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Samford University has begun a six-year, \$300 million capital campaign to secure its financial future. Known as "Forever Samford," the campaign will help provide for scholarships, academic programs and facilities. Cochairing the effort are Samford alumni William J. and Kimeran Brown Stevens, 1970 graduates.



## Campus Master Plan

Samford has developed the first major update of its university master plan since the campus moved to its current location in the 1950s. The new long-range plan, approved by trustees Dec. 6, features four phases. A key driver is anticipated growth from 5,400 to 7,500 students by 2030.



## A Grand 175th Celebration

Thousands celebrated Samford's 175th anniversary observance on a beautiful blue-sky homecoming weekend in November. Alumni, students, employees and friends enjoyed reunions, a spectacular ball, tailgating on the quad, a big football win and other fun activities. "This is incredible," said alumna Margie Terp.

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## Samford String Quartet at Carnegie Hall

The Samford String Quartet, endowed by the Wilton H. Bunch family, made its debut performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City during October of 2016. School of the Arts dean Joseph Hopkins, center, accompanied the quartet for several pieces, including works composed and arranged by School of the Arts faculty member Joel Davis. Quartet members are, from left, Jeffrey Flaniken, Caroline Nordlund, Samuel Nordlund and Angela Flaniken.



# From the President



## Reflections from a sentimental university president

So often, in these expanding years of my adult existence, I have asked myself, is it really possible to love a place? To love another human, yes, we know the answer to that question. Unassailably yes. It is the height of human happiness to do so. But a place? Buildings and dusty halls and grass and vines and playing fields and faculty offices piled high with ungraded papers and classrooms with imperfect furniture and sidewalks and dirt and trees. May we love a place? May we love a place that is simultaneously too much but never enough? May we love a place that is somehow always at the root of as many questions as answers? May we love a place?

I lack the philosophical framework to answer the question with the rationality I would prefer. All I know is that, when that place is Samford, I can only say, yes. I love this place. And thousands of people across the planet today, many with Samford degrees but many without, would say the same. We love Samford. Perhaps because Samford is always people, dear people we have known and that we want to know; and because Samford is, itself, always.

So much potential has been fulfilled; so much potential remains. This place, our Samford, may become of even greater value to a world in which too little hope resides in too few hearts.

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

Andrew Westmoreland  
President

## New Bulldog, Bell Tower Unveiled as Part of Samford's Brand Identity

**For 175 years,** Samford University has been committed to excellence in academics, firmly rooted in its Christian mission. That commitment to excellence also has pervaded Samford athletics for 100 years. Now, Samford's national reputation is being reinforced with new brand marks that were unveiled in November as part of the university's 175th anniversary celebration and homecoming weekend.

New spirit marks and an updated bell tower logo emerged from a nearly yearlong study on branding that the university conducted with the help of Seattle, Washington-based Dartlet Inc., according to Betsy Bugg Holloway, Samford's vice president for marketing and communication and professor of marketing.

New Samford brand marks (bulldog and bell tower)



The new bulldog spirit mark coincides with the 100th anniversary of the bulldog as the university's official mascot and replaces a bulldog logo that has been used since 1998.

The bell tower, which more formally represents the university and its academic programs, was first developed in the mid-1980s. The bell tower on Samford's Harwell Goodwin Davis Library is a campus landmark.

Holloway said the branding project with Dartlet engaged more than a thousand employees, students and alumni in focus groups and other listening sessions. Dartlet also assisted the university in conducting a branding audit of 12 peer and competitor institutions in higher education, and completed an online survey of 1,925 people in Birmingham, Nashville and Atlanta to assess awareness and perceptions of Samford.

The input from those sessions was used to develop a multilayered branding and reputation strategy across all program



areas and communication platforms, Holloway said. The company recommended a number of improvements for both messaging and the university's visual identity.

"One major goal of this branding project was for us to develop strong and consistent messages about Samford University, our mission and our programs," Holloway said. "I am grateful to all of the students, fellow employees, and alumni who have contributed to this project. We are excited to see these changes implemented over the months ahead."

Holloway noted that apparel and other items featuring the new marks will be available in the Samford Bookstore, as well as online at [shop.samfordsports.com](http://shop.samfordsports.com). ▀

*For more information about the branding project, go to [samford.edu/videos/newdog](http://samford.edu/videos/newdog).*



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# FOREVER SAMFORD

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Sets the Course for the Future

by Philip Poole

**Securing Samford** University's financial future is the goal of a new fundraising campaign that was announced publicly during homecoming weekend.

"Forever Samford" is a six-year, \$300 million capital campaign that is the largest undertaking of its kind in Samford University's 175-year history. It will help to provide the financial foundation for scholarships, academic programs and facilities as Samford continues to prepare and send dedicated, thoughtful, ethical people out into the world.

"Samford's 175-year history is one of academic excellence and leadership," said W. Randy Pittman, Samford's vice

president for advancement. "As a private Christian university, we remain firmly rooted in our Christ-centered mission while continually expanding education opportunities and experiences for our students. Samford's vision to be innovative in teaching, learning and research relies on the strength of our faculty and academic programs."

The Forever Samford campaign exceeds the previous record campaign of \$202 million that ended in October 2014.



Pittman noted the extensive input from thousands in the Samford community for the campaign and goals, including surveys and listening sessions. Four major goals emerged from this feedback:

### **Scholarships, \$90 million**

Although we strive to keep tuition affordable, the total cost of a four-year undergraduate degree from Samford now approaches \$160,000. Generous scholarships enable us to open our doors to student leaders, many of whom could not otherwise afford to attend, whose talents and achievements will have a wide influence.

### **Academic Programs, \$90 million**

Endowed professorships and ample research funds enable us to better support the outstanding faculty we have, and to attract talented new scholars and teachers. We also can continue to grow the depth and breadth of our rigorous academic programs.

### **Places and Spaces, \$60 million**

While our campus is beautiful and functional, many of our facilities are in their seventh decade, and are in need of upgrading and renovation. We are building innovative new spaces to house relevant

academic programs. We also are creating new gathering spaces where both campus and community can come together to share ideas and inspiration.

### **A Solid Foundation, \$60 million**

It costs \$165 million per year to operate a quality university such as Samford. Only 70 percent of Samford's annual operating budget is covered by tuition and fees. Closing the gap will sustain the momentum and progress that has made Samford a top nationally ranked university.

Samford alumni William J. and Kimeran Brown Stevens of Birmingham are serving as cochairs of the campaign steering committee. Both are 1970 Samford graduates. He is retired chairman and chief executive officer of

With your support, we can put an outstanding education within reach of future students.

Birmingham-based Motion Industries, and a former chair of Samford's board of trustees. She is an active community and church volunteer, including work with the Samford Legacy League.

"The Stevenses are uniquely qualified to lead this ambitious fundraising effort for their alma mater," Pittman said. "Their lives have been closely intertwined with the university for decades, and their love for and commitment to Samford will be an example to others."

Other volunteers are being enlisted to assist with the campaign steering committee, Pittman added, with the goal of asking each alumnus, employee and friend of the university to participate.

"There are many ways to support Forever Samford, from traditional cash gifts or charitable bequests to giving of your time and talent," Pittman said. "Your contribution makes a difference." ▀





# Trustees Approve Updated Samford Campus Master Plan

by Philip Poole

Samford University's 175-year history is one of academic excellence and leadership. The vision of the institution's founders to provide a college of high character is as strong today as it was in the beginning. And, that vision is taking new root in the first major update of the university master plan since the campus moved to its current location in the 1950s.





Possible future central campus housing, extending in a U-shaped configuration from the present Vail Hall (top left).

The university engaged Birmingham-based Davis Architects and Boston-based Dober Lidskey Mathey to assist with developing the new long-range plan, which was approved in concept Dec. 6 by the university's board of trustees.

The plan features four phases that align with the university's strategic plan and addresses needs in a long-term, fiscally appropriate and responsible way, according to Harry B. Brock III, Samford's executive vice president and vice president for business and financial affairs. Brock led a multifaceted, campus-wide review process that resulted in the new plan.

The university sought input from all areas of Samford's constituency—students, employees, alumni, community leaders and other friends of the university. More than 1,000 individuals participated in different meetings and public forums to formulate and discuss the plan.

Brock said the planning included goals that would enhance the teaching and learning environment, student success, allow for growth of new and existing programs, improve campus connectivity and space utilization, and address current and ongoing maintenance while preserving the university's nationally recognized aesthetic.

The plan provides support for continued growth. Samford's enrollment has grown 22 percent over the last 10 years. University officials anticipate strong growth in undergraduate and graduate programs, including current and new offerings in health sciences.

New facilities for the College of Health Sciences and Brock School of Business provided what Brock called an "incredible opportunity to reimagine space assignment" of spaces vacated by those programs in existing buildings.

Brock said that with "few key exceptions," Samford has sufficient space available on campus for reutilization to meet growth.

The plan's four phases extend over a 10–20-year implementation period.

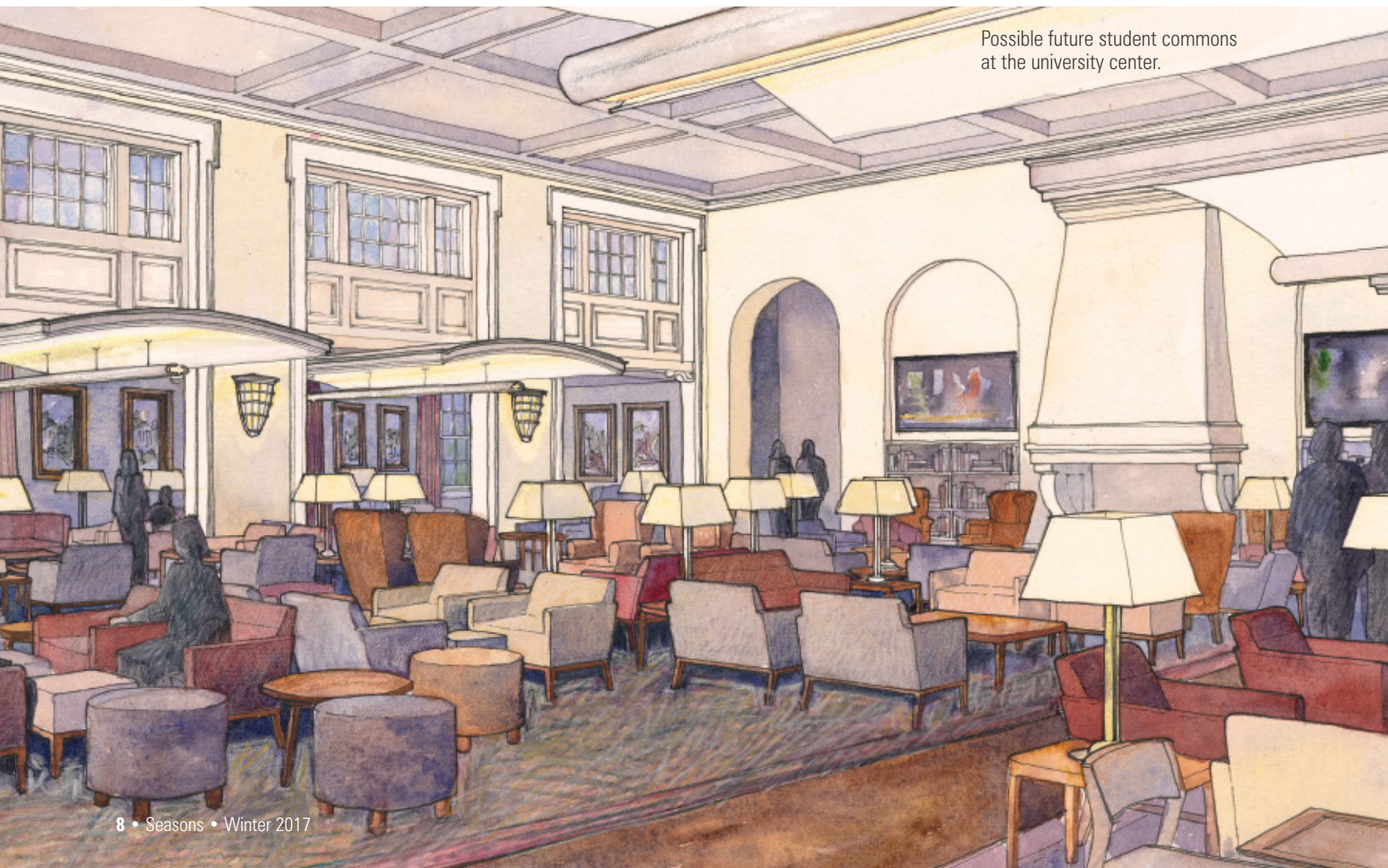
**Phase one** includes new residence facilities to

accommodate expected growth, and renovations to existing academic spaces for Howard College of Arts and Sciences and the School of the Arts. Centralized relocation of admission, an enhanced Student Success Center and other student services also are included.

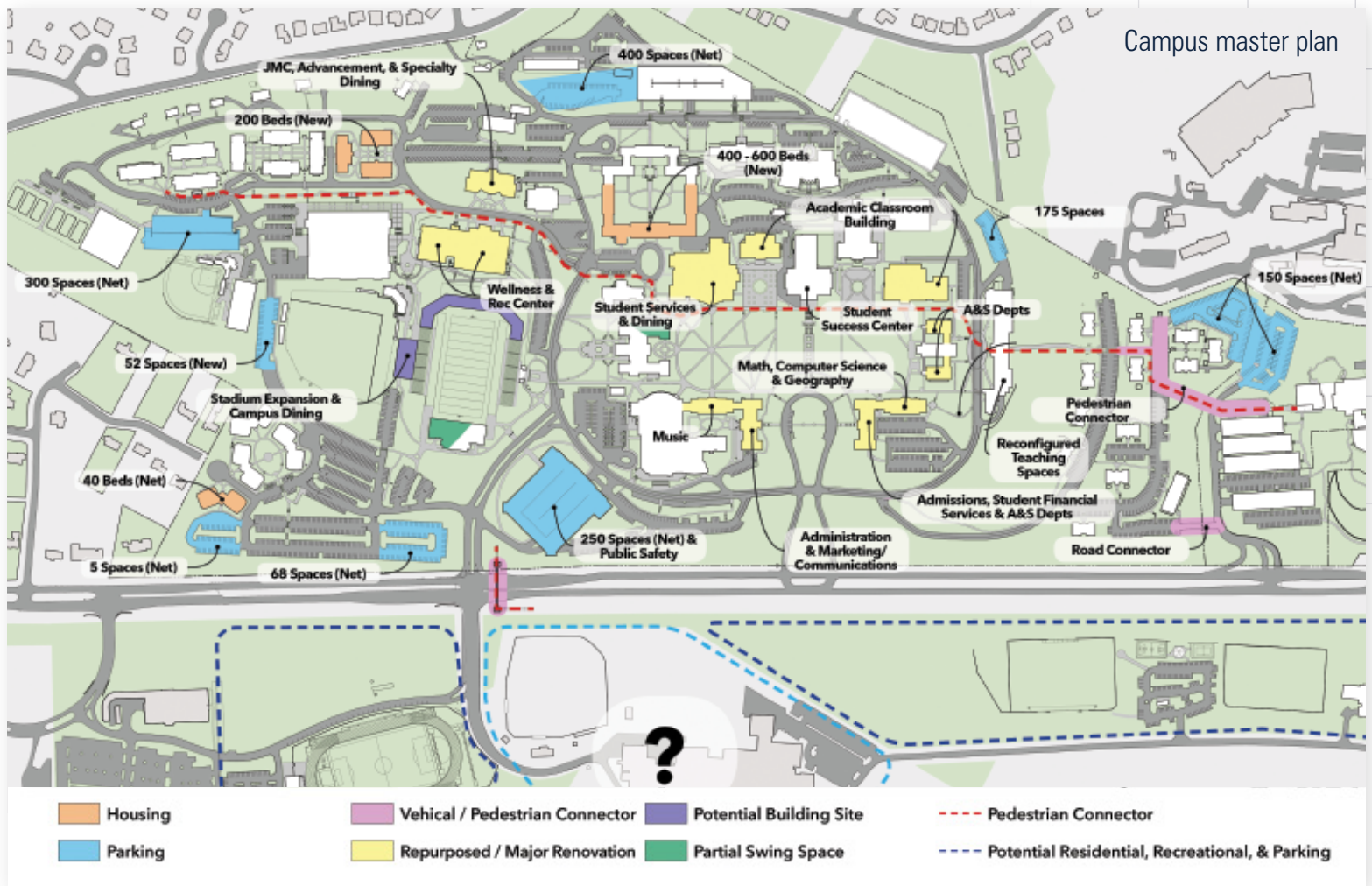
**Phase two** includes enhanced teaching and learning spaces, renovations to the university center and other academic spaces, as well as additional parking.

**Phase three** includes potential expansion of College of Health Sciences facilities, and additional residential space and parking to accommodate expected growth.

**Phase four** and independent projects might include renovations to student recreation and fitness facilities, athletics facilities, the fine arts center,



Possible future student commons at the university center.



additional housing and parking.

Improvements in pedestrian walkways, transportation circulation, sustainability, ADA enhancements, way finding and signage improvements, and landscaping and contemplative spaces are also part of the long-range plan.

Some projects already are underway, including a renovation of the Reid Chapel/Burns Hall/Chapman Hall complex and expansion of the chiller plant as part of the campus infrastructure improvement plan. (See related story on page 10.) Components of the transportation plan were implemented in fall 2016. Brock said the plan and recommendations for individual projects would continue moving forward as projects are scheduled and funds are available.

The university recently launched a multiyear, \$300 million campaign, Forever Samford, to assist in providing funds for the campus master plan implementation. (See related story on page 4.)

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—Harry B. Brock III



# SAMFORD BEGINS VAST PROGRAM of Infrastructure Improvement

by William Nunnelley

**It has been six decades** since Samford University relocated to its Homewood site from East Lake. While the campus continues to be noted for its architectural beauty, some of its 2.5 million square feet of buildings are almost 60 years old, with attendant problems of age. And, some campus buildings constructed much later lack important energy, water and cost saving efficiencies.



Workers prepare to pour concrete pilings for a new chilled water plant (all photos).

In light of this, Samford has undertaken a comprehensive plan to address infrastructure needs for the entire campus, increase energy efficiency, practice campus-wide conservation, and refresh and renew every facility. The infrastructure plan supports a larger updated campus master plan announced during the fall and is expected to generate more than \$1.65 million in savings annually.

“The goal of heightened conservation is built within our stated core values [‘stewardship of all resources’] and our strategic plan,” noted President Andrew Westmoreland in a recent message to the campus.

The infrastructure improvement program represents a \$31 million effort approved by Samford’s board of trustees to implement conservation projects in virtually every area of the campus over the next 24 months. Westmoreland noted that capital funds for the improvements will come through a contract with Johnson Controls Inc. (JCI), a global leader in the manufacture and promotion of energy efficiency technologies.

“The expense of the projects will be provided through JCI, and those funds will be repaid through the energy savings we will

achieve over the JCI contract term,” Westmoreland explained. “In the process, we will provide a cleaner, safer environment, reduce energy expenses, reduce our carbon output and accomplish considerable improvements to many of our facilities.”

The plan is structured so that there will be no diversion of resources away from other Samford operations or programs, nor will there be a negative impact on tuition and fees paid by Samford students, he noted.

### The plan includes:

**A new campus chilled water plant** to improve reliability, enhance comfort and increase capacity, improving energy efficiency by 50 percent while increasing cooling capacity by 22 percent.

**A rainwater harvesting system** at Sherman Circle to recapture and filter storm water that can be used for irrigation, as well as **wells to provide irrigation** for intramural fields and the Track and Soccer Stadium.

**Installing high-quality operable windows** that drive comfort, reduce maintenance and improve campus safety while preserving the design integrity of the campus Georgian Colonial aesthetic.

**Introducing modernized building automation systems** to reduce energy consumption and identify maintenance needs before they become a problem.

**Extensive LED lighting retrofits and lighting controls upgrades** to increase light level quality, flexibility and efficiency, and reduce maintenance costs while providing outdoor lighting that supports campus safety.

Specific examples of work already underway or scheduled for the coming months include indoor and outdoor lighting upgrades across the campus, domestic water conservation measures in campus housing, window replacements in numerous buildings, piping insulation, chilled water plant modernization, improvements in building automation systems, heating/venting/air conditioning upgrades, and electrical and mechanical improvements.

“The net impact of the changes should be a reduction of more than 15,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide each year and an annual savings of more than 20 million gallons of water,” said Westmoreland. “Given Alabama’s current drought, it’s difficult to overstate the importance of our commitment.”

University officials said that additional details will be communicated as the individual projects begin implementation. ▀

# Homecoming 2016

## SAMFORD Celebrates 175th

*in a Big Way*



Samford alumni joined students, employees and friends by the thousands to celebrate the school's 175th anniversary during homecoming 2016. On a beautiful blue-sky weekend Nov. 11–12, the celebrants enjoyed reunions both formal and informal, an anniversary ball, tailgating on the quad, football and various other activities.



From left, alumni honorees Kingren, McKinstry and Baggett, President and Mrs. Westmoreland, and honorees Stone, Murnane and Herron. Right photo, Westmorelands with alumus Jeremy Towns.

The ball on Friday night in Pete Hanna Center brought together alumni representing every decade from the 1940s to the 2010s to enjoy music, spectacular decorations, tasty food and dancing.

“It was a wonderful gathering of the Samford community,” said Michael Morgan, executive assistant to the president. “To see the generations come together to celebrate something we all love and cherish strongly affirms what Samford has meant to individuals and to the world for these 175 years.”

Morgan said it was “difficult to describe the grandness of the Anniversary Ball because there has never before been an event of this scale at Samford.” More than 2,200 attended.

Lori Littlejohn Sullivan, 1979 homecoming queen, said she was having a “grand time” during the celebration. She noted that homecoming was during basketball season while she was a Samford undergraduate, and “we never had a homecoming like this.”

Margie Terp, a 2016 graduate, came from her new job in New York City to celebrate with friends Bailey Fuqua '15 and Rachel Stanback '15. “I would not have missed this for anything,” Terp said. “This is incredible.”

During a brief program, the 2016 alumni award recipients were recognized and received commemorative medals from Samford President Andrew Westmoreland.

Students, alumni and employees celebrate at the homecoming ball.

“This is incredible.”

—Margie Terp, 2016

The 2016 Alumni of the Year are William Baggett '57, a longtime higher education administrator from Atlanta, Georgia; Keith Herron '87, a banking executive from Birmingham; Fred Kingren '82, a Birmingham attorney; and Anne Glaze Stone '67, an educator and community volunteer from Huntsville, Alabama.

Katie Murnane '07 received the Outstanding Young Alumnus award. She is an accountant living in Edinburgh, Scotland. She traveled more than 4,000 miles to be present for the ceremony.

Two alumni received the inaugural Humanitarian of the Year award: Carolyn Maull McKinstry, M.Div. '08, and Stephen B. Moss, J.D. '68. McKinstry, of Birmingham, has dedicated her life's work to the ministry of reconciliation. Moss, of Boca Raton, Florida, is founder of Mission United that helps veterans with housing, legal assistance and health care.

Also during the evening, seniors Micah Green-Holloway of Birmingham and Margaret Hehir of Atlanta were crowned homecoming king and queen.

Festivities continued Saturday as thousands gathered on the quad to enjoy



Above: The ball continues. At left, from top: Trustee Rod Steakley and his wife, Linda, chat with the Westmorelands; Kendell Jno-Finn and Jason Long enjoy the quad; Class of 2006 members hold a reunion.



tailgating in the sunny, crisp fall weather.

“A reunion of friends” was how one graduate described the amiable group sitting on grass near the center of the quadrangle. “We’re just catching up, enjoying the tailgating and barbecue,” explained Chris Robbins of Birmingham. He and his wife, Erin Cheek Robbins, are both 1998 education graduates.

They were joined by Ryan and Katie Emerson Brewer, 1998 education graduates from Russellville, Alabama, and 1995 education graduate Dale Kendrick and his wife, Courtney, who live in Alabaster, Alabama.

Some of Samford’s newest graduates from the Class of 2011, including public administration major Daniel Lentz of

Atlanta, Georgia, found their way to homecoming.

“I especially wanted to come because it was celebrating Samford’s 175th anniversary,” said Lentz, who also wanted to reconnect with classmates and possibly make business connections with older graduates.

Journalism and mass communication 1992 graduate Brian James and his wife, Corie, of St. Augustine, Florida, enjoyed watching their sons Brenton and Braylon toss a football. James remembered catching passes himself for the 1991 Samford Bulldogs, including the winning touchdown against Troy University.

Cheryl Smith Hinnen of Homewood was back for her 10-year class reunion. “It’s important to come out and reconnect with



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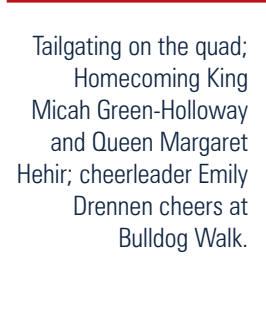
—Liz Simmons, 2006



friends,” said Hinnen, who enjoyed introducing her husband, Jack, to people he had not met.

Hinnen’s classmate Liz Simmons traveled a bit farther for homecoming. The London, England, resident was on the Class of 2006 reunion planning committee and felt it important to attend. “We had a really good community and class, and it is good to see the relationships continue,” Simmons said.

The Bulldog football team gave a crowd of more than 8,000 in Seibert Stadium plenty to cheer, defeating Mercer University, 24-19. At the game, it was announced that the classes celebrating reunions this year had raised more than \$38,000 in scholarship funds as part of their reunion activities. Representatives from the classes of 1961, 1966, 1991 and 2006 presented a symbolic check to President Westmoreland and W. Randy Pittman, vice president for advancement. ▀

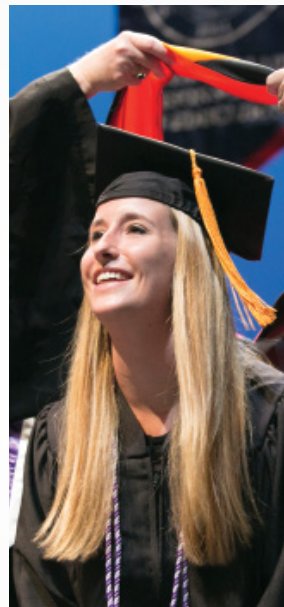


Tailgating on the quad; Homecoming King Micah Green-Holloway and Queen Margaret Hehir; cheerleader Emily Drennen cheers at Bulldog Walk.

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## Westmoreland Underscores Samford Potential, Value of Service by Major Davis

by William Nunnolley

**“Is it possible to love a place?”** Samford President Andrew Westmoreland asked during his remarks at the university’s 175th anniversary Thanksgiving Convocation Nov. 11. “Buildings and dusty halls and grass and vines and playing fields and faculty offices piled high with ungraded papers and classrooms with imperfect furniture and sidewalks and dirt and trees.

“I lack the philosophical framework to answer the question with the rationality I would prefer,” he said. “All that I know is that, when that place is Samford, I can only say, yes. I love this place. And thousands of people across the planet today, many with Samford degrees but many without, would say the same.”

Westmoreland spoke at a program highlighting homecoming weekend for the university. He touched on some high points in Samford history and traced the efforts of past supporters of the university. He described the school as “a place often of meager resources and of financial peril, but always with friends who stood close during times of crisis.”

The convocation began with an academic procession across the campus from Harwell Goodwin Davis Library, “the very heart of these Georgian Colonial buildings that we inhabit, the campus itself a testament to the indomitable will of a man and a woman, Major Davis and his wife, Lena Vail Davis, who did not give up on this place.” Westmoreland said he was convinced that, “absent Major Davis, there might not have been a 175th anniversary of this institution, nor perhaps a 150th, nor even a 125th.”

Davis was a former attorney general of Alabama who was commissioner of internal revenue for the state during the 1930s, when Samford—then Howard College—was suffering from the ill effects of the Great Depression. He was approached by Crawford Johnson, a powerful Birmingham businessman, about becoming the president of the struggling college.

In a moving audiotope played for the convocation audience, Davis told the story of how he consented to become the president of Howard College. Davis led American troops in the Argonne Forest of France during World War I. Leading his men through a battlefield from which the American casualties had not been removed, he came upon a young officer apparently asleep.

“I went across to wake him,” Davis related on the tape. “When I reached him, I found that he had been killed. In that dramatic moment, I realized that I was traveling in virtual safety because that young man and others like him had given his life to clear the way.

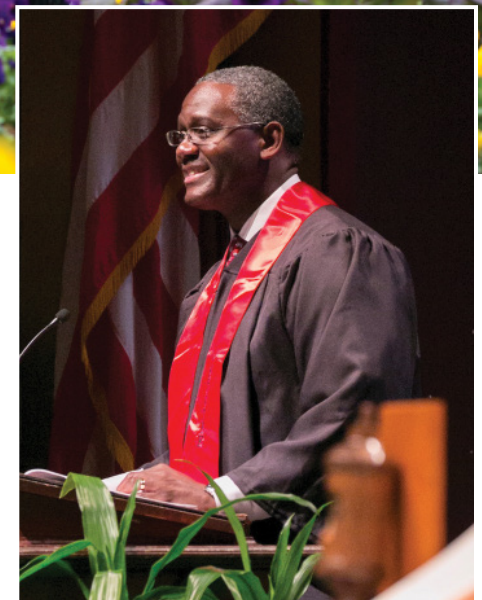
“And in that moment, I resolved that if I should return to my native land, that I would endeavor to serve my God and my fellow man a little better than I had in the past. So while Johnson was talking, I was seeing that young officer...

“As illogical as it might seem as a valid reason on which to base a serious action,” Davis continued, “to me it was a challenge to keep faith with that resolution, a challenge somehow that I did not dare ignore.”

The tape continues, “So, I accepted.”

“... a challenge somehow that I did not dare ignore.”

—Maj. Harwell G. Davis



An academic procession begins the 175th anniversary convocation, the audience gives thanks, and board of trustees chair Tim Vines opens the program.

# 175

Things we  
love about  
Samford



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?**



### Andrews Barbecue

For students on the East Lake campus, Andrews Barbecue was a favorite gathering place. A longtime fixture on 1st Avenue North, it closed several years ago, but the sign is still visible. Other popular hangouts during East Lake days were the Duck Inn and the Co-op. Today, students enjoy making late-night runs to Sonic Drive-In or having food delivered to campus.

### Spring Fling

Spring Fling is a weeklong time of festivities hosted by the Samford Activities Council. Students enjoy free food, movies, inflatables and fun activities. For many years, this celebration was known as "H Day" or "May Day."

### Sons of Light

This mysterious group has emerged in recent years and has a scavenger hunt each year for students to participate in and possibly win a prize. They also do special projects, anonymously, around the campus. Students love trying to uncover the puzzle pieces and figure out who the members of the Sons of Light are.

### Samford Home Groups

Coordinated by the Office of Spiritual Life, Samford Home Groups are a time each week students can relax in the host home of an employee and enjoy a home-cooked meal. It is also a time to dig deeper in scripture and have fellowship with friends.

### Hear and Now Singers

This popular Christian vocal ensemble traveled widely in the 1970s and 1980s, singing in churches and other venues. The group was led by Bob Burroughs during the time his wife, Esther, was campus minister at Samford.

### Vail

Nothing can compare to the freshman experience of bonding with the residents on your hall, sharing a community bathroom, playing table tennis and watching movies in the movie room. The beanbag chairs and giant movie screen bring halls and friends together for movies and fun.

The Vail courtyard also is a popular gathering place, especially in the spring when the trees are in full bloom.



### Welcome Back Week

Welcome Back Week, put on by the Samford Activities Council, is a week filled with fun, free food, T-shirts and prizes. This week is a great way to start the year and experience the hospitality and welcoming spirit of Samford University.

### Einstein's Brothers Bagels and Freshens

Einstein's Brothers Bagels and Freshens are new student favorite eateries and gathering places on campus. Einstein's is in Davis Library, and Freshens is in the College of Health Sciences. Whether you need a snack, meal, sweet or caffeine, Einstein's has you covered.

**Submit your favorite thing to [175things@samford.edu](mailto:175things@samford.edu).**

## RAs

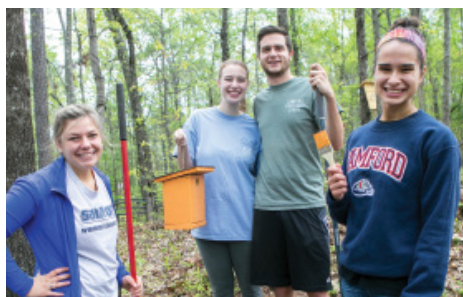
Resident assistants are like your mom or dad at college. They enforce the rules, but also take care of you and become your friend and go-to person when you need something.

## The Greek Draft

Nothing demonstrates campus unity quite like greek life organizations and student athletes coming together to support one another. The Greek Draft is a night of funny skits and games that pairs a sorority or fraternity with an athletic team to support throughout the year.

## Supporting Philanthropy Events

Giving back to the community and to others has been a hallmark of Samford University for decades. It's exciting when people from all across campus come together to support student organizations' philanthropy events and to raise money for good causes.



## Getting 60 Convo Credits

There's something about the feeling when you see you have the required 60 convo credits for graduation. Students prior to the 1990s will remember convo as chapel.

## Caring Faculty

With a small student-to-faculty ratio, it is easy to get to know your professors. Samford faculty are genuinely invested in students' success and future. Students from every decade can fondly recall faculty members who made an impact on their lives.

## Connections

Connections is the jam-packed weekend that welcomes freshmen to Samford and the Birmingham area in general. It is also nice to make some connections and have friends to eat with in the caf. Students from earlier generations may have known this as "Rat Week."



## Getting a Selfie with Dr. Westmoreland

There could not be a president more invested in the students or a university. Everyone loves getting a selfie with Samford President Andrew Westmoreland.

## A Cappella Choir

Dating from the 1930s, this internationally acclaimed ensemble is a talented group of students who have several performances annually for the community to enjoy. They also travel extensively and have won awards around the world.

## Rushton Memorial Carillon

First housed in the Reid Chapel steeple and now in the Davis Library tower, the carillon chimes the hour and also provides opportunities for weekly concerts by university carillonneur Stephen Knight. It also rings before special events on campus.

## Jan Term

Students love the six-week break, or having the opportunity for a three-week period to study abroad or take classes on campus or online.

## Free Food in Ben Brown

There's always something going on in Ben Brown Plaza. The most exciting days are these when there are free snacks or drinks to enjoy with your friends around the fountain.



## Clubs and Organizations

Whether it was the "13 Thirsty Thugs" and the "Bob-Hair Club" of the 1920s or Restoring Eden and the Samford Cycling Club, students have always found ways to bond around shared interests, whether social or service. Today, Samford has more than 100 active student organizations.

## JMC Wall of Fame

Each homecoming, the journalism and mass communication department inducts new members to the JMC Wall of Fame. The wall consists of graduates who have gone above and beyond.



## Step Sing

Step Sing is a one of Samford's most cherished traditions and had its start on the steps of Renfroe Hall on the East Lake campus. Since the 1970s, it has drawn sell-out crowds to Wright Center Concert Hall. There is nothing quite like a few weeks of bonding over singing and dancing, and some healthy competition to see who wins on Saturday night to become a part of Step Sing history.

## Weddings in Reid Chapel

It seems to happen every Saturday. Reid Chapel is beautiful and is the perfect spot for weddings, as it has been since opening in the late 1950s.

## Friendliness

Samford has some of the friendliest people around. You cannot go anywhere without receiving a hello from people you know and people you don't. ▶

# Thompson Shares INFANTTREE PROJECT

by Ashley Smith

**Samford artist Larry Thompson's exhibition, *The Infanmtree Project*, was designed to bring attention to the impact of past and present wars during its seven-month run at Birmingham's Space One Eleven gallery.**

The exhibit, which ran from Sept. 11, 2015, through April 29, 2016, was funded by a grant from the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts and the Alabama Humanities Foundation.

"Art should reflect the culture and time in which it was created," said Thompson, associate dean of the School of the Arts, Division of Art and Design. The exhibition of two sculptures and 11 paintings in mixed media reflects issues that soldiers and their loved ones face. Approximately 2,000 visitors saw the exhibition, according to Space One Eleven director of programming Cheryl Lewis.

Collaborating with Thompson during his Birmingham exhibition was retired serviceman and artist Ron Kelsey, who made his exhibit, *Reflections of Generosity*, available for showing at the same time. Kelsey's exhibit explores the "spiritual resiliency of our military" and helps heal veterans through art.

The Space One Eleven event proved to be a catalyst for what happened next. Kelsey was scheduled to show his exhibition at the Pentagon for two weeks this fall, and he invited Thompson to become a part of that event.

In addition to several pieces from *The Infanmtree Project*, the exhibit also included three paintings from Thompson that share images and text, and a series of postcards. The postcards are photographs with messages treated with motor oil to give them a sepia tone. The motor oil represents the "life blood" of the U.S. and reflects how so



"6,835" was one of Larry Thompson's paintings featured at the Pentagon.

many wars are the result of fighting over resources.

While in Washington, Thompson participated in gallery talks and met many of the visitors. He said this was the most rewarding aspect of his time in Washington. "One Air Force member came every day with a new guest to see the exhibit," he said.

Near the closing of the event, Thompson met a former Marine, Eric Hughes, who emotionally connected with Thompson's piece that incorporated the boots of a soldier. Hughes had lost 27 members of his unit in Fallujah, Iraq, and the layered effect and multiple meanings of the painting with a reference to the number of soldiers killed since Memorial Day struck a powerful chord that has created a bond between Hughes and Thompson.

The artist said this experience and Hughes have become "a fresh source of inspiration" as the project continues to develop. As an artist, Thompson said this was one of his most memorable moments to be able to connect with his audience.

According to School of the Arts Dean Joe Hopkins, "The work of Larry Thompson calls us to remember and honor the great sacrifice of those who offer their lives to defend our freedoms. His art is inspiring people to serve our country, encouraging all of us to thank those who do, and healing the hearts of victims of these conflicts. We are proud that he represented Samford at the Pentagon and through important international awards." ▀

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# STEVENSON:

## To Make Change, Get Close to Marginalized Communities

by Sean Flynt

**Equal Justice Initiative founder Bryan Stevenson electrified and inspired an audience of almost 2,000 in Samford University's Wright Center Concert Hall Oct. 4. Stevenson, who has dedicated his law career to helping the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned, presented the 2016 J. Roderick Davis Lecture at the invitation of the university's Howard College of Arts and Sciences and Frances Marlin Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership.**

Prison and sentencing reform remains a perpetual concern in Alabama and the rest of the world. Stevenson noted that, due in part to treating drug addiction as a crime rather than a disease, the U.S. prison population has risen from 300,000 in 1972 to 2.3 million today. He said the rate of incarceration of women has increased 646 percent in the last 20 years. Seventy percent of those women are single parents, whose children then become more likely to be imprisoned as a result of their broken families. Most shocking, he said, is that one in three black males born in the U.S. is now statistically likely to go to jail during his lifetime.

Even well-meaning policymakers are failing to address this problem because they often develop their policies apart from the communities they aim to serve, Stevenson said. To make the desperately needed change, he said, “the first thing you’ve got to do is get proximate to the people and places where injustice can be seen. When we get proximate, we can do things for other people that we can’t do from a distance. We can serve people, we can see people, we can hear people, we can understand people in ways we cannot from a distance.”

Lawyers getting close to his own community created the opportunity for Stevenson to go to high school, and then to college. The philosophy major would have been happy to stay in college forever, but settled on law school and the promise of a career that didn’t really call to him until a course pushed him closer to someone he could serve. While spending a month providing legal services to death row inmates in Georgia, Stevenson delivered the news that a man would not be executed in the next year. Stevenson first apologized that he didn’t know anything else about the man’s legal situation, but the inmate, bound in chains, welcomed the news as an opportunity to see his wife and children without burdening them with an exact date of his death. The young law student simply brought the man hope for the first time in years. “I couldn’t believe how, even in my ignorance, being proximate could have an impact on the quality of someone’s life,” Stevenson said.



Bryan Stevenson

Many more encounters with the “broken people” of death row broke Stevenson to some degree, especially in the face of systemic racism, exculpatory evidence ignored, children imprisoned for life and a system often “more concerned with finality than fairness.”

Stevenson described a case in which a 14-year-old with no prior criminal record shot and killed the sleeping man who had just beaten the boy’s mother into unconsciousness. Because the man was a deputy sheriff, the prosecutor insisted the boy be tried as an adult. When Stevenson first met the boy, in an adult jail, he found a terrified child who had been assaulted so many times in the few days since his arrest that he had lost count.

As Stevenson left that young client, he wondered who was responsible for the terrible situation. “The answer is, we are,” he said. He challenged his audience to join him in accepting that responsibility, remaining hopeful, addressing the past with honesty and openness, and reshaping the narratives of racism at the root of injustice.

### Stevenson Receives Mann Medal

After Stevenson concluded his lecture with the story of a 1960s civil rights activist who still wore as “medals of honor” the scars of racist violence, Mann Center director and former Alabama supreme court chief justice Drayton Nabers presented to Stevenson the center’s own Mann Medal in Ethics and Leadership. The award honors leaders or organizations whose efforts have made significant contributions to a more just and ethical society. In the cause of sentencing reform, Nabers said, “There is no one in the United States that has pursued this mission more honorably, more effectively, more powerfully than Bryan Stevenson.”

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## *Business Grad Anderson Accepts* **CHALLENGE OF IRONMAN COMPETITION**

by Kara Kennedy

Brock School of Business graduate Bill Anderson has learned how to test his endurance in life: get serious about training for the Ironman Triathlon. The Ironman offers competition annually in three events: a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2 mile run. To be competitive in the triathlon requires months of training. It helps to have an employer that sees the value in such an activity.

“I got into the Ironman Triathlon because I wanted to stay in shape,” the 2007 accounting major said. “I began doing shorter distance triathlons in 2010 and participated in a couple of events a year during the winter, an accountant’s busiest time of the year, to help me stay motivated and keep active.”

Anderson said training for the Ironman required “a huge time commitment, often six days a week and multiple hours a day.” The triathlon, described on its website as a test of physical toughness and mental strength, was held in Louisville, Kentucky, in October.

Anderson’s employer, PricewaterhouseCoopers, supported his quest. The company has a core value system that promotes and believes in flexibility and creating a work-life balance atmosphere for its employees, said Anderson. The company also allowed him to work from any place and at any time to fit in all of his responsibilities.

While juggling his work assignments and multiple hours of training six days a week, Anderson and his wife, Tyler Foltz, a 2008 Samford education graduate, also greeted their first child.

“Brock School of Business is where I first began to focus and work on my time management skills,” Anderson said. “The school was instrumental in helping me set and achieve goals, and gave me tools for success in my career at PwC and life.”

So how did Anderson fare after months of focusing on the arduous event? He finished the race in 13 hours and 40 minutes, which placed him close to the midpoint of the event’s more than 2,600 competitors.

“I flew through the swim and bike, and suffered on the marathon portion,” he said. “It was a long day, but it was an amazing experience. I was able to complete something so difficult to prove that I could do it.”

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Bill Anderson competes in bicycle portion of Ironman Triathlon.





# *Beeson Divinity's Institute of Anglican Studies* Continues Rapid Growth, Reach

by Kristen Padilla

**The Institute of Anglican Studies at Beeson Divinity School (IASB) is one of the school's "major innovations in the last 10 years," said Timothy George, dean.**

Founded in response to an influx of Anglican applicants who were looking for a program with both academic rigor and practical ministry preparation, the institute began in 2013 with the goal to prepare men and women for gospel ministry in Anglican parishes. The institute awarded its first Certificate of Anglican Studies to M.Div. graduating student Peter Smith in December 2013.

Under the leadership of Gerald R. McDermott, Anglican chair of divinity, Samford University's Beeson Divinity School is now one of three non-Anglican seminaries in the United States recognized by the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) to train Anglican clergy. ACNA approved the school's Certificate of Anglican Studies in May 2016, only one year after McDermott was hired, in part, to oversee the institute.

Now in its third year, the institute includes around 15 Anglican students in the certificate program, and a larger number—including non-Anglican students—who participate in some of its offerings. In the last year, McDermott has begun a weekly evensong service, a monthly Anglican theology night and a monthly luncheon with Anglican speakers. The institute also plans an annual Anglican theology conference with the first one scheduled for Sept. 25–26, 2018, on the theme of "What is Anglicanism?"

"We are so blessed to have a world-renowned scholar of Dr. McDermott's caliber to lead this new program," George said. "His leadership and vision have already proved to be invaluable to the institute and our school."

A major contribution of the institute has been the formation of partnerships within the Anglican Communion. During the 2016 academic year, the divinity school welcomed the 103rd archbishop of Canterbury George L. Carey, the archbishop of ACNA Foley Beach, and the archbishop of Jos, Nigeria, Benjamin Kwashi to preach in Andrew Gerow Hodges Chapel. Also in 2016, the first Advisory Council for IASB was formed with 10 members who represent the Episcopal Church USA and ACNA. The institute also has official partnerships with churches in the greater Birmingham area: Christ the King Anglican Church, St. John's Anglican Church, St. Peter's Anglican Church and the Cathedral Church of the Advent.

"One of the things we are doing through the institute is to cultivate good relationships with Anglican churches and bishops," George said. "In the same year, we had both Archbishop George Carey and Archbishop Foley Beach. They spoke at

convocation—one spring, one fall, same academic year. I think it shows something about the breadth of our reach and of the fact that we have attracted this kind of support from leaders within the worldwide Anglican Communion."


Beginning in September 2017, IASB will offer a new program, "Anglican Intensives." This program is designed for those who have already completed a master of divinity or equivalent in a non-Anglican denomination, and who now desire to study Anglican theology and ministry.

"After we announced that Beeson's Institute for Anglican Studies was accepted officially by ACNA as a place for training future Anglican ministers within ACNA, we received requests from people around the country who wanted to pursue various levels of ordination within the Anglican Communion," McDermott said. "They wanted to know where they could get their Anglican training post-M.Div. So this is why we have started the Anglican Intensives program: to teach Anglican theology and ministry to those who are wanting to become Anglican priests and deacons."

Anglican Intensives is a two-year noncredit program that will be comprised of a directed study and two weeklong on-campus residencies. Those who complete the program will receive a certificate.

"We are excited for what this institute will mean for students around the world who want to go into Anglican ministry and for the theological enrichment of the Anglican Communion worldwide," McDermott said.

IASB is one more way that Beeson Divinity School continues to fulfill the vision of its benefactor Ralph Waldo Beeson. In his will, Beeson wrote that he wanted Beeson Divinity School to be "Christian, Protestant, evangelical and interdenominational."

"The Institute of Anglican Studies is a major advance in the effort of Beeson Divinity School to prepare God-called men and women for the service of the Church. This helps us to do that," George said. 

*For more information about the institute or the new Anglican Intensives program, go to [beesondivinity.com/anglican-institute](http://beesondivinity.com/anglican-institute) or email [gmcdermo@samford.edu](mailto:gmcdermo@samford.edu).*

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# Education Partnership Enables Three School Districts to Share Perspectives

by Katie Stewart

**Orlean Beeson School of Education's partnership with the Tri-City Leadership Academy (TCLA) has one goal in mind: to establish and empower leaders in communities that are hungry for a new perspective.**

The academy allows three school districts with three different governance structures to come together and create a better educational experience for their students and employees.

Fairfield, Midfield and Bessemer city schools all desired a method for creating a pipeline of leaders in their school systems. The partnership developed out of a request to update the skills of their current leaders while creating a method to grow future leaders as well.

"This program is an unprecedented approach to developing leaders," said Dr. Julie Hannah, assistant professor of educational leadership at Samford University. "It allows for neighboring school districts to work hand-in-hand to build broad based leadership across west Jefferson County."

The school of education helps facilitate meetings and to be of service to these school districts, sharing the knowledge, experience and expertise that the faculty has in order for them to reach the goals created by each school district.

"Each of these three school districts had previously been labeled as low-performing," said Hannah. "However, there is a strong desire for improvement from all members of the district. We know that research on school leadership shows that it is second only to teaching among school influences on student success. Samford is a service institution, and we just want to serve and care for them by sharing our skill sets and learn from them. We simply establish a structure and framework to keep the academy going; they bring the involvement and ideas."

The primary audience is assistant principals, principals and central office administrators, many of whom are in the school of education's graduate programs, as well as aspirational educational leaders. Truly a broad-based leadership approach, this program allows for the largest impact in each school district and vast institutional improvement through hands-on activities, brainstorming sessions, open dialogue and more.

The three districts have collaborated to develop an early learning program as well as career-focused academies. These programs utilize the resources of all three school districts, allowing students more opportunities. A student used to only be able to stay within their district where three or four options of technical

programs were available; now students have expanded options in two other districts, which opens up 16 different opportunities rather than three.

"This idea of problem-solving how technical programs were previously done in neighboring districts was a natural evolution of working together in this leadership academy," Hannah said. "We want to build lasting relationships with our community and empowered leaders who can make a difference. This is happening. It's a true partnership that was developed jointly, solely to meet their needs."

The ultimate goal is that all participants in the TCLA, whether a current leader or a future leader, leave with increased confidence and competence to make real change in their communities. The school of education provides them with additional knowledge, experience and skills so they can take action confidently in their respective public school system, according to Hannah.

"It's amazing the impact that I've seen. The morale of teachers is improved," said Walter Gonsoulin, superintendent of Fairfield City Schools. "They feel they are valued. They are proud to be a part of this program and see it as an honor. And it truly is about them as individuals. This program is about enabling them to be better leaders wherever they are, not just in my particular district."

Engaging with the TCLA not only allows for the strengthening of local-area school districts, but also allows for Orlean Beeson School of Education to raise the quality of its graduate programs by engaging in the real work of school leaders and allows for the school to expand its reach to an area that is directly a part of its community.

"We truly are investing in and engaging with three communities just down the road from us," said Hannah. "Many of these leaders were already in our master's program, which allowed for us to truly facilitate a unique educational experience for them that greatly impacts what they do every day." ▀



Julie Hannah

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# Law Professors Publish on Gun Law, Privacy, and WWI and the Constitution

by Polly Manuel

Several Cumberland School of Law faculty members have been busy writing books.

Associate Dean Brannon Denning recently coauthored *Guns and the Law: Cases, Problems, and Explanation* with Professor Andrew Jay McClurg of the University of Memphis School of Law. The book was published by Carolina Academic Press and covers such topics as the current federal and state gun laws, major constitutional cases, post-Heller Second Amendment litigation, modern self-defense rules such as Stand Your Ground laws, civil liability, gun laws in other countries, legal solutions to gun violence, and issues of guns and race, alienage, culture and gender. According to Denning, McClurg is more supportive of firearms regulations than he. This creative tension prevented the book from tilting too far in one direction or the other, he explained.

“We worked hard to assemble an up-to-date, teachable and above all balanced set of materials suitable for both law school and for undergraduate courses that will push students to think through some of the hard questions that surround the seemingly intractable issues of guns and gun violence in the United States,” said Denning.

Starnes Professor of Law Woodrow Hartzog’s forthcoming book, *Privacy’s Blueprint: The Battle to Control New Technologies*, is under contract with Harvard University Press and set to be published in 2017. In his book, Hartzog argues that privacy law should take the design of consumer technologies more seriously.

“Privacy law is very concerned with how people collect, use and share information, but it is strangely quiet on how information technologies are designed,” explained Hartzog. “This is particularly interesting given the immense power of

design to shape people’s expectations and behavior. Part of the problem is that privacy law has yet to converge upon a common framework or set of principles that can guide the design. My book proposes such a framework, which I call ‘privacy’s blueprint.’ Getting these design rules right will help relieve some of the pressure to create laws restricting the collection, use and disclosure of information. It will help us have sustainable, mutually beneficial relationships with information technologies.”

Lucille Stewart Beeson Professor of Law William Ross’ forthcoming book, *World War I and the American Constitution*, is under contract with Cambridge University Press and set to be published in February 2017. In his book, Ross examines the social, political, economic and legal forces that generated the transformation of constitutional law and laid the foundation for the modern administrative state following World War I.

According to Ross, one of the most enjoyable parts of writing his book was the archival research, particularly at the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, where he spent several weeks over a period of several years.

“Examining contemporary correspondence, some of which had not been read for nearly a century, brought history alive, particularly because people often express themselves more candidly in private letters than in newspaper articles or speeches,” Ross said. ▀

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for Cumberland School of Law.*



Denning



Hartzog



Ross

## NURSING HONORS

# 'Angel of Perry County'

with Living Legacy Award

by Katie Stripling

**Nursing alumna Frances Ford is a legend in Perry County, Alabama, and throughout the region. Known as "Miss Fix It" and the "Angel of Perry County," she has spent the majority of her career working to improve the lives of people in Alabama's Black Belt.**

Samford's Ida Moffett School of Nursing honored Ford with its highest honor, the Living Legacy Award, at the Courage to Care Gala Oct. 7. The Living Legacy Award was established in 2012 in celebration of the school's 90th anniversary. The award highlights a graduate whose local touch has a global reach through leadership and service to others.

Early in her nursing career, she earned a reputation as a passionate advocate for patients, health care organizations and physicians by working tirelessly to ensure that the citizens in the area had access to quality, cost-effective care.

In 2000, Ford was named health care coordinator for Perry County. She worked diligently to begin rebuilding health care infrastructure in the community after the closure of the county's hospital in the same year. Her efforts increased the number of health care professionals, expanded the services of clinics, removed regulatory barriers inhibiting the delivery of services and brought renewed hope to her community.

Ford was quickly recognized as an energetic visionary leader who understood the challenges of rural medicine. Her work resulted in a change to a 40-year-old regulation that prohibited dialysis in communities without hospitals. She convinced state and federal officials to establish a primary care facility for people in poverty. She also developed and led an initiative to provide children in poverty



Frances Ford

with health insurance, achieving a tenfold increase in their coverage.

In 2005, Ford was named executive director of Sowing Seeds of Hope, and she continues to serve in that role today. Under her leadership, the organization improves access to quality health care, fosters economic development, coordinates volunteers for housing improvements among the poor, offers prescription assistance and provides numerous other outreach initiatives to the people of Perry County and surrounding areas.

Earlier this year, in recognition of her outstanding impact on patient care in underserved areas of Alabama, Ford was inducted into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame. Her impact on these individuals and communities will be felt for years to come. ■

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## School of Nursing HONORS ALUMNI WITH THE COURAGE TO CARE

Ida Moffett School of Nursing honored seven alumni at the annual Courage to Care Gala Oct. 7. Honorees, including Living Legacy award recipient Frances Ford (see separate story), were cited for their adherence to the maxims of the school's namesake, the late Ida V. Moffett, and their outstanding contributions to the nursing profession.

### 2016 Courage to Care Honorees

**Richard Edward, M.S.N., RN**, nursing informatics coordinator, Birmingham VA Medical Center and analyst, Alabama Health Action Coalition (AL-HAC)

**Brenda J. Jacobs, D.N.P., APRN**, chief executive officer and clinical director, Daughters of Charity of Arkansas

**Blanche Lowery, J.D., CRNA**, director of anesthesia, Children's of Alabama

**Deborah McCormack, B.S.N., RN**, staff nurse, Brookwood Baptist Health Princeton

**Ann McDonald, D.N.P., APRN, C-FNP, CNE**, nurse practitioner, Appalachian Mountain Community Health Center in Asheville, North Carolina

**Ashley Nicole Wagner, M.S.N., FNP-BC**, nurse practitioner, Rural Health Medical Program at Marion Health Center

The event also recognized a roster of dedicated supporters: gold sponsor John 3:16, and benefactors Jo and Robert Kicker, Money Family Trust, and the Carl and Gloria Schaefer Family. Patron sponsors included Brookwood Baptist Health Princeton; Cathy and Roger Cartwright; Carolyn Chalkley, Susan Sheffield and Ann McEntire; Children's of Alabama; Ida Moffett School of Nursing's Family Nurse Practitioner Department; and Gloria and Carl Schaefer.

Samford nursing school advisory board member and retired professor Barbara Money served as chair of the awards gala. ■

# Samford Pharmacy Researchers Help Small Patients Who Need Bosentan

by Mary Wimberley

A team of Samford University researchers recently resolved a problem that has stymied pharmacists who treat pediatric patients suffering from pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH).

Led by Samford pharmacy professor John J. Arnold, the researchers sought to develop a compounded oral suspension of bosentan that would be appropriate for young patients.

Bosentan, marketed as Tracleer, is a commonly used drug for patients of PAH, a progressive illness that in severe cases can result in failure of the heart muscle. In the United States, bosentan is available only in tablet form in strengths suitable for adult patients.

For small—often newborn—patients, oral suspensions of bosentan can be prepared, but practitioners previously have not had stability data available in order to provide an appropriate beyond use date.

“To our knowledge, no uniform preparation guidelines with validated beyond use dating for a compounded bosentan liquid preparation currently existed,” Arnold said. This meant that practitioners had no choice but to compound liquid preparations of bosentan with no validated beyond use date.

Working with commercially available compounding supplies in a laboratory at Samford’s McWhorter School of Pharmacy, the team prepared a bosentan suspension and evaluated its stability under controlled room temperature as well as at refrigeration. They analyzed samples at nine time points during the 31-day trial period.

## Pharmaceutically Elegant

In the end, the researchers found that the compounded bosentan oral suspension was “pharmaceutically elegant” with excellent suspendability.

Whether stored at room temperature or refrigerated, the compounded suspensions maintained their physical stability and could be easily re-suspended upon shaking at each sampling time, the researchers wrote in their conclusion.

Also, neither the odor nor the color of the compounded suspension changed throughout the period of study, which suggested a lack of bacterial growth, they noted.

“Having stability data based on scientifically sound research allows pharmacists to assign an appropriate beyond use date to a compounded bosentan oral suspension,” Arnold said. “This decreases drug waste since pharmacists don’t have to remake it as frequently and eases our concerns about its potential lack of stability.”



Pharmacy professor John Arnold

## In the Beginning

The idea to tackle the problem in the laboratory came from one of Arnold’s Samford pharmacy students who was doing a clinical rotation at Children’s of Alabama hospital in Birmingham in 2014.

“They were having to prepare the compounded preparation each day, which was wasteful and time consuming,” Arnold said.

When the student, Alina Malik, suggested that she study the stability of compounded bosentan for her senior research project, he readily agreed.

In addition to Arnold, who directed the research, the Samford research team included faculty member Gregory Gorman and staff member Lori Coward. Malik, who graduated with a doctor of pharmacy degree in 2015, is now a pharmacist at a Walgreens store in Fort Worth, Texas.

The results appeared in an article in the May 2016 issue of *Hospital Pharmacy*, an independent peer-reviewed journal widely read by hospital and health system leadership and staff.

“Apparently, a lot of other pharmacists had been looking for a recipe, because I have received quite a bit of correspondence about it,” said Arnold, who has responded to inquiries from across the United States and other countries. ▀

# NEW MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

## *Connects Health Professions Students with Alumni*

by Katie Stripling

Students in Samford's School of Health Professions now have a unique opportunity to gain practical knowledge and important connections in their chosen field. In fall 2016, health professions dean Alan P. Jung introduced a new alumni student mentorship program aimed at fostering relationships between students and alumni.

"The majority of our students in the School of Health Professions pursue graduate or professional school following graduation. By connecting them with alumni who have walked in their shoes, we are giving them an opportunity to gain practical knowledge, and to begin building a professional network that will help them as they transition into their graduate studies and eventually into their careers," said Jung.

Each month, Samford alumni join Jung and students for a mentorship lunch. The first event was held in September. Since then, more than 40 alumni and students have participated. Each lunch is discipline specific, and so far, they have included an optometrist, a physician, physical therapists, occupational therapists and physician assistants.

Students are enthusiastic about the opportunities the program presents. "It is very beneficial for Samford students to participate in this new program," said McKenzie McClanahan, a senior in exercise science. "Having someone who has been there before you and can help advise you, comfort you and guide you along your career journey is so important to growth. I feel like many people would want to develop student-mentor relationships but may not know how to initiate them. This program is an incredible way to facilitate those connections."

According to Jung, another goal of the program is to provide alumni with an opportunity to reconnect with the school and its programs. "By including them in the development of our current students personally and professionally, they are able to engage with the

mission of the School of Health Professions: using one's gifts to serve others," said Jung.

Mentors engage in dialogue with the students, answering questions and providing guidance. "Right now, the only expectation [of alumni] is that they come to lunch and be willing to have students contact them in the future. My hope is that the time together will lead to future conversations and that a mentoring relationship naturally develops," said Jung.

For health sciences major Will Jackson, the alumni mentorship lunches stand out as an example of the many ways the School of Health Professions demonstrates its commitment to developing students professionally. "This opportunity for mentorship shows how intentional our professors are, not just getting us through the program, but helping us to become the best we can be at Samford and in the future," said Jackson. ▀



From left: McKenna Souders, Raven Samuel and Dani Smith

Lunches are being scheduled for the spring semester with the goal for this program to be an ongoing opportunity for alumni and students. Alumni who are interested in participating in a future lunch should contact Dr. Jung at [apjung@samford.edu](mailto:apjung@samford.edu).

# *The Believer's Touch*

## Social Work Student Project Showcases Christ-centered Advocacy Effort

by Jean McLean

**A homeless mother applies for food assistance in a Department of Human Resources (DHR) office. When asked if Birmingham's Jessie's Place provides meals, she confirms she and her children are fed there.**

Until last August, that honest answer could have led to hunger. What the mother and DHR caseworker didn't know was that Jessie's Place was solely dependent on fluctuating general public and private food donations. That honest answer also meant that, once denied, women eligible for food assistance might not reapply. The resulting hole in society's safety net undermined those women's efforts toward eventual independence.

Last summer, Jessie's Place director LaTonya Melton mentioned the problem to Samford master of social work student Annette Scott. Scott was interviewing Melton for a class assignment. That mention proved providential a few weeks later, when Christson Adedoyin, associate professor in the Department of Social Work, assigned Scott's class a community advocacy project. Scott recognized Melton's problem as an advocacy opportunity and prayerfully sought to help.

Scott started by asking careful questions of clients, caseworkers and shelter workers. By piecing together their answers, she soon identified the underlying problem and its solution.

"What I learned was that it was all about communication. Caseworkers don't automatically know how these shelters or ministries structure their food programs. They were therefore unfamiliar with how Jessie's Place provides meals from donated food rather than federally provided food."

Since DHR is responsible for ensuring governmental services aren't duplicated, the women's honest answers prohibited them from receiving aid. Once denied, they were unlikely to apply again. Jessie's Place staff therefore feared for the futures of those leaving the shelter without food assistance.

After Scott confirmed DHR criteria, she provided briefing materials for Jessie's Place personnel. Now staffers help residents answer caseworkers' questions honestly and completely. DHR workers now understand the shelter's food sourcing and can more accurately assess client eligibility at each stage of their progress.

"Annette assisted us with training the staff on how to assist the ladies when they fill out the paperwork," said Melton. "It was so helpful, because not only does the food assistance impact them while they're here, but after they leave here." Along with job-ready training, Jessie's Place helps women identify resources that help



Annette Scott

them bridge income gaps as they work toward financial independence.

"We enjoy working with the Samford social work program," said Melton. "They are training these students in how they can benefit the entire community."

Adedoyin says Scott's advocacy project illustrates the Christ-centered values of Samford's social work program.

"Samford is a Christian learning community, and we are called to do social work 'as unto the Lord.' Our calling is not to work for the recognition or for the money. Our students are called to work for God," said Adedoyin. "Everything we do exemplifies a higher calling. This accomplishment showcases how a Christian social worker must go the extra mile, to ask the extra questions as a difference-maker. What you see in this project is the believer's touch." ▸

# 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

## KIM GREENE



**What is the best advice you were ever given and by whom?** My dad taught me to never give up or accept failure—learn, adjust and move forward. For example, I finished high school with nearly straight As, so as a freshman in college when I failed a dynamics course in my engineering curriculum, I was devastated. I considered changing majors, which many of my classmates did. I spoke to my dad about it and he simply said, showing no disappointment, “Don’t worry. Take the class again, but make sure to get a different professor. Maybe that will make the difference.” He was right. I took it again and did great!

**Why did you choose Samford for your graduate business degree?** I chose Samford for two reasons: it has a great reputation, and I wanted to get my M.B.A. while I was working. Samford offered an M.B.A. program specifically designed for working people to go to classes at night and on the weekends.

**How did your Samford degree prepare you for your current work with Southern Company?** The best thing about Samford’s M.B.A. program is that it purposely integrated the textbook and classroom learning with my day-to-day work activities. Making that constant connection was a priority for the professors in every course, and I was required to use work situations and challenges as the basis for classroom projects. That enabled me to think carefully about and appreciate how the classwork directly impacted my ability to perform better at work due to the lessons I was learning every day.

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**Degree/Year:** M.B.A., 1996

**Current:** Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Southern Company

**Bonus Fact:** Greene was recognized as a 2015 Women Worth Watching company and executive winner by Profiles in Diversity Journal.  
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**What are you most passionate about?** I feel it is very important for me to help women as they grow professionally and personally. I have two daughters who I’m proud to say are intelligent, responsible, independent, interesting, thoughtful and bold. I want them, and other women, to have every opportunity available to them. This means building a work environment free of fear, that allows for courage and imagination, and that is beyond convention. Southern Company is an industry and thought leader, and I hope we can serve as an example to others.

**What is the biggest challenge you face in today’s marketplace and economy?** The electric utility industry, like many others, is changing, and there’s no stopping it. Change is being driven by customer expectations and preferences, environmental considerations, fuel cost volatility, and emerging technologies. Change is the new normal, and we need to embrace the change and shape it. Constantly hiring, training and retaining people with deep fundamental technical knowledge as well as new ideas and different viewpoints is important to help companies continue to stay relevant and important to their customers and remain a good investment for their owners. ▀

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*Ms. Greene’s responses have been edited for length. To read her complete profile, go to [samford.edulspotlight](http://samford.edulspotlight).*





## PATTI WOOD

**Why do you teach?** I feel I was born to teach. I remember playing school as a 7-year-old. Teaching is in my heart and soul. I taught in K–12 schools for 30 years. I probably taught more than 2,000 children before coming to Samford. Samford has broadened my world of teaching as an instructor, faculty adviser and mentor, and given me the opportunity to impact the lives of so many more children, maybe upwards of 10,000.

**How did you become interested in educating gifted students?** My first 25 years as an educator were spent as a speech-language pathologist, a very rewarding and fulfilling career. But in 1998, my “cheese was moved,” forcing me to take a new path as an educator. I took what I thought would be a temporary job as a gifted specialist in Anniston City Schools, but within a couple of years, I found myself going back to school to work on a doctorate in gifted education. God opens doors just when they are most needed and usually unexpected. I taught gifted children for eight years before completing my doctorate and beginning my new adventure at Samford.

**How did your background prepare you for your current role at Samford?** Pursuing my doctorate was a dream I’d had since obtaining my master’s degree at 23. When I made the decision at 50 that the time was right to go back to school, I knew where I was headed professionally: academe. My years as a gifted specialist were crucial to helping me to see the importance of every child maximizing his or her potential. While life experiences as a high achiever in school have given me insight into the joys and burdens of gifted children, my personality traits help me identify with their affective selves.

**Position:**

Associate Professor and  
Director, Graduate Program in  
Gifted Education

**Teaching at Samford since:** 2006

**Bonus Fact:** Wood has a doctorate  
in special education/gifted  
education from the University  
of Alabama.

**What is one thing you want your students to know when they graduate?** I hope they will feel prepared and empowered as educators to meet the academic and affective needs of their students, and that their connection with Samford will always be there to support them in their professional journey. The field of education, like many professions, faces tremendous challenges in the 21st century. Classrooms are more diverse than ever, and students come to schools with problems that are more difficult to address. My hope is that the educators we are preparing will be equipped to provide a meaningful education to students, imbued with love and understanding for students as creations of God. I see great things happening in schools where my students are teaching.

**What is some of the research you are doing in your field?** I am researching how to measure growth in learning for gifted children. In general, students in K–12 classrooms are measured with grade-level assessments. For students who score at the 90+ percentile, there is little room to demonstrate their true level of knowledge and skills. A more appropriate strategy is the use of above-level tests with high ceilings to measure growth in content knowledge and skills. Few schools offer this type of assessment. We need to match learning goals to content mastery for all learners, but most particularly students who demonstrate mastery of the grade-level content. It’s time to remake, revise, re-envision how schools should work, especially if we are to ensure an appropriate education for all students. ▀

*Dr. Wood’s responses have been edited for length. To read her complete profile and profiles of other featured employees and alumni go to [samford.edu/spotlight](http://samford.edu/spotlight).*

TWEETED

IN REACTION TO SAMFORD FOOTBALL PLAYING MISSISSIPPI STATE

**JON ACUFF** @JonAcuff  
 "Shout out to **@samford\_sports** for hanging tough with Mississippi State! I love seeing my alumni play the role of the underdog!"

**BROOKS HANRAHAN** @brooksharahan  
 "**@SamfordFootball** just put **600+ yards, 41 points** on an SEC defense on the road. **Not too shabby.**"

ALUMNUS AND NFL STAR JAMES BRADBERRY BACK AT SAMFORD

**JUDGE DILLARD** @JudgeDillard  
 "It's great to have **@SamfordFootball** and **@Panthers** star **@Brad\_B21** back home at **@SamfordU.**"



HOMEcoming WEEKEND

**KIM LUTER TERRELL** @Kilu504  
 "Truly enjoyed this weekend reconnecting w/ friends and reminiscing on campus **#SamfordHC** **#Samford175**"

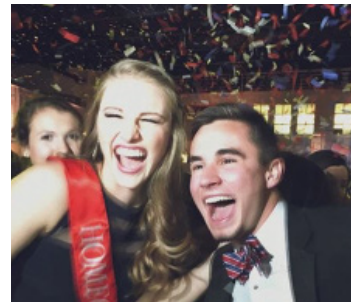


**KAITLYN BOUCHILLON** @kaitlyn\_bouch  
 "Happy 175th, Samford! Mr. Beeson and I are obviously super stoked to celebrate you. **#su175**"

**@KARIPHIL46**  
 "I loved the Air Force fly-over at Samford's Homecoming today! **#Samford175** **#Iloveyalmamater**"



ANNIVERSARY BALL



**SAMFORD UNIVERSITY** @samfordu

"Celebrating at the Anniversary Ball tonight!"

**PAUL MCDANIEL** @pnmcdaniel

"Fun time at my alma mater **@SamfordU** 175th Anniversary festivities! **#SU175**"

**JENNY DANSBY** @jennydansby

"What a fantastic evening at the 175th Samford Anniversary Ball."

**SAMFORD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** @samfordalumni

"We woke up still in amazement of last night! Thanks to everyone who made the Anniversary Ball an event we'll never forget. **#SamfordHC** **#SU175**"

HAPPY 175TH BIRTHDAY, SAMFORD

**STORI** @SU\_STORI  
 "#OTD in 1841, the Alabama Baptist State Convention decided to start a small Christian college in Marion, AL. Happy 175th, SU **#SU175.**"

CHRISTMAS AT SAMFORD SAMFORD UNIVERSITY @samfordu

"Photo by **andrew\_westmoreland**"  
 Dr. Westmoreland's photo of The Lighting of the Way had 709 likes.

**JAY WELBORN** @JayWelborn

"One of my favorite places on earth. And it's spectacular at Christmas."



FACEBOOK CHATTER

IN RESPONSE TO POST REVEALING SAMFORD'S NEW BULLDOG LOGO

**BEN FINEBURG**  
 "Send me a bumper sticker or a window cling, and I'll proudly display it!"

**BILL PRICE**  
 "Love it!!!! Bulldogs Forever!"

**DR. ANDREW WESTMORELAND** @andrew\_westmoreland  
 "A Bulldog of the People!"

# Samford's Impact on Ohio Wesleyan

When Ohio Wesleyan University president Rock Jones was looking for a new vice president for student engagement and success earlier this year, he named Dr. Dwayne K. Todd, then director of student affairs at Columbus (Ohio) College of Art and Design.

This fall, he named another new member to Ohio Wesleyan's leadership team, Lauri J. Strimkovsky, as vice president for finance and administration and treasurer. She had been senior vice president for financial affairs and chief of staff at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia.

Todd and Strimkovsky have something in common in addition to their new posts. Both are Samford graduates. Todd finished in 1992 and Strimkovsky in 1986.

"I thought you might enjoy knowing about Samford's impact on OWU," President Jones wrote his friend, Samford President Andrew Westmoreland. OWU is a liberal arts university in Delaware, Ohio, near Columbus.

Todd began his role at OWU last June after serving 15 years at Columbus College of Art and Design. In his new position, Todd is responsible for leading efforts to increase student retention, improve cocurricular programs and services, and improve the school's residential experience.

"As a higher educational professional, I often find myself looking back on my Samford days and drawing upon the best of those experiences to inform my work today,"

he said. Some of his favorite memories, he said, involve the A Cappella Choir, and his friends in the School of Music and Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

"I'm sure Lauri and I will have many fond Samford memories to share together in the years ahead," he added.

Strimkovsky, who has held financial posts at three other colleges, was named to her new role in October and began service Dec. 5. She was a business major at Samford who transferred from another school. "The students at Samford were warm and welcoming," she recalled. "The faculty I remember most are Billy Gamble and Marlene Reed."

Reed taught a course in which students "worked in teams and did presentations with all-inclusive business plans, and played a simulated computer-based business game. That's not new today, but it was back then," said Strimkovsky.

Todd and Strimkovsky are not the only Samford graduates serving in leadership posts in U.S. higher education. A survey of Samford alumni files revealed at least 15 graduates currently holding positions as president, vice president, provost, chancellor or dean at U.S. colleges and universities. A list of these educational leaders follows.



Todd



Strimkovsky

## Samford Alumni in Educational Leadership Posts

**Steven F. Echols**, *President, Brewton-Parker College*

**Chadwick L. Eggleston**, *Provost and Dean of the College, Huntingdon College*

**Kirby Godsey**, *Chancellor and University Professor, Mercer University*

**Joyce T. Heames**, *Dean, Campbell School of Business, Berry College*

**Betsy B. Holloway**, *Vice President for Marketing and Communication, Samford University*

**Mark Kahler**, *Vice President for Communication, Trinity International University*

**Chris McCaghren**, *Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Mobile*

**Al Mohler**, *President, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*

**David E. Potts**, *President, Judson College*

**Charles D. Sands IV**, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, California Baptist University*

**William Shiell**, *President, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary*

**Lauri J. Strimkovsky**, *Vice President for Finance and Administration, Ohio Wesleyan University*

**W. Mark Tew**, *Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Howard Payne University*

**Dwayne K. Todd**, *Vice President for Student Engagement and Success, Ohio Wesleyan University*

**Lee C. Van Orsdel**, *Dean of University Libraries, Grand Valley State University*

In addition, three recent Samford administrators are serving now as presidents of other universities or colleges—former provost Brad Creed at Campbell University, former business professor John Knapp at Hope College and former business school dean Beck Taylor at Whitworth College.

# CLASS NOTES

## 1970s

'75 **Marlin Harris** is the author of his second book, *Jesus, Our Lord on Earth*. His first book was *Let the Beatitudes Be My Attitude in You*. A former missionary and Baptist hospital administrator in Asuncion, Paraguay, he was more recently language department head at Prattville High School and president of the Alabama High School Language Teachers Association. He and his wife, Jean, live on the farm where he grew up in Marbury, Alabama. **1**

## 1980s

'81 **Jacquelyn "Gigi" McIntyre Robison** was elected to a four-year term on the Tullahoma, Tennessee, city school board. She and her husband, **Keith Robison '81**, have lived in Tullahoma for 28 years. **2**

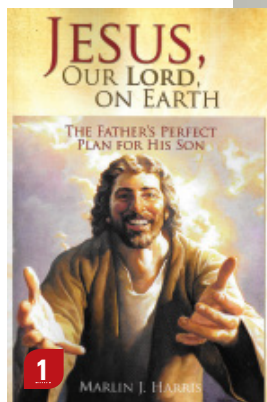
'85 **David E. Young** was named chairman of the board of Faros Healthcare, a provider of artificial intelligence and data analytics solutions. He is based in Nashville, Tennessee.

'87 **Mitzi Hipsher Lundy** received one of 20 grants given nationally by 21st Century Fox and the Give a Note Foundation as part of *American Idol's* #MusicEdIdol campaign. She will use the \$1,000 grant for her music program at Elzie D. Patton Elementary School in Mount Juliet, Tennessee, where she is the K–5 music specialist. **3**

'88 **Michael Adams** retired from the U.S. Coast Guard in New Orleans, Louisiana, in March 2016 with 25 years of military service and is now Clery compliance coordinator at Auburn University. He and his wife, Amanda, have three sons, Joshua, Daniel and Nathan. **4**

'88 **Keith Kirkland** of Roswell, Georgia, is senior vice president and national sales manager with Curve Commercial.

'88 **Alicia McBride Tankersley** is a real estate agent with Keller Williams Realty in northwest Atlanta and Cobb County, Georgia.



Baptist Fellowship, director of supervised ministry and an adjunct

professor at the John Leland Center for Theological Studies in Arlington, Virginia, and a vice president of the North America Baptist Fellowship. She and her husband, Tim, have two sons and a daughter.

'92 **Donna Gray Marsh** is a regional director for Armed Forces Services Corporation's Psychological Health Program for Army National Guard. She supervises 19 clinicians, based in 10 states and one territory, who work with service members regarding behavioral health issues. She lives in Pinson, Alabama.

'92 **Jeff Styres** was selected chairman of the Mississippi Board of Bar Admissions, having been first appointed to the board in 2009 by Mississippi Supreme Court Justice William L. Waller, Jr. He is senior counsel for Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company in Jackson, Mississippi. He and his wife, Belinda, have two daughters, Jessica and Julia. **7**

'92 **Jana Reeves Wiggins** is communications director for the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government in Athens, Georgia. Her husband, **Ben Wiggins '93**, is principal of Oconee County High School in Watkinsville, Georgia, and is 2016–17 president of the Georgia Association of Secondary School

## 1990s

'90 **Jeff Cate** is the author of two essays in a new volume, *Book of Seven Seals* (Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen, Germany) on the manuscripts of the Revelation of John. One essay analyzes a small enigmatic papyrus fragment from the seventh century. The other essay compares two miniature Greek New Testament manuscripts, one housed in Athens, Greece, and the other in special collections at University of California–Riverside, where he is professor of New Testament.

'90 **Rob Walker** is managing partner of Crimson Ventures LLC, which in partnership with Residential Investment Advisors acquires and manages multifamily real estate properties in the southeastern United States. The business is based in Nashville, Tennessee. **5**

'92 **Lenora Peppers Greene** is executive director of the Thunderbird Independent Alumni Association for Thunderbird School of Global Management. She lives in Austin, Texas, with her husband and two sons. **6**

'92 **Trisha Miller Manarin** serves as the Baptist World Alliance's coordinator for its Division on Mission, Evangelism and Justice. She is executive coordinator for the Mid-Atlantic Cooperative

Principals. They have two children, Blake, 23, and Leah Grace, 17.

'93 **DeAnn Mullins** of Lynn Haven, Florida, is 2016–17 president of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA). A certified diabetes educator, she owns Mullins Pharmacy, WeCare Wellness and WeCare Diabetes Education Program. NCPA membership includes the owners of more than 22,000 independent community pharmacies.

'94 **Matt Mitchell, D.Min.**, is senior pastor at Potter's Hand Bible Church in Apex, North Carolina. He and his wife, **Amy Sanders Mitchell '97**, have a daughter, Mercy Hope, born in July.

'95 **Dennis Clark** was selected as an Association of Research Libraries Leadership Fellow for 2016–17. He is associate university librarian for research and learning at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, where he was involved in the design and programming of a new \$50 million library addition.

'96 **Lee R. Henderson** is vice president of commercial lending at Renasant Bank in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was also appointed by Alabama Governor Robert Bentley to serve on the Governors Small Business Commission.

'96 **Shawna McKinley** married Shane Jarrett in October. They live in Clanton, Alabama.

'97 **Don Thompson, J.D.**, of Summerville, Georgia, was appointed superior court judge in the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal. The circuit covers four counties in northwest Georgia.

## 2000s

'00 **Vic Wilson, M.S.E., Ed.D. '12**, was named Alabama Superintendent of the Year by the School Superintendents of Alabama for his outstanding achievement in advancing public

education. He is superintendent of the Hartselle, Alabama, school system.

'01 **Daniel Gilliam** of Louisville, Kentucky, was one of nine American composers chosen for the 2016 Copland House Residency Award. The all-expenses-paid three-week stay at Aaron Copland's National Historic Landmark home in New York's Lower Hudson Valley will provide honorees a unique opportunity to focus on their creative work. Gilliam, director of radio at Louisville Public Radio and the afternoon host on WUOL classical radio station, has many compositions to his credit. He recently released his first recording of art songs, *The Call to Earth*.

'02 **Bobby Bierley** was named strategic broker leader in the energy and marine practice of Lockton independent insurance brokerage company. He is based in the company's Houston, Texas, office. **8**

'02 **Blake Hale Hardwich, J.D.**, joined Adams and Reese LLP as special counsel on its government relations practice team. She focuses her practice in government relations, economic development and litigation. She will practice in Montgomery, Alabama, and in the firm's Birmingham office. **9**

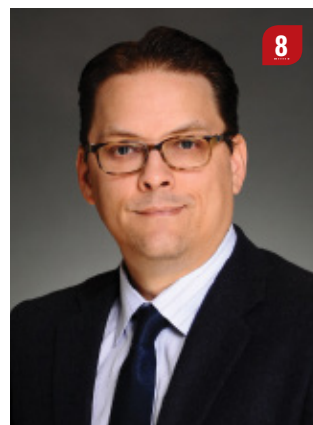
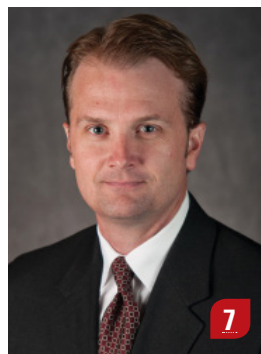
'03 **Jonathan Hooks, J.D.**, was named a Rising Star Lawyer by *Birmingham Business Journal*. He is affiliated with Christian & Small law firm.

'03 **Dave Thompson, M.Acc.**, was appointed to the Internal Revenue Service's Advisory Council. He is director of the Master of Accountancy Program and interim chair of the Accounting and Finance Department at Alabama State University's College of Business Administration in Montgomery, Alabama.

'04 **John Isaac Southerland, J.D.**, was selected as a member of *Benchmark Litigation's* first Under 40 Hot List. He is a defense trial attorney and partner at Huie, Fernambucq & Stewart LLP in Birmingham.

'04 **Stephen Stake** defended his dissertation for a doctoral degree in public health at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. His dissertation topic is "Intimate Partner Violence and Depressive Symptoms Among Women of Reproductive Age in Rural Bangladesh."

'05 **Trey Abbott** was named a Rising Star Lawyer by *Birmingham Business Journal*. He is affiliated with Bradley law firm.





**'05 Courtney Worley Carlisle** was awarded specialty board certification in clinical psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology. The stringent certification process involves multiple reviews and examinations. She and her husband, **Nick Carlisle '06**, live in Wetumpka, Alabama.



**'08 Jordan Beard** earned a Ph.D. degree in biomedical sciences at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in May and is now a postdoctoral research associate at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. He recently published a research article in the journal *Scientific Reports* and coauthored a research article in the journal *PLoS One*. He and his wife, Carrie, have a daughter, Aubrey Kennedy, born in April. **'11**



**'09 Gilbert C. Dickey** was chosen to serve as one of four clerks for U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas during the 2017–18 term, beginning in October 2017. He is currently an assistant attorney general for the state of West Virginia. He is a graduate of University of Chicago Law School. **'12**

**'09 Andrew Knowlton, J.D.**, was named a Rising Star Lawyer by *Birmingham Business Journal*. He is affiliated with Hand Arendall law firm.

### 2010s

**'10 Ashley Reitz Peinhardt, J.D.**, was named a Rising Star Lawyer by *Birmingham Business Journal*. She is affiliated with Hare Wynn Newell & Newton law firm.

**'10 Ali Wilburn** was named to *Birmingham Business Journal's* list of 17 up-and-coming real estate, construction and development leaders who are age 30 or younger. She is an associate broker with Shannon Waltchack, where she specializes in retail and office leasing and investment sales.

**'06 Marie Louise "Molly" Howell** of Nashville, Tennessee, was named to the Nashville Center for Nonprofit Management's "30 in their 30s" list of individuals who have excelled in serving the community. She is art therapist and girls' counselor at Daystar Counseling Ministries.

**'06 T. Dylan Reeves** was named a Rising Star Lawyer by *Birmingham Business Journal*. A graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law, he is an associate with McGlinchey Stafford PLLC in Birmingham.

**'07 Jennifer Davis Rash, M.T.S.**, was named editor-elect of the *The Alabama Baptist* newspaper. She joined the staff in 1996 and has served as executive editor for the past six years, overseeing the production of the paper in all its formats with 66,000+ print and 1,000 digital subscribers as well as social media. **'10**

**'08 Christin Bates Huggins** is a lecturer in the department of communication studies at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. She and her husband, Noah, have a son, Taylor Everette, 1.



'12 **Jordan Winston Busby, J.D.**, was named a Rising Star Lawyer by *Birmingham Business Journal*. He is affiliated with Sirote & Permutt law firm.

'12 **Todd Campbell, J.D.**, was named a Rising Star Lawyer by *Birmingham Business Journal*. He is affiliated with Campbell Guin law firm.

'12 **Isaac Cooper** was appointed to the board of directors of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. He is founder-managing partner with IMC Financial Consulting LLC.

'12 **Catherine Finkley, M.S.E.**, was named assistant principal at Paine Elementary School in Trussville, Alabama. **13**

'12 **Samantha Nicolle, J.D.**, was named a Rising Star Lawyer by *Birmingham Business Journal*. She is affiliated with Huie Fernambucq & Stewart law firm.

'13 **Dominic Aliffi** and **Katrina Brown, M.S.E.**, who married in June, met during Samford marching band camp. He played trumpet and she was on the dance team. They live in New York City, where he teaches middle school band in the Bronx and she teaches K-12 dance in Manhattan. **14**

'13 **Laura Carlisle** married Travis Brooker in August in Reid Chapel. She is pursuing a master's degree in nursing at Samford. **15**

'14 **Sadie Carson** is an account executive with WE Communications in its Seattle, Washington, office. She services Microsoft's Windows and Devices International team, leading and coordinating global relations with media outlets and contacts around the world. **16**

'14 **Joseph William Weaver, M.Div.**, is the new pastor of Pleasant Oak Baptist Church in Placerville, California.

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'14 **Caitrin Williams** is cofounder and operations manager of Rentailor, a web-based software application that seeks to make renting easier for both renters and landlords. She began

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developing a business model and plan for the tech start up during her senior year at Samford.

'15 **Rose Wade, Pharm.D.**, married Rod Weldon in Reid Chapel in July. They live in Birmingham. **17**

## --30--

For decades, print journalists ended their copy with "--30--" to indicate to typesetters that the story was complete. Although modern technology has changed the way copy is prepared, the term --30-- still has meaning.

This issue of *Seasons* marks the --30-- for associate editor Mary Wimberley, who retired from Samford in December after more than 42 years as a news and feature writer and media relations officer.

She has been part of every issue of *Seasons* magazine since its inception more than 30 years ago. Most readers will know her byline from the hundreds of stories she has written or from the contacts she has made with alumni who have been featured in the alumni notes section of each issue. It would be impossible to calculate the number of Samford people—in the thousands—whose lives she has touched in some way through the years.

To say that she will be missed is an understatement, but we wish her well in this next part of life's journey.

Thank you, Mary, for a job well done!

**Philip Poole**

*Executive Director, University Communication*



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## NEW ARRIVALS



'94 **Matt, D.Min.**, and **Amy Sanders Mitchell '97** of Apex, North Carolina, a daughter, Mercy Hope, born July 20, 2016. **1**

'98 Jason and **Jennifer McLean Arndt** of Collierville, Tennessee, a daughter, Julia Christine, born Oct. 7, 2016. **2**

'98 Alicia and **Jonathan Tubbs** of Tucker, Georgia, a daughter, Madeline My'Heaven, born Dec. 29, 2015 and adopted Jan. 13, 2016. **3**

'99 Kristina and **Scott Clark** of Ocala, Florida, twin sons, Lennox Emerson and Garrett Elias, born March 11, 2016. **4**

'00 Tracy and **Adrienne Bonner Wiggins M.M.Ed '03**, of Florence, Alabama, a daughter, Emily Lisette, born April 22, 2016. **5**

'01 **Amanda Dorman Groce** and **Casey Groce, M.S. '06**, of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, a son, George Everett, born Oct. 7, 2015. **6**

'04 Ryan and **Lisa Robishaw Forester** of Katy, Texas, a daughter, Landry Elisabeth, born April 28, 2016. **7**

'04 Martin and **Jamie Dorsett Jackson** of Prattville, Alabama, a son, Warren Knowlton, born July 11, 2016. **8**

'04 Forrest and **Shannon Gavin Johnson** of LaGrange, Georgia, a son, Forrest Clark V, born Feb. 16, 2016. **9**

'04 Chris and **Mary Margaret Evans Pendleton** of Lexington, Kentucky, a son, Reese Evans, born Oct. 20, 2015. **10**

'04 Lauren and **William Christopher Tucker** of Homewood, a son, William Christopher II, born March 19, 2016. **11**

'05 **John** and **Emily Rowe Sadlow** of Memphis, Tennessee, a daughter, Elizabeth Grace, born Oct. 24, 2015. **12**

'05 Richard and **Lindsay Sexton Tyler** of Apex, North Carolina, a son, Ryker Jackson, born July 11, 2016. **13**

'06 Ian and **Tara McCafferty Flaniken** of Birmingham, a son, Joel Zahner, born June 18, 2016. **14**

'06 **Jacob Paul** and **Lauren Rowland Gates '07** of Birmingham, a son, Ezekiel Robert, born Nov. 4, 2015. **15**

'07 Joseph and **Emily Smith Brannan** of Columbus, Georgia, a son, William Arthur, born Dec. 29, 2015. **16**

'07 Daniel and **Sarah Murray Hobbs** of Hendersonville, Tennessee, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, born March 21, 2016. **17**

'07 **William Fredrick "Ricky"** and **Eden Richardson Hutchins** of Sandy Springs, Georgia, a son, William "Liam" Fredrick IV, born Aug. 14, 2016. **18**





'07 Nate and **Katie Bondurant Moore** of Bristol, Tennessee, twins, Nathaniel Ellison and Charlotte Emery, born Oct. 13, 2016. **19**

'07 **Ashleigh Hicks Ray** and **Christopher Ray, M.B.A. '10**, of Trussville, Alabama, a son, Jackson Allen, born Nov. 17, 2015. **20**

'08 Carrie and **Jordan Beard** of Munford, Tennessee, a daughter, Aubrey Kennedy, born April 16, 2016. **21**

'08 Noah and **Christin Bates Huggins** of Athens, Georgia, a son, Taylor Everette, born April 24, 2015. **22**

'08 **Ross** and **Meaghan Roche Thaxton** of Hoover, Alabama, a daughter, Reese Marie, born July 13, 2016. **23**

'08 Jim and **Kimberly Leland Vaden, M.B.A. '09**, of Franklin, Tennessee, a son, Michael Paul, born July 30, 2016. **24**

'09 Alan and **Allison Stewart Cease** of Birmingham, a son, John Collins, born July 17, 2016. **25**

'09 Graham and **Kristin Bartsokas Neff** of Clemson, South Carolina, a son, Grady Roy, born Aug. 1, 2016. **26**

'09 Luke and **Mickelle Schroeder Schlup** of Woodstock, Georgia, a daughter, Adeline Whitney, born March 13, 2016. **27**

'09 Daniel and **Jill Walker Stephens** of Hendersonville, Tennessee, a daughter, Kinsley Reese, born Oct. 11, 2015. **28**

'10 **Bryan** and **Hillary Fountain Friday '11** of Bedford, Texas, a son, John Robert, born July 26, 2016. **29**

'11 **Stephen** and **Shelly Russell Ballard '13** of Fairhope, Alabama, a son, Sawyer Russell, born Sept. 23, 2016. **30**

'11 **Anna Wilgus Pawley** and **Jesse Pawley '13** of Littleton, Colorado, a son, Hall Everett, born Aug. 30, 2016. **31**

'11 Trenton and **Salley Burkett Thompson, Pharm.D.,** of Huntsville, Alabama, a daughter, Louisa Meriwether, born June 28, 2016. **32**

'12 Justin Kyle and **Paula Baltz Pack** of Bessemer, Alabama, a daughter, Harper Christine, born Sept. 13, 2016. **33**

'12 **Will** and **Sara Tarpley Tumlin** of Hendersonville, Tennessee, a daughter, Mary Harris, born March 26, 2016. **34**

'13 **J.T.** and **Heidi Olnhansen Geren** of Fayetteville, Arkansas, a daughter, Lilly Belle, born July 11, 2016. **35**

'14 Rosson and **Hannah Barron Anderson** of Hoover, Alabama, a son, Charles Rosson, born Oct. 23, 2016. **36**

# IN MEMORIAM

**'45 Virginia C. Murphree**, age 92, of Huntsville, Alabama, died Nov. 4, 2016. She taught English at the University of Alabama and was later a homemaker.

**'47 Howard Henson Sisson**, age 92, of Birmingham died Sept. 19, 2015, of Myelodysplasia. He retired from ACIPCO as southeastern sales manager in its Atlanta, Georgia, office after 47 years with the company. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and retired from the Naval Reserve as a lieutenant commander. A letterman in both football and basketball at Samford, he was a member of the basketball team that beat the Original Celtics professional team.

**'49 Emmett Ralph Barber**, age 94, of Pell City, Alabama, died Sept. 18, 2016. He retired from the Drug Enforcement Administration. Prior to studying pharmacy at Samford, he spent 39 months in the Pacific and Indian oceans with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He later served in the Naval Reserves.

**'52 Harold M. Langston, Sr.**, age 89, of Hoover, Alabama, died Nov. 14, 2016. He had a long career in sales with U.S. Steel. Prior to attending Samford, he served in the U.S. Army's 88th Infantry during World War II. He was a member of an Honor Flight that recently visited the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. He was a member of the Samford Bulldog Club.

**'53 A. Ray Foreman**, age 86, of Leeds, Alabama, died Aug. 24, 2016. A longtime pastor of Alabama Baptist churches, he served on the executive committee of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions and on other related boards.

**'54 Sarah Jo Fagan Smith**, age 83, of Montgomery, Alabama, died Sept. 19, 2016. She taught school in Florida and was an administrative assistant to the warden in the Alabama Prison System, when her husband, C. Byron Smith '51, was chaplain. They were college sweethearts.

**'57 John Daniel Atchison**, age 90, of Birmingham died Sept. 11, 2016. He worked for U.S. Steel before opening his own construction business, JADA Inc., in Charleston, South Carolina.

**'57 Joseph Angelo Fiore**, age 80, of Birmingham died Aug. 28, 2016. He owned Medical Towers Pharmacy and was a president of the Jefferson County Pharmacy Association. He was a photographer in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

**'57 Bobbie Marrs Stubbs Hunt**, age 89, of Homewood died Oct. 1, 2016. She was an administrator at Jefferson State Community College and dean of students at Dalton College in Georgia. In retirement, she taught military enlistees at Limestone College in South Carolina and led writing workshops at the Homewood Senior Center. At Samford, she was a member of Hypatia honor society. Memorials may be made to Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

**'58 Albert Dobbins Lipscomb**, age 81, of McCalla, Alabama, died Oct. 11, 2016. He was an attorney and a municipal judge for the towns of Hueytown, Lipscomb and Brownville. He served 29 years in the Alabama Air National Guard, retiring as a full colonel and judge advocate general.

**'60 Joseph Cunningham Daniel, Sr.**, age 78, of Birmingham died Sept. 16, 2016. He was director of religious activities and director of student activities at Samford before joining Alabama Power Company in corporate training and leadership development in 1977. He later worked at Southern Nuclear Operating Company and Southern Company College. Memorials may be made to Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

**'60 Norma Cooksey Green, Ed.S.** '79, age 77, of Douglasville, Georgia, died Oct. 7, 2016, of cancer. She was a longtime teacher in Douglas County, Georgia, and a member of Alpha Delta Kappa education sorority. She received a Life Long Learner Award from Samford's Orlean Beeson School of Education in 2015. She met her husband of 54 years, Hilton Green '62, Ed.D. '79, at Samford.

**'61 Charlcie Elizabeth Giles**, age 76, of Birmingham died Sept. 22, 2016. She taught school for many years. As vice president of Insurance Systems of Alabama for 25 years, she helped many people obtain their insurance licenses.

**'61 Billy L. Harris**, age 77, of Anniston, Alabama, died Oct. 1, 2016. He was a minister for 60+ years at Baptist churches in Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. He served on boards of *The Alabama Baptist*, University of Mobile, Judson College and the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions. He was named a Minister of the Year by Samford in 1992. He taught preaching, speech and religious education at Samford, 1968–78.

**'61 William N. Meeks**, age 80, of Mobile, Alabama, died Oct. 17, 2016. He retired from the Affirmative Action office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**'61 Ralph H. Neal**, age 79, of Rocklin, California, died June 26, 2016, of cancer. He was a longtime employee of the California Department of Transportation, a city mayor and council member, and a member of the board of the California Baptist Foundation.

**'63 Mary Lane Holland Powell**, age 75, of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, died Nov. 22, 2016, of pancreatic cancer. A professor of family studies at Samford and at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, she was coauthor of a textbook, *Family Life Education: Working Across the Life Span*. In retirement, she was a consultant and coach in the areas of leadership, relationships and conflict resolution. She recently wrote a small two-volume book, *Parenting Secrets*, designed to help families who need support and encouragement. At Samford, where she met her husband, Bob Powell '61, she was a debater, *Crimson* newspaper editor and Hypatia Cup winner.

**'65 Michael Stanley Sheier, J.D.**, age 77, of Anniston, Alabama, died Oct. 10, 2016. He was an attorney.

**'65 Maxine Messer Smith**, age 84, of Clanton, Alabama, died Sept. 2, 2016. She graduated from Birmingham School of Nursing in 1965 and from Samford with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in 1975. After a career in nursing, she was owner and broker of a real estate office. She was a member of Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society.

**'66 Alex Martin Johnson**, age 72, of Montgomery, Alabama, died Oct. 1, 2016. He was a physician and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. At Samford, he played football under coach Bobby Bowden.

**'67 Robert Stanley Paradise, M.B.A.**, of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, died Aug. 31, 2016. He was a longtime employee of U.S. Steel and later worked at the State Department of Revenue. He served with the Naval Amphibious Landing Forces in the South Pacific during World War II.

**'69 Etta Mae Odom Mitchell Tingle**, age 92, of Trussville, Alabama, died Aug. 18, 2016. She taught elementary school for many years.

**'70 Susan Youngblood Strain**, age 69, of Birmingham died Nov. 3, 2016. She worked in real estate for 25 years.

**'72 Van Louie Hayes, Jr., M.B.A.**, age 76, of Pelham, Alabama, died Nov. 6, 2016. He was transportation manager at Vulcan Materials Company. He made many international mission trips and in retirement was a crisis chaplain with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

**'72 Davelaine Mordecai Styron**, age 70, of Pensacola, Florida, died Sept. 17, 2016. She was a pharmacist at several stores and at West Florida Hospital.

**'75 Tom Sowa, J.D.**, age 66, of Anniston, Alabama, died Sept. 25, 2016. He was the longtime county attorney for Calhoun County.

**'78 Virginia Harden Bailey, M.B.A.**, age 68, of Baileyton, Alabama, died Sept. 22, 2016. She was a stock broker with Merrill Lynch and J.C. Bradford & Company, and an avid equestrian. She and her husband, Stan, were the first married couple to graduate together with M.B.A. degrees from Samford.

**'80 Romaine S. Scott III, J.D.**, of Fairhope, Alabama, died Sept. 19, 2016. He practiced law in Birmingham, Mobile and Fairhope, and served on the Alabama State Bar's board of bar examiners. Prior to studying law, he was a music and book review critic for newspapers in Alabama, Georgia and Virginia.

**'82 James Marlin Cox**, age 68, of Ashville, Alabama, died Aug. 24, 2016. He worked for Barber Dairy Company and Riteway Services, and was pastor of Greensport Baptist Church for 23 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

**'82 James Arthur Hartin, M.B.A.**, age 70, of Birmingham died Sept. 9. He spent his 47-year career at Southern Company.

**'82 Mitchell Alan Spears, J.D.**, age 64, of Montevallo, Alabama, died Oct. 12, 2016. He practiced law for 34 years and was a president of the Shelby County Bar Association. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

**'83 James Frederick Harrington, J.D.**, age 66, of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, died Oct. 27, 2016. He was an attorney. In the 1970s, he was a Russian interpreter for the U.S. Air Force/ National Security Agency.

**'85 David Michael Cruise**, age 61, of Gainesville, Florida, died Sept. 18, 2016. He was a pilot.

**'86 Mandy Burton**, age 51, of Montgomery, Alabama, died Aug. 26, 2016. She taught school for 25 years.

**'87 Ronald T. Dudley, Jr., J.D.**, age 54, of Adamsville, Alabama, died Nov. 16, 2016. He was an attorney at Environmental Litigation in Birmingham and a volunteer with Teen Challenge of Alabama.

**'90 Anthony R. Kimbrough**, age 48, of Bradenton, Florida, died Sept. 14, 2016. He was a member of the Sarasota Archery Club and a volunteer for the De Soto National Memorial.

**'96 Heidi Draper Alvey, M.S.E.**, age 60, of Birmingham died Sept. 17, 2016. She taught fifth grade and trained volunteers to serve as compassionate friends to the mentally and physically ill.

**'96 Sherri Graves Smith, J.D.**, age 45, of Tuscumbia, Alabama, died Nov. 2, 2016, of cancer. She was a global marketing attorney in the legal division of the Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta, Georgia. She wrote children's books that teach manners and good sportsmanship, with more than 40 titles in the Game Day Series.

**'01 Lynn Blakeman Shreve, M.S.E.** '03, age 36, of Louisville, Kentucky, died Oct. 7, 2016. She was trained in biblical counseling and most recently used her spiritual gifts at Immanuel Baptist Church in Louisville.

## OTHER SAMFORD FAMILY

**Gary Woods Bumgarner**, age 62, of Homewood, died Sept. 13, 2016. He had been a professor in Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy since 2001. An Ohio native, he earned his pharmacy degree from Ohio State University, and completed his graduate training at Mercer University and Emory University in the areas of pharmaceuticals and immunology. At Samford, he received several pharmacy teaching awards and wrote a popular pamphlet, "The Profession of Pharmacy as a Calling to Serve." He partnered with Sowing Seeds of Hope ministry to initiate faith-based diabetes education and support groups for the medically underserved residents in Perry County, Alabama. Memorials may be made to the Dr. Gary Bumgarner Legacy Scholarship Fund, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

**George Neal Wilson**, age 86, who served on the Samford board of trustees from 1977 to 1986, died Oct. 31, 2016. A physician in private practice in Bessemer, Alabama, for more than 30 years, he was later director of the Russell Student Health Center at the University of Alabama for 10 years. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. ■



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## Women's Soccer Sweeps SoCon

### The Samford women's soccer team

won the Southern Conference 2016 regular season title and postseason tournament, earning its fourth trip to the NCAA Tournament in November. Coach Todd Yelton's team beat East Tennessee State, 2-1, in the SoCon title game in Johnson City, Tennessee, Nov. 6.

But Samford drew 10th-ranked Florida State in Tallahassee as its first-round NCAA opponent and lost, 4-0. The Bulldogs finished with a 15-4-2 record, tying the 2005 and 2007 teams for most wins in a season.

Samford swept the league's postseason individual awards in all-conference balloting of the 10 head coaches. Senior forward Jermaine Seoposenwe was named SoCon Player of the Year, while classmate Olivia Cole repeated as Defensive Player of the Year. Fellow defender Allie Lourie was tabbed Freshman of the Year, and Yelton was voted Coach of the Year by his peers for the third straight season.

Seoposenwe led the SoCon in scoring this season with 38 points and a Samford-record 16 goals.

Senior Malcanisha Kelley scored six goals this season, pushing her career total to a school-record 34.

Samford outscored its opponents, 49-21, this season. The Bulldogs were 9-1 in conference play. Yelton ranks first among Samford soccer coaches in career victories with 191.

"We had a fantastic year, and I was glad for our players because they are a great group of people," said Yelton. "They did extremely well in the league by winning two championships, as well as excelling against power five opponents.

"Around here, we're judged by how we do against the bigger schools, and we were able to get wins against Baylor and Alabama. We also finished in the top 30 in the country, so it was a fantastic season for us. We look forward to keeping up that momentum." ▀

## Bognar Leads Volleyball to SoCon Tournament Title

**For the third time** in six years, the Samford volleyball team won the Southern Conference tournament to advance to the NCAA meet. Led by SoCon tournament Most Valuable Player Erin Bognar, Samford defeated Wofford, East Tennessee State and Chattanooga to win the conference title.

Samford also won the tournament and its automatic bid to the NCAA in 2011 and 2014.

"This is something that's fun," said first-year Samford Head Coach Keylor Chan. "It's the next step in the process to build our program."

Chan was named Samford's coach last spring after serving as head coach at Northwestern University for 16 years. He

immediately scheduled a strong preconference schedule, "good quality opponents that will test us," to help get his team ready for SoCon play.

Bognar, a senior, recorded 553 kills this season. She was named to the All-SoCon first team after being selected Player of the Week a conference-high four times. Bognar recorded more than 1,400 kills during her four-year career.

Samford's Kelsi Hobbs also received SoCon honors, being selected a member of the all-freshman team.

Samford finished with a record of 21-14 after losing at fifth-ranked Kansas, 3-0 (25-19, 25-21, 25-17), in the NCAA Tournament Dec. 1. ▀



Bognar

## Hodges Named SoCon Offensive Player of the Year



**Devlin Hodges**, Samford's record-breaking sophomore quarterback, was named Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year by SoCon coaches and media this fall. He is the first Samford player to earn the honor from both coaches and the media.

Hodges led Samford to a postseason playoff berth, and established Samford season records for yards passing, touchdowns, percentage completed, attempts and completions. Running Coach Chris Hatcher's high-powered pass oriented attack, Hodges threw for 4,088 yards, 36 touchdowns, a 70.4 completion percentage and 375 completions in 530 attempts.

The Bulldogs finished with a 7-5 record, their sixth consecutive winning season. They played Youngstown State in the first round of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoffs, losing, 38-24.

Three other Bulldogs joined Hodges on the SoCon coaches first team: receiver Karel Hamilton, linebacker Shaheed Salmon and defensive back Omari Williams. On the coaches second team were offensive lineman Armando Bonheur, wide receiver Kelvin McKnight, defensive linemen Roosevelt Donaldson and Ahmed Gooden, and safety Jamerson Blount.

On the media's first team were Hodges, Hamilton, Gooden and Williams. Named to the media second team were Donaldson, Salmon and Blount.

Hamilton caught 111 passes for 1,389 yards and 14 touchdowns this season. He finished his career with 279 catches for 3,803 yards and 31 touchdowns—all school records. He shares the touchdown mark with Efre Hill. ▀

## Nelson, Guillorel Qualify for Cross-country NCAAs

**Samford University** cross-country teams experienced a season of firsts during 2016 as the runners recorded lower personal records, and both the women's and men's team recorded their highest finishes. "It was our best finish ever combining men's and women's teams," said Rod Tiffin, director of cross-country.

In the NCAA South Region Championships in Tallahassee, Florida, Nov. 11, juniors Karisa Nelson and Arsène Guillorel each placed fourth in their races to earn individual qualifying bids to the NCAA national meet Nov. 19 in Terre Haute, Indiana.

In the women's 6K, Nelson clocked a 41-second personal-best 20 minutes, 14.5 seconds. In the men's 10K, Guillorel lowered his personal best by nine seconds as he crossed the finish in 30:24.6.

This is the first time in program history for Samford to qualify both a female

and male representative for the NCAA Championships.

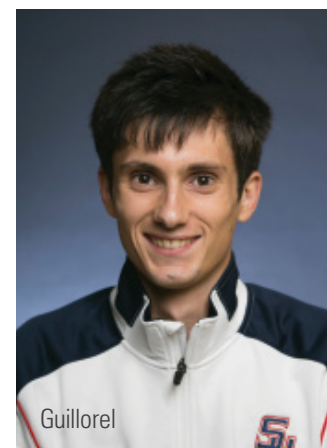
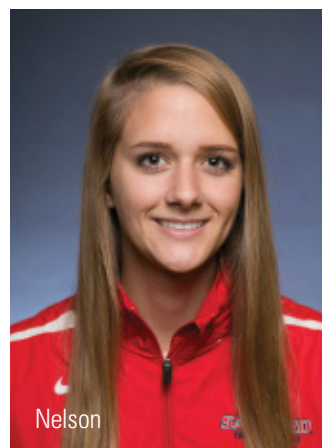
Nelson, the 2016 Southern Conference Runner of the Year, is the first Samford female to qualify for nationals since former star Lauren D'Alessio advanced in 2012. Guillorel clinched a berth to the national meet in 2015 after finishing runner-up at regionals.

In punching their tickets to the NCAA Championships, Nelson and Guillorel also paced their teams to top-flight finishes in the regional. The Bulldog women, who were ranked 14th entering the meet, placed eighth with 272 points. The Bulldog

men, who were ranked seventh entering the meet, placed sixth with 165 points.

In the NCAA competition, Guillorel finished 57th and Nelson 107th. About 250 runners competed in each race.

Pat McGregor is in his first year as Samford cross-country coach. ▀



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