 2007 and in 2010 became a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine.

Glenda Martin, administrative assistant to the dean in Howard College of Arts and Sciences, received the Bill Nunnelley Award in recognition of outstanding job performance by a staff member. She was cited for her invaluable service in all phases of administration, including budgeting and planning, student registration, facilities planning and maintenance, supervision of support staff, alumni relations and more.

Considered a university resource who is often consulted by other units, she serves on the Staff Advisory Council and is known for offering creative solutions to difficult problems.

"She is a person of great humility, with a reputation for honesty, fairness and persistence," Samford President Andrew Westmoreland said of Martin, who is in her 31st year as a Samford employee.

Martin's award, formerly called the President's Award for Staff Excellence, was renamed this year by vote of the board of trustees to



John Petrella and Glenda Martin

honor longtime Samford public relations director and editor Bill Nunnelley, a Samford alumnus and 50-year employee of the school.

In addition to Martin, other nominees for the award were Debbie Crowson, Student Records; Yolanda Long, Brock School of Business; Elizabeth Primm, Office of Admission; Ruth Holt, Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education; and Brad Radice, Office of Marketing and Communication.

In his opening-of-school address, Westmoreland shared insight from the parable of the sower, the first of the New Testament parables forming the theme for the fall semester's regular convocation series.

Westmoreland based his remarks on the parable from Matthew chapter 13, in which some seeds fell by the wayside, some fell upon stony places or among thorns, and others fell to good ground and brought forth fruit. In the "beautifully simple" passage, Westmoreland said, Jesus succinctly offers four conditions of life: three that can lead to problems and one that can lead to fulfillment.

"We each have the capacity to have all four," he said. ▀

# Center for Congregational Resources Training Strategists to Help Churches

**Samford University's newly named Center for Congregational Resources (CCR) is moving forward in its expanded program of providing clergy and churches the resources to advance congregational ministry.**

Funded by an \$800,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc., the program provides resource strategists to help congregations identify and address a wide variety of needs. It provides other benefits as well.

The CCR — formerly the Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence — opened its program at Samford in August by training a team of resource strategists who will provide the new services to churches. The program is patterned after methods used by the Indianapolis Center for Congregations, which is also funded by the Lilly Endowment and works with Indiana congregations.

“The role of our strategists will be similar to that of a coach,” said Michael K. Wilson, CCR director. “They build relationships with small groups of congregational leaders, helping them to use their own initiative and creativity to respond to their challenges or opportunities.”

The Indianapolis center coordinates a Resource Consulting Network of six organizations around the country that provide resources and services to congregations using the Indianapolis center as a model. The Samford program is one of the six centers.

“The resourcing needs of congregations vary widely depending on context, and each congregation’s unique challenges and opportunities,” said Wilson. “These needs can be of a practical nature such as long-range or strategic planning, a pastor search, volunteer enlistment and training, financial stewardship, or space utilization issues, to name a few. In other cases, resourcing needs may be more

philosophical in nature, for example, assessing core values and the implications these values have on future mission and ministry.”

Wilson noted that congregations “typically look externally” to find assistance specific to an area of mission and ministry. “Fortunately, or more often unfortunately, a dizzying array of programs, services, coaches, consultants and agencies exists a click away that range widely in suitability, flexibility and cost,” he said.

In most cases, he added, “it is very difficult to verify the credentials or purported outcomes of these resources.”

Samford’s team of resource strategists is area wide, said Wilson, and includes several denominations — Southern, National and Cooperative Baptists; Episcopal; Church of Christ; and United Methodist. He said representatives of additional denominations

would be added in coming months.

In addition to providing resource strategists, the CCR will help congregations by providing a resource library and guide, access to an online database of vetted resources, educational seminars and workshops, grants for clergy Sabbath leaves, grants to help clergy purchase resources, and general research that would benefit churches.

“We want to help congregations and their ministers thrive,” said Wilson. The CCR’s new mission statement reflects this goal: “We come alongside communities of faith and their leaders helping them chart a course toward fulfilling their God-given mission.” ▸

*For more information, go to [samford.edu/congregational-resources](http://samford.edu/congregational-resources).*



Clark Skelton discusses CCR strategy.

A detailed marble relief sculpture depicting a muscular man riding a horse. The man is shown from the waist up, with a highly defined physique, wearing a draped garment over his left shoulder. He is seated on a horse that is captured in a dynamic, galloping pose. The background is a plain, light-colored stone surface.

**Memory and Values:  
Archaeologist Connelly  
to Present Davis Lecture  
Oct. 29**



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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



**As we enter a new election cycle, we are once again hearing the words “liberal” and “conservative” bandied around.** These terms have a very different meaning in an academic context, and I often find myself explaining that a “liberal” education is not a form of indoctrination, but is, in fact, about liberating the mind. Many of our advances in science and medicine meant abandoning traditional beliefs. To name a few examples, we don’t use garlic cloves to frighten away evil spirits or use bloodletting to treat a fever. The academic mindset means being willing to put our ideas to the test and listen to opposing points of view.

At the same time, our educational institutions are the primary vehicle for conserving the past and transmitting our intellectual heritage to the next generation.

In Howard College of Arts and Sciences, we have been committed to Christian formation and intellectual development since the college was founded in 1841. We maintain that mission through a strong core curriculum program that asks every student to engage with great philosophers, theologians, artists and poets. Although science and technology are constantly changing, we have much to learn from the ancients about the human condition. In an age when some university catalogs are loaded with fads and frills, we still insist there is a common body of knowledge that students should know. Our majors build on this foundation to explore the best in contemporary thought — from critical theories to scientific breakthroughs.

This fall, we’ve invited Joan Breton Connelly, recipient of a Macarthur “Genius” Award, to speak on the ancient Greeks. We’re also in the process of producing a John Howard statue to honor the great Christian philanthropist who spent his life improving prison conditions. You’ll read more about both of these activities in this issue of Collegium. The point of exploring our history is not to create masters of Trivial Pursuit. We remember the lives of great people and accomplishments of great civilizations that have gone before us because they can inspire us to do more and to be better. In the words of William Faulkner, “The past is never dead. It’s not even past.”

David W. Chapman

**Faculty Notes**

Howard College of Arts and Sciences welcomes 12 new faculty in nine departments this year:

Brad C. Bennett, assistant professor of biological and environmental sciences  
Ph.D., biochemistry, University of Tennessee

Timothy A. Best, assistant professor of history  
Ph.D., history, Florida State University

Joanna C. Bradley, assistant professor of Spanish  
Ph.D., foreign language education, University of Texas at Austin

Ashley J. George, assistant professor of communications studies

Ph.D., communication and information sciences, University of Alabama

Amanda Howard, assistant professor of psychology  
Ph.D., experimental psychology, Texas Christian University

Virginia “Nia” Johnson, assistant professor of journalism and mass communication  
Ph.D., communication and information sciences, University of Alabama

Jennifer M. McClure, assistant professor of religion  
Ph.D., sociology, Pennsylvania State University

Frank Patane, assistant professor of mathematics  
Ph.D., mathematics, University of Florida

Kenrda L. Rigdon, assistant professor of biological and environmental sciences  
Ph.D., microbiology, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Mary Anne Sahawneh, assistant professor of biological and environmental sciences  
Ph.D., neurology and neurosciences, Cornell University

Timothy Sutton, assistant professor of English; director of writing and communication arts  
Ph.D., English, University of Miami

Dale Wilger, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry  
Ph.D., chemistry, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



# Memory and Values: Archaeologist Connelly to Present Davis Lecture

**Howard College will host MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Award Winner Joan Breton Connelly for the 2015 J. Roderick Davis Lecture Oct. 29. Connelly, an archaeologist, author, and professor of classics and art history at New York University, will discuss the ways human material culture preserves and projects values.**

Connelly's controversial and compelling book, *The Parthenon Enigma: A New Understanding of the West's Most Iconic Building and the People Who Made It*, will serve as the centerpiece of her talk.

In addition to her lecture, the award-winning teacher will meet with select groups of Samford students who are already intellectually engaged with the Parthenon and the broader themes of her work.

## Classical Samford

Samford classics department chair Randy Todd leads the department's regular trips to Greece, where his students stand in awe of the Parthenon, built in the 5th century BCE by a short-lived but incredibly influential Athenian culture. But Todd notes that the ancient world can also be found in Homewood, Alabama, where a university infused with classical architecture and values sits in a valley between Vestavia Hills' Sibyl Temple and Birmingham's colossal statue of the god Vulcan. The architectural vocabulary of the Parthenon itself is abundant on Samford's campus.

"The ideas that were perfected in the Parthenon are being built into the new business school building and were built into the library," Todd said. Even Hodges Chapel, with its overwhelming size and carefully selected paintings and sculptures, projects core cultural values in much the same way as the pagan Parthenon.

"They had to know they were building it for all time," Todd said of the Parthenon's creators. They wanted future cultures to engage with their values through the things they made, he said, "and here we are doing it."

Shannon Flynt, a Roman archaeologist and Samford classics and art history professor, is the faculty sponsor for this year's Davis Lecture. She also leads the University Fellows honors program in Italy each year, and teaches Samford undergraduates and Great Ideas Summer Institute (GISI) students about the Western intellectual tradition that began in Greece.

Flynt said the morning news offered a surprising reminder of the ongoing influence of that ancient culture on the starting Mondays of both GISI sessions this summer. "On both days, the top story at 8 a.m. was the financial crisis in Greece, as I was going to start the day with Pericles' funeral oration about the glories of Greece, and how the Athenians are different from everybody in the whole world, and better than anybody in the whole world," she said.

Flynt said the intense current interest in the fate of Greece might be partly explained by a deep cultural memory of the



flourishing, democratic Athens of Pericles' oration. "That one generation so captured the imagination of the world that it set a standard by which we measure everything," Flynt said. "It's too precious to forget, leave alone or give up on."

## Listening to Architecture

The influence of ancient material culture makes it impossible to forget, even if we wanted to, Flynt said. She often asks her art history students what architecture they're listening to and what it's telling them. She explains to them that architecture shapes us in profound ways. Churches provide an obvious example. "You change the way you think, the way you act, your moods, your emotions . . . a lot of that is the architecture," Flynt said. "Every bit of religious architecture, from pagan temples to Gothic cathedrals to modern churches tells you who are in relationship to the divine. It doesn't matter if it's Reid Chapel or the Parthenon."

Flynt said the architecture of our democratic republic also reminds us what we value. "Thomas Jefferson wanted the public architecture of the U.S. to be Greek, not because he thought it was pretty, but because if we're going to have those values, we should make our world look like theirs," Flynt said. "It's going to remind us every day of what's important."

Flynt makes sure her students can hear what that ancient influence has to tell them and hopes they will take it to heart. "Once you know, you can't walk up the steps of a building and not make that connection," she said. "From small-town libraries to the U.S. Capitol and National Mall, it tells you you're Greek." ▀

*The free public lecture, Memory and Values: The Parthenon and the Greeks Who Built It, will begin at 7 p.m. Oct. 29 in Wright Center Concert Hall.*

# Excavation in Israel Reveals Ancient Jewish Workshop

**A joint archaeological project of Samford and Kinneret College in Israel has revealed a workshop for making ceramic oil lamps in the ancient Jewish village of Shikhin.** In May and June, a team of students and volunteers led by Samford religion professor James R. Strange and Mordechai Aviam of Kinneret's Institute for Galilean Archaeology recovered more than 10 lamps, most nearly intact, from one room of the workshop. There is only one other known site of lamp production — at the site of Beit Natif — dating to the Late Roman period.

Shikhin — just north of the ancient Jewish city of Sepphoris — was a community of potters during the Roman period of 37 BCE to 363 CE. The manufacture of lamps apparently took place there during the late first century and the second century CE.

To make the lamps, Shikhin's potters pressed soft clay into molds, one for the top and another for the bottom. After the clay dried, they joined the two parts and fired the whole lamp in a kiln as a single piece. Strange said that in addition to hundreds of lamp fragments, Shikhin has yielded 20 complete lamp molds, more than any other single archaeological site in Israel.

In previous seasons, Shikhin teams have turned up a variety of artifacts identifying the site as Jewish, including a fragment of a lamp decorated with a seven-branched menorah, stone vessels typically found in Roman-period Jewish villages in Palestine and at least one miqveh, a bathtub for rendering people and objects ritually pure.

In coming seasons, Strange and Aviam plan to continue to expose the Shikhin lamp workshop as well as the synagogue they have been uncovering since 2013. ▸



Photo: Tom Allyn

## Join Us for Israel Tour May 16–29!

Religion professor Jeff Leonard and dean David Chapman will lead an alumni and friends tour to Israel May 16–29, 2016. Tour highlights will include visits to many of the sites of Jesus' life, hiking through Hezekiah's tunnel, boating on the Sea of Galilee, visiting archaeological sites in Masada and Qumran, swimming in the Red Sea, and riding a camel in the Negev desert.

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# Howard Statue Project Nears Completion

**Howard College of Arts and Sciences' ambitious project to create a lasting campus memorial to John Howard made significant progress this year.**

St. Paul's Cathedral in London agreed to allow the college to reproduce its statue of Howard, the finest of many depictions of the man whose passion for justice inspired the college's 19th-century founders.

The college then found artists who could create a replica based on detailed photographs of the original. Comprehensive photography of the statue was the only remaining piece of the puzzle, and such a project was unprecedented for the cathedral. Given the importance of the sculpture, and the status of St. Paul's as a holy space and active cultural attraction, the college sought a photographer of exceptional skill, experienced in documenting priceless cultural artifacts and with the trust of prominent institutional clients. It found Antonia Reeve, an Edinburgh-based photographer whose clients include England's National Gallery, National Portrait Gallery and Tate Gallery, among many others.

Reeve completed the Howard photo project in St. Paul's in the spring. The college then delivered more than 150 images to the Ancient Sculpture Gallery Company, whose artists completed a full-size clay model in July.

The original white marble sculpture, in a place of honor near

the pulpit in St. Paul's Cathedral, reflects the classical influences of the Enlightenment, depicting Howard in ancient attire. He holds a book and key, and stands on opened shackles. The college's reproduction includes these important elements and beautifully captures the details of Howard's appearance and expression.

Dean David Chapman said he expects to be able to unveil the completed statue in Brooks Hall in early 2016 as Samford begins celebrating its 175th anniversary. ▀



Antonia Reeve photographs John Howard statue.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



**Charles R. Woods Jr., M.D., M.S. '81, is executive vice chair of faculty development in the University of Louisville Department of Pediatrics. The Howard College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board member is one part of a remarkable Samford family.**

Woods' paternal grandparents, Charles and Esther, both graduated from Howard College. His father, Charles Woods Sr., is a Samford music alumnus and 2004 Samford Minister of the Year honoree.

Woods visited Samford for a math tournament in his junior year of high school and knew he would follow his family. He did so the hard way, working out the details of a triple major in biology, chemistry and mathematics. Math faculty helped him arrange independent study for the latter of the three, which turned out to be surprisingly useful in his medical career. "I ended up pursuing a master's degree in epidemiology and doing a lot of biostatistical

analysis as a medical school faculty member during the past 15 years," Woods said.

Woods said the ability to work with faculty one on one in that way is one of his most special memories of his Samford education. His long list of mentors includes some of the most beloved professors of that era — Mike Howell, Bob Stiles, Ellen McGlaughlin, James Haggard, Ben Chastain, Leven Hazlegrove, W. T. Edwards, Sigurd Bryan, W. D. Peeples, Tom Cheatham, Mary Hudson and Lindy Martin.

In spite of his three majors, Woods found time for important extracurricular experiences. "Of all the things I was involved in, the one I cherish the most was the BSU Choir," Woods said. "Back in those days, this was like a family for many of us." Woods also worked with the *Crimson* all four years at Samford, serving as an editor during his junior and senior years.

"My time at Samford both in the classroom and with many wonderful friends gave me an outstanding foundation to go off to medical school," Woods said. His association didn't end there, however. His son, John, earned a Samford business degree in 2012. His daughter, Alison, is a senior and the family's third biology major. Together, they are the fourth generation of Woods family alumni. ▀

# Coffeetalk in London Offers Surprising Lessons in History, Community

by Gina Harwell

Coffee-loving Samford students enjoyed a unique academic opportunity in January via the Coffeetalk in London course led by Howard College of Arts and Sciences assistant dean Dana Basinger. The students learned about the historical significance of the British coffeehouse, and discovered how coffee and conversation can help build community.

Basinger said coffeehouses have contributed to the growth of what German philosopher Jurgen Habermas called the “public sphere” by providing a welcoming and open environment for conversation. That, plus hot drinks on cold days, helps students who “often find themselves overwhelmed and overstimulated” by international study, Basinger said. “Guided conversation regarding daily student experiences aids in processing a new culture and helping students understand and assimilate.”

The conversations over coffee also allowed the students to share what they learned in their research of 17th-century coffeehouses in areas all over the city. They found that, even then, the businesses were influential in promoting open discussion and free speech. “If you could afford to buy coffee, you could afford to talk about anything,” said Samford junior Hailey Fanning.

Ben Cooper '15 researched Lloyds coffeehouse, and learned how it attracted sailors and merchants who inevitably talked about insurance. The coffeehouse eventually recognized its unique culture and transformed itself into the Lloyds of London insurance corporation.

When the students presented their research at the Kahaila coffeehouse, they discovered that these businesses still have community-building power. Kahaila, managed in part by Samford business alumna Liz Simmons '06, supports three in-house charities and offers a weekly church service in the predominantly Bangladeshi Brick Lane community. Simmons developed a catering component at the charitable coffeehouse and helps mentor women who are learning culinary skills at Kahaila's Luminary bakery.

The Kahaila staff learned from the Samford students that what they're doing has deep roots in the city. “The founders of Kahaila had a vision for creating community and serving the people in their immediate vicinity,” Basinger said. “We believe that sharing with them the way that the 17th-century coffeehouses changed society would encourage their efforts.”

Coffeetalk in London proved so meaningful to students that Basinger hopes to offer the course again in January 2017. ▀

*Gina Harwell is a senior political science major, former Daniel House Ambassador and Coffeetalk in London alumna.*

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## Internship Spotlight

**Political science alumna Paige Reznikov '15 earned a prestigious internship in the Office of Presidential Correspondence in the U.S. White House. She helped office staff listen to and understand constituents' views, experiences and ideas, and coordinate responses on behalf of the President.** “In addition to all of the incredible memories and experiences I had during my internship, my time at the White House has inspired me to continue to pursue a career in government and public service,” Reznikov said.

Senior **Anna Grace Rutledge** is pursuing degrees in economics and language and world trade, with a specialization in Spanish. This spring, she interned with the Department of State in the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Madrid, Spain. She worked for 10 weeks in the embassy, spending a five-week term in the American Citizen Services Unit and another five-week term in the Visas Unit.

She had to be ready at any moment to converse in either English or Spanish, and felt confident that her professors had prepared her to do that. “My multifaceted and holistic academic background at Samford proved to be key as I worked on a variety of issues at the embassy,” she said.

**Nicole Poland** is a history major and religion minor who has felt called to ministry since high school. An interest in chaplaincy led her to an internship at Shelby Baptist Hospital, where she shadowed chaplains on their rounds and visited patients on her own. Debriefing with Pastoral Care Team members helped her understand all the forms of spiritual care going on behind the scenes. “Their support and encouragement made my experience much more meaningful, as they allowed me space to grow and discover my own voice in the hospital setting,” Poland said. “It was an incredible lesson in ministry.” ▀

# Extended Core Texts Experience Helps Students Connect Ideas and Places

**Select groups of Samford students are getting the chance to study the core texts of Western culture in unique English settings.** Launched in 2014, the Core Texts in London initiative is a summer travel and study experience for rising sophomores nominated by their Cultural Perspectives course professors. Twenty participants for the 2015 experience in May were chosen from a field of more than 60 nominees.

Core Texts in London enlarges upon the intellectual narrative begun in the two-semester freshman Core Texts Program by immersing students in an intense course of reading and discussion. “Our hope is that they will gain a deeper understanding of the relationship between texts, history and place,” said history professor Jason Wallace, director of the Core Texts Program.

Wallace said he also conceived the London experience as a way to expand the availability of overseas study for talented freshmen. The discount and academic credit available as part of the honor meant a great deal to student Jess Merkle. Without them, she said, “I might not have been able to study abroad during college because of the tight schedule for nursing majors and other monetary limitations.”

This year’s students began their cultural journey in Roman Britain and concluded in the post-Colonial period of the 20th

century. Along the way, they read and discussed more than two dozen texts by authors ranging from Cassius Dio to Gandhi.

The students also visited key sites associated with the texts, from the British Library and British Museum to the Tower of London and Westminster Abbey, Canterbury and Greenwich to Churchill’s subterranean war rooms. Wallace said program codirector and geography professor Jennifer Speights-Binet helps students understand the connection between those historic places and the ideas associated with them. “Her talent for explaining the city as text has enriched the entire experience,” Wallace said.

Music major Whitney Garrison’s experience was typical of many. She said Core Texts in London opened her eyes not only to the value of other disciplines, but also to the ways they are connected. She was well acquainted with musical masterpieces but had not previously taken much interest in literature. “On our second day, we visited the British Library, and I was able to see the works of my favorite composers right next to Leonardo DaVinci’s sketches and Jane Austen’s raw scratches for her most famous novels,” Garrison said. “There was something about seeing music, literature, science and art — all so incredibly rich — in their original form and compiled in one room, that helped me appreciate it all so much more.”



# Howard College of Arts and Sciences

# INNOVATION

Psychology professor Stephen Chew produced five new public videos to complement his acclaimed series on “How to Get the Most Out of Studying.” The new video series, “**Cognitive Principles of Effective Teaching**,” calls on current research in cognitive psychology to help teachers improve the design, implementation and assessment of pedagogy.

The Center for Science and Religion will host a conference on “**Transhumanism and the Church: Theological Reflections on Technology and Human Enhancement**” Sept. 24–26.



This summer, 81 high school students attended **M.D. Calling, J.D. Calling and the Minority Youth Science Academy**, residential summer programs for students called to careers in medicine, law and STEM fields.

World languages and cultures professor emerita of Spanish Myralyn F. Allgood published **Summer Missions on the Rio Grande: A Collective Memoir of Samford Students in Ministry, 1975–2003**. The book celebrates almost three decades of Samford’s role in the Rio Grande mission program founded by Elmin Howell.

A new major in **Law, Politics and Society** provides an ideal preparation for students interested in further study and careers in law. Based in the Department of Political Science and developed with Cumberland School of Law, the program also draws from the disciplines of history, journalism, sociology, philosophy, economics, family studies and communication studies. Students in the program are eligible for department scholarships and awards, will serve in law-related internships and can become candidates for Cumberland School of Law’s 3+3 expedited degree program.



As the Class of ’65 celebrates its 50th anniversary at Homecoming 2015, the school will host a look back at that influential era. Professors Mark Baggett (English) and Delane Tew (history) will present **The Beat Goes On: How the 1960s Changed Music, Fashion, Politics and**

**Everything Else** Saturday, Nov. 7, at 9 a.m. The event will feature multimedia highlights from Baggett and Tew’s new interdisciplinary course that examines the outsize influence of a revolutionary decade. In September, Howard College of Arts and Sciences welcomed the

first cohort of **STEM Scholars**, academically talented and financially at-risk transfer students from local community colleges. The students will complete Samford degrees in the fields of biology, environmental science, chemistry and biochemistry as part of a program funded by a five-year **National Science Foundation (NSF) grant** of \$620,520.

The Department of World Languages and Cultures has created a series of innovative practicum options for Spanish 202 students. The eight options highlight faculty expertise, connect language to culture, promote global awareness and develop workplace skills:

**Latin Beat** — discussion of the politics, protests and social revolutions of Latin American music

**Reality Conversation**

**You Don’t Have to Sound Like a Gringo** — exploration of regional accents

**Put Your Spanish to Work** — development of Spanish-language résumés and professional opportunities

**Culinary Journeys**

**Destination: The Americas** — a virtual tour of Latin American geography, history and culture

**Spanish Plugged in** — developing proficiency in the specialized Spanish of computing and the Internet

**Spanish TV Miniseries** — exploration of Spanish society and culture through the lens of an award-winning miniseries

*The all-new school home page [samford.edu/arts-and-sciences](http://samford.edu/arts-and-sciences) presents the best of the college, with a strong emphasis on recruiting students. Explore the college there, and follow Samford University-Howard College of Arts and Sciences on Facebook! ▶*



# Upcoming Events



Jasmine Guy and the Avery Sharpe Trio present  
**Raisin' Cane: A Harlem Renaissance Odyssey** • Sept. 18

Vienna Boys Choir • Oct. 20

Grand Opening of the new Art Lofts • Nov. 7

Samford Combined Choirs and University Orchestra  
**Mozart Requiem** • Nov. 17

Christmas with Amy Grant in partnership with the  
Alabama Symphony Orchestra • Dec. 4

Jessica Lang Dance in partnership with the  
Alabama Dance Festival • Jan. 30

Michael J. and Mary Anne Freeman Theatre and Dance  
Series presents **A Midsummer Night's Dream**  
March 10-12 • March 13

Celtic Nights: Spirit of Freedom • April 2

Wake Me Lord! Shake Me Lord!  
A Tribute to Hovie Lister and the Statesmen Quartet  
April 8-9 • April 9

Dr. Chandler and Jane Paris Smith Opera Series  
presents **On the Town**  
April 28-30 • April 30-May 1

For tickets, go to [tickets.samford.edu](http://tickets.samford.edu) or call 205-726-2853

# 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

JASON WALLACE



**Why do you teach?**

I teach because I enjoy the energy of the classroom and the student-professor dialectic. I also like to wrestle with complex ideas and historical events, and to hopefully model value-critical thought and clear expression for students. Being a professor means I actually get to “profess” something with my career. I teach history at Samford because, unlike many universities, Samford strikes a coherent balance between disciplinary training and a required introduction to the humanities for all of its students. This is a valuable, and in many places neglected, approach to higher education.

**What is your favorite non-Samford activity?**

Smoking a pipe on the front porch with my Scottish terrier, Maxwell, and listening to my children laugh and play. Why? Because leisure is the basis of culture. As the philosopher Joseph Pieper reminds us, “Leisure is only possible when we are at one with ourselves. We tend to overwork as a means of self-escape, as a way of trying to justify our existence.”

**Your research focuses on religion and politics, but in early centuries. What parallels do you see today with the confluence of those two topics?**

I took courses and comprehensive exams on the early centuries, but my research is more the modern period. The parallels between Rome in the fifth century A.D. and today are striking. In late antiquity St. Augustine produced the *City of God* in an effort to make sense of religion and politics. His work changed the course of the West.

Today, comprehensive historical-theological narratives belong to Islam.

**What was your inspiration for the Great Ideas Summer Institute, and how has that evolved?**

Several years ago, I received a fellowship to work with the Lehrman Institute of American History and the James Madison Program at Princeton University. Here, prominent and established scholars from a variety of universities led a series of lectures and discussions on American intellectual history. Some of the best discussions involved the relationship between the environments of the American Colonial period and the early republic, and the classical worlds of Greece and Rome. I thought such discussions might be a great way to introduce high school students to some of what we do and value at Samford, and so I developed a curriculum.

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

I pole vaulted for one season in high school. ▶

**Position**  
 associate professor of history and director, Core Text Program

**Teaching at Samford since**  
 2004

**Bonus Fact**  
 Wallace is one of the founders and coordinators for Samford’s Great Ideas Summer Institute.

*Wallace’s responses have been edited for length. The complete profile on Wallace and other featured faculty and alumni can be found at [samford.edu/spotlight](http://samford.edu/spotlight).*





## AMY STRICKLAND KIRKLAND

### How did your Samford degree/experience prepare you for your current work?

With a degree in vocal performance, I do still enjoy performing on stage occasionally; however, my Samford education also prepared me to “perform” in a variety of other ways in my career. I learned to approach every performance, presentation or meeting with solid preparation and confidence. I also learned that a great production does not happen by the work of only an individual. Truly great work occurs when there is a spirit of collaboration and respect for others’ ideas and expertise.

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

All of my professors and fellow students at Samford encouraged me to approach each project with integrity and hard work, but my voice professor, Sherrie Lawhon, was the most influential. She often said that the process is more important than the final product. I still carry that with me, and whether I’m writing a music curriculum, preparing artists for a concert, or practicing for my own performance, I approach every aspect of the work with rigor and a dedication to excellence.

### Why are you so committed to arts education?

I am always inspired when I see someone whose life has been impacted in a positive way because of an artistic or creative experience. Whether that experience simply puts a smile on your face or transforms the way you see the world and those around you, it’s

those moments that inspire me to continue my work. I also think that encouraging exploration through the arts is key to raising creative kids.

### What is the best advice you ever were given and by whom?

I have amazing parents (also Samford graduates) who always encouraged me to explore, to try new things, to be creative, to persevere and to treat every experience as an opportunity to learn.

My father always told me “in everything you do, touch a life and be a light.” He encouraged me to pursue my passions and foster my creative talents, but also to use those gifts for helping to inspire others.

### You’ve worked in some of the greatest performance venues in the world and now with a college. What is your favorite experience so far?

It’s so hard to choose a favorite. Every experience has been unique and has taught me so much. I will say that working at Carnegie Hall was an incredible experience. Through my work there, I had the privilege to collaborate with some of the leading musicians and arts educators in the field. I feel extremely blessed to have been surrounded by so many talented people who also have a heart for transforming lives through music. ▮

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#### Degree/Year

B.M. in vocal performance, 2000

#### Hometown

Los Angeles, California

#### Current

general manager of the Broad Stage Performing Arts Center in Santa Monica, California, and consulting arts educator for Disney, Carnegie Hall, Opera America and Colburn School

#### Bonus Fact

Kirkland was featured in a recent *New York Times* news story about an educational app she helped develop for Disney.

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*Strickland’s responses have been edited for length. The complete profile on Strickland and other featured faculty and alumni can be found at [samford.edu/spotlight](http://samford.edu/spotlight).*

# 'Peeping through my Venetian Blind,' Mrs. Grundy Reports on Andalusia Life

by Jack Brymer



Joe Wingard

**Joe Wingard's 1966 degree in English from Samford has served him well.** It prepared him for a lifetime of teaching the subject in Andalusia High School. It also provided him the background and inspiration to enjoy his lifelong avocations of poetry, writing and observing human nature.

Wingard is an unofficial historian of Andalusia, a town of about 9,000 in south central Alabama, the county seat of Covington County. His vehicle for telling the town story is his column in the *Andalusia Star-News*, written under the pseudonym Mrs. Grundy, who observes the local scene, "peeping through my Venetian blind."

The column — called "What Would Mrs. Grundy Say?" — is "clever, whimsical, literary and a treasure trove of local and regional Alabama history," said Mark Baggett, associate professor of English and law at Samford. He met Wingard on a Samford alumni tour to England in the 1990s.

Wingard taught English for 39 years at Andalusia High, using the same room, chair and desk. He also taught journalism, speech and mythology. Baggett said Wingard soaked up every detail of authors and places visited on the tour because they had been among the subjects of his classes in Andalusia.

"I went out walking very early to see Wordsworth's grave at St. Oswald's church on our last morning in the Lake District,"

Baggett recalled. "Joe had been there already, leaving daffodils in honor of Wordsworth's famous poem."

Wingard has been to England five times, attracted by the literary sites. He has placed flowers at the bust of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in Poet's Corner of Westminster Abbey in London. He loves English and American literature, and visiting the homes — and graves — of historic authors.

Wingard cultivated his love of poetry and literature at Samford, which he described as among his happiest times. "I loved its people, its beauty, its ideals; it was like living in a garden," he said. Wingard acknowledged that he had never "thought" before he went to college. "There," he said, "my mind was opened to the wonders of the world."

He credits Catherine Bryant Allen, editor of the *Crimson*, with teaching him journalistic skills, and English professor J. L. King for his love of poetry. Allen said Wingard was "unforgettable . . . initially shy about digging out facts of stories and getting them written, but later gathering courage."

Wingard is a regular at Samford homecoming, and he usually includes a subsequent report on it. "If you have ever met Joe or conversed with him, you have probably been a part of Mrs. Grundy's column," said Baggett.

"I went from tent to tent, looking for lunch," Wingard wrote in a post-homecoming column last fall. "I found the

tent for Howard College of Arts and Sciences and settled down for an hour of fellowship. . . . I met [English professor and associate dean] Rosemary Fisk. We talked of American literature, which she teaches, especially of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow."

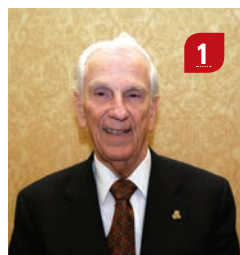
A typical column might include mention of some 50 people, and descriptions of gardens, flowers, graduation parties, funerals, church services and musical concerts. Wingard is active in First Baptist Church of Andalusia, where he has led music, sung in the adult choir, taught Sunday school and chaired the history committee.

In addition to his journalistic and historical writing, Wingard pens poetry. He has written more than 1,000 poems and copublished a booklet of Christmas songs for which he wrote the lyrics.

Baggett described Wingard as a talented writer, and offered the following sample of work from one of his columns:

"I delight in these November days, the lamb-like clouds in bright, blue skies, filled with a kaleidoscope of falling leaves, the landscape of bare branches, cotton fields, running over like a bowl of just popped corn, hay bales, fields of broom straw where children can lie, hidden in a game of hide and seek, lonesome, dirt roads winding into mysterious woods, ready for walking one by one or two by two, rustling sounds made by squirrels, rabbits, and birds." ▀

# CLASS NOTES



## 1950s

'56 **James I. Harrison Jr.** of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was inducted into the Alabama Pharmacy Hall of Fame at the Alabama Pharmacy Association's annual convention in June. The honor recognizes his contributions and exemplary service to pharmacy and to health care. He is the founder of Harco Drugs Inc., which in 1997 merged with Rite Aid Corporation. **1**

'59 **Wilburn T. "Sonny" Raley** was inducted into the Wiregrass Sports Hall of Fame. The former Samford baseball and basketball player, and longtime coach in Florida and Alabama, led the Ashford (Ala.) High School basketball team to a 101-29 overall record and two Wiregrass Athletic Conference championships in the 1960s. He retired as principal of East Gate Middle School in Ozark, Alabama, in 1995 after 36 years in public education.

## 1960s

'68 **J. Don Weathers** of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is retiring after 15 years as executive director of the Louisiana Asphalt Pavement Association. He plans to remain active in the industry.

## 1970s

'71 **Larry Stovall** received a national Bowl of Hygeia award at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Pharmacists Association in recognition of his service to the community. He is associated with Stovall's and Pharmacy Arts pharmacies in Scottsville, Kentucky.

'76 **Betsy Sue Scott, J.D.**, was elected president of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association. An attorney in Reston, Virginia, she specializes in international trade and banking compliance, as well as elder law.

'77 **L. Vern Farnum** was named chaplain manager at Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

## 1980s

'80 **J. Thomas Green** is executive director-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention, which includes more than 3,000 member churches. He was most recently senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Brandon for 19 years.

'83 **Gene Lankford** received a Ph.D. degree in theological, historical and ethical studies at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in May. He lives in Equality, Alabama, where he is pastor of Equality United Methodist Church. He is also pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Alexander City, Alabama.

'83 **Tobias M. Mendelson, J.D.**, is a senior advanced markets director with MetLife and a part-time assistant professor of accounting and business law at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. He was appointed to the American Accounting Association's legal research committee of the American Tax Association for the 2015-16 academic year.

'86 **Chris Causey** of Tacoma, Washington, is clinical director and owner of Tacoma Recovery Counseling, which specializes in assessment and treatment of substance and behavior addictions. He is a licensed mental health counselor.

'87 **Larry Yarborough** was named senior pastor of Deermeadows Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. He was most recently pastor of First Baptist Church in Gallatin, Tennessee, for 10 years. He and his wife, **Diana Wood Yarborough '87**, have three children, Will, a 2015 Samford graduate, Nathan, a Samford sophomore, and Anna Katherine, a sixth-grader. **2**

'89 **Teri Weide** of Weeki Wachee, Florida, retired from the U.S. Air Force as a lieutenant colonel in 2012 after 23 years as a commissioned officer. In August, she earned a bachelor's degree in food and nutrition from the University of Alabama and is now completing steps to become a registered dietitian.

## 1990s

'91 **Kathyjo Spivey Gordon, M.B.A. '93**, is executive director of Stone Brooke Suites, a senior living facility in Gray, Georgia. She and her husband, Michael, have three sons, Kameron, 16, Kevin, 10, and Kyle, 8.

'91 **Tom McDougal** received a Doctor of Science in Administration-Health Services from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in August. He teaches business communication in Samford's Brock School of Business, where he also serves on the dean's advisory board.

'96 **R. Todd Epps** and **Suellen Williams Epps '97** live in Huntsville, Alabama. He is associate director of the Clinical Services Laboratories at HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology. She is media specialist at Sparkman Middle School in Toney, Alabama.



'99 **Jeff Lipscomb** of Statham, Georgia, is waste and recycling developer at Pratt Industries. He is pursuing an online Master of Science in Communication degree at Purdue University.

## 2000s

'00 **Lori Merricks**, director of marketing and communication at the Danville Regional Foundation in Danville, Virginia, was appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe to a three-year term on the Virginia Council on Women. The council helps women reach their potential and maximize their contributions to society and the commonwealth as wage earners and citizens.

'03 **Charles Lumbatis** is the author of his debut young adult novel, *Daniel and the Sun Sword* (Ellechor Publishing House). He and his wife, **Allison Reid Lumbatis '03**, have three children and live in Dothan, Alabama, where Charles is a child/adolescent therapist at Dothan Behavioral Medicine Clinic.

'04 **Lacey Dunlap Amos**, a licensed professional counselor, has opened a private Christian counseling practice in Homewood. She and her husband, Blake, have a daughter, Elizabeth. **3**

'04 **Grant Lyons** is county extension coordinator for the Alabama Extension's Coffee County office in New Brockton, Alabama. He and his wife, **Vaughan Boyd Lyons '04**, have two children, Maggie, 5, and John Curry, 4. **4**

'05 **Jeremy Carter** and **Josh Sizemore '12** have opened Breakout Birmingham in Homewood. The goal of the activity is for groups of 3–8 people to break out of a room in under an hour by solving puzzles, cracking codes, finding hidden items and meeting other challenges.

'05 **David Hobson** earned a doctor of education degree in Christian education/administration at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, in May. He is associate pastor for students at Hueytown Baptist Church in Hueytown, Alabama. **5**

'06 **Kristen McKee** and **Walt Reed '10** married in June. They live in Birmingham.

'07 **D. J. Carter** completed the Director's Guild of America's (DGA) assistant director training program and joined DGA as a 2nd assistant director. In August, he became 2nd assistant director for the ABC network show *The Middle*.

'07 **Taylor Clement** is head of school at Kirk Day School in St. Louis, Missouri.

'07 **Zach Shipps** is an associate at Argosy Capital. He and his wife, Sara, live in Paoli, Pennsylvania.

'08 **Jordan Beard** is the author of a review manuscript in the journal *Cellular Signalling* and is coauthor of a research manuscript in the journal *Biochemical Pharmacology*. He is finishing work on a Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, Tennessee, where he is completing his dissertation research at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

'08 **Cole Sandlin, Pharm.D.**, received the Lester White Good Government Award at the annual Alabama Pharmacy Association (APA) meeting in June. The award recognizes individuals for their contribution to the community through involvement in the political process. A third-generation pharmacist, Sandlin has served APA as academy chair and legislative committee chair. He and his father, **Fred Coleman Sandlin Jr. '71**, own and operate Fred's Pharmacy in Hamilton, Alabama. **6**

'08 **Shelly Smith** married Dhaval Chaudhari in May. They live in Dallas, Texas. **7**

'08 **Susan Neal Williams** joined the Nashville, Tennessee, firm Bone McAllester Norton PLLC in its labor and employment law and litigation and dispute resolution practices.

'09 **Lauren Doss** is international academic coordinator at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky.

'09 **Nathan Troost** married Flori Sandu in May. They live in Birmingham. As founder and executive director of Lantern Vision, he produces videos for Christian ministries around the world.

## 2010s

'10 **Frances Cohenour, Pharm.D.**, received the 2015 Excellence in Innovation Award at the annual Alabama Pharmacy Association (APA) meeting in June. She was cited for her implementation of cutting-edge pharmacy care programs and other innovations. A second-generation pharmacist and daughter of **Chad Steward Cohenour '77**, she is a pharmacist at Chad's Payless Pharmacy in Florence, Alabama. **8**

'11 **Ina Ables** is clinical nutrition manager for Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland, Texas. She is a registered and licensed dietitian.

'11 **Danielle Bailey** received a highly competitive National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship that supports outstanding graduate students who show potential for significant achievement in the sciences and engineering. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in nanoparticle research at Vanderbilt University, where her husband, **Stephen Bailey '11**, is a doctoral student in engineering.

'11 **Madison Hall Perekotiy** and her husband, Yuriy, live in Foley, Alabama. They work for Liquid Life Vacation Rentals in Orange Beach, Alabama, and also serve as foster parents. They have two sons, Chambers Luca, 2, and Lev Hariton, born in February.



'11 **Marshall Pollard** was tapped by the World Economic Forum as Birmingham's Founding Curator and represented the city at the Annual Curators Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, in August. As a curator, he will help select a team of Birmingham leaders in their 20s and early 30s who will identify a local problem to solve and bring positive change. He is director of community partnerships for the Birmingham Education Foundation. **9**



financial representative with Boundary Stone Financial in Birmingham, he is a board member of Samford's Birmingham young alumni, is president of the Samford Black Alumni Association and is a member of Samford's board of overseers. **10**

'12 **Christopher Graben** is an environmental, health and safety specialist at Progress Rail Services Corporation in Boaz, Alabama.

'12 **Thomas Gray** married Brittany Millwee in June. They live in Birmingham. **11**

'12 **Caroline Noland** and **Andrew Toney** married in August. They live in London, England, where they are pursuing graduate studies and nonprofit work. **12**



'12 **Maria Stephens, D.N.P.**, is chair of the Associate of Science in Nursing program at Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Mississippi. She also serves as chair of the nursing department's curriculum committee and is council coordinator for the Resources/Facilities and Services Council.

'14 **Brian Anderson** and **Rebecca Harding** '15 married in May. They live in LaGrange, Georgia. **13**

'15 **Eleanor Stenner** is a creative media specialist at Foundry Ministries in Birmingham. **13**



'12 **Tori Bragg** married Michael Ludwig in May. They live in Raleigh, North Carolina.

'12 **Isaac M. Cooper** was named Birmingham's Agent of Change at the Young Professionals summit in July. The honor recognizes a person whose efforts created a turning point on an issue, paving the way for substantial change. **A**

## Cumberland School of Law Grads TOP LIST OF 2015 LEGAL LEADERS

The *Birmingham Business Journal* recently compiled its annual list of managing partners, shareholders and members of Birmingham's largest law firms entitled "Who's Who in Law." Of the 29 legal leaders honored, 12 (41 percent) are graduates of Samford University's Cumberland School of Law.

They include Walter W. Bates of Starnes Davis & Florie LLP, Roger L. Bates of Hand Arendall LLC, Todd Carlisle of Sirote & Permutt PC, Lee Clanton of Porterfield Harper Mills Motlow & Ireland PC, Jay Clark of Wallace Jordan Ratliff & Brandt LLC, Ernest Cory of Cory Watson PC, Timothy Davis of Heninger Garrison Davis LLC, Jeff Friedman of Friedman Dazzio Zulanis & Bowling PC, Thomas C. Logan of Carr Allison, Alton B. Parker Jr. of Spain & Gillon LLC, William Lee Thuston of Burr & Forman LLP and James Walsh of Rumberg Kirk & Caldwell. **D**



## Tanzanian University Honors Samford's Jack Brymer

**Jack Brymer first visited Mount Meru University in Arusha, Tanzania, in 1993 on assignment from the Florida Baptist Convention, where he served as editor of the *Florida Baptist* newspaper.**

The longtime editor and communicator assisted the school with its public relations and alumni development programs. The school, then known as International Baptist Theological Seminary of Eastern Africa, had about 100 students. Brymer developed a deep interest in the school and began visiting it regularly as a volunteer to teach and help in the seminary development. He has watched the institution earn accreditation (in 2003) and grow to an enrollment of 2,500 students in five locations.

Brymer said enrollment mushroomed when the school gained accreditation from the Education Department of Tanzania. Enrollment growth brought with it the need for additional facilities. One such facility is the new Jack E. Brymer Education Building, which was named in his honor last November. It recognizes Brymer's numerous

contributions to the school and its programs over the years.

Brymer has fond memories of his visits to the school. One of his favorites is graduation.

"The students were so pleased and happy to earn their degrees/diplomas/certificates," he said. "Families would jump and shout with praise when their child's name or family member's name was called."

Brymer added that many other volunteers are responsible for the growth of the school. What moved Brymer to stay so active in his support of the school? "The eagerness with which the students desired to learn," he said.

Brymer is a 1967 Samford graduate with a master's degree in journalism from the University of Alabama. He was managing editor of *The Alabama Baptist* newspaper and editor of the *Florida Baptist Witness* before joining Samford as director of publications. ▀



Jack Brymer, left, with Mount Meru chancellor Harrison Olan'g

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# NEW ARRIVALS



'02 Sam and **Lauren Sheehan Kelly** of Germantown, Tennessee, a son, James Worth, born Dec. 30, 2014. **1**

'02 Michael and **Kristin Davis Kittinger, Pharm.D.**, of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, a daughter, Ava Grace, born Jan. 22, 2015.

'02 Karyn and **Ronald "Marty" Watts** of Griffin, Georgia, a son, Duncan Martin, born May 7, 2015. **2**

'04 Jonathan and **Karen Hieb Duvall** of Johns Creek, Georgia, a son, Gabriel John, born Feb. 22, 2015. **3**

'05 **Ben** and **Lindsey Ann Burnett '08** of Alpharetta, Georgia, a daughter, Lilly Katherine, born May 22, 2015. **4**

'05 Jamie and **Bekah Woosley Butler** of Alabaster, Alabama, a daughter, Madison Jane, born Aug. 26, 2014. **5**

'05 Nick and **Bobbi Jo Barr Cooper** of Crestwood, Kentucky, a son, Conley Robert, born May 13, 2015.

'06 **Jordan** and **April Fernandez Ciervo '07** of San Diego, California, a daughter, Karis Jordan, born May 18, 2015. **6**

'06 Richard and **Stephanie Clay Gay** of London, England, a daughter, Florence Daisy, born June 5, 2015. **7**

'07 **Chris** and **Lauren Cantrell McCaghren** of Homewood, a daughter, Callen Christine, born May 6, 2015. **8**

'07 Josh and **Shelly Busby McCarty** of McCalla, Alabama, a son, Nicholas James, born Jan. 18, 2015. **9**

'08 **Andrew** and **Kirstein Sosnowski Childers '09** of Lexington, North Carolina, a daughter, Estelle Grace, born March 17, 2015. **10**

'08 **Warren, Pharm.D.**, and **Randi Windham Gardner, Pharm.D. '09**, of London, Kentucky, a daughter, Charleston Reid, born May 31, 2015.

'08 David and **Christina Cesler Guerdan** of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, a son, Elijah "Eli" Jedidiah, born March 18, 2015.

'09 Lane and **Payden George Montgomery** of Peachtree City, Georgia, a son, Bravery Theron, born May 11, 2015. **11**

'11 **Stephen** and **Jessica Dunn Nelson '12** of Knoxville, Tennessee, a son, James Richard, born May 8, 2015. **12**

'11 Yuriy and **Madison Hall Perekotiy** of Foley, Alabama, a son, Lev Hariton, born Feb. 20, 2015. **13**

'11 Jenny and **Josh Pilgrim, M.Div.**, of Rome, Georgia, a son, John David, born May 24, 2015. **1**

# IN MEMORIAM

**'38 Doris Smith Allen**, age 98, of Birmingham died June 25, 2015. She was an elementary school teacher and a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

**'39 Corley Walton Odom**, age 97, of Gadsden, Alabama, died May 25, 2015. He was a physician in Gadsden for 40 years and a longtime member of Gideons International. He was a U.S. Army doctor in Europe during World War II.

**'47 Marjorie Miller Robson**, age 90, of Raleigh, North Carolina, died July 26, 2015. She was a retired registered nurse.

**'48 David Nelson**, age 88, of Owensboro, Kentucky, died July 10, 2015. He was pastor of First Baptist Church in Owensboro for 31 years. A longtime member and former president of Owensboro Rotary Club, he held many leadership roles in the Baptist denomination.

**'49 Robert Ray Armstrong**, age 90, of Birmingham died May 23, 2015. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service with 40 years of service. He was longtime program director for the Northeast Birmingham YMCA and a coach of championship YMCA football teams.

**'49 William A. Boone Jr.**, age 91, of Nashville, Tennessee, died May 13, 2015. He was a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he also served in the U.S. Army Reserve.

**'51 Willard Dan Martin**, age 86, of Cullman, Alabama, died June 6, 2015. He was a pharmacist for 50 years, a Mason and a member of Gideons International. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

**'52 William Arthur Wood** of Newtown, Pennsylvania, died June 19, 2015. A research chemist for Rohm and Haas, he helped develop solid propellants for rockets in NASA's aerospace program, created materials with reflective properties and received a U.S. patent for a method for treating substrates. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Memorials may be made to Samford's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in care of University Advancement, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35229.

**'54 W. Wayne Killian**, age 88, of Gadsden, Alabama, died July 31, 2015. He was a pharmacist for 57 years.

**'56 William Earl Baird**, age 85, of Huntsville, Alabama, died June 26, 2015. A pharmacist, he completed pharmacy school at Samford after service in the U.S. Army.

**'56 James Roy Carter**, age 87, of Mobile, Alabama, died July 10, 2015. He was an Alabama Baptist pastor in Camden and Uriah, and retired after 25 years as chaplain at Searcy Hospital in Mount Vernon, Alabama. He read the Bible from cover to cover 62 times. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

**'56 Johnny Anthony Graffeo**, age 81, of Birmingham died May 25, 2015. He worked at several pharmacies and opened his own store, Johnny's Pharmacy, during his 50-year career. He was a president the Jefferson County Pharmaceutical Association.

**'59 James D. Hicks**, age 87, of Pensacola, Florida, died June 12, 2015. A pastor of Baptist churches in Alabama and northwest Florida, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

**'60 Ronald F. Euler, M.S.E. '88**, age 77, of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, died June 13, 2015. He was a retired educator and Baptist minister.

**'61 Joyce Goodwin Bradley**, age 75, of Birmingham died July 4, 2015. She worked at several construction and architectural firms, and was a volunteer treasurer for the Assistance League of Birmingham. She was a member of Delta Zeta sorority.

**'63 Henry Leroy Dawkins Jr.**, age 73, of Clinton, Mississippi, died June 24, 2015. He was a pharmacist in Vicksburg, Jackson and Brookhaven, Mississippi.

**'64 John Michael Compton**, age 72, of San Antonio, Texas, died May 18, 2015. He was an F-4 fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force before beginning a 35-year at the National Air and Space Administration. He trained astronauts and was instrumental in the formation of NASA's Skylab, space shuttle and space station programs.

**'64 Lamar Ray Moon Jr.**, age 73, of Birmingham died May 21, 2015. He was a mortgage banker and investment broker who spent 26 years as a Southeastern Conference football official (linesman). At Samford, he played football for coach Bobby Bowden and was a founding member of the school's Pi Kappa Phi chapter.

**'64 Vera Roper Vaughn, M.S.E. '71**, age 88, of Hayden, Alabama, died Aug. 6, 2015. She was a teacher and principal at Hayden Elementary School. In retirement, as a Baptist Mission Service Corps volunteer, she was head of the Baptist Academy of American Samoa. She also was coordinator for Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's satellite program for African American clergy in San Diego, California.

**'65 Joseph Daniel Staab**, age 83, of Birmingham died June 9, 2015. He retired from Birmingham Southern Railroad.

**'67 James Melvin Palmer**, age 88, of Marshall, Texas, died July 4, 2015. He was a Baptist minister in Iowa, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and Nicaragua. A longtime professor and behavioral sciences department chair at East Texas Baptist University, he was a Danforth Foundation Associate in 1980. He was active in the Lions Club and Habitat for Humanity.

**'70 Frances Scott Goodhew**, age 66, of Birmingham died May 18, 2015. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority and Daughters of the American Revolution.

**'70 Marian Roberts Hicks**, age 66, of Braselton, Georgia, died March 4, 2015. She was a retired school administrator whose career spanned 42 years. She was principal of five schools in the Gwinnett and Forsyth county school systems in the Atlanta area. At Samford, she was a member of Chi Omega sorority. Her husband, Charles Hicks, is a 1964 Samford graduate.

**'72 Cecil Wilbur Elledge Jr.**, age 76, of Searcy, Arkansas, died July 5, 2015. He served in the U.S. Air Force prior to attending Samford. The Birmingham School of Law graduate practiced criminal law in Birmingham for 25 years before retiring to his hometown in Arkansas.



**'74 John David Kelley**, age 71, of Hoover, Alabama, died June 29, 2015. He owned David's Pharmacy and Gift Shop in Sumiton, Alabama, and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

**'76 Mary Glover Foote**, age 92, of Homewood died July 21, 2015. She was a longtime occupational health nurse at Hayes International and Pemco Aeroplex.

**'76 Tom Stoker**, age 61, of Fort Worth, Texas, died May 10, 2015, of metastatic uveal melanoma, a cancer of the eye that spread. He was

president of SRG Creative Solutions advertising agency and minister of worship arts at Arborlawn United Methodist Church. He led music ministry programs at several Alabama Baptist churches before serving churches in Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas.

**'85 Elizabeth Hudson**, age 51, of Suwanee, Georgia, died June 3, 2015. She was employed in the insurance industry before beginning work as a floral designer. She was a member of Delta Zeta sorority.

**'87 Frank Thomas Kennedy Jr.**, age 53, of Birmingham died May 15, 2015. He worked with La-Z-Boy furniture galleries for 25 years. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

**'91 Jimmie Harp, J.D.**, age 49, of Gadsden, Alabama, died July 22, 2015, of cancer. As Etowah County district attorney, he helped form the Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit and the "Zerometh" anti-drug campaign.

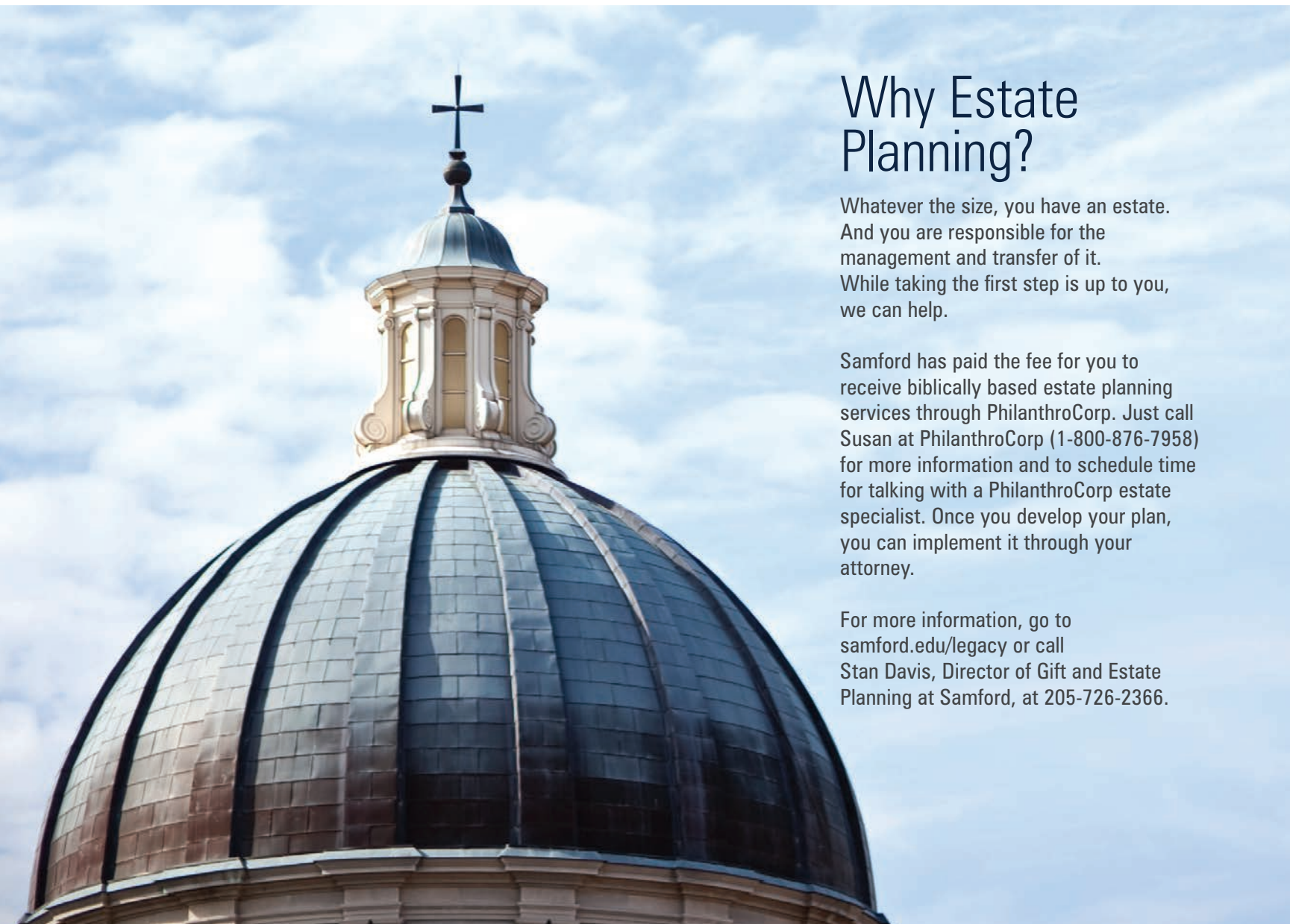
**'94 Peggy A. Mitchell**, age 67, of Ludington, Michigan, died May 17, 2015. She was a former nurse at Ludington Memorial Hospital. 

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## Soccer SoCon Prospects Look Good

**Samford takes a talented and experienced team into its 2015 Southern Conference season. Coach Todd Yelton's squad has eight starters and seven other returnees from last year's team that finished 14-8 and won the SoCon regular season title with a 7-2 mark.**

Forwards Jermaine Seoposenwe and Malcanisha Kelley, who scored 31 and 19 points respectively, lead returnees, along with midfielder Anna Allen, forward Taylor Borman, defender Alissa Hansen and goalkeeper Katie Peters. Peters started as a true freshman two years ago but missed last season with an injury.

Also back are starters Abriella Argueta at forward, Olivia Cole and Emily Jones as defenders, and Anna Maddox at goalkeeper. Maddox filled in admirably for Peters last season.

Samford will open its SoCon season against Furman and Wofford at home Sept. 25-27. Yelton's team prepared for the 2015 league race by playing its customary strong pre-conference schedule and defeated such foes as Boise State, Memphis and Wake Forest.

Yelton entered his 14th Samford season this fall with a record of 162-74-32. ▶



Jermaine Seoposenwe



Erin Brognar

## Volleyball Faces Finding its Identity

**Samford won the Southern Conference title and went to the NCAA Championship Tournament for the second time in four seasons last year, recording its fifth 20-win season in the past seven years.** The Bulldogs were 20-13 overall and 11-5 in the conference, losing to Alabama, 3-2, in the NCAA tournament.

Coach Dex Schroeder has three starters and seven letterwinners in all back, led by outside hitter Erin Brognar and middle blocker T. J. Russell. The Bulldogs lost two of their best players in outside hitter Michaela Reesor and libero Chelsi Carter, but Schroeder will try to fill the void with help from five freshmen and a sophomore transfer.

The coach said this year's team will "transition from one that has had very strong leadership to a team that has an abundance of talent but is still in the process of finding its identity." To help the team get ready for conference play, Schroeder scheduled a tough road stretch of 11 preconference matches.

The Bulldogs will open SoCon play Sept. 25-26 against Mercer and UNCG at Samford.

Schroeder's teams have gone 154-74 overall and 85-29 in conference play during his seven seasons as coach. ▶

*For information on Samford athletics, go to [samfordsports.com](http://samfordsports.com).*

# Men's Basketball Looks Forward to Dictating Tempo

**Samford went into last basketball season with a new head coach and an inexperienced team.** But the Bulldogs of Coach Scott Padgett surprised many observers with their tenacious play and refusal to quit. The Bulldogs went 13-19, but Padgett believes they laid the foundation for a winning program.

"We are going to dictate the tempo of the game and play hard at all times," Padgett said of his 2015-16 team. "We are looking forward to taking the step from being a team that competes every night to a team that wins."

Padgett says he has a veteran corps in place for his second season who will help teach some very promising freshmen. The most experienced returnees are starters Darius Jones-Gibson and Christen Cunningham, and nonstarters Marcus Johnson, Jamal Shabazz and Alex Peters. Jones-Gibson was the leading scorer at 12.2 points a game, while Cunningham averaged 10.3 points and 3.9 assists.

Newcomers include senior transfer Iman Johnson, and freshmen Matt Rose, Tanner Tapp, Wyatt Walker and Dakota Quinn. ▸



Darius Jones-Gibson



Hannah Nichols

# Women's Basketball Returns All Five Starters

**With all five starters and 10 of 11 letterwinners back from last year, the 2015-16 Samford women's basketball team will be one of the more experienced in the Southern Conference.** Coach Mike Morris' team went 15-15 last year and finished fourth in SoCon standings with an 8-6 mark.

"We have a strong foundation to start the preseason, and hopefully we can grow, progress and develop into a team that can compete for a SoCon championship," said Morris.

Guard Hannah Nichols led scoring last year with a 14.1 average. Forward Taylor Reece added 10.6 points an outing. Both were named to the All-Conference second team. Forward Destiney Elliott averaged 9.0 points a game and led rebounding with a 5.8 average. She was selected for the SoCon All-Freshman team.

Joining Nichols, Reece and Elliott as returning starters are guards Krista Stricklin and Brittany Stevens.

Other returnees are guards Lydia McGee, Kassidy Blevins and Amara Mayers, and forwards Ellen Riggins and Keke Fletcher.

Newcomers include freshmen Olivia Crozier, a forward, and Cassidy Williams, a guard.

Coach Morris enters his 14th season as head coach with a career record of 222-169. ▸

# CAMPUS NEWSCOPE

*News from Each of Samford's Schools and Colleges*

## SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

The School of the Arts opened a new Art Lofts for painting, sculpture, ceramics, design and drawing classes at the start of the fall semester. The lofts are located in the former Facilities Lower Shop building on the northern perimeter of the campus.

“Art Lofts is the appropriate name for a facility that will lift the ceiling of possibilities for our students and programs in art,” said Dean Joe Hopkins. “The lofts are an expansive and modern educational space for visual arts faculty and students.”

The open and bright interior features an atrium connecting two levels of classrooms, small studios, large workrooms and office spaces.

The building will be dedicated at homecoming Nov. 7.

The former Facilities Upper Shop has been demolished to make way for a 44-car parking lot adjacent to the Art Lofts.

## BROCK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Samford's Brock School of Business Financial Management Association (FMA) student chapter was named a 2015 Superior Chapter, the highest honor an FMA chapter can receive. It is one of 22 to receive the award from more than 200 student chapters. Fewer than 10 percent receive the Superior Chapter designation.

Faculty adviser Rusty Yerkes said the chapter worked very hard to build its programs. “We are very focused on providing valuable professional development activities for the students, and our goal is 100% participation among finance majors,” he said.

The Samford FMA chapter received the

award for membership growth and conducting an active series of events, including a financial services career night, attending the FMA Finance Leaders Conference in New York City, participating in a “meet the firms” road show in Birmingham, and hosting numerous professional development speakers on campus.

The chapter also recognized Samford alumnus Zach Turnage '98 of Harbert Management Corp. as the 2015 FMA Outstanding Financial Executive for his service to Brock School of Business. Turnage is director of investments for Harbert.

## BEESON DIVINITY SCHOOL

Grant D. Taylor was named associate dean of Beeson Divinity School in July. Taylor served in the office of the associate dean from 2008 to 2010. He was an assistant to provost Bruce R. Ashford of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, from 2010 to 2015. He is an ordained minister in the Southern Baptist Convention. He holds a B.S. from Union University, an M.Div. from Beeson Divinity School and a Ph.D. in biblical theology from Southeastern Baptist Seminary.

Alumni and friends gave gifts and pledges to the renovation of the Beeson student commons that totaled approximately \$205,000. The work of renovation began in mid-May and was completed Aug. 15. A dedication service is planned for later in the fall semester.



## ORLEAN BULLARD BEESON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Four students taking the Family Law and Public Policy class during summer session learned more about the subject during a trip to Washington, D.C. They were part of department chair Kristie Chandler's class in Samford's human development and family science program.

The group spent time learning and discussing the specifics of issues that arise from belonging to a military family. The trip also served as an opportunity for Samford to build its reputation in this field, to spread awareness regarding the department's expertise, and to develop relationships that could lead to future internship or



employment opportunities for students, Chandler noted.

The group met representatives of the Administration for Children and Families, Head Start, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Office of Child Abuse and Neglect, Office of Family Assistance, Society for Research in Child Development, Georgetown University, the Pentagon and Congress, including Rep. Gary Palmer from Alabama's 6th district. They also experienced some of the history and culture that surrounds the nation's capital, including trips to the Supreme Court, Library of Congress, the Capitol building and various memorials.

## SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

The School of Health Professions continues to grow and add new degrees and majors. In June 2015, the school welcomed its first batch of 35 students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Students hold bachelor's degrees from a number of universities across the Southeast.

The inaugural cohort of Master of Science in speech language pathology students were welcomed to campus in August. The 20 students are from eight states and possess bachelor's degrees from 11 universities.

"This is an extraordinary moment for the College of Health Sciences (CHS) and

Samford University," said Nena Sanders, CHS vice provost. "We have a long history of health care education at Samford. To welcome full classes of physical therapy and speech language pathology students in our first year of offering the programs tells us that we are continuing to meet the needs of the market," she added.

Admission to the programs is competitive. Applications for the Doctor of Physical Therapy program beginning in summer 2016 are due Oct. 1. Opening date for Master of Science in speech language pathology program applications is Sept. 17. Applications are due Jan. 4.

*For information, go to [samford.edu/healthprofessions](http://samford.edu/healthprofessions).*

## CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

Cumberland School of Law welcomed its first students for the new Master of Science in health law and policy degree for on-campus orientation Aug. 21–22. With an entering cohort of approximately 20 students, the class surpassed the target enrollment for the new program.

The degree will be the first fully online program offered by the law school, as well as the first degree for nonlawyers. Experienced faculty from the law school and the College of Health Sciences, as well as compliance professionals from the community, will participate in the program.

Included in the program is coursework in health law, regulatory affairs, public policy, insurance and health care administration, with a particular emphasis on health care compliance. The online program takes two years to complete, with students taking two classes per term through fall, spring and summer. The second year includes two classes in fall and spring, and a final summer course.

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## IDA V. MOFFETT SCHOOL OF NURSING

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing is preparing to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree to students with associate and baccalaureate degrees in nursing. This change is in response to the call from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing to transition the level of preparation for advanced practice nursing roles from the master's degree to the doctoral level. Advanced practice nurses seeking top clinical positions will be educated in D.N.P. programs.

“As our country's health care

environment becomes more complex, advanced practice nurses are required to have the highest level of scientific knowledge and practice expertise possible,” said senior associate dean and professor Jane Martin. “With this in mind, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing is establishing innovative new programs that respond to the evolving demands of practice.”

Proposed plans of study for the B.S.N.-to-D.N.P. and RN-to-D.N.P. programs are three to three and a half years in length and will begin as soon as summer 2016. The first program options available will be in the areas of Family Nurse Practitioner and Leadership.

Samford graduated its first class from its current post-M.S.N. D.N.P. program in 2009. The D.N.P. is a clinically focused terminal degree in nursing practice and an alternative to research-focused doctoral programs. D.N.P. programs of study emphasize leadership, evidence, refinement of skills in areas of scholarly practice, practice improvement, innovation, evaluation of care delivery models and clinical expertise.

## McWHORTER SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

McWhorter School of Pharmacy's Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) recently was honored with the 2015 Midsized Chapter of the Year Award at the organization's annual meeting in Orlando, Florida. SNPhA's purpose is to plan, organize, coordinate and execute programs to improve the health, educational and social aspects of the community.

The organization is the perfect platform, allowing students to put the school's tagline, “Preparing Pharmacists who Transform Lives,” to action, said assistant professor Pilar Murphy, because students go out and serve underserved communities.

In 2014–15, SNPhA participated in more than 35 health fairs and 10 community service projects, providing health

services to more than 900 patients. Membership in the organization increased by 54 percent, and students provided more than 250 direct patient contact hours.

SNPhA hosts a number of events each year, including regular clinics for Equal Access Birmingham and for individuals in Perry County, Alabama. They also go to schools in underprivileged areas to educate students about careers in pharmacy.

*Learn more about SNPhA at [samford.edu/pharmacy/student-organizations](http://samford.edu/pharmacy/student-organizations).*

## SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Students pursuing a number of undergraduate degrees at Samford now have the opportunity to earn their Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) with just one additional year of study. The Department of Social Work's new fast-track M.S.W. program allows undergraduate students from select majors to participate in an option that allows students to graduate with a bachelor's degree in their selected major and an M.S.W. after five years of study.

Undergraduate majors eligible for the fast-track M.S.W. include family science, food and nutrition, global studies, health sciences, psychology and sociology.

The first three years of the program are dedicated to the completion of all required undergraduate courses. Students then enroll in M.S.W. courses during their senior year; the M.S.W. courses they complete during that year also satisfy general and directed undergraduate elective requirements, allowing them to graduate with a bachelor's degree after four years of study. A final year of graduate coursework leads to completion of the M.S.W. degree.

The Samford M.S.W. program is a distinctly Christian learning community that prepares graduate for lives of service as advanced social workers who promote healing, wholeness and reconciliation. ▀

*News from Howard College of Arts and Sciences can be found beginning on page 21.*

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Mr. & Mrs. Harold Parrish, Hoover, Alabama

### **College of Health Sciences Gift Fund**

*in honor of Dr. Margie Findlay*

Ms. Brittany O. Shurden, Steens, Mississippi

### **Legacy League Cowley MK Endowed Scholarship**

*in honor of Dr. William A. Cowley*

Mr. & Mrs. John M. Bergquist, Vestavia Hills,

Alabama

*in honor of Dr. Bill & Mrs. Audrey Cowley*

Dr. & Mrs. Jarrett W. Richardson III, Rochester,

Minnesota

Dr. & Mrs. Charles T. Workman, Centerpoint,

Alabama

### **Caitlin Creed Samford Auxiliary Scholarship**

*in honor of Dr. Brad & Mrs. Kathy Creed*

Academic Affairs, Birmingham

Dean & Mrs. David W. Chapman, Birmingham

Mr. & Mrs. W. Randy Pittman, Vestavia Hills,

Alabama

### **Daniel House Renovations Fund**

*in honor of Dr. Betsy Holloway*

Mrs. Mary Kathryn C. Steel, Raritan, New Jersey

### **Religion-Field Methods in Archaeology**

*in honor of Dr. Betsy Holloway*

Mrs. Mary Kathryn C. Steel, Raritan, New Jersey

### **Jackie H. Davis Nurse Anesthesia Medical Missions Fund**

*in honor of Mrs. Jackie Davis*

Ms. Nina E. McLain, Philadelphia, Mississippi

*in honor of Nurse Anesthesia Class of 2015*

Mrs. Somyr S. Waller, Morris, Alabama

### **Diversity and Intercultural Initiative**

*in honor of Dr. Denise J. Gregory*

Jack and Jill of America Inc., Birmingham

### **East African Student Assistance Fund**

*in honor of Betty Kayetesi and Emmy Nteziriyayo*

Dr. & Mrs. Jeff Bennie, Brentwood, Tennessee

### **Friends of Samford Arts**

*in honor of Mrs. Elouise W. Williams*

Ms. Gay Lynn Johnson, Birmingham

### **General Scholarship Fund**

*in honor of Dr. Margie Findlay*

Ms. Rebecca L. Willis, Alabaster, Alabama

### **Herman and Ruth Haas Scholarship Fund**

*in honor of Mrs. Marla Corts*

Ms. Jennifer Corts, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

### **Human Development and Family Life Education**

*in honor of Dominique Alexis Holdo*

Mr. & Mrs. Erik E. Holdo, Cumming, Georgia

### **Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing**

*in honor of Dr. Darlene Mathis and Dr. Cynthia*

*Berry*

Dr. Katie & Mr. David Buys, Starkville, Mississippi

*in honor of Ms. Allison Clement*

Mr. & Mrs. James A. Clement, Pelham, Alabama

### **International Residency Annual Scholarship for Study Abroad**

*in honor of Mr. Andrew D. Crosson*

Ms. Dianne M. Crosson, Meridianville, Alabama

Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Crosson, Saint Petersburg, Florida

*in honor of Dr. Alan Jung and Family*

Ms. Maggie Rheney, Jackson, Tennessee

**Nita Ivey Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

*in honor of Mrs. Dawn Smith Carre*

Mrs. Nancy Beardin, Columbiana, Alabama  
 Ms. Abby Grace Brown, Vestavia Hills, Alabama  
 Ms. Lauren Bunn, Birmingham  
 Burr & Forman LLP, Birmingham  
 Mrs. Donna M. Burton, Hayden, Alabama  
 Mrs. Leslie Clay, Trussville, Alabama  
 Ms. Denise R. Clothier, Hoover, Alabama  
 Mrs. Bess Creswell, Mobile, Alabama  
 Ms. Lauren DeFoor, Moody, Alabama  
 Ms. Suzanne Eady, Fultondale, Alabama  
 Mrs. Gillian Egan, Spanish Fort, Alabama  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ronald W. Farley, Homewood, Alabama  
 Mrs. Sharon S. Foshee, Dora, Alabama  
 Ms. Sara E. Geisking, Mountain Brook, Alabama  
 Ms. Sally D. Gonder, Birmingham  
 Mr. & Mrs. David G. Griffith, Birmingham  
 Mrs. Kerin L. Hoffmann, Daphne, Alabama  
 Mrs. Leigha Matherne Howell, Hoover, Alabama  
 Ms. Janet Lang, Birmingham  
 Ms. Debra L. Mackey, Birmingham  
 Ms. J. Lauren McLemore, Dauphin Island, Alabama  
 Mr. Derek Firth Meek, Birmingham  
 Mrs. Rhonda Messina, Hayden, Alabama  
 Mrs. Cathy G. Ogletree, Harpersville, Alabama  
 Ms. Angela L. Phillips, Marietta, Georgia  
 Ms. Ellen Prescott, Birmingham  
 Ms. Elizabeth Ramsey, Atlanta, Georgia  
 Ms. Kathy J. Saint, Carrollton, Georgia  
 Ms. Caitlin A. Scannell, Simi Valley, California  
 Mrs. Beverly S. Sievers, McCalla, Alabama  
 Mrs. Kimberly Skelton, Homewood, Alabama  
 Ms. Mallie B. Smith, Mountain Brook, Alabama  
 Mrs. Tiffany C. Smyth, Birmingham  
 Ms. Meredith Stinson, Vestavia Hills, Alabama  
 Mrs. Helen M. Walker, Birmingham  
 Ms. Teresa V. Whitmore, Hoover, Alabama  
 Mrs. Jennifer Wilson, Hartselle, Alabama  
 Ms. Crystal L. Winslett, Moody, Alabama  
 Mr. & Mrs. Cody Wix, Birmingham  
 Mrs. Susan R. Wood, Hoover, Alabama

**Sharon S. Jackson Scholarship**

*in honor of PwC*

Mr. Troy A. Lugo, Hoover, Alabama

**McWhorter School of Pharmacy Annual Scholarship**

*in honor of Mr. Monty Hogewood*

Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Faulkner, Hoover, Alabama

**McWhorter School of Pharmacy**

*in honor of Dr. Meredith Whitcomb Nelson*

Mr. & Mrs. John M. Whitcomb, Hoover, Alabama

**ODK Leadership Fund**

*in honor of Dr. Betsy Holloway*

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew R. Patterson, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

**Maurice Persall Endowed Scholarship**

*in honor of Dr. Maurice Persall*

Dr. Alice & Mr. Kenneth Laurendine, Hoover, Alabama

**Pintlala Baptist Church/Gary P. Burton Scholarship**

*in honor of Pintlala Baptist Church 55th*

*Anniversary*

Mr. Joe W. McDade, Montgomery, Alabama

**Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence**

*in honor of Mrs. Donna Wilson*

Mr. & Mrs. Michael K. Wilson, Birmingham

**Spiritual Life Missions Fund**

*in honor of Will Belter*

Ms. Beth Tarassoli, Trussville, Alabama

**William J. "Bill" Stevens Endowed Scholarship**

*in honor of Mr. William J. Stevens*

Mr. & Mrs. Philip & Shellyn Poole, Hoover, Alabama  
 Schaeffler Group USA Inc., Fort Mill, South Carolina  
 THK America Inc., Schaumburg, Illinois

**MEMORIALS**

**2015 Legacy League Scholarship**

*in memory of Dr. L. Gene Black*

Dr. & Mrs. Sigurd F. Bryan, Birmingham

*in memory of Mrs. Kathleen Vaughan Prude*

The Alabama Baptist, Birmingham  
 Dr. & Mrs. William M. Bishop, Birmingham  
 Mrs. Mary Beth Prude, Birmingham  
 Dr. & Mrs. K. Bryant Strain, Mountain Brook, Alabama

*in memory of Herson Elvin Rickard*

Mrs. Cheryl M. Acton, Hoover, Alabama

**A Cappella Choir**

*in memory of Mrs. Susie Edwards*

Mr. & Mrs. Philip & Shellyn Poole, Hoover, Alabama

**Anesthesia Student Travel Fund**

*in memory of Dr. Resa Culpepper*

Ms. Nina E. McLain, Philadelphia, Mississippi

**John Lee Armstrong Endowed Scholarship**

*in memory of Mr. Robert Ray Armstrong*

Mrs. Jo Ann W. Armstrong, Center Point, Alabama  
 Mr. John Lee Armstrong Jr., Winterville, North Carolina

**Beeson Divinity School Fund**

*in memory of Browser Crenshaw*

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Logan, Hoover, Alabama

**Biology Department Fund**

*in memory of Dr. Ronald L. Jenkins*

Ms. Amy E. Dobelstein, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

**Brock School of Business Excellence Fund**

*in memory of Dr. Harry B. Brock Jr.*

Balch & Bingham LLP, Birmingham

**Brock School of Business Bldg-Gift Inc.**

*in memory of Scotty Bennett*

Mrs. Doshia S. Bennett, Birmingham

**Brock School of Business Building Fund**

*in memory of Mr. William A. Boone Jr.*

Mrs. A. Alisa Boone, Mountain Brook, Alabama

*in memory of Mr. Joe Clanton*

Mr. J. Matthew Wilson, Birmingham

**Bulldog Club Men's Basketball Fund**

**Bulldog Club Women's Basketball Fund**

**Bulldog Club Football**

*in memory of Dr. John C. Pittman*

Mr. & Mrs. Rickie D. Moon, Huntsville, Alabama

**Bulldog Club Softball Fund**

*in memory of Mr. Jeffrey Bice*

R.O.M.E.O. Group at Hamburger Haven, Birmingham

**Charles T. Carter Endowed Baptist Chair of Beeson Divinity**

*in memory of Dr. A. Earl Potts*

Alabama Baptist State Convention, Montgomery, Alabama

**Chemistry Department**

*in memory of Dr. William A. Wood*

DeGrouchy, Sifer and Company, Richboro, Pennsylvania  
 Mrs. Donna K. Gordon, Richboro, Pennsylvania  
 Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Hall, Doylestown, Pennsylvania  
 Ms. Sandra Leggieri, Southampton, Pennsylvania  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Maven, Fountainville, Pennsylvania

**Class of 1965 Scholarship**

*in memory of Dr. G. Allan Yeomans*

Mrs. Linda T. Grote, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**Caitlin Creed Samford Auxiliary Scholarship**

*in memory of Caitlin E. Creed*

Dr. Nancy & Mr. Joseph Biggio, Birmingham  
 Dr. Jeanie A. Box, Mountain Brook, Alabama  
 Dean & Mrs. David W. Chapman, Birmingham  
 Dr. & Mrs. J. Bradley Creed, Buies Creek, North Carolina



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 Dr. & Mrs. David C. Little, Helena, Alabama  
 Dr. Ellen W. McLaughlin, Birmingham  
 Mr. David L. Tucker Jr., Vestavia Hills, Alabama

**James E. Davidson Fund for Rural Ministries**  
*in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. Lewis*  
 Dr. & Mrs. J. Rudolph Davidson, Birmingham

**Joseph O. Dean Jr. Pharmacy Scholarship**  
*in memory of Ms. Ethel Lander*  
 Mr. & Mrs. J. Dewey Kyle, Springville, Alabama

**Grace Hicks Ezell Memorial Scholarship**  
*in memory of Dr. Grace Ezell Marquez*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Indrek Ojamaa, Trenton, New Jersey

**Marion A. Ferguson Scholarship Fund**  
*in memory of Mrs. Marion A. Ferguson*  
 Ms. Shirley I. McCarty, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

**David Foreman Scholarship Fund**  
*in memory of Dr. David L. Foreman*  
 Mr. Frank W. Goodhew, Irondale, Alabama

**Friends of Samford Arts**  
*in memory of Ms. Trevelyn Grace Campbell*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Clay D. Campbell, Birmingham

**Friends of Theatre and Dance**  
*in memory of Lakim S. Young*  
 Ms. Amanda J. Arnette, Birmingham  
 Ms. Ashley T. Blankenship, Birmingham  
 Ms. Nell T. Richardson, Leeds, Alabama  
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**Herman and Ruth Haas Scholarship Fund**  
*in memory of Dr. Tom Corts and Herman and Ruth Haas*  
 Ms. Jennifer Corts, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

**Robert B. Hatfield Scholarship for Music Ministry**  
*in memory of Rev. Ambrose Benjamin Hatfield*  
 Mrs. Susan B. Barrow, Birmingham  
 Mr. John M. George, Hayden, Alabama

**Susie Herron Debate Team Scholarship**  
*in memory of Susie I. Herron*  
 Mr. & Mrs. C. Keith Herron, Mountain Brook, Alabama

**History Department Fund**  
*in memory of Mrs. Christina Mosley Furr*  
 Ms. Cynthia Ware, Bedford, Texas

**Howard College Class of 1961 Legacy Scholarship**  
*in memory of Mr. Lee Ousley*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Neil S. Nation, Rockvale, Tennessee

**Legacy League Fund**  
*in memory of Mrs. Kathleen Prude*  
 Mrs. Marla Corts, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

**McWhorter School of Pharmacy Annual Scholarship**  
*in memory of Mrs. Ruby Miriam Bissett*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Monty Hogewood, Birmingham

**The Mothers Fund Scholarship**  
*in memory of Belva Dozier Owen*  
 Hon. Karon D. Bowdre & Mr. Birch Bowdre Jr., Birmingham

**John C. and Marjorie H. Pittman Fund**  
*in memory of Richard Canan*  
 Mrs. Beverly Woodard Smith, Trussville, Alabama

*in memory of Dr. John C. Pittman*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard S. Abernethy, Mountain Brook, Alabama  
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Anthony, Mountain Brook, Alabama

Mr. & Mrs. John N. Balabanos, Birmingham  
 Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Boswell, Birmingham  
 Buffalo Rock Company, Inc., Birmingham  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Boyd E. Christenberry, Montgomery, Alabama  
 Mrs. Marla Corts, Vestavia Hills, Alabama  
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 Mr. Charles L. Green Jr., Birmingham  
 Ms. Maria P. Hawkins, Vestavia Hills, Alabama  
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 Mr. John P. North, Birmingham  
 Mr. & Mrs. David R. Pittman, Birmingham  
 Mr. & Mrs. W. Randy Pittman, Vestavia Hills, Alabama  
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 Ms. B. Ruth Todd, Birmingham  
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**Preministerial Scholars Alumni Fund**  
*in memory of Rev. Keith Loomis*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Philip & Shellyn Poole, Hoover, Alabama

**Timothy Sumner Robinson Scholarship Fund**  
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 Ms. Martha Taylor Robinson, Fresno, California  
 Col. & Mrs. Michael N. Robinson, Maylene, Alabama  
 Mrs. Terah R. Sherer, Jasper, Alabama

**Rural Counties of Alabama Scholarship at McWhorter School of Pharmacy**  
*in memory of Mr. Cecil Bud Martin*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Evan McDonald, Butler, Alabama

**Samford Auxiliary Glenn and Frances Slye Scholarship**  
*in memory of Frances Slye*  
 Rev. Glenn E. Slye, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

**Samford Fund**  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Dorsey "Doc" L. Shannon Jr., Tulsa, Oklahoma

*in memory of Mrs. Effie Jean Corbitt*  
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*in memory of Dr. W. Mabry Lunceford*  
 Dr. P. Joe Whitt, Northport, Alabama

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 Mrs. Cinda McMurtrey Johnson, Harpersville, Alabama

**Samford Habitat for Humanity House**  
*in memory of Fyanne Thorngate*  
 Dean & Mrs. David W. Chapman, Birmingham

**Spiritual Life General Fund**  
*in memory of Dr. Thomas Corts*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jason W. Roland, Columbia, Missouri

**Anne Glaze and William C. Stone Scholarship**  
*in memory of Rev. Charles R. & Mrs. Ila G. Glaze*  
 Dr. & Mrs. William C. Stone, Huntsville, Alabama

**Susina Family Endowed Scholarship**  
*in memory of Ann Lyons*  
 Dr. Brenda R. Denson, Birmingham

**Trevelyn Grace Campbell Endowed Art Scholarship**  
*in memory of Trevelyn G. Campbell*  
 Mr. & Mrs. William R. Hawkins, Birmingham

**Zelma & Pat Pattillo Scholarship**  
*in memory of Dr. Grace Ezell Marquez and Dr. John C. Pittman*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Wesley M. Pattillo Jr., Mountain Brook, Alabama

## Samford Class of 2015 Sets Record for Giving

Samford's Senior Class of 2015 set records for their giving to the university and more than doubled the participation of last year's class. This year's seniors made 123 gifts to the "I Believe in Samford" giving program, a participation rate of 25.63 percent. They contributed more than \$2,100.

"Through this campaign, the Class of 2015 came together to show the many reasons they believe in Samford, and the many unique ways this university has touched their lives," said Lauren McCaghren, Samford's senior director of annual giving and alumni programs. "We are very proud of this group, and I hope these numbers can serve as an inspiration to alumni and other donors."

A committee of 32 seniors solicited their classmates on behalf of the campaign.

"The creativity they showed throughout the campaign process and the enthusiasm behind their efforts was infectious and certainly attributed to its success," said McCaghren. "Samford University is grateful to these seniors and appreciates the support of the senior class."

The list of those giving to the 2015 Senior Campaign follows.

Ms. Sophia R. Artusa  
 Mr. Samuel P. Austin  
 Ms. Katherine G. Belcher  
 Ms. Casey L. Bell  
 Ms. Amy E. Bennett  
 Mr. Matthew C. Bontrager  
 Ms. Brittany N. Bostick  
 Ms. Kaitlyn E. Bouchillon  
 Ms. Jessica L. Boyd  
 Mr. Andrew J. Bragg  
 Ms. Kristin M. Brining  
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 Mr. John B. Cannafax  
 Ms. Casey A. Cappa  
 Mr. Louis R. Chun  
 Ms. Anna K. Cochrane  
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 Ms. Lauren M. Cook  
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 Ms. Emma J. Crist  
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 Ms. Taylor G. Dahlgren  
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 Ms. Caroline M. Derrick  
 Mr. John S. Dickson  
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 Ms. Emily E. Elder  
 Ms. Caroline E. England  
 Ms. Chelsey E. Estes  
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 Ms. Bailey E. Fuqua  
 Ms. Jamie N. Gentile  
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 Ms. Sarah C. Goergen  
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 Mr. Hunter M. Green  
 Ms. Courtney M. Guhl  
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 Ms. Cori Harris  
 Ms. Margaret F. Hayes  
 Ms. Paige C. Heinsohn  
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 Ms. Tara C. Jones  
 Ms. Emily C. Kelley  
 Ms. Elizabeth A. Kolakoski  
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 Ms. Nathalie A. Roeling  
 Mr. Cody T. Russell  
 Ms. Lauren E. Sampson  
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 Ms. Emily B. Sarver  
 Ms. Neely E. Scott  
 Mr. Matthew C. Skinner  
 Ms. Elizabeth J. Smith  
 Ms. Morgan G. Smith

Ms. Nicole F. Smith  
 Mr. Nathan I. Smolin  
 Ms. Sarah G. Snyder  
 Ms. Lauren L. Speakman  
 Ms. Samantha F. Stallings  
 Ms. Rachel C. Stanback  
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 Ms. Erin M. Tidwell  
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 Ms. Chelsea L. Treadway  
 Ms. Rachel L. Treadwell  
 Ms. Hillary G. Turner  
 Ms. Jennifer A. Vassell  
 Ms. Corynne M. Wagener  
 Ms. Audrey M. Ward  
 Ms. Jordan E. Webb  
 Mr. Keith B. Whiteneck  
 Mr. Robert H. Whitmire  
 Ms. Sarah B. Williams  
 Ms. Amy C. Wilson  
 Ms. Emily Wood  
 Ms. Meredith M. Wright  
 Ms. Cecily B. Young  
 Ms. Jenna B. Zimmerman



## Friday, November 6

### Vespers Service

5:30 p.m., Hodges Chapel

Join the Samford community in this monthly song and spoken prayer featuring the renowned A Cappella Choir and the majesty of Hodges Chapel.

### VIP Banquet Reception

5:30 p.m., Rotunda, Center for Healing Arts

Reunion volunteers celebrate the start of homecoming weekend.

### Banquet

6:30 p.m., Seibert Hall

Join alumni, friends and employees as Samford celebrates the long-standing tradition of the Candlelight Dinner, and honors the 2015 Alumni of the Year and Outstanding Young Alumnus. Reunion classes and groups also will be recognized.

## Saturday, November 7

### Red, White and Blue 5K/Fun Run

8 a.m., Samford University Track/Soccer Complex

Join the Aerospace Studies Club for an event honoring our nation's veterans. Show your American or school spirit by dressing in your favorite patriotic or Bulldog attire. Enjoy music and camaraderie as you run down the scenic Lakeshore Trail.

### The Beat Goes On: How the 1960s Changed Music, Fashion, Politics and Everything Else

9 a.m., 302N Divinity Hall

Professors Mark Baggett (English) and Delane Tew (History) have developed a new interdisciplinary course on the 1960s. They will discuss how the decade that gave us the Beatles, Twiggy, Andy Warhol, Woodstock and Tiny Tim set in motion a revolution that is still with us today.

### McWhorter School of Pharmacy Continuing Education Session: Allergy and Immunology

9-11 a.m., Ingalls Hall

Both sessions are knowledge-based CE activities and appropriate for all pharmacists. Attendees will receive 2 CE hours.

### Student Organization Display Boards

9 a.m.-1 p.m., Ben Brown Plaza

This new Samford tradition replaces the parade. Stop by and vote for your favorite!

### Cooney Hall (New Brock School of Business Building) Open House

9:30-11:30 a.m.

### Celebration with Liz Wells: 40 Years of Service and Contributions

10 a.m., Quad

Join the University Library and wish Liz Wells a happy retirement from Samford.

**Phi Mu Open House**  
10 a.m.-11 a.m.

**Chi Omega Open House**  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Quad Sing**  
10:30 a.m., **Centennial Walk**  
Join the Samford A Cappella Choir and celebrate its rich history as it performs.

**Art Lofts Grand Opening**  
11 a.m., **Located behind Lena Vail Davis Residence Hall**  
Join the School of the Arts to view the opening of its new 2D and 3D “messy” arts facility.

**S-Club Tailgate**  
11 a.m., **Quad**  
The Official Letterwinners’ Club of Samford Athletics invites all former student-athletes and their families to attend.

**Journalism and Mass Communication Department Wall of Fame Ceremony**  
11:15 a.m., **Brock Forum**

**Class of 1965 50th Anniversary Reunion**  
11:30 a.m., **Howard Room**

**Tailgates and Reunions**  
11:30 a.m., **Quad**

**Kids Zone**  
11:30 a.m., **Quad**  
Bring your children to enjoy an afternoon of fun activities while reconnecting with your classmates and their families. Don’t miss out on the inflatables, campus scavenger hunt, your picture with Spike and more!

**Bulldog Walk**  
11:45 a.m., **University Center Quad Entrance**  
Cheer on the football team as it marches to Sullivan-Cooney Family Field House to prepare for the big game!

**Samford vs. Clark Atlanta Football Game**  
2 p.m., **Seibert Stadium**  
Pregame festivities will begin at 1:30 p.m. Children ages 12 and under receive free admission with a paying adult, courtesy of Alabama Power.

**Pharmacy Class of 2010 Reunion Party**  
6 p.m., **Location TBA**

**Pharmacy Class of 2005 Reunion Party**  
6-10 p.m., **Location TBA**

**Pharmacy Class of 1990 Reunion Party**  
6 p.m., **Location TBA**

**Class of 2005 Reunion Party**  
6 p.m., **Cocina Superior**

**Class of 1990 Reunion Party**  
7 p.m., **TBA**

**Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education Centennial Celebration Dinner**  
7 p.m., **The Club**  
Learning for Life Awards will be given to 100 outstanding education school alumni or teaching certification recipients.

## **Sunday, November 8**

**Campus Prayer Walk**  
9 a.m., **Centennial Walk**  
Pray for the university, its students and alumni by utilizing a prayer guide.

**Bible Study led by Dr. Westmoreland**  
10 a.m., **Reid Chapel**  
Join Dr. Westmoreland as he leads a time of worship in the Word.

**Golden Bulldog Brunch**  
11 a.m., **Regions Community Resource Room, Cooney Hall**  
This event is for graduates from 1965 and prior.

**“The Caf” Brunch and Open House**  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., **Dining Hall, University Center**  
Enjoy brunch and view the recent renovations made to the caf.

**Campus Shuttle Tour**  
12:30 p.m., **meet outside Cooney Hall**  
Take a tour of our picturesque campus before you wrap up the weekend. Seating is limited to 12.

**A Walk in the Park with Dr. Davenport**  
1 p.m., **Botanical Gardens**  
Dr. Larry Davenport leads a two-hour tour of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, stopping frequently to ponder life’s great (plant) questions along the way. Meet at the front entrance of the gardens, and wear comfortable walking shoes.

**All registrations are requested no later than November 1. Events are subject to change.**

**Go to [alumni.samford.edu/hcschedule](http://alumni.samford.edu/hcschedule) for the most current schedule of events.**

# SAMFORD • 2015 *Homecoming*

Celebrate the tradition of coming home.



Samford quarterback Michael Eubank fires a pass against Central Arkansas in the 2015 football opener. Eubank threw for four touchdowns as Samford won, 45-16.

