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Samford football player Anthony Preston joins other Bulldog scholar-athletes in helping freshmen move in for the fall term.

From the President



A Multiple-Use Landmark

“Homewood Lions.”

That’s the inscription on the concrete bench just down the hill from the University Center, near what I characterize (in an overly descriptive way) as the midpoint of the western half of the quad. I suppose that someone within the Samford community may know the story of how the Homewood Lions made the decision, many years ago, to give the funds to place the bench on campus. Perhaps it was a split decision, with a razor-slim majority of local Lions voting in favor of such a lavish expenditure for a park bench with a potentially low return on investment.

I’ve walked past the bench a few thousand times. Unless I’m absorbed in conversation with a student or colleague, or carried away with some stray thought, just the sight of the bench brings a smile to my face. Sometimes the bench is vacant, but often a student is sitting there, reading an assignment or texting a friend. Occasionally, a few people are gathered there, swapping stories. I’ve heard at least one account of a marriage proposal that was offered and accepted there. The smile that comes to me is from the realization that something so overlooked can be of so much use.

For the old concrete benches, for people who offer helpful and understated advice, for scraps of poetry that stir our senses, for learning that can’t be compressed into 140 characters, I am grateful. Eternally grateful. (And thank you, Homewood Lions.)

As always, please keep Samford in your prayers.

Andrew Westmoreland
President

Forbes Ranks Samford Tops in Alabama

Samford University is the top-ranked higher education institution in Alabama, according to new national rankings released July 30 by *Forbes*. Samford is #203 of the 650 universities nationwide that were included in *Forbes*’ 2014 rankings. Samford is the largest private university in Alabama, a distinction it has held for several decades.

Other Alabama schools in the rankings included Auburn University (204), the University of Alabama (335), Birmingham-Southern College (383), Spring Hill College (437), the University of Alabama in Huntsville (466), the University of Alabama at Birmingham (528), the University of South Alabama (593), Troy University (630) and Tuskegee University (635).

“These rankings further affirm Samford’s value, affordability and academic stature,” said Samford President Andrew Westmoreland. “We acknowledge that these types of rankings can be subjective from year to year, but also a great source of pride for Samford students, faculty, staff and alumni who celebrate the strong national reputation of their university.”

This is the seventh year that *Forbes* has partnered with the Center for College Affordability and Productivity [CCAP] to produce its national rankings. According to the CCAP website, the rankings tended to favor smaller liberal arts institutions this year. Other factors considered by CCAP include graduation rates, graduate success in the marketplace, student debt and cost.

“Smaller liberal arts colleges are concerned more with educating students than their research giant counterparts,” CCAP noted. “Their prestige is derived almost entirely from the quality of graduate they produce. Therefore it is not unreasonable to think that they would do

well in this year’s ranking.”

Westmoreland added, “Samford’s focus always has been on providing a rigorous academic program for students and helping those students prepare to succeed after graduation. That and our affordability are things that set Samford apart when students and their families are comparing us with other institutions.”

Forbes concurred with CCAP’s assessment of the rankings. “What sets our calculation of 650 colleges and universities apart from other rankings is our firm belief in ‘output’ over ‘input,’” said *Forbes*. “We’re not all that interested in what gets a student into college. Our sights are set directly on [return on investment]: What are students getting out of college.”

Samford also compared favorably in cost with the other schools in Alabama. One other private school, Tuskegee University, costs less, but Samford’s total cost, as reported by *Forbes*, was lower than Auburn, Alabama, Birmingham-Southern and Spring Hill.

According to *Forbes*, the average age of the top 100 colleges is a “grand” 170 years, with an average founding date of 1843. Samford, the 87th oldest higher education institution in the United States, was founded in 1841 and is in its 173rd year. ▀

Trustees Approve Technology Upgrade, Endowed Faculty

Samford University’s trustee executive committee approved a major technology upgrade and several new programs during a July 29 meeting in Birmingham. The executive committee meets between regular meetings of the full board of trustees.

The \$1.8 million technology infrastructure upgrade will support current and future needs, provide internet threat protection and allow for continued network growth, according to Harry B. Brock III, Samford’s vice president for business and financial affairs. The upgrade will include “industry-leading equipment,” Brock said. Funding for the upgrade will come from student technology fees.

Trustees also appointed four faculty to endowed positions: Alyssa Di Russo, Whelan W. and Rosalie T. Palmer Professor of Law; Joseph Snoe, Whelan W. and Rosalie T. Palmer Professor of Law; Michael Crouch, Fred E. McWhorter Dean of Pharmacy; and Eleanor Howell, Ralph W. Beeson Dean of Nursing.

Three new degree programs were approved. A new elementary education major with a concentration in Christian education and missions is designed to give students a “broad, multidisciplinary approach to Christian education in the context of a local church or mission field,” according to Associate Provost Nancy Biggio.

A new minor in medical ethics was approved in the philosophy department. The program promotes the study of the ethical foundations of medicine and health care through an interdisciplinary study of philosophy, theology, literature and ethics, Biggio said.

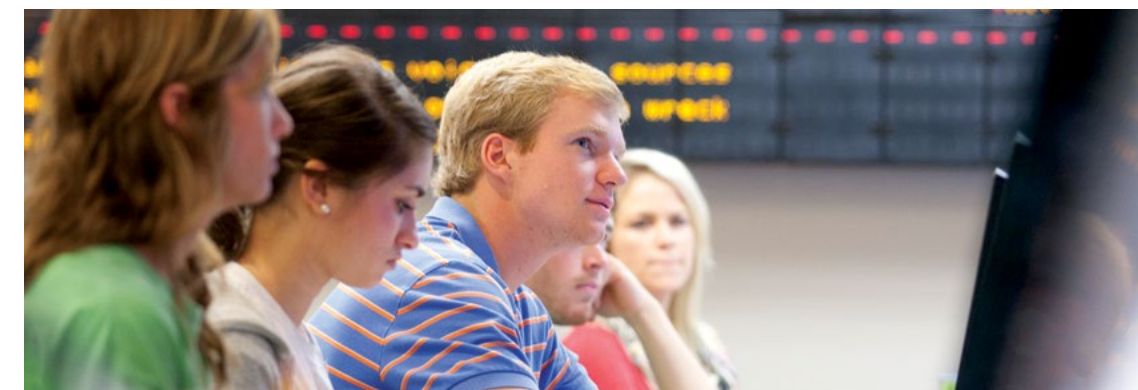
A western intellectual tradition interdisciplinary minor in the University Fellows honors program will allow students to continue studying the various disciplines in the Fellows’ western intellectual tradition sequence.

Trustees approved a contract with Sodexo Inc. as the university’s new food service provider. This is the university’s first change in food service provider in 11 years. ▀

Samford Exceeds Campaign Goal

More than Four Months Early

by Philip Poole



Samford University celebrated Aug. 19 with the surprise announcement by President Andrew Westmoreland that the university had exceeded its goal for “A Campaign for Samford” more than four months early. Westmoreland made the announcement at the annual employee workshop preceding the start of the fall semester.

As of Aug. 15, gifts and pledges totaling \$200,155,265 had been received from 17,381 donors, representing the largest fund-raising effort in the university’s 173-year history. Gift amounts ranged from 36 cents to \$13.4 million. The campaign launched in October 2009 with a goal of \$200 million.

“This is a story, actually thousands of stories, of people who rallied to support an institution they cherish, at times when economic uncertainty pervaded every aspect of their lives,” Westmoreland said.

“It has been particularly gratifying to see how gifts to the campaign have come from a wide constituency group of alumni, trustees, parents, friends, churches, corporations and foundations,” said Douglas Wilson, Samford’s executive director of development. “When the campaign began, we said that there are people who are going to help us reach our goal that we haven’t even met before, and this has proven to be true. We have more people involved in the life of Samford than ever before, and this directly correlates to giving back.”

About 30 percent of the gifts and pledges have come from estate plans, including the largest single gift to the campaign (\$13.4 million), said Wilson. Other contributions have included outright gifts, pledged gifts, appreciated stock, real estate and gifts from donor-advised funds. “All of these are important and appreciated, and have helped us reach our goal,” he said.

The campaign originally was scheduled to end on Dec. 31 but likely will close about Nov. 1, according to W. Randy Pittman, Samford’s vice president for advancement. Several fund-raising

projects still are in progress, including a new Brock School of Business building (see story, page 6) and a campaign for Cumberland School of Law.

Every facet of the university has benefited from the campaign. Pittman cited the importance of the two largest campaign goals—scholarships and annual fund.

“These are critical to the future as Samford works to keep tuition costs affordable, and to provide opportunities for generations of young people to grow in their intellect, creativity, maturity and faith,” he said.

Annual fund support is the largest single component of the campaign, with more than \$76.8 million raised. This represents “much-needed funds” beyond revenue provided by tuition and fees, Pittman explained, and underscores the national recognition for value and affordability that Samford has received from several prestigious rankings and publications.

The campaign total includes \$33.7 million from the cooperative offerings of Alabama Baptist Convention churches. More than \$56 million in new scholarship funds allow Samford to continue to attract top quality students whose families may not have all the resources to afford a private Christian university such as Samford, Pittman said. Scholarships also are important in recruiting top academic students in all programs.

Gifts of \$31.4 million support academic programs, including expansion of existing programs and the launch of several new initiatives, including the following:

- College of Health Sciences, incorporating the existing nursing and pharmacy schools and adding new schools of health professions and public health
- Center for Science and Religion
- University Fellows, the undergraduate honors program
- Office of Global Engagement, to enhance Samford’s study abroad and global education programs.

Although capital projects were not the largest component of the campaign, nearly \$30 million has been given to provide the following:

- Cooney Family Field House, which houses space for the football program on two floors; offices for the new College of Health Sciences and other administrative units are located on the third floor
- West Village, including Barbara Drummond Thorne Hall, the first new residence facilities on campus since the early 1990s
- Brock School of Business building, currently under construction and scheduled for completion by fall 2015
- J. T. Haywood Field House for the baseball and softball programs
- Samford Softball Stadium
- Renovations to Swearingen Hall, including Harrison Theatre and Bolding Studio, and the adjacent Bolding Garden

Samford received about \$6 million for faculty enhancements, including endowed chairs and professorships, and research support that help to “attract and retain quality individuals to join Samford’s nationally recognized faculty,” Pittman said.

When the university launched “A Campaign for Samford,” it did so in an unusual economic climate. “Launching the campaign as we did, during a dismal period for the economy, probably made a few people scratch their heads in wonder at our timing.”

Westmoreland said. “Across my four decades of involvement in higher education, I’ve always said that there is no perfect time to undertake a capital campaign. Perhaps we stretched the limits of timing with this effort, but the results should be a jolt of confidence to every person connected with Samford. I am deeply grateful for every gift from every person.”

When the campaign was announced publicly, campaign chair Albert Brewer said, “People might ask, ‘Isn’t this a strange time to be starting a capital campaign?’

“Our needs are even greater and more pronounced now,” explained the retired Samford law professor and former Alabama governor, “and the needs of our students and the opportunities that we have to minister to them are greater now because of these economic circumstances.” This urgency was echoed by Pittman. “As the largest private university in Alabama and one of the top private schools in the region, it is imperative that our faculty and academic programming reflect that status,” said Pittman. What explains the success of this historic campaign? “God’s hand was upon it,” said Pittman, “and he used the collective hands of our 17,000-plus donors, to whom we are grateful.”

Pittman said he believes Samford is on an unparalleled positive trajectory for at least two reasons. First, the progress is evident everywhere you look. He urged alumni who haven’t been back to the campus to visit and witness the progress for themselves. Second, “Samford has stayed true to its mission of providing an outstanding, world-class education undergirded by a Christian world view.”

As Samford nears the completion of the campaign, Pittman said simply, “Thank you and keep it up!”

To make a secure gift or pledge online, go to www.samford.edu/giving.



New business school building on the rise.

**Brock School of Business
Sponsored Rooms
as of Aug. 20, 2014**

- Anonymous Donor (*Breakout Room*)
- Alabama Power Foundation (*Lobby*)
- Brock School of Business Advisory Board members (*Dean's Office*)
- Brock School of Business Faculty and Staff (*Faculty Conference Room*)
- Chad and Merry Carson, in memory of Jack and Linda Gillespie (*Associate Dean's Office*)
- Julie and Peter Clemens (*Classroom*)
- Cook's Pest Control (*Seminar Room*)
- Bill and Kay Dixon (*Interview Room*)
- Randy and Lisa Freeman (*Classroom*)
- The Hackney Foundation (*Entrepreneurship, Management and Marketing Department Chair Office*)
- Hoar Construction, LLC (*to be determined*)
- Lamp Post Group (*Large Classroom*)
- Merchant Capital, LLC (*Portfolio Management Room*)

- Katie Murnane (*Faculty Office*)
- Leigh Davis Perry (*Assistant Dean of Academic Programs' Office*)
- Louie M. and Betty M. Phillips Foundation (*to be determined*)
- Radler Foundation (*Faculty Office*)
- Regions Financial Corporation (*Community Resource Room*)
- Alan and Karen Register, in honor of Henry and Frances Register and David and Melba Rogers (*Dean's Conference Room*)
- Steed's Jewelers (*Breakout Room*)
- Bill and Kimeran Stevens (*Executive Conference Room*)
- Rick L. and Beth Thorne Stukes (*Breakout Room*)
- Carl S. Thigpen Family (*Classroom*)
- Grant Thornton, LLP (*Accounting Conference Room*)
- Vulcan Materials Company Foundation (*Seminar Room*)
- Shannon Waltchack (*Internship Director's Office*)
- Welch Hornsby (*Economics, Finance and Quantitative Analysis Conference Room*)

**Available Room/Space Sponsorships
as of Aug. 20, 2014**

- Technology-equipped Classrooms (5)
- Breakout Rooms Connected to Classrooms (3)
- Student Incubator (1)
- Computer Teaching Labs (2)
- Interview Room (1)
- Entrepreneurship, Management and Marketing Conference Room (1)
- 5th-floor Plaza off Community Resource Room (1)
- Offices:
 - Department Chairs (2)—Accounting and Economics, Finance and Quantitative Analysis
 - Faculty (25+)
 - Student Advisers (2)
 - Additional administrative and staff offices

For information on naming opportunities, contact Devon Davidson at ddavidso@samford.edu or 205-726-4108.

Business School Fund-raising Campaign Continues

Even as Samford University was announcing Aug. 19 that it had exceeded its original financial goal for "A Campaign for Samford," fund-raising continued for a new business school building.

Throughout the summer, the sounds of construction have dominated the northeast corner of the Samford campus. Rising out of the ground behind Harwell G. Davis Library is a \$30 million next-generation building for Brook School of Business.

The new business building will provide much-needed classroom, office and meeting space for Samford and the Birmingham business community. A breathtaking glass atrium will be the center of the four-story structure, but, according to Dean Howard Finch, "The real impact of the new building will be an exciting learning and meeting environment that fosters outstanding business education for generations to come."

Among the many amenities of the building will be a Portfolio Management Room to house the Student Investment Bulldog Fund, dedicated computer teaching classrooms, an incubator to provide support for student business start-ups, ample student common areas for informal meetings and studying, and a community resource room that will allow the school to host large meetings of approximately 400 people reception style or 275 seated at tables.

Excitement and support to date for the new business building have been tremendous, Finch noted. The lead gift of \$12.5 million

was provided by business alumnus and advisory board member Gary Cooney. In addition to construction funding, the university has created an endowment fund that will provide annual earnings earmarked for new investment and maintenance to keep the building state of the art for years to come.

Room sponsorships throughout the building are available, and the school is seeking to raise \$2.5 million for the endowment. As of Aug. 20, 27 rooms have been sponsored through multiyear pledges by prominent area businesses, families and individuals (see page 7). Additional opportunities remain. A prominent donor wall will be part of the lobby entrance to the building, displaying the names of all parties pledging \$1,000 or more to help finance the new facility.

University officials will continue the business school campaign indefinitely. The new building is not scheduled for completion until fall 2015.

"We want alumni and friends of Samford University and Brock School of Business to know that there still are goals to be accomplished within the Campaign for Samford," said W. Randy Pittman, vice president for advancement. "We welcome gifts at all levels to help ensure that the dream for this facility and the business school's future can be realized." ▀

For more on the Brock School of Business project, see Seasons, June 2013.

INFUSING COURSES WITH A GLOBAL DIMENSION

A.C.E. INITIATIVE AFFIRMS SAMFORD'S EFFORTS, FUTURE PLANS

New initiatives, expanded staff and programs, and new spaces greeted Samford University students and employees at the start of the fall 2014 semester as part of an increased university-wide emphasis on global engagement.

The plans were affirmed in a late spring site visit by a team from the American Council on Education [ACE]. Samford was part of a 20-month, ACE-coordinated cohort with eight other universities to study internationalization initiatives. The site visit team met with campus representatives, and reviewed a 90-page report and recommendations that had been developed by the university, led by a 16-member, university-wide leadership team and a series of university-wide work groups. The team submitted its official report in July.

James Strange, associate professor of religion, and Angela Ferguson, director of international education, led the leadership team.

Both said the process was about more than the traditional perception of study abroad because it included an assessment of how Samford can incorporate multicultural opportunities into classrooms and cocurricular experiences, something the university is strongly committed to doing.

"The overall impact of this process is going to strengthen the quality of the Samford educational experience," Strange said. "When you come to Samford, you will be exposed to ideas from non-U.S. cultures, and you will have the opportunity for direct interaction with others from outside the U.S. The international education component adds value to the Samford academic and cultural experiences."

The ACE team commended Samford's

existing global engagement while noting that the university is at a "propitious moment in time to broaden and deepen its comprehensive internationalization efforts."

"The institution already has a good level of international activity and has laid the foundation for new global engagement, and this is a good basis on which to build," the report said.

Ferguson added that the goal also is to prepare students for the world beyond Samford.

"We are living in a global society, and we need to prepare our students to do well in that world, and to take the Samford message and mission into the world," she said. "Our graduates are leaving here and moving into influential positions. They must be able to live and work and interact in the world."

During the cohort process, the university launched the new Global Engagement Office directly tied to the provost's office. While most undergraduate study abroad activities had been housed in one office for several years, other programs were scattered across the university.

Ferguson, who also is assistant professor of German, was named director of the new office in 2013 and is leading a five-person staff that provides counsel and administrative oversight for the university's global engagement initiatives. The staff recently moved to expanded and renovated space in Brooks Hall that includes resources for international students and those interested in study abroad.

The office helps international students who come to Samford to study at both undergraduate and graduate/professional levels.

"We are part of their lives before they

arrive on campus until after they leave," Ferguson explained. "We help with visas, internships, housing, transportation and other challenges these students face as they try to acclimate to a different culture."

Samford's international population has increased significantly in recent years, particularly with students from Asian countries such as China. Recommendations are to expand the university's recruiting efforts even more broadly, Ferguson said. At the same time, the university continues to expand its study abroad offerings, which now include opportunities on five continents. Samford's first permanent study abroad program, the London Study Center, opened in 1984.

The Global Engagement Office also helps the university community understand the importance of intercultural experiences.

A major focus of the leadership team and a recommendation reinforced by the ACE team included further internationalization of the university's curriculum. The report noted that this is a "long-term process involving discussions of desired student learning, creating opportunities in all programs for students to acquire and demonstrate this learning, and integrating study abroad experiences into the curriculum both prior to departure and after return."

Another objective encourages the participation of international students, and incorporates their perspectives into current and potential new courses to develop an intercultural pedagogy, Ferguson said.

Internationalizing the curriculum is not just the responsibility of the language departments, the report noted. "Internationalization is not additional work, but a means to give faculty new ways to

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Samford students Jennifer Warren, left, and Bradey Baxter visit the Louvre in Paris, France, during a study abroad trip.

think about their teaching and research in a more nuanced way. A global dimension can be infused in all courses, general education requirements, and majors and minors.”

Ferguson and Strange noted that some programs already are doing this, and the leadership team and work groups experienced an enthusiastic response across the university to more global emphasis. The process will continue in the months ahead.

Additional funding for study abroad was stressed in the recommendations and report. Some budget changes were implemented during the study in an effort to make study abroad accessible to more students. And, while some academic departments do provide limited scholarships and other stipends, more general university funding is needed to support student study abroad and faculty involvement in international education opportunities, Ferguson said.

“We will continue to look at ways to develop scholarship funds that will allow

more students to be able to study abroad,” she added, noting that one fund-raising initiative already is underway to provide an endowment that would support student opportunities through the London Study Center.

Strange and Ferguson praised the university’s administration for pursuing the ACE grant and for supporting the long-term impact of the process. A committee on international education will continue indefinitely to give further consideration to recommendations and to coordinate implementation.

“One of the great pleasures in putting together the report is that some of our goals were implemented and even met as the process was evolving over the two years and as our report and recommendations were emerging,” Strange said. “Because we had buy-in from administration and others, we did not have to wait to produce a report and recommendations for things to happen.”

That was affirmed by the ACE team in

its report. “Samford is well-positioned to continue developing its work in internationalization because it has all the key ingredients: leadership, energy and emerging structures to support this work,” the report said. “The [leadership team] has demonstrated that it can engage faculty and staff and influence faculty processes, and the college should continue this important work. By developing and continuing an intentional process, Samford will make its internationalization goals part of its everyday operations.”

For more information, go to www.samford.edu/global-engagement.

See also “Global Education: Samford Programs Focus on International Approach,” Seasons, November 2013.

Internationalization Leadership Team

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 Marigene Chamberlain, Arts and Sciences • Cherie Feenker, Law Library • Rosemary Fisk, Arts and Sciences • Michael Floyd, Law
 Shannon Flynt, Arts and Sciences/University Fellows • Clara Gerhardt, Education • Lisa Gurley, Nursing • Michael Hogue, Pharmacy
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Additional faculty and staff members from across the university served on the seven work groups that assisted the leadership team.



UPCOMING EVENTS



A Cappella Choir



Faculty Gala



Lowell Vann



New Orleans Legends



Arabesque



Christmas with Michael W. Smith

Retrospective Art Exhibit of Lowell Vann

Aug. 19–Sept. 23, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. • Reception Sept. 9, 4:30–7 p.m. • Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall

Faculty Gala

sponsored by Patty McDonald • Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m. • Brock Recital Hall

One Singular Sensation! A Tribute to Marvin Hamlisch

Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m. • \$18–\$30 • Wright Fine Arts Center

The Wind in the Willows

Oct. 3–4, 7:30 p.m. • \$12 adult, \$6 students reserved seating
 Oct. 5, 2:30 p.m. • \$12 adult, \$6 students reserved seating • Harrison Theatre, Swearingen Hall

Hymn Sing

Oct. 5, 2 p.m. • Reid Chapel, Burns Hall

The Heart Behind the Music Songwriter’s Showcase featuring Deana Carter, Billy Dean, Teddy Gentry of the group ALABAMA and Lenny LeBlanc

Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m. • \$18–\$30 • Wright Fine Arts Center

A Cappella Choir Diamond Jubilee

sponsored by the A Cappella Choir alumni • Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. • Reid Chapel, Burns Hall

Arabesque

copresented with the Alabama Asian Cultures Foundation
 Nov. 3, 8 p.m. • \$25 reserved seating, \$15 general admission • Wright Fine Arts Center

New Orleans Legends featuring the Preservation Hall Jazz Band and Allen Toussaint

Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. • \$18–\$30 • Wright Fine Arts Center

Christmas with Michael W. Smith and the Alabama Symphony Orchestra

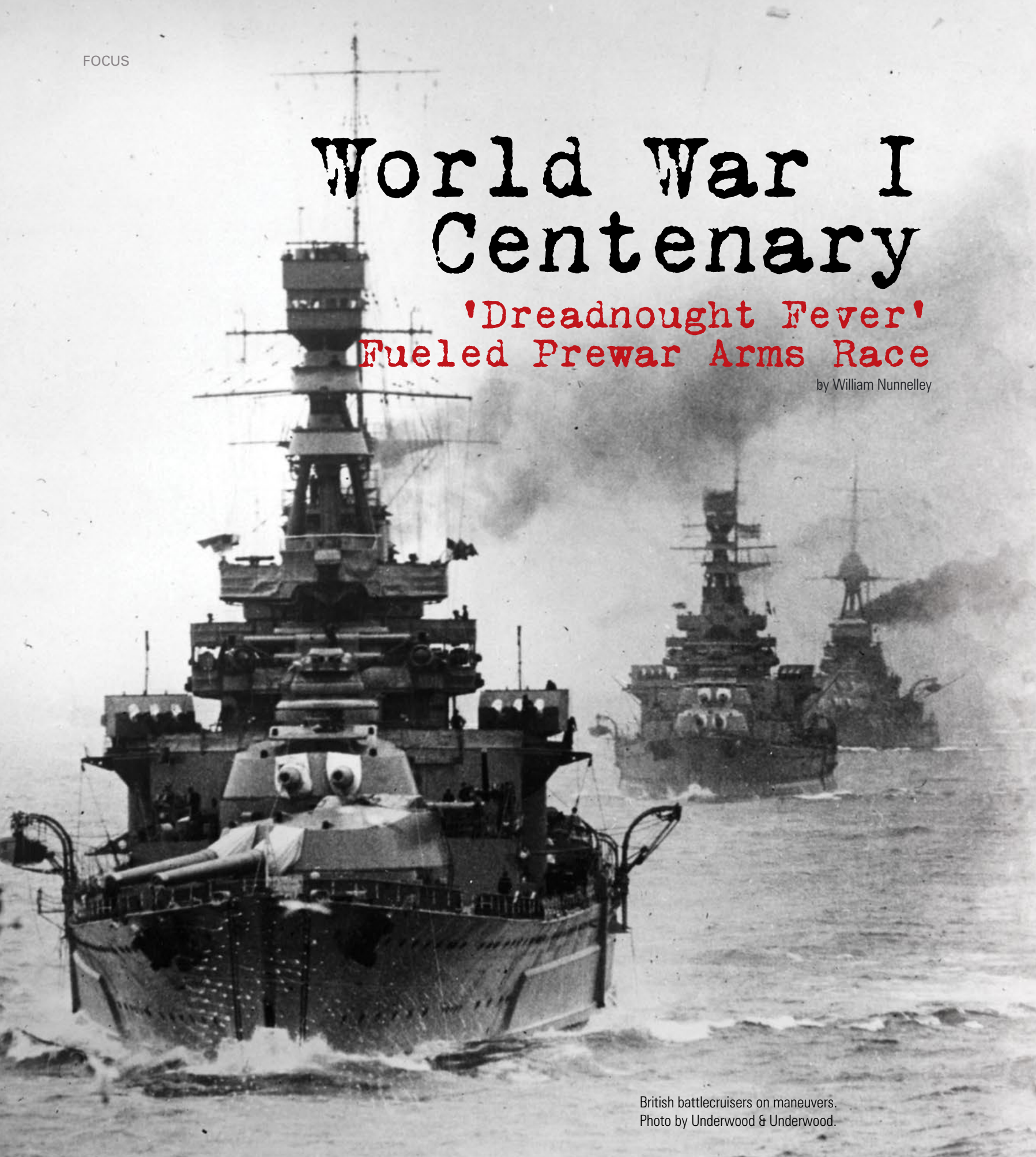
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World War I Centenary

'Dreadnought Fever' Fueled Prewar Arms Race

by William Nunnelley



British battlecruisers on maneuvers.
Photo by Underwood & Underwood.

One hundred years ago, the guns of August 1914 signaled the start of World War I, which became at that time the most terrible conflict in history. Among the contributing factors was an arms race between two of the most powerful participants, England (the United Kingdom) and Germany.

Millions of people died in the stalemated land battles that characterized the war, but significant portions of the arms race leading up to the conflagration were maritime in nature. England and Germany began laying the keels of dreadnoughts, the powerful battleships that would dominate the seas, a decade or more before the war. England launched the first dreadnought in 1906, and the race was on.

The Royal Navy helped make England one of the world's most powerful nations. It was a leading factor in both the establishment and protection of England's far-flung empire, and a source of pride not only at home, but throughout British global dominions such as New Zealand, Australia, Canada and South Africa.

Samford core curriculum professor John C. Mitcham, a historian, underscored this pride during a recent lecture at the National Museum of the Royal Navy in Portsmouth, U.K. The July 16 event was part of a weeklong series observing the centenary of World War I.

The extent to which the dominions revered the British navy was revealed in their desire to support and be a part of the institution. The dominions viewed the empire as a global maritime alliance of British states, "what one journalist called a 'Sea League of All the Britons,'" said Mitcham. It spoke to the dominions' growing view of the empire as a collective security enterprise.

In 1909, Mitcham noted, in response to accelerated German naval construction, the First Lord of the British Admiralty, Reginald McKenna, proposed laying down four dreadnought keels, with an additional four at the end of the year, contingent on German progress. (It took two years to build such a ship.) But this was not enough for opposition Unionists, who wanted all eight ships begun immediately.

Unionists "joined their navalist allies in the press and launched a vitriolic campaign under the battle cry, 'We Want Eight and We Won't Wait!'" said Mitcham. "Meanwhile, 'dreadnought fever' spread across the seas."

The dominions began pressuring their governments to make larger contributions toward imperial security, said Mitcham. On March 22, New Zealand Prime Minister Joseph Ward announced his government's intention to finance a battleship for the Royal Navy. Australian authorities soon did the same.

In 1912, Mitcham reported, the new Conservative ministry of Robert Borden in Canada, alarmed by the revelations of the 1912 German Naval Law, proposed providing the Royal Navy with "an unprecedented gift of three dreadnoughts, at a staggering cost of over \$35,000,000."

After a lengthy debate, the "highly controversial issue" was defeated by a Liberal-dominated Senate, but this "further demonstration of navalism left an indelible mark on a British public hungry for support against a perceived German naval threat," said Mitcham.

The popular press in England lauded the dominions for their support, Mitcham noted. Two days after the New Zealand announcement, the *London Times* said "there can be no Briton worthy of the name who has not felt a redoubled pride in his lineage this week . . ." An *Observer* journalist proclaimed "in the struggle for sea power . . . we shall not stand alone," adding, "the Commonwealth will do its part in this gathering of forces."

So what did all this dominion support mean to the four-year conflict that began a hundred years ago? Why did the British focus so much attention on the issue?

"Because of its important symbolic value to the empire," said Mitcham.

"When opposing forces finally clashed at Jutland in the summer of 1916, the British Grand Fleet comprised over 28 dreadnoughts and nine battle cruisers," he noted. Ultimately, the two battle cruisers contributed by Australia and New Zealand paled in comparison to the wider strength of the Royal Navy. But the dominion participation in the naval arms race "articulated a pervasive vision of the empire in which Britannia . . . would continue to rule the waves," Mitcham concluded.

The Battle of Jutland was the only full-scale clash of battleships in the war, and the result was inconclusive. Both the British and Germans lost sailors and ships, but Germany was unable to break a British blockade that would enable it to operate its mercantile shipping, and the British were able to keep the Germans away from their own shipping lanes.

For all of the emphasis on sea power that characterized the arms race in the years before the war, it was the use of such new weapons as the machine gun, poison gas, tanks and "Big Bertha" siege guns that claimed victims by the thousands in the land battles that ultimately decided the conflict.

"The First World War was the defining moment of the modern age for most European societies," said Mitcham. "Britain lost over one million war dead out of a total population of only about 45 million. Hardly a family remained untouched."

As the centennial of the great struggle begins this year, Britons join others around the world in pausing to remember those who were touched by the first global war. ■

Samford core curriculum professor John C. Mitcham was one of 18 experts—and one of two Americans—invited to lecture at a July symposium in England observing the centenary of World War I.



GRANTS



Professor Robert Wang

Samford Nursing Gets \$1.3 Million Nurse Faculty Loan Program Grant

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing received a grant of \$1,310,955 in the Nurse Faculty Loan Program [NFLP] of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration [HRSA]. It was the third-largest of 92 NFLP grants nationally for 2014–15.

Samford's grant was third only to Case Western Reserve University in Ohio and Wayne State University in Michigan, and one of only four grants nationally to exceed \$1 million.

The grants are designed to help ease a national shortage of nursing educators, according to Jane Martin, associate nursing dean and the HRSA grant administrator at Samford. Students who receive loans for master's or doctoral degree programs can have up to 85 percent of the loan forgiven in exchange for service as full-time nursing faculty members at an accredited school of nursing. Students continue to receive funds for the duration of their degree program as long as they maintain good academic standing.

"The need for professional registered nurses is growing rapidly, yet faculty shortages in nursing schools are limiting student capacity," said Martin. "As we prepare for the projected need of 1.2 million RN positions in the U.S. by 2020 and a projected wave of nursing faculty retirements in the next five years, this award allows Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing to address this need in Alabama as well as other states in the nation."

According to a report by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, U.S. nursing schools turned away 79,659 qualified applicants from baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs in 2012, with 2,396 of those applicants in Alabama. The reason: faculty shortages, according to almost two-thirds of the nursing schools responding to a survey.

When the NFLP was approved by Congress in 2002, Samford was one of the first 55 nursing schools from across the U.S. to receive funds. Samford has received NFLP grants for 12 consecutive years totaling more than \$5.4 million. More than 200 students have

benefited. The 2014-15 grant is expected to help up to 87 students at Samford.

Pharmacy School Gets \$250,000 for Cardinal Fund

McWhorter School of Pharmacy received a \$250,000 gift from Cardinal Health Inc. of Dublin, Ohio, to fund scholarships for senior pharmacy students preparing to serve in independent pharmacies.

This is the third gift from Cardinal Health for this purpose. In 2012, Cardinal Health established the Cardinal Health Annual Independent Pharmacy Scholarship in McWhorter School of Pharmacy as a part of its commitment to supporting the growth of independent pharmacy. Cardinal Health has contributed \$480,000 to its Samford scholarship fund since its inception.

"We are grateful for Cardinal Health's continued support of students in McWhorter School of Pharmacy," said Michael A. Crouch, pharmacy school dean. "Having been around independent pharmacy much of my life, I know firsthand the essential role the community pharmacist plays."

Independent pharmacies are not directly affiliated with pharmacy chains and are not owned by publicly traded companies, but are pharmacist-owned and privately held businesses. They are known for high standards of customer service.

Senior pharmacy student Josh Knight is the 2014 recipient of the Cardinal Health Annual Independent Pharmacy Scholarship at Samford.

Wang Receives \$141,450 NIH Grant for Cystic Fibrosis Research*

Pharmacy professor Robert Wang has received a \$141,450 grant from the National Institutes of Health [NIH] to support his research that might facilitate drug discovery for cystic fibrosis.

Cystic fibrosis is an autosomal recessive genetic disorder that most critically affects the lungs, resulting in thick mucus, breathing difficulty and pulmonary infection. The disease affects 30,000

individuals in the U.S., most of whom are children and young adults. Every year, 1,000 new cases are diagnosed. The predicted median age of survival of a cystic fibrosis patient is late 30s.

The project addresses a core molecular defect in a plasma membrane chloride channel, known as the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator, that causes cystic fibrosis.

"The specific mutant we focus on, the F508del, is present in over 90 percent of cystic fibrosis patients," said Dr. Wang. "Therefore, if successful, the study will benefit the vast majority of patients."

Wang is working in collaboration with scientists at Ohio State University. The pilot project is part of an NIH grant to the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Gregory Fleming James Cystic Fibrosis Research Center.

Pharmacy Gets \$124,985 Community Foundation Grant to Fight Diabetes

McWhorter School of Pharmacy received a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham to provide support to individuals vulnerable to diabetes in Jefferson County. The \$124,985 grant will be distributed over three years and will support two arms of intervention: a diabetes initiative and a prediabetes initiative.

Funds from the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham will be used to provide incentives, and assist with the provision of educational materials, screening tests and manpower needed to execute the programs.

"Considering that over 8.3 percent of the U.S. population and 12 percent of Jefferson County residents suffer from diabetes, the impact of this project . . . will be significant in the community—saving lives, protecting quality of life as well as decreasing costs," said B. DeeAnn Dugan, associate professor of pharmacy practice and program administrator.

The diabetes initiative will involve patients who are newly diagnosed or at high risk for disease-related complications, Dugan explained. Patients will attend group sessions and individual

follow-up visits in the pharmacist-run diabetes clinics at Christ Health Center in the Woodlawn area of Birmingham and three Jefferson County Department of Health locations.

Participants in the prediabetes initiative will be identified during regularly scheduled visits to Christ Health Center and the Jefferson County Department of Health, and at 16th Street Baptist Church through health screenings at the church.

RWJ Foundation Awards Samford \$50,000 Grant

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing received a \$50,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [RWJF] through its New Careers in Nursing [NCIN] Scholarship Program. The grant will support traditionally underrepresented students who are making a career switch to nursing through an accelerated second baccalaureate nursing degree program. NCIN is a program of RWJF and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Each NCIN scholar already has earned a bachelor's degree in another field and is making a transition to nursing through an accelerated nursing degree program, which prepares students to assume the role of registered nurse in as few as 12–18 months.

Five Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing students will be awarded NCIN scholarships in 2014–15. The school has had 13 NCIN scholars during the previous two years it has received RWJF grants. NCIN scholars receive a \$10,000 scholarship and other support.

"As a third-time recipient, we have seen the impact of the NCIN funds on students, realizing that without these scholarships, many of them would not have the opportunity to pursue their calling to the nursing profession," said Nena F. Sanders, Samford's vice provost for the College of Health Sciences. ▀

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Samford student Keith Whiteneck tests a water sample for students involved in the Oak Mountain research project.

Oak Mountain State Park is Alabama's largest such facility and is known as a treasure trove for the outdoor enthusiast. With more than 50 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails, complemented with two fishing lakes, picnic facilities, a beach and a golf course, the park provides a recreational mecca.

Yet its ecological value to the region, perhaps largely unknown to visitors and the community at large, may be just as valuable if not more so, according to a group of 24 undergraduates from around the nation who studied there during the past two summers.

Directed by Samford biology professors Betsy Dobbins and Malia Fincher, and funded by a \$240,000 grant to Samford from the National Science Foundation-Research Experience for Undergraduates, [NSF-REU], the students were from 21 colleges and universities in 17 states, including two from Samford, who were chosen for their interest in biological research and academic acumen.

"The most important result of our program is that we were able to offer a high-quality, intensive research experience with faculty mentors from Samford and Birmingham-Southern College to 24 outstanding students over two summers," said Fincher. "Both the actual research experience and the mentor-student relationships that developed during the course of the summer will hopefully prepare these students to pursue higher study and careers in science."

In their final reports July 30, this year's students shared their findings, methodology of research, and benefits or effects related to the current situation at the park. These ranged from sediments in streams as a result of hiking or biking trails to the effects of fire suppression and prescribed fire on plants and spiders, and the potential of Oak Mountain fungi for use in removing estrogens from wastewater.

Dobbins listed several examples of what the research revealed.

- The long-leaf ecosystem has benefited from the prescribed burns and from deer reduction. There are more deer browsing in the foothill areas of the park than on the south-facing ridges. Spiders that live in the leaf litter are larger in areas burned five years ago (recovering) rather than those burned last year (stressed) or where fire suppression (no burning and no habitat) have occurred.

- The turkey tail mushroom, *Trametes versicolor*, is effective at degrading estrogens and could provide an inexpensive way to remove pharmaceutical estrogens from wastewater.

- Streams within 10 meters of mountain bike trails have more sediment, fewer salamanders and macroinvertebrates (biological indicators of stream health), and fewer macroinvertebrates that are sensitive to disturbance.

- The increased heat from urban areas (urban heat island effect) may shift the life cycle of moths and butterflies—particularly the emergence of adult lepidopterans from cocoons.

- There was also a genetic investigation of the animals that supply the food web in the "motorcycle pond," a small body of water at one end of the recreational lake, but the results of DNA sequencing to identify the organisms have not returned.

Follow-up surveys with first-year (2013) participants, according to Dobbins, indicated that 11 of the 12 students plan to pursue a career in science with two of four May 2014 graduates enrolled in Ph.D. programs (University of Alabama, Washington University), one enrolled in a Master's Program (M.S.P.H., Meharry) and one taking a year off before enrolling in a Ph.D. program. The eight students who did not graduate in May 2014 are all involved in additional science research or internships for summer 2014 and plan to return to their respective campuses in the fall.

Last year's research results with direct implications for park management were presented to the Alabama Department of Natural Resources and officials at Oak Mountain State Park. "We will do this again this year," Dobbins said. "Some of this year's results (particularly those about the impact of bike trails on adjacent streams) are critical. The data will also be given to the Oak Mountain Interpretive Center, an interactive, family-oriented science and nature museum in the park, to create and enhance museum exhibits."

Fincher said she was most impressed by the tenacity with which many of the students worked to improve their skills over the course of the nine-week program, putting in many hours to collect data in the field and laboratory, improve their writing and speaking skills, and learning how to analyze their data. "The willingness of students to invest time and effort in their fellow students is also inspiring," she acknowledged. As a result, according to Fincher, the biology department is applying for continued funding of this program from the NSF-REU and will be seeking additional sources of funding.

"The goal was to improve the quality of student undergraduate science preparation, build skills and motivate students to continue in science," Dobbins said. "We would say we were highly successful." ▀

NSF GRANT HELPS STUDENTS REVEAL ECOLOGICAL VALUE OF OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

by Jack Brymer

GENEALOGISTS SHARE A FASCINATION WITH KNOWING ANCESTORS AS PEOPLE

by William Nunnelley



Certified genealogists Pamela and Rick Sayre work with Samford archives.

Certified genealogist Pamela Boyer Sayre stopped at a little rural cemetery near Greensboro, N.C., recently to poke around for the grave of Jacob Daniel Scherer.

“He was my fifth-great-grandfather,” she said, “born in Oberbexbach, Germany. I have visited the Lutheran church there where he was baptized.”

In North Carolina, Sayre spent some time walking through the grounds of Friedens Lutheran Church, founded in the 1700s, and its adjacent cemetery.

“And there he was!” she exclaimed. “Jacob was a founder of that little church that is still thriving in Gibsonville, N.C., and he and his son are buried there. I was so excited. It was very rewarding to see where his life ended on this side of the pond, and be able to place him in the context of his surroundings—geography, history, religion, sociology—it all came into play understanding the real man rather than just a name on my family tree.”

Sayre is a certified genealogical lecturer who speaks on her subject around the nation. She has developed, coordinated and taught courses at various nationally known genealogical institutes, including Samford’s annual Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research [IGHR]. She is coauthor of two books on genealogy and past editor of the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*.

Sayre believes her story about finding her ancestor’s grave is a perfect illustration of why people enjoy genealogy.

“Everywhere I teach or lecture, attendees have one thing in common—a fascination with who they are, who their ancestors were as real people, not just as names and dates on a pedigree chart.

“Genealogy or family history has become much more than a way to prove royal descent, join a lineage society or cobble together a wall chart for a family reunion. It is a fascinating journey into the past that can satisfy the yearning to know who your people really were.”

Sayre and her husband, Rick, of Springfield, Va., teach annually at Samford’s IGHR, which draws serious genealogy students from around the nation for a week of intensive study. Samford’s academically oriented courses focus on the discovery and critical evaluation of information, and the use of genealogical sources and methodologies.

About 250 students from more than 30 states usually attend.

Pam Sayre coordinates and teaches Course 1, now entitled *Methods and Sources* but known formerly as *Techniques and Technology*. It is the introductory course for beginners or for the experienced researcher seeking a review of fundamentals.

Hazel Hall of Madison, Miss., became seriously interested in her family’s genealogy about four years ago but never had taken a class. She enrolled in Sayre’s introductory course in June to learn a new way to organize her research.

“I was pleasantly surprised that this course was so comprehensive,” she said. “I was concerned that Course 1 might be extremely basic, but it was not. It felt like a college course.”

Since completing IGHR, Hall has made a small breakthrough on the maternal side of her family genealogy.

“Family lore was that my great-great-grandfather was a ship

captain. I have been able to locate him and his schooner,” she said.

Hall said his name was George Elderkin, and he was actually her great-great-great-grandfather. He owned the merchant ship *Hannah and Sarah* that worked between Pensacola, Fla., and New Orleans, La., in the early 1800s. She found him in the 1840 census in New Orleans with a wife and baby that would have been her great-great-grandmother.

What advice does Sayre have for the novice or less-experienced researcher?

“Join a local genealogical society and take a course to get started the right way,” she said. Sayre says don’t assume you can construct your family history from online databases or subscriptions.

“Get out there and visit the oldest person in your family—that’s a great source of information, and it has an expiration date,” she said. “The oldest person in your family can tell you the furthest-back ancestor they recall, and that may turn out to be your great-great-grandparent. Of course, you’ll take the stories with a grain of salt, and you’ll need to verify and prove the information, but it’s a great starting place.”

Sayre says you never know what educational experience will be of benefit in genealogical research. Even courses in high school that she saw no need for now help.

“My junior high language arts teacher’s lessons in dialect and accents and regionalisms have helped provide knowledge about a person’s roots or beginnings based on the way they write or speak the language,” she said.

Certified genealogist Rick Sayre is a longtime researcher and instructor in genealogical topics. One of his specialties is maps, which he says are “fascinating in their diversity.” Maps can show land ownership or residency of individuals or groups of individuals.

“Connections can be revealed and kinship discovered, especially when [maps] are correlated with other records such as deeds, census information and city directory data,” said Sayre.

Maps are widely used and are increasingly available online, he notes.

Sayre will teach a map course in the 2015 IGHR that will use a combination of lectures and experiential techniques. The class will visit the Rucker Agee collection of rare and valuable maps in Birmingham Public Library and Birmingham’s Oak Hill Cemetery to learn to use GPS to make a map.

Sayre also specializes in military records, which he notes are increasingly more available through the National Archives partnerships, Ancestry.com, Fold3.com and FamilySearch.org. “Massive amounts are being digitized,” he said.

Sayre said the National Archives are probably the greatest source of genealogical records. “They estimate that they hold 9 billion records.”

For information on Samford’s Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, go to www.samford.edu/schools/ighr.

Buchanan Award Winner

Collins Recognized for his Ability to ‘Encourage Intellectual Curiosity’

by Mary Wimberley



Professor William Collins receives Buchanan Award from President Andrew Westmoreland.

Political science professor William P. “Bill” Collins is this year’s recipient of the John H. Buchanan Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching at Samford.

Collins was presented the award by Samford president Andrew Westmoreland during the opening convocation of the fall semester Aug. 26. Finalists for the award were nominated by members of the Class of 2014.

Westmoreland described Collins as a teacher who students instantly recognize as a great educator.

“Students frequently remark on his ability to encourage intellectual curiosity and to discuss Plato and Aristotle so naturally that one suspects he walked with them at the Academy in Athens,” said Westmoreland.

“Although his area of expertise is political philosophy, he might easily move in the course of a discussion from Hume’s *Treatise of*

Human Nature, to Bach’s Fugue in D Minor, to the King’s Gambit in chess, to Alabama politics,” Westmoreland said of Collins, who joined Samford’s Howard College of Arts and Sciences faculty in 1987.

Westmoreland pointed out that Collins “loves a good academic argument, and encourages students to see knowledge not as settled territory but as contested ground.”

Collins, who is also known for his quiet, thoughtful and humble demeanor, said the award is a great honor for which he is deeply appreciative.

He noted that when asked to name the highest of all callings, the 13th-century philosopher and theologian Thomas Aquinas said that “the life of teaching is most crucial because it brings people to God by awakening them to the wonders, marvels and joys of his creation.”

“In a very small way, that is what my job has been my whole life,” said Collins, a native Alabamian who earned bachelor’s and Ph.D. degrees from Florida State University. He served as a Navy intelligence officer in the Gulf of Tonkin during the Vietnam years.

“Intellectual curiosity is not a vain activity. Rather, it is a kind of an ongoing awakening,” Collins said. “Being at Samford and working to get that process underway has been a marvelous joy for me, and I view this award as recognition of that fact.”

The 2014 Buchanan award honoree has contributed to the development of Samford’s interdisciplinary core curriculum and has represented Samford at many national meetings and conferences. In 2004, he received the first annual Howard College of Arts and Sciences Award for Teaching Excellence. That honor was based on nominations from Arts and Sciences faculty members and senior undergraduate students.

In recognition of his most recent honor, Collins received an ovation from the convocation crowd of students, faculty and guests in Wright Center. ▀



Devin Blackburn, left, and Zalexius Williams conduct a lab experiment.

COLLEGIUM

Howard College of Arts and Sciences Newsletter

Stories by Sean Flynt

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



When Samford University was being established in 1841, the college's founders decided to name the school after the well-known English philanthropist John Howard. Howard was widely revered for his work in reforming the prison system in England. When Howard became sheriff of Bedford in 1773, he became aware that many English prisons were no better than medieval dungeons: dirty, damp, disease-ridden places that often turned a prison sentence into a death sentence. The college's founders admired the application of Christian compassion and service to the needs of the suffering and thought such a person would be the perfect example for students in the new college to follow. His life seemed to embody the words of Jesus: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Indeed, Howard's reputation was such that following his death in 1790, the House of Commons recommended that a statue be

raised in his honor in St. Paul's Cathedral—the first statue ever to be raised in that magnificent edifice. Despite the connection between the new Howard College (a name now borne by the college of arts and sciences), no such memorial was ever raised in the college named after this great saint. Indeed, as years went by, fewer and fewer students and faculty could even explain where the name had originated.

As we approach the 175th anniversary of Howard College and Samford University, we want to correct that omission. Indeed, plans are underway now to produce an exact replica of the statue that has stood in St. Paul's for 225 years (see page 28 in this issue of *Collegium*). We hope that many who want to honor John Howard, and the institution that was named after him, will join us in this venture. Of course, we want to do more than simply create a memorial for Howard; we want to honor his name through a tradition of service. As you read through *Collegium*, you will see how the many activities of the college embrace Howard's commitment to a life of service. Our Davis Lecture from Stephen Post will focus on the scientific evidence that connects lives of service with physical and mental health. We are hosting a special convocation Oct. 9 that will acquaint students with both Howard's prison ministry and the ongoing efforts of groups like Prison Fellowship to minister to those behind bars. Through these and many other events, we hope to prepare another generation to minister to the least fortunate in our society.

David W. Chapman
David Chapman

Faculty Notes

Howard College bids farewell to retiring faculty members **Dennis Jones** (Journalism and Mass Communication), **Ken Kirby** (Core Curriculum) and **Marione Nance** (Biology and Environmental Sciences).

We welcome five new faculty members

Donald E. Bradley joins Samford as chair and associate professor of sociology.

Michael "Clay" Carey will serve as assistant professor of journalism and mass communication.

Ashley J. George joins the communication studies department as assistant professor.

Warren Jones joins the full-time faculty of the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences

Paul A. Wiget joins the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry as assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry.

We also welcome five new faculty children to our family!

Annemarie Therese Burkel, born Oct. 14 to **Brad** (World Languages and Cultures) and **Mary Burkel**

Annie Fields Clapp, born Oct. 9 to **Doug** (Classics) and **Sarah Clapp**

Brandon Tyler Grayson, born May 13 to **Marissa** (Political Science) and **Bryan Grayson**

Robert Rex Hataway, born March 23 to **Drew** (Biology and Environmental Sciences) and **Felicia Hataway**

John Thomas Hepola, born June 9 to **Allison** (Philosophy) and **Andy Hepola** ▶

Howard College Students Enjoy Summer Challenges

Special research projects and career-focused internships keep Howard College of Arts and Sciences students academically active all year. **Rebekah Brooks, Michael Arthur and Cassidy Clevenger** took on especially interesting projects this summer.

Brooks, a senior double major in chemistry and biochemistry, takes part in the college's Clark Scholars computational biology program and is a bioinformatics minor. In April, she was selected as a 2014 Goldwater Scholar from a field of more than 1,000 science and engineering student nominees. This summer, she joined a research project at Washington University, where she worked to develop an alternative to the current chemotherapy approach for treating soft tissue sarcomas. "This research has the potential for direct clinical application for the treatment of not only sarcomas, but other cancer subtypes as well," Brooks reported.

A research colleague's question during a meeting put Brooks and Samford in the spotlight. "When I was the only one in the room who knew the answer, it occurred to me that the bioinformatics program at Samford has provided me an incredibly unique bucket of knowledge that I will continue to use throughout my career," Brooks said. "Even if I do not end up in bioinformatics, knowing when to use bioinformatics techniques, utilizing simple programming skills and being able to knowledgeably read academic journal articles related to bioinformatics are priceless skills."

Senior political science major Michael Arthur had a unique vantage point on a summer filled with international concern about missiles. As an intern at the Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance in Washington, D.C., Arthur learned to research and analyze conventional military forces, and describe the strategic implications of that information.

The work has opened many doors. "I was able to attend Congressional hearings and aid in planning advocacy events, which allowed for an increased knowledge of how advocacy works at a practical level," Arthur said. "Overall, I believe that this experience will make me a more appealing candidate for graduate school as well as in my applications to security organizations."

Senior psychology major Cassidy Clevenger is focused on helping geriatric patients, a rare interest among her peers (see "The Power of Compassionate Love" in this issue of *Collegium*). "She is one of the few young people I know who show a special interest in working with older people," said psychology professor Sandra Willis, Clevenger's partner on an ASPIRE research project exploring psychosocial factors in quality of life and health of elderly adults.

As part of her research, Clevenger served in an internship at the Danberry at Inverness retirement community, where she focused on the relationship the residents have with friends and family, and how these dynamics change over time.

During her internship, Clevenger helped develop a mobile "wellness cart" to provide mental and social stimulation to residents. "On the first day of the wellness cart, a recent widow who has seldom left her apartment in over a year walked with me down to the garden, and then we listened to some live music on site," Clevenger said. "The widow's daughter and my mentor were both ecstatic with the progress she made in just a few hours." ▶

To learn more about undergraduate research and other Howard College of Arts and Sciences programs, go to howard.samford.edu and follow us on Facebook at "Samford University-Howard College of Arts and Sciences."



Rebekah Brooks



Michael Arthur



Cassidy Clevenger

The Power of Compassionate Love

The Hidden Gifts of Helping Author Stephen Post to Present 2014 Davis Lecture



Stephen Post

Howard College of Arts and Sciences and Samford's Center for Science and Religion will cohost noted author and public intellectual Stephen G. Post for the 2014 J. Roderick Davis Lecture Oct. 9. Post will bring to Samford his intriguing research on benevolent love and compassionate care at the interface of science, health, spirituality and philanthropy.

In addition to his free public lecture, Post will meet with students and lead an afternoon workshop for pastors cosponsored by the Center for Science and Religion and Beeson Divinity School.

Post is professor of preventive medicine and founding director of the Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care and Bioethics at Stony Brook University School of Medicine. Among his many other prestigious appointments, he is a Fellow of the Philadelphia College of Physicians, a member of the Medical and Scientific Advisory Panel of Alzheimer's Disease International, and a founding member of the International Society for Science and Religion at Cambridge University. He founded the Institute for Research on Unlimited Love, which engages in the scientific study of self-giving and altruistic love.

Post is well known to many as the author of the popular books *The Hidden Gifts of Helping* and *Why Good Things Happen to Good People: How to Live a Longer, Happier, Healthier Life by the Simple Act of Giving*. He also has written eight scholarly books, edited nine others and is

the primary author of nearly 200 articles in prestigious peer-reviewed journals, including *Science*, *The American Journal of Psychiatry*, *The Journal of the American Medical Association* and *The Lancet*. He served as editor-in-chief of the *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, the most influential reference work in the field.

A Missing Piece

Samford psychology professor Sandra Willis studies the impact of religion and spirituality on physical health. She is especially interested in Post's work in this area because she said the subject often is not addressed in medical education and practice, although she said medical education is starting to incorporate psychology courses that increase knowledge of the importance of empathy. By happy coincidence, Willis is offering her own Health and Faith course at Samford this fall. Her students will be among those meeting with Post in October.

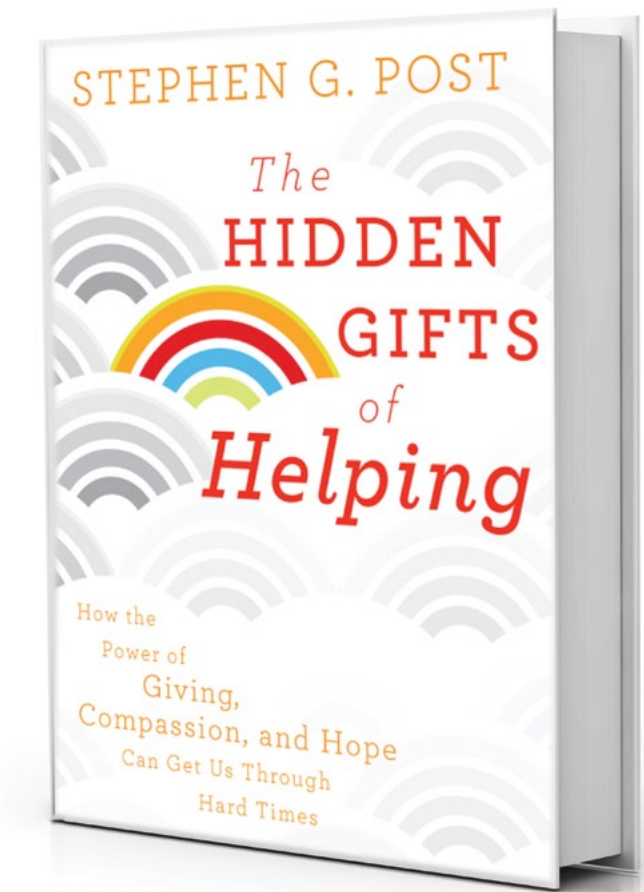
"When you're sensitive to an individual sitting over there, it's very important to look at them, look at their body stance and ask them questions that are related to not only their physical symptoms, but their happiness and general satisfaction in life," Willis said. "It's important for the patient/practitioner interaction, but also important for accurate diagnoses."

As important as such consideration is, Willis said there are many varied and strong feelings about including an openly loving, spiritual component in health care. Some see such care as the role for a chaplain, but it

The Power of Compassionate Love: Connecting Well-Being to Altruism

a free public lecture
Thursday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Wright Center Concert Hall
Samford University

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often falls to nurses and social workers as well. It is considered to be part of the larger practice of complementary and alternative medicine, an area once scorned but growing in acceptance.

As a neutral position, Willis said, "many people advocate waiting for patients to express an interest in incorporating religion into their medical care." Of course, not everyone can ask for spiritual support. That touches on a subject of special interest to Post and senior Samford psychology major Cassidy Clevenger, who aspires to a career in geriatric health psychology and is working with Willis on an ASPIRE research project (see "Howard College Students Enjoy Summer Challenges" in this issue of *Collegium*).

Post's book *The Moral Challenge of Alzheimer Disease: Ethical Issues from Diagnosis to Dying* was designated a "medical classic of the century" by the *British Medical Journal*, and he has earned the

U.S. Alzheimer's Association Distinguished Service Award. Clevenger's interest in the same subject was sparked at age 19 as she worked in the dementia ward at a Birmingham-area assisted living facility, which she described as "a difficult job, but very rewarding." She found that caring for the whole person in such circumstances presents special challenges. "They're the ones who need it the most," she said, "but they don't necessarily express their need for it."

The time seems to have arrived to transform such informed, compassionate care from "alternative" to "essential," not only for geriatric patients, but for everyone. "What Post is doing is very exciting," Willis said. "He's working at a macro level to make it popular to think about medical humanities, and that is a new concept. That will affect people." ▀

BUILD A ROCKET!

Samford Launches Minority Youth Science Academy

When Samford physics department chair Alan Hargrave says “you’re going to build a rocket,” it’s safe to assume he means that literally. But when Hargrave spoke those words in July to a lab full of students, he might just as well have been expressing the hopes of everyone involved in Samford’s new Minority Youth Science Academy [MYSA].

The high school students doing the building aspire to careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics [STEM] fields. The rocket kits on the tables in front of them were nothing compared to those they’re building for themselves with parts gathered from teachers, family, faith and their own resolve.

MYSA, held July 6–9, arose from conversations between Howard College of Arts and Sciences dean David Chapman, biology professor Drew Hataway and chemistry professor Denise Gregory, who also serves as Samford’s director of diversity. The separate questions they considered—how to emphasize the college’s STEM programs, how to attract new students and how to increase diversity at Samford—converged in a single idea for a new summer program to accompany established arts and sciences camps, including M.D. Calling, J.D. Calling and the Summer Debate Institute.

Gregory and Hataway designed MYSA to give outstanding minority high school students a taste of college STEM work, help them navigate the world of college admission and scholarships, and learn from minority STEM professionals. The program also addresses the decline of STEM graduates nationally and the historical underrepresentation of minorities in STEM fields.

The response was overwhelming, especially for a first offering. Twenty-one rising 10th–12th grade students enrolled in MYSA. Gregory said the program will return in 2015 because the results were so positive. “All it took to help these young minds pick a path was exposure to the possibilities, and they ran with it,” Gregory said.

During the program, students took part in experiments in chemistry, biology and physics, and learned about college application and preparation. A Q&A session with a panel of minority STEM professionals was especially helpful to the MYSA students. The session included Dr. Kenny Jno-Finn ’04 (Eskridge and White Physiotherapy), Ms. Ashley Spann ’11 (graduate student at UAB Medical School), Dr. Mercedes M. Morales-Aleman (research associate for UAB Division of Preventive Medicine), Ms. Amanda Plain (graduate student in chemistry at UAB and adjunct professor at Miles College), Mr. Michael Martin (graduate student at Samford’s McWhorter School of Pharmacy) and Dr. Brian Sims (assistant professor of pediatrics at UAB School of Medicine).

“The panel really got to me,” said Antrenique Jones of Jonesboro, Ga. Jones is interested in environmental science, but was uncertain how to refine her interests or prepare academically. “I was getting discouraged,” she said, echoing the self-doubt other students also mentioned. Jones said the STEM professionals who served on the panel helped her refine her interests and reminded her that she can do anything.

Michael Elridge of Trussville, Ala., also found direction at MYSA. “I like all science, so how do I pick one?” he wondered before

attending the program. By MYSA’s end, he said that he had turned toward some fields and away from others.

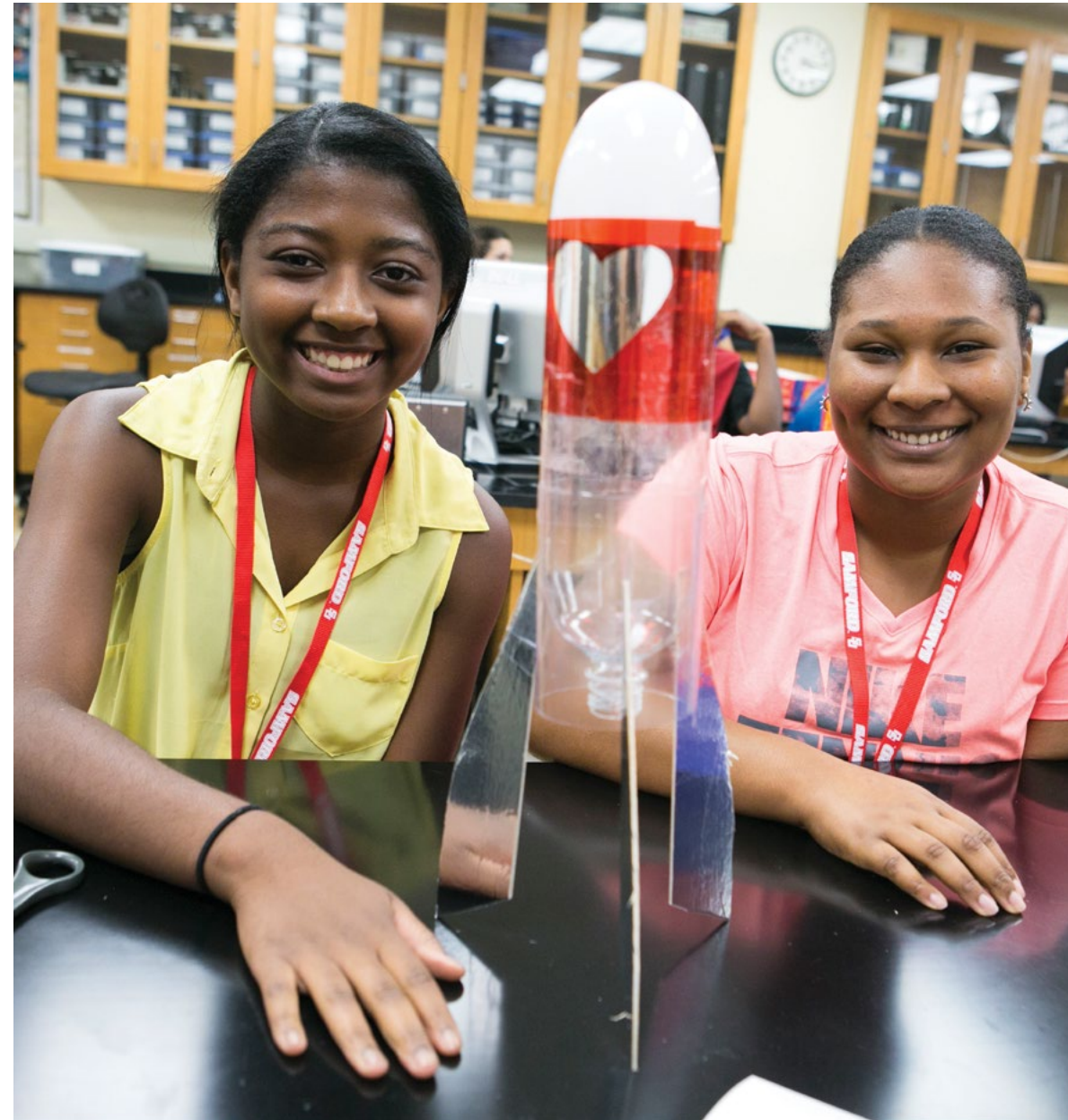
Prepared for the Moment

Former Samford SGA president Cameron Thomas ’14 spoke to the MYSA students about his experience as a minority student and young professional. He said he still isn’t quite sure how he came to Samford from Goodwater, Ala., when there were so many things that could have prevented that. He noted the help of family, friends, faculty and faith, but also credited his determination to meet the intellectual and cultural challenges Samford offered.

Thomas said that his successful campaign for student government owed something to his decision to dress as if he were already president. A pastor by inclination and occupation, Thomas pointed to the biblical story of Joseph, the dreamer and interpreter of dreams, who found his purpose in adversity. Called up from a dungeon by the pharaoh, Joseph “shaved himself and changed his raiment.” Thomas emphasized that Joseph had changed his appearance but not his identity. “He knew who he was, but he also knew where he was going.”

Thomas urged the MYSA students to apply the lesson to their own aspirations and public lives starting now, when a careless appearance might mark them as unserious, and social media over-sharing could precede them to scholarship and job interviews. “Always be conscious of where it is you want to go,” he advised them. “You have to start acting like you’re already there.”

MYSA participant Elijah Brown, a student at Birmingham’s Holy Family



Working on the rocket project are Tameron Williams, left, and Erin Turner, with Professor Alan Hargrave and Michael Elridge at right.



Christo Rey school, will attend Samford this fall as a freshman chemistry major. He was already familiar with Samford through the partnership between his school and the university, which provides internships and scholarship opportunities. For him, MYSA was a chance to network with likeminded students and professionals and prepare for his college experience. He clearly is determined to follow Thomas’ advice to “prepare yourself for the moment,” build his rocket and defy any forces seeking to keep him

earthbound. “The world needs problems solved,” he said. “I’m going to be one of the people getting up to try and solve them.”

A limited number of MYSA scholarships were available, and some individual donors sponsored students who would not otherwise have been able to take part in the program. Anyone interested in sponsoring students for MYSA 2015 should contact Denise Gregory at djgregor@samford.edu.

The Howard College of Arts and Sciences Annual and Endowed Diversity Scholarship, created this year, will award scholarships from the first \$1,500 of gifts received annually. Gifts received above the \$1,500 will remain in the fund to apply toward the \$25,000 required amount to establish the corpus of the endowed scholarship fund. To support the fund, contact Samford advancement officer Stacy Gay at sgay@samford.edu.

The Prisoner's Friend

College Seeks Funds for John Howard Memorial Statue

Samford's campus is home to many well-known sculptures important to the university's mission and history, including Ralph W. Beeson, the Healing Arts Angel, the Angel of Mercy Staying the Sword of Justice, Bobby Bowden and J. L. M. Curry. Surprisingly, Samford displays no memorial for John Howard, the 18th-century humanitarian for whom it was originally named.

Howard College of Arts and Sciences dean David Chapman hopes to change that with an ambitious project over the next few years. Chapman and college staff are working with St. Paul's Cathedral in London to create a reproduction of the cathedral's memorial sculpture of Howard, the first such memorial installed in St. Paul's.

John Howard's privileged childhood was marred by the death of both parents by his middle teens. Tragedy followed him through much of the rest of his life, often leaving him without his loved ones.

Howard's inheritance allowed adventure abroad, but capture and imprisonment by privateers sounded the first note of his great calling. An active concern for the voiceless poor, including prisoners and the tenants of his own Bedfordshire estate, further distinguished him.

As High Sheriff of Bedfordshire in the 1770s, Howard took on personal responsibility for the county's prisoners. He found great injustice in the penal system, including generally poor treatment and prisoners who had been acquitted of all charges but couldn't afford to pay their jailer to release them. Howard then began a reform campaign that led to Parliament, the broader United Kingdom and Europe. His influential 1777 book *The State of the Prisons* cemented his reputation as a reformer.

Howard contracted typhus during a visit to prisons in Ukraine in 1790, still on his mission even though his wealth and

position could long since have allowed a life of comfort.

Howard was, and still is, widely revered as a model of Christian compassion for "the least of these." Half a century after his death, a group of Alabama Baptists honored him with the name of their new college.

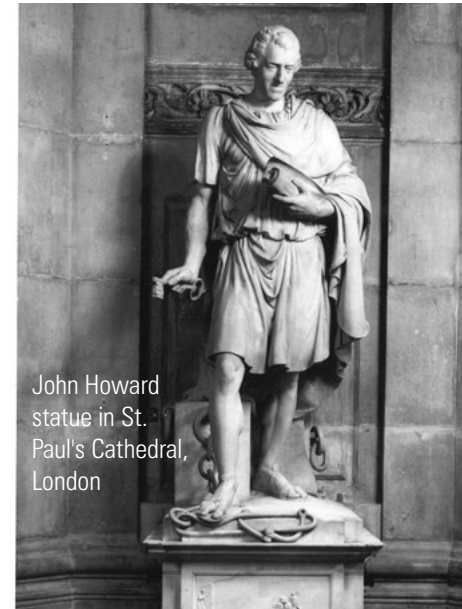
The St. Paul's memorial, by sculptor John Bacon, is the finest of many depictions of Howard. The white marble sculpture, in a place of honor near the pulpit, reflects the classical influences of the Enlightenment, depicting Howard in ancient attire. He holds a book and key, and stands on opened shackles. A frieze on the figure's plinth depicts Howard in a classical scene of compassion for a suffering prisoner.

The artistic and historical importance of the sculpture prohibits moving the piece or even touching it, and the process must not interfere with a sacred and active worship space where even photographs are barred. It's an audacious plan. Cathedral officials say it would be the first project of its kind in St. Paul's.

The proposed project will rely on the latest technology to exactly recreate the main figure in the Bacon memorial. St. Paul's ceiling is somewhat higher than that of Brooks Hall, so Samford expects to go without the tall plinth.

Dr. Chapman met with cathedral officials in July to discuss project details and was reminded again of the memorial's power. "Standing near the statue and recognizing its historical significance—how many millions have passed by the Prisoner's Friend?—I feel even more that this is a project worthy of our labors," he wrote from London.

Howard College of Arts and Sciences has always honored its namesake through its commitment to world-changing education and service. By Samford's 175th anniversary, the college intends to join St. Paul's in recognizing one of the greatest humanitarians of the eighteenth century. ■



To contribute to Samford's Howard memorial project, contact development officer Stacy Gay at sgay@samford.edu. Direct other project inquiries to Sean Flynt at sflynt@samford.edu.

Prison Reform

Prison reform remains a perpetual concern in Alabama and the rest of the world. Samford has many connections to that cause, not only through John Howard, but also through current faculty expertise and the efforts of former president Harwell Goodwin Davis (1939–58). As Alabama attorney general earlier in the century, Davis helped expose the state's unjust convict lease system.

In a special convocation program on Oct. 9, Chapman, Frances Marlin Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership director Drayton Nabers, and Beeson Divinity School dean Timothy George will speak on the legacy of John Howard, the state of Alabama prisons and Christian prison ministry.

The free public event will begin at 10 a.m. in Reid Chapel. ■

McCaghren Hopes to Make It Easy for Alumni to Connect with Samford

by Mary Wimberley

Lauren Cantrell McCaghren began her job as the new senior director of alumni programs and alumni giving at Samford University on July 21 and has already initiated exciting plans for her new role.

The 2007 Samford graduate will have responsibility for the overall coordination of the alumni and annual giving programs. "This position is truly a dream come true for me, because I am able to spend each and every day doing what I love most—getting to know the wonderful graduates and friends associated with this great institution," said McCaghren. "I am honored to serve my fellow alumni and our university in this capacity."

She will work with the Alumni Association to enhance and advance the reputation of the institution for alumni and future graduates who will join the more than 35,000 Samford alumni around the world, she said.

"We want to provide alumni with creative and attractive opportunities to connect—with classmates, faculty, students, sports programs and this campus, where many spent some of their most memorable days," McCaghren said. Career assistance, regional chapters, continuing education, community service and online networking can all be part of alumni programs, she believes. "The possibilities are endless, and I encourage all alumni to get involved," McCaghren said. "We will work to develop these opportunities, and we solicit alumni input and feedback."

Most recently McCaghren was director of alumni relations for Catholic University's Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C. Previously she was associate director of alumni relations for George Washington University School of Law, also in the

nation's capital, and associate director of alumni relations for Samford's Cumberland School of Law.

She holds a master's degree in education administration from the University of Alabama. Her husband, Chris, is assistant to the president for external programs at Samford.

As a Samford student from Montgomery, Ala., she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, Student Activities Council, Samford Advertising Federation, Samford Ambassadors, the *Crimson* newspaper staff and the Bulldog Dancers.

"The possibilities are endless, and I encourage all alumni to get involved," McCaghren said.

"I am incredibly grateful for the diversity of my Samford experiences, because they allowed me to discover my vocational purpose at an early age," said McCaghren, who as an entering freshman recognized Samford's top-notch academics, nurturing faculty and strong commitment to faith and service.

"What I did not realize was that the connections I made through Samford would go on to serve me well beyond the four years that I was on campus. As I have gone on to work for other higher education institutions, I have come to recognize what a unique experience Samford provides to its students and graduates. Thanks to the strong Samford connection shared between graduates, I have found lifelong friendships across the globe, established community where I had none, and advanced both personally and professionally thanks to

Lauren McCaghren



alumni mentors and connections." McCaghren wants to keep alumni informed of the many areas of progress at Samford and deliver programs that showcase the "exciting advances made here" and of the innovative work done by fellow alumni.

Alumni, she believes, have both an opportunity and a responsibility to protect the Samford legacy and grow the reputation of the institution. "President Westmoreland is showing us the way, through his new initiatives, but it is up to us as alumni to go on building and refining the Samford experience for current students and for life beyond the Samford gates."

"We are pleased that Lauren is bringing her experience back to Samford," said W. Randy Pittman, Samford's vice president for advancement. "She is well-known and respected by so many at Samford, understands the Samford mission and culture, and will be an immediately positive addition to our team." ■

For more information, go to alumni.samford.edu.



Alumna of the Year

Brenda Mitchell Hackney

by Mary Wimberley

HACKNEY BALANCES SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH LEADERSHIP ROLES

Brenda Mitchell Hackney found Samford to be the perfect environment for her education and appreciates that it still is for current students. "Samford is a gem in the higher education world," Hackney said. "Staying true to our mission and the dedication to our students makes it a superb learning environment for the students."

Hackney is glad that she chose Samford when she decided to return to school for a master of business administration degree in the late 1980s. She had left her job as a financial consultant with Birmingham's First Financial Group, but was plenty busy with an infant daughter, a toddler son and responsibilities with her husband in their family business. "Samford was the logical choice for me. I liked the case-study approach, and the night classes were best for me. I could manage family and business responsibilities, and take a limited number of classes per semester," recalled Hackney.

"It took me longer than the usual student in the program, but Samford's flexible and nighttime M.B.A. program worked perfectly," said Hackney, who earned a bachelor's at Samford in 1990 and an M.B.A. in 1994. She uses her business skills and acumen as owner of Jefferson Giles Investments, LLC, and as president of The Hackney Foundation, a charitable foundation for which she manages investments and distribution of funds. A Certified Life Underwriter, she also holds the Chartered Financial Consultant designation.

She supports her alma mater by serving on the Samford board of overseers and the Brock School of Business advisory board, and she and her family contribute to scholarships and other projects at Samford.

Samford will recognize her service to the school and the community when she receives an Alumna of the Year award during homecoming in October.

She finds both of her Samford board memberships meaningful. "They provide me with valuable information about all the things happening on campus," said Hackney,

a Pulaski, Tenn., native who has developed deep roots in Alabama.

"I have been blessed to live, raise a family and work in this wonderful community for almost 35 years. It is truly home for me now," Hackney said. "It has been a gift for me to be an active part of this community, and giving of time and service has been most rewarding."

Often honored by civic organizations for her service, in July she was named one of Birmingham Positive Maturity's 2014 Top 50 over 50.

A veteran of leadership roles in United Way, Rotary Club of Birmingham, and the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind in Talladega, Ala., she currently concentrates time and energy in Young Women's Christian Association [YWCA] and Lakeshore Foundation. "Both organizations are doing great work, and I have been delighted to be on their teams as a board member," said Hackney, who helped lead a YWCA capital campaign that raised \$14.5 million.

She was a member of the 2004 Class of Leadership Birmingham and 10 years later was chosen to participate in Leadership Alabama, in which established leaders identify ways to help the state reach its full potential. The experiences underscored for her the importance that education plays in the state's future success, Hackney said.

"We have great state and local visionary leaders, many of them from the business community, who are interested in a quality education for all children in the state," Hackney said. "We want that solid background for them so that when they grow up, they can attend a great school such as Samford."

She was struck by a Leadership Alabama visit to an achieving Montgomery elementary school that had once been pegged as a "poor performer."

"We saw the problems, but we also saw successful solutions, and we know how we can fix the problems. We just have to keep working on it," she said.

She and her husband, T. Morris Hackney, have two grown children, Mitchell and Ann Morris. ▀

Alumna of the Year

Helen Shores Lee

by Mary Wimberley

LEE CHOSE COUNSELING BUT FOUND HER WAY INTO LAW

Helen Shores Lee, who practiced law for 16 years before being named a circuit court judge in 2003, didn't intend to go into the legal profession.

"I never wanted to enter law," said Lee, who as a youngster had watched her father, noted civil rights attorney Arthur Shores, be routinely disrespected in courtrooms while arguing high-profile discrimination cases of the 1950s and '60s.

But many decades and a career change later, the first African-American woman to serve in the civil division of Jefferson County Circuit Court is well respected for her achievements in the legal profession and her service to the community.

At homecoming in late October, Samford will recognize the 1987 graduate of its Cumberland School of Law as a 2014 Alumna of the Year.

Intending to be a physician, Lee majored in biology and premed at Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn.—that is, until she encountered organic chemistry. "I knew I wouldn't get out of it," Lee said. After changing her major to psychology, she went on to earn a master's degree in clinical psychology from Pepperdine University in California, where she began a career in social services. Also during that time, she and her husband, Bob Lee, started raising their family.

When they returned to Birmingham in the 1970s, Lee continued her work in counseling at Lawson State Community College, the University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Psychiatry and Western Mental Health Center.

But the many dysfunctional families, delinquents and troubling situations she encountered took a toll. "After 17 years in counseling, I was burned out, but I didn't know what I wanted to do," said Lee, who considered law only after a family friend suggested that she would make a good addition to her dad's law practice.

"I applied to Cumberland, was accepted and cried every day of the first semester. The course work was so different, and I had been out of school for 13 years," said Lee, recalling that her law professors used the Socratic method of instruction.

"You had to stand up and brief a case. It was hard at first, but the more I read, the more I understood and the easier it became," she said.

The mother of three teenagers found time to chair the law school's juvenile justice committee, which focused on problems of youth in the community, and worked part time as a counselor with Camp Fire Inc. She clerked with Jefferson County district attorney

David Barber during her senior year. After graduation, she worked with her father for three years before he retired, continuing in practice until 2003. In 2012, she and her sister, Barbara Shores, penned a memoir of their father, *The Gentle Giant of Dynamite Hill*.

Camp Fire Inc. remains one of many service groups that benefit from her leadership. She is also on the boards of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, United Cerebral Palsy and the American Red Cross. She is a trustee of Leadership Birmingham and chair of the advisory council of University of Alabama at Birmingham's Minority Health and Research Center.

Lee says she learned about commitment to service from her parents at an early age, and as an adult, she believes that to make a community a better place to live, people must get involved.

"Everyone can find some way to contribute, whether it's coaching Little League or something else. We're becoming too complacent," said Lee, allowing that she can't voice many opinions now because of her role as a judge.

"But just wait until I retire. I will have lots to say," said Lee, who at age 72 has two and a half years before mandatory retirement from the bench.

Retirement may give her more time for her favorite pursuits of traveling and deep-sea fishing, snapper and amberjack being among her favorite hauls. She and Bob also enjoy their family: sons Arthur Shores Lee and Robert Lee, Jr., and daughter Kiesha Jackson; four grandchildren they adopted at birth, Vincent, Ashlee, Trenton and Trevon, and their youngest granddaughter, Leah. ▀



Alumnus of the Year

Bryan K. Owens

by Mary Wimberley

UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE EXEC OWENS LEARNED WORLD VIEW AT SAMFORD

As an internationally known entrepreneur and founder of The Owens Group International with business interests around the globe, Bryan K. Owens has a special appreciation for the world view he received at Samford.

“The school opened my eyes to a world of possibilities that I wouldn’t have otherwise seen,” said Owens, a 1981 business graduate. “From my classes, student government activities, fraternity leadership and friendships, Samford really broadened my view of the world.”

He credits his campus involvement and year as SGA president with providing a “test bed” for his development as a leader. In addition to meeting some of Alabama’s top business leaders, a highlight was a trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with other college student leaders and President Jimmy Carter at the White House.

“It was during the Iranian hostage crisis. Pretty cool stuff for a small town boy,” said the Scottsboro, Ala., native who will be honored as a 2014 Alumnus of the Year during homecoming in October.

Owens’ most public venture is Unclaimed Baggage Center Inc., a decades-old family business that was founded in Scottsboro by his father, but there are others.

The 40,000-square-foot Unclaimed Baggage facility, the only one like it in the country, sells items ranging from shoes to electronics that were found in unclaimed lost baggage. The business has contracts to purchase lost luggage—after all attempts at reuniting them with their owners have failed—with all major airlines.

“Over the years, being involved with Unclaimed Baggage has taught me a lot about lost and unclaimed passenger property,” said Owens, who has founded several other service businesses that address related issues. Airlines and other companies in the travel industry have utilized the services in North America, South America, Europe and Africa.

Owens considered several job options and graduate school after

earning his Samford degree, but chose to join the family business because of the diversity of opportunities it provided.

“My dad gave me the freedom to work in virtually every area of the company, from business development to marketing, finance, real estate, IT, operations and retail. No other ‘regular’ job would have given me the chance to gain such broad experience in a relatively short period of time,” said Owens, who lives in the Atlanta, Ga., area.

He enhanced his Samford classroom experience and on-the-job training with study in Harvard Business School’s owner-president management program. It was yet another situation, he says, where God gave him “incredible exposure to world-class teaching and super-sharp classmates.”

“The very nature of the program gave me a more global perspective on business, commerce and their respective cultures,” said Owens, who has also done graduate work at the International School of Theology.

A supporter of the Samford Fund and several scholarship funds at the school, the unabashed advocate of faith, family and free enterprise also connects with other programs that have meaning for him.

“We are passionate about supporting organizations that support the family, and also are animated by church planting and Christian world view nonprofits,” said Owens.

He is a former board member of the Georgia Family Council and the Center for a Just Society, which recently merged into the John Jay Institute.

Reflecting on special Samford relationships, Owens notes his friendships with members of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, which he served as rush chairman, and the impact of speech professor Bill Cowley. “He truly invested himself in the lives of his students,” he said of Cowley. “I am a better man today because of Dr. Cowley.”

He and his wife, Sharon, have three sons, Benjamin, a recent college graduate, and Matthew and Micah, both college students.

“I’ve tried to strike a balance between my professional life and raising the boys,” he said, citing his wife, Sharon, as his best asset. They will celebrate their 25th anniversary this fall.

For fun, his interests include quail hunting, aviation, travel, reading, exercise and southern barbecue. ▀

Young Alumnus of the Year

Houston Estes

by Mary Wimberley

ESTES HELPS SAMFORD ORGANIZE NASHVILLE ALUMNI CHAPTER

Houston Estes has a rewarding job that keeps him connected with interesting people, but the Nashville, Tenn., resident knew his social sphere lacked something.

“I missed being around Samford people,” admitted the 2004 graduate, who about a year ago did something about it. At the behest of the Samford alumni office, Estes helped organize a Nashville alumni chapter, which he now serves as president.

The group has met three times since its August 2013 launch, and more than 100 Samford graduates have enjoyed reconnecting with one another. “It is sustained involvement on a healthy scale,” Estes said of the interest shown by alumni in the Nashville area, which has Samford’s third-largest alumni base after Birmingham and Atlanta, Ga.

Alumni of all ages are involved in the new chapter, but Estes acknowledges that “young people, especially, want to get together.”

Some of those Tennessee-based Samford faithful will drive down I-65 to applaud Estes as he receives the 2014 Outstanding Young Alumnus award during homecoming weekend in October.

The honor, said Estes, came as a total surprise. “I have been overwhelmed and touched by Samford’s appreciation of my small effort to be involved with my time and financial contributions.”

He supports the history department, where he earned his degree, and other campus projects, including a pledge to the new Brock School of Business building fund.

As a complex property claims adjuster for Fireman’s Fund Insurance Co., Estes strives to do right by both company and policy holder. Complex property, he explains, means residential or commercial property losses in excess of \$10,000.

He is liaison and personal adjuster for a high-profile roster of entertainers, musicians, celebrities, athletes and politicians. “Whatever we insure in Tennessee,” he says.

Prior to joining Fireman’s almost four years ago, he was a personal banker at First Tennessee Bank and a property claims adjuster at Grange Insurance. He holds associate in claims and associate in general insurance designations from the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters Institute.

His senior year at Samford, Estes penned a satire column for the *Crimson* student newspaper. “I wrote about whatever topic the

students were wound up about. It loosened things up a bit and got people interested in reading the *Crimson*,” said Estes, admitting that he wrote from a nonjournalism background. “The first column got such a big response that the editor asked me to write another one, and then another. I ended up writing 10 or 12.”

He also represented Howard College of Arts and Sciences on the student senate.

On the academic side, the member of Phi Alpha Theta history honor society particularly enjoyed professor Marjorie A. Walker’s Asian history courses, and spent a Jan Term in England at Samford’s London Study Center.

Of his Samford experiences, however, one of the most lasting is the impact the school had on his spiritual life.

Having grown up in a family that was religious but not in church every Sunday, Estes said he was surprised to find so many people at Samford who had grown up in church-going homes. “Samford gave me a great respect for people of faith,” he said.

“At Samford, I was challenged to find out what I believed, and Samford gives you an opportunity to make up your own mind,” said Estes, adding that his Samford experience made him a more confident believer with a better ability to deal with assaults on faith when they arise.

The graduate of Nashville’s Franklin Road Academy had chosen Samford with little hesitation. “I watched a cassette tape and saw Dr. Corts (then Samford president) talk about Samford. Then I came on a campus tour, and both of my parents were pleased,” said Estes, recalling that his father, who died before Estes’ senior year at Samford, gave it an immediate positive. “After that, I never looked anywhere else.”

In addition to the Samford alumni chapter, Estes is involved with Nashville’s Country Music Association and Country Music Hall of Fame. ▀

CLASS NOTES

1950s

'54 **Robert and Lucile Foster Holley** of Little Rock, Ark., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June. They met at Samford through Baptist Student Union activities and married the day after their graduation. He retired in 1997 after a career with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. She was an administrative secretary of Arkansas Baptist Children's Home. They have two children, Anita Pumphrey and Deborah Root, both college professors, and three grandchildren.

1960s

'66 **Douglas Cox** retired after 45 years in church ministry. He most recently served 21 years as executive pastor at Mountain Park First Baptist Church in Stone Mountain, Ga. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Snellville, Ga.

'66 **Clarissa Durrett Strickland** of Lilburn, Ga., retired in June as the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's [CBF] longest serving staff member after 23 years of service. She served as the point person for the CBF's reference and referral program connecting search committees and ministerial candidates in CBF churches.

1970s

'74 **John L. Carroll, J.D.**, was named Cumberland School of Law's 2014 Distinguished Alumnus for his 13-year tenure as dean, his service to the community and his leadership in the profession. He retired as dean in August but will remain at the law school as a full-time faculty member. His wife, Susan G. Carroll, was named the 2014 Friend of the Law School for her active support of student and alumni events and dedication to the law school.

'75 **Joe Ritch, J.D.**, is chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority's board of directors. The Huntsville attorney with the firm Sirote &

Permutt and community leader is the first Alabama resident to chair the board in the 81-year history of the public utility.

'76 **Betsy Sue Scott, J.D.**, is president-elect of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association. Her term as president will run from July 2015 to June 2016. She is an attorney in Reston, Va.

'77 **J. Richard Zeski** is vice president of business development at Redwood Synergy, a global outsourcing and procurement company based in Houston, Texas. He will work from his Birmingham office to serve customers throughout North America.

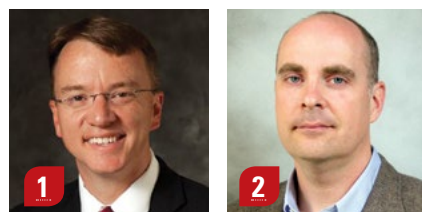
'79 **Roger McGee**, Southern Baptist Convention music director, led the music during the convention's annual meeting in June. He is pastor of music and worship at First Baptist Church in Alexandria, Va.

1980s

'83 **Ed Freeman, J.D.** '86, president of the Bessemer Bar Association, accepted the 2014 Local Bar Achievement Award on behalf of the association at the annual Bench and Bar Awards program in June. The Bessemer Bar was chosen from associations throughout Alabama for its engagement in projects and endeavors that benefit the community. Freeman is a member of the Bessemer law firm of Stone, Patton, Kierce and Freeman.

'83 **Mark A. Newell, J.D.** '83, is a partner in the Mobile, Ala., law firm of Armbrrecht Jackson, LLP. He practices primarily in civil defense litigation, representing many different industries and professions.

'86 **James "Sam" McElroy** is associate pastor for senior adults at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.



1990s

'92 **Jay C. Hogewood** is senior pastor of St. John's United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, La. He earned a master of divinity at Baylor University's Truett Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible/theological hermeneutics at Texas Christian University's Brite Divinity School. He and his wife, Amy James, together have four children: Chase, Jesse, Beck and Mariah.

'93 **Matt Cook** was elected moderator-elect of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He is pastor of First Baptist Church in Wilmington, N.C., and has been a member of the CBF governing board. **1**

'96 **Billy Ivey** joined Birmingham's Big Communications as a brand strategist. He will help champion the creative communications agency's brand strategy efforts, message development and brand storytelling. He serves on the advisory board for Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church, and coaches youth baseball and softball.

'98 **Ryan Floyd** received the 2014 Young Faculty Scholar Award at Lander University, where he is an assistant professor of history. Two years ago, he received the Greenwood, S.C., university's Young Faculty Teaching award. He joined the Lander faculty in 2010 after earning a doctorate in history at the University of Alabama. In addition to teaching courses on 19th- and 20th-century U.S. foreign relations, military history and the American South, he is the university's coordinator for social studies secondary education. **2**

'99 **Ryan Kirby, J.D.**, is a staff attorney with Western Construction Group in St. Louis, Mo. He assists the general counsel in day-to-day legal affairs of the company, including corporate transactional work and litigation management.

2000s

'00 **Brett Chapman** is principal at Harvest Elementary School in Madison County, Alabama.

'01 **Sarah McIntyre** married Timothy Schroeder in May. She is an opera singer and owner of Fine Arts Voice studios in Chicago, Ill.

'01 **Martha Dubina Roby, J.D.**, was named Cumberland School of Law's 2014 Young Alumna of the Year for her distinguished performance in the practice of law, service to the community and leadership in the profession. She is in her second term as U.S. Representative, Second Congressional District of Alabama, and is a member of the House Committee on Appropriations.

'01 **M. O. "Buzz" Williams** is the author of *Disciple Maker* (Tate Publishing), a ministry resource book for church leaders. An Independent Reformed Presbyterian pastor, Williams focuses his ministry on the planning, structure development and building up of disciple-making ministries in evangelical churches.

'04 **Julie Raschen, Ed.S., Ed.D.** '07, principal of Brooks Elementary School in Newnan, Ga., was named Georgia's 2014 National Distinguished Principal. She was nominated and selected by her fellow principals through a statewide search. She will meet with 49 other distinguished state principals in Washington, D.C., in November.

'04 **Rachel J. McWhorter** graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Ph.D. in American literature in May. She begins a new job this fall as assistant professor of English at St. Charles Community College in St. Louis, Mo.

'07 **Anne Gewin** of Xenia, Ohio, graduated from the University of Central Florida in May with a master of arts degree in applied learning and instruction.

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'10 **Erica Smith Bryan** has toured the country performing her original music and released her debut single, "This House is Haunted" on iTunes. She studied musical theatre in New York City before pursuing her dream to perform country music. She lives in Nashville, Tenn.

'11 **Melissa Carlisle** graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with a master of arts degree in marriage and family counseling. She has a new job as a counselor with Pathways Professional Counseling in Hoover, Ala.

'13 **Wesley Spears** received Duke Divinity School's Richard P. Heitzenrater Award for excellence in history for his paper, "The Insufficient Creed and the Confused Title Christ: The Controversy of the Third Ecumenical Council." The school-wide honor had never before been awarded to a first-year student at the Durham, N.C., school. **D**

Hutchens Invested as Redlands Endowed Chair in Global Business

Walter Hutchens '90 was invested as the university chair in global business at the University of Redlands in California May 1.



He teaches a portfolio of classes about China, including its legal system, financial system, and government and business.

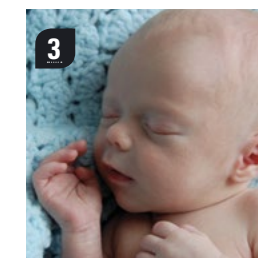
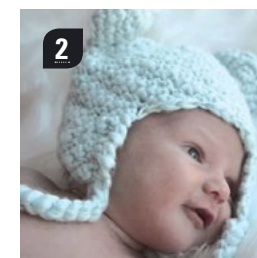
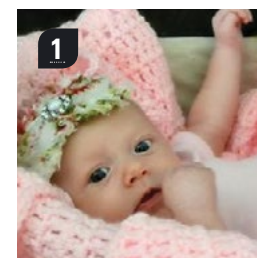
Hutchens was introduced to China through a Samford history class taught by Professor Jim Brown. "I've been mesmerized ever since," he said. Hutchens went on to earn an M.A. in Asian studies and a law degree from Washington University in St. Louis. He learned to read and write Chinese, and lived in Beijing for five years.

The Alabama native joined Redlands last fall after teaching at the University of Maryland, University of Washington and Whitworth University.

He first visited China as part of Brown's 1989 study abroad class that was cut short because of the protests and subsequent violence in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. He has since led five study abroad programs to China.

"I love being a teacher because I love constant learning; I know of no greater delight than feeding my mind and discussing the questions I'm living and the tentative answers I'm formulating with students," he wrote in the program for his investiture. **D**

NEW ARRIVALS



'01 **David and Rachel Winstead Zegley** of Franklin, Tenn., a daughter, Reagan Nicole, born April 7, 2014. **1**

'05 **John and Emily Rowe Sadlow** '06 of Princeton, N.J., a son, Andrew Harrison, born Dec. 23, 2013. **2**

'06 **Stephen Briggs and Lane Christopher Briggs** '08 of Greenville, S.C., a son, Robert Bryan, born May 29, 2014. **3**

Lucy & Ruby's Brainy Day Raises Funds for Cancer Research

Lisa Fields Harris '94 lost both her father and her husband to brain cancer, but she has found a creative way to honor them, and offer an uplifting experience and promise of hope to many.

The idea is Lucy & Ruby's Brainy Day, a fund-raiser for brain cancer research and patient support services. Named for her daughters, Lucy, 9, and Ruby, 7, the first event May 3 in Birmingham was deemed a success. More than 400 people attended and more than \$13,000 was raised.

"I definitely feel that I'm called to be an advocate, and help raise awareness and funds," said Harris. "Brain cancer doesn't have a strong voice or presence like many

other types of cancers, so my goal is to give it and those fighting it a voice and a sense of hope."

The inaugural event featured a food truck, live music, silent art auction, face painting, temporary tattoos, lemonade, cookies, and other fun games and activities.

"It's been uplifting to have such a positive thing come out of something so negative. We were overwhelmed by the support from individuals and companies," said Harris, a senior account officer at o2ideas advertising agency.

"Lucy & Ruby's Brainy Day" was created to be happy and fun, and tie into art in order to honor and remember her late husband, Scott Harris. "He was the funniest

person I've ever met," she said of the art director and gifted artist who died in November 2013.

"The name of the event is focused on Lucy and Ruby as opposed to him, which is what he would have wanted," said Harris, whose father, Roland Fields, was diagnosed with brain cancer the summer before her freshman year at Samford. He died in April 1994, one month before she graduated. ▀

Harris is planning a 2015 event scheduled for May 9. More information can be found on Facebook at Lucy & Ruby's Brainy Day.

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Samford Black Alumni Association to Extend Alumni Reach

The Samford Black Alumni Association [SBAA] is one of the newest extensions of the Samford University Alumni Association. The SBAA's formation was announced last spring at Samford's annual African-American alumni and friends luncheon, and has received an "overwhelming response" from current students, the direct beneficiaries of the organization, according to Molly McGuire, Samford's director of alumni programs.

The SBAA was founded to strengthen the educational legacy of Samford's black students, according to SBAA founder and president Isaac Cooper '12, who has a vision for the organization that stemmed from his own postgraduate experience.

"I didn't know where to start after graduating from Samford," explained Cooper. "I wanted to connect with successful individuals who shared a similar Samford experience, which was wonderful, but from a different perspective than most students."

Cooper said he wanted a clear reference and guide to help him understand what should happen once he entered the work force. Because of experiences similar to Cooper's, the SBAA hopes to help current students transition successfully from college into their chosen field by providing career mentoring, cultural advocacy and

networking opportunities. Through alumni involvement, philanthropy, social enterprise and other various avenues, the SBAA focuses directly on creating workforce success and leadership in current students in order to cultivate successful and engaged alumni, Cooper explained.

In addition to Cooper, the SBAA board includes 11 other Samford graduates with diverse experiences in a variety of fields. "Words cannot describe how fantastic the board members are," said Cooper. "Without them, the SBAA wouldn't exist. They share the same passion and purpose, and bring a lot to the table with nationally recognized credentials. The SBAA is a platform that allows each board member to really tap into their passion for the future generation."

In addition to their mission, Denise Gregory, Samford's director of diversity, hopes that the SBAA will create a mindset of giving in those it impacts. Gregory also stated, "I hope the SBAA will show current and future graduates the importance of helping others by giving your time and energy to those who follow in your footsteps." ▀

To receive more information or to get involved with the SBAA, contact sbaa@samford.edu.



Isaac Cooper

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An Evening with Emmy Award Winner Tony Hale



Saturday, Nov. 1
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Book signing immediately following
Register at alumni.samford.edu/tonyhale

Samford alumnus Tony Hale is famous for his roles on *Arrested Development* and *Veep*, and is now author of the newly released children's book, *Archibald's Next Big Thing*.

IN MEMORIAM

'36 Paul Tarrant, age 99, of Gainesville, Fla., died July 4, 2014. A specialist in synthetic organofluorine chemistry, he was chairman of the organic division of the University of Florida chemistry department. He had 58 pioneering papers and 11 patents to his credit, and was cofounder of Peninsular Chem Research Inc., which developed a commercially viable synthesis for the cancer-fighting drug 5-fluorouracil.

'39 Arminda Howell Thompson, age 97, of Birmingham died July 14, 2014. Her teaching career spanned 37 years. She was a longtime member and officer in Delta Kappa Gamma society for teachers.

'41 Nancy Key Mitchell Ward, age 95, of Abbeville, Ala., died May 16, 2014. She was active in her church and garden club, and enjoyed growing flowers.

'47 Doris Moore Gallant, age 87, of Birmingham died June 10, 2014. She was a registered nurse in many places, including Howard Hughes Aircraft in California. At Samford, she was in the A Cappella Choir and played the lead role of Emily in *Our Town*.

'48 Peggy Tommie Murphy, age 87, of Homewood died July 13, 2014. As a student, she was vice president of Phi Mu sorority, a member of the student senate and was involved in intramural sports.

'50 Wayne Wheeler Fitzgerald, J.D., age 88, of Cynthiana, Ky., died May 10, 2014. He was an attorney and district judge. Before entering law school, he served in the U.S. Navy as a motor mechanical mate in the South Pacific and the Admiralty Islands.

'50 Horace Hendrix Nation, Jr., age 88, of Moody, Ala., died May 20, 2014. He was a longtime postmaster. He served with the U.S. Army Air Corps in the Azores during World War II.

'51 James Felix Limbaugh, age 82, of Birmingham died May 20, 2014. After a long career with Edwards Chevrolet dealership, he owned automobile dealerships in Talladega and Birmingham. He served on state and local Automobile Dealers Association boards and was named *Time* magazine's quality dealer of Alabama in 1991.

'55 Claude Earl Grigsby, age 89, of Cleveland, Ala., died May 28, 2014. He was an associate pastor at First Baptist Church, Gadsden, and was an administrator of the Alabama Baptist Children's Home for 30 years. He was a World War II veteran who served in the European and Asian theatres of operation.

'55 James Hilton Olive, age 82, of Birmingham died July 31, 2014. A pastor of churches in Alabama, Kentucky and Florida, he also led capital fund campaigns, and served on the international mission field in Romania, Austria, Tanzania, Spain and Germany.

'55 Alice Lee Teague Nichols, age 80, of Birmingham died July 21, 2014.

'56 John Marvin Cox, age 81, of Hoover, Ala., died May 27, 2014. He was an insurance agent and a past president of the East End Optimist Club. He served in the U.S. Navy.

'59 Ruth Moultrie Bobo, age 76, of Claremont, Calif., died June 7, 2014. She was a longtime language arts teacher at Claremont High School.

'59 Margaret Townsend, age 75, of Pleasant Grove, Ala., died May 26, 2014. She was a nurse in the surgery department at Princeton Baptist Medical Center for 34 years.

'59 Bill L. Wilhite, age 78, of Temple, Ga., died July 14, 2014. The Cullman, Ala., native was retired from sales with U.S. Surgical Corporation. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

'60 Tommy Dan Bryant, age 78, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., died May 31, 2014. A pharmacist at Harco Drugs, he was known for his expertise as a compounding pharmacist. Honorary pallbearers included the Samford pharmacy Class of 1960.

'61 Donald Coleman, age 75, of Remlap, Ala., died Aug. 6, 2014. His coaching career included several high schools, Samford and a 30-year tenure at Jefferson State Community College.

'61 Mark Lafayette Jeter, Jr., age 83, of Birmingham died May 25, 2014. He was a stockbroker for various companies and retired from Morgan Keegan in 2012 at age 82. He graduated Samford after attending night school for eight years on the GI Bill. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, he was a

section chief and sergeant in the hard-fought Battle at Chosin Reservoir.

'61 Fred Bryan Simpson, age 78, of Huntsville, Ala., died Aug. 5, 2014. He attended day classes while working nights as a police officer. A graduate of Vanderbilt Law School, he was Madison County district attorney and president of the Alabama District Attorneys Association in the 1970s. After leaving the D.A.'s office, he opened a firm and specialized in criminal law for 25 years. He wrote three books and was an artist.

'62 Gary Ray Kendrick, age 78, of Calera, Ala., died Aug. 1, 2014. He was pastor of churches in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee, and in retirement worked as a greeter at Walmart. At Samford, he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

'62 J. William "Bill" Pope, J.D., age 76, of Dayton, Tenn., died June 18, 2014, of cancer. He was a district attorney and member of the Tennessee House of Representatives.

'62 Charles Franklin Richards, age 86, of Fort Mill, S.C., died July 8, 2014. He retired from the engineering department at Springs Industries. He was active in the Fort Mill Chamber of Commerce and Toastmasters. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

'63 Katherine White Duffey, age 93, of Birmingham died June 5, 2014. She was a registered psychometrist, a teacher and elementary school principal.

'64 Phil Sarris, J.D., age 77, of Birmingham died June 26, 2014. A practicing attorney for 50 years, he was active in the Birmingham Historical Society and Homewood Chamber of Commerce.

'65 Michael A. Mayfield, age 71, of Birmingham died June 27, 2014. He retired from the Birmingham Fire Department and was a past southeast director of the National Street Rod Association.

'66 Cheryl Jane Adams, of Trussville, Ala., died May 20, 2014. She retired from the Social Security Administration.

'66 Frank Edward Bowman, age 70, of Prattville, Ala., died Oct. 17, 2013. He was minister of education and senior adults at Eastmont Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

'67 Dorothy Young Roberts, age 91, of Birmingham died June 3, 2014. She was an educator and a member of Kappa Delta Pi education honor society.

'68 Martha Cates Buffington, age 68, of Monteagle, Tenn., died Aug. 5, 2014. She was a high school English teacher before she became a full-time homemaker. She was active in community activities in Birmingham and Monteagle.

'70 James Calhoun Brotherton, J.D., age 73, of Jasper, Ala., died June 13, 2014. He was a presiding circuit court judge in Walker County for more than 25 years. He was a coauthor of the Juvenile Code for the State of Alabama, and was an advocate for many youth-related programs.

'74 William Larry Davidson, age 62, of Montgomery, Ala., died July 18, 2014. He was a chaplain at Baptist Medical Centers for 34 years and pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Ramer, Ala., for 16 years.

'77 Robert Floyd Weaver, M.B.A., age 75, of Birmingham died July 8, 2014. He was a real estate manager for Alabama Power Company for 34 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

'91 Steve Clem, J.D., age 51, of Mobile, Ala., died July 19, 2014. He was an attorney at Clem & Cleveland law firm and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

'92 Brandon Keith Banks, age 43, of Phoenix, Ariz., died July 14, 2014. He was a minister of music, police officer, and a math and science teacher.

'95 John G. Evans, J.D., age 44, of Mobile, Ala., died June 14, 2014. He practiced law in Mobile.

'99 Charles A. Hicks, J.D., age 48, of Mobile, Ala., died July 17, 2014. He was a partner in the law firm of Hicks, Matranga and Hambright. He coached basketball and soccer teams, and was a Boy Scout leader. He was president of his Cumberland School of Law graduating class.

Other Samford Family in Memoriam

Trevelyn Campbell, age 19, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died Aug. 22, 2014, in a car accident. She was to be a junior art major when classes began on Aug. 25 and was a member of the Samford Marching Band's color guard. Her parents, Clay and Penny Moore Campbell, are 1986 and 1987 Samford graduates, respectively. Memorials may be made to the Trevelyn Campbell Art Scholarship Fund, Office of University Advancement, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229. The scholarship will benefit Samford visual arts majors. ▶

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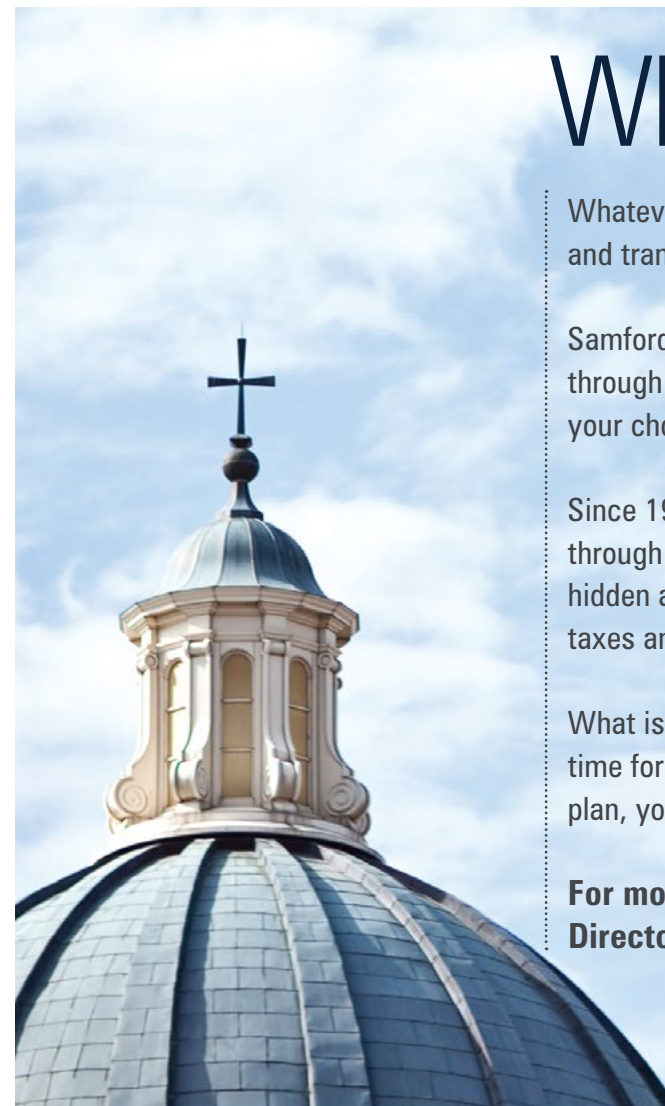
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5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

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EMILY HYNDS



Why do you teach?

I teach because I genuinely enjoy being part of the moment when someone “gets it.” My mom likes recounting a story of a neighbor child running in from our back yard, yelling “She taught me, she taught me!” As a child myself, I had been able to explain to the other child how to pump her legs and keep the swing going. That was my first success, and I was hooked. More specifically, I teach college students because I am passionate about that age group. A student develops so much as a whole person during the college years, and I love being a part of that.

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

I want them to know that their eternity is more important than their next 40+ years. My hope is that when they leave here, they feel confident about both. I want them to know that we care about them as whole people, and want to equip them for life, career, family, trials and triumphs—all of it.

How did your background prepare you for your current role at Samford?

I was raised and surrounded by fantastic, dedicated teachers. My grandfather taught chemistry at Clemson University for almost 40 years. My father was a math professor at the University of South Carolina for 35 years. (Yes, they got along!) My mother had her master’s degree in German and taught high school from the time I was 16 until she recently retired. By their examples, I was taught to love learning and to love sharing knowledge with others.

Position
Associate Professor of Mathematics

Teaching at Samford since
2000

In addition to her teaching assignments, Dr. Hynds serves as Samford’s faculty representative to the NCAA. She and her family often can be seen cheering the Bulldog teams.

You teach in a discipline that often is unfairly maligned. Why is mathematics important to a well-rounded education and person?

I think when cornered, most people would admit that mathematical skill is important. The reason it is maligned is because it is difficult. We typically do not like things that make us struggle—like exercise—but we love it when we get it. Often, mathematics is poorly taught, and it is easy to think that if we will not use a particular skill, the entire process is useless or unimportant.

We are teaching methods of thinking and reasoning, which is why it is important; however, that can get lost in the details.

You serve as Samford’s NCAA faculty representative. What does that involve?

Broadly, I am the liaison between faculty and athletics, between athletics and the administration, and between Samford and the NCAA. In the Southern Conference, the 10 faculty athletics representatives [FAR] are the voting body. Per a previous FAR, when I am with athletics, I represent faculty. When I’m with faculty, I represent athletics. I am to be about the business of ensuring the well-being of our student-athletes. I also am a part of waivers, violations, coach testing and a host of other administrative items. There are many facets of this position, and I’m still learning.

Dr. Hynds’ responses have been edited for length. The profile on Dr. Hynds and other featured alumni and faculty can be found at www.samford.edu/spotlight.



MICHAEL O’NEAL

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

The education I received from Samford has helped me tremendously in all areas of life. From classroom academics to lessons learned through athletics, I gained confidence as I learned to solve problems, relate to others and give back to my community. I also gained lifelong friendships for which I am so thankful.

What is the most beneficial advice you received while a student?

[Business professor] Edward Felton once told our class that the main difference between Harvard students and Samford students were their expectations. [Head Football] Coach Terry Bowden also emphasized personal expectations. We were taught to never settle for anything less than our very best. These words have stayed with me.

How have you been able to use your business and entrepreneurial experience with your ministry involvement?

I have always had a bit of an entrepreneurial spirit. I decided the spring of my senior year that I wanted to own my own business by becoming an insurance agent with State Farm. After working as a field adjuster for seven years, I received an opportunity to come back to Birmingham and begin my agency in January 2000. Having the ability to develop an excellent team within my agency has enabled me to carve out time to be heavily involved in ministry. In 2009, the Lord called me to begin Reel Life International, a

ministry focused on assisting the church in cultivating a passion for the gospel through assisting orphans and impoverished families on short-term trips. Reel Life has grown to serve alongside our field partners in a variety of countries, including Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, Guatemala, Belize and Peru.

Why is giving back to the community so important to you?

Giving back is important to me because of the clear commands we have in scripture. The Bible is very clear that faith without works is dead, and it’s full of commands to care for the poor, the orphan and the widow. We are also commanded to go and make disciples of all nations.

What was your motivation for starting Reel Life, and how has it evolved through the years?

My motivation for starting Reel Life International came out of a conviction on the way I have lived the majority of my own life as a Christian. Somehow, I have spent the majority of my life believing that these commands didn’t really apply to me. I was quick to claim the promises of God’s word while passing off the responsibilities of following Christ to others. Instead, I relentlessly pursued my own comfort and enjoyment. I was faithful in giving financially and felt that alone was sufficient. Only in recent years did the Lord open my eyes to my disobedient and selfish lifestyle. ▀

Mr. O’Neal’s responses have been edited for length. The profile on Mr. O’Neal and other featured alumni and faculty can be found at www.samford.edu/spotlight.

<p>Degree/Year B.S.B.A., 1993</p> <p>Hometown Hoover, Ala.</p> <p>Current State Farm Insurance agent, Vestavia Hills, Ala., and founder, Reel Life International</p> <p>Bonus Fact Michael was an Academic All-America football player at Samford and still holds several scoring records. Samford’s current placekicker also is named Michael O’Neal and is from Vestavia Hills, but the two are not related.</p>
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YOUNG SOCCER TEAM FACING STRONG SCHEDULE

Coach Todd Yelton's team returned 15 letterwinners from one of Samford's best teams to face one of its toughest schedules ever this fall. The Bulldogs were 13-6-2 in 2013, the fourth-best win total in school history.

"We're going to have a very young team this season," said Yelton. "We'll have a lot of freshmen and sophomores sprinkled in with a good mix of some upperclassmen with maturity. We're going to have a talented bunch of players, but this is going to be one of [our] most difficult schedules."

The Bulldogs were scheduled to face highly ranked Virginia and South Carolina as well as a road game at Auburn among 10 preconference opponents. They begin the always-taxing Southern Conference schedule Sept. 28 at Chattanooga.

Sophomore forward Malcanisha Kelley leads returnees after earning All-Conference first-team honors as a freshman. She led Bulldog scorers last year with eight goals and 19 points. Other starters back are sophomore forward Taylor Borman, sophomore midfielder Anna Allen, and junior defenders Alissa Hansen and Katie Danehy.

Yelton must replace two of Samford's better players in recent years, All-Conference first-team midfielders Michelle Moll and Trine Taule, as well as position starters Jordan Johnson, Molly Pittman and Shanika Thomas. But he's also counting on help from seven nonstarters led by junior forward Amanda Abbott, who scored seven goals and 16 points last season.

Five incoming freshmen and three transfers will help the numbers. ▀



Malcanisha Kelley



Michaela Reesor



Tyler Hood



Taylor Reece

REESOR, CARTER PROVIDE VOLLEYBALL LEADERSHIP

Samford had two of the best players in the Southern Conference last season in Player of the Year Michaela Reesor, an outside hitter, and Libero of the Year Chelsi Carter. Both returned for the 2014 season.

"Chelsi and Michaela are two of the most talented kids in the conference," said Coach Derek Schroeder. "They will help keep this team on the right path to improving every week and finishing strong in November."

"Our team this year has a great balance of seniors who want to go out with a bang and youthful talent," said Schroeder. "We should be a lot of fun to watch—fun and fast."

Samford returns eight letterwinners and 10 returnees in all from last year's 23-11 team. Setter Selina Schirmer will join Reesor and Carter to provide senior leadership. Three freshmen will add to

this year's mix.

Samford fought its way to the championship round of the SoCon last year before dropping a 3-1 decision to Georgia Southern. Schroeder will get his team ready for another title challenge by playing a tough early season slate that includes high-profile tournaments at Northern Kentucky, Florida State and Ole Miss.

"Our nonconference schedule is the toughest it has been since coming off our first-ever NCAA appearance in 2011," said Schroeder. "With a smaller conference slate this season, I wanted to be sure we are challenged and pushed in every competition leading up to conference play."

The Bulldogs will open their conference season Sept. 26 at Chattanooga. ▀

NEW COACH, NEW PLAYERS FOR MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team will have a new look and a new coach this year. Scott Padgett, who helped the University of Kentucky win an NCAA championship and played eight seasons in the National Basketball Association, was named head coach in June after the departure of former coach Bennie Seltzer.

Padgett, a Samford assistant the past two seasons, will coach a team comprised of seven new faces among 14 team members. What can fans expect?

"We're going to play an exciting brand of basketball, similar to the style I played under Rick Pitino and Tubby Smith at the University of Kentucky," Padgett said. "We are going to press, get up and down the court for 40 minutes, and wear down the opposition. It's going to be a playing style that recruits, current players and fans will love."

Three-year letterman Tyler Hood, a 6-6 forward, is the most experienced returnee. He averaged 7.9 points a game last season and has scored 815 points during his three seasons as a Bulldog.

Apart from Hood, new recruits are likely to challenge for starting roles. They include junior college transfers Darius Jones-Gibson, Jamal Shabazz and Marcus Johnson, and freshman Christen Cunningham.

Other Bulldog returnees include center Michael Bradley, forward Emeka Ikezu, and guards Brandon Hayman, Brandon Roberts, Eric Adams and Nnamdi Enechionya. Freshman recruits include Evan Taylor, Gerald Smith and Alex Peters.

Padgett will be replacing nine lettermen off last year's team, including the top three scorers. ▀

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL YOUNG BUT EXPERIENCED

Samford fielded one of the youngest women's basketball teams in America last season after injuries sidelined several veteran players. During the last 13 games, freshmen started at four positions. Coach Mike Morris thinks the lessons learned during that stretch will make the Bulldogs a better team in 2014-15.

A freshman who started only one game, Hannah Nichols, was named Southern Conference Freshman of the Year. Nichols, a 5-10 guard, was second on the team in scoring (8.1 a game), led the squad in rebounding (4.3) and ranked fifth in the SoCon in 3-point accuracy (.392).

Returning freshmen who started at various times include Lydia McGee, Ellen Riggins, Cassidy Blevins and Brittany Stevens. All were listed as guards. Samford (10-20) went 7-5 over the last 12 games.

The Bulldogs should get a boost this year from the return of 6-3 junior forward Taylor Reece, Samford's second leading scorer two years ago, who missed last season with an injury. A starter during her first two years, Reece averaged 10.4 points a game as a sophomore.

Junior guard Krista Stricklin, who played in 30 games during each of her first two seasons, is another experienced player. Morris could also get help from freshman signees Hailie Pierson and Destiney Elliott.

From last year, Samford lost seniors Christy Robinson, the leading scorer (9.0), and Shelby Campbell, who was sidelined the last half of the season with injury. ▀

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in honor of Mrs. Susan G. Sheffield
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English Department Fund

in honor of Mr. & Mrs. R. William Roland
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in honor of Mr. Grant Frederick
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Moffett's Niece and Husband Leave Nursing Half a Million

by William Nunnolley



Guy and Jean Maxwell

When Jean Fields of Birmingham finished high school in the late 1940s and thought about a further educational direction in her life, it was only natural that she would choose nursing.

“Jean’s aunt was Ida V. Moffett,” said her niece, Dana deGraffenreid Taylor of Tuscaloosa, Ala. “She was the inspiration for Jean to become a Registered Nurse.”

Moffett was the pioneering Director of Nursing for the Birmingham Baptist Hospital System, then the largest nursing school in Alabama. The school later was named the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing and, in 1973, joined Samford University.

Fields attended the nursing school, earned her RN certification in 1951 and began a career of more than 45 years as a Registered Nurse. She fulfilled a variety of roles, including serving as a head floor nurse, a charge nurse of orthopedic surgery and a private duty nurse for several doctors. She was also involved in industrial nursing. She worked at Birmingham Baptist Hospital, East Alabama Medical Center and the University of Tennessee until retirement in 1998.

In the mid-1950s, Jean was introduced to Guy Maxwell by her roommate, Hannah Brock, also a nurse. Guy was a veteran of the Korean War who worked for McAbee Office Solutions in Birmingham. They were married in 1958. They had no children.

When they retired, Jean and Guy decided to move to Stillwaters near Dadeville, Ala. They enjoyed playing golf, traveling with friends and family and following Auburn University football.

Jean was devoted to her calling and proud of her ties to Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing and its heritage. She and Guy supported the nursing school with occasional gifts along the way, and made plans to leave the school an estate gift.

Jean died in 2005. When Guy died in 2013, the estate was able to provide a gift of more than \$537,000 as an endowment fund for the nursing school.

“The Maxwell gift is an especially meaningful gift since it carries forward the Moffett Legacy,” said Nena F. Sanders, vice provost of Samford’s College of Health Sciences and former nursing school dean. “As the niece of Mrs. Moffett, Jean Maxwell had the wonderful opportunity to experience firsthand the high standards of clinical excellence, care and compassion personified by her aunt. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell’s generosity will perpetuate the values and philosophy of the Moffett Legacy for generations of nurses. We are very appreciative of their thoughtfulness and kindness shown through this major gift.”

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in honor of Dr. Paul A. Richardson
 Mr. & Mrs. Kevin A. Mulligan, Knoxville, Tenn.
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Journalism and Mass Communication Department Fund

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in honor of Mrs. Claudine King
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in honor of Dr. Denise J. Gregory
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Jeff and Lori Northrup Endowed Master Award

in honor of Ms. Katherine Vest
 Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Northrup, Vestavia Hills, Ala.

Pintlala Baptist Church/Gary P. Burton Scholarship

in honor of Pintlala Baptist Church's 54th Anniversary
 Mr. Joe W. McDade, Montgomery, Ala.

Samaritan's Feet Shoe a Nation Partnership Fund

in honor of Mr. Colin M. Coyne
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Samford Fund

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in honor of Mr. & Mrs. R. William Roland
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Memorials

2014 Legacy League Scholarship

in memory of Ms. June O. Duncan
 Dr. & Mrs. Phil Kimrey, Birmingham

in memory of all women who were members of the Samford University Women's Club
 Samford University Faculty Women's Club, Homewood

Alumni Association Scholarship

in memory of Dr. David L. Foreman
 Mr. & Mrs. Timothy G. Shultz, Birmingham

John Lee Armstrong Endowed Scholarship

in memory of Mrs. Laura Masters
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Bates-Norris Scholarship

in memory of Ms. Leila Bates
 Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Head, Panama City, Fla.
 Frances Lewis, Rose Reid, Laurie Mofield, the Lewis Family, the Billups Family and The Lusby Family, Lakeland, Fla.
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 Mrs. Beverly Morrison, Foley, Ala.

in memory of Ms. Lynn Bates

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in memory of Mr. Jack H. Becker
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C. Otis Brooks Fund for Pastoral Leadership Enrichment Endowment

in memory of Dr. C. Otis Brooks
 Dr. & Mrs. James R. Wilson, Oxford, Miss.

John T. and Frances T. Carter Scholarship

in memory of Dr. John T. Carter
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 Mr. & Mrs. Terry G. Barksdale, Talladega, Ala.
 Mrs. Marla Corts, Vestavia Hills, Ala.
 Mrs. Carolyn P. Drennen, Birmingham
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 Ms. Joan D. Humphries, Hoschton, Ga.
 Kappa Delta Epsilon/Alpha Iota Chapter, Irondale, Ala.
 Dr. H. Marguerite Kelley, Guin, Ala.
 Mr. & Mrs. James T. Kerr, Marietta, Ga.
 Dr. & Mrs. Phil Kimrey, Birmingham
 Mr. & Mrs. Keith Puckett, Morganton, N.C.
 Ms. Mary L. Wimberley, Birmingham

Caitlin Creed Samford Auxiliary Scholarship

in memory of Caitlin Creed
 Dr. Jeanie A. Box, Mountain Brook, Ala.
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Cox Scholarship Fund

in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Cox
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 Mrs. Marla Corts, Vestavia Hills, Ala.
 Mrs. Carolyn P. Drennen, Birmingham
 Mr. Richard B. Funk, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
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in memory of Mr. John R. Shoemaker
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School of Education

in memory of Mr. Raymond E. Box
 Dr. Jeanie A. Box, Mountain Brook, Ala.

Dr. W. T. Edwards Endowed Scholarship

in memory of Dr. W. T. Edwards
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in memory of Dr. W. T. Edwards

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in memory of Dr. Leven S. Hazlegrove
 Rev. & Mrs. Stanley L. Stepleton, Helena, Ala.

History Department Fund

in memory of Mrs. Christina Mosley Furr
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Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing

in memory of Mrs. Judy A. Bourrand
 Mr. & Mrs. Glenn A. Sheffield, Birmingham

in memory of Ms. Margaret Townsend

Mrs. Shirley S. Hendrix, Pelham, Ala.

The Mothers Fund Scholarship

In memory of Belva Owens
 Hon. Karon O. Bowdre & Mr. J. Birch Bowdre, Jr., Birmingham

Zelma & Pat Pattillo Scholarship

in memory of Ms. Martha Ann Cox
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in memory of Ms. Ruth Harris
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in memory of Dr. Roy L. Shelton Jr.
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in memory of Dr. Philip D. Wise
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Calendar

Oct. 1-29

Exhibit, *Paper Revisited: The Art of Sally Johnson*, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall, samford.edu/arts

Oct. 1

Samford Alumni Association/Samford Business Network, Nashville, 5:30–7:30 p.m., alumni.samford.edu/events*

Oct. 2

Samford Wind Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall

Oct. 2-4

"Teaching the Christian Intellectual" Conference, hosted by Samford

Oct. 3

Choral Vespers Series: A Cappella Choir, 5:30 p.m., Hodges Chapel

Oct. 3-5

Freeman Theatre and Dance Series presents *The Wind in the Willows*, samford.edu/arts*

Oct. 3-5

Family Weekend, www.samford.edu/parents

Oct. 4

Fall Preview Day, samford.edu/admission

Oct. 5

Samford Hymn Sing, 2 p.m., Reid Chapel

Oct. 7

Samford University Orchestra concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall

Oct. 9

J. Roderick Davis Lecture, Speaker: Stephen Post, 7:30 p.m., Wright Fine Arts Center

Oct. 10

Wright Center Signature Series presents *The Heart Behind the Music* songwriters showcase, 7:30 p.m., Wright Fine Arts Center*

Oct. 13-14

Fall break, no classes, university offices open

Oct. 16

Atlanta-area Young Alumni Fall Social, 7 p.m. (ET), alumni.samford.edu/events*

Oct. 17

A Cappella Choir Diamond Jubilee concert, 7:30 p.m., Reid Chapel

Oct. 17-19

College Debate Tournament, hosted by Samford Debate

Oct. 18

Junior Preview Day, samford.edu/admission

Oct. 21

Davis Architects Guest Artist Series presents Cynthia Raim and Friends, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall*

Oct. 23

Samford Chamber Ensembles concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall

Oct. 24

Samford Alumni Association/Samford Business Network, Atlanta, 11:30 a.m., alumni.samford.edu/events*

Oct. 25

Samford vs. Furman Tailgate, 11:30 a.m. (ET), Greenville, S.C., alumni.samford.edu/events*

Oct. 26

Legacy League Sunset 5K, www.samford.edu/legacyleague*

Oct. 26

Guest Artist Recital: Joyce Jones, organ, 2:30 p.m., Reid Chapel

Oct. 27

History Department/Global Studies Speaker: David Kang, North Korea Expert, 7 p.m., Brock Recital Hall

Oct. 28

Guest Artist Recital: Tsai Family, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall

Oct. 28-30

Reformation Heritage Lectures, Speaker: Peter Adam, beesondivinity.com

Oct. 31-Nov. 1

Homecoming

Nov. 3

Wright Center Signature Series presents Arabesque, 8 p.m., Wright Fine Arts Center*

Nov. 3-25

Exhibit: *Art of New Samford Faculty Stephen Watson and Joe Cory*, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall, samford.edu/arts

Nov. 4

Samford Jazz concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall

Nov. 6

Alabama State Supreme Court in session, Wright Fine Arts Center, hosted by Cumberland School of Law

Nov. 6-9, 13-14

Freeman Theatre and Dance Series presents *Macbeth*, samford.edu/arts*

Nov. 7

Choral Vespers Series: A Cappella Choir, 5:30 p.m., Hodges Chapel

Nov. 7-9

National Appellate Advocacy Competition, hosted by Cumberland School of Law

Nov. 8

Fall Preview Day, samford.edu/admission

Nov. 10

Wright Center Signature Series presents New Orleans Legends, 7:30 p.m., Wright Fine Arts Center

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Nov. 13

Samford Wind Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall

Nov. 14

Preview Day, hosted by Beeson Divinity School

Nov. 17

Watch Party (Tennessee Titans vs. Pittsburgh Steelers), hosted by Nashville Chapter, Samford Alumni Association, 6:30 p.m., alumni.samford.edu/events*

Nov. 20

Atlanta-area Young Alumni Holiday Social, 7 p.m. (ET), alumni.samford.edu/events*

Nov. 20-21

Smith Opera Series presents *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, 7:30 p.m., Wright Fine Arts Center*

Nov. 22

Samford vs. Auburn Tailgate, Auburn, Ala., alumni.samford.edu/events*

Nov. 26-28

Thanksgiving holiday, university closed

Dec. 4

Hanging of the Green, 6 p.m., Reid Chapel

Dec. 5

Wright Center Signature Series presents Christmas with Michael W. Smith and the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m., Wright Fine Arts Center*

Dec. 8-13

Graduating Senior Art Exhibit, Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall, samford.edu/arts

Dec. 13

Winter Commencement, 10 a.m., Wright Fine Arts Center

Dec. 24-Jan. 2

Christmas/New Year's holiday, university closed

*Requires ticket purchase and/or advance reservation

Friday, October 31

Golden Bulldog Luncheon

11:30 a.m., Wright Center Stage

This event is for graduates from 1964 and prior. Check-in begins at 11 a.m.

Coffee Talk with Samford Faculty

2 p.m., Harry's Coffee House, University Center

Experience an intimate discussion and Q&A session with Samford faculty on some of the most pressing and fascinating issues of our time. The topic will be announced at a later date.

Homecoming Check-in

3-6 p.m., Howard Room, University Center

Visitors can receive the weekend's schedule of events, a campus map, and any additional information at the welcome desk. Event and football tickets will also be available for pick up for preregistered guests.

Daniel House Reunion Tea

3-5 p.m., President's Home

Join other Daniel House alumni and faculty to celebrate 30 years of the London study abroad experience at the president's home for tea. Parking is available at Crossroads Community Church.

Halloween Spooktacular

4-6 p.m., West Campus Greek Housing

Samford Greek Life is hosting free Halloween activities for children of all ages. Costumes are encouraged.

Homecoming Banquet

6:30 p.m., Dining Hall, University Center

Join alumni, friends and staff as Samford celebrates the long-standing tradition of the Candlelight Dinner, and honors the 2014 Alumni of the Year and Outstanding Young Alumnus. Reunion classes and groups also will be recognized.

Bonfire and Pep Rally

8:30 p.m., Football Stadium Commuter Lot

All alumni, friends and students are welcome.



All registrations are requested no later than October 22.

Events are subject to change. Go to

alumni.samford.edu/hcschedule

for the most current schedule of events.

All pets welcome for Samford's first ever pet photo contest.

For more information or to enter a submission, go to alumni.samford.edu/petcontest.



Saturday, November 1

McWhorter School of Pharmacy Continuing Education Session

9-11 a.m., Ingalls Hall

Check-in

9 a.m.-12 p.m., Howard Room, University Center

Quad Sing

10:30 a.m., Centennial Walk

Join the Samford A Cappella Choir and celebrate its rich history as it performs in honor of its 75th anniversary.

The Thomas E. and Marla H. Corts Parade

11 a.m., Montague Drive

Journalism and Mass Communication Department Wall of Fame Ceremony

11:15 a.m., Bolding Studio

Join the journalism and mass communication department as it celebrates its 30th anniversary and commemorates 100 years of journalism studies at Samford.

Bulldog Walk

11:45 a.m., University Center Quad Entrance

Help cheer on the football team as it marches to Cooney Field House to prepare for the big game!

Tailgates and Reunions

12 p.m., Quad



Tailgate on the Quad with . . .

Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Omicron Pi
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Howard College of Arts and Sciences
Brock School of Business
Class of 1989
Class of 2004
Daniel House Alumni

Orleen Bullard Beeson School of Education
College of Health Sciences
Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing
McWhorter School of Pharmacy 5th, 10th and 15th Reunion
School of Health Professions
School of Public Health

Cumberland School of Law
Journalism and Mass Communication
Pi Kappa Phi
Samford Alumni Association
Samford Black Alumni Association
School of Education
University Fellows
Zeta Tau Alpha 50th Anniversary

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SAMFORD HOMECOMING 2014

Oct. 31–Nov. 1

Register at alumni.samford.edu/homecoming2014

**All alumni are invited back to campus
for a weekend full of festivities.**

**Reunions will take place for Daniel House alumni,
schools and student groups,
and the Classes of 1964, 1989 and 2004.**

For more details and the most up-to-date schedule,
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at sualumni@samford.edu.

Members of the 2014 Samford freshman class gather on the Bulldog baseball field to form the numbers of their graduation year of 2018.

