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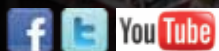
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An aerial photograph of Mercer University Stadium during a football game. The field is green with white yard lines and numbers. A large red banner with the word "BEARS" in white capital letters is positioned at the end of the field. The stands are filled with a large crowd of fans, many wearing orange and white. The stadium is surrounded by campus buildings, parking lots with cars, and a tennis court in the background.

In Our Lens

More than 12,000 fans packed Mercer University Stadium on Aug. 31 for the return of football to campus after a 71-year hiatus. The Bears pulled off a thrilling 40-37 win over Reinhardt University and went on to start the season 4-0 at home. Another overflow crowd is expected for the Homecoming game against Stetson on Nov. 23.

Super Bowl XLI winning coach Tony Dungy visited Mercer Oct. 2 as part of a joint venture with the 100 Black Men of Macon-Middle Georgia and the Motivating Youth Foundation Inc. Dungy spoke to all of Mercer's student-athletes in the Medical School Auditorium that afternoon (below) and keynoted a banquet in Hawkins Arena in the University Center that evening. Dungy was the head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Indianapolis Colts from 1996 – 2008 and became the first African-American head coach to win a Super Bowl in 2007. He now serves as an analyst on NBC's Football Night in America and the national spokesman for the fatherhood program All Pro Dad.



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Mercer Welcomes Second Straight Record Entering Class

For the second straight year, Mercer welcomed its largest-ever class of incoming students, as 834 new Macon campus undergraduates, including 728 freshmen and 106 transfer students, enrolled for fall classes. This total is up 8 percent from the previous year's record enrollment of 772.

"We are experiencing significant momentum across the University, from new innovative academic programs like the Center for Collaborative Journalism to outstanding facilities like the new Cruz Plaza. Prospective students are discovering the value that the Mercer experience has to offer, and we are definitely seeing the impact of that with enrollment growth throughout the institution," said Dr. Penny Elkins CLA '90, '92, senior vice president for enrollment management.

The average high school grade point average for this fall's entering freshmen was 3.7, with almost half finishing in the top 10 percent of their high school classes and 28 graduating as valedictorians. The academic strength of the new class was also demonstrated in the 25th/75th percentile SAT scores, which were 1090/1270.

Jeffrey "Brady" Bradshaw, a Stamps Scholar from Canton, Ga., said he chose Mercer because he closely identified with the University's mission. "I really love how they always promote giving back to the community and bettering yourself," he said as he and his family moved his belonging into Roberts Hall. Bradshaw plans to study industrial engineering and hopes to become involved in intramural sports and religious life on campus.

Presidential Scholar Morgan Saulsberry and her family drove 15 hours from Lantana, Texas, for Move-In Day on Aug. 17. She discovered Mercer through a friend involved in national speech and debate competitions. She visited for a scholarship weekend during her final semester of high school, making her first trip to Georgia, and she loved what she saw. "The staff is awesome. I loved all the teachers I got to meet. Everyone is very friendly," she said. "I love the feel of campus." Saulsberry plans to major in chemistry and minor in communication in anticipation of attending pharmacy school. She hopes to participate in debate and student government.

Rebekah Fulton, a Presidential Scholar from Cypress, Texas, made a family road trip



Many of Mercer's 834 new Macon campus record-breaking undergraduates gather in Willingham Auditorium during Bear Beginnings orientation weekend in August.

SALDIVIA-JONES PHOTOGRAPHY

out of the long drive, dropping her sister off at college in San Antonio before coming to Macon. Fulton, who plans to major in environmental engineering, said she was on a visit to Georgia Tech when she decided to check out

some other schools in the area and discovered Mercer. "I liked the idea of a smaller school and one that wasn't just a tech school," she said. Fulton hopes to become involved with intramural sports and religious life.

Mercer's Morgan Finalist for National Faculty Award

Dr. Mary Alice Morgan, Mercer's senior vice provost for service learning and professor of English, was named a finalist for the Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Award by Campus Compact, a national coalition committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education. Dr. Morgan is one of only three finalists from a group of distinguished nominees for this national award.

The award recognizes senior faculty members who focus on civic and community engagement in their teaching and research, develop and sustain reciprocal community partnerships for positive change and demonstrate leadership in fostering institutional commitment to meaningful engagement. In 2009, Campus Compact recognized Dr. Peter Brown, professor of philosophy, as a finalist

for the Ehrlich Award.

"Mary Alice Morgan embodies all the characteristics recognized by the Ehrlich Award — exemplary leadership in advancing the civic learning of students, public scholarship, building campus commitment to service-learning and civic engagement, and fostering community partnerships," said President William D. Underwood. "So it is entirely fitting that Campus Compact has named Dr. Morgan as a finalist for this national award. It brings honor not only to her, but to Mercer University and the entire Central Georgia community."

"Though this recognition may be coming to me, it is a reflection of Mercer students and



Dr. Mary Alice Morgan

faculty members taking an active role in serving and applying research in answering needs in our community," Dr. Morgan said.

An external panel of experts composed of campus and community representatives selected the finalists and the award-winner, said Dr. Rick Battistoni, professor of political science and public and community service studies and director of Feinstein Institute for Public Service at Providence College.

Campus Compact will present the Ehrlich Award at the annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities in January in Washington, D.C. Dr. Morgan, Dr. Battistoni and the other finalists have been invited to appear on a panel to present and discuss their challenges and achievements and their institutions' commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

Tompkins Named Interim Dean of Tift College of Education

Dr. Paige Tompkins, associate dean and professor of education, was named interim dean of the University's Tift College of Education, effective July 1. She assumed interim leadership of the College following the June 30 retirement of Dr. Carl Martray, who served as dean for 10 years and was granted dean emeritus status by the Board of Trustees.

"In her six years at Mercer, Dr. Tompkins has earned the respect and admiration of faculty, students and educators around the state," Provost Dr. Scott Davis said. "She has been an

effective associate dean, and I am confident will provide excellent leadership for the Tift College of Education during this interim period. I am grateful for her willingness to assume this important administrative role at the University."

Dr. Tompkins has completed six years of service to Mercer, where she has been active in the dean's office, serving first as assistant dean



Dr. Paige Tompkins

and then associate dean.

Kaye Thomas, currently director of field placement for teacher candidates, is filling the position of assistant dean, and Dr. Allison Gilmore continues serving as associate dean. Thomas' new role includes planning and implementing successful recruiting and retention efforts, developing and expanding internal partnerships and working closely with Dr. Tompkins.

A graduate of Troy and Auburn universities, Dr. Tompkins earned her master's degree and Ph.D. from Mississippi State University.

The Dulcimer Finalist for ACP 2013 Magazine Pacemaker Award

MERCER'S LITERARY and arts review, *The Dulcimer*, is one of eight finalists for the Associated Collegiate Press 2013 Magazine Pacemaker Award. The other finalists among literary magazines at four-year colleges and universities include publications at California State University, Fullerton; Yale University; Drake University; Bridgewater State University; Curry College; the University of New Mexico; and North Carolina State University. The winner will be announced on Oct. 26 at the 92nd annual ACP/CMA National College Media Convention in New Orleans.

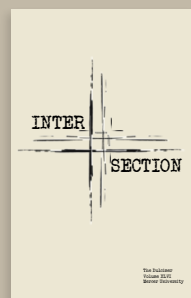
"Our students in creative writing and the arts are extremely talented, and we are very proud of their achievements," said Dr. Lake Lambert, dean of the College of

Liberal Arts. "Mercer faculty do a great job mentoring students in the classroom and in co-curricular projects like *The Dulcimer*."

"I am very proud of the students who worked so hard on this issue," said Craig Coleman, associate professor of art and faculty adviser for *The Dulcimer*.

"The success of *The Dulcimer* sheds a much-deserved light on the creative talents of the students at Mercer."

The Pacemaker, which has been awarded since



1927, is the highest honor the ACP gives to its members. This year, entries were judged by Milkweed Editions on five criteria: content; quality of writing and editing; photography, art and graphics; layout and design; and overall concept or theme. More than 2,300 student journalists and advisers are expected to attend the convention, which will feature educational sessions, keynotes, workshops, critiques, a trade show and the awards ceremony.

The Dulcimer was also recently named a Gold Medalist by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The CSPA offers its Medalist Critique to help print and online media student members improve their final product.

MERC Awarded \$12 Million Air Force Contract

The United States Air Force (USAF) has awarded a \$12 million contract to the Mercer Engineering Research Center (MERC) in Warner Robins to support sustainment of the USAF's aging fleet of Special Operations Forces (SOF) helicopters.

"Robins Air Force Base has strategically planned the sustainment of the aging fleet of Special Operations Forces helicopters by recognizing that long-term engineering research is required to maintain the safety and performance of its fleet," said Dr. Dave Barwick, MERC executive director. "As part of its proactive acquisition strategy, it has contracted with MERC to perform this research, which supports the structural and mechanical integrity of the fleet."

The contract calls for research of the TH-1H, UH-1N and HH-60G helicopters, which includes a "wide range of analyses, to include engineering research, and integration and technical support services to isolate and analyze potential deficiencies related to the United States Air Force rotary-wing weapons systems. The effort will focus on identifying and solv-

ing structural and mechanical integrity issues, especially issues associated with the increasing age of the aircraft, such as fatigue cracking, damage tolerance and corrosion."

"MERC has been a long-time provider of engineering research and support to Special Operations Forces helicopters, having provided rotary wing engineering expertise to the USAF for more than a decade," Dr. Barwick said. "MERC was determined by the USAF to be uniquely

qualified to provide the research to support its extensive requirements."

As part of the recently announced effort, MERC will perform investigation of life predictions and failure analyses that are of significant concern because of long-term aircraft use, especially due to the vibratory nature of these aircraft. This will include consideration of the effects of new structures that have been added to the aircraft due to modifications and upgrades, investigation of aircraft usage

over the fleet's service life, and comparison of this modified usage to the usage defined in the original design of the aircraft. MERC will continue its engineering research in updating existing MERC-developed rotary wing aging aircraft models to reflect current configuration and loadings. MERC will also identify specific

high fatigue areas, perform life predictions on the aging aircraft and develop solutions to extend and maintain the airframe's economically

viable life as the aircraft continues to age.

"These solutions are predicted to result in tens of millions of dollars of cost savings to the USAF, based on the resultant cost savings from previous solutions developed by MERC for similar purposes," said Dr. Barwick.

Approximately 60 MERC engineers and scientists, as well as a few additional external consultants, are expected to perform the research, with an anticipated completion date of Sept. 19, 2014.



College Hill Alliance Receives International Awards

The College Hill Alliance, whose roots trace to a Mercer senior capstone class project, recently received a Gold Excellence in Economic Development Award recognizing the efforts to recruit and retain businesses and foster neighborhood revitalization in Macon's College Hill Corridor. The award, given by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), was in the Real Estate Redevelopment and Reuse category for populations between 25,000 to 200,000 and highlighted the success of Mercer Village, an area once filled with vacant, dilapidated buildings that was transformed into a vibrant, residential and retail destination.

The honor was presented at an Oct. 8 awards ceremony in Philadelphia.

In addition to the Gold Award, the Alliance received a Silver Award from IEDC in the category of Neighborhood Development Initiatives, recognizing the partnership and dedication of the City of Macon, Mercer and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to reinvigorate Macon's historic College Hill Corridor.

"The Excellence in Economic Development Awards recognize College Hill Alliance as be-

ing one of the leading organizations in the industry for innovation, creativity and successful strategies," said IEDC chair Paul Krutko.

"These awards are meant to honor the organizations and individuals who are dedicated to making a positive change in their communities. This organization uses creative solutions and inventive ideas, and offers other regions a wonderful example to learn and benefit from."

"The highly successful College Hill Corridor initiative demonstrates what can be accomplished when great ideas are married with effective planning and strong, committed, public and private partners," said Mercer President William D. Underwood. "This recognition from IEDC is a tribute to the many individuals and organizations that have brought, and are bringing, visible and lasting vitality to the College Hill Corridor."

Since 2009, the College Hill Alliance has leveraged \$78.4 million in public and private investment in the College Hill Corridor. Driven

by a community-created master plan, which serves as a blueprint for revitalization, the College Hill Corridor has transformed into Macon's hip and historic destination, filled with new residents, businesses and visitors.

"The College Hill Alliance has transformed

Macon's core by working with neighborhood residents and those who have laid a stake in Macon's revitalization," said Beverly

Blake, Knight Founda-

tion program director in Macon. "Recognizing this collaboration sends a strong message to communities across the country that are undertaking similar paths of renewal: progress is possible with hard work and a determined community."

With more than 4,000 members, IEDC is the largest organization of its kind. Its annual conference recognizes the world's best economic development programs and partnerships, marketing materials, and the year's most influential leaders.



Mercer Awarded \$425,000 ArtPlace America Grant

Mercer will support the revitalization of the former Tattnall Square Presbyterian Church to create the Tattnall Square Center for the Arts with a \$425,000 grant from ArtPlace America. The University was one of 54 organizations across the country to be awarded funding from the highly competitive ArtPlace America grant program, which seeks to transform communities by driving vibrancy through investments in the arts and creative placemaking.

The proposed center will serve as a community theatre and arts venue, as well as home to the University's Theatre Department. The church property, located at the corner of College and Oglethorpe Streets in the College Hill Corridor, was donated to Mercer in 2010 by the Flint River Presbytery.

"Mercer is pleased to be one of the select few organizations to receive an ArtPlace America grant this year," said President William D. Underwood. "The fact Macon is represented in this elite group of awardees is a testament to the progress that has been made over the last three years in the College Hill Corridor. The ArtPlace America grant, combined with the other gifts and grants that have been committed to this project, puts us within striking distance of completing the fundraising so we can begin renovation of the facility this year."

Mercer's grant application was aided by input from a programming advisory board composed of representatives from such organizations as the

Macon Arts Alliance, Macon Arts Roundtable, College Hill Corridor Commission and Macon Film Guild.

ArtPlace America received more than 1,200 grant inquiries from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The applications yielded 105 finalists, from which 54 were selected to receive grants for their potential to have a transformative impact on community vibrancy. Grant amounts range from \$750,000 to \$33,000, with an average grant size of just over \$280,000. Funded projects include everything from temporary art spaces to permanent performance venues, theatre festivals to art walks, and streetscaping initiatives to artist residencies.

"ArtPlace America recognizes the central role arts and cultural activities can have in the revitalization of American cities," said Rip Rapson, chair of ArtPlace America's Presidents' Council. "With this grant award ArtPlace America is directing individual project support to scores of creative, high-impact projects throughout the country."



President Underwood, Beverly Blake, Macon program director for the Knight Foundation, and Sam Hart, chairman of the Bibb County Commission, gather at the news conference to discuss the good news of an ArtPlace Grant to revitalize Tattnall Square Presbyterian Church.

"ArtPlace America is also continuing to break new ground in drawing together some of the nation's leading foundations to think — in a concerted way — about how these kind of projects can become more widespread," Rapson said.

"The Tattnall Square Center for the Arts will serve as a cornerstone for revitalization of the College Hill Corridor," said Dennis Scholl, vice president/arts for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. "By creating a bustling gathering place for the entire community it will work to change the landscape of the neighborhood and help build stronger connections."

Mercer Encourages Community to 'Reach Out, Speak Out'

The collective voice of six different colleges on Mercer's Cecil B. Day campus in Atlanta encouraged the community to "Reach Out, Speak Out" during National Suicide Prevention Week, Sept. 8-14.

Four days of events communicated the mes-

sage that suicide, the second-leading cause of death among college students, is preventable.

The effort was initiated by the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, led by Dean Priscilla Danheiser; Dr. Art Williams, department chair and associate professor of counseling

and human sciences; and Dr. Kathy Robinson, assistant professor of counseling. Dr. Robinson initially met with several students representing Chi Sigma Iota, an international honor society for counselors, as well as the Student Affiliate Organization and Active Minds, two student groups related to counseling and mental health.

The goal was threefold: to increase awareness of suicide prevention on campus; to create a safe environment for students to speak out, find their voice and ask for help; and to build resilience in students against suicide.

Students on Mercer's Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta participated in National Suicide Prevention Week activities, including a candlelight vigil (left) and a presentation by CAREing Paws Inc., an organization that trains therapy animals.

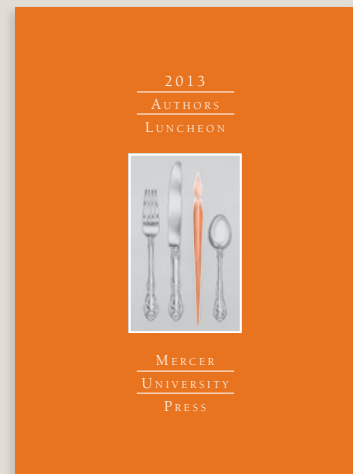


Authors Luncheon

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Mark Your Calendar for Dec. 7 for the 24th Annual Authors Luncheon

The Mercer University Press Authors Luncheon will be held Dec. 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta. Enjoy an elegant lunch and buy some wonderful books. Authors appearing this year are Pat Conroy, Jackie K. Cooper, Martha M. Ezzard, John Ferling, Cynthia Graubart, Terry Kay, Cassandra King, Mary Juliet Nicholson, William Rawlings, George Weinstein, Robert Weintraub and Susan Rebecca White. For more information, email wallace_am@mercer.edu.



Mercer University Press Publishing 17 New Titles this Fall

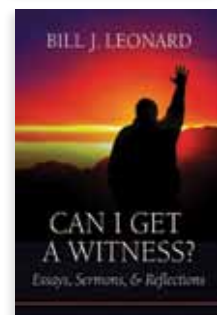
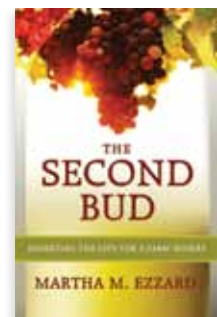
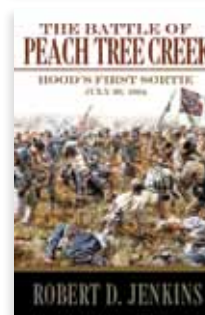
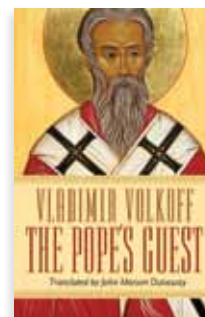
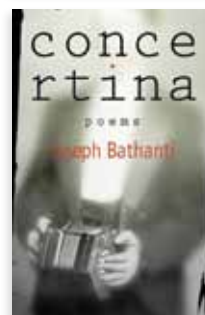
MERCER UNIVERSITY PRESS continues its tradition of publishing excellence by releasing 17 new titles in a variety of genres during the 2013 fall/winter season. Of the more than 1,300 titles published by Mercer University Press since 1979, approximately 476 titles are currently available in its warehouse and another 198 titles remain active through print-on-demand distribution.

Highlighted books include: *Mother of Rain*, the debut historical novel by best-selling author Karen Spears Zacharias, a haunting portrayal of the hardscrabble lives of Appalachian women and a heartbreaking tale of unending love; *The Pope's Guest*, a novel of late 1970s intrigue of KGB agents, Mafiosi's schemes, and relations between the Vatican and Russian Orthodox hierarchies by former Mercer professor Vladimir Volkoff and translated by professor John M. Dunaway; *The Second Bud: Deserting the City for a Farm Winery*, a memoir by Martha M. Ezzard of a couple's risk and personal trials to save a cherished fifth-generation family farm in the mountains of North Georgia, ultimately creating the award-winning Tiger Mountain Vineyards; *Concertina*, a collection of poems by Joseph Bathanti, poet laureate of North Carolina; *The Battle of*

Peach Tree Creek, an extensively researched history by Robert D. Jenkins Sr.; and *Can I Get a Witness?* by Bill J. Leonard, well-known church historian and author who reexamines Christian witness in present-day America through essays, sermons and reflections.

This fall, Mercer University Press will be exhibiting and also have several authors appearing at the AJC-Decatur Book Festival, Southern Independent Booksellers Association, Southern Festival of Books and numerous events and writers conferences throughout the South.

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Henry County Center Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Mercer's Henry County Regional Academic Center celebrated its 10th anniversary on Oct. 17 at the facility in McDonough. President William D. Underwood and Henry County Development Authority Executive Director Bob White offered comments on the occasion.

"Over the past decade, the Henry County Regional Academic Center has positively contributed to the expansion of Mercer's profile throughout the state of Georgia. The Center, which is centrally located between Macon and Atlanta in a convenient location off Interstate 75, has awarded more than 1,700 undergraduate and graduate degrees to students in the Tift College of Education, the College of Continuing and Professional Studies and the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics," said Provost Scott Davis. "We are grateful to the Henry County community for its support and look forward to many more successful years there."

"For more than a decade, Mercer University has been a wonderful partner for Henry County and the Henry County Development Authority, and we look forward to the next 10 years," said White. "Mercer's Regional Academic Center in Henry County has had an incredible impact on our community. More than 3,500 students have taken advantage of the academic opportunities that the Mercer Center provides."

The Henry County RAC combined programs previously offered at two smaller facilities in Covington and Griffin. Since the facility opened in McDonough, its educational



KYLE SEARS PHOTO

Henry County Regional Academic Center, McDonough

offerings have grown to include nine bachelor's and four master's degree programs, as well as teacher certification and nursing preparation programs.

"The belief among Henry County leaders was that Mercer had something important to contribute to their community," recalled Dr. Thomas Kail, who was associate provost and dean of the College of Continuing and Professional Studies at the time the facility opened and now serves as professor of leadership studies at Mercer.

Dr. Kail credits White and other leaders in Henry County for their part in bringing

the Center to McDonough. He also credits architect Michael Patrick, who was with the Leo A Daly firm in Atlanta at the time, with his vision for the 30,000-square-foot facility's construction.

"We put into that building values that are important to us," Dr. Kail said. "Teaching is about creating a space — intellectual, emotional, spiritual, physical. How you arrange your classroom says a lot about what you want to happen in that classroom. You can stand anywhere in that building, and you're connected to the outside — that didn't happen accidentally."



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New Day, New Look



MERCER ANNOUNCES NEW LICENSE PLATE

Georgia drivers can show their Mercer spirit and help support scholarships with the newly designed Mercer license plate. A scholarship fund for Mercer undergraduate students will receive \$10 annually for every license plate purchased as part of the State of Georgia's revenue-sharing plan. Learn more about pricing and distribution at the Georgia Department of Revenue's Motor Vehicle Division website. <http://motor.etax.dor.ga.gov/motor/plates/PlateDetails.aspx?pcode=ME>.

Be one of the first Bears on the road to get the new tag.

LOOKING BACK & MOVING FORWARD

CELEBRATING A HALF-CENTURY OF INTEGRATION AT MERCER UNIVERSITY

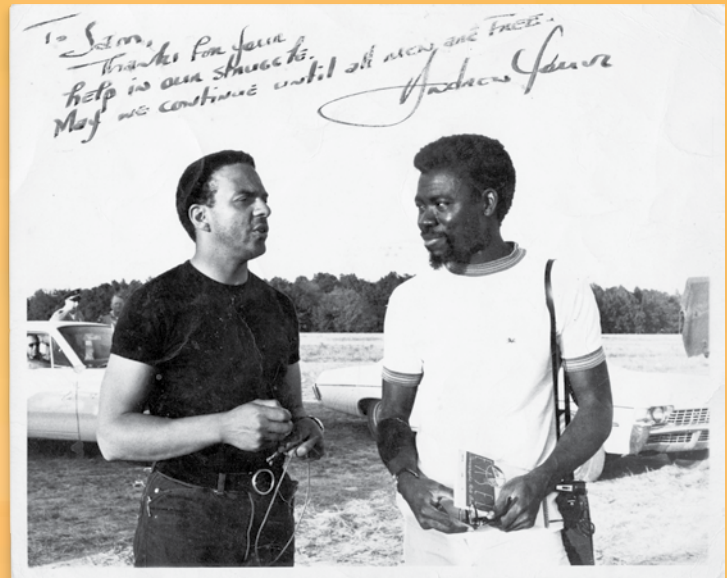
By Jamie Dickson CLA '05 | Photos Courtesy of Sam Oni and Mercer University Archives

SAM JERRY ONI, A BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVERT FROM GHANA, AFRICA,

stepped off a train 50 years ago this fall as the first black student accepted for admission at Mercer. His enrollment, along with transfer student Cecil Dewberry and Macon freshman Bennie Stephens, integrated the University, which became one of the first private colleges in the South to desegregate before the 1964 Civil Rights Act essentially made it mandatory.

This year, Mercerians are commemorating the 50th anniversary of the University's

integration in an effort to remember and reflect upon the desegregation process not only at Mercer, but nationwide. Through lectures, programs, classroom discussions, service initiatives and conversations across its campuses, Mercer students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members will also focus on the work that remains to be accomplished in achieving Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of a "beloved community." >>



Andrew Young and Sam Oni visit in the spring of 1968 during a Poor People's Campaign stop in Marks, Miss. The campaign was organized by Martin Luther King Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and was carried out in the wake of Dr. King's assassination.

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LOOKING BACK

On April 13, 1963, the University's Board of Trustees, under the leadership of then-President Rufus Harris, voted to enroll students regardless of race, clearing the way for Oni's acceptance. Oni said he made the bold decision to attend Mercer after learning about the Southern Baptist Convention's role in segregation.

"It was our conviction that I, an African Christian, converted by Southern Baptist missionaries, provided the most compelling and unassailable argument against the continuation of racial segregation as practiced in Southern

Baptist churches, schools, colleges, hospitals, and other establishments across the Southern United States," Oni said during his 1994 address titled "Sojourner's Truth," which was given during the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of Mercer's integration.

Oni began classes in the fall of 1963 along with Macon residents Stephens and Dewberry. Though protests and riots were occurring elsewhere in the South, any malcontent on Mercer's campus and in the Macon community was inconspicuous.

Stephens, who also started classes that fall, remembers his first day at Mercer as peaceful and non-eventful.

"There didn't seem to be a whole lot of tension as far as outright riots and disturbances here in the city of Macon," Stephens said. "When September rolled around and it was time for me to start classes, I was pretty comfortable."

Mercer alumni who were students at the time of their arrival remember the integration process being relatively smooth as well. Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal, who was the Student Government Association president in 1963, said he doesn't remember any protests or tensions on campus.

"We probably, quite honestly, did not recognize the import of this event at the time. It certainly has taken on more significance as the years have passed," Deal said.

Although Mercer's campus was quiet on the whole, there were some students who disagreed with the board's decision to integrate. Oni said that during his first meal on campus, many students refused to sit with him.

"I sat down my tray of food and proceeded to sit down, and it was almost as if it was on a cue — as if someone signaled to them — and one after the other, they picked up their trays and moved away," Oni said. "It gave me a

KEY EVENTS IN MERCER UNIVERSITY'S INTEGRATION AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

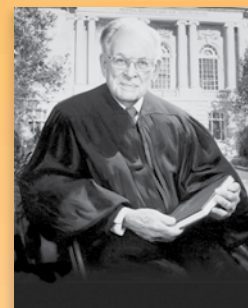
JANUARY 14, 1833

Mercer Institute opens in Greene County with 22 students enrolled.



JANUARY 6, 1961

U.S. District Judge William Augustus Bootle, a Mercer graduate, trustee and former dean of the Mercer Law School, orders the University of Georgia to admit Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter, thereby ending 160 years of segregation at the institution.



1893-96

President J. B. Gambrell says he is "delighted to tell about several Negro preachers who attended the theological classes while he was president and who were heartily welcomed by the white students." (*Baptist Standard*, June 23, 1921)

1936-1940

As part of Mercer's extension program, members of the University faculty instructed African-American students at Macon's Central City College in a variety of courses.

MAY 17, 1954

The Supreme Court issues the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, overturning *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896) and declaring that with regard to public schools, "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

JUNE 3, 1961

President Rufus Harris announces to the Board of Trustees that the School of Law received an application for admission from an African-American. Since the applicant is 54-years-old, Harris tells the Board of Trustees that he would likely be denied by the Law School Admissions Committee since the average age of the law student body is 23.

pause to say 'Oh, well. This is the other piece of the reality that I'm going to have to be dealing with the next three years,' but it wasn't anything that dissuaded me or gave me any qualms. I took all of those things in stride."

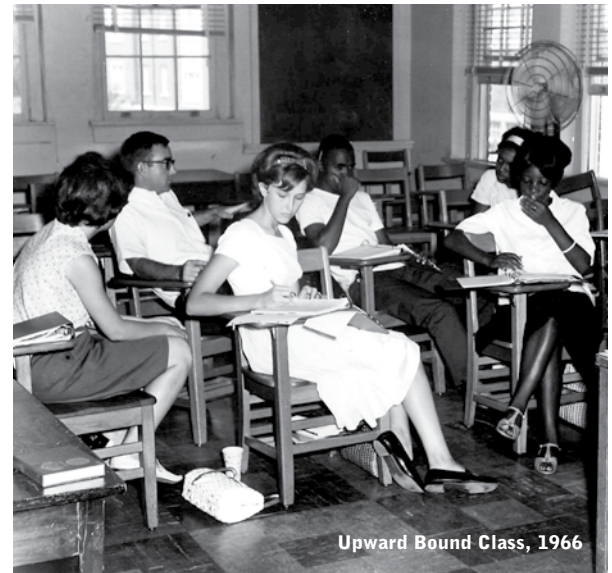
Former Mercer trustee Donald Baxter, a member of the Mercer basketball team, was Oni's roommate in 1963. He said that through his experiences with Oni — particularly what he witnessed that day in the cafeteria — he was able to better understand racism. "I, for the first time in my life, knew what it was like to be a minority, a black and Sam Oni," Baxter said during his 2011 Founders' Day speech.

After graduating from Mercer in 1967, Oni left Georgia and vowed never to return to the state due to the difficulties he experienced, mostly from the religious community.

However, in 1994 Oni returned to campus for the University's 30th anniversary com-

memoration of integration. He was so impressed with what he called "the new Georgia" that he moved back to the state that same year. Since then, Oni has returned to campus several times.

"I don't want us to dwell too much on the negative or the past," Oni said during his 2011 Founders' Day address. "Whether we like it or not, we do not live in the past. Whether we like it or not, we do not live in the future, either. What are we left with? We are left with the here and now, and it's so appropriately called the present. And it is a gift. That is why celebrating Mercer is important, here and now."



Upward Bound Class, 1966

JULY 1962

President Rufus Harris announces that Mercer has received "one or two" applications from African-Americans, but none of the applicants were qualified for admission. "We would have not accepted the students if they had been white," he told *The Macon Telegraph*. President Harris states that when a "Negro student does qualify for admission, his application will be referred to the board of trustees," and added that he favored the admission of African-Americans to the University.

OCTOBER 1962

The Board of Trustees votes to appoint a special committee to study the matter of admission of black students to the University.

APRIL 18, 1963

Under the leadership of Mercer President Rufus Harris, admission to qualified students without regard to race, color of skin, creed or origin was declared official by the University's Board of Trustees. Sam Jerry Oni of Ghana becomes the first black admitted to the University.



NOVEMBER 2, 1962

The Mercer Law Alumni Association passes a resolution that reads, in part, "Be it resolved, we do register our objection to the integration of the educational facilities of Mercer University, if being the feeling that to so act would be contrary to the best interest of the University and student body."

APRIL 16, 1963

Martin Luther King Jr. writes "Letter from Birmingham Jail."

MAY 3, 1963

In a letter published in *The Cluster*, Joe Daniel asks fellow students to raise \$75 for Sam Oni's dorm fees "as a gesture of approval and friendship."

JUNE 12, 1963

Civil rights activist and Mississippi's NAACP Field Secretary Medgar Wiley Evers is assassinated in Jackson, Miss.

MOVING FORWARD

Today, 50 years after Mercer accepted its first black students, the University is commemorating this important anniversary with a year-long effort to not only recount the history of integration, but also focus on how Mercerians can further improve race relations on their campuses, in their communities, and across the country.

Mercer President William D. Underwood said he wants Mercerians to do more than just remember Mercer's integration.

"[Integration] was obviously one of the great milestones in the history of the Univer-

sity, and I think it's worth commemorating and remembering," he said. "But I've told people that I want it to be more than just remembering the events of 1963. I'd like to use the 50th anniversary as an occasion to assess how much progress we've made at Mercer in those 50 years and begin charting a course for the future, and hopefully charting a course for one day achieving the dream Martin Luther King Jr. laid out in August of 1963."

Under the theme "Looking Back & Moving Forward: Celebrating a Half Century of Integration at Mercer University," events will include a Martin Luther King Jr. service day; a reading of "Combustible/Burn," a play about Mercer's integration written by English professor Dr. Andrew Silver; and the Building a Beloved Community symposium, where Oni will give the keynote address. Additionally, members of the class of 1964 — the first to graduate after the

University's integration — will participate in the Macon commencement ceremony in May.

The University kicked off the commemoration with an opening convocation on Sept. 20, featuring a speech by civil rights pioneer Andrew Young, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Dr. Richard Swindle, senior vice president of the Atlanta campus and a co-chair of the 50th Anniversary Commemoration committee, said the aim of the commemoration is to educate Mercerians.

"One of the real focal points is students," he said. "We want to help them understand the institution, where they are, how it used to be, and how we're moving forward."

The committee's other co-chair, Dr. Marilyn Mindingall, senior vice provost for administration and special programs, said she wants the events to inspire Mercer's student body, faculty

AUGUST 28, 1963

Martin Luther King Jr. gives his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, which he delivered to more than 250,000 civil rights supporters from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The address was given during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

SEPTEMBER 1963

Bennie Stephens and Cecil Dewberry of Macon begin classes at Mercer with Sam Oni. The three were the first black students to enroll at the University.

1965

Cecil Dewberry becomes Mercer's first black graduate.

SUMMER 1966

Mercer is an early participant in the federal Upward Bound program, which emerges from the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and the Higher Education Act of 1965. The program is designed to prepare lower-income high school students (both black and white) for college entrance.



SEPTEMBER 22, 1963

Vineville Baptist Church votes by a margin of two to one to allow Sam Oni to join its congregation, which, according to the *The Christian Index*, makes Oni "the first of his race to join a church affiliated with the Georgia Baptist Convention since slavery days."

SUMMER 1964

Joe Hendricks and William Randall recruit 17 black high school students to be tutored on Mercer's campus in remedial reading, English, and math in order to prepare them to integrate into the white high schools and also increase their college entrance exam test scores.

JULY 2, 1964

Congress passes the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which ends discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender and religion.

MAY 1967

Bennie Stephens and Sam Oni graduate from the University. Oni vows to never return to Georgia again due to the difficulties he experienced while in Macon, primarily in the religious community.



and staff to not only reflect on Mercer's past, but also on its present and future.

"We are looking for an opportunity to reflect on our past, but I think we also have to keep in mind the importance of Mercer during the present," she said. "It would be a disservice to sit back and think we can pat ourselves on the back and not look at Mercer square in the eye in terms of race and differences among people — not just at Mercer but nationwide."

One of the best ways to judge how far Mercer has come since 1963 is to look at the makeup of its student body. Just 50 years ago, only a handful of African-American students

Former U.S. Congressman, Ambassador to the United Nations and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young called for local and global reconciliation to kick off the commemoration of Mercer's 50th anniversary of integration during the Sept. 20 opening convocation in Willingham Auditorium.



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1967

Ronald Myrick becomes the first black student to graduate from Mercer's Southern School of Pharmacy in Atlanta.

1968

Betty Jean Walker is the first female African-American to receive a four-year degree from Mercer.



APRIL 1, 1969

Fifty-five black students start the Black Students Alliance at Mercer. The Alliance was open to any fulltime Mercer student who pledged support to the principles of the organization. As stated in the Alliance's constitution, the purpose of the organization was to "maintain the black identity on Mercer's campus by creating a self-conscious black community promoting knowledge of black culture and heritage, and serving as a forum for the expression of black ideas and goals."



1968

H.W. Ted Matthews graduates from Mercer's Southern School of Pharmacy and goes on to become the first black faculty member at the pharmacy school and the first black dean at the University. Today, in addition to serving as dean of the College of Pharmacy, Dr. Matthews serves as Senior Vice President for Health Sciences and oversees the Mercer Health Sciences Center.

1970

Lou Johnson, Mercer's first black athlete, graduates from the University.



were enrolled on the Macon campus. Now, African-Americans make up about 31 percent of the overall student body at the University.

Melina Hettiaratchi is Mercer's Student Government Association vice president. A junior, she said she chose Mercer due to the diversity she noticed on campus during her first visit.

"There were so many different kinds of people," she said. "No one was alike. There weren't cliques everywhere, and that was a big selling point."

Not only is the student body diverse, but the administration is as well.

"We've got a diverse leadership team," President Underwood said. "One of our most outstanding senior vice presidents is a great African-American leader. Our senior vice provost is African-American. I think there's a great deal to be proud of in that respect. That doesn't mean that we don't have a long way

to go, but I think there has been tremendous progress here at Mercer and in our society in general in those 50 years."

Another major objective of the commemoration is to assess how Mercer — and the country — can work toward a post-racial society. Dr. Mindingall said she thinks any change needs to start with a conversation.

"A lot of times we don't even talk about [race] anymore. So I think the opportunity for conversation is critical — to ask questions, to talk about the different views people may have. To be able to do that in a civil way would just be a wonderful thing."

President Underwood said that while the country may have a long way to go in terms of racial understanding, he believes that race will become more irrelevant to future generations.

"I think we'll probably still have challenges 50 years from now. I think part of this is built

in to human nature in a way that requires constant work and thought," he said. "I do think that the generation that follows mine will do better than my generation has done, and I suspect that their children will do better than they've done. I think that there is progress and I think the arc of history is toward greater racial justice."

To help achieve the goals of the commemoration, the University developed a website, which includes a detailed timeline of key events in Mercer's integration, educational resources, videos, photos and a comprehensive listing of anniversary events. For more information, visit

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FEBRUARY 1970

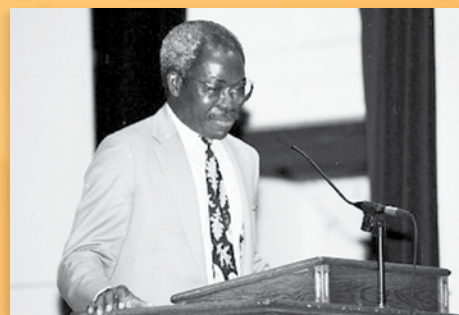
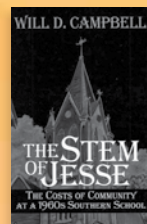
Mercer faculty approves an interdisciplinary program in Black Studies. The 1971-72 Bulletin includes courses such as "The American Black Experience," "Civil Rights and the Black American," "Manifestations of Prejudice," and "Christian Social Ethics."

JANUARY 1994

Sam Oni stands before a packed Willingham Auditorium audience at the University's commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of integration. He received three standing ovations and was so impressed with what he deemed "the new Georgia" that he moved back to the state that same year.

1994

The Stem of Jesse: The Costs of Community at a 1960s Southern School, a book about Mercer's integration by Will Campbell, is published by the Mercer University Press.



1972

Mercer alumnus Gary Johnson is appointed coordinator of the Black Studies program and becomes the first black faculty member at Mercer.



1972

Jerry Boykin, J.D., is the first African-American to graduate from Mercer Law School.

FALL 2001

Dr. Andrew Silver, associate professor of English, writes the documentary play *Combustible/Burn*, performed at Mercer's Backdoor Theatre. This play is the result of an intensive project, funded by a grant from University Commons, in which four Mercer students helped Dr. Silver interview a total of 120 people active in the early civil rights movement in Macon. Nearly every word of the play comes directly from these interviews and the research Dr. Silver and the students conducted in Mercer's Jack Tarver Library.

2013-14

Mercer commemorates the 50th anniversary of its integration.

MCDONALD CENTER FOR AMERICA'S FOUNDING PRINCIPLES POSITIONED FOR NATIONAL PROMINENCE

Two generous alumni gifts over the course of the past year have positioned one of Mercer's fastest growing programs for prominence far beyond the borders of the Macon campus. The Thomas C. and Ramona E. McDonald Center for America's Founding Principles — which studies the texts that have been influential in the country's founding — received a portion of a \$2 million endowment gift from the McDonald family of Vancouver, Wash., in late August, less than 10 months after receiving a \$1 million endowment gift from alumnus and former trustee A.V. Elliott of Macon.



"To be able to imagine five or six years ago this was where we'd be now, with the size of the gifts and the support we've received, it's really incredible," said Dr. Will Jordan, co-director of the Center and associate professor and chair of the Political Science Department.

The Center began in 2008 thanks to one of three Academic Initiatives Monetary (AIM) Fund grants issued by the University that year, and has since received a series of AIM grants in addition to outside funding from organizations such as the Apgar Foundation Inc., the Jack Miller Center,

the Charles G. Koch Foundation and the Walmart Foundation.

"We are so fortunate to be at a university that has asked us to think bigger and has gone out to find these resources to foster our ambition," said Dr. Charlotte Thomas, co-director of the Center, professor and director of the Philosophy, Politics and Economics Program.

The Center began with the purpose of supplementing the University's Great Books Program, which serves as one of two general education tracks in the College of Liberal

THE McDONALD CENTER FOR AMERICA'S FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

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Arts. Scholars who study the ideas and texts that influenced the American founding have been brought in for yearly lectures, and faculty-student reading groups have been formed to read and discuss those ideas and texts in anticipation of the visiting lecture. For the past three years, the lecturer has met independently with the reading group, as well.

The Center also began an annual conference that features two nationally recognized scholars who give lectures, at least six others who present panel papers, as well as presentations by a panel of Mercer students. Elliott's gift in November 2012 endowed the event as the A.V. Elliott Conference on Great Books and Ideas.

Additionally, the Center has hosted summer workshops for high school students and teachers. Students participate in Great Books-style seminar classes and sessions to prepare them for college, while teachers are introduced to Great Books curriculum and receive training in seminar pedagogy and original texts. This past summer, an additional workshop was held abroad for the first time, as teachers studied Italian republicanism and pedagogy related to non-written texts in Florence, Italy.

An audience member asks a question of a speaker during this past April's A.V. Elliott Conference on Great Books and Ideas hosted by the McDonald Center for America's Founding Principles.



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"The teachers come from all over, but mainly Georgia. They know the standards and tell us that what we're doing is workable in the high school classroom. We think that over time we can make an impact on secondary education in Georgia — and maybe beyond," Dr. Thomas said.

The gift by Thomas C. and Ramona E. McDonald, which resulted in the renaming of the Center in their honor, will allow for the program to sponsor a general education course — America's Founding Principles — for Mercer students.

Mr. McDonald attended Mercer before going on to earn degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Har-

vard University, and Mrs. McDonald is a graduate of Tift College, which merged with the University in the late 1980s.

"It was really important to the McDonald family that we open our classes to as many students as possible and important that these students, who will go on to do all types of things, will have a serious semester-long engagement with the books and ideas that influenced the American founding," Dr. Thomas said.

The class will welcome three visiting lecturers who will each teach for a period of one week over the course of the semester.

"Three weeks of class will be taught by some of the best philosophers, historians and political theorists in America. I don't know that there's a model like that out there anywhere," Dr. Jordan said. "I think it's going to be a really neat class and one of the most memorable classes of students' college careers."

This broadening of the Center's audience on campus will likely result in the formation of multiple reading groups each semester and more of the "transformative moments" that go along with them.

"When you're sitting around the table, you really practice a kind of civil discourse that's important to contemporary democratic citizenship," Dr. Thomas said.

"We're not just studying citizenship. We're practicing citizenship," Dr. Jordan added.

CRUZ PLAZA

A PARK WITHIN THE CAMPUS

Mercer dedicated its beautiful new Cruz Plaza, which has transformed the center of the Macon campus, at a ceremony on Friday, Aug. 30. The Plaza is named for the Cruz family of Puerto Rico. Mercer Trustee Milton L. Cruz is a 1982 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts and chairman, president and CEO of Medholdings Inc. He, along with his wife, Aileen Rosso, as well as his father, Juan L. Cruz Rosario, and sister, Zoraida Cruz Torres — both Mercer graduates — made the lead gift for the construction project.

On hand for the ceremony were (below) Gabriel L. Cruz, Daniel M. Cruz, Aileen Rosso and Milton L. Cruz, as well as (below right) Maria Fernanda Rivera-Cruz, Zoraida Cruz-Torres and Javier Blazquez. In addition to remarks by members of the Cruz family, President William D. Underwood, Bob Hughes of landscape architecture firm HGOR, and Chris Sheridan of general contractor Chris R. Sheridan and Co. spoke to the crowd of several hundred.



Milton Cruz (left) speaks with Mercer students and others in attendance for the Aug. 30 dedication ceremony.

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THE LOFTS AT MERCER PHASE III UNDERWAY

More student housing is going up on the Macon campus to accommodate the University's growing enrollment. Work began over the summer on Phase III of the Lofts at Mercer on University-owned property along College Street, between Centenary United Methodist Church and Alexander II Elementary School, across from Tattnall Square Park.


The project continues the University's partnership with Sierra Development, which built Phase I and Phase II of the Lofts at

Mercer Village in 2011 and 2012. Unlike the first two phases, Phase III will have no retail businesses or academic space. The new structure, which will be completed by

July 2014, will house 111 Mercer students.

University offices that were previously located in buildings on the property were relocated to other Mercer facilities.





A Grand MERCER CHRISTMAS

Mercer University, Emmy® Award-winner Brandenburg Productions and Georgia Public Broadcasting have teamed up to produce *A Grand Mercer Christmas*, a one-hour holiday special that will air on PBS stations across the nation in 2013.

Recorded in Macon's historic Grand Opera House, the program features students and faculty from Mercer's Townsend School of Music and its internationally renowned Robert McDuffie Center for Strings.

GPB will air the program on Dec. 17 at 8 p.m.
and on Dec. 20 and 24 at 7 p.m.

Check local listings for air dates and times
on your PBS station or visit
www.mercerchristmas.com/watch
to see where it will be airing
across the country.

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ROUNDUP

For months, the message was out that the "Bears are Back." Indeed, they are, as Mercer defeated Reinhardt in the season opener before more than 12,000 fans in its first football game since 1941.

BEAR FOOTBALL

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Football Wins Thriller in Return to Gridiron

Mercer freshman running back Payton Usher ran for 115 yards and senior kicker Josh Shutter nailed a 31-yard field goal with three seconds left to lift the Bears to a thrilling 40-37 victory over Reinhardt University Aug. 31 at Mercer University Stadium.

A standing-room-only crowd of 12,172 was on hand for the Bears' highly anticipated return to the gridiron, and they got their money's worth as the Bears and Eagles battled through eight lead changes well into the night. In the end, two Shutter field goals in the final 3:17 of play were the difference as the Bears rallied from down 34-37 in the fourth quarter.

"I've played or coached in 30 FCS playoff games, I've played in a national championship game, I've coached in two national championship games, and I told the players before the game that this was bigger than all of them," said head coach Bobby Lamb.

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ROGER IDENDEN PHOTOS



The Mercer offense did not take long in being productive in 2013 with Caleb Brown (24), taking a hand-off from quarterback John Russ (7), running for one touchdown against Reinhardt, while tight end Robert Brown (38) scored the first Bears' TD since 1941.



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Aug. 31 was an historic day on the Macon Campus when more than 12,000 Mercer football fans gathered to enjoy tailgating and the fanfare of Division I college football. Bear fans were at a fever pitch when coach Bobby Lamb led the team onto Anderson Field for the first time, ecstatic when the team scored its first touchdown and amazed when the Misty Blues parachute duo delivered the game ball and the American flag for pregame festivities.



ALLYSON LAMB PHOTO



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(Left) In front of an overflow crowd, head coach Bobby Lamb directs his Mercer football team in game action against Reinhardt. (Right) The Bear Walk, when the team makes their way through Cruz Plaza and the Macon campus toward the stadium two and one-half hours before kickoff, has become one of the most popular new football traditions.

"This is the biggest stage I've ever been on because of what has happened in Macon, Ga. You've got to give credit to [President] Bill Underwood for bringing this wonderful facility here. You've got to credit [Athletic Director] Jim Cole and his athletic staff for getting it ready for the game. Oh my goodness, what an atmosphere when we came running out."

Redshirt freshman quarterback John Russ threw for 218 yards and three scores, including a pair of touchdowns to sophomore receiver J.T. Palmer. Palmer hauled in four catches on the night for 70 yards to lead five different Mercer receivers with catches.

Mercer's defense was anchored by middle linebacker Tyler Ward — a Macon native who played high school football at Tattnall Square

Academy — who registered 10.5 tackles on the evening, including a tackle-for-loss and a sack.

Mercer's evening was almost soured by three turnovers, including a pair of miscues that set Reinhardt up inside the 10-yard line twice with a fresh set of downs. The Eagles converted both of those opportunities into touchdowns, and added scoring plays of 92, 78 and 44 yards to go ahead 37-34 with 11:24 to play.

"[Reinhardt] threw the ball better than we thought they would," Lamb said. "The quarterback did an outstanding job and they always have misdirection going this way, going that way, making throws here, making throws there and he made some big-time throws in there under pressure. I thought our defense did

a good job of just hanging in there."

Russ and Usher teamed up for a 13-play, 65-yard drive that Shutter capped with a 28-yard field goal to knot the score at 37 with 8:02 remaining. The orange-clad defense then took over, forcing a turnover on downs with 30 seconds left that gave the ball back to Russ.

Mercer's quarterback completed a 46-yard pass to redshirt freshman Jordan Marshall on the second play from scrimmage, setting the stage for Shutter's game winner. (To watch the game-winning field goal, go to <http://www.beardownmu.com/#!video-central/c1xnu> and to view a video highlight of the weekend, go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=EQiFf33E9KE.)



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Avant's 'The Play' is National Hit on ESPN

FOR YEARS TO COME, it will be known as "the play." Cornerback Alex Avant's interception in the Sept. 28 Drake game ended up as No. 1 in its Top 10 Plays on Saturday and No. 3 in its Top Plays of the Weekend. It was also picked up by ESPN's Great8 Plays, a show that features videos of plays in a bracket-style competition to determine which is the best of the previous weekend. Avant's interception return for a touchdown won for Week 5, and he was subsequently interviewed live by ESPN via Skype.

The clip was also featured on the Yahoo! Sports Minute. As head coach Bobby Lamb describes the play, "We just let him do his thing, and that's how it ended up." To watch the play, go to <http://news.mercer.edu/articles/2013/avants-prime-time-play-puts-merc-in-national-spotlight.cfm>.

Mercer Accepts Invitation to Southern Conference

Mercer has accepted an invitation to join the Southern Conference, affiliating the institution with the nation's fifth-oldest NCAA Division I athletic association. Mercer's membership in the Southern Conference is effective July 1, 2014.

"The past several years have been a tumultuous time in intercollegiate athletics. Conference realignment has affected traditional rivalries and disrupted the geographic integrity of conferences across the country. Mercer's affiliation with the Southern Conference will, however, restore historic rivalries and reduce travel burdens on our student-athletes," President William D. Underwood said. "We look forward to continued competition with our colleagues in the Atlantic Sun Conference in 2013-14. We have enjoyed close relationships with a number of outstanding academic institutions within the A-Sun that we anticipate will continue beyond our change in conference affiliation."

"We're honored to have Mercer become a member of the Southern Conference," said Commissioner John Iamarino. "The combination of outstanding facilities, successful athletic programs and undeniable academic excellence makes Mercer a great fit for us. We're delighted they've accepted our invitation."

"In the University's quest to find the right balance between its academic mission and intercollegiate athletics, the Board of Trustees believes that the Southern Conference is the right fit for Mercer," said David Hudson, chairman of the board and an Augusta attorney. "It enhances competitive opportunities for our student-athletes in conjunction with institutions that share our primary goals of academic excellence."

Founded in 1921, the Southern Conference also voted to admit East Tennessee State University, a fellow member of the A-Sun Confer-

ence, and Virginia Military Institute. ETSU was a member of the Southern Conference from 1979 to 2005, when the institution joined the A-Sun, and VMI was in the Southern Conference from 1924 to 2003, when it joined the Big South Conference. Beginning in 2014 the Southern Conference, in addition to Mercer, ETSU and VMI, will include The Citadel, Furman University, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, Samford University, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, Western Carolina University and Wofford College.

Mercer has a long history of competing against Southern Conference schools. Samford has been among Mercer's most frequent athletics opponents dating back to the early 20th century. Mercer's last football game in 1941 was played against Chattanooga, which was a frequent opponent. The Citadel, Furman, and Wofford were also regular football opponents of Mercer in the early decades of the 20th century.

The founding chairman of the Southern Conference was Mercer alumnus Dr. S.V. Sanford, then-president of the University of Georgia. Among the early members of the Southern Conference, in addition to Georgia, were Georgia Tech, Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Kentucky and Wake Forest.

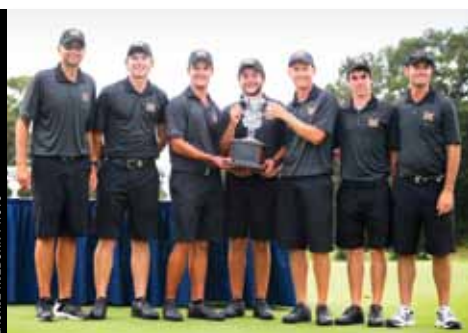
All Mercer sports, with the exception of men's and women's lacrosse and women's sand volleyball, will compete in the Southern Conference. That includes football, which this fall resumed competition after a 72-year hiatus and plays in the Pioneer Football League for 2013 only. Beginning in 2014, Mercer will



As of July 1, 2014

award athletic scholarships in football to academically qualified student-athletes, as it does in other intercollegiate sports. Because the Southern Conference does not sponsor the sports, lacrosse and sand volleyball will seek to compete in a conference that does.

"Our coaches and student-athletes are looking forward to competing in the Southern Conference," said Mercer Director of Athletics Jim Cole. "There are some great rivalries that will be renewed and I know our fans will enjoy cheering on the Bears not only at home, but on the road in the Southern Conference as well. This is a good move for Mercer in general and for the athletics department in particular."



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Men's Golf Tops Three Top-10 Teams to Win at Brickyard Collegiate Championship

THE MERCER MEN'S GOLF outplayed a field of the nation's elite programs to capture the 2013 Brickyard Collegiate Golf Championship on Oct. 5. Mercer followed its tournament record-setting round of 272 on Saturday with a 281 on Sunday to win by two strokes over Georgia Tech, that was the No. 2 ranked team in the Golf Coaches Association of America top-25 poll. Virginia Tech (849), Georgia (853) and South Florida (860) rounded out the top five teams. At the trophy presentation are: head coach Steve Bradley, junior Trey Rule, senior James Beale, freshman Emmanuel Kountakis, senior Hans Reimers, freshman Sean Smothers and assistant coach Jared Miller.

Gibson Continues to Raise Bar for Mercer Baseball

Mark the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee as among the believers that Mercer's baseball program is among the tops in the country. In 2013, the Bears earned an at-large bid to participate in the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship as the No. 3 seed in the Starkville, Miss., regional. The regional's host, Mississippi State, went on to play in the College World Series championship game.

Mercer's 43-18 overall record and an Atlantic Sun Conference regular season title are just a few highlights of a memorable 2013 season for the Mercer baseball team.

Among the Bears' accomplishments:

- Finished 2013 with a 43-18 overall record, setting a new program history for most wins in a single-season and tied for the 11th-most wins in a single-season in Atlantic Sun Conference history.
- Set a new program record for the highest national ranking in program history when it was ranked No. 21 in the Perfect Game Top-25 poll. Also, was ranked as high as No. 23 in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Top-25 poll, No. 24 in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Top-30 poll and No. 25 in the Baseball America Top-25 poll.
- In addition to its national rankings, Mercer held the No. 1 spot in the College Baseball Daily Top-25 Mid-Major Poll for three-straight weeks in late April and early May and finished the season ranked No. 2 in the

poll behind Big East power Louisville.

- Ranked in the top 20 in multiple statistical categories according to the final NCAA Division I statistical rankings released on June 26. Out of all the teams in the country, the Bears ranked first in fielding percentage (.982), sixth in walks (309), sixth in runs (446), seventh in home runs (56), and eighth in runs per game (7.3).
- Ranking among the top-10 individually was junior Sasha LaGarde who finished seventh in the nation with 68 runs scored and classmate Nick Backlund, who settled for ninth in the country with 68 RBI.
- Mercer's success in 2013 was by no means a fluke, as the Bears have tallied 158 wins over their last four seasons. Mercer is joined by North Carolina, Virginia, Florida State and South Carolina as the only five teams in the nation to win at least 38 games in each of the last four seasons.
- Some of the Bears' signature moments in 2013 included: A Snowbird Baseball Classic



Head coach Craig Gibson became the first person in Atlantic Sun Conference history to be named both Coach of the Year and Player of the Year (1985).

Title after going 3-0 against Notre Dame (No. 33 in RPI), Ohio State (No. 65 in RPI) and St. John's (No. 157 in RPI), a 10-1 home win over then-No. 12 Georgia Tech on April 2 and a three-

(Left) Outfielder Derrick Workman was named a Capital One Academic All American.

(Right) Third baseman Chesny Young was the A-Sun Player of the Year.

game series sweep of then No. 24 Florida Gulf Coast on April 12-14.

- Head Coach Craig Gibson was recognized by being named the 2013 Atlantic Sun Conference Coach of the Year. The honor brings Gibson's A-Sun Conference career full circle as he became the first person in league history to be named both Coach of the Year and Player of the Year, which he secured back in 1985.
- Sophomore third baseman Chesny Young followed up his A-Sun Freshman of the Year campaign with an even more impressive sophomore season by becoming the first Mercer player to win the Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year since Coach Gibson did it in 1985. Young finished 2013 with a .401 batting average, becoming just the sixth Mercer player to finish a season hitting .400 or better in program history. Young also set the program single-season record and finished the season ranked second in the nation with 105 hits.
- Junior outfielder Derrick Workman was one of just 11 players in the country to garner the highest academic honor in all of collegiate athletics when he was named a 2013 Capital One Academic All-America first team member. Workman, who was also named an A-Sun All-Conference first team selection, hit .338 with 17 doubles, nine home runs and 48 RBI in 2013.



Fuller Center Highlights Bears Trip to Ghana

Following through on a successful partnership with the Mercer women's basketball team, the Fuller Center for Housing published a special report on its website detailing the Bears' three-week trip to Ghana from the end of July to mid-August.

Mercer teamed up with the Fuller Center and Mercer On Mission to embark on the three-week-long journey that featured basketball games against local teams, but, more importantly, substantial community service efforts including the construction of five homes for underprivileged families.

The report, written by the Fuller Center Director of Communications Chris Johnson, details several stops the Mercer women's basketball team made during its trip and the life

(Left) Kate Alemann, women's basketball forward from New Zealand, tutors a child in Ghana. (Right) Guard Briana Williams shovels sand to make mortar for building homes.

experiences the players and coaches encountered along the way.

The report is highlighted by an eight-minute-long video capturing footage of the trip and player interviews and a photo gallery that includes nearly 200 pictures of the Bears' journey throughout Ghana.



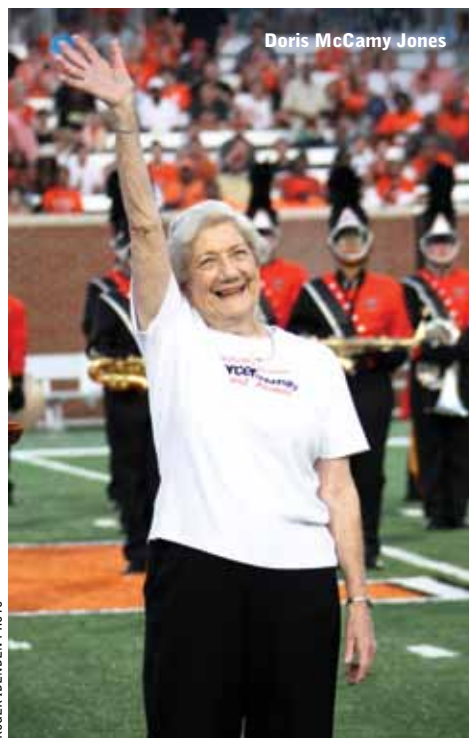
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To read the report and watch the video and pictures posted along with it, go to <http://www.fullercenter.org/news/Friendly-Ghana-open-its-arms-to-volunteers>.

Drum Majorette Returns for Revival of Football, Marching Band

Doris McCamy Jones attended Mercer University during an exciting time. As a freshman, she was among the first female students to live in the new Mary Erin Porter Hall. Her roommate, Janice Sams, was the sister of Mercer legend Ferrol A. Sams,



Doris McCamy Jones

then a senior. The three often spent time together, occasionally accompanied by Doris' boyfriend, Charles Edwin Jones, who would drive over from Auburn University, where he attended classes. Both members of the Kappa Alpha Order at their respective universities, "Sambo" would put "Ed" up in the fraternity house when he came to visit Mercer.

Doris was a drum majorette during the final season that the Bears played football before suspending the program in 1941. Four of her classmates at Albany High School in southwest Georgia, fresh off a state championship in 1939, suited up for the Bears' team that won three games that season.

"We had a good band," Jones said. "Everyone was enthusiastic, and it was just a good experience — memories that last your lifetime."

More than 70 years later, Doris returned to Mercer's campus for another exciting time — the revival of the football program and the marching band in a thrilling 40-37 win over visiting Reinhardt University on Aug. 31.

"I just never did think at 89 years old I would have such a treat," she said. "It's kind of sentimental for me to think back. I thank the good Lord that I've lived this long to enjoy it."

She was recognized on the field at halftime alongside a few others who also had a hand in that 1941 season. She was also reunited

with the only one of those four Albany High football players who went on to play for Mercer who is still living. Doris had not seen Clarence "Pappy" Boynton — who served as an honorary captain for the game — since they attended Mercer together. She gave him a signed picture of the 1939 state championship team that her husband, Ed, had cherished up until the time of his death five years ago.

"It's a very exciting time. It's been a long time, and it was so much fun back when I was here," Jones said. "I studied psychology and had some awesome professors. It was just a good time to be in college. It's a shame that World War II came along and [football] had to be discontinued, but I'm excited that it started back. It's a new day."

After leaving Mercer, Doris went on to New York City to study and teach dance. Because of the war, she soon returned home to Albany, where she worked at an air base. Ed, who was part of the 350th Infantry, 88th Division, Company L of the U.S. Army, which helped liberate Rome, returned home on Christmas Day 1945, and the two were married on June 15, 1946.

Ask her what Mercer means to her over the course of a long life filled with memorable moments, and she'll tell you: "How the Lord blessed me. How the Lord has been so good to let me be exposed to good things. And I thank Him for that."



Mercer Launches College of Health Professions

THE MERCER HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER has officially launched the new College of Health Professions that consolidates degree programs in physical therapy, physician assistant studies and public health.

The new College is the University's 12th academic college or school and its fourth focused on health sciences under the Mercer Health Sciences Center. The other units under the center include the School of Medicine, the College of Pharmacy and the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing.

"We are extremely pleased that the new College of Health Professions is now operational," said Dr. H.W. "Ted" Matthews, senior vice president for health sciences and head of the Mercer Health Sciences Center. "The programs under the new College are doing exceptionally well and provide more Georgians with an excellent avenue to pursue health care professions that are both in high demand and offer an invaluable service to patients and communities."

Dr. Lisa Murphey Lundquist, associate dean for administration in the Mercer College of Pharmacy, has been named interim dean of the College of Health Professions.

"Dr. Lundquist is a proven leader, manager and scholar who brings exceptional credentials to her new post," Dr. Matthews said. "As both assistant and associate dean, she has demonstrated outstanding leadership and organizational skills that will serve her well as interim dean. I am confident that she will provide the leadership

needed for the new College to achieve excellence in reaching all of its goals."

Dr. Lundquist joined the College of Pharmacy in 2006 as clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, and in 2009 was promoted to assistant dean for administration and clinical associate professor. In 2011, Dr. Lundquist was named interim chair and program director of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies, a position she held for a year in addition to her responsibilities as assistant dean. In July 2012, she was promoted to associate dean for administration, a position that expanded her responsibilities to include chairing the Mercer Health Sciences Center's Ad-hoc Interprofessional Education Committee.

She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy in Birmingham, Ala., completed a post-graduate residency in primary care, and is a board certified pharmaco-



Dr. Ted Matthews



Dr. Lisa Lundquist

therapy specialist. Prior to joining the Mercer faculty, she was on faculty at the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy.

The formation of the new College brings together existing programs that were previously housed in Mercer's School of Medicine (public health) and College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (physical therapy and physician assistant studies). By adding the fourth college, the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences has been renamed the College of Pharmacy.

The change is expected to significantly strengthen the programs under both colleges. For the College of Pharmacy, which offers doctoral degrees in pharmacy practice and pharmaceutical sciences, the change re-establishes Mercer's long-standing identity in pharmacy education dating back to 1903. For the College of Health Professions, the change strategically aligns programs of similar size and structure so each can grow and thrive as needed.

The College of Pharmacy and the College of Health Professions are located on Mercer's Cecil B. Day Graduate and Professional School campus in Atlanta. The Master of Public Health program in the College of Health Professions is offered on both Mercer's Atlanta and Macon campuses.

Dr. Warren Hutchings Named 2013 Practitioner of the Year

Dr. Warren Hutchings, director of student health and assistant professor in family medicine, was named the 2013 Practitioner of the Year by the National Medical Association. The award acknowledges exemplary leadership, outstanding work as a physician, dedication to educating physicians and health care providers and dedication to inspiring minorities.

Dr. Hutchings was nominated by Dr. Millard Collier Jr., president of the Georgia State Medical Association (GSMA). Dr. Hutchings served as president of GSMA from 2010-2012 and currently serves as the board chair. He is CEO and founder of the Middle Georgia Medical Society (MGMS) and served as president from 1997-2000.

He has been a practicing family physician in Macon since 1993 and joined Mercer's Family Medicine Department in 2006 as an assistant professor. Dr. Hutchings has received numerous awards that include the Distinguished Alumnus Award, Morehouse School of Medicine in 1999; National Medical Association Region III Outstanding Service Award in 2005; GSMA Presidential Commendations in 1996, 2001, 2006, 2009 and President's Award in 2012; the Dr. George A. Johnston Sr. Community Service Award in 2004 and 2008; plus the MGMS Outstanding



Dr. Warren Hutchings

Leadership Award in 1996 and 2000. He also performed research as an investigator for "The Asthma Control Test and Asthma Control in African-Americans in Rural, Urban, and Suburban Georgia" in 2005-2006.

Dr. Hutchings accepted the Practitioner of the Year Award at the National Medical Association's 112th annual Convention and Scientific Assembly on July 27 in Toronto, Canada. The convention brought together some of the nation's leading medical scholars, scientists, practitioners and medical administrators.

The National Medical Association was founded in 1895 and is the nation's oldest and largest professional organization of African-American physicians promoting the interests of more than 50,000 physicians.

Rural Health Receives \$1.3 Million Contract

Dr. Jacob Warren, director of the Center for Rural Health and Health Disparities in the Mercer School of Medicine, was awarded a \$1.3 million contract focused on research, training and community engagement surrounding rural health disparity issues. The funds are part of a National Institutes of Health Center of Excellence grant for which Dr. Warren serves as joint principal investigator, and result from a partnership between Mercer's Center for Rural Health and Health Disparities and Georgia Southern University's Rural Health Research Institute.

The contract supports several initiatives,

primary among them the development of Project EDUCATE, a telehealth intervention designed to provide chronic disease self-management skills to patients with diabetes and/or hypertension who live in rural areas. EDUCATE will be developed in partnership with Georgia Southern University and East Georgia Healthcare Center, a network of federally qualified health centers providing care to the uninsured and under-served residents of a seven-county rural region of Southeast Georgia.

As part of the contract, Dr. Warren will also co-lead community capacity building initiatives

in four rural Georgia counties designed to empower the counties to study and address the most pressing health concerns. He will also co-lead implementation of rural health-focused training initiatives for undergraduate students, graduate students and new faculty members designed to increase the number of researchers focused on rural health disparity issues.

Dr. Warren joined the faculty in August as the Rufus Harris Endowed Chair in Rural Health and Health Disparities and the director of the Center for Rural Health and Health Disparities in the Department of Community Medicine.

Mercer Medicine Opens New Sports Medicine Clinic

Mercer Medicine officially opened its new Sports Medicine Clinic on the Mercer campus to patients earlier this year. Under the direction of Shelley Street Callender, M.D., chief of sports medicine and associate professor of pediatrics and internal medicine for the Mercer School of Medicine, the Sports Medicine Clinic offers comprehensive evaluation and treatment of non-surgical sports-related injuries and conditions to athletes and physically active persons of all ages, including pediatric and adolescent patients.

"The Sports Medicine Clinic provides services to all Mercer student-athletes, as well as Mercer faculty and staff and the general community," said William F. Bina III, M.D., dean of the Mercer

School of Medicine. "At present, the staff consists of a physician board-certified in internal medicine and pediatrics with special qualifications in sports medicine; an LPN; and a medical receptionist. We will be hiring a physical therapist and a radiology technician in the very near future to round out the full service capability of the clinic."

The clinic is located inside the Homer and Ruth Drake Field House at the Moya Football and Lacrosse Complex and features state-of-the-art physical therapy and rehabilitation equipment, on-site x-ray, ultrasound and laboratory services, three patient exam rooms and

three physical evaluation treatment rooms.

Dr. Callender earned her medical degree from Syracuse Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, N.Y., and completed her residencies

in internal medicine and pediatrics at the Detroit Medical Center in Detroit, Mich. She completed her

fellowship in sports medicine at Henry Ford Health Systems in Detroit.

In addition to providing care to Mercer's student-athletes, Dr. Callender is accepting new patients and patient referrals throughout Central Georgia. She is also an in-network provider for Mercer faculty and staff.

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Mercer PA Program and Piedmont Launch Cardiology Residency

MERCER UNIVERSITY'S Physician Assistant program and Piedmont Heart have collaborated to create the Mercer-Piedmont Heart Physician Assistant Residency in Advanced Cardiology. The residency is one of the first advanced cardiology post-graduate PA residencies of its kind.

Residents will take part in the admission and consultation of cardiac patients to the intensive care units. The residency includes rounding on nights, weekdays, and weekends, and rotating through cardiac subspecialties including, but not limited to, general and interventional cardiology, electrophysiology,

advanced heart failure, and cardiothoracic surgery.

"The partnership between Piedmont and Mercer has grown that much closer with the start of the Physician Assistant Residency in Advanced Cardiology program," said Philip Tobin, D.H.Sc., P-A-C, chair and program director of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies in Mercer University's College of Health Professions.

"The collaboration between Piedmont and the PA program has brought together some of the best talent in the area to make a quality program that will prepare PAs to care for some of the most critically ill patients in the health system."

Residents of the program will acquire skills that will prepare them to contribute to the management of advanced cardiac disease pathophysiologies, such as cardiogenic shock, advanced coronary disease, cardiac arrhythmias, and valvular heart disease. Additionally, residents will work with experts in advanced imaging techniques that are conducted in the cardiac catheterization lab. The imaging techniques include, but are not limited to, echocardiography and cardiac MR/CT. There is also ongoing opportunities for residents to obtain Category I continuing medical education credit throughout the year.



■ Pharmacy Professor Named Fellow of National Organization

Dr. Vanthida Huang, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice in the College of Pharmacy, has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP). It is the highest honor the ACCP bestows on its members.

The ACCP is a professional and scientific society that provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources enabling clinical pharmacists to achieve excellence in practice and research. Its membership is composed of practitioners, scientists, educators, administrators, students, residents, fellows and others committed to excellence in clinical pharmacy and patient pharmacotherapy.

Fellowship in the ACCP is awarded to individuals who have made sustained contributions to the organization and have demonstrated exceptional performance in clinical pharmacy practice and/or research. To be considered for the fellowship, nominees must have practiced pharmacy for at least 10 years and maintained full membership within ACCP for at least five years. Clinical pharmacists recognized as a Fellow of ACCP use the initials, FCCP, as part of their academic title.

■ Pharmacy Grad Student Earns Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

Trinh Vo, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the College of Pharmacy, is among only 10 graduate students nationally to receive a clinical pre-doctoral fellowship from the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE). The coveted 12-month fellowship is from Sept. 1, 2013, to Aug. 31, 2014, and includes a \$6,500 stipend.

AFPE Pre-Doctoral Fellowships in the clinical pharmaceutical sciences support the most exceptional Ph.D. students during the advanced research phase of their pharmaceutical sciences

program and enable them to focus intensively on drug development, drug delivery, clinical trial design and management, pharmacoeconomics and manufacturing quality control. During the course of their graduate studies, AFPE fellows receive drug-focused training, in-depth introductions to industry processes, and experience in the use of teamwork and cross-functional collaboration to achieve industry research, development, evaluation and manufacturing goals. Recipients of the fellowship must have completed at least three semesters of graduate study and have no more than three years remaining in course work.

■ Medicine Partners with Piedmont to Open Transplant Clinic

For individuals living with chronic kidney disease or kidney failure in Bibb County and Central Georgia, advanced care is now closer to home — approximately 90 miles closer to home — thanks to a collaboration between the School of Medicine and the Piedmont Transplant Institute of Atlanta.

The jointly operated organ transplant clinic makes pre- and post-kidney transplant services more accessible to patients in Bibb County and surrounding communities. The satellite clinic opened in April and currently operates out of the Mercer Medicine Internal Medicine Clinic at 707 Pine Street in downtown Macon.

■ First Nurse Practitioner Class Perfect in Exams

All 18 members of the first graduating class of the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Program passed the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Examination on their first attempt and are now practicing family nurse practitioners. The average exam score for national test-takers is 585. The Mercer graduates averaged 599 on the exam.

■ Inaugural PT Grads Surpass State, National Averages on Licensure

The inaugural graduating class of Mercer's Doctor of Physical Therapy program earned a 96.3 percent first-time pass rate on the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE), surpassing both statewide and national averages. The NPTE is the licensure examination to practice.

The state average of first-time test takers was 92 percent, while the national average was 90.9 percent. Moreover, three Mercer Physical Therapy graduates received perfect scaled scores of 800/800.

The exceptional first-time pass rate is yet another indication of the outstanding education provided in the Physical Therapy program, which became operational in 2010 and graduated its first class in May. In April, the program was awarded full accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

■ Medical Student Group Earns Grant for Service Leadership

Mercer's School of Medicine is one of three medical schools awarded a grant by Alpha Omega Alpha to support leadership development for medical students through mentoring, observation and service learning. Alpha Omega Alpha, a medical and health care leadership organization, awarded the \$9,000 grant to be dispersed over three years. The other two award winners for this year were Duke University School of Medicine and State University of New York Upstate Medical University.

AlumniClassNotes

Key to Mercer Schools and Colleges — **BUS** — Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics; **CAS** — College of Arts and Sciences; **CLA** — College of Liberal Arts; **CCPS** — College of Continuing and Professional Studies; **CHP** — College of Health Professions; **DIV** — McAfee School of Theology; **EDU** — Tift College of Education; **EGR** — School of Engineering; **LAW** — Walter F. George School of Law; **MED** — School of Medicine; **MUS** — Townsend School of Music; **NUR** — Georgia Baptist College of Nursing; **PHA** — College of Pharmacy; **TCS** — Tift College Scholars; **Tift** — Tift College

Achievements

1950s

Jackie Davis, NUR '56, retired from Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah after spending her entire 57-year career there. She was recognized Sept. 5 by the hospital at a reception in her honor. **Susan Lindsley**, CLA '58, won a "You are Published" award for best novel at the Southeastern Writers Conference. Her winning novel is titled *The Bottom Rail* and will be her seventh published book. This award is her second in two years at the conference.

1960s

Chris Borders, CLA '69, has been inducted into the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame. He retired in March after 24 years as the Atlanta Athletic Club general manager. **Thomas M. Finn**, CLA '69, LAW '73, principal with the law firm of Thomas M. Finn LLC, was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville. **W. Carl Reynolds**, LAW '66, and **Joseph Boyd**, LAW '04, of Reynolds Home & Survant settled one of the largest worker's compensation claims in Georgia history for \$4.5 million. **The Hon. Hugh P. Thompson**, LAW '69, was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia on Aug. 15.

1970s

The Hon. R. Violet Bennett, CLA '78, LAW '81, was elected Wayne County State Court Judge in 2012. **Michael S. Haber**, LAW '73, joined the Atlanta office of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz PC as senior counsel. He will practice corporate law focusing on financial institutions with a national practice centered on commercial transactions and bankruptcy law. **Elaine R. Hardison**, CLA '79, is the new director of development for Rebuilding Macon, a nonprofit organization that rehabilitates houses for low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners. **Charles E. Harris III**, LAW '70, was promoted to senior underwriter at Stewart Title Guaranty Company. He previously served as associate senior underwriting counsel for Georgia. **Anne Longman**, CLA '71, was selected as a Florida Super Lawyer in the area of administrative law.

1980s

Sean R. Adee, CLA '88, was promoted to executive director at Ernst & Young in Atlanta. **D. Scott Cummins**, LAW '85, of Sternberger & Cummins PC in Newnan was recognized in *Georgia Trend's* "2012 Legal Elite" section for criminal law. **Lisa Deziel**, PHA '83, '84, was appointed dean of the College of Pharmacy at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She previously served in a number of administrative roles within the College. **Micky Grindstaff**, LAW '82, was the commencement speaker at the University of Central Florida's summer graduation. Grindstaff is currently the chair of the UCF Board of Trustees and a partner at Shutts & Bowen LLP in Orlando, Fla. **Betsy Griswold**, LAW '83, received the Lifetime Achievement Award in *Atlanta Business Chronicle* and the Association of Corporate Counsel, Georgia Chapter's 2013 Corporate Counsel Awards. **Nathan M. Jolles**, LAW '87, of The Law Offices of Nathan M. Jolles, PC was recognized at the State

Two-Time Mercer Graduate Receives Legal Award

The Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA) recognized Judge M. Yvette Miller, CLA '77, LAW '80, as the 2013 recipient of its Leah Ward Sears Award for Distinction in the Profession.

When she was appointed to the Georgia Court of Appeals in 1999, Judge Miller became the first black woman on the court. In 2009, she was unanimously selected by her fellow judges to serve as Chief Judge. She is currently serving her third term on the court as a presiding judge.

"Judge Miller's exemplary career, first as a trial lawyer and now as an appellate judge, serves as a model for others to follow," GABWA President Jacqueline Bunn explained. "GABWA is elated to recognize such a dynamic jurist. Judge Miller is a trailblazer whose indomitable spirit and drive prove that, with hard work and perseverance, you can achieve any goal."

Prior to her appointment on the Georgia Court of Appeals, Judge Miller managed a private law firm in Jesup, worked as a prosecutor for the Fulton County District Attorney's office and represented the Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) as senior in-house litigation counsel. In 1989, she became an administrative law judge with the State Board of Worker's Compensation.

Judge Miller earned her bachelor's degree from the College of Liberal Arts in 1977 and her Juris Doctor in



Judge M. Yvette Miller, center

1980. She received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Walter F. George School of Law in 2010. Additionally, Judge Miller holds a Master of Laws from the University of Virginia.

The Founders Awards were established in 2006 to recognize the accomplishments of women and organizations that embody the mission of GABWA and the legacy of its founders: Former Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears, Judge Bensonetta Tipton Lane and Judge Barbara A. Harris. The Leah Ward Sears Award for Distinction in the Profession recognizes those who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of black women in the legal profession.

Judge Miller and the other Founders Award winners were honored July 20 at GABWA's annual fundraiser, the Glitter Gala and Auction, held at the Ritz-Carlton Atlanta.

Bar of Georgia headquarters in June as the small law firm division winner in the 2013 Georgia Legal Food Frenzy. The firm collected a total of 7,093 lbs.

The Hon. Victor Blake McKinney, LAW '87, was elected by the Va. House of Delegates and Senate as a General District Court Judge for the 28th Judicial District, effective July 1, 2012.

Chas Reynolds, CLA '85, LAW '88, was named the new Construction Litigation Committee chair for the International Association of Defense Counsel.

Lynn Scott, LAW '88, joined Kilpatrick Townsend as a partner in its newly formed healthcare, life sciences and technology team.

Evelt L. Simmons, LAW '81, hosted the Evelt L. Simmons Mock Trial Competition in Washington, D.C., during the National Bar Association Crump Law Camp in July. She also received the Sankofa Award at the annual convention of the National Bar Association for her efforts to make quality education accessible to all.

Ray S. Smith III, LAW '87, was named partner and is now head of litigation for the law firm of Thrasher Liss & Smith LLC in Atlanta.

Carter Stout, LAW '85, was given the Member of Distinction Award by the Real Estate Section of the Atlanta Bar Association. Stout also received a Service Award from the Dunwoody Rotary Club for his service to the club during the past year. He practices at Stout Kaiser & Kendrick, LLC in Atlanta.

Mark J. Webb, LAW '89, was appointed chairman of the Heart of the Community Foundation Board of Governors in Rome for 2013-2014.

Lt. Gen. Perry Wiggins, CLA '83, was promoted from the rank of major general and took command of U.S. Army North (5th Army) during a change of command ceremony Sept. 4. In his new command post, he is responsible for overseeing Homeland Defense and Civil Support operations, and Theater Security Cooperation activities.

1990s

Mylo Carbia, CLA '93, was named "Hollywood's Hottest Latina Screenwriter" by Internet Movie Database and was chosen to write the script for the film version of the best-selling book, *The Maids of Havana*.

Bryant Chitwood, CLA '91, obtained his education specialist degree from Piedmont College on Dec. 15, 2012.

Dr. Jack R. Eades, MED '92, wrote and published a daily devotional book titled *In a Hurry to Be Holy*. Proceeds from the book sales benefit Isle of Hope United Methodist Church Missions in Savannah. **Edmund Emerson III**, BUS '97, CLA '97, joined the Atlanta office of Morris, Manning & Martin LLP as a partner in April.

Natalie Flake Ford, CLA '96, published the book, *Tears to Joy*, in 2012.

Jeffrey M. Hammen, BUS '94, joined Siemens Healthcare MobileMD as a project manager implementing their health information exchange, electronic medical records, and physician and patient portal solutions in hospitals, clinics and health systems.

Jo Ann Herold, BUS '98, was named chief marketing officer of Atlanta-based Interface Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of modular carpet. She previously served as vice president of brand communications and public relations at Arby's Restaurant Group.

Brian C. Highley, EGR '96, joined Nypro Healthcare as vice president and general manager of the medical device and consumer health segment.

Scott C. Huggins, LAW '97, opened his own law firm in Cumming, focusing on defense of state and federal crimes, asset forfeiture and civil litigation.

The Rev. J. Jay Kieve, CLA '91, was installed as the coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina on April 27. He previously served as pastor of Crosscreek Baptist Church in Pelham, Ala.

Kirk Q. La, BUS '97, '99, was named assistant vice president of the GEICO Insurance Agency.

The Rev. Carlos A. McCloud, BUS '90, graduated

from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, on May 25 with a Doctor of Ministry.

John W. McCown Jr., LAW '97, became senior director of tax strategy for Home Depot at its Vinings headquarters in June.

Frank McKay, LAW '91, was appointed by Ga. Gov. Nathan Deal to be the chairman of the State Board of Worker's Compensation, effective March 1.

Kellye C. Moore, LAW '93, was one of four women featured in the cover story, "Women in Charge," in the June issue of the *ABA Journal*. Moore is the managing partner of Walker Hulbert Gray & Moore in Perry.

Reid A. Page, CLA '97, joined the Denver office

of Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP as of counsel in February. He will focus his practice on commercial litigation on behalf of a broad variety of industry groups and legal claims and defenses.

Paola Parra, LAW '96, was named Woman Lawyer of the Year by the Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association and is incoming president of the Rotary Club of San Jose, Fla. She and her husband, Robert Harris, practice together at Harris, Guidi, Rosner, Dunlap & Rudolph PA.

Leah Partridge, MUS '97, was named assistant professor of voice at Kennesaw State University.

Luna Phillips, LAW '95, was elected in August

2012 to serve on the Florida Bar's Executive Council of the Environmental and Land Use Law Section. Phillips is a shareholder at Gunster Law and focuses her practice on governmental, administrative and environmental law.

Elise A. Redmond, LAW '96, was named president-elect of The Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte, N.C.

Margaret A. Reeves-Lottimore, LAW '96, served as an insurer faculty member in the graduate program of the Federation of Corporate and Defense Counsel's 10th Annual Litigation Management College at Emory University in June.

Rachael B. Schell, LAW '95, joined Lindley, Powell and Rumph PA in October 2012. The firm specializes in worker's compensation, personal injury, supplemental security income disability and medical malpractice.

Sara Silvio, EGR '97, was named to the Board of Directors of Commercial Real Estate Women of Atlanta Inc., whose mission is to enrich the real estate industry by empowering women into positions of influence. Silvio is president of Constructive Ingenuity LLC, where she works with industrial clients in project management.

Chris Thompson, CLA '93, LAW '96, joined the law firm of O'Neal & Brown in Macon.

Jonathan J. Tuggle, LAW '98, was elected chairman of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia, effective July 1. He is a partner at Boyd Collar Nolen & Tuggle LLC in Atlanta.

David Ryan West, CLA '92, was named vice president of claims at GEICO's corporate headquarters in Chevy Chase, Md.

Mercerians Among 'Most Influential Asian-Americans'

Three Mercerians are among the "25 Most Influential Asian-Americans in Georgia" according to a list published by the *Georgia Asian Times*. Those named to the list and honored at an awards dinner July 18 included Sharon Lim Harle, BUS '86, '90, assistant vice president of alumni services and university special events at Mercer; Farooq Mughal, CLA '00, managing partner of MS Global Partners; and Bryan Ramos, LAW '99, principal of Ramos Law Firm and president of the Philippine-American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia.

In addition to her role with alumni services and University special events, Harle serves as a business faculty member specializing in marketing and international business. As a student at Mercer, she was chosen to receive the International Student Day Proclamation from then-mayor of Atlanta Andrew Young. She served as a student ambassador and was the recipient of several outstanding student awards. Harle has also contributed to the Atlanta Centennial Olympic Games and the Atlanta Asian Film Festival. In 2000, she became an ordained deacon at Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Buckhead, the church's first Asian deacon in its 150-year history.

Mughal is a veteran political strategist and adviser who has worked on influential state and federal campaigns and advises lawmakers on legislative priorities and constituency outreach. In 2012, he was invited by President Barack Obama to the White House Iftar Dinner to honor the leadership of Muslim-Americans. His work in business and on various committees has earned him recognition from the White House, several U.S. congressmen, former Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes, the Georgia Secretary of State and Georgia legislators. Mughal has received awards from *Georgia Trend* magazine and CNN and is the highest-ranking Muslim-American in Georgia politics and the highest-ranking Asian-Amer-



From left, Farooq Mughal, Sharon Lim Harle and Bryan Ramos

ican within the Democratic Party of Georgia.

Ramos is a workers' compensation trial lawyer with degrees from Florida State University and Mercer's Walter F. George School of Law. He opened the Ramos Law Firm in 2005 and was named a "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers magazine from 2010 through 2012. He has been selected to the *Georgia Asian Times* "25 Most Influential Asian-Americans in Georgia" list each of the past three years. He also serves as a special assistant to the Philippine Honorary Consulate in Atlanta in addition to his role with the Philippine-American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia.

The bimonthly *Georgia Asian Times*, based in Norcross, released the list in May to coincide with Asian-American Pacific Islander Month. The publication's editorial staff as well as a selection committee of community, civic, media and professional organizations, compiled the list.

"This year's 25 Most Influential Asian-Americans in Georgia offer a listing of individuals who made an impact in arts, business, government, politics, social work, education, judiciary and areas that influence every aspect of Georgians' daily life," read the newspaper. "Some names are familiar as they continue to strive to make our community a better place to live. New faces are recognized for their effort and dedication to make a difference."

2000s

Amanda M. Akers, BUS '06, completed her executive MBA at the University of Alabama in May 2012 and received a promotion in February to sales assistant at FNBB Capital Markets in Birmingham, Ala.

Alison M. Amyx, CLA '08, relocated to Washington, D.C., to work as senior editor of Believe Out Loud, an online network empowering Christians to work for LGBT equality.

Sally M. Bowman, LAW '07, joined the Charlotte, N.C., office of Gallivan, White & Boyd PA as an associate in the firm's complex litigation group.

Megan E. Boyd's blog, *Lady (Legal) Writer*, was named in "Top 10 Legal Writing Blogs" by legal-productivity.com and added to the American Bar Association Journal's Blawg Directory.

Janene Browder, BUS '09, LAW '12, accepted a judicial clerkship with Superior Court Judge Horace J. Johnson Jr. of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit.

Kimberly D. Brown, CLA '06, graduated from Georgia Southern University with a Master of Education in counselor education. In August, she began her career as a professional school counselor in S.C.

William Benjamin Bryant, LAW '09, serves as assistant general counsel of financial services for InComm, a global provider of prepaid cards and technologies.

Ivy N. Cadle, LAW '07, received the Award of Achievement for Outstanding Service to the Bar from the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia on June 21 during the organization's annual meeting.

Kathleen B. Connell, LAW '05, was appointed to the Charles Longstreet Weltner Family Law American Inn of Court's Board of Directors and was also appointed to the Georgia Commission on Child Support by Ga. Gov. Nathan Deal. Additionally, Connell was named to the *Fulton County Daily Report's* 2013 "On the Rise" list as one of the state's most distinguished attorneys under 40.

Ashley Lanelle Deadwyler, CLA '06, LAW '10, announced the opening of Deadwyler Law and will specialize in DUI and drug defense, family law, immigration law, nonprofit law and small business startups.

Jordan Dominy, CLA '04, earned his Ph.D. in American literature from the University of Florida and has begun a tenure-track position as assistant professor of English at Savannah State University.

V. Sharon "Sharri" Edenfield, LAW '03, was installed as the president-elect of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia on June 21 during the organization's annual meeting.

Jill Edmondson, LAW '05, was a panelist at the 2013 Dow Jones Global Compliance Symposium in Washington, D.C., April 2-3. She is the corporate compliance and ethics manager for Home Depot USA.

Lee Ann Feeley, LAW '09, joined the DeKalb County Public Defender's Office as an assistant public defender.

Kristie Fitzgerald, LAW '04, is in-house counsel for State Farm Insurance.

Alexandra M. Geczi, LAW '04, was selected as a Texas Super Lawyer Rising Star for 2013.

Robert F. Glass, LAW '07, and **James A. Robson**, LAW '07, announce the opening of their new firm, Glass & Robson, specializing in catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases.

William W. Gwaltney, LAW '03, announces the formation of Garfield, Gwaltney, Kelley & White, a law firm dedicated to real estate matters, including residential and commercial foreclosure defense.

Elizabeth Hall, LAW '04, returned to Atlanta to join the law firm of Stites & Harbinson.

Bradley M. Harmon, LAW '02, was named to the *Fulton County Daily Report's* 2013 "On the Rise" list as one of the state's most distinguished attorneys under 40.

Michael Eric Hooper, LAW '09, an attorney with the law firm of Moore, Clarke, DuVall & Rodgers PC, was one of four individuals selected as a Trust and Estates Fellow by the Real Property, Trust and Estates Section of the American Bar Association.

John Jenkins, MUS '05, was appointed assistant professor of music, orchestra/band conducting, applied low brass, and brass methods for music education majors at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla.

Dr. Ryan Katz, MED '06, joined the practice of Athens General and Colorectal Surgeons of St. Mary's Medical Group.

Karen S. Kurtz, LAW '04, received the Award of Achievement for Service to the Public and the Award of Achievement for Outstanding Service to the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia on June 21 during the organization's annual meeting.

Alexis A. Lambert, CLA '05, was named the new communications director for the Tallahassee, Fla., Department of Children and Families.

Alissa M. Lockwood, PHA '07, was sworn in as the national president at the Kappa Epsilon national convention for the 2013-2015 biennium.

John R.B. "Jack" Long, LAW '06, was installed as treasurer of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia on June 21 during the organization's annual meeting.

George P. Milmine II, LAW '07, joined Weiner, Shearouse, Weitz, Greenberg & Shaw LLP, practicing in the areas of small business representation and business litigation.

Christopher J. Mueller, LAW '05, was named a shareholder at Taylor, Day, Grimm, Boyd & Johnson PA in Jacksonville, Fla. He also became board certified by the Florida Bar in construction law.

Jennifer Wright Purcell, CLA '06, received a doc-

Kyle Sears Named Director of Media Relations

Kyle Sears, former editor of the *Lake Oconee News* and a 2009 graduate of Mercer's College of Liberal Arts, was named director of media relations in the Office of Marketing Communications.

"We are very fortunate to add Kyle to our staff," said Rick Cameron, senior assistant vice president for marketing communications. "He has journalism in his blood from his high school days, when he worked at the *Jones County News*, and, combined with the quality education he received at Mercer, has positioned himself to do an outstanding job of working with the news media and other constituents on behalf of the University."

Sears serves as marketing communications liaison for the University's College of Continuing and Professional Studies, College of Liberal Arts, Mercer Engineering Research Center (MERC), School of Engineering, Stetson School of Business and Economics, Tift College of Education, The Executive Forum and Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). He also serves as coordinator of hometown news and University news, as well as managing editor of *News@Mercer*, the e-newsletter for faculty and staff, and *News@Mercer Alumni Edition*, the e-newsletter for alumni and friends.

"I am thrilled at the opportunity to come back home to Mercer," Sears said. "The mission of Mercer is something I have held close to my heart since I studied here as an undergraduate, and I look forward to using my

skills, many of which were cultivated on this campus, to contribute what I can to the continued excellence of Mercer and the fulfillment of its mission."

In addition to serving as editor of the *Lake Oconee News*, a weekly newspaper with circulation in Greene, Morgan and Putnam counties in Georgia, he has also contributed to *DAWGTIME Magazine*, covering University of Georgia football, and served as a staff writer and photographer at the *Jones County News*. He has won multiple awards for writing and photography from the Georgia Press Association. Sears has volunteered with the Atlanta Press Club, interned in the Georgia Institute of Technology's Sports Information Department and served as a graduate assistant in Georgia State University's Department of Communication.

Sears earned his Bachelor of Arts with a double major in journalism and Christianity from Mercer where he graduated *summa cum laude* and helped found the University's chapter of the Society for Collegiate Journalists. He went on to earn his Master of Arts in communication from Georgia State University in 2011. He and his wife, Heather, are both natives of Gray.



Kyle Sears

torate in adult education on May 10 from the University of Georgia College of Education. In August, she joined Kennesaw State University as assistant director of engagement and an adjunct professor.

The Hon. William W. Rambo, LAW '01, was appointed Judge of the State Court of Sumter County by Ga. Gov. Nathan Deal. He has worked at the Americus law firm of Gatewood, Skipper and Rambo since 2001 and currently serves on the State Bar's Lawyer Advertising Ethics Committee.

G. Boone Smith IV, LAW '07, was admitted to the partnership of Smith, Hawkins Hollingsworth & Reeves, LLP in Macon.

Earl Stewart, CLA '09, released his third piano/instrumental album, "Hymns Chapter 2: Songs of the Little Wooden Church," featuring 19 hymn arrangements for the piano.

Julianne Meggs Stokes, LAW '06, was one of five lawyers in South Carolina selected as a 2012 and 2013 Super Lawyer Rising Star in the practice area of family law.

Justin Studstill, LAW '07, joined the Studstill Firm LLP in Valdosta, where he practices law with his wife, **Haynes Maier Studstill**, LAW '07, and his father, Danny Studstill.

Darrell L. Sutton, LAW '03, was installed as the 67th president of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia on June 21 during the organization's annual meeting.

Carisa Jurgens Turner, CLA '07, received the 2013 Christian Women in Media Association's (CWIMA) Grand Prize Songwriting Award for her song "Lost at

Sea." She performed in Nashville, Tenn., on July 20 at the annual CWIMA Music Showcase concert event, where two of her other songs were Top 10 finalists.

Carl R. Varnedoe, LAW '03, received the Award of Achievement for Outstanding Service to the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia on June 21 during the organization's annual meeting.

Hansell Watt, LAW '04, was named partner at Coleman Talley LLP.

Matt Wetherington, CLA '07, LAW '10, completed the State Bar of Georgia, Young Lawyer Division's Leadership Academy in 2013. He also launched the Tire Safety Group, a nationwide consumer safety campaign. He works at Werner & Associates on product liability and consumer safety claims.

Sarah E. White, LAW '05, received the Award of Achievement for Service to the Public from the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia on June 21 during the organization's annual meeting.

Kathleen L. Wright, LAW '02, of Gentry Locke Rakes and Moore, LLP, in Roanoke, Va., was recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers* in their "2014 Best Lawyers in America" for municipal litigation.

Konrad W. Ziegler, LAW '06, was appointed associate magistrate judge of the Magistrate Court of Cherokee County.

2010s

Mary Elizabeth Bibb, CLA '12, earned a Fulbright Fellowship to serve in Moldova, where she taught English and worked with the Independent Journalism Center,

which helps journalists in the emerging democracy. She served from September 2012 to May.

Nancy Boore, PHA '13, began working as a physical therapist at the Frederick Memorial Hospital outpatient clinic in Frederick, Md.

David Cheng, LAW '12, announced the opening of his own firm, The Law Office of Attorney David Cheng, in Atlanta. He also is of counsel to Molden & Holley LLC and a contract attorney for the Dickason Law Group and the Dow Law Firm.

Daniel Cole, LAW '12, joined the law firm of Moore Ingram Johnson & Steele in Marietta.

John Cranford, LAW '12, joined the Coweta Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office as an assistant district attorney.

Ryan W. English, LAW '12, joined Long & Hall LLP in Warner Robins as an associate attorney.

Tyler K. L. Hurst, LAW '11, announces the opening of Stone & Hurst Law Office in Tazewell, Tenn.

Alex Landis, LAW '11, was promoted to consultant at Wiley Rein LLP in Washington, D.C., and co-wrote commentaries on appeals from the U.S. International Trade Commission, published in Volume 44, Issue 1 of the *Georgia Journal of International Law*.

Amanda Lewis, LAW '10, finished a three-year clerkship for Superior Court Judge Samuel D. Ozburn and will now be the court coordinator for the newly formed mental health court for the Alcovy Circuit.

Emily Macheski-Preston, LAW '10, was appointed to the board of the Georgia Legal Services Program, a nonprofit law firm, where she will represent the Valdosta region. She is an associate in Coleman

Talley's litigation department, where she practices in employment law, contract disputes and local government law.

Joan McCallum, LAW '10, completed her first federal jury trial, litigating for her firm, Sanchez Hayes & Associates LLC in the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division. In the employment case, the firm's plaintiff received a judgment in favor of all counts, and the jury returned a verdict for more than \$500,000.

Catherine Bell Mitchell, LAW '11, joined Smith Moore Leatherwood in Charlotte, N.C., as an associate in their real estate practice group.

Donald Eugene Mitchell Jr., CLA '12, earned a Fulbright Fellowship to serve in Moldova. He has deferred his fellowship in order to run for the Georgia State Senate in District 7, his home district.

Philip Potter, LAW '11, is an associate at Westmoreland, Patterson, Moseley & Hinson LLP. He works in the firm's Macon and Warner Robins offices and specializes in personal injury.

Justin Purvis, LAW '12, joined Young, Thagard, Smith, Hoffman, Lawrence & Shenton LLP as an associate practicing in civil litigation and medical malpractice.

William R. Richardson, LAW '12, joined Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz PC as an associate in the real estate/finance group and is a member of the firm's emerging companies team.

M. Chase Swanson, LAW '10, served as the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association New Lawyers Division co-chair for 2012-2013 and is currently serving as the Cobb County Young Lawyers Division president.

Jennifer Terry, LAW '12, joined the law firm of Miller and Martin PLLC in Chattanooga, Tenn., as an associate in the firm's labor and employment department.

Brooke Walker, LAW '11, finished her clerkship with the Honorable Marc T. Treadwell in August and began working at Balch & Bingham in Atlanta as a business litigation associate in September.

Randi Warren, LAW '12, joined Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP as an associate specializing in toxic tort and environmental litigation, premise liability and product liability.

Alesa Webber, EGR '13, is technical communication analyst for Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas Inc. in Monroe. She created the position after serving an internship with the company in summer 2012.

Michele Boothroyd Wetherington, LAW '10, completed the State Bar of Georgia, Young Lawyer Division's Leadership Academy in 2013.

Katherine N. Willet, LAW '10, completed the State Bar of Georgia, Young Lawyer Division's Leadership Academy in 2013 and was elected to the Executive Council of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia on June 21.

Jarrell Williams, LAW '10, works at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.

Latoya Williams, LAW '12, completed Mercer Law's LL.M. program in federal criminal practice and procedure, and joined the Houston County Public Defender's Office as an assistant public defender.

Adam Younker, LAW '10, and **Justin Oliverio**, LAW '10, announce the opening of Younker & Oliverio PC in Fayetteville. They will specialize in criminal defense, business and bankruptcy.

Marriages, Births & Anniversaries

1980s

Marilyn Sutton, BBA '83, LAW '92, married **George L. Phillips Jr.**, CLA '69, LAW '13, on May 19, 2012, in St. Simons Island.

1990s

Christopher Carrollton, CLA '90, and his wife, Karen Carrollton, announce the birth of their son, Aaron William, on Oct. 19, 2012.

2000s

Brian Adams, LAW '05, and his wife, Amy Adams, announce the birth of their daughter, Annie Elizabeth, on July 10.

Laurie Copeland Cavendish, CLA '09, PHA '13, married **Brandon Cavendish**, EGR '09, on July 20 in Atlanta.

Erin Smith Corbett, LAW '04, and her husband,

Buddy Corbett, announce the birth of their daughter, Helen Faye, on April 8. The family resides in Macon, where Erin is of counsel at Bullard and Wangerin.

Jocelyn P. Daniell, LAW '07, and her husband, David Daniell, announce the birth of their second daughter, Cora Jean, on Feb. 13. Jocelyn is currently president of the Houston County Bar Association.

Jennifer Harbaugh, CLA '00, LAW '03, and her husband, Mundo Harbaugh, announce the birth of their son, Henry Gerard, on Nov. 19, 2012.

Cari Henderson Huddleston, LAW '07, and her husband, Jason Huddleston, announce the birth of their son, Banner Matthew, on July 18.

Blanton Carl Lingold, LAW '04, married Emily Ivey Lingold on May 18. The couple resides in Milledgeville, where Brandon has his own practice, Blanton Carl Lingold PC.

Amy Griswold Martin, EGR '05, and her husband, Josh Martin, announce the birth of their son, Bryce Cooper, on Jan. 23. The family resides in Marietta.

Dan D. Nale, BUS '07, married Onia Miracle Nale on April 20 at The Citadel's Summerall Chapel in Charleston, S.C. He is senior vice president of programs, engineering and flight operations and testing for Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation.

Billy Joe Nelson Jr., LAW '09, married Kathryn Brock Nelson at the Cooper's Point Riverhouse in Shellman Bluff on June 29.

Jessica Cabral Odom, LAW '04, married Beau Odom on May 12, 2012, in Sea Island. She also received the Award of Achievement for Service to the Public from the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia on June 21.

JoAnna L. Pang, CLA '08, married **Christopher N. Pang**, BUS '11, on July 6 in St. Augustine, Fla. The couple resides in St. Petersburg, Fla., and Christopher is employed by Eagle Asset Management.

Brandon Peak, LAW '04, and **Brooke Cottingham Peak**, LAW '04, announce the birth of twin girls, Anna Grace and Sally Boyd, on June 13. Brandon was elected by members of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association to serve as a state delegate on the 2013-2014 Executive Committee of the American Association of Justice.

Russell Thomson, LAW '05, and his wife, **Kathryn Elmore Thomson**, LAW '07, announce the birth of

their third child, Anne Sawyer, on Dec. 26, 2012. The family resides in Columbia, S.C., where Russell practices insurance defense.

2010s

Greer Aiken, LAW '10, and his wife, **Leah M. Aiken**, CLA '07, LAW '11, announce the birth of their daughter, Walker Greer, on March 22. The family resides in Macon.

Maggie Hinchey DeLeon, LAW '12, married Christopher DeLeon in Savannah on May 11.

Alison Marx Duncan, LAW '10, married Ryan Duncan on May 27, 2012.

Chasity L. Hawkins, LAW '11, and her husband, Paul Hawkins, announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline Elizabeth, on July 25, 2012. The family resides in Greenville, S.C.

Taylor McNeill, LAW '09, married **Leah Fiorenza McNeill**, LAW '09, on March 9.

Ashley Muller, LAW '11, married **Garon Muller**, LAW '11, on July 6 in Honeoye Falls, N.Y.

Rizza Palmares O'Connor, CLA '07, LAW '10, married **Daniel O'Connor**, LAW '12, on Dec. 8, 2012. Rizza was elected to the Executive Council of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia on June 21.

Jessica Morgan Phillips, LAW '10, married Mike Phillips on Dec. 8, 2012.

Justin Purvis, LAW '12, married Lindsey Davis Purvis on May 19, 2012.

Kristine Pham Samchok, LAW '10, married David Samchok on July 27.

Brittany Smith, LAW '13, married **Andrew Smith**, LAW '11, on May 25, 2012.

Kelley Pierce Smith, LAW '10, married **Robert Smith**, LAW '10, on March 23.

Christopher Steele, LAW '11, and his wife, Tesia Steele, announce the birth of their first daughter, Reagan Violet, on Aug. 9. The family resides in Macon.

Danielle Lehman Taylor, LAW '12, married **Barclay Taylor**, LAW '10, on April 14.

Brooke Walker, LAW '11, married **David Gram**, LAW '10, in March.

Ben Wallace, LAW '10, and his wife, Carrie Beth Wallace, announce the birth of their son, Wade Barnett, on Aug. 13, 2012.

Justin Williams, LAW '10, married Jennifer Williams on June 1.

Four Mercerians Named to *Georgia Trend's* '2013 Forty Under Forty'

Four Mercerians were recognized by *Georgia Trend* magazine in its "2013 Forty Under Forty," which annually presents a group of 40 outstanding Georgians under the age of 40.

Mercerians Katie Connell, LAW '05, Shane Gottwals, CLA '06, Brooke Lucas, CLA '02, and Aaron Mumford, BUS '98, LAW '01, made the list and represent 10 percent of the 2013 class.

Connell is a partner at the Atlanta law firm of Boyd Collar Nolen & Tuggle, where she practices in family law. She has written on the subject for *The Huffington Post* and was recently appointed by Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal to a four-year term

on the Georgia Commission on Child Support.

Gottwals, one of only two honorees on the list under the age of 30, is CEO of Gottwals Books/Walls of Books Franchise, a used bookstore chain that has become a thriving business. Gottwals

Books, the original location in Warner Robins, opened in 2007, and franchise opportunities led to the opening of four Walls of Books locations in Middle Georgia with one planned for New Orleans.

Lucas, a veteran economic development professional, serves as chief of staff to Georgia Department of Labor Secretary Mark Butler. In her role, Lucas helped create a Special Workforce Assistance Team to help jobseekers obtain bet-

ter results by offering resume help and interview coaching in preparation to attend a job fair.

Mumford works as general legal counsel for Glynn County. In this capacity, Mumford advises commissioners, the police chief and other administrators on matters such as zoning and real estate. Moreover, he collaborated with the Secret Service and other federal officials to host the G8 Summit on Sea Island and negotiated contracts for the filming of *Anchorman II* and *X Men: First Class*.

The 40 were chosen by *Georgia Trend's* editorial staff based on nominations from readers across the state. The group represents industries including business, government, politics, non-profits, science, conservation and education.

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In Memory

1930s

Sadie Bailey, NUR '37, of Lexington, N.C., March 28.
Margaret E. Alexander Drury, TIFT '39, of Columbus, May 22.
Mary W. Quarles Ferguson, TIFT '36, of Richmond, Va., March 7.
Sara Margaret Howard, TIFT '38, of Griffin, Aug. 22.
Annie Mays Larmore, CLA '31, of Atlanta, Aug. 1.
Marjorie Farmer O'Keeffe, EDU '37, of Raleigh, N.C., Aug. 24, 2012.

Edith Pirkle, NUR '38, of Roswell, April 15.
Henrietta Walton Searcy Shi, TIFT '36, of Cary, N.C., March 5.

1940s

J. Don Aderhold, CLA '47, of Dacula, April 4.
John D. Barfield, CLA '48, of Tucson, Ariz., April 2.
Benjamin Franklin Burgess Jr., CLA '46, of Pensacola, Fla., May 25.
Sara Chapman, NUR '42, of Atlanta, April 4.
Annie Thomas Conger, CLA '47, of Bainbridge, Sept. 5, 2012.
Donald Haskell Conkle Sr., PHA '42, of Griffin, June 15.

Dr. John H. Deaton, CLA '45, of Columbus, May 31.
Emmett O. Floyd, CLA '48, of Elon, N.C., March 24.
Roy D. Goff, PHA '49, of Jackson, June 13.
Dr. Horace Thomas Hayes, EDU '44, of Dallas, Texas, Feb. 5.
Geneva Stephens Henley, TIFT '46, of Summerville, Dec. 1, 2012.
Bonnie Wallace Huntley, TIFT '48, of Palatka, Fla., June 7.
Marion Hobbs Maisecano, CLA '40, of Savannah, April 9.
Myrl Mallory, NUR '46, of Athens, May 3.
Marianne Smith Marbury, CLA '46, of Albany, Feb. 24.

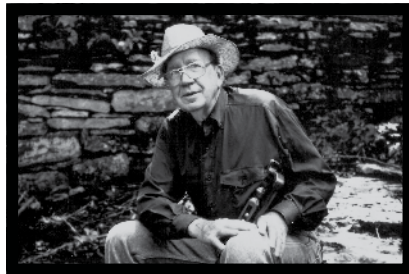
George R. McCall Jr., CLA '47 of St. Petersburg, Fla., Aug. 6.
Charles Roy McKibben Jr., CLA '48, of Jacksonville, Fla., May 1.
Alice Cole Nicholson, CLA '45, of Douglasville, July 2.
Alton I. Reddick, HON '47, of Tucker, May 22.
Carolyn Baugh Reynolds Parker, TIFT '44, of Greensboro, July 24.
Betty Lee Robison, CLA '48, of Atlanta, Aug. 1.
The Rev. Henry T. Singleton Jr., CLA '49, HON '79, of Waycross, June 15.
Dr. Julian Jesse Sizemore Jr., CLA '47, of Columbus, Feb. 12.

Margaret Geer Sledge, TIFT '48, of Arcadia, La., March 16.
Ben H. Smart, CLA '43, of Manteca, Calif., March 21.
Eugenia Ragland Smith, TIFT '47, of Brunswick, May 3.
Frederick Harold Smith, CLA '47, of Helena, Ala., March 21.
The Rev. William C. Smith Jr., CLA '48, of Greensboro, N.C., May 13.
Alice Stephenson, NUR '47, of Wilmington, Del., Feb. 17.
Mary Ida Parker Tatum, TIFT '49, of Statesboro, Aug. 25.
Miriam Gordon Trammell, CLA '49, of Macon, May 16.

Mercer Mourns Passing of Author Will Campbell

The Rev. William D. Campbell, a renowned minister of the Civil Rights Era and author of the book *The Stem of Jesse*, died June 3 at the age of 88.

Born in Amite County, Miss., on July 18, 1924, and raised in The Great Depression, Campbell was ordained as a minister in 1941 before leaving to attend Louisiana College, where he met his future wife, Brenda Fisher.



Will Campbell

Foregoing his ministerial deferment, he joined the Army during World War II and served as an orderly at a military hospital in the Pacific. After his service, Campbell returned to school and earned his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest College in 1948. He continued his studies, earning a master's degree in English literature from Tulane University in 1949 and a bachelor's of divinity from Yale University in 1952.

After completing his seminary training, Campbell served for two years as pastor of a small church in Taylor, La., before working two years as director of religious activities at the University of Mississippi. These ministry experiences

dissuaded him from a pastoral career, and he abandoned organized religion in the 1960s but not his faith.

While working as a race relations troubleshooter for the National Council of Southern Churches, Campbell was invited by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to the founding meeting of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957. He was the only white man who attended.

A self-proclaimed "bootleg preacher," he lived most of his life on a farm in Mount Juliet, Tenn., outside of Nashville, ministering to poor people of all races. Author of more than a dozen books, Campbell's most well known work is *Brother to a Dragonfly*, which was a 1978 National Book Award finalist.

Published in 1994, his book *The Stem of Jesse* tells the story of desegregation at Mercer while also dealing with the problems of drugs and protests during the 1960s. The book centers on the enrollment of Mercer's first black student, Sam Oni, a native Nigerian, in 1963. The text is used today in Mercer's First Year Seminar program, a requirement for all freshmen.

Campbell was the first Ferrol A. Sams Jr. Distinguished Chair of English Writer-in-Residence during 1994-1995. Moreover, since 2010, Mercer University Press has given the Will D. Campbell Award to the best manuscript that speaks to the human condition in a Southern context.

In 2000, he received the National Endowment for the Humanities medal from President Bill Clinton and was profiled in the PBS documentary *God's Will*. He also received honorary degrees from Wake Forest University and the University of the South.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda, their son, Webb, daughters, Bonnie and Penny, and four grandchildren.

Mercer Alumnus and Macon Civic Leader Jimmie Samuel Dies at 64

Mercer alumnus and Macon civic leader Jimmie Samuel died July 18 at the age of 64.

Born in Thomson and raised in Augusta, Samuel first came to Macon when he enrolled at the University in the 1960s. He was one of a growing number of African-American students at Mercer during a turbulent time in the South and across America.

His tenure at the University briefly overlapped with Sam Oni, who graduated in 1967. The matriculation of Samuel and others in the years following Oni marked a substantial expansion of admitting local minority students in significantly larger numbers. Samuel graduated from Mercer with a bachelor's degree in biology and psychology in



Jimmie Samuel

1971 and received a master's degree in 1983.

After finishing his studies at Mercer, Samuel left Macon for about two years, but he was recruited to come back and never left. He was a charter officer and later became director of the University's Upward Bound program. In 1986, Samuel took charge of the Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council as its executive director. He worked in this role until his death.

The breadth and depth of his service on local boards of directors, initiating programs and serving the community is a hallmark of his commitment to Macon and constant desire to help people and change lives. Samuel volunteered with the Second Street Boys Club, *The Macon Telegraph* and the Southern Association of Educational Opportunity among others. He also chaired Mercer's Black Alumni Chapter.

In 1992, Samuel was honored as Kiwanian of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of Macon. This annual award recognizes the club's most outstanding member. As chair of the Kiwanis Club's citizenship services committee, he led several goodwill projects in the community.

Samuel is survived by his wife of 33 years, Sallie, two children and three grandchildren.

Beverly Johnston Verdery, TIFT '45, of Hartwell, March 6.
Harris DeVon Williams, CLA '49, of Macon, Sept. 2.

1950s

Henrietta Mowell Acree, TIFT '50, of Covington, March 16.
Pansy Abbott Agerton, EDU '52, of Appling, April 4.
A. Dale Albritton, LAW '59, of Macon, June 18.
E. Raymond Avirett Jr., CLA '50, of Sandersville, Feb. 18.
Robert Ernest Baynard, CLA '52, of Albany, July 11.
Charles Whitehead Bearden, CLA '55, of Calhoun, March 18.
Margaret Nelson Bowman, CLA '51, of East Point, June 4.
James Samuel Brown, CLA '58, of Porterdale, Jan. 11, 2012.
Orin H. Carstarphen Jr., CLA '50, of Macon, April 2.
Grace Yarbrough Clark, CLA '57, of Asheville, N.C., July 14.
Wallace H. DeLoach, CLA '53, of Valdosta, July 20.
Raymond L. Dockery, LAW '51, of Douglas, Jan. 23, 2012.
John S. Eskridge, LAW '59, of Bemidji, Minn., March 16.
James D. Everett, CLA '58, of Macon, June 4.
James W. Flowers, CLA '54, of Albany, July 16.
Laquita Withrow Foudy, CLA '55, of Atlanta, June 19.
Nina Ann Thomas George, CLA '51, of Cape May Court House, N.J., July 14.
Lee Roy Grogan, CLA '52, LAW '55, of Columbus, July 1.
Jean B. Howell, CLA '58, of Atlanta, March 27.

Norbert Marcel James, CLA '54, of Macon, April 13.
Julius C. Johnson, CLA '50, of Macon, July 21.
Donald F. King, CLA '55, of Macon, Aug. 13.
Richard B. Ledbetter Sr., PHA '50, of Westminster, S.C., Feb. 6, 2012.
Eunice M. Moore, TIFT '54, of Newport News, Va., May 30.
James W. O'Neal Jr., CLA '57, of Macon, April 17.
Dr. Claude Lee Pennington Jr., CLA '52, of Macon, July 27.
The Rev. James T. Purvis Jr., CLA '53, of Warner Robins, July 31.
Sam David Register Jr., CLA '54, of Valdosta, April 27.
Dorothy Anne Mauldin Story, TIFT '55, of Thomaston, Dec. 4, 2012.
Sherwood C. Tate Sr., PHA '58, of Shelby, N.C., Oct. 13, 2012.
Dr. Benjamin Allen Taylor Sr., CLA '52, of Jonesboro, Aug. 4.
Judy Wootan Taylor, CLA '59, of Hayesville, N.C., July 26.
Walker Louis Tedders Jr., CLA '57, of Perry, July 6.
Kenneth Smithwick Thompson, PHA '59, of Macon, Aug. 16.
Harold Erwin Waldron, PHA '58, of Saint Augustine, Fla., Feb. 23.
Patricia J. Whitehurst, TIFT '52, of Duluth, March 4.
J. Frank Worthy Jr., EDU '57, of Austell, March 1.

1960s

The Rev. W. Preston Batts, CLA '61, of Forsyth, May 22.
Phillip K. Beck, LAW '69, of Bell, Fla., May 31.
Elizabeth P. Bunting, CLA '63, of Atlanta, March 8.
The Rev. H. Taylor Butler III, CLA '61, of Farmville, Va., May 13.

The Honorable Daniel Parks Camp, CLA '68, LAW '70, of Carrollton, July 9.
Kay Smith Camp, PHA '66, of Sebring, Fla., April 13.
Clinton L. Crow, CLA '64, of Ponce de Leon, Fla., Feb. 10.
Jerry B. Dye, LAW '62, of Augusta, Aug. 31.
Clarence M. Harrison Jr., CLA '64, of Gainesville, April 16.
Nancy M. Horne, CLA '62, of Thomasville, Sept. 2.
Edna Underwood Jones, CLA '60, of Macon, Jan. 22.
William E. Lambert, EDU '61, of Bonaire, July 17.
Dorothy Roquemore Lundy, TIFT '63, of Forsyth, July 7.
Edith Chambers Morris, TIFT '61, of Pawleys Island, S.C., July 29.
Nancy Wells Parker, TIFT '62, of Bowling Green, Ky., March 17.
Rahl T. Smith Jr., CLA '60, of Peachtree City, Aug. 31.
Joline Bateman Williams, LAW '60, of Camilla, April 7.
Julia Ann Wimberly, CLA '64, EDU '66, of Forest Park, May 7.

1970s

Otis Hale Almand Jr., LAW '70, of Macon, July 6.
Bruce E. Bryant, CLA '72, of Macon, April 17.
Judy S. Burel, EDU '71, of Doraville, Feb. 27.
Richard E. Dennis, CLA '74, '77, of Byron, July 25.
Vicki Sharon Dwinell, TIFT '70, of Statesboro, March 2.
The Rev. Fred L. Herrin, CLA '73, of Blackshear, April 14.
Edwin Morgan Hogan Jr., CLA '75, of Macon, May 19.

Charles Jefferson Jones, CLA '77, of Macon, April 29.
John Lawrence Merritt, LAW '71, of Cumming, March 10.
Lee Ila Owens, MUS '78, of Woodbine, May 21.
Kay Benford Pridgen, TIFT '74, of Fitzgerald, May 18.
Anne Bridges Putman, TIFT '72, of Sebastian, Fla., March 21.
The Rev. Charles Lloyd Robinson, CLA '76, of Eastman, March 12.
Jimmie D. Samuel, CLA '71, '83, of Macon, July 18.

1980s

Dr. Cheryl Lynn Baker, MED '87, of Missoula, Mont., October 16, 2012.
Lance Devo Beckmann, CLA '88, of Macon, June 8.
Jonelle B. Edwards, CAS '84, of Stone Mountain, Aug. 8, 2012.
Clifford Basil Goad Jr., LAW '83, of Savannah, Aug. 23, 2012.
Leslie Vollenweider Hodges, EDU '87, of Macon, July 10.
Ronald Lewis Jones II, CAS '85, LAW '90, of Lawrenceville, April 26.
Sheryl Fussell Kessler, BUS '87, '93, of Atlanta, Aug. 19.
Sara G. Landry, CLA '81, of Macon, March 13.
Larry V. Miller, BUS '85, of Orange Beach, Ala., July 8.
Jane Morton, NUR '85, of Granite Quarry, N.C., April 6, 2012.
Gary Michael Newberry, LAW '85, of Savannah, April 16.
Barbara Doster Pruitt, LAW '86, of Columbus, July 18.
Linda E. Rainwater, CCPS '88, of Douglasville, April 30.
Angela Poe Snow, BUS '83, of Palm Harbor, Fla., June 19.

1990s

Evelyn Hancock Arnn, CAS '90, of Decatur, Aug. 28.
Kathleen McCarthy Bishop, LAW '91, of Tallahassee, Fla., Aug. 12.
Deidre Lynette McDevitt, CCPS '94, of Dallas, July 31.
Sue E. Wheeler, BUS '99, of Conyers, March 12.

2000s

Gwen Belton Brown, DIV '09, of Loganville, Aug. 27.

Friends & Former Staff

Donald A. Anderson, of Atlanta, former coordinator of Senior University on the Atlanta Campus, March 6.
Gregory P. Domin, of Columbus, former professor in the department of political science, April 10.
Clare T. Furse, of Macon, former professor of chemistry who served 32 years, May 3.
D. Perry Ginn, of Decatur, who endowed the D. Perry and Betty H. Ginn Lecture Series on Christian Faith and Modern Science at the McAfee School of Theology, May 17.
Dr. George Aubrey Johnston Jr., of Macon, former clinical professor in the School of Medicine, April 16.
Dr. M. Gage Ochsner, of Savannah, former professor and academic chairman of the School of Medicine's department of surgery, April 26.
Allan J. Pitchford, of Jensen Beach, Fla., former adjunct professor and leader of Mercer's outdoor programs, July 28.
Edmon Lewin Rowell Jr., of Macon, founder and senior editor of Mercer University Press, May 19.

Annie Mays Larmore, Mercer's Oldest Alumna, Dies at 106

Mercer's oldest alumna, Annie Mays Larmore, died at age 106 on Aug. 10.

Born Feb. 28, 1907, in Forsyth, Larmore grew up in Macon on the site of property now owned by the University. She earned a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University in 1928, a master's degree in English from Mercer in 1931 and a degree in library sciences from Emory University in 1932.

After completing her education, Larmore began a career as a librarian, working her first job at Norman Junior College in Norman Park. Then, she returned to Mercer as assistant librarian in 1934 and became head librarian before leaving the University in 1941 to marry her husband, Jesse Carrell "Larry" Larmore,



Annie Mays Larmore

after a 10-year engagement and moved to Atlanta.

She continued to work as a librarian with the Atlanta Public Library in the Stewart Avenue and Oakland City neighborhood branches. She retired in 1973 and moved to Decatur to be near her family. In the community, she joined clubs for gardening as well as stamp and coin collecting and became involved in a local church.

In retirement, Larmore also became a loyal supporter of both Wesleyan and Mercer, participating in various alumni events. Since 1979, she was a member of The President's Club and a consistent contributor to the Dr. J.R. Shannon Mays Memorial Scholarship Fund, in memory of her brother.

In addition to her brother Shannon, who held three Mercer degrees, her other brother and her sister were also Mercer graduates. In fact, Larmore's family legacy at the University extends back to its very founding. Her father, John Crowder Mays, attended Mercer for two years before completing his studies at Southern Seminary, and her paternal grandfather, Jesse Mays, graduated from Mercer at Penfield. Moreover, her maternal great-grandfather, James Shannon, was a minister who preached the sermon for the Georgia Baptist Convention meeting at which Jesse Mercer and other Baptist leaders voted to found Mercer Institute. He was one of 10 men who contributed to the matching fund offered by Jesse Mercer.

Larmore is survived by her daughter Carrell A. Dammann, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

25-50-100 Years Ago ...

Photos and archival information for 25-50-100 Years Ago assembled by Laura Botts and the Tarver Library Special Collections staff.



1988 Dr. Monroe F. Swilley Jr. retired from Mercer. In 1968, he chaired the committee to study the feasibility of building the Atlanta Baptist College and was appointed its first president. After the college merged with Mercer in 1972, he served as vice president of the University until his retirement. The library on Mercer's Cecil B. Day Campus in Atlanta campus is named for him.



1913 (Above) The return of the Bears' football team in 2013 also brought back the Mercer Marching Band. Mercer also fielded a marching band 100 years ago. Band members at that time included G.G. Maughon, leader; E.P. Lee, baritone; F.H. Hearn, snare drum; S.L. Stevens, tuba; A.J. Hargrove, cornet; G.G. Maughon, cornet; Gerue Dunn, cornet; W.C. Bell, alto; F.G. Clark, bass; Paul Wheeler, alto; G.C. Peyton, alto; H.C. Grindle, trombone; and S.F. Maughon, bass drum.

1963 Married Student Apartments, later known as The Stadium Drive Apartments, were completed. They were razed in the mid-2000s as part of a major campus renovation. The new Drake Field House and Moye Football and Lacrosse Complex sit approximately where the apartments once stood.

Advancement Adds New Staff Members

THE OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT has added three new staff members to assist with fundraising efforts for the University and work with Mercer alumni.

Chrystal Bate, CLA '06, came to Mercer in January as coordinator of alumni services. She enters her new role with more than five years of prior experience working as assistant director for the American Heart Association covering Macon, Columbus and Albany. Her duties at the Heart Association included planning a variety of events such as local Heart Walks and annual galas. In her current position, she serves as the coordinator of a variety of alumni programs and assists in managing and conducting special events for alumni and friends of the University. Additionally, Bate is currently pursuing her MBA from Mercer.



Chrystal Bate

alumni programs after working for three years as a counselor in undergraduate admissions on the Macon campus. During her time as a student, Keller was a four-year member of the women's basketball team, playing at guard. After graduating from Mercer, she went on to Valdosta State University, where she completed her master's degree in higher education leadership. In her new role, Keller is charged with devising and managing a chapter system in several geographic areas, including an alumni benefits package and volunteer network. She will also manage the student ambassadors.



Erin Keller

Carol Williams, BUS '83, began her new position as an advancement officer in July. She completed her bachelor's degree at the

University of Georgia's Terry College of Business and earned her MBA at Mercer. Williams also comes to University Advancement from Mercer's Office of Undergraduate Admissions, most recently serving as associate vice president for financial planning. With 35 years of experience at Mercer, she brings a wealth of knowledge and a network of relationships that make her well-suited to work with a variety of constituents. Specifically, Williams will assist with development initiatives for the College of Liberal Arts, the Stetson School of Business & Economics and the Mercer Athletic Foundation.



Carol Williams

For more information about the Office of University Advancement and giving to Mercer, visit giving.mercer.edu.

President's Club Inducts New Life Members

MERCER HONORED ITS most generous donors in April at the 48th annual celebration

of The President's Club in Atlanta. On the evening of April 19, Life Members were

invited to a formal dinner in the Windsor Room of the InterContinental Hotel Buckhead to recognize the newest inductees to this prestigious group.

After the dinner, all members of The President's Club gathered in the hotel's Venetian Ballroom for a reception and a lively night of camaraderie and dancing with live music by The Moxie Band.

The University's highest level of leadership giving, Life Member status in The President's Club is given to those individuals and churches who have contributed at least \$100,000 to Mercer. At this year's event, the following were recognized for achieving Life Member status: Roddy and Sara Clark, John and Lynn Collier, Zoraida Cruz-Torres, Charley and Arlene Keaton, Joe Sam and Betsy Robinson, Charles Whaley and Dunwoody Baptist Church.



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New President's Club Life Members attending the celebration with President William D. Underwood, back left, include: (back row L-R) Joe Sam Robinson, John Collier, Charley Keaton, Roddy Clark, (front row L-R) Zoraida Cruz-Torres, Betsy Robinson, Lynn Collier, Arlene Keaton and Sara Clark.

Young Alumni understand the importance of Giving

Through the years, many alumni have received phone calls from Mercer students asking for financial support of the Mercer Fund. Now alumni themselves, these former callers learned the importance of supporting their alma mater while conducting the University's Phonathon campaign. Today, they are answering the call to give.

"I support Mercer today because of my educational experience and the doors of opportunity that were presented to me after my graduation from Mercer. I also wanted to give back because of the opportunity I had to obtain a scholarship while studying at Mercer." — Tolulope Adeyemo, CLA '07

"I knew I wanted to raise money for nonprofits as a career. Phonathon allowed me to make some extra money while getting 'real-world experience' for my résumé. Phonathon gave me the experience I needed to get my first job with the Muscular Dystrophy Association right out of college." — Emily DeLoach Carter, BUS '03

"It's always interesting to listen and learn from graduates who had walked the same halls and attended the same classes as I did. Those conversations strengthened my love of Mercer and taught me to appreciate those whose gifts had made the University what it was for me." — John David Cook, BUS '06

"I believe that Phonathon gave me perspective on how much the University needs to continue to provide its top-tier education. It is so important for alumni to give because without our contributions, Mercer would not be able to continue providing great experiences that will last a lifetime." — Jenny Carter Wallace, BUS '09



ANDY CARTER PHOTO

John Cook, BUS '06, and Emily DeLoach Carter, BUS '03

Gifts to the University ensure the distinguishing characteristics of the Mercer experience for the next generation of students. For more information on ways to give, contact the Office of University Advancement at (800) 837-2911 or visit giving.mercer.edu.



BASKETBALL 2013 – 2014



MEN'S SCHEDULE

NOV. 8 (Fri.)	AT TEXAS	8 PM
NOV. 13 (Wed.)	REINHARDT	7 PM
NOV. 16 (Sat.)	SETON HALL	3 PM
NOV. 18 (Mon.)	AT EVANSVILLE	8:05 PM
NOV. 20 (Wed.)	JOHNSON & WALES	7 PM
NOV. 23 (Sat.)	YALE (HOMECOMING)	12 PM
NOV. 26 (Tue.)	AT OHIO	7 PM
NOV. 29 (Fri.)	AT VALPARAISO	8:05 PM
DEC. 2 (Mon.)	AT OKLAHOMA	9 PM
DEC. 7 (Sat.)	DENVER	3 PM
DEC. 16 (Mon.)	ALCORN ST.	7 PM
DEC. 22 (Sun.)	AT OLE MISS	4 PM
DEC. 27 (Fri.)	ST. ANDREWS	7 PM
DEC. 30 (Mon.)	AT JACKSONVILLE*	7:30 PM
JAN. 1 (Wed.)	AT NORTH FLA.*	7:30 PM
JAN. 4 (Sat.)	S.C. UPSTATE*	4:30 PM
JAN. 6 (Mon.)	EAST TENN. ST.*	7 PM
JAN. 10 (Fri.)	KENNESAW ST.*	7 PM
JAN. 16 (Thu.)	AT NORTHERN KY.*	7 PM
JAN. 18 (Sat.)	AT LIPSCOMB*	4:30 PM
JAN. 23 (Thu.)	FLA. GULF COAST*	7 PM
JAN. 25 (Sat.)	STETSON*	3 PM
JAN. 30 (Thu.)	AT EAST TENN. ST.*	7 PM
FEB. 1 (Sat.)	AT S.C. UPSTATE*	4 PM
FEB. 7 (Fri.)	AT KENNESAW ST.*	7 PM
FEB. 13 (Thu.)	LIPSCOMB*	7 PM
FEB. 15 (Sat.)	NORTHERN KY.*	3 PM
FEB. 21 (Fri.)	AT FLA. GULF COAST*	6 PM
FEB. 23 (Sun.)	AT STETSON*	1 PM
FEB. 27 (Thu.)	NORTH FLA.*	7 PM
MAR. 1 (Sat.)	JACKSONVILLE*	1 PM

OCT. 31 (Thu.)	NORTHWOOD	7 PM
NOV. 8 (Fri.)	WESTERN CAROLINA	5 PM
NOV. 11 (Mon.)	AT BELMONT	6:30 PM
NOV. 14 (Thu.)	AT GEORGIA	7 PM
NOV. 19 (Tue.)	TROY	7 PM
NOV. 24 (Sun.)	FURMAN (HOMECOMING)	2 PM
NOV. 29 (Fri.)	WISCONSIN**	TBA
NOV. 30 (Sat.)	VANDERBILT/ELON**	TBA
DEC. 4 (Wed.)	GA. SOUTHERN	7 PM
DEC. 7 (Sat.)	AT SAMFORD	3 PM
DEC. 17 (Tue.)	AT JACKSONVILLE ST.	6:15 PM
DEC. 20 (Fri.)	AT ALABAMA ST.	7 PM
JAN. 2 (Thu.)	NORTH FLA.*	7 PM
JAN. 4 (Sat.)	JACKSONVILLE*	2 PM
JAN. 9 (Thu.)	AT NORTHERN KY.*	7 PM
JAN. 11 (Sat.)	AT LIPSCOMB*	5 PM
JAN. 16 (Thu.)	STETSON*	7 PM
JAN. 18 (Sat.)	FLA. GULF COAST*	3 PM
JAN. 23 (Thu.)	AT S.C. UPSTATE*	5 PM
JAN. 25 (Sat.)	AT EAST TENN. ST.*	1:30 PM
FEB. 1 (Sat.)	KENNESAW ST.*	3 PM
FEB. 6 (Thu.)	NORTHERN KY.*	7 PM
FEB. 8 (Sat.)	LIPSCOMB*	3 PM
FEB. 13 (Thu.)	AT FLA. GULF COAST*	7:05 PM
FEB. 15 (Sat.)	AT STETSON*	1 PM
FEB. 20 (Thu.)	S.C. UPSTATE*	7 PM
FEB. 22 (Sat.)	EAST TENN. ST.*	3 PM
MAR. 1 (Sat.)	AT KENNESAW ST.*	3:30 PM
MAR. 6 (Thu.)	AT NORTH FLA.*	7 PM
MAR. 8 (Sat.)	AT JACKSONVILLE*	1 PM

WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

Home Games In Orange * Conference Game ** Vanderbilt Tournament

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