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A theatrical production of 'Children of Eden' is shown on a stage. In the background, a large, circular backdrop features a stylized, dark silhouette of a tree against a light blue sky. On a raised, rocky platform in the center, five actors dressed in green, leafy costumes with headbands of twigs and leaves stand together, holding long, thin branches. Below them, on the main stage floor, several other actors are visible. On the left, a woman in a light brown, sleeveless dress stands barefoot. In the center, a man in a light brown coat and white pants stands with his hands at his sides. To his right, a woman in a white dress is also visible. In the foreground, two more actors in green leafy costumes are walking. A small, dark, insect-like prop is on the floor in the lower center. The stage floor is dark and reflective, showing the actors' silhouettes.

Samford's School of the Arts
Department of Theatre and Dance
presented *Children of Eden* this spring.

From the President



A Welcoming Family

Another season of spring commencement ceremonies is over and I find myself writing these thoughts, looking into the rear-view mirror at the conclusion of the academic year. Memories are fresh, and one comes immediately to mind.

Stephan Scott, Pharm.D., Class of 2018, arrived at Samford several years ago as an undergraduate, and I knew him from day one. He excelled in his classes, participated in campus life and gave tours for the admissions office. I would frequently interrupt his tours to chat with Stephan and the families alongside him. Fast forward: Stephan was fully accepted into McWhorter School of Pharmacy and—no surprise—he did well in that program, too. He was elected class president, again—no surprise. On the evening before the commencement ceremony for his class, Stephan spoke to his colleagues and the assembled faculty of the pharmacy school. This is what he said:

As many of you know I have a unique perspective on the concept of family. When I was 11, the pastor of my local church and his wife, CB and Karen Scott, became my parents when they adopted me into their family. At the age of 12, I was adopted into the family of God by His grace. And in 2014, all of us were adopted into this pharmacy family, and into the Samford family. My dad has always told me, 'Family is everything. Everyone else is just a friend or an enemy.' I truly believe this applies to this group as much as it could to any other. We have all been given a wonderful gift, which we should cherish. We have been given the gift of this community of support, encouragement and love as we pursued our degree. We have developed many different relationships, and we have each found the groups to which we gravitate. However, I believe we have achieved a fellowship unique to our class. Whether that fellowship was found in late night, coffee-fueled study sessions or through singing Happy Birthday to one another in our special way. As we enter into a world where most everyone is either a friend or an enemy, I want you all to reflect back to this time we've had together. The time when we were all in this together. The time when we would help one another selflessly, and support each other through good days and the tough days. Use this reflection to impact the setting in which you practice and recreate this environment as much as you can.

To Stephan's comments, I would add, simply, in one way or another, we've all been adopted into a family. I'm still grateful that Samford adopted me. Perhaps you are grateful that Samford adopted you, too.

As always, please keep Samford in your prayers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew Westmoreland".

Andrew Westmoreland
President

Samford Celebrates Historic Milestones During Spring Commencement *by Philip Poole*

Samford University celebrated several historic milestones during 2018 spring commencement activities, including the largest graduating class in the university's 176-year history.

A record 1,240 degrees were awarded, although the official total will not be available until all grades have been submitted and graduates certified, according to university officials. That tops the 2017 record of 1,165.

In the seven commencement ceremonies, 33 different degree programs were recognized, including the first graduates in the Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master of Athletic Training, Master of Science in Respiratory Care and Master of Science in Health Informatics programs in the College of Health Sciences.

Graduating students represented 28 states and seven other countries: United Kingdom, Malaysia, China, France, South Korea, Canada and Germany.

In a unique commencement address, art professor emeritus Lowell Vann used his talents in chalk drawing to inspire graduates in the arts and education schools. Other commencement speakers included students who were graduating in health sciences, a pastor, a banking executive, an attorney and a federal judge. Several are Samford alumni.

Mary Katherine Stanley, a University Fellow and accounting major from Memphis, Tennessee, received the President's Cup, awarded to the graduating student with the highest undergraduate grade point average (GPA) across all Samford colleges and schools. She was one



Enjoying commencement moments are, clockwise from top, some School of Health Professions graduates and faculty; education graduate Megan Eberhart; and law graduate Kingsley Okpara.

of five students to receive prestigious honors during commencement ceremonies.

Sarah Michelle Duke was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and received a standing ovation from her fellow graduates and the

audience at the Howard College of Arts and Sciences ceremony.

A record live stream audience watched ceremonies in seven countries: Korea, Australia, Chile, England, Philippines, Germany and the U.S. ▶

Chew Receives Distinguished Teaching Award *by Sean Flynt*

Stephen Chew, Samford psychology department chair and internationally recognized expert on teaching and learning, has earned the American Psychology Foundation's (APF) Charles L. Brewer Distinguished Teaching of Psychology Award.

The award, recognizing a significant career of contributions of a psychologist who is an exceptional teacher of psychology, will be presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association (APA) in August. The APF is the foundation arm of the APA, the leading scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States, with more than 115,700 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students as its members.

The Brewer award is the latest honor in a career packed with them. Chew previously served as a Carnegie Scholar and Fellow of the American Psychological Association. He has earned Samford's Buchanan Teaching award, the Society for the Teaching of Psychology's Robert S. Daniel Teaching Excellence Award and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's state and U.S. Professor of

the Year honors.

Chew was an early champion of undergraduate research at Samford, and, although he has a wish list of personal research projects, he has never taken a sabbatical at Samford to pursue those. Instead, he finds areas of common interest with his students, collaborates with them and applies cutting-edge research to help them learn.

That emphasis on mentoring and improving the quality of teaching and learning led Chew to present annual student convocation programs. Those, in turn, broadened to become his acclaimed video series on How to Get the Most Out of Studying and Cognitive Principles of Effective Teaching. The former series has been viewed more than a million times and is in use at educational institutions worldwide.

As Chew reflected on a long and

distinguished career, he settled on the enjoyment he gets from keeping up with his former students. "That's the greatest benefit of teaching," he said. Some of his students, including Amy Fineburg '94, have become his professional colleagues and partners in advancing the discipline of psychology. In 2017, Chew and Fineburg, advanced programs specialist for Jefferson County Schools in Alabama, developed a public "Psych Friday" program, and offered that program again in April at Hoover Public Library.

"He interacts with everyone with humility and interest because he truly believes he can always learn something new," Fineburg said of Chew. "He brings that humility and curiosity to his classroom every day, and he is then generous in sharing what he learns."

Sharing what he learns sometimes means confronting popular misconceptions, myths and misdirection in education. Chew has, for example, sought a way out of education's "buzzword wasteland," and challenged fad-driven change that doesn't represent real progress in teaching and learning.

Asked for an education progress report, Chew responds that there is reason for hope. "The field is going in two different directions at once," he said. In some areas of education, a "factory model" persists, focused on moving people through a system with as little expense as possible. "Then you've got people who are really dedicated to teaching and really embracing the research," he said. "There's tremendous excitement among teachers who look at this research and see how they can apply it. We are at a point where we can really make a big advance if we can just get people moving the same direction."

"I am optimistic," Chew concludes. "The best teaching is getting better." ▀

Stephen Chew



Samford's Sixth Annual **Big Give** Raises more than **\$270,000**

Samford University's sixth annual Big Give took place on April 10-11 with a target of engaging 600 donors. With participation of alumni, faculty, staff, parents, students and friends, the campaign more than doubled its original goal, ending with 1,492 donors and raising \$271,212 for Samford programs.

This year, the Big Give encompassed faculty and staff giving along with the senior gift campaign. Alumni from reunion years voted on projects that felt most meaningful to them. The four highlighted projects were the Sports Analytics Laboratory, Character Development Gives Hope, the Micah Fellows and Center for Faith and Health. Faculty and staff involved with each project encouraged donors from within their schools and the communities they work with to get involved with the Big Give. This resulted in new donors, and alumni and friends sharing information about the Big Give on their social media platforms.

In addition to the four main projects, each school, athletics and the library had featured focus areas donors could support. The combined effort resulted in a

significant increase in donors and the amount raised. Last year the effort raised a little more than \$61,000 with the help of 564 donors.

"We are grateful to all of our donors and to those who took time to spread the word about the campaign," said Karen Templeton, director of annual giving. "We recruited 134 'SAMbassadors' who shared information about the Big Give on social media, through email and by making phone calls. Their dedication helped us achieve not only raising important funds, but also increasing our outreach about how special Samford is."

Most notable this year was the student involvement, Templeton reported.

"We had a giving station set up in Ben Brown and were overwhelmed by the

number of students lining up to make their gifts to the Big Give," she said. "We had 177 students donate on April 10 and 11. Their dedication is inspiring to all of us on campus and beyond. It was fun to share the activity on campus with our alumni through social media and updates."

A number of dedicated alumni from reunion years served as team leaders and reached out to fellow graduates to get them involved. The reunion years' campaigns will continue through the end of June and the class with the most participation will enjoy a complimentary tailgating event in November.

For more information on the Big Give and faculty and staff giving, contact Karen Templeton at ktemplet@samford.edu or 205-726-4580. ▮



Students and employees join the Big Give.



Samford history professor Jason Wallace lectures to 2017 Core Texts students at the British Museum in London.

Samford Students Study Abroad

in 12 Summer Courses

Samford University students scheduled study at an array of international sites during summer 2018. Twelve Samford abroad courses are taking students to England, Ireland, France, Spain, Portugal, Israel, Tanzania, Ecuador, Costa Rica and Panama. The courses:



Arts in Society—An interdisciplinary course on music, theatre and fine art based in Dublin, Ireland, taught by theatre professor Mark Castle. “We are learning about the role of the arts in Irish culture,” said Castle.

Samford in Spain (Madrid)—Offers five-week classes in conversation, culture, theatre and grammar led by language professors Joanna Bradley and Lynda Jentsch. This program includes weekend travel to other cities.

Samford in Spain (Salamanca)—A four-week extension of the Madrid course with students continuing study in the city 110 miles northwest of the capital.

Samford in France—A French language study course led by professor Mary McCullough at the Université Grenoble Alpes in Grenoble. “Students will be taking intensive French courses four hours per day,” said McCullough.

Arts Perspective: Spain and Portugal—This course features visits to museums, galleries, architectural treasures and musical performances in Madrid, Cuenca, Barcelona, Bilbao, Lisbon and other cities. Professors Larry Thompson (art and design) and Kathryn Fouse (music) are leading.

Pharmacy Practice and Healthcare in Spain—A two-week course in Granada led by pharmacy professor Michael Thomas. The class visited hospitals, community pharmacies,

research labs and a professional association/regulatory agency.

London Core Texts Course—This course enlarges the intellectual narrative begun in Samford’s two-semester freshman Core Texts program of reading and discussion. Students compete for 20 class places. Led by professors Jennifer Speights-Binet (geography) and Jason Wallace (history).

Pharmacy and Healthcare in Great Britain—The class visited various venues including Fleming Museum (where penicillin was discovered), Gordon Anatomical Museum, University of London School of Pharmacy and others. Pharmacy professors John Arnold and Kim Benner led.

Pharmacy students and faculty enjoy sightseeing in Granada, Spain. From left, Patricia Naro, Hope May, Kelsey Fitzpatrick, Cody Dukes, Michelle Ball and Michael Thomas



Photo courtesy of Michael Thomas

“Summer is a great time for our students to study abroad and we’re pleased to offer such a variety of opportunities through our faculty-led courses,”
said Lauren Doss, Samford’s director of global engagement.

Samford in Israel—Religion professor James Strange offers Field Methods in Archaeology and Archaeology of Early Judaism and Christianity. Based in Nazareth, the classes are excavating a site previously worked by Samford at the village of Shikhin.

Service-learning in Tanzania—A class aimed at exposing social work students to international work and human development issues in a remote part of Tanzania. Will be led by social work professor Rachel Hagues. Includes a mini safari through the Serengeti.

Nursing Missions in Ecuador—This course is an opportunity for nursing students to examine and experience missions in nursing firsthand in Portoviejo, Ecuador. The medical/evangelism trip will also include an eye clinic, pharmacy and community education. Will be led by nursing professor Lora Shelton.

Interdisciplinary Connections in Latin America—Students are exploring Costa Rica and Panama for courses in Latin American studies and conservation biology. Hiking cloud forests and visiting the Panama Canal included. Professors Carlos Aleman (history) and Drew Hataway (biology) are leading.

Samford will offer a semester-length program at the CAPA London Center in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea this fall while the Daniel House undergoes renovations.

To see more photos of Samford abroad student experiences, please follow @samfordabroad on Instagram!

Madison Park a Story of Community: Eric Motley

When Samford University alumnus Eric Motley was preparing to leave for graduate study in Scotland 21 years ago, he recalls being heavy-hearted and worried about his elderly grandparents, who had raised him in the Montgomery, Alabama, community of Madison Park.

But as night fell, his grandmother led him outside their home where it “felt like the entire community of Madison Park assembled in the yard,” said Motley. He was assured that the community would continue to stand with him and his family.

“Madison Park is a metaphor for community,” he said. “Nothing, no matter how virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore, we are saved by love. We are saved by community.”

Motley spoke as the eighth annual Tom and Marla Corts Distinguished Author Series speaker March 1, the first alumnus selected to deliver the address. The 1996 graduate discussed his recently released memoir *Madison Park: A Place of Hope*, sharing the inspirational story of the community and his upbringing there.

In 1880, a group of freed slaves set out to build a new community near Montgomery. Within two years, the group worked collectively to purchase May Plantation and to form Madison Park, the first community established by a group of freed slaves in Alabama.

“The founding members of Madison Park made a promise to surrender their individual ambitions for the good of a collective cause. The cause of community,” said Motley. “I know the details of this story because my grandfather’s grandfather, John Westley Motley, was one of the founding members.”

The initial promise of community stood firm many years later. According to Motley, everyone in Madison Park was poor but no one knew it because they were immeasurably rich in principles, hope and

collective aspirations.

Motley’s grandfather had three distinct desires for him: first, that he would realize that he was designed by a creator; second, that he would recognize that he was part of something larger than the Motley household, that he was part of the Madison Park community; and last, that he would have the opportunity of enlightenment through education.

Motley reflected on three moments in his life where the trajectory of his story was dramatically changed by the authenticity of community in Madison Park. First, his grandmother recruited three former teachers to help Motley with his reading; second, a friend of his grandfather supplied gas to transport Motley to a summer YMCA program; and third, the Madison Park neighbors gathered to put his mind at ease before Motley left for Scotland.

Motley was a student leader at Samford, serving as Student Government Association president, and later earned his Ph.D. at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. He went on to serve as a special assistant in the White House under



Eric Motley

President George W. Bush. Today, he is executive vice president of the Aspen Institute in Washington, D.C.

At the conclusion of the Corts program, Drayton Nabers Jr., director of Samford’s Frances Marlin Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership, presented Motley with the Mann Medal, one of the highest levels of distinction awarded by Samford.

The Corts Authors Series is sponsored by Samford’s Orlean Beeson School of Education. Proceeds from the 2018 program will benefit the Eric L. Motley Scholarship. ▀

Woodfin Describes his 'Drive to Serve' at Samford Integration Commemoration

by Philip Poole

A yearlong commemoration of the 50th anniversary of integration at Samford University culminated April 9 with public recognition of the 29 African-American graduates who were the inaugural recipients of the Audrey Gaston Howard Award. The award recipients were honored at the annual Samford Black Alumni Association (SBAA) luncheon.

The commemoration and awards were coordinated by Denise Gregory, Samford's assistant provost for diversity and intercultural initiatives. Earlier, award recipients were recognized at a university-wide convocation in February. The award recognizes Samford's first full-time African-American student, the late Audrey Gaston Howard, who enrolled in Cumberland School of Law in 1967 and graduated in 1970.

Gregory noted the honorees are representative of the more than 2,000 African-American graduates who have distinguished themselves through exemplary professional achievement and civic and community service. Nominations were sought from the Samford community and the final selections were made by a representative committee of faculty, staff and alumni.

Birmingham Mayor Randall Woodfin was keynote speaker for the April 9 SBAA luncheon. Woodfin is a 2007 graduate of Samford's Cumberland School of Law.

Woodfin read excerpts from his law school application, titled "Servant Leadership."

In a foreshadowing of his future role, Woodfin wrote in 2003, "I find it imperative that I aid in reshaping and building a better Birmingham from the ground up. I can begin this by obtaining my legal education at Cumberland School of Law.

"As I study the law at Cumberland, focusing my drive to serve, I am certain that I will be equipped to change the sense of social and economic disparity among the constituents of Birmingham."

Woodfin emphasized Samford's mission to "nurture persons" and that serving others is critical to that mission.

"Now that I'm in this position," he said, "my sense of urgency to serve others is even stronger."

Referring to the 29 alumni who were being honored, Woodfin said, "Remember there is some young person who wants to do the same thing but may not know that Samford exists. Make sure they have the same opportunity that you did."

Samford President Andrew Westmoreland welcomed the 350 luncheon guests, saying, "Look at this room. This is what success looks like at Samford and in Birmingham."

Taylor Miller, a freshman religion

major from Orlando, Florida, was announced as recipient of the Tiffany Nicole Conaway Memorial Scholarship by the Samford chapter of Delta Sigma Theta.

Isaac Cooper was recognized for his four years of service as founding president of the SBAA. Cooper is a 2012 business graduate and currently is a financial adviser in Birmingham. Jewel Littleton-Williams, a teacher in the Birmingham City Schools, is the new SBAA president. Littleton-Williams is a 2005 education graduate.

The SBAA luncheon was the culmination of a yearlong commemoration that included speakers, lectures, recognition at Samford's homecoming and other events. Eric L. Motley, a 1996 graduate who was Samford's first African-American elected Student Government Association president, presented the annual Corts Distinguished Author Series lecture in March. ■



Mayor Randall Woodfin, left,
President Andrew Westmoreland

Students by the Hundreds *Help Samford Give Back* by Philip Poole

Samford University's commitment to serving others and serving the community was in strong evidence April 14 as more than 800 students participated in the Samford Gives Back day of community engagement and service. The annual event is coordinated by Samford's Frances Marlin Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership and involved 40 different community partners and work sites.

Helping with Tarrant enviroplex



"We know that students learn more and grow more by getting out into the community," said Allison Nanni, Mann Center director of community engagement. "It reinforces their classroom experience and helps students learn things they can't possibly learn in a classroom setting."

One of the most moving experiences of the day involved 14 members of Delta Omicron national music honor society, who performed for residents of a Hoover retirement and skilled care facility. The students visited residents, singing and playing hymns and performing a mini-concert.

Rebekah Sexton, the program coordinator who worked with the students, was overcome with emotion relating the story of one student who was playing her violin for a usually nonresponsive Alzheimer's patient. As the student played, the patient—who is a former violinist—began mimicking her fingers with tears streaming down her face.

"It sometimes is difficult to watch because our residents can't do the things they used to do," Sexton said. "Music touches you in a way that other things can't, and it elicits response and emotions when other things don't."

Miles away, students helped with landscaping and planting for a new

enviroplex and outdoor classroom for the city of Tarrant. Students planted redwood trees and native plants, spread mulch, seeded areas and placed landscaping logs in what will become an environmental learning space for the Tarrant schools and community. The project is funded by a two-year grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Anna Fiorucci, sophomore education major from Harvest, Alabama, became interested in the project after working at Tarrant Elementary School. As part of the project, she is developing a STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) curriculum for the Tarrant elementary and intermediate schools that will include field trips and other learning experiences.

At Magic City Woodworks, near downtown Birmingham, members of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity continued a strong partnership with the organization, which offers young men valuable job and life skills. Magic City Woodworks also was the 2018 Step Sing philanthropy.

Members work at the organization's workshop and warehouse throughout the year, but for Samford Gives Back they worked to set up and host the opening and fundraising for Magic City Woodworks' sawmill later that day.

At the Ministry Center at Green Springs, the Student Dietetic Association (SDA) packed sweet potatoes into bags and worked on creating flyers with healthy food options for the center to distribute. The ministry helps those who have diabetes, working with them to choose foods that are the healthiest.

"It's really cool to be able to use our

major to help out other people," said Jenna Mabry, the student coordinator. Mabry is a senior nutrition and dietetics major from Iowa City, Iowa.

Before dispersing to work sites, students gathered in Samford's Wright Center to hear an inspiring message about community engagement from Stephen Black, founder and CEO of Impact America, an award-winning nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering college students and recent graduates to address community needs through structured service projects.

Black said the day should be an "introduction to a lifetime commitment to justice, a chance for you to connect on a human level with other people."

Morgan Johnson, a junior journalism and Spanish major from Atlanta, Georgia, was the 2018 Samford Gives Back day director.

"We want Samford Gives Back day to be a chance for Samford students to get out into the community and get plugged in," Johnson said. "Hopefully that involvement will continue after today." ▾



Working at Ministry Center



Student musicians entertain seniors



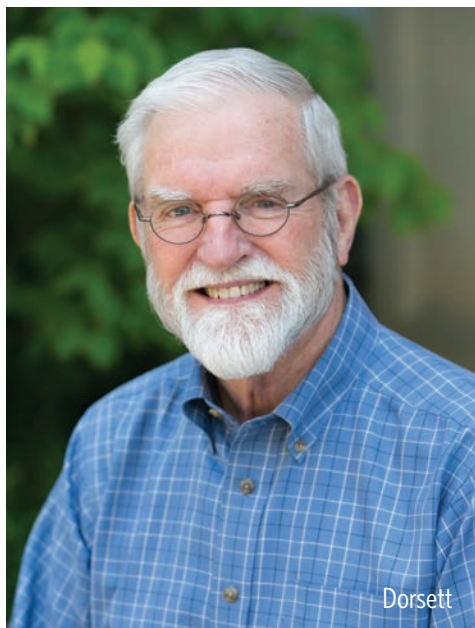
Lending Magic City Woodworks a hand

Faculty Members Head to Retirement

by William Nunnelley

Lyle Dorsett Biography His Favorite

Divinity professor Lyle Dorsett has written or edited more than 20 books during his career, and his plan is to add to the list in his upcoming retirement. Among his most popular have been three books on British



Dorsett

novelist, poet and Christian apologist C. S. Lewis. His book on Lewis' spouse Joy Davidman, entitled *And God Came In*, was published in 1983 and is still in print. The movie *Shadowlands* was based on Dorsett's book.

"Biography is my favorite genre," said Dorsett. Besides the biography of Davidman, he has written biographies of evangelists and clergymen Billy Sunday, A. W. Tozer, D. L. Moody, E. M. Bounds and a spiritual biography of Lewis entitled *Seeking the Secret Place: The Spiritual Formation of C. S. Lewis*.

His most recent title is *Serving God and Country: U.S. Military Chaplains of World War II*.

Dorsett has served as the Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism at Samford's Beeson Divinity School since 2005. He taught courses in evangelism, spiritual formation and church history. He also served as pastor of Christ the King Anglican Church, one of two Anglican churches planted by Dorsett and his wife, Mary. The other is Church of the Great Shepherd in suburban Chicago. They have passed the leadership of both churches to others now.

"I have loved teaching at Beeson Divinity School," said Dorsett. "Getting to

know students in my classes and mentor groups has been enriching. Indeed, I have learned much from my students over the years. I hope I have given them as much as they have given me."

Dorsett said he would miss teaching and students, as well as his dean, Timothy George, and colleagues on the faculty and staff. But he looks forward to spending more time with Mary, he says, and to having more time to write. ▀

Kathy Flowers Jane Austen Guru

Kathy Flowers has taught Communication Arts and Cultural Perspectives courses for Samford freshmen for 20 years. She began as an adjunct professor in 1995 and joined the faculty full time in 2002.

"I enjoy teaching students who are intellectually curious and motivated to learn, even if they are not always the most outgoing students in class," she said this spring. "I still find joy in introducing students to new ideas in the classroom."

Flowers served the core curriculum as

chair of the Communication Arts Textbook Committee and as chief editor of *Communication Arts: A Student's Guide*. In addition, she piloted two study abroad English courses, Survey and Tea and Tuffets.

Taking students to study at Daniel House in 2012 and 2017 were highlights of her tenure.

"Some of my fondest teaching memories are accompanying my students on day trips to such places as Jane Austen's House, John Keats House, the Lake District and Highgate Cemetery," she said. "Witnessing students experience firsthand the places these authors lived, worked and gathered inspiration reminds me why I signed up for this job. And remembering the spur-of-the-moment, out-of-class adventures in such places as Oxford, Colchester and St. Andrews, Scotland, still makes me smile."

Her personal favorite London memory was going with Daniel House neighbor



Roger Williamson to the unveiling of a rare, signed copy of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* valued at 350,000 pounds.

Headed into retirement, Flowers said she looked forward to moving to the beach near Pensacola, Florida, with her husband. What will she do?

"I'm known in the English department as the Jane Austen guru, but there are a couple of her novels that I haven't read in a while," she said. "I'll probably dust those off first, and then indulge in some historical fiction. I plan to be a beach bum who can't resist a good, nerdy book." ▮

Mike Floyd Time To Sail

Law professor Mike Floyd and his wife have wanted to get closer to the water for a long time. Now, Floyd's retirement after 27 years on the faculty of Samford's Cumberland School of Law has made it possible.

"We recently bought a house at the western edge of Pensacola, Florida, and we very much look forward to settling in there," said Floyd. The house is on Innerarity Island in Perdido Bay. Floyd plans to keep his 22-foot sailboat docked at a nearby marina.

"My six-month plan (for the second half of 2018) is to sail my boat, ride my bicycle, play the piano and read whatever I want to. After that, I may just say 'rinse and repeat,' or I may adjust the plan to include some new interests and opportunities."

Floyd said "the primary joy of my years



at Samford has been the privilege of exploring ideas that interest me and sharing those explorations with students, colleagues and other friends." He said "a central ingredient of that has been friendships . . . and I hope my good friends will stay in touch."

Probably the most significant changes over the last quarter century, "in both our society and our law, have been driven by the widespread acceptance of electronic communication and record keeping," said Floyd. He noted that "we can do many things much more quickly now, which brings immense benefits." However, "speed squeezes out opportunities for reflection and challenges human cognition to keep up."

Floyd recalled a conversation when the late Samford president, Tom Corts, summarized his vision for Samford as "a place of academic excellence, where matters of faith are taken seriously." Floyd said he found that "a brilliant model for a unique and wonderful place" which was "powerfully important and valuable to me in both expected and unexpected ways." ▮



Hiles

Jane Hiles

That Lovely Language

English professor Jane Hiles says it's conceivable she will be even busier during her upcoming retirement. She has travel high on her list of planned activities—to Peru, China and perennial favorite England, where she will continue her John Milton and Quaker studies.

"I've recently had floor-to-ceiling bookcases built into our study," said Hiles, "and I'm looking forward to extended quiet time for work on a manuscript investigating Milton's relationship with the Quakers in Upper Buckinghamshire in the 1660s."

Hiles completed 26 years on the faculty this spring. She taught Shakespeare, Milton, Renaissance Literature and Fantasy Literature. She also directed Samford's London Program for five years and taught a variety of courses in the London setting.

"I loved directing the London program," she said. "I had a life-changing experience visiting Europe for the first time before I started to college, and it was a joy to see

our students experience the same sort of expanding horizon as they participated in the London program."

Hiles has delivered papers at Renaissance conferences in the U.S. and abroad, including the International Milton Symposium, the Conference on John Milton and the Durham University Conference on the Seventeenth Century.

"I have loved teaching Shakespeare and Milton," she said. "That lovely language—what a joy to be able to share it and to see students realize how beautiful it is! Friends should beware that I'll doubtlessly quote poetry at them when they least expect it."

Hiles has been active in the Quaker community, locally and nationally, and plans to continue to be so. She also looks forward to daily walks or swims, and other activities such as tending gardens and visiting the Birmingham Museum of Art.

Has she filled those bookshelves yet?

"Working on it," she said this spring, crossing Wright Center parking lot with her rolling suitcase in tow. ▀

Betsy Rogers

Blessed to Teach

Former National Teacher of the Year Betsy Rogers has seen a world of change during her more than 35 years in education. "I learn something new every time I visit a classroom," she said this spring as she moved toward retirement from Samford. "I've seen technology alter the role of classroom teachers almost beyond all my recognition. New technological innovations

that occur almost daily have created a very exciting time to be a classroom teacher."

Rogers began her teaching odyssey in 1974 after completing the first of her four Samford degrees. She served in public education for 28 years, earning three graduate degrees along the way. She was named the Alabama State Teacher of the Year in 2002 and National Teacher of the Year in 2003. After the national recognition, she was honored at the White House by President George W. Bush.

Rogers credited her success to Samford. "I am here today because you encouraged me to extend my reach," she wrote then-education Dean Ruth Ash after being named National Teacher of the Year. "You fostered and nurtured leadership abilities in me I did not know I had and taught me the importance of being a teacher-leader."

In 2010, Rogers joined the faculty at Samford, where four generations of her



Rogers

family had attended. She “loved getting to know the students,” she said. “I have been blessed often when one of our graduates shares with me during their first year of teaching that this is exactly what they were meant to do.”

Rogers said she had been “very blessed with an amazing career in K-12 public education and then a time teaching at Samford.” She said she would miss the students and her colleagues, and “the changing of the seasons on Samford’s beautiful campus.” ▮

Ron and Barbara Shinn

The Music Will Continue

Husband-and-wife piano team Ron and Barbara Shinn plan to continue the music after they retire from the School of the Arts this summer. Ron has been professor of piano and music theory since 2007, and

Barbara has taught three-quarters time as director of class piano. They also direct the annual Piano and Chamber Music Institute, a summer program for talented high school students that will continue.

“I hope we can collaborate on and possibly record additional four-hand music for one or two pianos,” Ron said. They will continue teaching pre- and post-college students with studios at home, where they have four grand pianos.

“I have been fortunate to have a wonderful studio of piano majors here, many of whom have gone on to prestigious grad schools and all of whom have played beautiful undergraduate and graduate piano recitals,” he said. “Several won local and regional competitions.”

Ron has presented numerous solo and chamber music recitals and he and Barbara



have presented regular duet/duo-piano recitals.

Ron said he would miss “talented and brilliant colleagues and wonderful students.” Barbara added that she also would miss working with undergraduate students. “Their enthusiasm is electric and invigorates me daily,” she said.

The Shinns cited the move toward digital capability as the most significant change in their field.

“The piano as an instrument has been around since about 1700,” said Ron. “Now, we are able to have master piano classes with famous faculty at Juilliard School of Music or elsewhere, with our local instrument, through the internet playing their piano in New York City and vice versa, with the master class teacher in the other city.”

The Shinns also look forward to retirement travel, including trips to Boston to visit their four-year-old grandson and new granddaughter. Their son, Michael, is dean of music at Boston Conservatory and their daughter, Anne, is a senior grants manager at Columbia University’s School of Public Health. ▮

“You fostered and nurtured leadership abilities in me I did not know I had and taught me the importance of being a teacher-leader.”

—Betsy Rogers

Kuruk Has Leadership Role with World Intellectual Property Organization

by Morgan Black

Professor Paul Kuruk of Samford University's Cumberland School of Law has been appointed as the facilitator of the Intergovernmental Committee (IGC) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

Established in 1967, WIPO is the global forum for intellectual property services, policy, information and cooperation. It is a self-funded agency of the United Nations with representatives from 191 countries that operates with a mission “to lead the development of a balanced and effective international intellectual property system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all.”

Kuruk will play a crucial role within the IGC in shaping the agenda, clarifying issues, developing consensus and preparing and revising the text emerging from a complex process of negotiation.

“The negotiations at the IGC have come about due to the need to develop an international instrument to counter the misappropriation or unauthorized use of genetic resources and traditional knowledge of local communities and indigenous peoples,” said Kuruk. “As the facilitator, it is my responsibility to work to develop a consensus on all outstanding issues in the work of the IGC related to the protection of intellectual property, genetic resources and traditional knowledge.”

Kuruk said issues that the IGC faces include:

- **The nature of the instrument to be adopted, whether it should be binding on member states or merely provide general guidelines and, therefore, not binding;**
- **The objectives, scope and subject-matter to be covered under the instrument;**
- **Whether to provide for an obligation to require applicants for intellectual property rights to disclose the source or origin of traditional knowledge they have used in developing their invention or other creative work;**
- **Whether to impose sanctions including revocation of intellectual property rights if the disclosure obligation is not met;**
- **Whether to require use of databases to complement or as an alternative to the disclosure requirement.**



Paul Kuruk

The assumption underlying these approaches is that the information to be disclosed or contained in the databases could be used by the relevant stakeholders to demand a sharing of benefits derived from the exploitation of genetic resources and traditional knowledge related to the information.

“I am looking forward to working to narrow the gaps in the current draft text of the international instrument—which is rather lengthy, contains numerous duplications and far too many brackets placed around various provisions indicating divergences in the positions of the delegates,” said Kuruk.

“Reducing the number of brackets through a determined effort at consensus building, merging ideas and themes, eliminating duplications, and rearranging the provisions hopefully would result in a text that is simpler, provides greater clarity and coherence, and, therefore, suitable for adoption as an international treaty.”

Kuruk was nominated and appointed to the position, which has previously been held by professors from Harvard Law School, the University of Virginia School of Law and Emory University School of Law. He has been involved in meetings of the IGC since 2001, having served as a delegate to the meetings and advised the African Group of Countries on matters of strategy during the negotiations. He has also presented papers and made interventions during seminars conducted for delegates to the IGC.

“Professor Kuruk made a name for himself as a global expert on intellectual property rights in traditional knowledge and he has played major roles helping negotiate trade arrangements between west African states and the European Union,” said Cumberland Dean “Corky” Strickland. ■

Hites Moving to Taiwan to Work with Children's Ministry

by William Nunnelley

Samford University Associate Professor of Interior Architecture Preston Hite, his wife Janelle and their four children will move to Taitung, Taiwan, this summer to become part of a ministry called Taiwan Sunshine. The organization provides hope and encouragement for families with children who have special needs through sports, education and community development.

Hite, a registered architect who has taught full time at Samford since 2013, will become the director of operations for the ministry. He will also manage the development of a new farm and adventure camp in the hills outside Taitung that will provide some of the ministry's training and employment opportunities.

"God has placed a clear calling to the mission field on Janelle and myself since before we were married," said Preston. They have followed that calling in many different ways, from trips and projects in Alabama, to other parts of the U.S. and to other nations around the world, including living for a short time in China.

Hite's time at Samford has afforded meaningful opportunities to explore his mission calling. When he interviewed for his position, he proposed an idea to expose students to mission work through their studies. School of the Arts Dean Joseph Hopkins embraced the concept, and Hite took the lead in developing Design Education for World Impact, a senior thesis project for interior architecture students.

The program's first year took students to the Ecuadorian Andes, where they designed and renovated the main multipurpose assembly building of a large Ecuadorian church camp. Later, they designed and participated in the construction of a medical clinic in one of the

poorest neighborhoods of Kolkata, India, and a church renovation and addition in the Ecuadorian jungle.

"The travel and on-site portion of the thesis project is life changing for the students," said Hite.

He said he had enjoyed his days of teaching at Samford. But now, "Our family is very excited about the upcoming move to Taiwan and the work God has blessed us with. We have felt Him leading us back into the international mission field for a long time, and we knew that He had given us an amazing platform for His work through our kids with special needs." Three of the Hites' four children have special needs.

The Hite family's planned move date is in mid-June. They will team with Uwe and Madonna Maurer, special-needs parents who began Taiwan Sunshine, to work with local schools, host opportunities for parents



Preston Hite

and equip and encourage local churches to offer special-needs programs. They plan to continue their involvement with college students, generating programs and inviting American students to join their work through internships, applied skills and research.

"Our family will be living in the light of the gospel, always seeking to share the love of Christ with everyone around us," said Hite. He asks people to "commit to praying for us weekly." ▮

The Hites will be funded by partners who support their ministry financially. Those interested in donating may go to rce-international.org/support-a-missionary/ or send checks to RCE International (Taiwan Sunshine's support agency) at P.O. Box 4528, Wheaton, IL 60189. Write Account No. 82901 on the check memo line.

Samford Trustees Approve Major Renovation of Beeson University Center



Campus Master Plan UPDATE

by Philip Poole

The Samford University community will benefit from major upgrades to the decades-old Beeson University Center, thanks to renovations that began May 14 and will continue through the 2018-19 academic year. The project was approved May 1 by the university's board of trustees.

When completed, the building will feature new student gathering spaces, an expanded food court, a renovated bookstore and new offices for the Division of Student Affairs. The project is



estimated to cost about \$16 million, according to university officials, and is part of a multiyear campus master plan.

The enhanced space is expected to be a destination place for students to gather, collaborate, eat, study and attend events, according to Kimberly S. Brown, Samford's associate vice president for operations and campus initiatives.

As part of the project, the university is working to minimize disruptions in food service for students, according to Harry B. Brock III, Samford's executive vice president and vice president for business and financial affairs. The university's main dining service, known on campus as the Caf, will be temporarily relocated to Seibert Hall from May 25 until July 9 because of infrastructure upgrades in the University Center. Plans are being made to provide full service dining in the temporary location, and the Caf in the University Center will be open throughout the 2018-19 academic year, Brock emphasized.

"We know that any major construction and renovation causes some disruption for the campus," Brown said. "But, these renovations, when completed next year, will greatly enhance the experience that Samford students and their families have come to expect. The entire Samford community will benefit from this exciting project."

The planning phase included partnering with Samford's interior architecture students who developed beautiful designs for the space, Brown said. Several common themes emerged from the student designs which are being implemented in the space, such as opening up direct access and sight lines from the University Quadrangle, entrance to Harry's Coffeehouse, the food court and the bookstore.

New entrances will be designed from the Quad and Talbird Circle that will feature student gathering spaces. For the new entrance off the University Quad, offices currently on the first floor will be relocated and the new space will include comfortable seating and student gathering areas. For the new lobby off Talbird Circle, offices currently in that space will be relocated, the third

Other campus master plan projects scheduled for completion or implementation during summer 2018

- Major renovations of Burns, Chapman, Russell and Ingalls halls to create new homes for many of the departments of Howard College of Arts and Sciences
- Refurbishment of Reid Chapel and reconfigured Spiritual Life offices
- Transformation of Ingalls Hall into space for the Office of Admission and Financial Services
- Renovations begin on Daniel House in London, with its reopening expected in Jan term 2019
- Significant other renewal projects, including replacement of residential hall bathrooms, structural and mechanical improvements in Beeson Woods, plumbing work in West Village, road paving, a new analytics lab in the business school, Brock Recital Hall flooring and landscaping along Lakeshore Drive
- Completion of Rotunda Club renovations

floor will be eliminated and a more open atrium-like gathering space will be featured with a beautiful sky-lit stairwell connecting the first and second floors.

The university bookstore will be updated with display windows and expanded merchandising.

The food court will be expanded, and tentative plans are for a full-service Chick-fil-A and the addition of a Moe's Southwest Grill to go with other current food options. The food court will remain closed into next academic year, Brown said, but other food service options will be available with Einstein's Bagels in Harwell G. Davis Library and Freshens in the College of Health Sciences.

The student gathering space known as Harry's Coffeehouse will be completely renovated with movable walls to provide open space for students and dining or enclosed space for special events. The adjacent Dale-Washington Courtyard will be revamped to become an outdoor extension of Harry's.

The current space occupied by the journalism and geography departments will be renovated into office and meeting space for the Division of Student Affairs. The two academic departments will relocate this summer as part of renovated spaces for Howard College of Arts and Sciences.

Other plans for the building include additional meeting and event spaces and upgraded restrooms.

Before these improvements can be made, however, significant utility infrastructure upgrades will be required, Brown explained. This work includes replacement of plumbing lines, major modifications to electrical and HVAC systems, and a kitchen remodel, which necessitated the temporary closing of the building.

A final timeline for the project has not been set, Brown said, although the university dining hall will reopen in mid-summer. Since the project was originally proposed to trustees earlier this year, university officials determined that closing the entire building for a more extensive renovation was more cost and time efficient.

During the renovation, the university's bookstore will relocate to the first floor of Dwight and Lucille Beeson Center and the campus post office will relocate to the second floor of Brooks Hall. The Division of Student Affairs and Career Development Center will relocate temporarily to the third floor of Sullivan-Cooney Family Field House.

This will be the first major renovation of the building in more than 40 years. The original student center was constructed in 1957 when the university relocated to its current campus. A major expansion in 1972 was made possible through a gift by Ralph W. Beeson, for whom the building is named.

Trustees approved the 20-year campus master plan in December 2016 as part of the university's strategic plan, Brown said. The four-phase program is a long-range guide for the facility development of the campus over the next two decades, with primary goals of providing an enhanced superior teaching and learning environment, improving space utilizations and a focus on student success. ▀

For more information on the campus master plan, go to samford.edu/about/campus-master-plan.



Samford Commissions

NEW AMERICAN OPERA

by Ashley Smith

Samford University and Samford's School of the Arts have commissioned a new American opera that will debut in Harrison Theatre Nov. 15-18. The work began several years ago as a collaboration of Kristin Kenning, director of Samford Opera, with librettist Joshua McGuire and composer Evan Mack.

Mack notes, "Samford is incredibly forward-thinking to commission an opera for its students. Not only will the Samford name live on with the opera, but it provides such an invaluable learning opportunity for these students." Kenning says that the idea came about while she was brainstorming with Joe Hopkins, dean of the School of the Arts. He asked what would change the face of Samford Opera and encouraged Kenning to be a visionary. Kenning says, "We are so lucky to have that kind of leadership at Samford."

The Ghosts of Gatsby is a tale of marriage and madness as it spends a day on the French Riviera circa 1924 with writer F. Scott Fitzgerald and three different versions of his wife, Zelda. Scott is obsessed by his work on *The Great Gatsby* and is jealous of Zelda's recent affair. Locked in her bedroom, she has visions of both a younger and older self. The 45-minute opera is written for four performers and a chamber orchestra.

According to Mack and McGuire, "We had been given directive to produce an opera with Alabama roots and we were interested in Zelda, who was a famous person because she was married to a more famous person, and we wanted to excavate her story. She was 'Belle of the Ball' in Montgomery, the 'Flapper Girl' in New York and Paris and then the psychiatric patient in the asylum. We were also curious to find the commonalities of their marriage with other ordinary marriages."

The creative team gathered on campus this past spring to workshop the

opera with students to tweak its direction. Throughout an intense week, the workshopping allowed Mack and McGuire to edit the text and the music to better serve the story

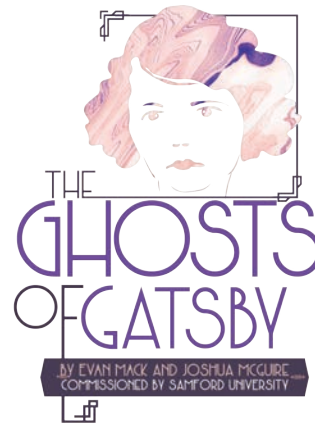
and voices of the Samford students. Mack says, "We started with what we thought was a best draft, but knew that it was wet ink and a living, breathing piece. This allows for really great art to happen."

Kenning notes, "At first the students were terrified and then learned to trust the creative process. They realized that the goal was to create the best possible opera for the students in the room and they grew as individual artists by taking risks."

According to McGuire, "Most students when they perform a role can research and watch YouTube performances, but these students have the chance to be the genesis of these characters. Their performance will be on YouTube. They learn about the DNA of the piece and rely on their training to develop these roles."

They were impressed by the professionalism of the School of the Arts students and faculty. They describe Kenning as "lightning in a bottle," providing praise for her preparedness and the students' work ethic and talent.

McGuire and Mack create their operas as a team, always working in tandem. As McGuire puts it, "It is a little like a tennis match where we bat the music and words



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back and forth to come up with the right combination." Since joining forces in 2011, they have created a style that sets them apart in the world of contemporary opera. "Mack and McGuire deliver larger-than-life stories, and music that harnesses the full athletic thrill of singing," says Kenning. Their works include *The Secret of Luca*, *Roscoe*, *Angel of the Amazon*, *Lucinda y las Flores de la Nochebuena*, *Alexandra*, *A Little More Perfect* and even the first-ever opera for Twitter, *#IsOperaDead*.

When asked what to expect in November, McGuire replies, "We are excited to see how it unfolds with the set design and the students who will learn the parts next fall." After the Samford performance, plans are in the works to share the opera across the region.

Kenning credits much of the success of the program to the generous community support of Samford Opera and especially to Dr. Chandler and Jane Paris Smith for their continued sponsorship of the opera series each year. ▀

Ashley Smith is marketing and communication coordinator for Samford's School of the Arts.





The Value of **LIBERAL** ARTS in a Rapidly Changing World

by Tim Hall

The mission statement of Howard College of Arts and Sciences states: “As the heart of Samford University, Howard College of Arts and Sciences inspires students to a lifetime of inquiry and service through engaged learning, faculty research and vocational discovery within the liberal arts and the Christian ethical and intellectual traditions.”

In 2016, I arrived as the new dean of Howard College of Arts and Sciences and encountered here a vibrant university community eager to prepare students for in-demand careers, fulfilling lives of inquiry and service to a rapidly changing world. The college faculty adopted this mission statement soon after my arrival. It captures that dedication and recognizes Howard College of Arts and Sciences as the heart of Samford University.

In addition to majors in humanities, sciences and social sciences, the college

provides the foundation of every Samford undergraduate’s education through a universal core program and general education requirements. Leaders in many of the nation’s largest employers such as Google and Amazon now tell us that these foundational programs provide skills they simply must have to succeed in 21st-century careers.

Critical reasoning, creative problem-solving, effective communication, teamwork and collaboration all equip our graduates to work effectively and emerge as leaders in their fields. Even students who do not

remain in the college carry that foundation into majors and careers in business, health professions, the arts and education. Everything we are learning about health and well-being tells us that a foundation in the liberal arts and sciences will also provide a lifetime of personal enrichment.

Those students who remain in the college have made a great choice. Employers love to hire our alumni. Some of the top graduate schools, professional schools and academic fellowship programs in the nation routinely honor our students with scholarships, awards and exceptional opportunities to serve the world. Ninety-seven percent of undergraduate alumni are employed, attending graduate school or in a post-graduation internship within six months of graduation. Everywhere I have gone, I have met graduates of the college who are enjoying successful careers in an astoundingly broad range of fields, from medicine to government to business and entrepreneurship. Majors in a liberal arts field such as English, mathematics, classics or physics have outfitted our alumni to thrive wherever they decide to go. ▀

Tim Hall is dean of Howard College of Arts and Sciences.

Brock Female Students Study Diversity in Economics

by Morgan Black

A trip to the 2018 Women in Economics Symposium in St. Louis, Missouri, encouraged female students in Samford's Brock School of Business to think about starting a club for women in economics and finance. Held at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis in February, the symposium was geared towards diversity in the economics field and how women can have a larger presence in the discipline.

The group included business professors Sara McCarty and Anna-Leigh Stone and students Shelby Collins, Hannah Florence, Olivia Jarvis, Abbey Robertson and Kayleigh Hudson. They began their visit with a preliminary presentation from Yvette Fortova of the Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED) division. Fortova demonstrated the many capabilities of the FRED data interface, introduced "Fredcast," an economic forecasting league, and presented one of the Federal Reserve's newest acquisitions, a dataset titled "Three Centuries of Macroeconomic Data in the United Kingdom," which dates back to 1660.

"Fredcast is basically fantasy football for the economy," said McCarty.

Katrina Stierholz, vice president and director of library and research information services at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, welcomed conference participants.

Claudia Sahm, a member of the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors, provided keynote remarks, highlighting the underrepresentation of women in economics, noting it was even lower than in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines, and discussed some of the challenges faced by women in the profession.

The group attended breakout sessions highlighting such topics as "Navigating the Job Market," "Why Economics?," "Strategies for Engaging Women in the Classroom" and "Diversity Issues in the Workplace."

Speaker Mary Daly, executive vice president and director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, stressed "the importance of bringing all of yourself to economics and to your career." Daly added, "The simplest solution to getting more women involved in the field is by encouraging young women to pursue economics in college."

Samford student Collins, a junior finance and economics major, said her greatest takeaway was that in order to be successful in this field, "you have to be confident in yourself." Collins wants to pursue a career in policy or economic development.

Concluding the conference was a panel conversation by Sahm, Daly and Ellen Zentner, managing director and chief U.S. economist



Photo courtesy of Olivia Jarvis (not pictured)

From left, Professor Anna-Leigh Stone, Kayleigh Hudson, Hannah Florence, Abbey Robertson, Shelby Collins, Professor Sara McCarty

at Morgan Stanley.

"It was so empowering to be surrounded by women who have paved the way for younger generations to find their place in a male dominated field," Collins said. "It can be overwhelming to be the only female in a class, but meeting and talking to these women renewed my passion for economics."

"I am thankful for the opportunity to take some of our promising female economics and finance students to the symposium," said McCarty. "They immediately asked if we could start a club for women in economics and finance at Samford. They would call it 'Finance and Economics Women' or simply, F.E.W."

"The opportunities in economics and finance for our female students have never been stronger," said Dean Howard Finch. "I am grateful to Professors McCarty and Stone for their mentorship of these outstanding Brock students."

Before traveling home, the group was able to trek to the top of the Gateway Arch, visit the Old St. Louis County Courthouse where the Dred Scott case was held, tour the St. Louis Cathedral, and explore the Inside the Economy Museum at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

Morgan Black is marketing and communication manager for Brock School of Business and Cumberland School of Law.

Beeson Receives \$250,000 Lilly Endowment Grant

by Kristen Padilla

Samford University's Beeson Divinity School has received a \$250,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to sustain and expand the work of its Initiative to Strengthen the Quality of Preaching.

The Initiative to Strengthen the Quality of Preaching began in 2013 with a \$500,000 Lilly Endowment grant. Since 2015, Associate Dean Grant Taylor and Robert Smith Jr., the Charles T. Carter Baptist Chair of Divinity, have codirected the initiative.

During the last four years, Taylor said, this initiative has sought to strengthen the quality of preaching for current students and working pastors by developing peer groups of working pastors, hosting both conferences and workshops, offering new preaching elective courses to current divinity students, and providing other resources. From the beginning, Beeson alumna Hayden Walker has served as assistant project director, overseeing the creation and management of peer groups.

Reginald Calvert, a Beeson graduate and pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Bessemer, has been facilitating a predominately African-American peer group for the past year.

"Being that Birmingham was one of the focal points of the Civil Rights Movements, it is important for African-American preachers to receive training that will enhance their knowledge of the role of preaching during the African-American journey to freedom and racial equality, as well as how to improve their preaching craft to meet today's societal needs," he said. "I have most enjoyed facilitating discussions and lectures that pertain to preaching in the African-American tradition."

This grant-funded initiative has brought noted preachers and scholars to the divinity school, such as Liam Goligher, Christian T. George, Cleophus James LaRue, Phillip Jensen and Todd Wilson.

This new four-year sustainability grant (2018-21) will focus on the initiative's efforts to equip working pastors through peer groups and divinity students through the teaching of biblical Christian preaching. The grant will allow the creation of more peer groups and increase the amount of financial resources available to pastors for preaching development.

Beeson Divinity School has already begun using this new funding. In January 2018, the initiative brought in Bryan Chapell, senior pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Peoria,

Illinois, and author of *Christ-Centered Preaching*, to teach an intensive preaching workshop called "Preaching: The Task of Application."

Jacob Simmons, a Beeson graduate and minister to singles at Shades Mountain Baptist Church in Birmingham, found Chapell's workshop practical and transformative. "I thought he did a fantastic job guiding us through the transformational power of the sermon all the way to the application, reminding us that every piece of the sermon is important," he said. "The fact that we still get challenged, educated and encouraged as preachers after graduation is unexpected and really exciting."

In February, Michael Pasquarello III gave the William E. Conger Jr. Lectures on Biblical Preaching supported by this new grant.

"We are very encouraged to receive this sustainability grant from Lilly Endowment," Taylor said. "The Initiative to Strengthen the Quality of Preaching aligns perfectly with our mission to prepare God-called men and women for service in the church. Preaching is central to that service, and our benefactor, Ralph Waldo Beeson, wanted this school to train 'pastors who can preach.'"

"With this sustainability grant, the potential for educational impact across the institution and in the community is very high," he added. "We are excited to see what the Lord will do for his gospel and his church through this project." ▀

To learn more about the initiative, view upcoming events and access media resources, go to beesondivinity.com/initiative-to-strengthen-preaching.

Kristen Padilla is coordinator of marketing and communication for Beeson Divinity School.



A peer group of those involved in preaching ministries

KINGDOM WORK Knows No Borders

by Sara Roman

When Orlean Beeson School of Education Associate Professor Amy Hoaglund decided to establish an elementary education program with a concentration in Christian missions, she was uncertain what it would look like, but was certain that there was a need and that she was called to respond.

Her desire was to create a program that would provide the academic rigor and preparation necessary for graduates to successfully prepare children and youth scholastically and spiritually.

According to Hoaglund, there are limited academic opportunities for students that adequately prepare them to spread the gospel through the vehicle of education.

Hoaglund's vision was to create a program that would prepare students to serve in traditional and nontraditional educational settings. Providing strong traditional field experiences in Alabama was not a daunting task, but Hoaglund desired to provide students with an internship experience abroad. Identifying an environment where students could develop culturally relevant teaching standards and pedagogy was at the forefront of Hoaglund's mind. However, identifying a safe school, funding travel, confirming housing arrangements and ensuring that teacher supervisors were qualified were some of the hurdles she had to address before establishing a global placement.

In 2017, Hoaglund connected with Alisha Damron-Seruyange, who founded Terra Nova School in Kampala, Uganda. The Samford School of the Arts graduate contacted Hoaglund requesting help in curriculum development. "As we talked, it became clear this was the global setting we were looking for," said Hoaglund.

In June 2017, Hoaglund traveled to Kampala to provide more than 30 hours of professional training in comprehension, phonics, English language learning and instructional strategies for Terra Nova's teachers. She also delivered more than \$1,000 in books and materials from the Alabama Reading Association.

While in Uganda, Hoaglund and Damron-Seruyange identified five teachers who would benefit from more intensive leadership training. Upon arriving home, Hoaglund worked with fellow Samford professors to apply for the Hull Grant for Seminar Development and was awarded the grant. The funds will allow the five selected teachers to continue online training throughout the year and travel to Samford University to become trained instructional leaders.

"We had established a foundation for a mutually beneficial partnership, but we still needed to find an allocation of funds to



Faculty and students at Terra Nova School in Kampala, Uganda.



allow for student travel," said Hoaglund. "I felt in my heart that this was the place and that the Lord would pave a way."

Throughout the program's development, Hoaglund shares that she has had Christ at the center. "I believe that I am called to prepare educators who have the desire and ability to infect cities around the world with hope by providing children with high-quality literature, instructional resources, an excellent education and the gospel of Jesus Christ," said Hoaglund. "An exceptional education and the knowledge of the love of Christ offers possibility, hope . . . life."

Hoaglund says she has continued to pray Ephesians 4:1-4, "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call."

In spring 2018, she received confirmation that former Samford professors Carol and Joe Dean wanted to make a scholarship available for Samford teacher education students to complete internships in developing countries. Their generosity will allow for elementary education Christian missions students to travel to Kampala and complete a six-week field experience at Terra Nova.

"Field experiences like this not only develop our student's pedagogical skills, but also empower them to go out confidently and replicate after graduation," said Hoaglund. Throughout the progression, Hoaglund states that she stands in awe of the hand of God and is thankful to everyone who has answered their call along the way. ▮

Sara Roman is coordinator of marketing and communication for Orlean Beeson School of Education.

Cumberland School of Law Has RICH HISTORY OF PUBLIC SERVICE

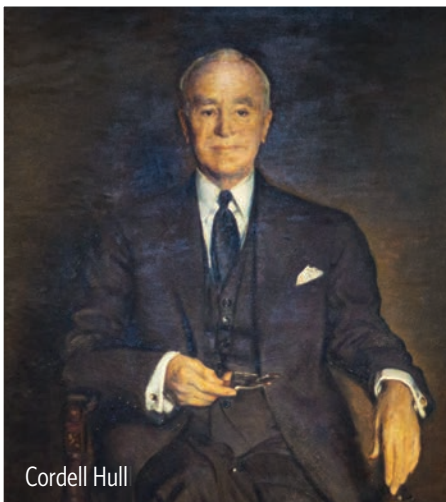
by Morgan Black

Alumni of Samford University's Cumberland School of Law have a rich and long tradition of serving the nation and its communities in elected office. Beginning with roots in Lebanon, Tennessee, Cumberland and its graduates have not only brought their expertise to these jobs but have served in their roles with high moral ethics and standards, professionalism and commitment to the public good.

"Cumberland School of Law has a rich heritage of public service," said Dean Henry "Corky" Strickland III. "Whether in elected or appointed office or in countless other capacities, Cumberland alumni have always been leaders in serving their communities and their country."

One of the most famous Cumberland alumni was Cordell Hull, who graduated in 1891. Hull served as secretary of state under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt from 1933 until 1944, and in 1945 received the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in establishing the United Nations.

An exceptionally high number of Cumberland alumni have gone on to become state and federal judges. Alabama's Supreme Court bench currently has three Cumberland lawyers: Michael F. Bolin '73, Greg Shaw '83, and Brady E. Mendheim Jr. '93. Only three law schools in the nation have produced more U. S. Supreme Court justices than Cumberland: Harvard, Yale and Columbia.




Cordell Hull

President Benjamin Harrison appointed Cumberland alumnus Howell Edmunds Jackson, an 1856 graduate, to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1893; he served until 1895. President William Howard Taft appointed alumnus Horace Harmon Lurton, an 1867 graduate, to the bench in 1909; he served until 1914.

The list of influential Cumberland School of Law leaders doesn't stop there. Five Florida governors, including immediate past governor and current U.S. Representative Charlie Crist '81, received their degree from Cumberland. Numerous U. S. representatives and senators, including current Representatives Martha D. Roby '01 (Ala.), Robert Aderholt '90 (Ala.), Evan Jenkins '87 (W.Va.) and Dennis Ross '87 (Fla.), and recently elected Sen. Doug Jones '79 (Ala.), are distinguished alumni. Many alumni have also gone on to become mayors, including Birmingham's, current mayor, Randall Woodfin '07, who was elected in fall 2017.

"Interestingly, in the elections over the past year for two of the most high-profile positions in Alabama, U. S. senator and mayor of the state's largest city, the person selected was a Cumberland graduate," said retired Cumberland professor Howard P. Walthall.

Strickland added, "I am excited to see our alumni continuing this tradition of service to our country and I look forward to current and future Cumberland students following in their footsteps." 

Morgan Black is marketing and communication manager for Cumberland School of Law and Brock School of Business.

Samford, Cumberland Alumni and Faculty Serving as Federal Judges

Joel F. Dubina, J.D. '73, Senior Judge, 11th Circuit Court of Appeals

Karon O. Bowdre '77, J.D. '80, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama

Sharon L. Blackburn, J.D. '77, Senior Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama

John E. Ott, J.D. '81, Chief Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama

Kevin C. Newsom '94, U.S. Circuit Court Judge, 11th Circuit Court of Appeals

R. David Proctor, U.S. District Court Judge, Northern District of Alabama

T. Michael Putnam, U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Alabama

Max O. Cogburn Jr., J.D. '76, U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina

James I. Cohn, J.D. '74, Senior Judge, U.S., Southern District of Florida

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Graduate Nursing Programs Earn HIGH MARKS IN NATIONAL RANKINGS

by Katie Stripling

Graduate programs in Samford University's Ida Moffett School of Nursing are ranked among the best in the country in the 2019 *U.S. News & World Report* graduate rankings released March 20. Rankings are based on a variety of factors, including reputation, faculty credentials, student engagement and selectivity.

Samford's Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) program was ranked 58th nationally, a significant increase from its 2018 ranking of 81st nationally. Master's degree programs in nursing were ranked 78th, a move up 14 spots from the 2018 ranking.

"The latest rankings affirm our position as a leader in nursing education and are a testament to the strength of our programs and the commitment of our faculty," said Nena F. Sanders, vice provost of Samford's College of Health Sciences and nursing school dean.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Samford's D.N.P. program and according to Sanders, the program has never been stronger. "Throughout our history, we've worked diligently to evolve our academic offerings to meet the needs of our students and today's health care environment," said Sanders. "We offer a number of unique pathways and concentrations for nurses interested in advancing their career by earning a D.N.P."

Pathways to the D.N.P. are offered for registered nurses with an associate degree, bachelor's degree or master's degree.

Concentrations are available in Family Nurse Practitioner, Dual Nurse Practitioner (Family/Emergency), Nurse Anesthesia, Nursing Administration and Nursing Informatics. With the exception of Nurse Anesthesia, all graduate nursing programs are offered online.

Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) funding is available for eligible Doctor of Nursing Practice students who are committed to careers in nursing education. To learn more about the program, including eligibility requirements, go to samford.edu/nursing.

The latest *U.S. News & World Report* rankings continue a trend of national recognitions for Samford's academic programs. Samford is nationally ranked for academic quality, affordability and value by a variety of other major rankings, including Forbes Inc., *The Economist*, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* and *The Wall Street Journal*. ▶

Katie Stripling is executive director of marketing for Samford.

Among Private Schools, Ida Moffett School of Nursing Ranks High Nationally

Doctor of
Nursing
Practice #19

Master's
Degree
Programs #27

EXPANDING PHARMACY'S International Reach

by Sarah Waller

Samford University's McWhorter School of Pharmacy provides students the opportunity to personalize their Doctor of Pharmacy through unique opportunities like dual degrees, research and international experiences. Over the past academic year, pharmacy students traveled to 18 different countries through study abroad, mission trips and Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE).

It is through these experiences that students are able to see firsthand the unique roles that pharmacists play—even when the country's health care system is vastly different from our own.

Keith Foster, a 2018 Doctor of Pharmacy graduate, traveled to Paraguay during his fourth year. "I would say that pharmacy practice in the U.S. is more advanced, but the heart of what they do is very similar. We all want to provide the right medications to our patients, making sure

they get what they need and that ultimately they begin to feel better," he said.

Foster found that the physicians there had different expectations for pharmacists. "In Paraguay, the role of a pharmacist is primarily a dispensing and management role. They are there to make sure inventory is correct and ensure the medications are ordered correctly," he said.

Emily Sochovka, a fellow 2018 graduate, traveled with Foster, and the doctors and medical residents they interacted with were fascinated by their level of knowledge and skill—asking them to make formal presentations on pharmacy topics. "It made for a cool exchange of ideas—seeing what we can learn from them and what they can learn from us," Sochovka said.

Today, McWhorter School of Pharmacy has 13 APPE affiliations with hospitals in 10 countries on five continents—with plans to expand this reach further.

Elizabeth Wood, a 2018 Doctor of Pharmacy graduate, traveled to Thailand for one of her five-week APPE rotations, gaining experience in the hospital's hematology oncology unit. Each day, she participated in rounds alongside local pharmacy residents and students. "I would look over medication regimens and make sure there weren't any interactive medications. It was great to work



Elizabeth Wood, third from the left, works with pharmacy residents and students at Thailand hospital. Also from Samford are Angela Bradt, second from the left, and Taylor Bailey, fourth from the left.

alongside other Thai students, especially because they would help translate when I needed to talk to patients," she said.

Wood's experience in the Thai hospital had many similarities to the United States, including its team-based approach to care. "The doctors and medical residents relied on the pharmacist to know what medication was best," she said. "It was awesome to see everyone interact."

While Foster, Sochovka and Wood experienced pharmacy in two different areas of the world, they each were impacted by their interaction with different cultures. "I learned that you can take for granted the level of practice that pharmacists have in the United States. We always want to push the envelope for our scope of practice, working to improve the clinical services we can offer to our patients," Foster said.

"My experience in Paraguay was a good motivator to keep pushing the envelope. It served as a reminder that I have something valuable to bring to a health care team, and I need to make sure I'm advocating for myself." ▮

McWhorter School of Pharmacy Establishes APPE Affiliation in Canada

Earlier this year, Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy announced its latest international affiliation with the Jean Coutu Group Inc., a Canadian community pharmacy chain with more than 400 franchised stores in Quebec, New Brunswick and Ontario. This affiliation creates the opportunity for students to complete a five-week advanced pharmacy practice experience at a Jean Coutu pharmacy in Montreal, Canada. Francois Coutu, a 1981 alumnus of McWhorter School of Pharmacy, is president and CEO of Jean Coutu Group Inc.

Physical Therapy Graduate's Capstone Project Establishes Camp Life

by Sarah Waller

Lauren Evans remembers the first meeting she had about her capstone project. She was a first-year student in Samford University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program, and a member of the program's inaugural class. Scott Bickel, an associate professor in Samford's School of Health Professions, explained to her in that meeting that her capstone project could be based upon one of three pillars: research, professional leadership or service.

"I got chills when he said service," Evans said. "I was like, Lord, are you telling me the time is now?" For in that moment, Evans knew exactly what her capstone project would be.

Born and raised in Fyffe, a small town in north Alabama, Evans first came to Samford for her undergraduate degree. Not long after she declared her major as exercise science, a professor encouraged her to participate in CampUs, a respite camp for families and children with special health care needs that is directed by Jill Cunningham, a professor in Samford's Ida Moffett School of Nursing.

Evans first volunteered with CampUs as a sophomore, and the experience set her future into motion.

"I told Dr. Cunningham that I wanted to do [a camp] like this in my hometown one day . . . because in rural Alabama, there are few opportunities for children with special needs," she said. "But never did I think that it would be something I'd do while I was still at Samford."

Three years later, Evans would be sitting in Bickel's office with a divine opportunity. In hearing that her capstone could be a service-based project, she began to explain the plan that has been on her

heart since her first week at CampUs—to create a similar respite camp for families and children in her hometown and her husband's hometown of Decatur, Alabama. She would call it Camp Life.

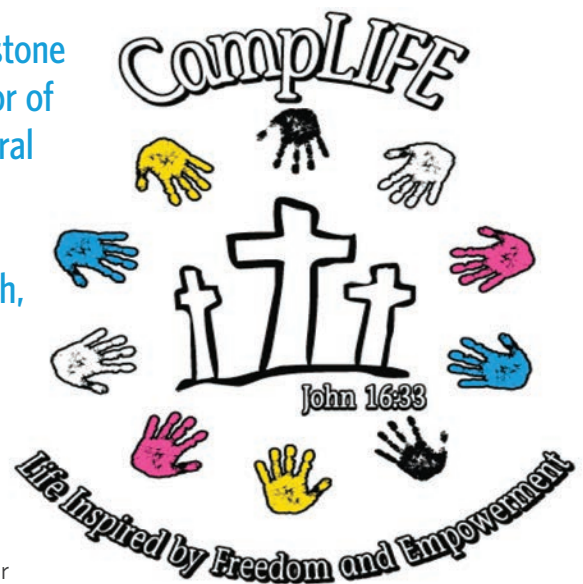
"I've known what I've wanted to do for a long time. I just didn't know it would happen now," she said.

Partnering with Peyton Fredricksen, a fellow Doctor of Physical Therapy student, they set to work, organizing two one-day camps in June and July 2017.

Eighteen campers and their siblings attended the first Camp Life event in June. Evans was committed to making this a camp for the community, run by the community. She recruited volunteers in the area, including nursing students from the local community college, and she invited the local firefighters and police officers to stop by for a visit.

The first camp was a huge success, which gave her confidence going into the July camp in Decatur, Alabama. "When I look back, I don't know how we did it all with school," Evans said. "But obviously, it had become much bigger than my capstone project."

"Lauren is a special individual who exemplifies the core values of Samford



University. It was a privilege to see her pursue a dream through her capstone project and witness the Lord's work in her life and the lives of all who were involved in Camp Life," Bickel said.

In May, Evans walked across Samford's commencement stage, receiving her Doctor of Physical Therapy. But even with a degree, Evans hopes nothing will change. "To say I'm now Dr. Evans . . . it's important because I want people to know that I know what I'm doing, but at the end of the day, I'm just Ms. Lauren to these kids," she said.

Evans will host another Camp Life event in Fyffe, Alabama, this June while she prepares for her board exams this summer. While she plans to pursue a career as a pediatric physical therapist, she hopes Camp Life will continue to grow as large as the Lord intends.

"When I look back, God really had this all figured out from the get go," she said. "It gives me chills when I think about it." ▮

100 candles

Celebrating Samford's Remarkable Nutrition and Dietetics Program

by Jean M. McLean

It was 1917. As George M. Cohan introduced his hit song, "Over There," and the nation rallied to fight World War I, the U.S. military sought dietitians to support troops' medical needs. Nutritionists who weren't "over there" conserved food and improved health on the home front.

In 1918, before the war ended, Samford University, then known as Howard College, joined that nationwide effort, introducing a nutrition course into its chemistry department.

"That was the impetus to start what would lead to the Department of Home Economics' nutrition and dietetics major in 1933," said Suresh Mathews, chair of Samford's Department of Nutrition and Dietetics. "We've come a long way since."

Samford Progression

That long way reflects the profession's evolving emphases. Studies housed in Samford's family and consumer education eventually moved to the school of education, then exercise science and sports medicine, then kinesiology and nutrition science. Today, the department is uniquely positioned within Samford's School of Public Health, as nutrition and dietetics are integral for health promotion and prevention.

"Nutrition and dietetics has transitioned from what was once primarily a food service emphasis to the health care realm, since more than 50 percent of dietitians are now employed in health care environments," said Mathews.

While many Samford Registered Dietitians (RDs) work in health care, with some earning board certifications in advanced specialties, others work as public

health nutritionists, in food service management or in research/academics.

Samford Service

Since 1918, Samford's program has focused on serving its profession and community. "We now offer two undergraduate programs, a dietetic internship and a Master of Science in nutrition," said Mathews. In 2015 Samford initiated its dietetic internship, offering supervised practice rotations required for students prior to taking the national RD exam.

"The internship emphasizes public health nutrition," said Mathews. "Alabama ranks in the top five states for obesity and diabetes, so nutrition and health needs in our state are extremely high, especially in underserved areas." The department is also a weigh-in site for the Scale Back Alabama work site program as well as a sponsor of multiple local community education events.

Samford Distinctions

The School of Public Health, as part of Samford's College of Health Sciences, provides exceptional resources to its students, including two food production labs with 16 kitchens, a nutrition research lab, food science lab and body composition assessment area.



Samford nutrition and dietetics program dates from 1918.

"We are unique because we offer simulation experiences in low and high-fidelity simulation labs, where students can practice basic and advanced skill assessments," Mathews said. "Using standardized patients, students can assess a disease or condition and evaluate the patient's diet, mimicking what happens in hospital settings."

Another Samford distinction is the college's interprofessional emphasis. Future RDs work alongside future nurses, social workers, pharmacists, physical therapists and others to address topics ranging from stroke care to disaster simulations. Each experience is designed to prepare students to fulfill next-generation needs.

Mathews said there is much to celebrate this centennial year. "We are so happy to be a part of the College of Health Sciences. We are proud of our alumni across the nation, many of whom are leaders in their areas of practice. We are indebted to our faculty for their dedication and leadership all through these 100 years. Now we look forward to continue to grow to serve our profession's future needs." ■

Jean M. McLean is a guest writer in Montevallo, Alabama.

FACEBOOK CHATTER

f JAMIE HARRINGTON

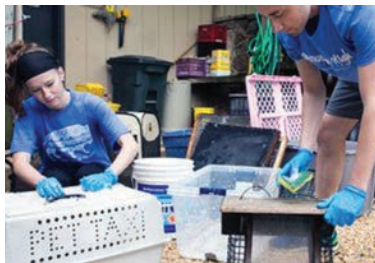
"I went to college here and loved it! Since I went there, there have been lots of changes, from what I can tell, for the better; it actually kind of makes me jealous of the current students . . . I want to use the new stuff, especially the art studios! Now it's a tradition for me to come back for Homecoming and visit my favorite places on campus & in Birmingham! I highly recommend SU to anyone!"

f LAURA LEE CAUM

"WOW I love my school"

f ALAN TAYLOR "I loved how Cultural Perspectives and Biblical Perspectives informed each other so well!"

f JAN ALIESHA **"We toured Samford this weekend and were so impressed by the beautiful campus, friendly people and blanket of faith. Samford has everything I could hope for in a school, and home away from home, for my son."**



ON STEP SING

f CAROL SMITH

"Can't wait!!!"

f CAROL SMITH

"We will be watching!!!! #ADPi #SigmaChi #stepsing2018 #SamfordAlumni"

f MARGE MARTINI

"Enjoyed streaming since we couldn't be there, proud grandparents, loved it Lane"

@candrewclark "I've seen some great aspects to engaging students in higher ed over the years & love what **@Micah_Fellows** is doing at **@SamfordU**. Check out the capstone to Micah and contribute if you want to impact not only high-achieving students, but BHM community too."

TWEETED



@ChipCarter2

"My big sister got accepted to @SamfordU and all I got was this shirt. @SUAdmission"



instagram samfordu "Samford in London: Sarah Margaret Spivey shares about traveling with Samford: 'Studying abroad is an experience every Samford student should have. Living in London for 4 months, and traveling to places like France, Iceland, Morocco and Spain gave me a whole new lens to see the world through.'"



COMMENT WITH YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY OF DR. WESTMORELAND!

instagram dbarr5 "We went to the Samford vs. Georgia football game last season. After the 'big' SEC game we were walking back to the car and my daughter **@jaybarr13** said, 'I bet their president doesn't cook pancakes for them!' We feel so blessed and thankful that she calls Samford U home!"

instagram lisafischgler "Our favorite memory of Dr. Westmoreland is him graciously posing for pics with our daughter after graduation. He had already done 5 ceremonies and was exhausted, but he took the time to stop and snaps pics with our girl! We also love the letters he sends on their birthdays. Not many university presidents take the time to pray for their students! We ❤️ Samford!!!"



instagram kaceycole "The thing I remember most about **@andrew_westmoreland** is his kindness and intentionality. He always seemed to genuinely care how I was doing, not as an employee but as a person. Also, I'll never forget receiving a voicemail from him the day after my father died. He was encouraging to me even on my worst day, and I'll always cherish that kind act. Happy Birthday Dr. Westmoreland!"



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Mann Center Service Cadres *Benefit Community, Students*

by William Nunnolley

Every Wednesday afternoon for eight weeks during the spring semester, a group of five Samford students traveled to East Lake United Methodist Church in Birmingham to assist church staff and volunteers with an after-school program for 15 neighborhood students.

"We would help them with their homework and involve them in activities," said Samford student Robert Gillespie. "I tutored a student in math. We might also sit in a circle and read, with everyone taking a different paragraph. After studying, we would go out to the swings or throw a football."

Gillespie, a sophomore majoring in business, plans to continue his involvement during the next school year.

Samford University's Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership organizes service cadres as one of several programs designed to mutually benefit community nonprofits and Samford students. The service cadres were offered seven days a week for eight weeks during the spring semester at 10 local nonprofits (see list). Activities ranged from tutoring and mentoring to relationship

building and construction.

Over 100 students were involved in service cadres during the spring, said Drayton Nabers Jr., director of the Mann Center. Students committed to volunteering weekly for eight weeks, meeting for three structured reflection sessions before, during and after completing the eight-week cadre. They closed the semester by writing a paper about the experience. In return, they received convocation credits.

"I have loved volunteering these past three semesters," said student Landon Jones. She worked with Desert Island Supply Company (DISCO) to help teach creative writing at Putnam Middle School in Irondale. "We often include art and history in our lessons to give students new

information. We encourage them to do their best. I hope to continue to be a part of the program after graduation."

Samford alumna Rachel Clark '17 shares Jones' enthusiasm for the program. She tutored students in reading and mathematics at Restoration Academy in Fairfield as an undergraduate.

"I am now working full time in nonprofits, mobilizing volunteers, building partnerships and matching community resources with community needs," said Clark. "I can trace my understanding and passion for this work back to my time at Restoration Academy."

Bridgette Antonello, academic volunteers coordinator at Restoration, said the academy is "delighted" to partner with the Mann Center. "We especially appreciate the bond our students develop with their tutors which benefits them both academically and emotionally," she said. "As we expand our tutoring program, we hope to accommodate more Mann Center students in the fall and beyond." ▀



Samford students work with creative writing workshop at Putnam Middle School.

Service Cadre Community Partners with Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership

Cornerstone School
Desert Island Supply Company
East Lake United Methodist Church
Exceptional Foundation
Habitat for Humanity
Impact America
Lovelady Center
Maranathan Academy
Oak Tree Ministries
Restoration Academy



Bulldogs Will Take to the Air Again this Fall

The Samford passing combination of quarterback Devlin Hodges and receiver Kelvin McKnight put up some impressive statistics in 2017. Hodges, the Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year, passed for 3,983 yards, third in the nation, and 31 touchdowns. McKnight caught 86 passes for 1,179 yards and 12 scores.

Hodges and McKnight are among 10 returning starters on offense for Coach Chris Hatcher's Bulldogs. Another six starters are back on defense, led by lineman Ahmad Gooden, the reigning SoCon Defensive Player of the Year. In all, 56 lettermen return. This veteran presence has Bulldog fans looking forward to 2018.

Hatcher expects his team to "be better on the offensive side of the ball" because of having more experience there. But, he added, "We were able to get a look at a lot of young guys, especially at certain

positions defensively (during the spring). We're going to have a lot of inexperience there, so we were able to get some good work with those guys."

The offense is in good hands with a veteran quarterback in Hodges. "Most of the time, the third year a quarterback is in our system is really the year he blossoms," said the coach. "He knows the system."

Hatcher's team went 8-4 last year and ranked second in the Southern Conference with a 6-2 mark. It also went to the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs for the second straight year, something the program had not accomplished since 1991-92. ▀

For Samford football ticket information: 205-726-DOGS

2018 SAMFORD FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 30—Shorter

Sept. 8—at Florida State

Sept. 15—Mercer (Family Weekend)*

Sept. 22—at Chattanooga*

Sept. 29—at Kennesaw State

Oct. 6—Western Carolina*

Oct. 13—VMI*

Oct. 20—at Furman*

Nov. 3—Wofford (Homecoming)*

Nov. 10—at The Citadel*

Nov. 17—at East Tennessee State*

**Southern Conference Game*

Samford Women Win Third Straight SoCon Indoor Track and Field Title

The Samford University women's track and field team collected its third straight Southern Conference Indoor Championship title Feb. 26, defeating second-place Western Carolina, 161-150, on the campus of Virginia Military Institute. Samford's Selena Popp led the way, earning Most Outstanding Athlete honors for women by winning the pentathlon, high jump and long jump events.

Samford's men finished second in the competition, falling just short of the Western Carolina men, 141-138, in a hotly contested battle. Samford's Marquis Barnes won Most Outstanding Athlete honors for men by taking the heptathlon and long jump events.

With every event but the men's pole vault in the books, Western Carolina led Samford, 138-114. The Bulldogs swept the pole vault—highlighted by Tray Oates becoming the only four-time indoor pole vault champion in SoCon history—but Samford's 24 points in the event were offset by three decisive points by Western Carolina's Corey Ginley for finishing sixth.

On the women's side, Samford opened the day with a 37-point lead but saw it shrink to two (119.5-117.5) as Western Carolina's Ty-Leah Hampton won the 200-meter dash. Camille Caldwell's win in the weight throw gave Samford some breathing room again,

and Popp's high-jump win and the Bulldogs' runner-up finish in the 4x400-meter relay were enough to offset the Catamounts' relay win.

Samford's Rachel Dixon won the SoCon's Pinnacle Award for owning the highest grade-point average on the championship team. ▀



Selena Popp

Baseball Wins SoCon, Upsets FSU in NCAA Regional

The Samford baseball team swept through the Southern Conference tournament unbeaten—knocking off Furman, Wofford and Mercer twice to earn the league's championship and automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals. The tournament was held at Fluor Field in Greenville, South Carolina, May 22-27.

The Bulldogs took the crown with a 14-4 victory over Mercer May 27 in a game highlighted by Samford's 11-run fifth inning. That outburst gave the Bulldogs a 12-3 lead. After Mercer scored to make the score 12-4, Samford's Branden Fryman hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning to invoke the 10-run mercy rule.

Coach Casey Dunn's team finished with a 36-24 record heading into the NCAA Regional against Florida State at Tallahassee June 1. The Bulldogs made headlines by upsetting Florida State, 7-6, in their regional opener. But they lost to Oklahoma, 4-0, and Mississippi State, 9-8, in other regional games.

Dunn said the Bulldogs were a "true

testament to the team context," adding, "This group came together and never gave up on each other." Along the way during the regular season, the Bulldogs put together a 13-game winning streak, Samford's longest since the late 1950s.

Freshman designated hitter Brooks

Carlson, who led the Bulldogs with a .350 average heading into the NCAA, earned the SoCon Tournament Most Valuable Player award. Joining Carlson on the all-tournament team were starting pitcher Samuel Strickland, relief pitcher Wyatt Burns and catcher Anthony Mulrine. ▀



Samford celebrates SoCon baseball title.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

WAYNE ATCHESON



Wayne Atcheson with Billy Graham

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

George Smith was not only my journalism professor but public relations director for then Howard College, and I was blessed to serve all four years under his tutelage in the PR department while working my way through college. He was the best in his field and what I learned under George has influenced my entire working career in public relations and communications. He taught me writing skills, how to work with the newspaper, radio and television media, advertising, promotions and publications. We are good friends to this day, more than 50 years later.

What is the best advice you were ever given?

My parents guided me as a 7-8-year-old boy to read my Bible and pray every day. This was not advice but this practice throughout my life has allowed my Heavenly Father to "order my steps" and keep me on track and in His will on this exciting journey with Him. My early morning time with the Lord has included reading the Bible through in numbers of years and spending time in prayer to keep me focused as a Christian. Nothing is more important than learning the value of daily time in God's Word and prayer that my parents taught me.

Why did you choose Samford? My father was a Baptist pastor/evangelist when I was born. He had me singing on his radio program when I was five. I would join him preaching on the streets and conducting tent revivals, and I would even attend three vacation Bible schools in one summer. The church ladies always pegged me as a preacher. I went to Howard College thinking that God may call me to be a minister, but I never felt the call. I even went on H-Day Sundays (now Samford Sunday) with the preacher boys as a layman. I had a

Degree/Year: B.A., English, 1964

Current: Billy Graham Association, Charlotte, North Carolina

Bonus Fact: Atcheson's daughter, Elizabeth Atcheson Poplin, is a 1998 Samford graduate.

glorious experience at Howard and it really prepared me for Christian ministry across America.

How did you become involved with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association?

Franklin Graham came to Tuscaloosa to conduct a festival (crusade) in 1999 while I was serving on the athletic department staff at Alabama. I was also adviser

of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter. To my surprise, the local committee asked me to be chairman of the festival which required 12 months of preparation. When the Billy Graham Library was being built in 2006 in Charlotte, North Carolina, I was called to interview as their first director. Franklin hired me and to serve the Lord Jesus at this special place has been the "dessert of my career."

What does your role at the library include?

When I came as the first director, I hired key staff leaders, led in recruiting 300 volunteers and promoted the library through various conventions, churches, Christian organizations and media outlets. In the past few years, I continue to host special guests, have given more than 1,000 library tours, have become the historian for Billy Graham and serve in donor ministry. We have had 1.1 million guests and 30,000 decisions for Christ. It is the highest honor for me to be the historian for the man who preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to more people than any man since the days of Christ.

Atcheson's responses have been edited for length. To read his complete profile and profiles of other featured alumni and employees, go to samford.edu/spotlight.



Cassandra Adams

CASSANDRA W. ADAMS

Why do you teach? I teach because I learn. I learn about others and about myself. By teaching, I am challenged to stay current and to adapt cornerstone fundamentals to the learning styles of new students.

What is your favorite activity outside of Samford? Cooking, listening to music and dancing—all at the same time!

As the leader of Cumberland School of Law's public interest program and volunteer/pro bono activities for Cumberland students, what reflections do you have about the service that the school and students provide within our community? Watching the first-year law student community service project grow from 17 law students participating to more than 90 percent of the first-year law class participating has been remarkable. It reveals that the law students come to Samford already equipped with a heart for service. Then to hear community partners say, "I can't believe these students are going to be lawyers, and they're here volunteering to do this!?" is a positive reflection upon the law school's mission. The mission of Cumberland School of Law is to educate a diverse community of students with knowledge and practical skills, equipping them to become highly competent, ethical lawyers committed to professionalism and public service.

What is one thing you want your students to know when they graduate from Samford? Exercise the courage to be obedient to God's will for you. At times you may feel alone, but you're not because God is with you always.

What reflections do you have about Samford's recent commemoration of the 50th anniversary of integration on campus? The commemoration was insightful and brought clarity about where we are today. There's still work to be done and I'm encouraged that our community is equipped to take a leadership role in facing our challenges and embracing each other in the way God intended.

Position:

Assistant Dean, Public Interest Program and Director of Community Mediation Center, Cumberland School of Law

Teaching at Samford since: 2005

Bonus Fact: Adams was the 2016 recipient of the Alabama State Bar's Pro Bono award in the Mediator category and was a member of the Alabama Bar's Leadership Class for 2017.

Adams' responses have been edited for length. To read her complete profile and profiles of other featured employees and alumni, go to samford.edu/spotlight.

NEW ARRIVALS



'01 Jennifer Chapman and Mike Chapman of Trussville, Alabama, a son, Jameson Michael Chapman, born February 17, 2017. **1**

'04 Kyle Harold and **Charlene "Charley" Turk Harold '06** of Wilmore, Kentucky, a son, Gregory "Brooks" Harold, born March 4, 2018. He joins sister Ellie Rose Harold. **1**

'05 Heather Yuill Brown and Peter Brown of Franklin, Tennessee, a daughter, Penelope Kay Brown, born December 16, 2017. **2**

'05 Tyler Bender and **Lauren Schneider Bender '12** of Indianapolis, Indiana, a son, Milo Knox Bender, born August 21, 2017.

'05 Kevin Carnall and **Charissa Cowart Carnall '06** of Birmingham, Alabama, a daughter, Carabelle Dawn Carnall, born April 28, 2015. **3**

'05 Jennifer Wilson McCaman and David McCaman of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, a daughter, Emory Elizabeth McCaman, born August 2, 2017. **4**

'06 John "Trey" Harper and Amanda Harper of Milledgeville, Georgia, a daughter, Everett Anne Harper, born September 4, 2017. **5**

'06 Benjamin Wortham and **Amanda Holcombe Wortham '07** of Helena, Alabama, a son, Wilder Sterling Wortham, born February 1, 2018. **6**

'07 Janise Medina Cookston and Chris Cookston of Houston, Texas, a son, Noah Christopher Cookston, born December 28, 2017. **7**

'08 Lindsy Petrone Sanders and Philip Sanders of Jacksonville, Florida, a daughter, Jane Marie Sanders, born April 14, 2017. **8**

'08 Fred "Cole" Sandlin and Jill Sandlin of Hamilton, Alabama, a daughter, Kate Palmer Sandlin, born December 18, 2017.

'08 Maeci Martin Walker and R.B. Walker of Birmingham, Alabama, a son, Rochester Butler "Bo" Walker Jr., born October 19, 2017. **9**

'09 Oliver "Trey" Holmes and **Jamie Driggers Holmes '09** of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, a son, Oliver W. Holmes IV, born August 24, 2017. **10**

'09 Mallory Barnes Rush and Hollins Rush of Birmingham, Alabama, a daughter, Madeline Jane Rush, born November 20, 2017. **11**

'09 Will Satterfield and Meridith Satterfield of Birmingham, Alabama, a son, Walker Monroe Satterfield, born December 28, 2017. He joins brother William Hughes Satterfield. **12**

'10 Emily Anderson and **Brett Anderson '11** of Winston Salem, North Carolina, a daughter, Naomi Grace Anderson, born April 9, 2018. **13**

'10 Delia Charest Carias and Jose Carias of Olive Branch, Mississippi, a son, Robert Dexter Carias, born March 2, 2017. **14**

'10 Laurie Mize Cooper and **Luke Cooper '15** of Alabaster, Alabama, a daughter, Moriah Ruth Cooper, born November 15, 2017. **15**

'10 Danielle McNeal Womack and Brandon Womack of Hoover, Alabama, a daughter, Jade Karis Womack, born June 26, 2017. She joins brother Braxton Womack. **16**

'11 Lindsay Wilson Brison and Robert Brison of Gainesville, Georgia, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Brison, born February 26, 2018. **17**

'12 Lindsay Rich Welsh and James Welsh of Dothan, Alabama, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Welsh, born October 16, 2017. **18**

'12 Ryan Shidler and **Kelsey Bussell Shidler '13** of Westfield, Indiana, a daughter, Haven Rose Shidler, born July 18, 2017. **18**



CLASS NOTES

Compiled by the Office of Alumni Programs and Annual Giving with information submitted by April 23, 2018.

1950s

'53 Jack U. Harwell and his wife, Teliea Tuchton Harwell, were jointly given a community service award from the Masonic Lodge of Morrow, Georgia. They were recognized for "giving unselfishly to the community outside of their church without any thought of reward." They are on the staff of the First Baptist Church in Morrow, Georgia; he is the minister of pastoral care and she is the minister to senior adults and children's ministry consultant.

'59 Tom Bodkin is now serving as pastor in the interim at Littleton Baptist Church, Littleton, North Carolina. He is in his 52nd year of ministry. In July of this year, Tom and his wife, Betty, will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary.

1960s

'61 James Ragsdale has retired from Sam Houston State University as professor and chair, Department of Communications Studies. He and his wife, Sandy, have moved to Manassas, Virginia.

1970s

'74, '76 Donovan Harris retired in April 2018 ending a 44-year career in the publishing arena while working with *Progressive Farmer* and *Southern Living* magazines. In 1994, Donovan began serving as the professional adviser for *Entre Nous*. He worked with each year's volunteer staff in that capacity until 2016. Also, each summer since 1996, as a member of the faculty of the Alabama Governor's School, he teaches a magazine publishing class on Samford University's campus in the journalism and mass communication department.

'76 Ron Wilson has secured membership in the St. Andrew Presbytery of North Mississippi, Presbyterian Church USA. He serves in the East Panola Presbyterian Church.

'79 Leigh Carter has retired. She was one of the founders of Fonkoze, now the largest poverty alleviation institutions in Haiti, employing more than 900 people and serving more than 200,000 clients, mostly women.

1980s

'84 Sherri Stone published her second inspirational women's novel in December 2017. *Sacred Ashes* and *The Confession of Tobias Tucker* are available on Amazon.

'86, '97 Mark Brown has joined FMB Advertising as director of communications. In his new role, he directs and coordinates strategic communications,

both print and digital. He was most recently part of the leadership team for University Relations at Carson-Newman University, serving as its associate director after serving the institution in several capacities since 1995. He and his wife, **Cathy Eidson '81**, reside in Talbott, Tennessee.

'87 Denise Stimpson Bates is now a sales engineer for Automated Voice & Data Solutions in Alabama and Texas.

1990s

'90 Robert Lane is a professor of philosophy at the University of West Georgia and the author of *Peirce on Realism and Idealism* (Cambridge University Press, 2018).

'92 Jeff Roberts was recognized in the March 12, 2018 issue of *Barron's* magazine among the Top 1,200 Financial Advisors in the United States and the Top 2 in Alabama. Jeff was also recognized in 2018 among the *Financial Times* Top 400 Financial Advisors and *Forbes* Best-in-State Wealth Advisors.

'93 Liesl Bolin has created the cover art for *The Black Alabaster Box* by Dr. Frances Schoonmaker. This book is the first in a trilogy, and Liesl has created the art for the set.

'93 John E. Carter has been accepted to the Ph.D. program at Boston College in theological ethics and will begin this fall. He has received a J.D. from Duke, a M.Div. from Wake Forest and expects to graduate with a Th.M. in May from Boston College. In 2010, John was ordained as a Baptist minister at Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

'95 Dennis T. Clark is now associate university librarian at the University of Virginia.

'96 Patrick Dodd was awarded the 2017 Snap-On Tools Franchise of the Year.

2000s

'01 Bradley Collins is now the executive director of writer-publisher relations for BMI in Nashville, Tennessee.

'02 Andrew Brasher has been nominated by President Donald Trump in the 12th wave of judicial nominees. If confirmed, he will serve as a District Judge on the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. Presently, he is the solicitor general of Alabama.

'02 Rusty A. Fleming, a partner in Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP's Atlanta office, has been selected as a fellow into the American College of Mortgage Attorneys (ACMA).

'02 Holly Mackle has a new book, *Same Here, Sisterfriend*, a humorous take on motherhood written and curated by Holly, who along with her book club friends, share funny, real-life parenting stories interspersed with grace-filled nuggets of truth.

'03 Jesse Rea serves on the board of the Princeton/Caldwell Chamber of Commerce, and as the current president of Vision West Kentucky. He also is a trustee of the Caldwell Medical Center.

'04 Stephen Garrison recently completed a cross-sectional imaging fellowship at Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, Florida. He is now a practicing radiologist in Inverness, Florida. Stephen and Erika welcomed their first son, Colby Chase Garrison, on Nov. 15, 2014.

'04 Austin Padgett was recently elected partner at Troutman Sanders LLP, a large law firm with 16 offices in the United States and China.

'05 Robert McKinney, after serving in the administration of Gov. Larry Hogan (Maryland) for nearly three years, has been appointed by the White House to serve as the White House liaison to the Peace Corps.

'06 Trent Hadley was named vice president and chief financial officer of Baylor Scott & White Quality Alliance (BSWQA). In his new role, he will oversee the organization's financial performance and value-based contracting arrangements, as well as lead the transition to risk-based models.

'09 Erin Ramsey McCubbin earned her doctorate in education from Northeastern University in Boston. Her degree is in curriculum, teaching, learning and leadership, and her research explores the use of standardized testing in the college admission process.

2010s

'10 Kirsty Sheffield Smelley and **Shannon Smelley '10** now reside in Moody with their son, Harper.

'11 Daniel T. Lentz was elected to the board of directors of the Southern Conservation Trust, a land trust conserving over 16,300 acres in Georgia and Tennessee.

'11 Amber Wilson wrote a cookbook, *For the Love of the South*. She states, "... I was a student at Samford. I started writing a blog, taking all the pictures and doing my own recipe development. Then I added my personal stories about growing up in the South. I didn't know where it would lead, but I knew I was passionate about it. Then, rather serendipitously, an agent contacted me about writing a cookbook—and I jumped on board."

'12 Virginia Straus has completed her master's degree from the University of Alabama in human environmental sciences with a specialization in human nutrition.

'13 Autumn Bagwell Zuckerman was recently named program director of health outcomes and research at Vanderbilt Specialty Pharmacy.

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IN MEMORIAM

'42 Vivian Strickland Hart, age 96, of Cullman, Alabama, died Dec. 27, 2018. At Howard College, she was vice president of the freshman class. She was on the student senate, the May Day Scholarship Honor Court and the a cappella choir. She held three jobs simultaneously while earning her B.A. in English. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cullman and active in several civic organizations.

'44 Harry Charles Jr., age 93, of Merritt Island, Florida, died Jan. 21, 2018. He was a pioneer in the development and testing of rockets and missiles. After graduating from Howard College, he taught at Howard until graduate school. Leaving school to serve in World War II, he again taught at Howard upon his return. He then joined the Navy, working with contractors on rocket, missile and spacecraft operations.

'44 Cecil Culverhouse, age 94, of Birmingham, Alabama, died in January of 2018. After graduating from Howard College, he also graduated from Union Theological Seminary and earned a Doctor of Divinity from Westminster College. He served churches in Alabama, Tennessee and Missouri.

'45 Mary Nell Pass Burton, of Marquette, Michigan, died Jan. 17, 2018. While at Howard College, she served as president of Phi Mu and was Miss Howard '45. She was a church organist, school teacher and beloved by all who knew her.

'47 Sam Rice, age 92, of Gulf Shores, Alabama, died Feb. 19, 2018. He attended Howard College before becoming an officer in the Navy, serving in World War II as a sonar expert. He became well-known as a paper and fiber expert, working for several sizing companies. He and his wife were founding members of St. Andrew by the Sea.

'48 Benjamin Thomas Ball, age 94, of Corpus Christi, Texas, died Feb. 27, 2018. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he graduated from Howard College. While at Howard, he played basketball, tennis and ran track. He was very involved with the Texas Tennis Association and was a ranked player, admitted into the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame.

'48 Martha Jean Gilmer Simmons, age 90, of Birmingham, Alabama, died Feb. 12, 2018. She was a dedicated elementary school teacher in the Birmingham Public School system. She was a talented musician and a member of Liberty Park Baptist Church.

'49 William Haddon Brown, age 91, of Little Rock, Arkansas, died Jan. 14, 2018. He was a chemist and chairman of the Developmental Disabilities Service Board. He was an active member of Pulaski Heights Baptist Church.

'49 John H. Buchanan Jr., age 89, of Rockville, Maryland, died March 5, 2018. He served in the Navy in 1945-1946 as a hospital corpsman and received a Master of Divinity from the Southern Theological Seminary after graduating from Howard College. He was a pastor in Tennessee, Virginia and Alabama. After settling in Washington D.C., he was twice the interim pastor of Riverside Baptist Church in the District. He was elected as an Alabama congressman and served from 1964-1981.

'49 Jack Waller, age 92, of Birmingham, Alabama, died January 2018. He was a veteran of World War II and had a distinguished military career as a navigator/bombardier.

'49 Cecil Wanniger, age 92, of Birmingham, Alabama, died April 6, 2018. He enlisted in the Army, served in the last official European theatre battle at the elite SS barracks in Munich, Germany, was discharged, then called back into the Army to serve in Korea. While at Howard, he founded the Sportsman Club, a student group to bring football back to Howard College, and served as president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. His alma mater pride continued by serving as Samford University Alumni Association president for three years and eventually being named Alumni of the Year at Samford University.

'50 Merrill H. Cook, age 91, of Birmingham, Alabama, died Dec. 25, 2017. A veteran of World War II, he earned the Purple Heart. He formed the Merrill H. Cook Insurance Agency. He was very involved in civic duty and was a member of both Ruhama Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Birmingham.

'50 Robert Wilson "Dub" King, age 91, of Charleston, South Carolina and Jackson, Mississippi, died Feb. 27, 2018. He served as a Marine during World War II and returned to go to Cumberland School of Law on the GI Bill. During his 57 years as a lawyer, he received many accolades. His proudest achievement was being on the board of the Baptist Children's Village of Jackson. He was a member of Northminster Baptist Church.

'51 Sarah Smith Beavers, age 89, of Birmingham, Alabama, died Dec. 17, 2017. She was the assistant

director of public health nursing for Jefferson County, retiring after 30 years. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church, Mt. Olive, Alabama.

'51 John D. Bolton, age 101, of Birmingham, Alabama, died Dec. 22, 2017. At the time of his passing, he was the oldest living Samford alumni on record. He also attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He served churches in Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. After retirement, he served in hospital chaplaincy. He was the start of three generations, so far, attending Samford University.

'51 Raymond Cline, age 94, of Palm Beach, Florida, died Jan. 11, 2018. He graduated from Howard College after returning home from World War II. He worked for the state of Florida and enjoyed golf.

'51 Margaret Ann Davis Denham, age 86, of Madison, Mississippi, died Nov. 13, 2017. She was a faithful member of Colonial Heights Baptist Church in Ridgeland, where she taught Sunday school for many years.

'51 Martin "Buddy" McDonough Jr., age 92, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, died April 18, 2018. He was a veteran of World War II, serving as a pharmacist's first mate in the Navy. Returning to civilian life, he was a member in several professional organizations including Chattanooga Pharmacists' Society, Tennessee Pharmacists' Society and the National Association of Retail Druggists. He served on the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy and on the Dean's Advisory Committee for the College of Pharmacy at Samford University.

'53 Jack Whitley, age 87, of Tampa, Florida, died March 20, 2018. He played football while at Howard College and was president of the Letterman's Club, and then went on to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served churches in Alabama and then joined the Southern Baptist Foreign Missions Board.

'54 Donald Sarrell Aultman, age 87, of Cleveland, Tennessee, died March 19, 2018. He was ordained and served churches in South Carolina, Alabama, Texas and Tennessee. He was elected and appointed to many Church of God leadership positions internationally, served on many church committees and boards nationwide. He was also extremely active with social and civic duties. He published and/or edited over 20 faith-based, non-fiction books. At the time of his passing, he

was a member of North Cleveland Church of God. He was employed by the Church of God, Division of Education, where he served as chancellor.

'54 Betty Ritchey Hollis, age 86, of Alabaster, Alabama, died Feb. 4, 2018. While at Howard College, she was president of Delta Zeta. She was a strong supporter of the Alabama Kidney Foundation.

'54 Robert Patrick Myers, age 85, of Columbus, Mississippi, died Dec. 14, 2017. He obtained his pharmacy degree from Howard College after he received his M.D. He created the Myers Itch Cream and helped in creating Aquaphor Ointment. He was active in his community as was involved heavily with disaster relief.

'54 Dorothy "Dot" Nelson Wood, age 87, of Nashville, Tennessee, died Jan. 9, 2018. While she worked at Glendale Baptist and Woodmont Baptist, she was instrumental in founding (and was a member of) Brentwood Baptist Church.

'55 Elias "Louis" Ladas, age 86, of Mobile, Alabama, died Dec. 26, 2018. He was the founder and owner of Ladas Pharmacy in Mobile. A member of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, he served as the parish council treasurer.

'56 Carol Nunnally Black, age 83, of Homewood, Alabama, died Jan. 6, 2018. While at Howard College, she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi and a cheerleader.

'56 Jerry Kenneth Medlock, age 83, of Hardee County, Florida, died Jan. 8, 2018. At Howard College, he played basketball and baseball—going to the Orioles organization in Florida. He helped establish the Mountain Brook High School athletic program in Alabama, and was an athletic coach at Bloomsburg College, Pennsylvania.

'56 Clara Haynes Pearce, age 83, of Springville, Alabama, died Feb. 2, 2018. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi and married a career Navy man. She was a farm girl at heart and a member of Springville United Methodist Church.

'57 W. Rodgers Green, age 83, of Mobile, Alabama, died Feb. 1, 2018. He was a general surgeon in Mobile and practiced for over 30 years. He served as a medical officer in the Navy during the Vietnam Era.

'57 Clifford Aubrey Lowry, age 87, of Cullman, Alabama, died Jan. 9, 2018. After serving in the Korean War, he graduated from McWhorter School of Pharmacy. He was a hospital pharmacy director, founded a pharmacy, a founding director of First Alabama/Regions Bank, and served on the Dean's Advisory Counsel of McWhorter School of Pharmacy while his wife, Wynema, served on

Samford's Board of Trustees. The Aubrey and Wynema Lowry Memorial Scholarship at Samford University is now in their honor.

'57 Jimmy E. Wilson, age 84, of Madisonville, Tennessee, died March 7, 2018. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a member of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy and served as its president for a term.

'58 Marguerite Jones Hill, age 94, of Huntsville, Alabama, died in January 2018. She was the first woman to graduate from Cumberland School of Law. She continued her education with earning a master's degree in accounting and an M.B.A. She taught German, government and economics at Shaves Valley High School. Upon retirement, she became a master gardener.

'58 Thomas Rodney Peden, age 84, of Birmingham, Alabama, died Dec. 19, 2017. He retired from Bruno's Pharmacy. A member of Oakmont Presbyterian Church, he was active in the choir and other church activities.

'58 Charles Starnes, age 83, of Slidell, Louisiana, died Dec. 7, 2017. He obtained his Master of Divinity from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was dearly loved.

'59 Jerome Lee Burdette, age 82, of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, died March 22, 2018. He was a member of Episcopal Church of the Ascension and retired as a regional manager.

'59 Joe Al Miles, age 84, of Hoshton, Georgia, died April 4, 2018. Attending Howard College, he was a Rho Chi Scholar. Miles was a veteran of the Army and a retired pharmacist after 43 years of service. He was a member of First Methodist Church of Athens.

'61 Melvin A. "Pat" Morton Jr., age 79, of Birmingham, Alabama, died Jan. 14, 2018. He worked for Proctor and Gamble, then Bradford and Company, where he was president and CEO until he retired. He was a member of the Church at Brook Hills, where he served for many years as a greeter. He loved his Lord, his family, friends and career.

'61 Doug Sager, age 78, Midfield, Alabama, died Feb. 24, 2018. After Howard College, he attend New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He served churches in Louisiana, Florida, Tennessee and Alabama. He held several roles with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Alabama Baptist Pastors Conference. He served as a trustee for Samford University.

'62 Susan Phyllis Lindsey, age 83, of Dothan, Alabama, died March 26, 2017. She was a registered nurse and a member of Covenant

United Methodist Church.

'62 Jimmy George Reagan, age 79, of Milton, Georgia, died Feb. 23, 2018. He attended Howard College as a walk on to the Bulldog football team after a career in the Navy. He went on to own several successful businesses.

'62 Thomas O. Smith, age 77, of Aiken, South Carolina, died in February of 2018. He served in the National Guard and the Reserves. He was the assistant manager of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Savannah River. He was passionate about the Gideon Bible Program and was a member of Living Hope Fellowship, where he served as a deacon.

'63 Neal Austin Boozer, age 87, of Anniston, Alabama, died March 7, 2018. After serving in the Army during the Korean conflict, he returned home and graduated from Samford University's School of Pharmacy. He was the former owner of Adamsville Pharmacy, then at Jefferson County Health Department.

'65, '70 Thomas "Tom" Sneed, age 75, of Hartselle, Alabama, died April 4, 2018. He had a long career as a pharmacist, purchasing a Rexall Drugs, then worked for Summerford Nursing Home. He was a faithful member of Hartselle Church of Christ.

'65 Wade Harris, age 74, of Alabaster, Alabama, died Jan. 21, 2018. He will be greatly missed by his friends, family and coworkers.

'66 Allen Edward Cook, age 76, of Andalusia, Alabama, died Dec. 14, 2017. He served as the DA for Covington County, was in private practice, was Alabama AG's special prosecutor and a city judge. He was in the National Guard and served in the JAG division in Montgomery, Alabama. He was active in the First Baptist Church of Andalusia and he enjoyed hunting and being with friends and family.

'66 Earl Hall, age 96, of Montgomery, Alabama, died Jan. 8, 2018. After graduation from Samford University, he earned his master's degree in religion from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and an honorary Doctor of Divinity. He served churches in Kentucky and Alabama. He was several times the interim pastor at churches, and was the pastor emeritus of Heritage Baptist Church in Montgomery.

'66 Patricia Gail Hurst Hicks, age 73, of Gardendale, Alabama, died in January 2018. She taught at Mortimer Jordan High and then was the librarian at Bragg Middle School.

'66 Thomas Puckett, age 74, died Feb. 23, 2018. He obtained his master's degree from New

Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and served as a youth and recreation minister in North Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana. He then served as director of the office of men's ministry for the Alabama Baptist State Board. As part of that role, he also directed state Baptist disaster relief work. Even in retirement, he came forward to offer support during times of need.

'66 Joe Wingard, age 73, of Andalusia, Alabama, died Dec. 29, 2017. He had retired a few years ago after teaching for 39 years at Andalusia High School, where he was an iconic figure. He went on the first English department-sponsored Samford tour and went on other tours. He was a regular fixture at Homecoming, usually attending every event and then writing it up in his regular *Andalusia Star-News* column.

'66 Jesse Milton Wright Jr., age 88, of Hoover, Alabama, died Jan. 14, 2018. He was in the Naval Reserves and worked at South Central Bell. Active in the community, he met with his Navy buddies twice a year and was their unofficial historian.

'67 King Baker, age 77, of Summit, Mississippi, died Jan. 12, 2018. He owned King's Drugs in McComb, Mississippi, for over 30 years. He was an active member of First Baptist Church in Summit, serving as a deacon.

'67 Oliver Cromwell Graham, age 86, of Birmingham, Alabama, died Jan. 21, 2018. He worked in printing management, was a member of Dawson Memorial Baptist Church and loved his family.

'68 Mildred J. Davis, age 90, of Birmingham, Alabama, died Jan. 3, 2018. She was an active member of Crestway Baptist Church and retired from teaching with the Birmingham Public School System.

'68 Dwight Griffith, age 74, of Somerset, Kentucky, died Jan. 3, 2018. Working as a pharmacist for over 50 years, he owned Corner Drug in Versailles, then went to CVS and Walgreens. He was beloved by patients, coworkers, family and friends.

'69 Charles "Buz" Dooley, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, died Dec. 2, 2017. He spent 48 years at his firm, also working extensively with Legal Aid of East Tennessee. He was recognized for his pro bono work with several awards and the East Tennessee Pro Bono Attorneys Hall of Fame. He belonged to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

'69 Bonnie Vines Powell, age 69, of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, died Dec. 17, 2017. Spending much of her career teaching courses to UAB employees, and supported The Encouragement Team at

Shades Mountain Baptist Church. She had a true servant's heart.

'70 John Will Caylor, of Huntsville, Alabama, died April 13, 2018. He taught on the secondary and college level for over 20 years while practicing law. He helped to rewrite Article VI, the Judicial Article, of Alabama's 1901 Constitution. He served proudly with state government.

'70 Julian David Maddox, age 70, of Jasper, Alabama, died Dec. 17, 2017. A deacon and member of Jasper's First Baptist Church, he served the community as a pharmacist for over 47 years.

'70 Dorothy "Dot" Hart Westbrook, age 91, of Hoover, Alabama, died Jan. 3, 2018. She taught at Homewood Middle School, where she was the Homewood Education Association president, faculty chair of mathematics and math team sponsor. She was honored with Samford's first Learning for Life Award, recognizing her as one of its 100 most influential alumni educators.

'70 Richard Wetherill, age 71, of Rockport, Indiana, died Feb. 7, 2018. While at Cumberland School of Law, he was the editor-in-chief of his law review. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

'71 Margie Dudley Houghton, age 96, of Dallas, Texas, died Oct. 23, 2017. She taught at Mountain Brook High School and was a member of Canterbury United Methodist Church. After retirement, she located to Dallas, Texas.

'70, '73 John Franklin Wade, of Birmingham, Alabama, died Dec. 8, 2017. After a career in the Office of Public Defender and Broward County General Counsel, Florida, he moved back to Birmingham with his family.

'72 David Potts, age 67, of Marion, Alabama, died March 28, 2018. He was an admissions counselor for Samford, before becoming the director of financial aid, earning his M.B.A. at the same time. He served as president of Judson College for 27 years. He endeavored to improve the health services and economic development in Perry County and the Black Belt region of the state. He was a founding board member of Sowing Seeds of Hope and a former president of Alabama Possible. He was an active member of Siloam Baptist Church in Selma.

'72 Laird Sharp, age 72, of Birmingham, Alabama, died Dec. 29, 2017. He began his career with the Homewood, Alabama, police department and retired as chief of police in Fairfield, Alabama.

'73 Eric Wise, age 70, of Stuart, Florida, died Feb. 14, 2018. He worked as an attorney/lobbyist for

the American Gas Association. After retirement, he and his wife moved to Florida.

'74 William James Purifoy, age 76, of Birmingham, Alabama, died Dec. 1, 2017. He enjoyed mentoring young people to help them identify and achieve career goals. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Woodlawn.

'74 Allen von Spiegelfeld, of Tampa, Florida, died Feb. 14, 2018. Immediately after receiving his J.D. from Cumberland, he joined the Navy JAG Corps at Guantanamo Bay. After moving to Tampa, he became one of the finest maritime attorneys internationally known. He was a member of multiple law organizations.

'75 Gary Aussenbaugh, age 68, of Henderson, Kentucky, died Jan. 31, 2018. In his over 40 years as a pharmacist, he owned own pharmacy and later went to CVS. An animal advocate, he will be missed by his family.

'75 Frank Gramling, of Miami Beach, Florida, died March 27, 2018. After serving in the Coast Guard as a lieutenant commander, he completed his law degree at Cumberland School of Law.

'75 Patrick James Roma, age 68, of Naples, Florida, died Nov. 26, 2017. After obtaining his J.D. from Cumberland School of Law, he received his LL.M. from NYU School of Law. He was a partner, a prosecutor, police commissioner, general assemblyman and appointed to the Superior Court of New Jersey.

'75 John Hugh Shannon, age 70, of Lakeland, Florida, died Dec. 24, 2017. He took his profession of attorney to heart and was extremely active with his community through civic and church participation.

'76 Mike McLemore, age 69, of Shelby County, Alabama, died Feb. 10, 2018. After graduating from Samford, he went to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was the senior pastor at Lakeside Baptist Church for many years and was the president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention. He was a trustee of the North American Mission Board, SBC.

'76 Robert Dewayne White, age 76, of Cartersville, Georgia, died Dec. 5, 2017. He pastored churches in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee. In his retirement, he enjoyed leading a small prayer group, bible studies and served as interim pastor.

'77 Mildred Frances Altobello, age 64, of West Palm Beach, Florida, died Jan. 19, 2018. She was a real estate agent and beloved by friends and family.

'77 Elizabeth Travis Chastain, age 62, of Birmingham, Alabama, died March 4, 2018. Wife of Dr. Ben Chastain, she worked as a technical writer for Southern Company Services and as a contractor for Doozer Software. She was a longtime member of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Vestavia Hills, serving at various times as a choir member, co-chair of the altar guild, lay eucharistic minister and member of the vestry.

'77 Martha Elizabeth Fuzek, age 66, of Johnson City, Tennessee, died Nov. 8, 2017. While at McWhorter School of Pharmacy, she served as the president of Lambda Kappa Sigma and was the editor of *The Capsule*. She was a member of University Parkway Baptist Church and took in many rescued dogs.

'77 Walter Knapp, age 65, of Birmingham, Alabama, died Nov. 27, 2017. He was a renowned piano player and instructor, having studied for a time at Juilliard. He was known for playing and teaching in churches throughout the area.

'77 Thomas Meacham, of Raleigh, North Carolina, died March 28, 2018. He began his legal career with the North Carolina secretary of state before moving to the North Carolina attorney general's office and was assistant attorney general.

'78 David Boone, age 63, of Atlanta, Georgia, died March 13, 2018. He had a career as one of the top civil trial lawyers in the country culminating in the prestigious Pursuit of Justice Award by the American Bar Association and the Guardian of Justice Award by the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association.

'78 Donald Ford Butler Jr., age 65, of Kansas City, Missouri, died Feb. 23, 2018. As a tax attorney, he would close his office the third week in April to travel and visit friends.

'78 Belle Stoddard, age 74, of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania and Birmingham, Alabama, died Jan. 30, 2018. She graduated from Cumberland School of Law and was the director of Lawyering and Legal Reasoning. She also served on the school board of Birmingham city schools.

'79 Miriam Denise Smith, age 61, of Wilsonville, Alabama, died Dec. 6, 2017. She made a career counseling and helping others in need. She was a member of Wilsonville Baptist Church.

'80 Jerry "Mac" Edwards, age 59, of Brigham City, Utah, died Feb. 23, 2018. He obtained his master's degree from Southwest Seminary and became pastor of First Baptist Church in Brigham

City. He volunteered in Palace Playhouse and Heritage Community Theatre. His volunteer work continued with Family Support Center, Box Elder Community Pantry, Golden Spike Railroad Association, Box Elder Tourism Counsel and the Chamber of Commerce, where he was president for two years. He volunteered for 15 years as a release time teacher for Box Elder Christian Seminary. For two years he served as chaplain for Alpine Home Care and Hospice in Ogden and Brigham City. He also volunteered six years as guest instructor with the Master's Commission program of Victory Assembly of God.

'81 Elaine Fulford Gillis, age 59, of Milton, Florida, died Nov. 21, 2017. She was a fashion merchandiser and floral designer. She was the director of children's ministries at First Baptist Church in Milton, Florida.

'81 Karla Gothard, age 63, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, died Dec. 20, 2017. She was the first female attorney sworn in Walker County, Georgia. She was one of the first female attorneys to represent defendants in Hamilton County's criminal courts. She served the Hamilton county public defender's office as executive assistant public defender, from its inception, for 26 years. She was a past president of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys

'83 Evelyn Mullins Ensey, age 87, of Ashville, Alabama, died Nov. 19, 2017. She was the pianist/organist for different eastern Alabama area churches throughout the years, as well as performing in church choirs, teaching music and being a member of the Birmingham Chorale.

'85 Sherry Crittenden Rutledge, of Birmingham, Alabama, died Nov. 30, 2017. She was deeply loved by her family.

'86 Clint Thompson, age 60, of Trinity, Alabama, died April 13, 2018. A member of Moulton Baptist Church, he practiced law in Lawrence County.

'88 Charles Hudson, age 65, of Knoxville, Tennessee, died March 20, 2018. He operated the Union Discount Pharmacy and was a member of Central Baptist Church in Fountain. He was the personal owner of Smokey X, the University of Tennessee's mascot.

'88 Greg Quinn, age 51, of Corinth, Mississippi, died Jan. 22, 2018. He was a pharmacist for over 25 years and was very active with his home church, Crosswinds.

'89 Joseph Frederick "Huck" Hunnicutt, age 58, of Norton, Virginia, died April 15, 2018. He served as the research and writing editor for the

Cumberland Law Review. He served several consecutive terms on the city council of Norton and served nearly twenty years as its representative on the CNW Regional Waste Water Treatment Authority. He was a member of the Norton Fire Department and was active for many years as a coach and umpire with the Norton Little League program. He was a practicing attorney and partner in the Adkins & Hunnicutt Law Firm.

'05, '09 J. Matthew Wilson, age 34, of Hartselle, Alabama, died Feb. 27, 2018. He received his business undergraduate, M.B.A. and J.D. from Samford University and Cumberland School of Law. He was a member of Pi Kappa Phi, Young Lawyers Association, board member of Southern Research Credit Union and young alumni board member.

'06, '09 Brad Jacob Booth, age 33, of Hoover, Alabama, died Nov. 29, 2017. While at Samford, he was the starting safety for the Bulldog football team. He led students as project director with the evangelical organization Campus Outreach. With his J.D. and M.B.A., he was a driven litigator for Carr Allison Law Firm.

'07, '11 Joseph John Child, age 72, of Newnan, Georgia, died Feb. 7, 2018. After finishing his doctorate at Samford, he was a special education teacher and assistant golf coach at Newnan High School.

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