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Calendar Highlights

Sept. 30–Oct. 2

Family Weekend

Oct. 2

Samford Hymn Sing: “Singing in Heaven,” 2 p.m., Reid Chapel

Oct. 4

Davis Lecture, speaker: Bryan Stevenson, Equal Justice Initiative, 7 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall

Oct. 4–5

Holley-Hull Lectures, speaker: Kenton L. Sparks, Eastern University

Oct. 6–8 Teaching the Christian Intellectual Tradition, samford.edu/events/teaching-the-christian-intellectual-tradition-conference

Oct. 24

Samford String Quartet concert, 8 p.m., Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall, New York, New York

Oct. 27

Lion’s Den, 4 p.m., Brock Recital Hall

Nov. 8

Faith and Work Lecture, speaker: Timothy Keller, 11 a.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, sponsored by Beeson Divinity School

Nov. 10–13

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Nov. 11

175th Anniversary Convocation of Thanksgiving, 2:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall

Nov. 11

175th Anniversary Ball, 7 p.m., Hanna Center, tickets required

Nov. 23–25

Thanksgiving holiday, no classes

Dec. 1

Christmas around the World, 10 a.m., Reid Chapel

Dec. 1

Hanging of the Green/Lighting of the Way, 6 p.m.

Dec. 3

Samford Family Christmas, sponsored by the Office of Alumni Programs

Dec. 10 Legacy League Christmas Home Tour, samford.edu/legacyleague

Dec. 17 Winter Commencement, 10 a.m., Hanna Center

For complete information on these and other events, including academic, arts, athletics, continued learning programs and the 175th anniversary, go to samford.edu/events.



From the President



A Prayer for the New Academic Year

Across the last decade, a new tradition has taken root at Samford. On the Monday morning when our faculty reports for the fall semester, all employees are invited to join for a worship service in Reid Chapel. After hymns and shared reflections from members of our faculty and staff, we pray for our community, including the audible calling of the names of employees and all new students. The walls of the chapel echo the names as they are read and perhaps, in the prayers of the people, we have a glimpse of the music of Heaven. Following is my prayer at the opening of this service, marking a new academic year. Actually, this is my prayer for each day at Samford, not just for the beginning of another year.

Father, we take a deep breath now, as we realize that our “to-do” lists are considerably longer than our “done” lists. As people who are called to serve you in this place, and at the beginning of a new year, we acknowledge this morning our joy and our sorrow, our excitement and our fear, our renewed energy and our tired minds, our victories and our defeats, our jubilation and our worries; and having acknowledged all these things, in this hour, we submit all that we are — the good and the bad and everything in between — to you. Literally and figuratively, we turn off our wide array of mobile devices, not just into silent mode, but off — dead in their tracks, as if their artificial light which consumes us would never glow again— and we allow the tensions of this morning to flow away, and we beseech our minds and our spirits to be still and listen, and we put away the many tyrannies of the urgent which threaten to overwhelm us, and we ask that your Holy Spirit, which is a mystery to us but which we have felt in moments when our souls were so troubled that we could not see even one step ahead of us, and we ask, we pray, that we could receive a few minutes now, just a few minutes, Father, when we could be at peace with you, and with those in this room, and with this community, and with those throughout our world, and with ourselves. And Father, if it is not too much to ask, give us a sort of restless peace, please, in which we are tranquil and fulfilled, but longing, ever longing, and working, ever working, to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

As always, please keep Samford in *your* prayers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Westmoreland". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Andrew Westmoreland
President

Footprints

Mean More THAN MONUMENTS

President Andrew Westmoreland cited one of his favorite lines from William Faulkner to deliver a message during opening convocation of Samford's 175th academic year.

"A monument says, 'I got this far,'" said Westmoreland, "but a footprint says, 'This is where I was when I moved again.' Footprints are more significant. They indicate that we were here, but we are headed somewhere else to use what we gained here."

The convocation Aug. 30 featured majestic music, thoughtful words and prayers appropriate for the celebratory occasion.

"We give thanks for those who built and sustained this institution," said Westmoreland, referencing the Alabama Baptist pastors and laypeople whose ideas and actions helped form Howard College in Marion, Alabama, in 1841.

The college underwent continuing growth, two relocations and a name change to become Samford University, he noted.

Westmoreland used the anniversary numbers one, seven and five to make several points.

"You are one person, unique in the history of the world. One person, called to do something," he said before illustrating the influence that one person can have. The late Bob Riley, Westmoreland said, was almost killed in World War II, but survived to earn bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, and to become Westmoreland's college professor and mentor.

"He was one person, but I would not be here if not for him. He was uniquely qualified to do what he did," Westmoreland said, suggesting that students search out their own calling and prepare for it.

The number seven represents the continents on the globe to which Christ followers are called, Westmoreland said, telling of four Samford students who spent four months last spring on an island off the coast of Greece ministering to



Buchanan Award winner Marissa Grayson, second from right, and Nunnelley Award winner Beth Smith, with Provost Michael Hardin, left, and President Andrew Westmoreland at opening convocation.

refugees from Syria and other lands.

"We are called to do things throughout the world, and sometimes that world is our neighborhood," he said. "God's world. Our world."

The number five represents the senses that inform perceptions: taste, smell, hearing, sight and touch, each of which can be imperfect.

"We need help informing our sensory perceptions," said Westmoreland. "That's one reason we come to a place like Samford. Through the wisdom that we gain, our perceptions are clarified, and our senses are enriched."

He noted that the footprints of Samford people will always be on campus and also beyond it.

"If we are faithful about our footprints, we don't need to worry about the monuments," he concluded. ▀

For more images from opening convocation and move-in day, go to samford.edu/news.



During Samford University's 175th anniversary celebration, we are featuring the 175 things we love about Samford in *Seasons* and on the special 175th anniversary website.

Are these some of your favorites?

Homecoming

Homecoming means tailgating, football, soccer, volleyball, a candlelight banquet, class reunions, a ball or a bonfire. The first recorded homecoming was in 1866, and it now is a grand celebration that everyone in the Samford community looks forward to each year.

Move-in Day

For first-year students, move-in day is one of the most exciting days of the year, and nobody does it better than Samford. The pains of moving in are relieved by hundreds of volunteers who greet you with a smile at your car and transport everything to your room for you.



Daniel House

The centerpiece of study abroad is a semester or Jan Term spent in London at Samford's Daniel House. The 150-year-old Victorian home was purchased by Samford in 1983, thanks to a generous grant provided by the Daniel Foundation of Alabama.

East Lake

Samford's first Birmingham home was in the East Lake community. "It was a safe and fun place to grow up in. During the summer, some professors would hold class on the main campus near Sherman Oak." (William Braden)

Snow Fun on Campus

The year 2014 saw the infamous "snowmageddon," but Samford students have enjoyed rare snow days on campus for decades. In the occurrence that white flurries fall from the sky and accumulate a few inches of snow on the ground, you will find students flying down the hills sitting on trays, partaking in snowball fights on the quad and walking on the Lakeshore trail to nearby stores for "survival" food.



Hammocks

When the weather is right, you will find dozens of students lounging in hammocks hanging from the trees outside Vail Hall or around the quad. Students laugh, socialize, play music, study and enjoy the beautiful surroundings while suspended from the trees.

Study abroad

Whether you want to study abroad for a whole semester or a short term, Samford has many options all over the globe. Ranging from medical missions, SCUBA diving in the Caribbean, coffee talk in London, the history of Rome and many more options, students can find a study abroad program that fits their credit needs and affordability range.

Submit your favorite thing to 175things@samford.edu.

Intramural Sports

Whether you are a top-level student-athlete or just like to have fun, Samford has an intramural event designed for you. Campus Recreation offers a variety of sports throughout the year for students and/or employees that are played on various skill levels in leagues for men, women or co-rec.



Free Food Trucks in Ben Brown

One of the best things that can happen to a student is walking through Ben Brown Plaza to find Samford-sponsored food trucks from local restaurants giving away meals for free.

The Crimson

For the latest news, pick up *The Samford Crimson*. The student-produced publication has served as the weekly newspaper since 1915.

Southern Conference

Samford has 17 varsity teams and is a member of the NCAA Division 1 Southern Conference, one of the oldest athletics conferences in the U.S. It includes longtime rivals Mercer, Furman and Chattanooga.

Foundations

This course for first-year students is all about familiarization. Students meet new friends while learning about topics that include the mission of the university, academic advising, time management, financial management, social issues, campus involvement, faculty-student relationships and academic success.

Dinner on the Dirt

This meal, which has been celebrated for decades, kicks off Welcome Back Week. Students have time to meet new friends and reunite with old ones while enjoying various festivities and business vendors.

Your School, Your City concert

After Dinner on the Dirt, Welcome Back Week tradition continues with a concert. Recent performances include Grammy Award-winning LeCrae, *American Idol* winner Phillip Phillips, Matisyahu, Judah and the Lion, Johnnyswim, and others.

Seibert Stadium

Seibert Stadium has been home to the Samford football team since 1958. Every game day, thousands of fans gather to watch a great game and cheer on the Bulldogs in one of the most spectacular settings in college football.

Quad

The quad has been a central gathering point for students since the campus relocated in the 1950s. It is one of the best places to play a game or hang out with a group of friends.

Mr. Beeson

A life-size bronze statue of Samford benefactor Ralph W. Beeson sits at entrance to the beautiful Centennial Walk. This is a popular spot to get a photo, and almost every student has at least one photo with him.

Victory Flag

A newer Samford tradition, the victory flag flies in Talbird Circle to celebrate faculty or student academic achievement, academic team national championships, football regular season and playoff victories, Southern Conference regular-season championships, and the NCAA playoffs or championships.

Samford Gives Back

Samford Gives Back is an annual campus-wide service initiative involving hundreds of students, employees and alumni. The goal is to partner the Samford community with organizations that are



working for the betterment of the greater Birmingham community.

Tailgating

Prior to the kickoff of every home football game, a festival atmosphere envelops the quad as students, families and fans gather to celebrate the Bulldogs. The Bulldog Walk takes place as the cheerleaders and band lead the football team through the tailgating crowd from Beeson University Center to Seibert Stadium.

Harwell Goodwin Davis

In the lobby of the university library is a bronze bust of Samford's president, Major Harwell Goodwin Davis, who helped keep the school alive during the Great Depression and led the relocation from East Lake to Homewood. Everyone who enters through the library doors knows it is a longstanding tradition of good luck to touch the nose of Davis.



Sherman Oak

Originally located on the East Lake campus, this tree was named for the first president of the college. Its offspring now adorns the lawn in front of Samford Hall, and symbolizes the university's growth and durability.

Samford Marching Band

Dating from the early 20th century, Samford's marching band has had several iterations and currently entertains crowds every football Saturday in Seibert Stadium. Pep bands also provide spirit at Samford basketball games.

Crimson and Blue

The origin of crimson and blue as Samford's traditional school colors is unknown. The colors were used in athletics events as early as 1908 and recognized as the official colors by 1910. Today, the colors are red and blue. ▶

QEP

Investing in Faculty Development to Improve Student Learning

by Philip Poole



Eric Fournier

Samford University's new Quality Enhancement Project (QEP) is being launched during the 2016–17 academic year and will have impact for the entire university community.

The new QEP provides a detailed framework for faculty development to improve student learning. The project emerged from a yearlong selection process that saw 17 initial proposals narrowed down to five. Then the teams that proposed the two highest-scoring proposals met to merge some of the strongest aspects of each, according to Eric Fournier, director of Samford's Center for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship, and QEP

implementation coordinator.

As defined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), a QEP "describes a carefully designed course of action that addresses a well-defined and focused topic or issue related to enhancing student learning" and "should be embedded within the institution's ongoing integrated institution-wide planning." Moreover, a QEP must be "forward looking" and must

inspire a "process that can move the institution into the future characterized by creative, engaging and meaningful learning experiences for students."

The QEP is an important step in the SACSCOC 10-year reaccreditation process, Fournier said. Samford is in the midst of that process, which will culminate during the 2016–17 academic year. Samford's first QEP in 2006 resulted in the University Fellows undergraduate honors program.

“Transformative Teaching for Significant Learning” focuses on the connection between increased investment in faculty development and improved student learning. The project is an attempt to answer the question, “Does focused and intentional faculty development programming result in improved student learning in rigorous academic courses?”

Fournier said Samford’s hypothesis is that “such an investment in faculty development not only improves student learning and performance, but does so while increasing a student’s appetite for deep thinking, and enhancing faculty satisfaction with the teaching and learning experience.”

The emerging Samford QEP will have a meaningful impact on the student learning experience, inspire broad participation across the university, develop the university’s strength as a teaching-focused institution, provide ways to assess learning outcomes and build upon the university’s strategic plan. Two items in Samford’s strategic plan align closely with this initiative: “create a remarkable environment for teaching and learning,” and “nourish and recruit a faculty committed to exceptional standards for learning.”

“We will be training faculty to teach critical thinking by designing or redesigning courses to be effective, and metacognition, helping students investigate their own thought process/learning process,” Fournier explained. “We want faculty to be able to trigger in students those things that foster deep and lasting learning.”

Fournier also noted that there are benefits for alumni with the new QEP.

“By improving learning for today’s students, we enhance the university’s academic reputation and further undergird the value of degrees already earned,” he said, “regardless of when someone attended.”

Investing in the quality of the educational product at Samford is important, he added. “The way we will do that is by

investing in faculty growth as effective teachers. We’ve already got a high-quality faculty committed to teaching, but we will be giving them the tools that will make them even better teachers.”

The Center for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship will have a primary role in leading the QEP with support from other academic and administrative units, including the Student Success Center, Communication Resource Center, Frances Marlin Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership, and the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment. Others also will contribute to the effort.

A group of faculty participated in a pilot program this summer as Samford’s QEP began to formulate. The program, “Critical Thinking and the Core,” involved 10 faculty members who teach freshman core classes (Communication Arts and Cultural Perspectives). The group explored issues related to teaching and assessing critical thinking, designing courses for significant learning, and developing a student’s metacognitive skills. The group developed new learning objectives for core classes being offered in the fall semester.

The summer workshop and pilot project are facilitated by the Center for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship. Assisting with the workshop and pilot project is Leonard Geddes, developer and leader of the Learn Well

Project, which is focused on improving the student learning process through workshops and consultations.

While the initial phase focuses on the freshmen experience and core curriculum, Fournier quickly pointed out that opportunities will be available to faculty across the university and all degree programs to apply these principles in their courses.

“This is about being innovative and building on a strength,” Fournier added. “We’re building on a Samford strength. We’re already highly ranked for our teaching, but we want to be even better.”

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University Fellows director Bryan Johnson discusses an assignment with Fellow Emily Youree. The honors program was a result of Samford’s 2006 QEP process.



Student Sarah McGhee plays a role in the Reacting to the Past game.

Students Read, Debate and Plot *Their Way to Deeper Understanding of History*

Since 2009, classics professor Shannon Flynt has led University Fellows honors students in intense classroom exercises designed to deepen their historical understanding and cultivate the critical-thinking skills highlighted in Samford's new Quality Enhancement Project (QEP). A series of educational games require students in her Western Intellectual Tradition courses to read in greater depth, debate, plan, plot and, as much as possible, think like the historical characters they represent in the games.

The Reacting Consortium, based at Barnard College, rigorously reviews and publishes a diverse series of Reacting to the Past games, and professors throughout the U.S. adapt them for use in their classrooms. Flynt

regularly leads Reacting games focused on ancient Athenian democracy, the Council of Nicaea, the Second Crusade and Rome in the aftermath of the assassination of Julius Caesar. Flynt reads and plans for months for each

by Sean Flynt

new game, but then shifts the burden to her students. She assigns roles — sometimes casting against type — creates opposing teams she knows will challenge each other, keeps students within plausible historical boundaries and throws in the occasional surprise. Otherwise, once the game begins, she stays on the sidelines and gauges how well the participants understand and represent their assigned roles.

“They cannot successfully do this without reading,” Flynt said. In fact, not only do students report reading more for the games than they do for traditional classes, they typically become so absorbed in their characters and causes that homespun costumes, hurt feelings and even tears are common.

Flynt said a thorough game postmortem explains how closely it followed the actual historical outcomes, helps soothe feelings and gives students the opportunity to step back from their characters and discuss things more objectively.

The Reacting game results are so compelling that Eric Fournier, director of Samford’s QEP and Center for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship, asked Flynt to lead a faculty workshop on the technique last summer. She led the participants in the Rome game and found that faculty, too, will immerse themselves in their roles and adapt the techniques to their own disciplines.

Chemistry and biochemistry professor Paul Wiget, the workshop game’s MVP, recalled the moment during his preparations when he realized just how deeply such games can inform participants and challenge their modern perspectives and values. He realized that, to protect the republic from tyranny, he had to set aside his own values for a moment, do what he thought his character would do, and join in the political intrigues that absorbed the game participants. “Once the game is on, it’s on,” Wiget said.

University Fellow Jack Kawell, who has participated in every Reacting to the Past game Flynt has led for the Fellows, also enjoyed the competitive aspect of the games. “I thought that this intensely personal and driven way of

approaching a subject allowed me to understand the topic at a much deeper level than the typical lecture,” Kawell said. “It allowed me to peer around the curtain of textbook-based history classes and view the past the way it actually was: exciting, alive, ever-changing and, most importantly, real.” He was especially fascinated to learn how personal and fragile history can seem when viewed through the eyes of those who lived it.

“For me, that’s such an amazing thing,” Flynt said, “when students who might otherwise think, ‘why didn’t they just make the right decision?’ learn that the decision made sense in the context, when all of the facts and passions are set on the table.” ▶

“Once the game is on, it’s on.”

— PAUL WIGET,
PROFESSOR



The game is afoot for students Jack Kawell and Gemma Garcia Diaz.



REFLECTING ON A DECADE OF PROGRESS

by Philip Poole

Samford University reached another major milestone this summer as Andrew Westmoreland celebrated his 10th anniversary as the university's 18th president.

Reflecting at the end of his first day on June 1, 2006, Westmoreland told a reporter, "In every encounter, I heard people speak of their deep affection for Samford and of their hopes for the university's future. I'm beginning to understand the extraordinary reservoir of goodwill among our stakeholders and the solid commitment of the members of our faculty and staff to building on this great legacy."

Since becoming president, Westmoreland has built on that reservoir and those hopes to help lead some of the most significant growth in university history. Enrollment has grown by more than 1,000 students. Eleven major construction projects were completed. New undergraduate and graduate programs have been added.

Perhaps most significantly, in 2013, Samford announced the formation of a College of Health Sciences that includes the historic Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing and McWhorter School of Pharmacy, new School of Health Professions and School of Public Health, and the Center for Faith and Health. It was the most significant program expansion in at least 50 years, culminating with the purchase in 2014 of the former Southern Progress Corp. headquarters to house the college beginning this fall. The purchase added almost 400,000 square feet and 28 acres to the university's footprint.

Westmoreland is the first, though, to deflect personal praise for achievements to the rest of the Samford community. He often speaks about the nationally recognized faculty, the work of the staff, the quality of the students, and the support of alumni and friends as the reasons for the university's success.

"I am simply blessed to be one part of a remarkable institution serving alongside some of the finest people on the planet," Westmoreland said.

In a recent interview with *Seasons*, he discussed a wide range of topics while reflecting on the past 10 years and looking to the future.

How do you view Samford today compared with your first impressions when you were being interviewed by the presidential search committee?

I violated one of the most significant rules for an interview process because I really hadn't studied Samford enough to have anything other than surface views of the institution. I knew my predecessor, Dr. Corts, and I had tremendous respect for him, but my understanding of Samford was limited. Just the same, I knew that the Samford campus was beautiful, the Samford name was respected, and Samford people were competent and caring. I hope that I haven't done anything to dilute those qualities over the past 10 years.





What is your favorite Samford story from the last 10 years?

There are too many moments to possibly narrow the field to one, but — because it is so intensely personal — I suppose that it might be the day in August of 2008 when we moved our only child, Riley, to campus to begin her Samford experience. Jeanna and I were overwhelmed with gratitude to the extended Samford family for all that we witnessed that day. It was a blessing to see Samford through the lens of our families.

What brings you the greatest joy about being Samford's president?

I've been asked this question hundreds of times, and it is always easy to answer. The greatest joy, always, is from contact with our students. Even in this job, which keeps me away from the campus for much of the time and heavily involved in other activities, I'm able to have a substantial amount of interaction with them. I draw tremendous energy from our students.

What do you consider the toughest challenge Samford has faced in the last 10 years?

Like just about everyone else who has helped to manage any business over the past decade, the answer would be coping with the Great Recession. There are a lot of additional, minor points to that

answer, but your readers don't have time for my commentary, and we don't have enough money to add the pages to Seasons that the detailed answer would require.

What do you consider to be Samford's best achievement in the last 10 years?

Despite the optimism with which I try to greet the world each morning, Jeanna will tell you that I am always seeing things that still need to be done. I'm generally pleased with our progress, but I'll have to leave it to others — now, but especially in the future — to reflect upon this era of Samford's life.

What is your top priority for the next 3–5 years?

While we're always open to new opportunities that emerge or prepared to face unexpected challenges, our stakeholders have agreed upon a strategic plan that will guide many of our steps over the next few years. The broad goals are to emphasize student success, enhance our community, extend our reach, and ensure financial strength. The plan is outlined at samford.edu/about/strategy-and-planning. Many of the goals will probably exceed our grasp, but that won't keep us from trying. I sometimes say (and I probably stole the line from someone a long time ago) that we don't always get it right, but we never cease to try.

“I draw tremendous energy from our students.”

—ANDREW WESTMORELAND



When you are visiting with prospective students and their parents, what is the most important thing you tell them about “why Samford?”

First, Samford is known for quality. Second, Samford is big enough to offer an amazingly wide array of academic program and student experiences. Third, Samford is small enough that relationships are cherished. Fourth, even after 175 years, Samford is still infused throughout with the hope that we find in Christ. Many institutions offer one or two or three of these characteristics, but only a handful offer all four.

You continue to teach a class occasionally. Why do you try to maintain that classroom presence/experience?

I don't get to teach as often as I would prefer because my “day job” makes it difficult to devote sufficient time to all the details associated with teaching, but it is still the most enjoyable thing I've ever done in higher education. I sometimes say that it is therapy for me to teach, and people usually laugh when I say it, but the statement is actually true. Within the walls of the classroom, I can focus on the students and the material, forgetting about every other challenge I'm facing. Plus, it is a constant reminder of why places like Samford exist.

You have held some key leadership positions in higher education and in the community, and you encourage Samford employees to do the same. Why is this important?

I've been fortunate to receive several opportunities for service outside the institutions in which I have been employed. I believe that this engagement is important for all of us in higher education because it provides us with meaningful experience outside the ivory tower. It enables us to learn from others and bring applications back to our work, it expands our social networks, it helps us to practice what we claim to preach, and it offers opportunities for us to show the love of Christ to people we might not otherwise encounter.

Compare June 1, 2016, with June 1, 2006.

For me, they were very similar days. Both days found me with a wonderful family, dear friends and a job I was privileged to hold. The difference is that 10 years ago I thought I could love Samford. Now I know that I love Samford. ▀

10 MILESTONES IN 10 YEARS

- ▶ **June 1, 2006**
Becomes Samford University's 18th president
- ▶ **Oct. 2007**
Dedication and opening of Pete Hanna Center
- ▶ **Dec. 2007**
Business school named for longtime trustee and benefactor Harry B. Brock Jr.
- ▶ **July 2008**
Samford becomes member of historic Southern Conference
- ▶ **Sept. 2009**
Samford begins eight consecutive years of record enrollment
- ▶ **Feb. 2013**
College of Health Sciences formed, with historic Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing and McWhorter School of Pharmacy, new School of Health Professions and School of Public Health, and the Center for Health and Faith
- ▶ **Dec. 2013**
Elected chair, board of directors, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
- ▶ **Oct. 2014**
Successful completion of “A Campaign for Samford,” the largest in history with more than \$202 million raised
- ▶ **Dec. 2014**
Purchase of Southern Progress Corp. headquarters completed, adding nearly 400,000-square feet and 28 acres to the Samford campus
- ▶ **Sept. 2015**
Dedication and opening of Cooney Hall, housing Brock School of Business

Samford to Honor **SEVEN ALUMNI**

by Mary Wimberley

Samford University will honor seven outstanding graduates during homecoming activity in November. Honorees include four Alumni of the Year, one Outstanding Young Alumna and two recipients of the new Humanitarian of the Year award.

Alumni of the Year honorees are **William R. Baggett '57**, **Charles Keith Herron '86**, **John Fred Kingren '82** and **Anne Glaze Stone '67**. **Katie Murnane '07** is the Outstanding Young Alumna of the Year.

Reconciliation advocate and author **Carolyn Maull McKinstry, M.Div. '08**, and attorney **Stephen B. Moss, J.D. '68**, are inaugural recipients of the humanitarian award.

The Humanitarian of the Year award was established this year to recognize Samford graduates of distinction, wide respect and acknowledged leadership who have made outstanding contributions to better the lives of those around them by staying true to the Samford University mission.

All of the honorees will be recognized at events throughout homecoming weekend, including the 175th anniversary ball on Friday, Nov. 11.

"The Alumni Association is grateful for the privilege to honor those who have stewarded well their Samford education," said Alumni Association President W. Todd Carlisle '88, J.D. '91, of Birmingham.

"We welcome this opportunity to say thank you for the valuable contributions they continue to make within their communities and workplaces and for their contribution to Samford's legacy of service to others," he said.

The Alumnus/Alumna of the Year is the highest alumni honor the university bestows. Recipients are nominated by members of the Samford community and selected by a committee of Samford Alumni Association representatives and university administrators. Honorees are distinguished in their professional careers, community and church involvement, and in their ongoing service to and financial support of Samford.

The Outstanding Young Alumnus Award honors a graduate from the past 10 years for outstanding professional achievement, community and church involvement, and ongoing service to and financial support of Samford.

Read the following pages for more about these amazing individuals who have made and continue to make their alma mater proud.



Baggett

Bill Baggett

William R. “Bill” Baggett has helped spread the word about Samford from the time he graduated in 1957.

“Lee and I tell the Samford story wherever we go. It holds a special place for both of us,” he said of the commitment that he and his wife, Lee Jackson Baggett ’57, have for their alma mater. The couple met as undergraduates when both were class officers.

“The university faculty and administration helped form my philosophy of life, both academically and spiritually. It was a place where I felt safe, encouraged and directed,” said Baggett, who hailed from Cullman, Alabama. “Samford gave me a fulfilled life.

“We were encouraged to reach our maximum potential. It informed who we are,” said Baggett, who served as student body president and was recipient of the John R. Mott Award as distinguished male in the senior class. He also received the Mr. Friendship Trophy.

Baggett’s career in higher education includes posts as dean of students at Stetson University, the University of North Florida and Valdosta State University. For 20 years, he was dean at Georgia State University in Atlanta, where he was also professor of counseling. After retirement from GSU, he was educational director at The Bridge residential treatment center for troubled teens.

He holds a master’s degree in counseling and a doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Alabama.

He served on a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation team and was president of the American College Personnel Association.

Throughout his career, he served part-time staff roles in his local church, including 25 years as music minister at several Atlanta-area churches and 16 years as minister of senior adults at Dunwoody Baptist Church.

Still active, he volunteers with Meals on Wheels and is a member of Emory-John’s Creek Hospital chaplain’s corps. After living in Dunwoody for 35 years, he and Lee now live in Alpharetta, Georgia.

They have a son, Jeff, a daughter, Beth Williams, and five grandchildren.

Keith Herron

Keith Herron’s debate skills at his Tuscaloosa, Alabama, high school were impressive enough to earn him a debate scholarship to Samford.

“I have always been grateful for that scholarship, because it made higher education accessible for me,” said Herron, who with teammate Guy Boozer finished in the top 10 at the 1986 National Debate Tournament at Dartmouth College.

The 1986 business graduate went on to distinguish himself in the financial field with a career at Regions Financial Corporation. As senior executive vice president, south region president and operating committee member, he oversees banking operations in Alabama, Mississippi, south Louisiana and the Florida Panhandle.

He has consistently given time and energy to civic causes and to his alma mater.

While with Regions in Nashville, Tennessee, from 2004 to 2012, he served on boards of the Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Corporation, Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum, Boy Scouts and United Way, and cochaired a major economic initiative. In 2010, he was elected president of the

Samford Alumni Association.

In Birmingham, he is involved with the Vulcan Park and Museum, Newcomen Society of Alabama and Canterbury United Methodist Church. He is on Samford’s board of overseers and the Brock School of Business advisory board.

Herron, who holds a master’s degree in finance from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois, graduated with honors from Stonier Graduate School of Banking at the University of Delaware. But, he still cherishes the skills he learned and the relationships he made through debate.

“Many of my best friends today are former Samford debaters who live and work here in Birmingham and around the world,” said Herron, who is grateful that then-debate coach Skip Coulter recruited him to the nationally ranked program. “I was fortunate to be a small part of it.”

He is married to Kelly Sims Herron, whose father, Roy Sims ’69, played baseball for the Bulldogs. They have two sons, Charles, 21, and Sims, 18, and a daughter, Caroline, 14.



Herron



Kingren

Fred Kingren

J. Fred Kingren knew early on what type of education and career he would pursue. As a junior high school student, he had observed attorneys with undergraduate accountancy and graduate tax law degrees help his father with church bond issues.

“I decided that was a good path for what I wanted to do,” said Kingren, who earned a bachelor’s degree in accountancy at Samford before earning juris doctor and Master of Laws in Taxation degrees from the University of Alabama, where he was editor of the *Law Review*.

A member of the Birmingham law firm of Hand Arendall since 2004, Kingren is a respected specialist in the area of general business, finance, securities law, mergers and acquisition, and taxation.

At Samford, he was a *Crimson* columnist, and a member of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity and the Association of Business Majors. In addition to business courses, he enjoyed liberal arts classes such as world literature and history.

“At a school like Samford, you are able to do more extracurricular activities and take more electives than at some places,” said Kingren, who appreciated an honors program course taught by a conservative economics professor and a more liberal

political scientist. “It helps to be able to see various views on things.”

About 10 years ago, he helped cofound the Samford Network to raise the business school’s profile in Birmingham. He serves on Samford’s board of overseers and is vice chair of the business school’s advisory board.

He often speaks to students in Samford entrepreneurship classes. “I try to guide them through things that are involved in trying to start a business,” he said, admitting that he enjoys it. “It’s fun to get back in the classroom to see what’s going on.”

Kingren is active in the Birmingham Business Alliance, the Entrepreneur’s Roundtable and St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church.

He and his wife, Stacy Barbee Kingren ’91, have two children, Megan, a college freshman, and Mitchell, a high school junior.

Anne Stone

Anne Glaze Stone has been connected to Samford since she was a toddler watching her father pursue ministerial studies at Howard College. By the time she was of college age, there was no question what school she would attend.

“I never considered any other college than Samford or applied anywhere else,” said Stone, a 1967 graduate whose calling to a career in public school teaching was just as strong as her dad’s had been to preaching.

Her college years were filled with happy camaraderie of the Baptist Student Union Choir, dorm mates and easy relationships with faculty. A small college campus community, she said, offers many opportunities for each student to be involved and feel counted as important. “Samford was indeed family and has remained so until this day,” Stone said.

The English major who minored in history and education taught in Huntsville, Alabama, area schools for 25 years. She holds a master’s degree from Alabama A&M University. After retirement, she was able to deepen her involvement with Christian

Women’s Job Corps of Madison County, a volunteer-led ministry she helped found in 1998 to assist at-risk women and their children. The program offers classes and training at four sites.

She maintains close ties to her alma mater though longstanding membership on the Orlean Bullard Beeson Dean’s Executive Council, which she served as its inaugural president. “Reinvigorating my ties with Samford has become one of the great joys of my years of retirement,” Stone said.

Campus visits for council meetings enable her to see how current students are being taught to teach.

“I’m overwhelmed with how well trained they are now,” she said. “The school of education is making a profound difference as our graduates go to work.”

Stone and her husband, Bill, chose to support those efforts and honor the memory of her parents by establishing the Charles R. and Ila Gatlin Glaze Scholarship to assist teacher education students. They are active members of First Baptist Church in Huntsville.



Stone

Katie Murnane

Katie Murnane wasted little time in becoming an active Samford University alumna after she graduated in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

She immediately began giving back as an annual donor, and served as a class agent, vice president of the Alumni Association and a founding member of the young alumni board.

Why such dedicated support? Perhaps it began when, as the product of a large high school in Carmel, Indiana, Murnane wanted a small-college experience outside the Midwest.

"Samford's campus, values and business school all helped make my decision [to attend]. It was far enough away from home to have a new experience, but close enough to drive home for the weekend," said Murnane, who recently completed the first year of a three-year rotation in Edinburgh,

Scotland, with Ernst & Young LLP, an international public accounting firm.

"Samford became my home away from home," Murnane recalled. "My friends, sorority sisters and professors became my family, and the quad, caf and Homewood were my home."

She joined Chi Omega sorority, which she continues to support through the Chi Omega Legacy Scholarship, and Beta Gamma Sigma business honor society.

After earning a master's degree in accounting at Auburn University, Murnane returned to Birmingham to work with Ernst & Young and happily reestablished her Samford ties. Before she left for overseas assignments in Switzerland and now Scotland, she spoke to business classes about her career experiences.

Now, as senior manager on the retail bank component team of a major audit in Edinburgh, Murnane coordinates the team's overall audit approach and execution. The team includes staff members from all over



Murnane

the world, notes Murnane, who looks forward to attending Samford homecoming activities in November.

"Samford continues to be an important part of my life," said Murnane. "Alumni before me invested in Samford to create my home away from home, and it gives me immense satisfaction to be able to do the same for current and future students."

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McKinstry

Carolyn McKinstry

“Pray for a reconciled world” appears prominently on Carolyn Maull McKinstry’s business cards. The appeal reflects her passionate commitment to help love triumph over hate.

“Carolyn’s life is a testimony of choosing to offer forgiveness and hope in a broken world, and to commit her life to serving others,” wrote her nominator for a Samford Humanitarian of the Year Award.

McKinstry was present at Birmingham’s Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in September 1963 when white racists bombed the church, killing four of her young friends. “I spent 20 years after the bombing trying to understand it,” said McKinstry, who has spent her adult life encouraging others to fulfill God’s great commission, “to love him and to love one another.”

“I feel strongly that God has called me to the ministry of reconciliation, and that means carrying the message of love everywhere I go, whether it’s in words or by actions. We have opportunities every day,” McKinstry said, adding that it’s not always about money. “Sometimes, a kind word is all somebody needs.”

The Birmingham native regularly speaks to groups about her experiences of

the 1960s in a manner that seeks to model forgiveness, healing and continued reconciliation. Her fall schedule includes talks at universities and other venues in California, Missouri, Colorado and Michigan.

A former program manager for the Southern Rural Black Women’s Initiative, she has served on boards of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, the Alabama Poverty Project and other civic causes. She helped raise major funding to preserve the historic Sixteenth Street church and to finance sculptures to memorialize the four murdered girls.

McKinstry chronicled her life experiences in a memoir, *While the World Watched* (Tyndale Publishers). The book is required reading in Georgia schools and in other common core curricula.

A graduate of Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, she earned a Master of Divinity degree from Samford’s Beeson Divinity School in 2008 and received an honorary honoris causa degree from Samford in 2013. She is a member of the Samford board of overseers and Beeson Divinity School advisory board.

Stephen Moss

As founder of Mission United, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, attorney Stephen B. Moss has helped more than 4,300 U.S. military veterans obtain sorely needed housing, legal assistance and health care.

The 1968 Cumberland School of Law graduate and Vietnam War veteran was inspired to form the nonprofit after his daughter, Shannon, returned from a tour of U.S. Army duty in Iraq.

Shannon, who injured a shoulder while guarding the perimeter of Abu Ghraib prison in 2003, arrived home to encounter long waits for surgery and disability payments. She was among many returning veterans who faced similar situations, some even facing homelessness.

Over several years, Moss solicited about 700 volunteers, raised funding that includes a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and drafted the infrastructure to launch Mission United in 2013. More than 270 lawyers in Broward

County alone have given more than 2,000 hours, or some \$600,000 in free legal services, for veterans in just over three years.

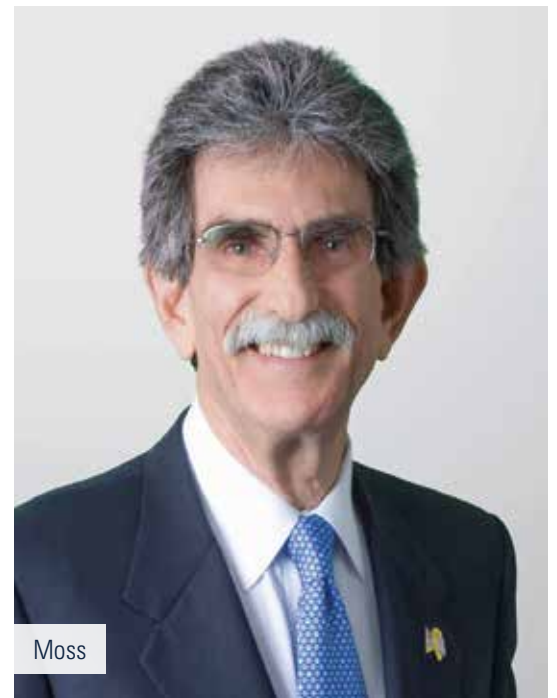
Mission United, now a part of the area’s United Way appeal, is a national model for other veteran’s resource groups.

Moss, an attorney with Holland & Knight LLP, remembers the legal aid training he received as part of a Cumberland School of Law class. Assigned to oversee a legal aid clinic in an economically depressed area of Birmingham, he worked with clients who desperately needed legal representation but could not afford to pay an attorney.

“I observed a strong dedication by the legal aid staff to assist these clients,” said Moss, adding that the experience taught him the importance of being proactive, becoming a champion for the underdog and causing changes that improve the lives of others.

Moss urges all individuals to use their training and skills and follow their personal passions to make change happen.

“Do not accept the status quo or be complacent. Rather, use your heart and soul, and make dreams become a reality. It is amazing what we can accomplish with humility, collaboration and teamwork,” Moss said. ▀



Moss

Samford Nursing Professors RESEARCH SLEEP HELP

by Mary Wimberley

The one in four Americans who report not getting enough sleep and the one in 10 who report chronic insomnia may find interest in a recent study by two Samford University nursing professors.

Andrea Collins and Jane Holston undertook a comparison of melatonin, a common nonprescription sleep aid, and magnesium, a supplement gaining popularity for sleep improvement.

Sleep quality — as in awaking refreshed — can be as important as sleep quantity, the researchers say.

“Nonrestorative sleep can lead to a myriad of other problems, including musculoskeletal pain, anxiety or depression, and adrenal fatigue, just to name a few,” Collins said.

Collins and Holston, both professors in Samford’s Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing and experienced family nurse practitioners, have utilized magnesium in practice due to its ability to improve sleep quality for both relatively healthy individuals and those with chronic pain.

“With chronic pain patients, lack of restorative sleep often increases pain levels, so an inexpensive medication with a good safety profile that improves sleep can in turn improve pain control,” Collins said.

Magnesium and melatonin are both commonly used over-the-counter supplements, and may be cheaper and less addictive than prescription medications, but each has its pros and cons.

While magnesium has been used safely for migraine headache prevention and other purposes for many years, its sleep quality benefits have not been well studied.

Melatonin, on the other hand, has a good safety profile and has been long used for insomnia but can cause morning drowsiness despite a full night’s sleep.

Supported by funds from a Samford

Faculty Development grant, the researchers studied the difference in sleep quality and sleep quantity using magnesium glycinate versus melatonin in adults, and the side effects of each.

Preliminary results of their study suggest that melatonin is more effective for sleep quantity, while magnesium is more beneficial to sleep quality, they report.

However, they want to do more research. “A larger study is indicated, and we have discussed using magnesium and melatonin together in a future study,” Collins said.

The Research

Their research began with project approval from Samford’s Institutional Review Board, a requirement for all studies that involve humans.

Volunteers, including Samford employees, provided information on their average sleep quantity and quality without sleep aids. In alternating two-week spans, two groups received blinded medication — one taking magnesium glycinate and the other melatonin. Each two-week period of medication-assisted sleep was followed by a two-week period with no medication.

Throughout the study, participants kept a daily log chronicling sleep quality and quantity, whether or not they were taking medication.

Collins and Holston, who both hold doctor of nursing practice degrees, say that



Jane Holston, D.N.P., FNP-BC, left, and Andrea Collins, D.N.P., NP-C, CNE

the study revealed new insights beyond the analysis of the medication.

Collins notes that the type of magnesium used is important. While magnesium oxide is most readily available at retail stores, it is not well absorbed and can cause gastrointestinal distress for some individuals. Hence, she prefers magnesium glycinate tablets, as they used in the study. Even over-the-counter supplements can interact with an individual’s prescription medication or worsen certain disease processes, she said, and all individuals should discuss supplement use with their health-care provider.

Holston adds that since the appropriate dose of magnesium glycinate involves swallowing two large pills, she hopes to identify an alternative such as a liquid or the popular gummies for future studies.

Collins and Holston gave a podium presentation on the topic at a Central Alabama Nurse Practitioner Association continuing education event and a poster presentation at the American Association of Nurse Practitioners National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Many health-care providers are searching for safe and more effective alternatives for their patients who have problems with restorative sleep,” Holston said. ▀

Samford on a mission . . .

Design Education for World Impact

by Ashley Smith

Preston Hite, associate professor of interior architecture in Samford's School of the Arts, has combined a mission calling with an educational experience. A registered architect, Hite recalls that the idea grew out of his interview for a faculty position at Samford.

"I proposed an idea to expose students to mission work through their studies," he said. "Dean Joseph Hopkins embraced this concept, and Design Education for World Impact [DEWI] is now moving into its third year as a senior thesis project for interior architecture students."

According to Dean Hopkins, "Design Education for World Impact is a great example of how the School of the Arts is challenging students to integrate faith, talent and scholarship. This work is vaulting the Samford graduate into premier career opportunities and impacting the world through Christian service."

Nathalie Roeling, a May 2015 graduate of the interior architecture program, now works at Davis Architects in Birmingham. Her enthusiasm for the experience demonstrates its powerful lasting impression.

"DEWI gave me a heart and meaning for my career path, and was the catalyst for my current position," she said. "God revealed that my talents could be used to help others through the design of church and education facilities."

A 2016 graduate of the program, Rebekah Mathews, said the program changed her mindset academically, spiritually and personally. "As I looked for a job my senior year, it became for a higher purpose," she said. Not only did the curriculum change her perspective, but it also provided invaluable real-life training.

"The most valuable part of the project was that our work was no longer hypothetical and that we had the interaction with the community in India," she explained.

The program's first year took students

to Ecuador, where they designed and renovated the main multipurpose assembly building of a large Ecuadorian church camp. Last year, the students designed and participated in the construction of a medical clinic in one of the poorest neighborhoods of Kolkata, India.

The thesis project will return to Ecuador during the 2016–17 academic year. Hite connected with local mission groups in both locations to identify needs and to help with logistical coordination. His vision for the future includes focusing on one mission area so that Samford can make a long-term impact in a community.

The DEWI program encompasses the entire senior year. Students spend the fall researching all aspects of the culture and building needs in the designated community. They then travel to the locations during January for a site visit, which allows them to adjust their design initiatives relative to the actual situation. Once they return to campus, the rush is on to design independently — and then collaboratively — to come up with the best plan.

The trip to India this summer included both graduating seniors and other students rising in the program. When they arrived at the site, construction was underway, but the structure was different from the intended design. The students learned to collaborate and implement changes in the field.



Visiting India as part of the interior architecture program are, from left, top row, Davis Kennington, Alicia Alexander, professor Preston Hite, and lower row, Anna Patton, Rebekah Mathews, Molly McCoy and Anna Pinter. Left: Students work with children in India.

Anna Pinter, a 2016 graduate, said, "The whole experience was eye-opening not only on an educational level, but also on Christian one." She remembers the local entity asking them to "just build the structure, and it will serve its purpose." This kind of faith is the cornerstone of the project for the students as well as for the local participants.

Hite believes the travel and on-site portion of the thesis is life-changing. He is aware of the intensity of the travel, and tries to balance the trip with some sightseeing and work with locals outside the project focus to help students acclimate to often difficult circumstances of the community.

Hite's goal has been to offer clarity for students to see how they can make a difference with their talents. According to his students, mission accomplished. ▀

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

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Bryan Stevenson has dedicated his law career to helping the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned. His Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), based in Montgomery, Alabama, has challenged excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerated innocent death row prisoners, confronted abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aided children prosecuted as adults. EJI also has initiated major antipoverty and antidiscrimination efforts challenging the legacy of racial inequality in America.

Stevenson's work has earned him numerous awards, including the ABA Wisdom Award for Public Service, the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Award Prize, the Olaf Palme International Prize, the ACLU National Medal Of Liberty, the National Public Interest Lawyer of the Year Award, the Gruber Prize for International Justice and the Ford Foundation Visionaries Award.

Business School Studies Value of **Sports Sponsorships** by Kara Kennedy

Brock School of Business professors Clif Eason and Darin White, along with Nathan Kirkpatrick of Samford's kinesiology department, recently researched the value of collegiate sport sponsorships.

A company heavily involved in sport sponsorship asked the professors to determine if fans knew it was a sponsor, and if its sponsorship was effectively tapping into the emotion and passion of their target audience.

Sports marketing students Sara Griffith, Brooks Hanrahan, Lincoln Honts, Andrew Jackson, Graham Lehman, Josh Mitchell and Jake Wilks participated in the research by collecting data and conducting preliminary analysis of the data.

"Globally, sport sponsorship spending has surged over the last decade and is forecasted to surpass \$60 billion in 2016," said White, chair of the American Marketing Association Sport & Sponsorship-Linked Marketing Special Interest Group. "As marketing strategy has evolved, sport sponsorship has become one of the most important tools that brands deploy to win the affections of customers. The average consumer is inundated with thousands of marketing messages each day. Sport sponsorship gives brands a unique way of cutting through the clutter and connecting with consumers on a deep emotional level."

Data was collected from fans, nonfans, attendees and nonattendees of the sporting events of the University of Alabama, Auburn University and Samford University.



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||| **The professors' research found the following:**

- *Fans' ability to recognize the company as a sponsor increased with game attendance, suggesting that in-game exposures to the sponsor are effective.*
- *Fans who knew the company was a sponsor had more favorable perceptions of the company.*
- *The stronger one's loyalty to a team, the greater the gratitude toward the sponsor.*
- *Favorable perceptions of the sponsor increased as team loyalty increased.*
- *Males show a stronger attachment to their favorite college team versus females, but both sexes exhibit loyalty to the same degree.*

"The research received a very enthusiastic response from the attendees," said Eason, assistant professor of marketing. "To our knowledge, this was the first time that the effects of collegiate sports sponsorship were evaluated for a single company on this broad of a scale. The results provided actionable insights that the company will use to refine its sponsorship programs. It also serves as validation for the potential value of sports sponsorships in general."

The professors presented their research at the American Marketing Association's Summer 2016 Conference. ▀

Kara Kennedy is director of external relations for Brock School of Business.

Christos-Wahab Realizes Dream of STUDYING, TEACHING THEOLOGY

by Kristen Padilla

When Yannick Christos-Wahab was 10 years old, his father changed his family's surname.

Previously, Yannick's last name was Wahab, a common Muslim surname that means "servant of the Giver." But years after his father's conversion from Islam to Christianity, he added the Greek word for Christ, "Anointed One," to Wahab, making his son Yannick one of five people in the world with that surname.

Christos-Wahab smiled as he retold the story. His dad did not know Greek but "he knew I was going to end up studying theology."

But for Christos-Wahab, studying theology was a bit of an anomaly given his African Pentecostal context. He grew up in a Nigerian home in a Nigerian community in a borough of London. While worship services were vibrant and its people zealous for the Lord, the prosperity gospel (the belief that the ultimate sign of God's blessing is health and wealth) had taken root in some forms of African Pentecostalism.

According to Christos-Wahab, the ministers he knew had no theological training and feared that being academic meant a loss of faith. When Christos-Wahab went to the University of St. Andrews in Scotland to study theology for his undergraduate work, he was the first person he has known to do so.

While at St. Andrews, he took a New Testament and Greek class from Scott Hafemann, a professor whom Christos-Wahab credits as having changed how he now reads and interprets Scripture. For the first time, he began seeing that the Bible is not a collection of isolated stories and thoughts, but rather is one large narrative of Jesus Christ redeeming the world.

"All of a sudden, I was realizing, 'Wow! This fits,' and what he's saying is actually biblical," Christos-Wahab said about Hafemann's class. "It helped me to recover my Bible because I've always read my Bible, but now I was reading my Bible in a different way."

It was also Hafemann who first encouraged him to go to seminary and mentioned Beeson Divinity School.

Christos-Wahab was impressed by Beeson Divinity School's stress on biblical languages, studying theology historically and not just systematically, studying in an interdenominational setting, and personal education.

"I wanted to learn theology in a setting where people were being trained for ministry," he said. "I just prayed about it, and in the end, Beeson was the only place I applied to. I was really certain that's where God wanted me."

Now beginning his third year at Beeson Divinity School, Christos-Wahab continues doing what he wanted to do as a boy — studying theology. But now he is tapping into his other passion — teaching theology to those who need it.

Through the newly formed School Ministries of Birmingham,

Christos-Wahab teaches a Biblical Worldviews class to 16- and 17-year-old Spain Park High School students weekday afternoons except Thursdays. School Ministries of Birmingham is a released time education program that offers a Bible class to public school students off campus during a class period. On Saturdays, Christos-Wahab teaches Hebrew at a Jewish Messianic Center to people in their 40s and older.

Christos-Wahab says it's a great privilege to be able to teach what he is learning during his classes at divinity school.

"The professors have been great examples, not just in their knowledge, but in how they teach," he said. "It's refreshing to be in a setting with believers, to be in an interdenominational setting where I get to have conversations with Anglicans and Lutherans, to be in a setting where I can have great relationships with my professors and to learn from their teaching."

Christos-Wahab is so "passionate about theological education" that he feels called to teach theology to people who have not been taught, people who, once like himself, grew up with the prosperity gospel and who do not know anything different. One day, he hopes to go to Nigeria to teach theology to his people.

"I'm very passionate about theological education among people who don't have it," Christos-Wahab said. "I cannot imagine not teaching." ▸

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



Yannick Christos-Wahab

Students **GEAR UP**

*for college preparation in
the school of education*

by Katie Stewart

Encouraging learners and affecting the community in a positive way is what Orlean Beeson School of Education strives to do daily. This ongoing goal was realized at this year's GEAR UP Summer Reading Achievement and Leadership Program.

"Being a teacher, I have an ever-present desire to want others to learn, and as a member of this community, I also desire to give back in a meaningful way," said assistant professor Steven Wall, who taught in the program. "GEAR UP allows me to realize both of those desires. I have been able to teach a tremendous group of individuals while also being afforded the opportunity to serve the local community. The added benefit is that we are beginning to shape the long-term academic success of students who will influence this community in the future."

GEAR UP stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs. Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education supports a yearlong reading initiative that focuses on reading enrichment and remediation of middle school students. This year's summer camp was held July 11–29.

The majority of the students were rising eighth graders from Putnam Middle School. They were exposed to authentic literacy and math experiences through highly engaged small-group and whole-group lessons led by teacher experts. Students also had the opportunity to enhance leadership skills while receiving mentoring and coaching support from community leaders. The exposure to high-quality reading, mathematics and leadership opportunities in



Tamyah Simmons, left, and Dwight Oatis work on an assignment.



Cherysh Sturdivant volunteers an answer.

turn increases their interest in becoming college and career ready.

"I enjoyed the student workers, doing the work with the teachers, working with other students, and the projects and work we did with teachers in the classroom," said Amaziah Gross, a participant in the program.

This is the second year of the camp and partnership with Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education. Drs. Tarsha Bluiett and Monique Gardner-Witherspoon served as codirectors for the program.

"We had another successful GEAR UP summer program at Samford," said Witherspoon, assistant professor and director of the M.S.E. program in educational leadership. "It is wonderful to see the maturation level and the academic gains of our students in comparison to last year. I look forward to seeing their continued growth in the program as we continue to provide enriching academic and leadership opportunities to foster their individual interests about going to college."

The program is part of a greater initiative designed to increase graduation rates and provide early exposure of higher education experiences. GEAR UP prepares students for college, and provides the support and resources necessary for success. The initiative also includes the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Auburn University and Stillman College, among others. Samford received \$52,600 from a larger U.S. Department of Education grant to Birmingham City Schools to continue its work of assisting more seventh and eighth grade students from Putnam Middle School this year. ▀

Katie Stewart is coordinator of marketing and communication for Orlean Beeson School of Education.

Law Alumni Raising Awareness About CHILD TRAFFICKING

by Polly Manuel

Cumberland School of Law alumni Lauren '10 and Jay Hartin '10, H. Emmanuel Scozzaro '03, and Jill Lee '92 are working to raise awareness about child trafficking.

Lauren Hartin is president/CEO and cofounder of Blanket Fort Hope, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. She and her husband founded the organization in 2015. It exists to assist child trafficking victims and provide human trafficking prevention education. According to Hartin, human trafficking is the second-largest criminal activity and the fastest growing crime.

Children in the foster care system, children receiving child welfare and runaway homeless youth are all particularly vulnerable to becoming victims of trafficking, she said. Because it is a hidden crime, it is very difficult to quantify the impact the crime has on our state, she added.

Hartin is devoting her time and attention to serving her community. In 2012–13, during the Second Global Think Tank, Business as Mission (now BAM Global), she participated in a group, “Business as Mission and Human Trafficking: Prevention and Restoration.” She also served on the board of directors and as interim chief operations officer for an organization assisting victims of human trafficking.

To further Hartin’s mission of prevention education, she produced an educational video during her involvement with Leadership Shelby County. Scozzaro and

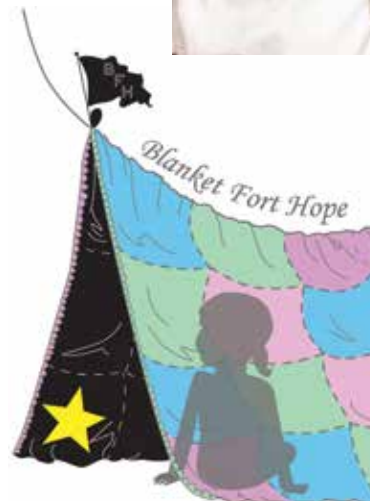
Lee were instrumental in this effort. In addition to practicing law full-time in Shelby County, they are all working to get the video into schools across Alabama.

“This project and the collaboration that has resulted will go a long way to protect our kids from being preyed upon by traffickers,” said Hartin. “We hope and pray that it will contribute to ending this horrible crime in our state.”

Hartin received her B.A. in history and political science from Mercer University before receiving her J.D. from Cumberland School of Law. She has been licensed as a member of the Alabama State Bar since 2010 and manages a solo law practice in Prattville, Alabama, in addition to her involvement with Blanket Fort Hope.



Jay and Lauren Hartin



For more information on Blanket Fort Hope and to view the educational video, go to blanketforhope.org and facebook.com/blanketforhope.

Polly Manuel is coordinator of marketing and communication for Cumberland School of Law.

Nursing School Receives More Than \$2.3 Million **TO SUPPORT GRADUATE NURSING STUDENTS**

by Katie Stripling

“In Ida Moffett School of Nursing, our commitment to the profession extends far beyond preparing exceptional nurses,” said Nena F. Sanders, nursing school dean and vice provost of the College of Health Sciences. “We are also dedicated to responding to the needs of the workforce and the communities we serve, and we have earned a national reputation for our ability to meet these needs in a way that is beneficial to all involved.”

Recently, Samford’s nursing school received three federal grants totaling nearly \$2.4 million to support students meeting unique needs through Samford’s graduate programs.

The school’s \$2,017,901 Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) was the largest in the country and one of only four nationally to exceed \$1 million. NFLP grants are designed to help ease a national shortage of nursing educators.

Jane Martin, nursing school senior associate dean and NFLP project director, explained that through the NFLP, 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 nursing school. Students continue to receive funds for the duration of their degree program as long as they maintain good academic standing.

Samford also received \$350,000 of Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT) funding and \$25,242 in Nurse Anesthesia Traineeship (NAT) funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. According to Jill Cunningham, project director for the grant and chair of the family nurse practitioner department, AENT funding will support family nurse practitioner students committed to serving patients in rural or underserved areas. To be eligible for funding, students must live in rural or underserved areas of Alabama or neighboring states, come from diverse backgrounds, or indicate interest in working in rural or underserved areas. Eligible students must submit an application to be considered for assistance.

Nurse Anesthesia Traineeships can be used to pay the costs of tuition, books, fees and reasonable living expenses of trainees in the nurse anesthesia program. To date, Samford has received more than \$238,769 through the HRSA NAT Program. Terri Cahoon, project director for the nurse anesthesia traineeships and chair of the Department of Nurse Anesthesia, explained the NAT Program gives special consideration to nurse anesthesia programs that demonstrate a “high rate” of graduates practicing in Health Professional Shortage Areas after graduation, contingent to receiving some type of student assistance. “In 2015, 75 percent of the nurse anesthesia students who received traineeship funds were from disadvantaged backgrounds or rural/underserved areas within Alabama or neighboring states,” said Cahoon.

Samford’s family nurse practitioner and nurse anesthesia programs have a long history of preparing graduates for service to underserved populations. Sanders explained that more than 60 percent of nurse practitioner graduates from 2014–15 are currently employed in practice settings that substantially benefit rural and underserved populations.

“These grants allow us not only to provide essential assistance to our students, but to address critical needs in the health-care system,” said Sanders. “We are committed to helping address the shortage of nursing faculty as well as the shortage of advanced practice nurses in rural areas of our state and region.”



Family nurse practitioner students Jena Welch, left, and Jamie Haney practice examination techniques.

Katie Stripling is executive director of external relations for the College of Health Sciences.

Hawes Stresses the Importance of Mentors

Emily Hawes is a 2006 graduate of Samford University's sports medicine program and a 2010 graduate of McWhorter School of Pharmacy. Today, she is a clinical pharmacist practitioner at the University of North Carolina Family Medicine Center in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and serves as director of the PGY1/PGY2 Pharmacotherapy Residency Program at UNC.

Hawes credits mentors with being the single most important influence on her career.

"Numerous professors in Samford's sports medicine program significantly impacted my personal and professional development, including my decision to pursue pharmacy," she said. "From childhood to college, I sought God's particular place of service for my life. Health care was continually in the forefront of my thinking."

For Hawes, this desire grew during her time as an undergraduate student in Samford's sports medicine program. "One of my sports medicine professors, Dr. Chuck Sands, encouraged me to explore the field of pharmacy, and positive experiences shadowing pharmacists inspired me to pursue this wonderful profession."

Hawes said mentors displayed what it means to serve and love God, and to provide exceptional care to patients throughout the years.

"It was during my first month of pharmacy residency while rotating with an exceptional pharmacy mentor at the UNC Family Medicine Center that I was able to see firsthand the valuable role that a clinical pharmacist plays in this particular setting with diverse patient populations of all ages," she said.

"I often tell learners and even patients that my role is to help ensure that they are on the safest, most effective, affordable and simple medications. I feel extremely blessed to be serving as a pharmacist in the primary care setting."



Emily Hawes

The pharmacotherapy clinic focuses on management of chronic diseases as well as medication reconciliation after hospital discharge. Hawes said she receives "much joy" from teaching and precepting students and residents through her faculty roles in the schools of medicine and pharmacy at UNC.

She said she continues to encourage students to seek out mentors and added, "even now, being mentored continues to help me grow as a leader, clinician and educator." ▸

SPORTS MEDICINE PROGRAM

Leads to Careers in Medical Professions

by Katie Stripling



Fueled by a passion for improving the health and wellness of others, the May 2006 graduates from Samford's sports medicine program in the Department of Kinesiology left campus ready to pursue a variety of medical professions. Ten years later, the group of seven includes four physicians, two pharmacists and an orthodontist.

"The May 2006 class exemplifies exactly what the sports medicine major is designed to do," said Alan Jung, dean of the School of Health Professions. "These alumni are practicing in a number of areas, using their skills and knowledge as tools to serve others."

Talia Gates, an OB/GYN and partner at Walker Women's Specialists in Jasper, Alabama, is an example of the passion shared by sports medicine graduates. "Since I was a young girl, I knew I wanted to be a doctor. This program offered great faculty, plenty of support, and an exciting and unique track to premedicine," she said.

For 25 years, Samford's sports medicine program has provided an innovative and customizable path to many medical professions. According to Jung, for the past 10 years, 95 percent of sports medicine graduates who applied to medical, dental, optometry, pharmacy or physician assistant schools were accepted.

Brandon Foltz, orthodontist and owner at Avenue South Orthodontics in Nashville, Tennessee, is not surprised by these statistics.

"I spent some time on the application committee in dental school, and majors different from what most consider the norm were preferred," said Foltz. "Many post-graduate programs look for variety and well-roundedness in their incoming classes, and having a different major with different backgrounds and skill sets is pretty appealing."

The sports medicine major includes the basic science courses required to apply to

medical, dental, optometry or pharmacy school, but also includes a whole body, preventive approach to health education and a strong mentorship component.

For Monica Neeley Riggins, a hospitalist at Apollo M.D. at Grandview Medical Center, and Allison Provine, assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy and pediatric clinical pharmacist at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, the unique curriculum provided a solid foundation for professional school and career success.

"The sports medicine program gave me a great foundation for pharmacy school," said Provine. "I went into pharmacy school with unique skills that I wouldn't have obtained had I gone with a more traditional path such as biology or chemistry."

For Riggins, the group work required during several of her undergraduate courses mirrors the multidisciplinary team approach she is now involved with daily in health care.

However, the benefits of the program expand far beyond the curriculum. "Our faculty invest in helping students identify and pursue their calling, and provide essential mentorship for these future health-care providers," said Jung.

"Because of undergrad, I entered professional school with a strong academic foundation, self-awareness of my strengths and weaknesses, mentors cheering me on, and a clear sense of purpose and calling for my future," said Emily Hawes, clinical pharmacist practitioner, UNC Medical Center Department of Pharmacy, and assistant professor at UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy and UNC School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine.

Hawes credits mentorship as the most important influence on her career (see page 27).

"The sports medicine program at Samford prepared me in ways I never knew until looking back years later," reflected Foltz. ▀

Where Are They NOW

Brandon Foltz, D.D.S., orthodontist and owner at Avenue South Orthodontics in Nashville, Tennessee

Talia Gates, M.D., OB/GYN and partner at Walker Women's Specialists in Jasper, Alabama

Emily M. Hawes, Pharm.D., BCCPS, clinical pharmacist practitioner, UNC Medical Center Department of Pharmacy and Director, PGY1/PGY2 Pharmacotherapy Residency Program; assistant professor at UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy and UNC School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine

John Lucas, M.D. family medicine and sports medicine, Medical Group of the Carolinas

Allison Provine, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCPPS, assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Lipscomb University College of Pharmacy and pediatric clinical pharmacist at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee

Monica Neeley Riggins, M.D., hospitalist, Apollo M.D. at Grandview Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama

Sarah Smith, M.D., internal medicine, Blount Memorial Weight Management Center

Nutrition Students Learn the Value of

Beekkeeping

by Katie Stripling

Students in Samford University's Department of Nutrition and Dietetics are buzzing about bee health, sustainability of food production systems and honey. In spring 2016, the department embarked on the Samford Bees Project, an effort to increase awareness of how bees contribute to food production, and to engage students in learning activities related to bee health, sustainability of food production systems and honey production.

"I have been interested in honeybees for over a year now and have been looking for ways to get hands-on experiences with them," said dietetic internship student Kaitlyn Waugaman. The Samford Bee Project provided just the experience she was looking for. "I was able to take the knowledge I have gained through readings and apply it to my interests in nutrition," she added.

For much of the spring and summer, Samford partnered with Foxhound Bee Company to host two beehives on east campus near the College of Health Sciences. In July, local, pure, raw, treatment-free Samford honey was harvested from the Samford beehives. "The Samford honey is 100 percent from flowers blooming in the vicinity of Samford University, and made by our bees," said Suresh Mathews, professor and chair of Samford's Department of Nutrition and Dietetics. "The bees and the hives have been maintained without any chemical or antibiotic treatment, and this natural, delicious and nutritious honey has been bottled in 2 oz. baby bears."

Students majoring in Food and Nutrition and in Nutrition and Dietetics will use the harvested honey in their Experimental Foods class, learn about apiculture, and engage in advocacy related to bees and honey production.

According to Mathews, honeybees play an important role in pollinating flowering plant species, contributing to more than \$15 billion in U.S. crop production alone.

"Unfortunately, the honeybee population is declining both locally and around the world as a result of a number of factors, including disease, pests, parasites and pesticide use," he said. "It may come as a surprise to many that we truck bee colonies across the U.S. from farm to farm to pollinate our blueberries, strawberries, apples, nuts and vegetables."

Both Waugaman and Mathews hope that the bee project will help students understand that Samford is part of the bigger picture and that it will bring awareness to the importance of bees on America's agriculture.

"It is exciting to see the Samford community engaged in protecting the bee population and contributing to reversing the unprecedented pollinator losses worldwide," said Mathews. "Through small steps, we realize we are impacting agriculture and sustainability of food production systems."

Students and faculty have been buzzing about the Samford bees. "With adequate funding, we would like for this project to continue to engage students, faculty and staff in learning opportunities and increase awareness of the role of bees in the sustainability of food production systems," Mathews said. ▀



Kaitlyn Waugaman, left, and Suresh Mathews work with honeybees.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

JEREMY EVERETT



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

[Retired history professor] Jim Brown’s perspective framed the way I think about the world. As a professor, his sense of care and concern for his students was unmatched. He was equally as passionate about history. His enthusiasm for teaching history was contagious. As a thinker, he communicated components of specific history within the metanarrative of human history. He taught us how people and systems evolve, how they deal with and overcome hardship. As I engage with the problem of poverty, I remember what Dr. Brown taught me about history, and hardship and societies overcoming together, and I use that to move myself forward.

What is the best advice you received as a Samford student?

There’s not one specific piece of advice that I remember. Instead, I remember the guidance given to me as a whole by [former religion professor] Dub Edwards. As a mentor, Dub provided me with direction and guidance in the crucial time in my life when I was beginning to find my way. More than words and pieces of advice, Dub’s reflection of Christian love and wisdom was formative to the way I try to live and work.

How did you become involved with the Texas Hunger Initiative?

During my time at Samford, I felt called to address hunger and poverty. After graduation, I explored this call by living and working in low-income communities in different areas across the country. My time living in these communities opened my eyes to poverty in a different way. I began to see that, in many cases,

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Degree/Year: B.A. religion, 1998

Hometown: Waco, Texas

Current: Executive Director, Texas Hunger Initiative

Bonus fact: In 2014, Everett was named to the U.S. Congress National Commission on Hunger.

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individuals found themselves in poverty for the same reasons. I recognized a need to work systemically, addressing local needs while also organizing state and federal resources simultaneously. When Baylor and the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission asked me to work on hunger through this systemic approach, I was eager to do so.

How did your Samford degree prepare you for your current work?

In addition to the perspective I gained from Dr. Brown, and the reflection of Christian love and wisdom I saw in Dr. Edwards, my time at Samford taught me

about relationships. I learned how to cultivate strong relationships with people from a variety of backgrounds — faith perspectives, political ideologies, economic backgrounds — and being able to care for and be cared for by each of these different people.

What advice would you give to students interested in nonprofit entrepreneurial opportunities?

I have the opportunity to coteach a course in social innovation. I tell students to know the issue they want to impact and then creatively engage the issue, both intellectually — learning everything they can possibly learn about the subject — and through lived experiences — immersing themselves in and living with the issue. I think that this lived expression is where Christians can transcend traditional social innovation because, learning from the example set by Jesus, we choose solidarity with those we serve.

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Mr. Everett’s responses have been edited for length. To read his complete profile, go to samford.edu/spotlight.



CINDY BERRY

Why do you teach? Nurses are teachers. We teach patients and families about their diagnosis and plan of care every day. We also teach the public about important health-related topics. I had never planned on an academic career until my friend and mentor called me and encouraged me to apply for a faculty position at Samford. Watching students go from timid sophomores in Pathophysiology to confident nurses ready to graduate during Clinical Preceptorship is the most rewarding part of my job. I cannot imagine teaching anywhere else; teaching at Samford has given me opportunities that I would not have otherwise had.

How did your background prepare you for your current role at Samford? I spent my career caring for critically injured trauma and burn patients/families. When you do that each day, you realize just how fragile life is, and it makes you a different person. My master's degree is as a clinical nurse specialist (CNS). During that program, I learned how to look at each situation holistically and to solve problems using the resources available. A CNS has several roles — clinical, research, consultant, leader and educator. Those diverse roles and my 23 years of clinical experience prepared me well. From the very first day of my career, it has been important to me that I make a difference in someone's life every day. As a faculty member, I think I do that in a variety of ways. If I can teach students how to care for patients and families while igniting a passion for the profession of nursing, I not only impact the students, but their future patients.

What is one thing you want your students to know when they graduate from Samford? As a nurse, you will have the

opportunity to be part of a patient's life during very vulnerable times, both very happy and profoundly sad. It is not what you do that they will remember; it is how you treat them, and the caring and compassion that you show. You often do not know what impact you make on a patient and family, but you will change the life of everyone you come in contact with. Therefore, you should treat every patient and family as if they were your own.

What is some of the interesting research you are doing in your field? I am researching student learning outcomes related to simulation. Not only do our students participate in [Samford's] annual disaster drill simulation, the undergraduate nursing students participate in a variety of simulated experiences during their time at Ida Moffett School of Nursing that impact their readiness for practice upon graduation. I am reading everything I can about best practices for disaster preparedness on a college campus.

What does your new role as Samford's emergency coordinator involve? I will be involved in the continued development and annual updating of an emergency preparedness plan for Samford. I will be developing educational programs on campus to help everyone become better prepared for a variety of potential disasters. I am very fortunate to be working with an incredible committee of people who are dedicated to Samford. My hope is that working together, we will build a culture of safety and preparedness on our campus.

Position:

Associate Professor of Nursing

Teaching at Samford since: 2002

Bonus Fact: Berry has assumed an additional role as an emergency coordinator with Samford's Integrated Emergency Management Plan.

Dr. Berry's responses have been edited for length. You can read her complete profile and profiles of other featured employees and alumni at samford.edu/news/spotlight.

NAPKINISMS

Ivey Inspires Thousands with "Napkinisms"
by Erin Bognar

Samford University alumnus Billy Ivey is living proof of the statement, "You don't have to do something grand to do something great."

What started as a way to make his own children smile, laugh or think every day

turned into a platform called Napkinisms that has reached thousands of people.

Every day, he writes silly notes on napkins and packs them in his children's lunches. He started posting them on social media, and they went viral. As he continued to post the notes on social media, he went from hundreds of Instagram followers to more than 10,000, and his Facebook album of the napkins has been shared almost 60,000 times.

Suddenly, it was not just about his kids. He received messages from people all over the world thanking him for the inspiration and the

special childhood memories that were brought back to life through Napkinisms.

"I don't think people are following the napkins so much as they are following the idea. It's not what I'm writing; it's that I'm writing. It reminds people of stories or things that their family used to do or when people took time to make their day brighter," said Ivey.

One woman even told him she was reconsidering her decision not to have kids because she never knew having a family could be so fun.

As his kids' summer break rolled around, there was no need for packed lunches and notes, so Ivey considered ways to keep the momentum of the Napkinisms movement going. He previously worked closely with Chick-fil-A marketing, and through his connections with the corporation, his friend proposed a plan.

"My buddy from Chick-fil-A said 'what you're doing is making a difference. You help share a smile every day, and I would hate to see that stop,'" Ivey said.

The Chick-fil-A Foundation provides free lunches to needy kids in the inner city



of Atlanta, Georgia, every week. Partnering with the Chick-fil-A Foundation, Action Ministries and the Boys and Girls Club, Ivey began to write on napkins to be placed in each free lunch. The lunches are delivered directly to neighborhoods and summer schools to needy kids.

“The foundation said it needed 300 notes in the next few days, so I sat up three nights in a row and wrote 300 messages. Most of them were very simple, or silly or simply ridiculous,” Ivey said.

“It’s special that a \$10 billion company allows its foundation to do something like this to inspire kids. A company that serves millions of people every day allowing this is pretty remarkable,” he continued.

Over the next couple of weeks, the foundation needed 900 more notes, so Ivey started a website where Napkinisms supporters can submit notes to help him fill lunches. To date, Ivey and his followers have provided more than 2,000 messages to help put a smile on kids’ faces each week.

Ivey has never looked at this as an opportunity to do anything other than brighten people’s days. In the future, he would like to write a book and see Napkinisms keep growing, but right now, he is focused on simply sharing a smile every day with his followers.

“I’m not trying to change the world through this,” he said. “I just hope I can change someone’s day, and let kids know that somebody thinks they’re special. I know now how significant that can be.”

The Chick-fil-A Foundation’s summer lunch program has concluded, but Ivey is still scribbling on his napkins and encouraging others to join him at his site, napkinisms.com. ▀



Billy Ivey

Billy Ivey is a 1996 Samford graduate and former director of alumni programs. He is a writer and brand strategist at an ad agency in Birmingham. Samford has a decades-long relationship with Chick-fil-A, the Truett Cathy family and their family foundations.

Erin Bognar is a senior journalism and mass communication major and served as a summer intern in Samford’s Division of Marketing and Communication.

“I’M NOT TRYING
TO CHANGE THE WORLD,
I JUST HOPE I CAN
CHANGE SOMEONE’S DAY.”

— Billy Ivey

NEW ARRIVALS



'97 Eric and **Denise Morrison** of Birmingham, a daughter, Lauren Brooke, born April 30, 2016. **1**

'02 Heath and **Amy Williams Anderson** of Helena, Alabama, a son, Cooper William, born Sept. 17, 2015. **2**

'02 **John** and **Jennifer Killeffer Anderson** '03 of Columbus, Georgia, a daughter, Libbey Kate, born Dec. 18, 2015. **3**

'04 **Chad, M.Div. '09**, and **Courtney Leach Mize** of Franklin, Tennessee, a son, Samuel Michael, born April 7, 2016. **4**

'04 **Jaime Simmons Vaughn** and **Alex Kittrell Vaughn** '06 of Birmingham, a son, Tanner Christian, born July 20, 2016. **5**

'04 Trey and **McClain Kitchens Ziegler** of Nashville, Tennessee, a son, William Clarence IV, born June 5, 2016. **6**

'05 Shaundra and **Sam Blakemore, Pharm.D. '12**, of Birmingham, a daughter, Charlotte Lynn, born March 26, 2016. **7**

'05 Kyle and **Audrea Youngman Johnson** of Georgetown, Texas, a daughter, Claire Helen, born May 27, 2016. **8**

'06 **Marlene Mann Cox** and **Jonathan Elliott Cox** '07 of Birmingham, a son, Eben Elliott, born April 6, 2016. **9**

'06 **Tyler** and **Allison Pittman Fuqua**, of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, a son, Duke Joseph, born March 27, 2016. **10**

'06 **John** and **Christie Baker Griffie** '07 of Smyrna, Georgia, a daughter, Julia Grace, born Aug. 28, 2015. **11**

'06 Seth and **Laura Hancock Hayes** of Logan, Alabama, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, born May 23, 2016. **12**

'07 **Brandon** and **Tara McDaniel Nygaard, Pharm.D. '11**, of Steinhatchee, Florida, a son, Titus Lee, born Feb. 5, 2016. **13**

'07 Jason and **Laura Cobb Sparks** of Birmingham, a son, Mitchell Davis, born May 19, 2016. **14**

'08 Matt and **Rachael Lamb Anderson** of Marietta, Georgia, a daughter, Mary Ruth, born Feb. 8, 2016. **15**

'08 **Patrick** and **Amy Clayton Baggett** '09 of Franklin, Tennessee, a daughter, Elizabeth Josephine, born March 15, 2016. **16**

'08 Josh and **Ashley Turner Beard** of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, a son, Thatcher Slate, born June 22, 2016. **17**

'08 Bryce and **Grace Perez Landwehr** of Bessemer, Alabama, twin son and daughter, Avery James and Evelyn Faith, born March 15, 2016. **18**



'08 **Jonathan and Jane Deeter Loudermilk** of Braselton, Georgia, a daughter, Gabriella Faith, born May 25, 2016. **19**

'09 **Elliott and Jennifer Davell Dansby** of Bessemer, Alabama, a daughter, Charlotte Nell, born April 7, 2016. **20**

'09 Hannah and **James Drew Davis** of Raleigh, North Carolina, a son, James Reece, born March 11, 2016. **21**

'09 Corey and **Andrea Offord Tyree** of Homewood, a daughter, Reed Elise, born March 22, 2016. **22**

'10 David and **Farah Shackelford Bohannon** of Buford, Georgia, a son, Silas Robert, born May 16, 2016. **23**

'10 **Amanda Ladd Brown, Pharm.D., and Marcus Brown, Pharm.D.** '11, twin sons, Colton Joseph and Brantley Samuel, born May 27, 2016. **24**

'10 James and **Christine Todd Calvin**, of Pensacola, Florida, a son, Cooper Todd, born June 6, 2016. **25**

'10 **Jeremiah and Brittannie Stanley Chester** '11 of Huntsville, Alabama, a son, Josiah Wayne, born May 10, 2016. **26**

'10 Chase and **Sloan Schmittke Crawford** of Hoover, Alabama, a son, James Brian, born May 3, 2016. **27**

'10 James and **Tai Butler Glasgow, Pharm.D.**, of Haleyville, Alabama, a daughter, Lily Grace, born Sept. 9, 2015. **28**

'10 **Matchett, Pharm.D. and Kaylee Hayworth Gunn, Pharm.D.**, of Birmingham, a son, William Matchett III, born Feb. 4, 2016. **29**

'10 **Jason and Ashley Shelsby Hill** of Spartanburg, South Carolina, a son, Grayson Charles, born April 22, 2016. **30**

'10 **Kyle and Amanda Rice Stanton** of New Port Richey, Florida, a son, Judson Boone, born June 23, 2016. **31**

'10 **Kate Genter White and Patrick White** '11 of Hoover, Alabama, a son, Hudson Davis, born May 26, 2016. **32**

'11 Jeremiah and **Becky Sides Alexander, Pharm.D.**, of Carbon Hill, Alabama, a son, Riley David, born March 4, 2016. **33**

'11 Brian and **Olivia Wagoner Burress** of Charlottesville, Virginia, a son, Robert Carter, born April 11, 2016. **34**

'11 Brooks and **Sarah Kleban Ficke** of Birmingham, a daughter, Savannah Claire, born June 9, 2016. **35**

'11 Jamorris and **Carleton Meadows Rivers** of Birmingham, a daughter, Genevieve, born Feb. 27, 2016. **36**

'11 Peter and **Madeline Walker Walker** of Fayetteville, Georgia, a son, William Donald, born Jan. 16, 2016. **37**

TWEETED

CELESTE @ThoughtfulJ
"My @SamfordAlumni magazine never fails to make me cry
#ItsGreatToBeASamfordBulldog



ON SAMFORD FOOTBALL OPENING GAME

DR. CLAY HALLMARK @clayhallmark
"Our @samfordu Bulldogs win 77-7!!! That's not a typo!!! #godogs"

IN REACTION TO SAMFORD'S 175TH VIDEO

CAMERON COLLINS @ccameroncollins
"As a former @SamfordU tour guide, this #SU175 video is getting me all sentimental."

JOHN NICHOLSON @JohnAShepherd
"Proud to hold my degree from @SamfordU, prouder still to pastor the church that brought it to life. #Siloam #legacy."

#SU175
CARTER JACKSON @carter_jackson1
"Some notes on my last opening convocation for @SamfordU 175th Anniversary. Thanks for leading well Dr. Westmoreland."

FACEBOOK CHATTER

FACEBOOK REACTION TO MOVE IN DAY VIDEO

DAWN PALMER BISHOP
"Proud alumni and now proud parent. Dropped off our freshman girl yesterday. So thrilled for her."

SARAH RICH
"THERE'S NO PLACE IN THE WORLD LIKE IT"

JOHN NELSON
"Best wishes for Class of 2020 from alumni from Class of 1975"

BETTY SENTELL SCHARF
"Loved my time at Samford and now am looking forward to seeing my granddaughter enjoy it. (Freshman this year)"

IN REACTION TO AERIAL IMAGE OF SAMFORD'S YOUR SCHOOL YOUR CITY CONCERT



BRIAN POPE @BPope2
"Drop her off @SamfordU and they throw a party #Samford#SU175"

JOE W. MCDADE
"From one of the Class of 1961: make the academic year 2016-2017 the best since 1841!"

MELISSA CULLER FIELD
"A big piece of my is on that lawn."

ON #SAMFORDBEES

FOXHOUND BEE COMPANY @FoxhoundBeeCo
"A shot from bottling honey from the #samfordbees @SamfordU lots and lots of baby bears."



SAMFORD'S COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCE @samfordchs
"We have bees! Samford honey will be available by mid-summer! Thank you #SamfordNutrition!"



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CHAD STEENERSON
"Didn't we just celebrate Samford's 150th anniversary 25 years ago? Man, I feel old."

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CLASS NOTES



1960s

'62 **Franklin M. Jacobs** released a new solo CD of inspiring hymns by Fanny Crosby in celebration of his 80th birthday in June. He has recorded many albums during his career as a Christian concert and recording artist. He lives in Ariton, Alabama.

'65 **Melbourn Lloyd Sellers** was among 13 doctors and pharmacists inducted into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame in July. He owned and operated Dean's Pharmacy in Opp, Alabama, for 38 years and was a floating pharmacist with the Rite Aid chain until early this year. Before enrolling at Samford, he worked as a virologist with polio vaccine developers Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin at the Centers for Disease Control.

1970s

'72 **Janice Woods Connell, M.S.Ed. '73**, of Indian Springs, Alabama, retired in July after 31 years in public school education, most recently as a psychometrist in Shelby County Schools. She is a member of Samford's Legacy League and is an officer in the Alabama Association of School Psychologists.

'72 **Bill Summers** of Nashville, Tennessee, retired in July as the longest-tenured director of the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives since its establishment in 1953. He has been director since 1988. He and his wife, Donna Summers '71, have three children and three grandchildren. **1**

'75 **Joe H. Ritch, J.D.**, was reappointed to the board of directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority by President Barack Obama. He is an attorney at Sirote & Permutt law firm in Huntsville, Alabama.

1980s

'85 **Jeffrey Tutan, J.D.**, of Deerfield Beach, Florida, was selected for inclusion in the *Boca Raton Observer's* Expert Lawyers guide on the basis of his board certification as a civil trial attorney. He is a partner and head of the trial division in Roig Lawyers Deerfield Beach office. **2**

'86 **H. French Forbes III, M.S.E.M. '06**, of Birmingham is southeast regional manager for Yamaha Corporation of America's Institutional Solutions Group. He is a 25-year veteran of the music product industry.

1990s

'92 **Randy Griffith** is director of football operations at Harding Academy of Memphis and is medical director of Christian Advocates for Adolescents. He resides in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

'94 **Amy Cheek Fineburg, M.A. '00**, is advanced programs specialist for Jefferson County Schools. She manages programs related to advanced placement, international baccalaureate, dual enrollment and virtual learning for the 35,000 students in the system. She holds a Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Alabama.

'95 **Adam Greenway** is vice president for academic services at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where he is also dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Ministry. He recently earned a master's degree in nonprofit administration from Notre Dame University's Mendoza College of Business. **3**

'99 **Damon Anderson** of Davidson, North Carolina, is launching a new business, X-Stand, The Anywhere Standing Desk for Laptops. He is a senior manager with Newell Brands. He and his wife have three children.

'99 **Randy J. Lane, Ed.S.**, teaches at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, where he chairs doctoral dissertation students who are pursuing their doctorate of education degree. He also teaches online graduate courses in philosophy and theories of inquiry.

2000s

'00 **Aaron Martin, M.Div.**, is senior pastor at Community Bible Church in High Point, North Carolina. He recently earned a doctor of ministry degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

'00 **Destin Dubose, M.Div. '03**, of Tallahassee, Florida, earned a Master of Business Administration degree in information technology management from Florida Institute of Technology in June. He is senior internal auditor for the Florida pension fund. He and his wife, Jenny, have two sons, Joshua and Matthew.



'03 **Katie Kent** married David Hyatt in June in Reid Chapel. She is a special education teacher in Shelby County, and he works in management for Aldi. They live in Hoover, Alabama. **4**

'04 **Andrew Gunn**, M.S.Ed. '08, of Birmingham is principal of Chelsea Middle School in Shelby County. He has a son, Jack, 5.

'06 **Lindsay P. Hembree, J.D.**, is a partner in the Birmingham law firm of Simpson, McMahan, Glick & Burford. She joined the firm in 2011, specializing in appellate, civil litigation, construction. As chair of the Birmingham Junior League's project with Jefferson County Teen Court, she oversees volunteers who serve as judges, attorneys, session coordinators and case managers for the program. **5**



'08 **Jamie Lynn Blackmon** is GED chief examiner and Ready to Work director at Wallace State Community College's Hanceville, Alabama, campus. She is also director of Winston County Works, an initiative that supports training for occupations in the automotive manufacturing industry. She and her husband, Kenneth, live in Cullman, Alabama, with their sons, Wade, 3, and twins, Luker and Levi, 1. **6**



'08 **Melissa Caudill** earned a master's degree in applied economics from Georgia Southern University in May. She lives in Brentwood, Tennessee.



'08 **Dan Stockum, M.Div.**, is pastor of young adults at Bridges Community Church in Los Altos, California.

2010s

'10 **Feraldo Joffre, M.S.E.M.**, was selected to participate in the 2016 Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for the Everglades summer intern program. Only three interns were chosen for the 10-week internship that includes exploratory field experiences and mentor lectures. A doctoral student in environmental science at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida, Joffre will focus his thesis on climate change in his native Bahamas. **7**

'10 **Amelia Kaitlin Masterson** married Justin Hoffman in April. A commercial interior designer in high-end senior living, she recently launched a residential design business, Amelia Kait Interior Design LLC. The couple lives in Aberdeen, South Dakota. **8**

'11 **Madelyn Henderson** is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Boston University School of Theology.

'12 **Craig D. Lawrence, Jr., J.D./M.B.A.**, is an associate in the transactions and corporate advisory services practice group in the Birmingham office of Adams and Reese law firm. He advises clients on commercial real estate transactions, lease transactions, entity formation and asset purchases. **9**

'13 **Emmanuel Antwine** and **Mandy Jayne Stanley** '14 married in June. They live in Birmingham, where he is a financial analyst at Regions Financial Corporation and she is lead exceptional education teacher at Brighton Middle School. **10**

'13 **Rainbow Arnold** and **Brock Sidwell** '14 married in July. They live in Auburn, Alabama, where he attends Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy. Rainbow, who earned a master's degree in education from the University of North Alabama in May, teaches at Loachapoka High School. They met as members of the Samford marching band. **11**



'13 **Laura Moon, Pharm.D.**, married Patrick S. Foshee in April. They live in Birmingham. She is pharmacist in charge at Mills Pharmacy at Corner. **12**

'14 **Emily Bruchas** and **Ian Cornman** married in June in Reid Chapel. They live in Birmingham, where he works at PricewaterhouseCoopers. She earned a master's degree in human development and family studies at the University of Alabama, and is a preschool teacher at Mountain Tots Christian Day School. **13**



'15 **Erin Tidwell** married Daniel Walton in April. They live in Spring Hill, Tennessee. **14**

'16 **Hannah Baker, J.D.**, married Jared Bonvillain in May in Reid Chapel. They live in Birmingham.

'16 **Jordan Timothy Beatty, Pharm.D.**, and **Kelsey Austin Flanagan, Pharm.D.**, married in June. They live in Spanish Fort, Alabama. **15**



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IN MEMORIAM

'44 Yancey Lamar Anthony, age 94, of Jacksonville, Florida, died July 16, 2016. The first pastor of First Baptist Church in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, he was a member of the Florida State Board of Missions and the State of Florida Welfare Board.

'45 Gene Elton Smith Little, age 92, of Pinson, Alabama, died July 21, 2016. At Samford, she was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron (now Zeta Tau Alpha) and a Miss Howard.

'45 Emaline Ryan Parker, age 91, of Leeds, Alabama, died July 9, 2016. She taught at Leeds High School, and she and her husband, the late Thea G. Parker '47, owned Parker Rexall Drugs for 50 years.

'48 Jay Brown, age 93, of Saint Johns, Florida, died May 26, 2016. He retired in 1988 as director of evangelism for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and then served as an evangelist and interim pastor.

'49 Luther Earl Butler, age 93, of Port Lavaca, Texas, died July 19, 2016. He was a pharmacist. He was a U.S. Navy medic in World War II before he and his wife, the late Alleen Butler '49, enrolled at Samford. He was elected student body president in 1948.

'49 Martha Young Davis, age 88, of Birmingham died June 5, 2016. She met her husband, the late Linvil Davis '49, at Samford.

'49 Kyle McClure, age 93, of Trussville, Alabama, died July 18, 2016. He was a pharmacist for 47 years. A paratrooper during World War II, he participated in a raid that liberated more than 2,000 Allied prisoners of war from an internment camp in the Philippines.

'50 William Otley Brown, age 89, of Nashville, Tennessee, died July 18, 2016. He was a pharmacist until he retired in 2007. He served in the U.S. Navy during the end of World War II before attending pharmacy school.

'50 Frank H. Maples, Jr., age 90, of Elizabethton, Tennessee, died July 19, 2016. He taught biology and chemistry for 52 years at Tennessee High School in Bristol, Tennessee, and was a trainer for the football team. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

'50 Kathryn Virginia "Ginny" Netherland Sims of Talladega, Alabama, died June 23, 2016. She was a nurse for 60 years. Memorials may be made to the Ida V. Moffett Scholarship, Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

'50 Connie Rollins Smith, age 88, of Birmingham died July 10, 2016. While at Samford, she met and later married her chemistry instructor, Bob Smith '47.

'51 Charles Clements, Jr., J.D., age 90, of Lafayette, Georgia, died July 30, 2016. He was a city and county judge, and a member of the Georgia House of Representatives. He practiced law for 50 years.

'51 Tom Donnelly, age 89, of Arden, North Carolina, died July 19, 2016. A native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, he resided in Asheville, North Carolina, and Arden for many years, practicing pharmacy full time until 1992 and continuing part time until he was 87. He was a member of the Asheville chapter of the Society for Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. He met his wife of 64 years, Nell Nunnelley Donnelly, while both were Samford students.

'51 Nell Jones Vaughan, age 86, of Livingston, Alabama, died June 10, 2016. She was director of the Baptist Student Union at Livingston University and taught fourth grade at Sumter Academy.

'53 Billy Bruce Guthrie, J.D., age 87, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, died July 30, 2016. In addition to his private practice, he was a longtime assistant U.S. district attorney. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

'54 James Kenneth Herlong, age 83, of Gadsden, Alabama, died July 16, 2016. He was a principal at several high schools and retired from Gadsden State Community College.

'55 James Joseph Crumpler, age 89, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died June 10, 2016. Pastor of Cincinnati's Mount Carmel Baptist Church for 30 years, he was a founder and moderator of the north central affiliate of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He served in the military before graduating from Samford.

'56 Harry Alfred Stewart, age 84, of Dothan, Alabama, died July 24, 2016. He served Southern Baptist churches for almost 30 years and was pastor of United Methodist churches for more than 25 years. He preached his last sermon on June 26, 2016.

'57 William James Brown, age 84, of Birmingham died July 9, 2016. He retired as an executive with State Farm Insurance Company with 37 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army, 826th Tank Battalion, medical detachment.

'57 Manuel L. Goodwin, Jr., age 86, of Sumiton, Alabama, died June 3, 2016. He was a regional director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Following Army duty during the Korean War, he worked nights as a Birmingham police officer while attending Samford during the day.

'57 Fred Lackey, age 81, of Athens, Alabama, died July 2, 2016. He was pastor of First Baptist Church of Athens for 25 years before joining the staff of the University of Mobile, where he was a former member of the board of trustees. He was president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention during 1994–96.

'59 Anne Moore Laws, age 79, of Birmingham died Aug. 2, 2016, of cancer. She taught high school music and was a counselor. She was a member of Samford's School of the Arts advisory board and Friends of Samford Arts. As a student, she was active in the student senate, Organ Guild and Delta Omicron music fraternity. Memorials may be made to the School of the Arts, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229, for music scholarships.

'60 Stephen P. Killough, J.D., age 80, of Holland, Pennsylvania, died July 29, 2016. He was senior vice president and general counsel of Manufacturers Hanover Financial Services and Resource One Mortgage Inc. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

'62 James Terry Duggar, age 78, of Jasper, Alabama, died May 22, 2016. He was a retired social worker.

'65 Robert Briley Dillard, age 77, of Birmingham died June 12, 2016. He was a longtime gymnastics coach at Jacksonville State University and Auburn University. He served in

the U.S. Marine Corps before attending Samford, where he played basketball and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

'65 Charles Robinson, J.D., age 76, of Pell City, Alabama, died May 24, 2016. He was a retired St. Clair County circuit judge and a former district attorney.

'66 Eugene Alexander Nowell, age 72, of Franklin, Tennessee, died May 30, 2016. He was president of Signal Plating Inc. and a veteran of the Army National Guard.

'66 Eugene Farris Spradling Jr., age 71, of Birmingham died March 19, 2016. He was talented in floral design, canvas art and the written word.

'68 Gerald Wesley "Jerry" Kline, age 76, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, died May 22, 2016. He was a Baptist minister in Alabama and Mississippi for 30 years before retiring to Georgia with his wife of 50 years, Menninette Allgood Kline '65. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps before attending Samford.

'69 James Virgil Gaines, age 68, of Birmingham died June 29, 2016. He worked for the Social Security Administration and was an artist. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

'70 Rebecca Davis Daley, age 68, of London, England, died Jan. 13, 2016, of metastatic breast cancer. She taught music to young children and directed children's choirs, and was a songwriter. She met her husband, James L. Daley '69, at Samford.

'73 Angela Diane Langford Lambert, age 64, of Mount Olive, Alabama, died May 24, 2016, of cancer. She retired from Regions Bank after 26 years.

'73 Cecil Lamar Mayo, age 69, of Sterrett, Alabama, died July 7, 2016. He was a pharmacist for 35 years.

'73 Joseph Benjamin Powell, J.D., age 73, of Decatur, Alabama, died June 28, 2016. He was a criminal defense attorney.

'82 Wayne Hampton, age 79, of Panama City Beach, Florida, died Dec. 28, 2015. After 23 years in the U.S. Air Force, he worked in human

resources at Alabama Power Company in Birmingham and enrolled in Samford's evening program. He later was a counselor in private practice. He recorded a CD, *A Walking Miracle*. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

'83 Mark Norman Chambless, J.D., age 58, of Montgomery, Alabama, died July 3, 2016, of cancer. He was a founding partner of Chambless Math & Carr law firm.

'88 John Alwin Bonnell, age 65, of Kingsport, Tennessee, died July 17, 2016, of cancer. He was a community pharmacist. He served five years as a pharmacist technician with the U.S. Army in Korea.

'90 Jeffrey Fain Bone, age 51, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, died May 19, 2016. He was a management and technology consultant for eResources.

'92 Kendyl Dunn Lowe, age 44, of Birmingham, died July 22, 2016, of acute myeloid leukemia. A certified public accountant, she was most recently senior vice president and chief accounting officer at BioHorizons Implant Systems Inc. At Samford, she was a member of the A Cappella Choir.

'99 Julie Averett Phillips, age 47, of Jackson, Mississippi, died June 12, 2016. She was a devoted patron of dance, theatre and the arts.


'99 Debra Robitaille Shields, M.S.N., age 61, of Woodruff, South Carolina, died June 12, 2015, of cancer. She was a nurse practitioner for a surgical practice in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

'09 Donna Harrison Guest, age 54, of Moody, Alabama, died June 15, 2016, of leukemia. She worked at Regions Bank for 25 years.

OTHER SAMFORD FAMILY

Frances Dew Hamilton, age 79, of Trussville, Alabama, died July 25, 2016. She taught history at Samford for 34 years before becoming executive director of the Alabama Baptist History Commission, which made her the first female Baptist entity head in the state. She was coauthor of *Daughters of the Dream*, a history about her alma mater, Judson College. She held a master's degree in history from the University of Georgia and received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Samford in 1992.

Ruric E. Wheeler, age 92, died July 26, 2016. He served Samford for 46 years as mathematics professor, chair of the math department and the division of natural sciences, dean of Howard College of Arts and Sciences, and vice president for academic affairs and university professor. He retired from his final post as research professor of mathematics in 2009. He wrote 25 college textbooks and a memoir, *All Because of Polly*, about his courtship and life with his wife, Joyce, who died in 2012. He held a bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University, and master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Kentucky. Memorials may be made to the Ruric E. and Joyce R. Wheeler Scholarship, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

Golda Y. Koski, age 103, of Fort Worth, Texas, died Sept. 8, 2016. She was the widow of the late George Koski, chair of the Samford music department for 20 years and director of the A Cappella Choir and Samford Band. Golda Koski was a tireless encourager and friend of the School of the Arts over the years. She supported countless choir and band tours including the 1965 A Cappella Choir tour to Scandinavia that began to define the reputation of Samford Music. In her honor, Samford alumni and friends recently established the George W. and Golda Ytle Koski Endowed Music Scholarship. 

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Soccer Team Is SoCon Favorite

The Samford women's soccer team has been the Southern Conference regular season champion the past two years. With the majority of last year's 14-5-1 squad back, Coach Todd Yelton's team was chosen to repeat in the 2016 poll of SoCon coaches.

The Bulldogs return eight position starters and the starting goalkeeper along with eight other letterwinners. Leaders are SoCon defensive player of the year Olivia Cole, first-team all-conference players Malcanisha Kelley, Taylor Borman and goalkeeper Anna Maddox, and second-team all-conference members Anna Allen and Jermaine Seoposenwe. Goalkeeper Katie Peters, a former starter who was injured last year, also returns.

Kelley scored 13 goals and had five assists to record 31 points last season.

Borman had four goals and 11 assists for 19 points, and Seoposenwe a goal and 11 assists for 13 points. Seoposenwe, from Cape Town, South Africa, performed for her country in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

The Bulldogs spent August and September playing their traditionally tough nonconference schedule. "We've won our league two years in a row, and the job doesn't get easier," Yelton said. "It gets much more difficult, especially in league play, because we will definitely have a target on



Malcanisha Kelley (8)

our back. Playing a tough schedule helps our team get galvanized and battle tested by the beginning of conference play."

The Bulldogs open SoCon play at Wofford Sept. 23 and at Furman Sept. 25. ▀

Volleyball: New Coach, Veteran Team

Samford has an experienced squad in volleyball this fall, with 11 returning letterwinners including five starters from last year's 15-12 team. Keylor Chan, who coached Northwestern University for the past 16 seasons, was named the Bulldog coach last spring.

Team leaders are outside hitter Erin Bognar, middle blocker T. J. Russell and defensive specialist/libero Morgan St.

Germain. Bognar recorded career highs in kills (28) and digs (26) in the final match of last year, a 3-2 loss at East Tennessee State in the Southern Conference tournament.

Middle blocker Emily Meitz, who graduated, is the lone loss from last year's squad.

Samford prepared for the 2016 SoCon season by hosting two tournaments and traveling roughly 4,230 miles in 10 days for tournaments in Laramie, Wyoming, and

Arlington, Texas. "We really wanted to challenge this team," said Chan. "The tournaments have good quality opponents that will test us."

The Bulldogs are scheduled to open SoCon play with home matches against Chattanooga Sept. 23 and East Tennessee Sept. 24. ▀

Quinn Drafted in Third Round by Giants

Samford's Heath Quinn was drafted by the San Francisco Giants in the third round of major league baseball's 2016 amateur draft in June. The power-hitting outfielder, who was named to various All-America teams, received a \$625,900 bonus for signing with the Giants, according to MLB.com.

Quinn, a junior, blasted 21 home runs for Samford last spring, second in the nation, and drove in a school-record 77 runs while hitting .343. He started every game of his three-year Samford career, compiling a .334

batting average with 43 home runs and 181 runs batted in in 178 games.

Quinn played this summer for Salem-Keizer, Oregon, San Francisco's minor league team in the Northwest League.

Two other Samford players, first baseman Alex Lee and third baseman Hunter Swilling, were drafted. Lee went to the Atlanta Braves in the 22nd round and Swilling to the Detroit Tigers in the 29th round. (There are 40 rounds.) Lee played for Danville, Virginia, in the Appalachian

League and Swilling for the Connecticut Tigers in the New York-Penn League.

The trio helped Samford post a 35-26 record and reach the semifinal round of the Southern Conference baseball tournament last spring. Samford is the winningest Division I baseball team in Alabama since 2011. ▀

For results and other information, go to samfordsports.com.

Men's Basketball Expects Improved Year

Men's basketball coach Scott Padgett thinks his team will be able to play faster in 2016–17 because it has gotten more athletic. “We’re going to be a really good rebounding team this year, and that will help us become better in transition,” he said. “It’s going to be fun this year watching us shoot the ball.”

Transfers Alex Thompson from Auburn and Demetrius Denzel-Dyson from Massachusetts are talented additions, along with graduate transfer Terry Brutus from

Ole Miss. Returning starters Christen Cunningham at point guard and Wyatt Walker at center are key players. Cunningham averaged 14.4 as a sophomore last year and has scored 804 points during his first two years. Walker averaged 10.6 points and 6.0 rebounds a game as a freshman. Guard Triston Chambers and forward Justin Hopkins are talented incoming freshmen.

Padgett thinks this year’s team, his

third at Samford, will bring certain skills that his first two teams lacked, “for instance, shooting the ball.” The coach said, “We’re definitely looking forward to the season. This will be the first year where we’ll have all the pieces to do all the things that I’ve wanted to do.”

The Bulldogs were 14-19 last year. High points were beating Nebraska, 69-58, on the road and winning North Texas State’s Mean Green Tournament. ▮

Morris Has Experienced Team Returning

Women's basketball coach Mike Morris will welcome seven players back from last year’s team that recorded Samford’s seventh 20-win season since 2006. Last year’s Bulldogs finished 20-11 and ranked third in the nation in fewest points allowed per game (50.2). They were 11-3 in Southern Conference play, finishing third in the standings. In addition, they recorded one of the biggest wins in Samford history, a 47-44

decision over LSU in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

This year’s team will rely on Morris’ proven formula of a tenacious defense and a disciplined Princeton attack. In addition to last year’s returnees, Morris looks forward to the return of junior guard Hannah Nichols, who sat out last year after leading the team with a 14.1 scoring average two years ago. Nichols was the SoCon Freshman of the Year three years ago.

Joining Nichols will be returnees Lydia McGee, Cassidy Blevins, Krista Stricklin, Brittany Stevens and Cassidy Williams at guard, and Ellen Riggins and Olivia Crozier at forward. Newcomers will include freshmen Katie Allen, Charity Brown, Samantha Fitzgerald, Leslie Golden and Paige Serup.

Morris has a career record of 242-183 for his 14 seasons as head coach. ▮

SoCon Coaches Pick Samford Third

Samford was picked to finish third in Southern Conference football this fall in a preseason poll of the league’s head coaches. The Bulldogs posted their fifth consecutive winning season last year, rallying to win their last three games for a 6-5 finish.

Coach Chris Hatcher’s team returns eight starters on offense and seven on defense for 2016. Eight Samford players were named to the preseason All-SoCon team (four on the first team and four on the second team).

First-team members were offensive lineman Armando Bonheur, wide receiver Karel Hamilton, defensive lineman Ahmad Golden and defensive back Jamerson Blount.

Named to the second team were quarterback Devlin Hodges, wide receiver Kelvin McKnight, defensive lineman Xavier Forrest and punter Austin Barnard.

Samford put up some impressive numbers last fall, leading the conference in scoring, passing and total offense, and finishing third in the nation in yards passing per game. With a majority of last fall’s offensive unit returning, the Bulldogs should be strong on offense again this fall.

The Bulldogs opened the 2016 season with wins over Mars Hill College and Central Arkansas. ▮

Karel Hamilton (3)



Thompson Honors Memory of **Classmate with Estate Gift**

More than 20 years ago, the DeVotie Heritage Society was established at Samford University to commemorate the vision and ideals of Howard College cofounder James H. DeVotie, then pastor of Siloam Baptist Church in Marion, Alabama.

DeVotie helped secure the first planned gift to Howard College, according to Gene Howard III, Samford's director of gift and estate planning. This strategic gift provided the land that would shelter the college in its infancy.

It was not difficult for Samford alumna Mary V. Thompson to consider the DeVotie Society in her estate planning. Her motivation was to honor the memory of a cherished classmate.

It started in the summer of 2007, when Thompson learned of the death of one of her "dearest friends" from undergraduate days, a Nigerian student named Samuel Fadeji. Thompson, who now is a historian with the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon, Virginia, had kept up with Fadeji after they were classmates in the mid-1970s.

After completing his studies in the U.S., Fadeji returned to his native Nigeria, where he eventually served as general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and was a faculty member at the Baptist seminary there. He was also active in the international church, where

he served two terms as president of the All Africa Baptist Fellowship and represented Nigeria in the Baptist World Alliance.

"Sam was one of the finest Christian gentlemen I've ever had the privilege to know," Thompson said. "I felt that Samford should be encouraging his sort of dedication; infectious, joyous faith; and love for all."

Thompson contacted Samford about setting up something to honor Fadeji's memory. She explained that it took "three years of emails and conversations, both on the phone and in person" to hammer out the details, but a scholarship fund named for Fadeji was created in 2010.

Although the fund is still small, Thompson has made arrangements in her estate plan to increase the scholarship fund in the future. She encourages others to follow her lead in making a planned gift to benefit Samford.

Such a gift would benefit Samford by encouraging young scholars to follow in Fadeji's "very large footsteps," Thompson added.

"It also ensures that the legacy of this great man will continue into the future. I



Mary Thompson

hope that the Dr. Samuel Olaniran Fadeji Scholarship will allow future ministerial students, either from Africa or planning a career in foreign missions, to get started in their callings."

To learn more about the DeVotie Heritage Society, contact Gene Howard at wehoward@samford.edu or go to samford.edu/giving.

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Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Mitchell, Nashville, Tennessee

Howard College Class of 1961

Legacy Scholarship

in honor of Class of 1961

Mr. Joe W. McDade, Montgomery, Alabama

Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing

in honor of Ms. Allison Clement

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

in honor of Dr. Arlene Hayne

Mrs. Trisha W. Stovall, Mountain Brook, Alabama

Lottie Apperson Jacks Scholarship

in honor of Mrs. Lottie A. Jacks

Dr. Rosemary M. Fisk & Mr. Howard P. Walthall,
Vestavia Hills, Alabama

Mann Center Excellence Fund

in honor of Mr. Joe W. McDade

Mr. William S. Ringler, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

in honor of Mrs. Allison Nanni

Ms. Devynne Roahrig, Aledo, Texas

Penny Marler Endowed Scholarship

in honor of Dr. Penny Long Marler

Dr. & Mrs. James R. Strange, Hoover, Alabama

McWhorter School of Pharmacy

in honor of Dr. Meredith W. Nelson

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

Jeff and Lori Northrup Annual Music Performance Award

in honor of Nathan Dawkins

Mrs. Lor & Mr. Jeff Northrup, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

Maurice Persall Endowed Scholarship

in honor of Dr. Maurice Persall

Drs. Lisa & Douglas Beckham, Hoover, Alabama

Preministerial Scholars Alumni Fund

in honor of Dr. James R. Barnette and

Dr. Penny L. Marler

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew L. Toney-Noland, London, UK

Psychology Department Fund

in honor of Dr. Jack Berry

Ms. Emily Kelly, Jackson, Mississippi

Religion Department Fund

in honor of Dr. Scott McGinnis

Canterbury United Methodist Church,

Mountain Brook, Alabama

Samford Fund

in honor of Casey Brookhart

Mr. & Mrs. Smith W. Brookhart IV, Atlanta, Georgia

in honor of Mr. Monty Hogewood

Ms. Lynn D. Hogewood, Birmingham

in honor of Mrs. Beth Thorne Stukes

Mrs. Terri D. Lyon, Mountain Brook, Alabama

Samford Crimson Newspaper

in honor of Dr. Michael Clay Carey, Jr.

Ms. Grace Miserocchi, Brentwood, Tennessee

Samford Parents Endowed Scholarship Fund

in honor of Mrs. Marla H. Corts

Mr. & Mrs. Chason H. Wachter, Spanish Fort,

Alabama

Spiritual Life General Fund

in honor of Mr. John A. Roland

Mr. & Mrs. Jason W. Roland, Columbia, Missouri

Spiritual Life Missions Fund

in honor of Mr. Nathan McIntosh

Ms. Elizabeth Mullins, Birmingham

Sports Marketing Excellence Fund

in honor of Sports Marketing Program

Ms. Caroline Novkov, Signal Mountain, Tennessee

Shelley Stewart Scholarship Fund

in honor of Dr. Andy Westmoreland

Brookwood Baptist Church, Mountain Brook,

Alabama

University Library

in honor of Alpha Delta Pi

Ms. Sarah Grace Buckley, Birmingham

Lucille Burgess Walls and Faye Drumond

Walls Scholarship

in honor of Mrs. Lucille Burgess Walls and Mrs.

Faye Drummond Walls

Mr. James G. Walls, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

World Languages and Cultures

Department Fund

in honor of Dr. Carlos Aleman

Mr. Nathan Yoguez, Norwalk, California

MEMORIALS

John Lee Armstrong Endowed Scholarship

in memory of Mrs. Dorothy T. Armstrong

and Mrs. Lona Massey

Mrs. Jo Ann W. Armstrong, Center Point, Alabama

Jeffrey Bone Memorial Scholarship

in memory of Jeffrey F. Bone

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bone, Langston, Alabama

Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Boyd, Cleveland, Tennessee

Jack Smith Family, Mountain Brook, Alabama

Ms. Sarah Schmidt, Huntsville, Alabama

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Speakman, Opelika, Alabama

Brock School of Business Excellence Fund

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

Mrs. A. Alisa Boone, Mountain Brook, Alabama

Staci Elise Carnley Endowed Scholarship

in memory of Mr. Terry Carnley

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bailey, Panama City Beach, Florida

Colonial Dames History Award

in memory of Eva Comer Ryding

Kenny Ryding Powell, Mountain Brook, Alabama

Cynthia Shook Sproull, Mountain Brook, Alabama

Eva Shook Vare, Mountain Brook, Alabama

Cox Scholarship Fund

in memory of Ms. Martha A. Cox

and Linda LeDuke

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip E. Williams, Sr., Hoschton, Georgia

Caitlin Creed Samford Auxiliary Scholarship

in memory of Ms. Caitlin Creed

Drs. Nancy & Joseph Biggio, Birmingham

Dr. Jeanie A. Box, Mountain Brook, Alabama

Dr. & Mrs. J. Bradley Creed, Buies Creek,

North Carolina

Mr. David R. Tucker, Jr., Vestavia Hills, Alabama

James E. Davidson Fund for Rural Ministries

in memory of Florinne Clarke Campbell

Dr. & Mrs. J. Rudolph Davidson, Birmingham

Joseph O. Dean, Jr., Pharmacy Scholarship

in memory of Dr. William Hull

Dr. Pamela J. Sims, Hoover, Alabama

Entrepreneurship Management and Marketing Excellence Fund

in memory of Rev. Thomas Edward Cozart

Mr. Thomas W. Cozart, Dothan, Alabama

Jack Smith Family, Henagar, Alabama

Marion A. Ferguson Scholarship Fund

in memory of Mrs. Marion A. Ferguson

Ms. Shirley I. McCarty, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

Friends of Samford Arts

in memory of Mr. Harold Williams

and Mrs. Peggy Faircloth

Brooks Interiors, Birmingham

Friends of Music

in memory of Betsy Bridges Bennett

Ms. Amanda B. Pierce, Birmingham

in memory of Dr. W. T. & Mrs. Peggy Edwards

Mr. Robert E. Lee, Prospect, Kentucky

in memory of Dr. Harry Edward Tibbs

Mr. Robert E. Lee, Louisville, Kentucky

Hi Mom Fund SU*in memory of Clara Richardson Roberts*

Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Mitchell, Nashville, Tennessee

Howard College Class of 1961**Legacy Scholarship***in memory of Ms. Sylvia Hopper*

Dr. & Mrs. Eugene C. Roberts, West Point, Georgia

Ida Moffett Nursing Scholarship Fund*in memory of Mrs. Virginia N. Sims*

Dr. SangAe Kim-Park, Birmingham

Ms. Mary Beth Reed, Stone Mountain, Georgia

Mr. & Mrs. Stan M. Shepherd, Eatonton, Georgia

in memory of Mrs. Linda M. Stewart

Mrs. Shirley S. Hendrix, Pelham, Alabama

Legacy Scholarship*in memory of Marylyn Smith Crisler*

Dr. & Mrs. Phil Kimrey, Birmingham

Legacy League School of the Arts**Centennial Scholarship***in memory of Mr. Donald W. Moore**and Trevelyn G. Campbell*

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Roberson, Hueytown, Alabama

Legacy League Cowley MK**Endowed Scholarship***in memory of Ted Carter*

Ms. Kerry E. Leeper Brock, Central, South Carolina

Jennings B. Marshall Endowed Service Award*in memory of Mary Morton Crenshaw*

Marshall, Hendon, Minter & Associates Inc.,

Birmingham

Minority Bridge Fund*in memory of Deri Laiyah Mitchell*

Ms. Candice J. Adams-Mitchell, Mountain Brook,

Alabama

Minority Student Annual Scholarship*in memory of Rev. Robert U. Ferguson, Sr.*

Dr. Susan F. Bradley, Birmingham

The Mothers Fund Scholarship*in memory of Belva Dozier Owen*

Hon. Karon O. Bowdre & Mr. J. Birch Bowdre, Jr.,

Birmingham

National Veterans Day Scholarship*in memory of SFC Greg Rodriguez*

Mr. Eric M. Napier, Fruitland Park, Florida

Orlean Beeson School of Education*in memory of Dr. Alto Luther Garner*

Rev. Tamara Tillman Smathers, Nashville, Tennessee

in memory of Dr. Dan Sandifer-Stech

Miss Laran E. Lofton, Birmingham

in memory of Jon Sellers

Mr. & Mrs. Joshua H. Sellers, Hoover, Alabama

Zelma & Pat Pattillo Scholarship*in memory of Mr. Wesley M Pattillo, Jr.*

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald A. Macon, Middletown, Virginia

Mrs. Zelma M. Pattillo, Mountain Brook, Alabama

Samford Fund*in memory of Mr. Walter Attaway*

Mrs. Belvenia H. Attaway, Rome, Georgia

in memory of Mr. Wayne Cofield

Mr. & Mrs. Dorsey L. Shannon, Jr., Tulsa, Oklahoma

*in memory of Mr. Jerry Kline**and Mr. H. Michael Owens*

Dr. & Mrs. Mike Shaw, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

in memory of Ms. Connie Tucker

Mr. Larry Tucker, Hanceville, Alabama

in memory of Dr. Ruric Wheeler

Dr. Paul W. Wheeler & Mrs. Joy Gooch, Nashville,

Tennessee

Samford Legacy League Elouise Wilkins**Williams Scholarship***in memory of Mr. Harold Williams*

Mrs. Lottie A. Jacks, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

Dr. Ellinor B. White, Huntsville, Alabama

Samford Parents Endowed Scholarship Fund*in memory of Dr. Thomas E. Corts**and Mr. Harold Williams*

Mr. & Mrs. Chason H. Wachter, Spanish Fort,

Alabama

University Library*in memory of Papa Jack*

Drs. Nancy & Joseph Biggio, Birmingham

Greg Walker Memorial Scholarship*in memory of Mrs. Gladys E. Walker*

Mr. & Mrs. William Campbell, Montgomery, Alabama

Mrs. Marla Corts, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph L. Dressler, Mountain Brook,

Alabama

Mrs. Nancy H. Driskill, Birmingham

Mrs. Mary W. Flowers, Woodstock, Georgia

Ms. Jan Haggerty, Birmingham

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard A. Hamby, Highlands Ranch,

Colorado

Rev. & Mrs. A. Crawford Howell, Dothan, Alabama

Mr. & Mrs. Davor A. Luketic, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

Mrs. Marjorie Kay Nix, Birmingham

Dr. & Mrs. R. Waid Shelton, Jr., Asheville, North

Carolina

Rev. & Mrs. Stanley L. Stepleton, Helena, Alabama

Mrs. Laurie Thompson, Birmingham

Philip and Cynthia Wise Endowed**Scholarship Fund***in memory of Dr. Philip D. Wise*

Rev. Brad & Mrs. Cynthia Wise Mitchell, Alpine,

Alabama

John Gary Wyatt Leadership in Business**Endowed Scholarship***in memory of Mr. John Gary Wyatt*

Leadership Vestavia Hills, Vestavia Hills, Alabama



Homecoming

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**Celebrate Samford University's 175th anniversary
at homecoming Nov. 10-13!**



**Howard College of Arts and Sciences
Course Preview: "Identity, Punishment
and Control in the Prison"**

1-2 p.m., 134 Brooks Hall

Professors Theresa Davidson and Steven Epley preview their new interdisciplinary course on a pressing social topic.

**Alumni Association Open Meeting
1-2 p.m., Brock Forum, Dwight Beeson
Hall**

All alumni are invited to this annual, open meeting led by the association's president, Todd Carlisle.

**175th Anniversary Festival Procession
2 p.m., Quad**

Join a festival procession from the quad, down Centennial Walk to Wright Center for the convocation and service of thanksgiving celebrating Samford's 175 years while Stephen Brooks Knight performs a carillon concert. Rally around the gonfalon representing your college or school. Academic regalia is welcome.

**175th Anniversary Convocation and
Service of Thanksgiving
2:30-4 p.m., Wright Center Concert
Hall**

This formal academic convocation and service of thanksgiving will celebrate Samford's 175 years of progress, reflecting on the university's history while setting our eyes on the future. Attire is business casual; academic regalia is welcome.

**Volleyball versus UNCG*
4 p.m., Seibert Hall**

Purchase tickets at samfordsports.com/tickets or 205-726-DOGS.

**175th Anniversary Ball*
7-11 p.m., Hanna Center**

Dance the night away! Ticket may be purchased at registration. VIP tickets are

available and include a special VIP reception, reserved area at the ball and VIP parking. Attire is black tie optional.

Saturday, Nov. 12

5K and Fun Run*

**8 a.m., Samford Track and Soccer
Stadium**

Join Samford University's Aerospace Studies Club for a 5K and Fun Run honoring our nation's veterans and university alumni. Enjoy patriotic music and camaraderie as you run along scenic Lakeshore Trail. Register at active.com by searching "Samford."

**McWhorter School of Pharmacy
Homecoming CE Program*
8-10:15 a.m., east campus, new College
of Health Sciences facilities**

Join the pharmacy school for two hours of live continuing education. Then tour the new home of the pharmacy school and the College of Health Sciences while connecting with faculty, staff and students. This event is free for all pharmacy alumni. Register at samford.edu/pharmacy/continuing-education.

**Class of 1961 Reunion Breakfast*
8:30-10:30 a.m., Howard Room,
University Center**

Members of the Class of 1961 will gather together in celebration of their 55-year reunion. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at registration.

**College of Health Sciences Reception
with President Andrew Westmoreland
and Vice Provost Nena Sanders
9-11 a.m., east campus, new College of
Health Sciences facilities**

Tour the impressive new facilities on east campus while visiting with Samford faculty, staff and administration. A continental breakfast will be available.

Self-Guided Tours

9 a.m. -4 p.m., Art Lofts and Cooney Hall

**School of the Arts Brunch Cabaret*
9:30 a.m., Harry's Coffeehouse,
University Center**

The brunch cabaret will showcase the talent of current School of the Arts students in an informal and entertaining setting. Complimentary tickets for limited seating may be reserved at tickets.samford.edu or 205-726-2853.

Greek Life Open Houses

10 a.m.

- Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae Brunch
- Alpha Omicron Pi Open House
- Chi Omega Open House
- Phi Mu Alumnae Brunch
- Sigma Chi Chapter Meeting
- Sigma Nu Open House
- Zeta Tau Alpha Alumnae Brunch

**Francis Marlin Mann Awards for
Leadership and Character**

**10:30-11:30 a.m., Rotunda, Center for
Healing Arts**

The Frances Marlin Mann Awards for Leadership and Character are awarded annually to 11 students from the university's 10 academic schools and athletics programs. Students are nominated by deans and other university administration, and selected based upon their leadership and strong character traits, including humility, courage, self-control and justice.

**Department of Biological and
Environmental Science lecture
with Dr. Charles Woods**

**11 a.m., Christenberry Planetarium, Propst
Hall**

Attend a lecture by Dr. Charles Woods, executive committee chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Section of Epidemiology, Public Health and Evidence.



For questions about homecoming, please contact the Office of Alumni Programs and Annual Giving at 205-726-4065 or sualumni@samford.edu.

Tailgating

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Quad

Samford University Alumni Association*

All Samford alumni and their families are welcome to purchase lunch from the alumni association tailgate. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at registration.

Class of 1991 Reunion*

As a part of their 25-year reunion, classmates from the Class of 1991 are invited to take part in a special tailgate lunch. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at registration.

Class of 2006 Reunion*

As a part of their 10-year reunion, classmates from the Class of 2006 are invited to take part in a special tailgate lunch. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at registration.

Class of 2011 Reunion*

Celebrate your five-year reunion with this special tailgating lunch for the Class of 2011. Tickets are \$11 and may be purchased at registration.

Black Alumni Association

Join with fellow African-American alumni for a special tailgate that will include a stroll-off between students and alumni of local NPHC fraternities and sororities.

Ambassadors

Celebrating the program's 20th year, this tailgate is open to alumni who served as Samford ambassadors.

Athletics S-Club*

This tailgate is open to all former Samford student-athletes who earned letterman status for at least one year. Registration details are forthcoming.

Legacy League

This tailgate is open to all previous Samford Auxiliary/Legacy League scholarship recipients, Legacy League members and others who are interested in learning more about the organization's mission and events.

Student Government Association

This tailgate is open to all alumni who served on SGA and current SGA student leadership.

Parents Association

This tailgate is open to all past and present Samford parents.

School Tailgates

School of the Arts
Howard College of Arts and Sciences
Brock School of Business
Orlean Beeson School of Education
College of Health Sciences
School of Health Professions
Ida Moffett School of Nursing
McWhorter School of Pharmacy
School of Public Health

Greek Life Tailgates

Alpha Delta Pi
Alpha Omicron Pi
Alpha Phi Alpha
Alpha Tau Omega
Chi Omega
Delta Sigma Theta
Kappa Alpha Psi
Phi Mu
Pi Kappa Phi
Sigma Chi
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Sigma Nu
Zeta Tau Alpha

Journalism and Mass Communication Wall of Fame Ceremony

11:15 a.m., Bolding Studio, Swearingen Hall

Join the JMC department as it celebrates its eighth class of Wall of Fame inductees, alumni who have made an impact on the department, and on the world of journalism and mass media.

Bulldog Walk

12:15 p.m., Quad

Cheer on the football team as it makes the pregame walk through the quad to Sullivan-Cooney Family Field House.

Football vs. Mercer

2:30 p.m., Seibert Stadium

Wear your red and blue and pack Seibert Stadium as the Bulldogs take on Southern Conference opponents, the Mercer Bears. Purchase tickets at samfordsports.com/tickets.

Class of 1991 Reunion Dinner*

5:30-7:30 p.m., Howard Room, University Center

In celebration of their 25-year class reunion, members of the Class of 1991 are invited to dinner after the football game. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with your former classmates as well as reflect on your college memories. Tickets are \$12 per person and may be purchased at registration.

Class of 1966 Reunion Dinner

6 p.m., Rotunda, Center for Healing Arts

In celebration of their 50-year class reunion, members of the Class of 1966 are invited to dinner after the football game. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with your former classmates as well as reflect on your college memories. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased at registration.

Sunday, Nov. 13

Worship Service

10-11 a.m., Reid Chapel

End the weekend with a time of worship and prayer. Afterward, take part in a self-guided prayer walk around campus.

Brunch

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Cafeteria, University Center

Enjoy brunch in the renovated Caf before departing campus.

Women's Basketball versus Memphis Tip-off TBA, Hanna Center

Tickets can be purchased at samfordsports.com/tickets or 205-726-DOGS.

With special anniversary events unique to this year, homecoming is set to be bigger than ever before, and as an alum, you will play an important part. We hope you and your family will make the trip back to campus for this historic weekend.

Register for homecoming at alumni.samford.edu/homecoming.

*This schedule will continue to be updated at alumni.samford.edu/homecoming
Events marked with an asterisk (*) require registration and/or payment.*

Thursday, Nov. 10

World Languages and Cultures Welcomes Author Louise Dupré
10-10:50 a.m., 202 Burns Hall

Celebrate National French Week with Samford's Department of World Languages and Cultures as it welcomes Quebec poet, novelist, dramatist literary critic and former professor of creative writing Louise Dupré.

Ida Moffett School of Nursing Cap and Cape Society Luncheon*
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Shades Mountain Baptist Church

Birmingham Baptist Hospital and Ida Moffett School of Nursing alumni from the classes of 1922-74 are invited to revisit the storied history of the nursing school with former classmates and faculty. Invitations will be sent with registration information. Please send questions to Patrick Allen at pallen3@samford.edu.

Opening Reception, Exhibition of Fine Art Photography by Alumnus Cliff Bell
4-6 p.m., Samford Art Gallery, Swearingen Hall

Meet 2010 Samford alumnus Cliff Bell at the exhibition's opening reception. The exhibition will be open through Sunday afternoon.

Documentary Viewing with the Samford Global Center and Office of Spiritual Life
7-8:30 p.m., Brock Forum, Dwight Beeson Hall

View *The Disturbances*, an EthicsDaily.com documentary about the role former Samford professor Bill Cowley and his wife, Audrey, played as missionaries in saving lives during the 1966 genocide in Nigeria. The Cowleys will attend.

ASO Red Diamond Super POPS! presents "Red, White & Swing"*
7-9:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall
Alabama Symphony Orchestra salutes our Armed Forces with a patriotic concert featuring Big Band favorites. Tickets may be purchased at alabamasymphony.org or 205-975-2782.

Wind Ensemble Concert, Division of Music

7:30-8:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
Enjoy Samford's premiere concert band.

Bonfire
8 p.m., commuter parking lot adjacent to Seibert Stadium

Show your school spirit at the bonfire and pep rally.

Alabama Autumn Skies: Constellations
8-9 p.m., Christenberry Planetarium, Propst Hall

Explore the constellations of the Alabama night sky, featuring constellation mythological stories and deep sky objects. Weather permitting, we will take telescopes to the quad following the presentation.

Friday, Nov. 11

Jere F. White Jr. Trial Advocacy Institute with Fred Gray*

7:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, downtown Birmingham

For attorneys looking for continuing education, the proceeds of this CLE program benefit Cumberland School of Law's Jere F. White Jr. Fellowship program. Register at samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/continuing-education.

Department of Biological and Environment Sciences Lecture: "A Biology Professor and His Students: Memories of 50 Years in Academe"
10 a.m., Christenberry Planetarium, Propst Hall

Attend a lecture by Dr. W. Mike Howell, emeritus professor and mentor to generations of Samford biologists.

School and Department Open Houses
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Visit with Samford faculty and staff during open houses taking place across campus.

Alumni Programs and Annual Giving
Biology and Environmental Sciences
Brock School of Business

Career Development Center
Center for Congregational Resources
Chemistry and Biochemistry
Counseling Services and Wellness Programs
Cumberland School of Law and its newly renovated trial courtroom
Diversity and Intercultural Initiatives
Global Engagement
Hodges Chapel
Journalism and Mass Communication
Office of the President
Orlean Beeson School of Education
Professional Studies
Religion
Residence Hall, Vail Lobby
Samford Conservatory
University Fellows
WVSU-FM 91.1

Samford Memories and Treasures: 175 Years in Review

10 a.m.-2 p.m., first floor, Davis Library
Treasured items from Samford's history will be on display.

Golden Bulldog Luncheon*

11:30 a.m. -1 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
Homecoming's Golden Bulldog Luncheon celebrates alumni who graduated from Samford (formerly Howard College) at least 50 years ago and their lifelong commitment to their alma mater. Tickets are \$24 per person and may be purchased at registration.

Religion Department Lecture: "Digging Jesus: Insights from Samford Archaeologists on Everyday Life in His Galilee"

12-1 p.m., Harry's Coffeehouse, University Center

Dr. James R. Strange, associate professor of religion and director of the Shikhin Excavation Project, will speak on his archaeological research from excavations in Israel.

Alabama Autumn Skies: Our Place in Space

1-2 p.m., Christenberry Planetarium, Propst Hall

View the newest high-resolution pictures from Mars, Pluto and Jupiter.



Samford students fill the quad for the annual Your School, Your City concert at the opening of the fall semester.