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On the Cover — Mercer biomedical engineering professor Dr. Ha Van Vo, far right, supervises Vietnam clinic workers as they assist a recently fitted patient with his new prosthetic legs. Dr. Vo and his students designed the patented prosthetics and are now working with in-country colleagues to greatly expand the program, which to date has fitted more than 3,000 prosthetics. See story on Page 7.

Mercer Launches \$400 Million Aspire Capital Campaign at Homecoming

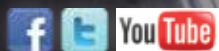
President William D. Underwood used the opening night of Homecoming weekend in October to announce a \$400 million capital campaign for the University.

"Aspire, The Campaign for Mercer University, seeks to provide financial resources that will empower Mercer, already emerging among the Southeast's elite private research universities, to become an international leader in applying its intellectual capital to better serve the needs of humankind," President Underwood told more than 1,000 alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends assembled in Cruz Plaza. "I am pleased to announce that we are already at \$90 million in gifts and pledges towards the goal. By engaging our alumni and friends to join in this effort, the University will achieve a stronger endowment, enhance its facilities, and expand its capacity to teach, to learn, to create, to discover, to inspire, to empower and to serve."

Aspire is a nod to the aspirations for a better world that make up the

University's mission statement and also to the most prominent symbol of the University's presence in Macon since 1871 — the spires of the R. Kirby Godsey Administration Building, Willingham Auditorium and Newton Chapel.

Among the goals of the campaign, which was authorized by the Board of Trustees, are \$15 million for a medical education facility in Savannah (see story on page 30); \$25 million for an undergraduate sciences facility in Macon; \$20 million for a pharmacy building in Atlanta; \$3 million for a baseball stadium on the Macon campus; additional endowment for faculty positions, academic programs and student scholarships; funding for programs and initiatives such as Mercer On Mission; and additional support throughout the University's 12 schools and colleges, Mercer



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University Press, the University libraries, athletic department and other administrative units.

Approximately \$207 million of the campaign goal is earmarked for endowment. Capital projects make up more than \$109 million of the goal. The remaining \$84 million is for operations.

The campaign's steering committee includes alumnus and former President's Club President Eli Morgan of Forsyth, as well as current Board of Trustees members Curt Anderson of Savannah; Babs Baugh of San Antonio, Texas; Ashley Copelan of Macon; Milton Cruz of San Juan, Puerto Rico; Benjy Griffith of Macon; Holly McCorkle Jones of Jacksonville, Florida; Curtis Lewis of Savannah; Tommy Malone of Atlanta; Carolyn McAfee of Macon; William A. (Tony) Moyer of McDonough; Diane Owens of Lilburn; Richard A. (Doc) Schneider of Atlanta; and J. Daniel Speight Jr. of Pinehurst.

For more information on Aspire, including a full listing of the campaign's goals, visit aspire.mercer.edu.



FOUNDERS' DAY 2015



Lt. Gen. Claude M. "Mick" Kicklighter, a 1955 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts and current University trustee, delivered the keynote address for Founders' Day on Feb. 4. The event launched the University's three-year-long commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and included recognition of Mercer alumni who served in the conflict. See story on Page 15.

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Mercer Sets Fall Enrollment Record

The University's final fall 2014 enrollment figures, released in November, show a record overall enrollment of 8,557 students, an increase of 196 students, or 2.3 percent, over last fall. It is the eighth consecutive fall enrollment increase for the University.

Growth in undergraduate enrollment on the Macon campus was the biggest contributor to the overall increase. Over the past four years, Mercer's entering freshman classes on the Macon campus have increased by more than 40 percent, from 565 in 2011 to 807 in 2014.

Of the 8,557 students enrolled, 4,571 are undergraduates, 2,309 are graduate students and 1,783 are in professional programs such as law and medicine.



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Board Elects New Trustees, Approves New Academic Programs

Mercer's Board of Trustees installed nine new members, re-elected Atlanta attorney and Mercer Law School graduate Richard A. (Doc) Schneider as chair of the board, and approved two new degree programs during its annual Homecoming meeting on Oct. 31.

New trustees who began their five-year terms at the conclusion of the meeting included G. Marshall Butler Sr., president and general manager of Butler Automotive Group in Macon; Ashley Amos Copelan, double graduate of Mercer's Tift College of Education from Macon; Patricia "Patty" Ann Bridges Dash, a graduate of Mercer's Georgia Baptist College of Nursing from Big Sky, Montana; William Andrew Haggard, Mercer

Law School graduate and attorney from Coral Gables, Florida; Augusta attorney David E. Hudson, a graduate of Mercer's College of Liberal Arts and former chair of the Board of Trustees; Julie Whidden Long, a graduate of Mercer's College of Liberal Arts and McAfee School of Theology and minister of children and families at First Baptist Church of Christ in Macon; W. Louis Sands, a graduate of Mercer's College of Liberal Arts and law school and senior U.S. District Court judge from Albany; Edward (Ed) Schutter Jr., a graduate of Mercer's College of Pharmacy and president and CEO of Arbor Pharmaceuticals in Marietta; and J. Daniel Speight Jr., a graduate of Mercer Law School and vice chairman and chief operating officer of State

Bank Financial Corp., Macon.

Trustees who rotated off the board and were recognized for their service included William H. (Billy) Anderson II of Macon; Kellie Raiford Appel of Atlanta; Thomas P. (Tom) Bishop of Acworth; James C. (Jimmy) Elder Jr. of Columbus; Robert F. (Bob) Hatcher of Macon; W. Mansfield Jennings Jr. of Hawkinsville; David E. Linch of Atlanta; J. Thomas (Tom) McAfee III of Juliette; and Howell L. Watkins II of Vero Beach, Florida.

In other action, the board approved a new Master of Science degree in Clinical Health Psychology in the School of Medicine and a Master of Science degree in Business Analytics in the Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics.

Multi-Million Dollar Commitment Establishes Fabian Center for Musical Excellence at Townsend

A large multi-million dollar commitment from a Macon resident and devoted friend of the University will establish the Jo Phelps Fabian Center for Musical Excellence in Mercer's Townsend School of Music. The commitment by Fabian is the largest ever, along with the gift that founded the School of Music, to support the arts at Mercer.

"Through the invisible hands of music the soul is touched and healed," Fabian said in explaining her motivation for making the record financial commitment.

"This commitment reflects Ms. Fabian's love of the arts and the beauty they bring to life. It is especially appropriate that Ms. Fabian's legacy will be using her life to enrich the lives of future generations through the arts," Mercer President William D. Underwood said. "Mercer University recognizes that this is what Ms. Fabian is accomplishing in endowing the Jo Phelps Fabian Center for Musical Excellence. We are profoundly grateful for her generosity."

The gift will be used to support educational programs for outstanding aspiring musicians; to expand the existing Fabian Concert Series to create the Fabian Concert and Lecture Series, a program that will provide concerts by leading artists and host lectures and symposia on

music, philosophy and the arts; and to create the Fabian Scholars program for exceptional student musicians.

"We are grateful for the generosity and trust of Ms. Fabian in establishing The Jo Phelps Fabian Center for Musical Excellence. This gift will provide current and future generations of Mercerians the opportunity to expand their musical horizons, thus further helping to prepare them to be leaders in music and the arts," said Dr. C. David Keith, dean of the Townsend School of Music. "Her vision that music can touch and heal the soul is in keeping with the holistic approach of music at Mercer."

Among her many previous gifts to the University, Fabian endowed the Fabian Concert Series, the G. Leslie Fabian Chair in Music and the John E. James Lecture Series in Mercer's

Walter F. George School of Law. She is a Life Member of the Mercer President's Club.

Fabian is a former board member of the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York City and was a member of the inaugural Alumni-By-Choice class recognized by Mercer during Homecoming last fall.



Dean Keith, left, and President Underwood, right, with Jo Phelps Fabian, whose generous gift, establishing the Jo Phelps Fabian Center for Musical Excellence, was the largest ever to support the arts at Mercer.

Mercer Receives Carnegie Foundation Recognition

Mercer's national reputation for effective community engagement has once again been recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Mercer's Community Engagement Classification, first awarded in 2008, was renewed in January for another 10 years by the Carnegie Foundation. Only a small percentage of U.S. colleges and universities pursue this classification and only 361 institutions have received it.

Community engagement is defined by the Carnegie Foundation as collaboration between

institutions of higher education and local, regional, national and global communities for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.

Through community engagement, colleges and universities and the public and private sectors work together to enrich scholarship, research and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good.

Last December, Mercer was named to the 2014 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, released by the Corporation for National and Community Service. This is the University's second consecutive year on the Honor Roll, in addition to being selected in 2006 and 2008.

The Honor Roll recognizes higher education institutions whose community service efforts achieve meaningful outcomes in their communities. This distinction is the highest federal recognition that colleges and universities can receive for community service, service-learning and civic engagement.

University Dedicates M. Diane Owens Garden

Mercer kicked off its Homecoming 2014 festivities with the dedication of the M. Diane Owens Garden.

The garden is part of a project that was designed to enhance the south campus between Stadium Drive and Claude Smith Field. Previously a detention pond, the garden is now both a more environmentally friendly solution to filter runoff and a more aesthetically pleasing gathering place. Since construction was completed at the beginning of fall semester, the garden has become a popular spot for photos and a tailgating location for football games, as well.

Owens (CLA '77, LAW '80), a native of Brunswick, is currently serving her second term on the Board of Trustees. She was elected the first female chair of the board in 2011.

She is a member and former chair of the Mercer Athletic Foundation board, a member of the President's Club and a former member of the Mercer Law School Board of Visitors. While

at Mercer, she competed in intercollegiate athletics on the basketball and tennis teams and served as director of the women's intramural program for two years.

As a partner with Atlanta's Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers LLC, Owens concentrates her practice in product liability and general

President Underwood presides at the dedication of the M. Diane Owens Garden, located between Stadium Drive and Claude Smith Field.

litigation and serves as regional trial counsel for several companies, including Chrysler Group LLC, Otis Elevator Company and Sanofi Pasteur Inc.



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Knight Foundation Report Highlights Transformation in Macon

A recent report provides lessons on building successful cities, highlighting the experiences of the once-blighted College Hill neighborhood in Macon. An initiative of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the report — “The Magic of College Hill” — outlines the factors that contributed to the renewed vibrancy of the area that connects Mercer's Macon campus with downtown. It tracks the work of Knight Foundation, the College Hill Alliance, the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, Mercer, developers and residents, allowing a window into a collaborative approach to city revitalization.

Over the last seven years, through the help of strong public-private sector partnerships, the neighborhood has experienced a renaissance, attracting new residents and becoming an energetic hub for arts, culture, education and history. It has also become an example in civic action,



To download the report, visit: www.KnightFoundation.org/maconmagic.

mobilizing previously disengaged residents to contribute to the city's success. College Hill redevelopment efforts have resulted in wide acclaim for Macon and attracted more than \$100 million in public and private investment since 2007.

“The spirit of belonging and vibrancy now alive in Macon reveals the power of effective collaboration,” said Beverly Blake, Knight Foundation program director for Macon. “Cities can learn from both the achievements and the setbacks of the College Hill neighborhood and move closer to developing their own formula for success.”

Lambert Named President of Hanover College; Dr. Keith Howard Appointed Interim CLA Dean

Dr. Lake Lambert, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, was introduced as the 16th president of Hanover College in a ceremony on Feb. 7 in Hanover, Indiana. He will take office on July 1.

Hanover is a nationally ranked liberal arts institution that has core strengths in the sciences, education and business. Founded in 1827, the college is Indiana's oldest, private four-year institution and has a student body of more than 1,200.

Dr. Lambert was appointed dean of Mercer's College of Liberal Arts on July 1, 2010. Under his leadership, the College's enrollment surpassed 1,500 students, and a number of new academic programs, including chemical commerce, graphic design, and law and public policy, were added to the curriculum. He also oversaw a revision of the University's General Education Program.

During his tenure as dean, the Center for Collaborative Journalism was started with nearly \$6 million in grants from the John S. and James L. Knight and Peyton Anderson foundations and the Thomas C. and Ramona E. McDonald Center for America's Founding Principles was begun and later endowed as part of a \$2 million gift to the University.

Before coming to Mercer, Dr. Lambert served

as professor of religion and Board of Regents Chair in Ethics at Wartburg College, where he had been on the faculty since 1996.

Dr. Keith Howard, chair and professor of mathematics, has been appointed as interim dean of the College, and Provost Dr. Scott Davis has named a search committee to find a new leader for the University's oldest and largest academic unit.

A Macon native, Dr. Howard is a graduate of Central High School and the Mercer Upward Bound program. He earned his B.S. in mathematics from Morehouse College and a bachelor's in chemical engineering from Georgia Tech in 1995 as part of the institutions' dual-degree engineering program. He went on to earn his Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in mathematics from Vanderbilt. During his final year of graduate study, Dr. Keith was selected as a Dissertation Fellow at Kenyon College, where he continued his academic career before joining the Mercer faculty in 2005.

The search committee is led by Dr. Tom Scott, professor of history and Honors Program



Dr. Lambert



Dr. Howard

director for the College of Liberal Arts. Other committee members include:

- Dr. Eimad Houry, professor and chair of international affairs and director of the INT 301 program;
- Dr. David Keith, dean of the Townsend School of Music;
- Erin Keller, a graduate of the College of Liberal Arts and vice president for development at NewTown Macon;
- Dr. Achim Kopp, professor of foreign languages and literature and Great Books Program director;
- Dr. Sheng-Chang Lee, associate professor of physics;
- Dr. Hope McIlwain, associate professor of mathematics;
- Dr. Katherine Northcutt, assistant professor of biology;
- Dr. Chinekwu Obidoa, assistant professor of global health;
- Eric O'Dell, assistant professor of art.
- Dr. Andrew J. Pounds, professor of chemistry and computer science;
- Dr. Deneen Senasi, associate professor of English;
- Dr. Charlotte Thomas, professor of philosophy and co-director of the McDonald Center for America's Founding Principles.

Kellie Appel Appointed Vice President for Strategic Initiatives

Mercer graduate Kellie Raiford Appel, a former member of the University's Board of Trustees and most recently a senior vice president at Atlanta-based Turner Broadcasting System, has been appointed vice president for strategic initiatives, President William D. Underwood announced.

Appel, who earned her Bachelor of Arts degree *magna cum laude* from Mercer and her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, served two five-year terms on the Mercer board of trustees. She had a 19-year career at Turner, beginning as entertainment counsel and later advancing to positions as senior counsel, senior vice president for strategic planning and

business development, and, most recently, senior vice president and general manager of Turner Trade Group.

"Kellie brings to this position talents, experience and skills that will help us take advantage of strategically important opportunities that are presenting themselves to the University," President Underwood said. "She knows Mercer well as an engaged alumna and from her decade of service as a trustee, including chairing several board committees."

"After leaving the corporate world, I wanted the next phase of my career to be meaningful



Appel

and rewarding in a different way. I am confident that this opportunity with Mercer will fulfill that aspiration," Appel said. "I fell in love with Mercer when I visited the campus for a high school debate tournament over 30 years ago. As the first in my family to attend college, higher education always has been of utmost importance to me. I have been impressed with the evolution and growth of the University, and particularly with its focus on service-learning and research."

Following graduation from law school, Appel practiced law with the Atlanta-based firm of Long, Aldridge and Norman (now McKenna, Long and Aldridge) before joining Turner in 1995.

Barta Appointed Dean of Tift College of Education

Longtime administrator and educator Dr. James Barta has been appointed dean of the Tift College of Education, Mercer Provost Dr. Scott Davis announced in January.

Dr. Barta, who most recently served as interim dean of Bemidji State University's College of Health Sciences and Human Ecology, will assume leadership of Tift College, the state's largest private preparer of teachers, on July 1.

"Dr. Barta brings a wealth of knowledge to the deanship of the Tift College of Education. He has worked in multi-campus settings with diverse student populations and curriculum — from traditional undergraduates to professionals who are changing careers to become teachers. He also brings both a national prominence in mathematics education and a service focus," said Dr. Davis. "I would also like to thank Dr. Paige Tompkins, who has been providing dedicated service as interim dean of the College

over these last 18 months."

Dr. Barta's first faculty appointment came in September 1991 as assistant professor of early childhood education and reading at Georgia Southern University. He spent 18 years on the faculty at Utah State University, where he served as assistant professor and associate professor in the College of Education and Human Services, before becoming associate department head of regional campuses and distance education.

In December 2010, he led the development of the American Indian Teacher Education Program at USU Eastern. The program focused primarily on developing American Indian teachers, working with underrepresented communities to recruit students and to develop programs intended to further diversify Utah's population of teachers.



Dr. Barta

Dr. Barta served as director of that program through July 2013, before becoming the lead administrator of the College of Health Sciences and Human Ecology at Bemidji State in northwest Minnesota.

"I am more than excited to accept this new position knowing that I join a visionary leadership team, premier faculty and outstanding staff ensuring our Mercer students receive an optimal learning experience," said Dr. Barta. "I truly sense that Mercer is perfectly poised to take education to the next level of greatness, and I am fully committed to rolling up my sleeves and joining with others to make sure this happens."

Dr. Barta earned his Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction in early childhood education from the University of Oregon, his M.A. in learning disabilities/emotional behavior disorders from the University of Northern Colorado, and his B.S. in industrial science education from Colorado State University.

Prosthetics Team Returns to Vietnam to Set Up Third Clinical Base

Members of the Mercer On Mission prosthetics program returned to Vietnam in February to set up a third clinical base to fit amputees in the country and also met with Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang and other government officials.

Dr. Craig McMahan, dean of chapel and University minister, and Chris R. Sheridan, president of Macon-based Chris R. Sheridan & Co. General Contractors, accompanied Dr. Ha Vo, associate professor of biomedical engineering, and Mercer students Trung Le, Bich Nguyen and Matt Yin on the trip.

In the city of Ben Tre, the team trained one doctor and four technicians on both the biomechanical functionality of Dr. Vo's patented Universal Socket Prosthetic, as well as the protocol for fitting the low-cost, highly durable prosthetic.

"Normally, we have only two people fitting in the country year-round," said Dr. McMahan, who oversees Mercer On Mission. "Now that we have an additional five fitters year-round, we anticipate the volume of fittings to significantly increase."

With clinical bases in the cities of Ben Tre, Can Tho and Phung Hiep, Dr. McMahan anticipates that the seven Vietnamese fitters and the Mercer



From left, Dr. Craig McMahan and Dr. Ha Vo meet Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang.

On Mission teams that visit the country each summer can fit as many as 2,000 amputees per year.

The team was encouraged by the reception it received from Vietnamese officials, including the president, minister of planning and finance, and director of the People's Aid Coordinating Committee (PAACOM).

The government not only made arrangements for the five new fitters to be trained, but

also provided information regarding how the program can operate as a legitimate non-profit business in the country and offered leads for additional sources of program funding.

"The government is becoming increasingly aware of our program and is taking concrete steps to facilitate its expansion by adding fitters and clinical space," added Dr. McMahan. "Officials were very helpful in providing information and direction regarding our presence in Vietnam."

The team fitted a total of 40 amputees during the two-week visit, and the three students were tested to receive certification to work independently as fitters on future trips.

Dr. Vo, Dr. McMahan and more than a dozen students plan to return in June to establish a fourth clinical base, this one in the Binh Phuoc province, which is an impoverished region that includes upwards of 15,000 amputees.

Last summer's Mercer On Mission team fitted 465 amputees over 16 days, and to date, the program trained more than 100 students representing a variety of academic disciplines and fitted more than 3,000 prosthetics during nine trips to Vietnam and one to Haiti.

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FACULTY ROUNDUP

■ Obidoa Receives Grant from National Institutes of Mental Health

Dr. Chinekwu Obidoa, assistant professor of global health in the College of Liberal Arts, received a \$20,000 grant from the National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH) to conduct a community-based HIV/AIDS study in Macon.



Dr. Obidoa

Dr. Obidoa's pilot study aims to explore the context of sexual risk-taking among youth in Macon. She will be collaborating with School of Medicine faculty Dr. Harold Katner, professor and chief of the Infectious Disease Division, and Dr. Rafael Ponce Terashima, assistant professor of infectious diseases. Dr. Obidoa will also be working with a number of community-based organizations in Macon.

■ Stapleton Awarded Grant for Development of Earth Literacy

A Penfield College faculty member has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the InTeGrate STEP Center — a center funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) — to support the development of Earth literacy.



Dr. Stapleton

InTeGrate — Interdisciplinary Teaching about Earth for a Sustainable Future — supports the teaching of geoscience in the context of societal issues both within geosciences courses and across the undergraduate curriculum. InTeGrate is a five-year NSF STEP Center program administered through the Science Education Resource Center (SERC) at Carleton College.

Dr. Colleen P. Stapleton, associate pro-

fessor of science and chair of the Department of Mathematics, Science and Informatics in Penfield College, authored the grant proposal and will serve as Mercer's lead project director. Dr. Jane Metty, assistant professor of education in Tift College of Education, will serve as co-director of the project. They will be assisted by faculty team members Dr. Sabrina L. Walthall, assistant professor of science in Penfield College, and Dr. Timothy D. Craker, associate professor of comparative literature and philosophy in Penfield College.

■ Codone to Direct Center for Teaching and Learning

Dr. Susan Codone, associate professor of technical communication in the School of Engineering, has been appointed director of the Center for Teaching and Learning.



Dr. Codone

Drawing on the first two elements of the University's mission statement of "to teach" and "to learn," the mission of the Center for Teaching and Learning is to support continuous, long-term faculty growth in course design, pedagogy, andragogy and assessment methods in order to increase teaching effectiveness and student learning.

■ Strecker Appointed to Lead Office of International Programs

Julie L. Strecker has been appointed to lead Mercer University's Office of International Programs.

As director of international programs, Strecker guides the University's efforts to facilitate international education through study abroad and exchange experiences, international student



Strecker

advising and English language development for non-native speakers.

Strecker, who came to Mercer in 2001, served as an instructor in the English Language Institute in Macon for three years. In 2005, following a brief hiatus, she transitioned to the position of study abroad coordinator. She would go on to serve as international student and scholar services coordinator, and later, as assistant director of international education.

■ Center for the Study of Narrative Receives \$85,000 Grant

Mercer's Center for the Study of Narrative (CSN) received an \$85,000 grant from the Georgia Compassion Project (GCP) to further the work of the multidisciplinary service and research initiative housed within Penfield College's Department of Counseling and Human Sciences.

Launched earlier this year, the CSN, led by Dr. Don Redmond, assistant professor of counseling, draws from a variety of academic disciplines — including communication, psychology, sociology, human services, literary studies and writing, historical studies, and counseling — and uses qualitative and quantitative research methods to study the lives of individuals and cultures, giving students practical education while promoting community outreach and service.

■ Vo Named Southern Conference Faculty Member of the Year

Dr. Ha Van Vo, associate professor of biomedical engineering in the School of Engineering, was named the Southern Conference's inaugural Faculty Member of the Year in late January.

Dr. Vo was recognized at halftime of the title game of the Southern Conference Men's Basketball Championship, presented by General Shale, on March 9 in Asheville, North Carolina. He also received a \$4,000



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With Mercer in its first year of membership in the Southern Conference, Dr. Ha Van Ho was named the SoCon Faculty Member of the Year. Commissioner John Iamarino, (second from left) joined Athletic Director Jim Cole, left, and President William D. Underwood, right, at the Feb. 26 Mercer-Wofford basketball game when Dr. Vo was recognized in Macon. He was also recognized at the Southern Conference Basketball Tournament in Asheville, North Carolina.

stipend from the conference.

Dr. Vo, who is in his ninth year at Mercer, holds engineering and medical degrees and has dedicated his career to improving the lives of amputees due to his personal experience with those in his home country of Vietnam who lost limbs as a result of left-over ordnance from the Vietnam War.

The Southern Conference Faculty Member of the Year award recognizes faculty who have made a significant impact on the lives of students at Southern Conference institutions.

The chief academic officers of each of the conference's 10 member institutions submitted nominations for the award.

Southern Conference faculty athletics representatives cast votes for the nominees based on several criteria, including demonstrated service to the institution, proven record of high scholastic achievement among students, recognition for a research project or written academic piece, and contributions to campus life and the local community.

■ Vann to Manage Macon Campus Community Outreach

Hannah Vann, formerly director of teen programs at Girls Inc. of Chattanooga,

Tennessee, and a 2010 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts, was named coordinator of community engagement in the Center for Leadership and Volunteerism.

Vann will manage Macon campus community outreach, including developing volunteer and service-learning partnerships and placing community-based work study students.

In 2010, Vann received the Gulf-South Summit Award for Outstanding Student Contributions to Service-Learning in Higher Education.



Vann

Rwandan President Visits Business School, Announces New Mercer On Mission Initiative

The Stetson School of Business and Economics began a yearlong celebration of its 30th anniversary by welcoming President of the Republic of Rwanda Paul Kagame to the University's Cecil B. Day Graduate and Professional Campus in Atlanta in September.

"We were thrilled to be able to host President Kagame on our Atlanta campus so we could learn more about the economic landscape of Rwanda," said Dr. Susan Perles Gilbert, dean of the School. "At the Stetson School of Business and Economics, we deliver a global executive MBA program, and those students and faculty heard firsthand how the policies of this president have helped to build and strengthen a middle class in a country we knew only for its devastating civil wars."

President Kagame visited for an invitation-only reception in the Trustees Dining Room, where he was interviewed by Ed Baker, publisher of the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, and then took questions from the audience.

Currently chair of the United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Group on Millennium Development Goals and co-chair of the International Telecommunication Union's Broadband Commission, President Kagame is recognized for his leadership in peace-building and reconciliation, development, good governance, promotion of human rights and women's empowerment, and the



SALDIVIA-JONES PHOTOGRAPHY

Ed Baker of the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* (left) interviews Rwandan President Paul Kagame in the Trustees Dining Room.

advancement of education and information and communications technology.

This event not only served to fulfill the School's mission of delivering career-focused business education to develop entrepreneurial leaders and responsible global citizens, but also to announce the University's latest Mercer On Mission service initiative, which will take place in Rwanda.

The three-week blend of study abroad

and service-learning will combine study of Rwanda's history and culture with exploration of the nation's cultural and natural reserves. Dr. Etienne Musonera, associate professor of marketing and a native of Rwanda, and Dr. Gerry Mills, graduate program director and lecturer in health management, will lead students as they work with two organizations: AVEGA-Agahozo (the Association of the Genocide Widows of Rwanda) and Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village.

Stetson Releases Results of First Economic Outlook Survey

The Eugene W. Stetson School of Business and Economics released the results of its inaugural Middle Georgia Economic Outlook Survey in mid-February.

The survey was conducted in partnership with the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce, as well as several other Middle Georgia chambers.

"Mercer University, and especially the Stetson School of Business and Economics, is pleased to present research that reaches out to the community, the region and the state of Georgia," said Dr. Susan Perles Gilbert, dean of the School. "We hope that the partnerships with

the chambers and the businesses that comprise Middle Georgia will strengthen and deliver impactful results for years to come."

"At a time when the Middle Georgia economy seems poised for growth, and given that Mercer University is an important driver of that growth, it seems appropriate that the Stetson School step forward with solid research to track our economy's progress," said Robert F. "Robbo" Hatcher Jr., president of H2 Capital Inc. and chair of the School's Board of Visitors. "This survey, and its planned future work, will offer members of our partner chambers an effective

tool to use in their business planning."

The School and the partner chambers received responses to their electronic survey from nearly 300 individuals. Dr. Aleksander (Sasha) Tomic, associate professor of economics, compiled the results.

In general, the survey found that businesses experienced a positive 2014 and were optimistic about the prospects for 2015. Respondents also noted difficulties in filling vacancies, with the primary obstacle being the quality of the labor pool. The top obstacles to business included government regulation and taxes.

Senior Administrator Dr. Richard V. Swindle to Retire

Dr. Richard V. Swindle, one of Mercer's longest serving administrators and currently senior vice president for Atlanta, will retire from the University, effective June 30.

"Few individuals have had greater positive impact on the Mercer community over the past several decades than Richard Swindle," said Mercer President William D. Underwood. "He is a devoted and thoughtful leader who is beloved and admired throughout our community. He has been among my most trusted and valued advisers and counselors. I am grateful for his service, for his friendship, and for the fact that he will remain engaged with Mercer in his retirement."

Dr. Swindle joined Mercer in 1979 as director of admissions for the Atlanta campus, and he has served the University since with the exception of a seven-year period from

1997 to 2003, when he was senior vice president for advancement at Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana. During his 30-year tenure at Mercer, Dr. Swindle has held numerous leadership positions, including special assistant to the president and senior vice president for University advancement. Also, he holds the rank of professor in Mercer's Tift College of Education.

Dr. Swindle will continue to be engaged with Mercer. He will have an office on the Atlanta campus, teach as needed in the Tift College of Education, and will be writing a history of the Atlanta campus.

"I consider Mercer my career home, and I am very grateful for the incredible experiences I have had at this remarkable institution,"



Dr. Swindle

Dr. Swindle said. "I cannot imagine being at an institution which could offer more diverse and interesting opportunities and challenges, and I am pleased that I will continue to be associated with the University. I am especially gratified that I will be writing a history of the Atlanta campus, which is a very special part of Mercer to me."

"Few individuals within the University have been more broadly involved in the administrative and educational leadership of the University than Richard Swindle. Richard is a master administrator," said Mercer Chancellor Dr. R. Kirby Godsey, who was Mercer's president when Dr. Swindle joined the University in 1979. "He has been an able and effective teacher, but his tenure will likely be defined by the character of his engagement with a diverse range of administrative responsibilities."

Penfield College Counseling Students Travel to India to Learn, Teach, Serve

SIX STUDENTS AND two faculty members traveled through India over 11 days in November representing Penfield College's master's- and doctoral-level counseling programs.

Led by Dr. Suneetha B. Manyam and Dr. Diane M. Clark, associate professors of counseling, the group visited six different institutions exploring the state of mental health counseling in India.

The professors — along with M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling students Katie Dunn, Aminah Abdullah, Caroline Fernandes, Brittany Phillips and Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision students Walter Robinson Hughes and Tara Overzat — made multiple presentations on counseling practices and counselor education in the U.S. They also demonstrated individual and group counseling sessions and answered many questions.



The latest in a series of study abroad opportunities for Penfield's counseling students, who have traveled to Holland, France and Haiti in recent years, the trip to India was a new experience to many of those involved, who hope it will lead to further opportunities for international education and collaboration through the College.

"This trip was life-changing," said Dr. Clark. "India

Six students and two faculty members from Penfield College visited six institutions in India last November.

is a country of many contrasts, but its people are some of the most welcoming I ever encountered. It was a joy to work with the students at the various universities and to see them interact with our students. I can't wait to return."

Robert McDuffie and Actress Anna Deavere Smith Highlight Strings Center Grand Opening Gala

World-renowned violinist Robert

McDuffie and actress/playwright Anna Deavere Smith performed a program of words and music on Feb. 21 as the highlight of grand-opening festivities for the McDuffie Center for Strings' new home, the Bell House. The two performed in front of an overflow crowd at Macon's 2,000-seat Beulahland Bible Church, one of the Southeast's most influential African-American churches.

"Letter from Birmingham Jail" featured Smith, accompanied by McDuffie, reading Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s April 1963 letter. Smith also portrayed other important figures from the Civil Rights Movement.

Smith is widely known for her television roles as national security adviser Nancy McNally in "The West Wing" and as hospital administrator Gloria Akalitus in the Showtime series "Nurse Jackie."

A special institute within Mercer's Townsend School of Music, the McDuffie Center for Strings has a new home in the Bell House, an important historic landmark located at 315 College Street. The newly renovated space features dedicated practice rooms and teaching spaces on the second floor, and a 60-seat performance hall on the first floor.



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STUDENT ROUNDUP

■ Debate Team Receives First-ever Bid to National Tournament

Mercer's debate team received its first-ever bid to the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence (NPTE), March 19-22, at William Jewell College in Missouri.

The team was not only the first from Mercer to compete in the NPTE, it was the first from any institution in the state of Georgia to compete in the tournament.

The single most prestigious and competitive parliamentary debate tournament in the nation, the NPTE is limited to the top 64 teams in the United States. In order to earn a bid, a team must accumulate 18 points over the course of the season. One-quarter of a point is earned for winning a single round in a tournament, while one point is earned for winning the final round of a tournament.

For the second straight year, Mercer was ranked among the top 50 teams in the nation for parliamentary-style debate, which is an extemporaneous, generally policy-oriented form of two-person debate that values audience adaptation.

Mercer outranked more than 90 percent of the 663 parliamentary debate

teams in the country, including all other teams in Georgia.

Only two students from each institution were allowed to represent their team at NPTE. Two senior team members, Hunter Pilkinton and Lindsey Hancock, competed for Mercer. Additional team members who helped the team to the national tournament include senior Caleb Maier, junior Gabriel Ramirez and freshmen Jazmine Buckley and Kyle Bilgen.

The debate team is directed by Dr. Vasile Stănescu, visiting assistant professor in the Department of Communication Studies and Theatre Arts.

■ Student Recognized at Sigma Xi International Research Conference

School of Engineering student Bich Nguyen was recognized for delivering one of the top presentations at Sigma Xi's 2014 International Research Conference, Nov. 7-9, in Glendale, Arizona.

More than 100 high school, undergraduate and graduate students presented their research for Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, and only the top 24 were rated as superior.

Nguyen's presentation was titled "Biomechanical Effects Of Angled Screw Placement On The Fixation Stability Of Long Bone Shaft Fractures." Her research was performed under the advisement of Dr. Ha Van Vo, associate professor of biomedical engineering in the School of Engineering, Dr. Edward O'Brien, professor and chair of biomedical engineering in the School of Engineering, and Dr. Lawrence Webb, traumatologist and orthopedic surgeon at the Medical Center, Navicent Health.

As a superior presenter, Nguyen received a medal and a nomination to join Sigma Xi with her initiation fee and first year's dues paid.



Nguyen receives her medal for work at the research conference.

■ The Cluster Earns Eight Awards at Annual GCPA Luncheon

A feature story on Capricorn Records and a review of the movie "Boyhood" earned Mercer's student newspaper, *The Cluster*, a pair of top prizes at the Georgia College Press Association Awards Luncheon.

Overall, *The Cluster* won eight awards in a division that includes the state's largest college newspapers, such as the University of Georgia's *Red & Black*, Georgia Institute of Technology's *Technique* and Georgia State University's *The Signal*.

The newspaper staff collectively won four awards, including second place for Best Website, third place for General Excellence, third place for Best Campus Community Service – Sports and third place for Best Campus Community Service – Features.



Mercer's Jack Tarver Library Hosts National Gilder Lehrman Institute Exhibition on the Civil War

The Jack Tarver Library was one of 50 sites nationwide selected to host Civil War 150, a national traveling exhibition developed by the Gilder Lehrman Institute to mark the Civil War Sesquicentennial. Civil War 150 was on display in the library Oct. 13-Nov. 3.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Jack Tarver Library planned several events, including two lectures by Mercer faculty and staff, an interpretive reading at the Cannonball House and a performance by the Eighth Regiment Band in Willingham Auditorium.

Developed by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in partnership with The Library of America, this exhibition was made



Eighth Regiment Band



possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The exhibition is part of Civil War 150: Exploring the War and Its Meaning through the Words of

Those Who Lived It, a major three-year project funded by the NEH. The project is centered on the four-volume Library of America series *The Civil War Told by Those Who Lived It*.

Southern Studies Center Receives \$500,000 NEH Challenge Grant

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) awarded Mercer's College of Liberal Arts a \$500,000 challenge grant to support endowment of its Center for Southern Studies.

NEH challenge grants are capacity-building grants, intended to help institutions and organizations secure long-term support for their humanities programs and resources. Through these awards, recipients have been able to increase their humanities capacity and secure the permanent support of an endowment.

"NEH challenge grants are highly competitive and awarded to only the best humanities programs in the nation. This grant recognizes the great work of our Southern studies faculty in building an outstanding program," said Dr. Lake Lambert, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "Few universities of our size can boast of a center like this that studies and teaches about our distinctive region."



From left, Center for Southern Studies faculty Dr. Sarah Gardner, Dr. Doug Thompson and Dr. David Davis.

Over the past decade, the College's Southern Studies program has offered an interdisciplinary undergraduate major leading to a bachelor's degree. A small group of faculty from the departments of history, literature and Southern studies teach courses on the Old South, the Civil War, the New South, African-American history, southern literature and African-Ameri-

can literature, along with topical courses such as Southern Jesus, Black Film History, Southern Foodways and William Faulkner. Majors complete a senior thesis that culminates their investigation into the region and demonstrates their mastery of research methods.

The program hosts the annual Lamar Memorial Lecture Series, the nation's most prestigious lecture series on Southern history and culture, which began in 1957. It presents the Sidney Lanier Prize for Southern Literature, as well as a film series and lectures by high-profile scholars, including recent Pulitzer Prize winners Douglas Blackmon and Hank Klibanoff. Additionally, one of the program's faculty members, Dr. Doug Thompson, associate professor of Southern studies, is editor of the *Journal of Southern Religion*, the first scholarly journal devoted to the study of religion in the American South.

The \$500,000 grant will be matched by \$1.5 million that will be raised by the University.

Mercer's Center for Southern Studies to Award Sidney Lanier Prize to Yusef Komunyakaa

Mercer's Center for Southern Studies awarded its 2015 Sidney Lanier Prize for Southern Literature to poet Yusef Komunyakaa. The prize, which honors significant career contributions to Southern writing in drama, fiction or poetry, was awarded on the Macon campus April 25.

His first book of poems, *Dedications & Other Darkhorses*, was published in 1977. He first received widespread acclaim in 1984 for his collection of poems titled *Copacetic*, which featured colloquial speech and demonstrated his incorporation of jazz influences. His next two books, *I Apologize for the Eyes in My Head* (1986) and *Dien Cai Dau* (1988), won the San Francisco Poetry Center Award and The Dark Room Poetry Prize, respectively.

Over the next two decades, Komunyakaa published several other books of poetry, including *Neon Vernacular: New & Selected Poems 1977-1989*, which won the Pulitzer Prize and the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award in 1994. He has also written dramatic works, published a collection of prose, titled *Blues Notes: Essays, Interviews & Commentaries* (2000), co-translated *The Insomnia of Fire* by Nguyen Quang

Thieu and served as guest editor of *The Best American Poetry* 2003.

He has received the Wallace Stevens Award, Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize, the William Faulkner Prize from the University of Rennes, the Thomas Forcade Award and the Hanes Poetry Prize, as well as fellowships from the Fine Arts Work Center, the Louisiana Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. He was elected and served as chancellor of the Academy of American Poets from 1999 to 2005.

Komunyakaa began writing poetry while a student at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in 1973. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1975, and went on to earn a master's degree from Colorado State University and a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing from the University of California at Irvine. After receiving his M.F.A., Komunyakaa began teaching poetry in the New Orleans public school system and creative writing at the University of New Orleans. He has also taught at Indiana University and Princeton University. He currently lives in New York City, where he is Global Distinguished Professor of English at New York University.

The Sidney Lanier Prize for Southern



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Yusef Komunyakaa

Literature, first awarded in 2012, is named for the 19th-century Southern poet born in Macon. Lanier wrote "The Song of the Chattahoochee" and "The Marshes of Glynn." Using his name recognizes Middle Georgia's literary heritage and long, often complicated, tradition of writing about the South. The prize is awarded to writers who have engaged and extended that tradition. Past winners include Ernest Gaines (2012), Lee Smith (2013) and Elizabeth Spencer (2014).

Founders' Day 2015 Honors Veterans of the Vietnam War

FOUNDERS' DAY 2015 served as the kickoff event for a three-year University program commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and honoring those who served.

At right, retired Lt. Gen. Claude M. "Mick" Kicklighter and President William D. Underwood present certificates and special lapel pins to around two dozen Mercer alumni who served in Vietnam.

Kicklighter, a 1955 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts, current University trustee, decorated U.S. Army veteran and former director of the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Commemorations, delivered the keynote address at the Feb. 4 convocation.

Gen. Kicklighter presents special lapel pins thanking Mercer Vietnam veterans for their service.



Robert L. Steed and James T. McAfee Jr. Honored at 25th Annual Authors Luncheon Events

More than 120 guests gathered for a reception and dinner on Dec. 5, 2014, at the InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta, preceding the annual Authors Luncheon. Those who attended the Friday night event heard a tribute to the legacy of James T. McAfee Jr. and witnessed the launch of the new book, *To Make a Difference: James T. McAfee, Jr.*, written by Scott Walker. Published by Mercer University Press, the biography recounts the life and legacy of this Southern businessman and his impact on Mercer, Belmont and Union universities. Mercer Chancellor and Former President Dr. R. Kirby Godsey offered a tribute to his longtime friend and colleague to end the evening's celebration.

The following day a record-breaking

crowd of more than 400 guests enjoyed a luncheon honoring Mercer Life Trustee Robert L. Steed and to celebrate the launch of his new book, *The Best of Bob Steed: The Not-So-Serious but Seriously Accomplished*

Authors Luncheon
MERCER UNIVERSITY PRESS

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR – December 5
For the 26th Annual Authors Luncheon**



Life of Robert L. Steed published by Mercer University Press. Several chapters offer Steed's selected writings, while the biography section of the book, written by Chuck Perry, highlights the many accomplishments of this Southern lawyer, writer, raconteur and philanthropist.

President William D. Underwood presented a "State of Mercer" address and video presentation of Mercer's new Aspire capital campaign. Master of Ceremonies Richard A. "Doc" Schneider regaled guests with past tales, archival video and important facts of Steed's career and longtime support of Mercer University Press, plus tributes were given in his honor by friends and colleagues, including Dr. Godsey, Nancy Grace, Steve Penley and Chuck Perry.

Prior to the luncheon, 15 authors were available to sign their latest books. Authors included Carolyn N. Curry, Betsy Duffey and Laurie Myers, James T. Farmer III, Spearman Jack Godsey, Grace, Gould B. Hagler Jr., F. Martin Harmon, Terry Kay, Perry, Lori Eriksen Rush, Michael Buffalo Smith, Scott Walker, Sam A. Williams, and Renea Winchester.

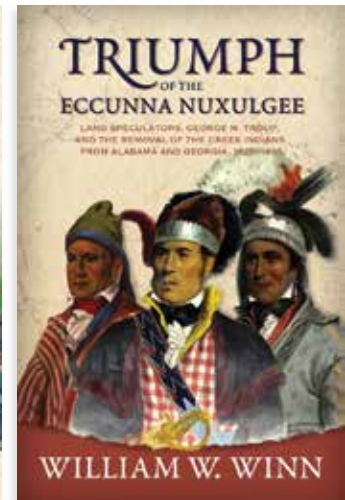
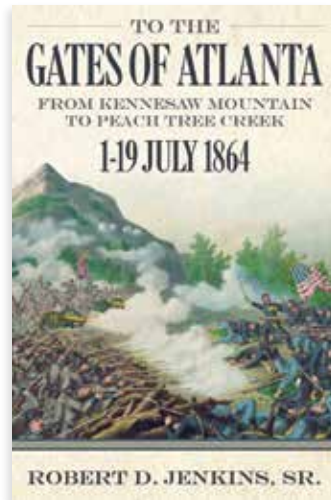
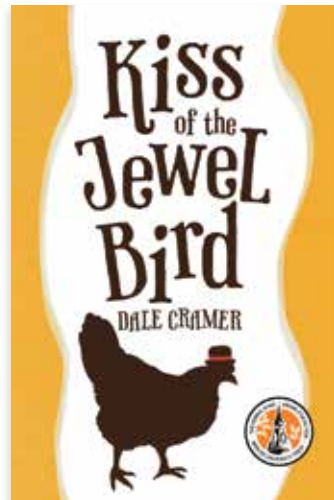
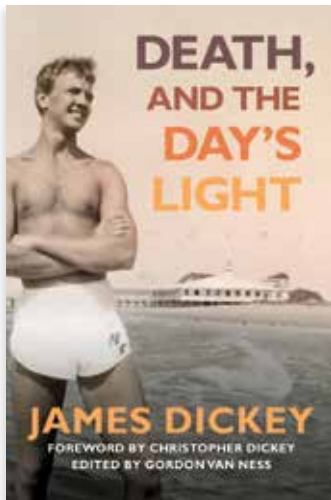


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(Left) Bob Steed receives a standing ovation from Authors Luncheon attendees. (Right) Author Scott Walker autographs the biography he wrote about James T. McAfee Jr.

Celebrating 35 Years of Publishing Excellence



Mercer University Press Publishing 13 New Titles During Spring/Summer 2015 Season

Continuing its celebration of 35 years of publishing excellence, Mercer University Press will once again offer readers a variety of genres from which to choose.

Highlighted titles from this season include:

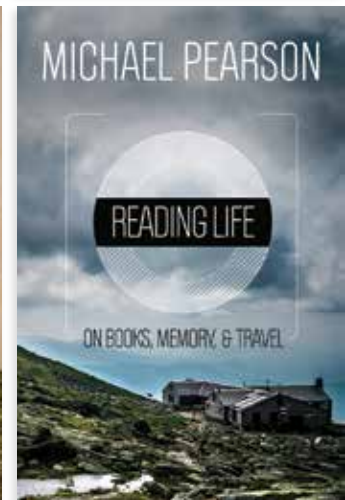
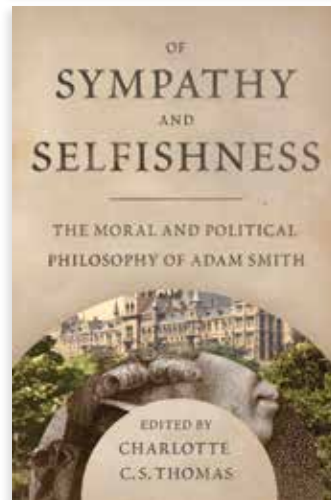
- **Death, and the Day's Light: Poems** by James Dickey, edited by Gordon Van Ness and a foreword by Christopher Dickey, are the final writings of the celebrated Southern poet before his death in 1996;
- **Kiss of the Jewel Bird: A Novel** by Dale Cramer, follows the life of good ole boy Dickie Frye, from the Georgia hills to the streets of New York in this Southern yarn;
- **To the Gates of Atlanta: From Kennesaw Mountain to Peach Tree Creek,**

1–19 July 1864 by Robert D. Jenkins Sr., answers long-sought mysteries surrounding the actions, reasoning, and results of the events that culminated in the fall of Atlanta;

- **Triumph of the Eccunna Nuxulgee: Land Speculators, George M. Troup, and the Removal of the Creek**

Indians from Alabama and Georgia, 1825–1838 by William W. “Billy” Winn and published jointly with the Historic Chattahoochee Commission, explores one of the great moral debates in the history of the United States;

- **Of Sympathy and Selfishness: The Moral and Political Philosophy of Adam Smith**, edited by Professor Charlotte Thomas, is a collection of essays based on the 2013 A.V. Elliott Conference on Great Books and Ideas at Mercer; and



- **Reading Life: On Books, Memory, and Travel** by Old Dominion University professor Michael Pearson, which is a blend of memoir, literary appreciation, and travel narrative.

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THE LOFTS AT MERCER BRIDGING THE COMMUNITY

Construction is under way on two major student housing and retail developments designed to accommodate the growing student population on Mercer's Macon campus.

THE LOFTS AT COLLEGE HILL, located behind the U.S. Post Office on College Street and bounded by Georgia and Hardeman Avenues, will house 220 students and include retail space. It is scheduled for completion this summer and ready for occupancy by the fall semester.

Two businesses have already announced plans to locate in the development. Boba Mocha, an Asian fusion restaurant co-owned by Mercer alumna Judy Chen that will serve Boba teas, hot brews, Asian-inspired snacks and desserts, is going in one of the retail spaces. The other announced business is The Brick Macon, which is owned by Frank Pendergast of Milledgeville. The new 200-seat Macon

location will have a similar menu as the popular Milledgeville establishment and will be open seven days a week, until midnight Sunday-Thursday and until 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday. It will serve lunch and dinner and offer a late night menu from 10 p.m. to closing. The Brick is known for its pizzas, pasta, calzones, wings, salads and sandwiches.

Ground was broken on The Lofts at Mercer on Jan. 12. Located on Mercer University Drive across from Mercer University Stadium, the new complex will house about 300 students and include

about 14,000 square-feet of first-floor space for Mercer administrative offices. The facility is scheduled to be completed in summer 2016.

In addition, a new hotel and restaurants are slated for the block adjacent to the Lofts at Mercer, across Mercer University Drive from the Hilton Garden Inn. The former Noland plumbing supply warehouse that currently occupies the property will be cleared for the new development.



Both student housing projects are being built by Sierra Development, the Macon-based commercial development firm behind Phases I, II and III of the Lofts at Mercer Village, which opened in 2011, 2012 and 2014.

The new hotel on Mercer University Drive, which will be a 94-room TownePlace Suites by Marriott, is being developed by PHD Hotels Inc. of Opelika, Alabama, the same firm the University worked with on the Hilton Garden Inn in 2006. An anchor restaurant and two food courts will go in the hotel's outparcels.

The Lofts at Mercer student housing development will include a 400-car parking deck and will be connected to campus by a signature

pedestrian bridge that is being partly funded by the Macon-Bibb government.

When the two new newest facilities are completed, more than 800 beds of student housing will have been added to the Macon campus since 2011. The combined investment in the five lofts projects and the newest hotel-restaurant development will total more than \$100 million.



Above: Lofts at College Hill construction. To view photos and site plans of new Mercer construction, visit about.mercer.edu/construction.



Mercer admitted to **GEORGIA RESEARCH ALLIANCE**



On the strength of its growing research profile, Mercer was admitted last fall to the Georgia Research Alliance (GRA). The independent nonprofit organization is closely aligned with the state's Department of Economic Development and seeks to expand research and commercialization capacity in Georgia's universities to launch new companies, create high-value jobs and transform lives.

Since its formation in 1990, GRA has leveraged \$600 million of state funding into \$2.6 billion of direct federal and private investment in Georgia, 150-plus newly launched companies, 6,000-plus high-skill, high-value jobs, and a portfolio of beneficial inventions, processes and technologies.

Last September marked the only time in its 24-year history that GRA has expanded from its original six member institutions: the University of Georgia, Georgia Regents University, Emory University, Clark Atlanta University, Georgia Institute of Technology and Georgia State University. The addition of Mercer and Morehouse School of Medicine brought that total to eight and provided Mercer with the distinction of being the only institution south of the Interstate 20 corridor in GRA.

Over the past decade, Mercer's annual research and development expenditures have grown from less than \$18 million to more than \$30 million, and its number of Ph.D. students enrolled has grown from fewer than 25 to more than 350.

"The Georgia Research Alliance is an important organization that is contributing in significant ways towards building a 21st century economy in Georgia," said Mercer President William D. Underwood. "Mercer scientists are already doing important



Matt Yin —
Prosthetics Project

work that is contributing to this endeavor, particularly in the areas of biosciences and engineering. The University's membership in GRA will open up even more opportunities for our researchers to collaborate with other scientists as well as business leaders and make even more significant contributions to building our economy in Georgia."

GRA's work is accomplished by recruiting world-class scientists to Georgia universities as GRA Eminent Scholars, by investing in state-of-the-art research technology for university labs, by fueling commercialization of university-based discoveries and inventions, and by forging and strengthening alliances among universities and industry to make Georgia more economically competitive.

The organization's impact transcends

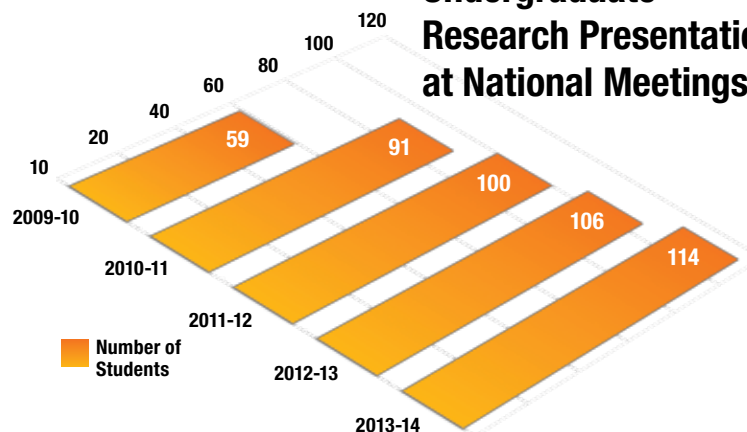
economic growth, as it has played a key role in building a reputation for Georgia as a center of discovery and invention. GRA is recognized nationally as the strongest enterprise of its kind.

In 1983, Microelectronics Computer and Technology Corp., a large industry consortium seeking a site to develop the next generation of semiconductor technology, located to Austin, Texas, over Atlanta, primarily due to a public-private partnership in Austin that combined government resources with private-sector energy and creativity. In the years that followed, Georgia leaders watched as Austin's fledgling technology industry developed and transformed the city into a high-tech hub.

In 1990, the Georgia Research Alliance was founded as a non-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization to allow business, research universities and the state government to collaborate toward building a technology-driven economy fueled by breakthrough university research.

GRA sought out to attract the world's most brilliant scientists to establish new

Undergraduate Research Presentations at National Meetings



programs of research and development at its member institutions with a focus on the areas with the most potential for generating new companies and creating new jobs. These scientists, called GRA Eminent Scholars, would successfully compete for a larger share of federal and foundation research funds, attract other talented faculty and graduate students, and foster new companies and create relationships with industry to commercialize technologies developed through research.

One of the organization's most important accomplishments has been bringing together its member institutions to foster cross-university research, which is often critical to obtaining federal funding. The presidents of each of the eight universities sit on GRA's board, along with prominent leaders in government and industry.

University Launches New Research Website

MERCER HAS LAUNCHED a new website — <http://research.mercer.edu> — to highlight the depth and breadth of undergraduate, graduate and professional research being done at the University.

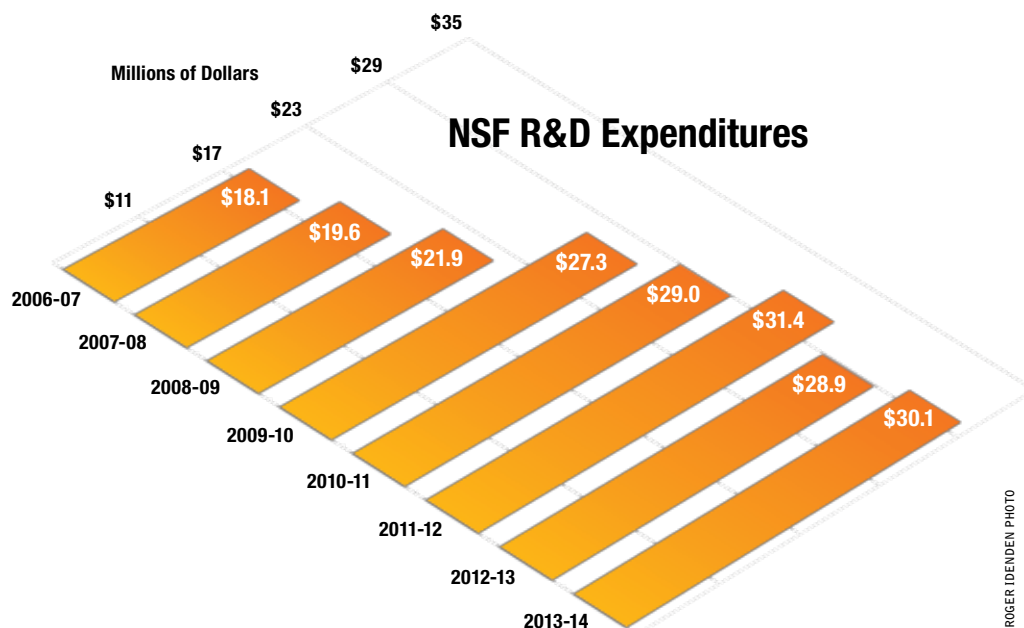
Mercer undergraduates are given the opportunity to take the lead in top-level research endeavors, transforming them into scholars who answer tough and relevant questions. Students work closely with faculty members, rather than graduate students, in state-of-the-art facilities to complete projects that contribute new knowledge to their fields of study.

Graduate students work closely with highly published, cited and funded faculty in these same state-of-the-art facilities that give them the skills and experience necessary to thrive in a professional environment. The collaborative and interdisciplinary nature of graduate research programs at Mercer turns students into scholars who gain a competitive edge through their work.

The new website provides examples of such work at the undergraduate and graduate level, as well as at Mercer Engineering Research Center — an operating unit of the University that employs more than 180 engineers, scientists, logisticians and support staff — and through Mercer On Mission, the University's unique initiative combining service-learning and study abroad.

Additionally, news articles, facts and figures, and faculty resources can all be found on the new website.

NSF R&D Expenditures



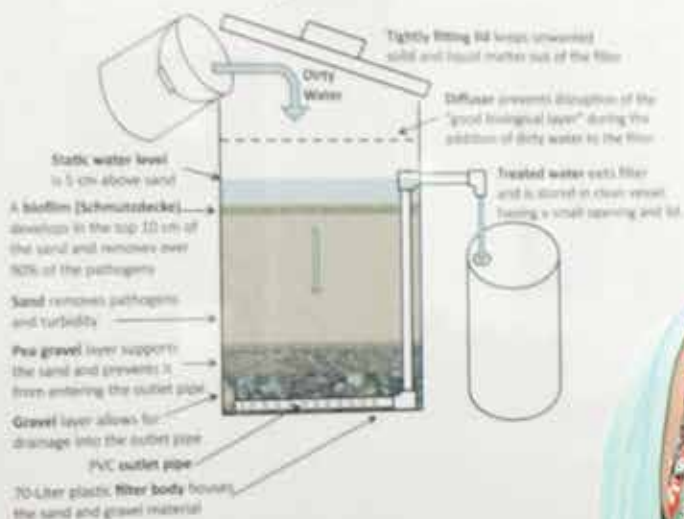
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University Initiative Focuses on 'Research that Reaches Out'



As part of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) reaccreditation process, Mercer has developed a Quality Enhancement Plan, or QEP, to carry out over the next five years.

Under the direction of Dr. Bridget Trogden, associate professor of chemistry and director of INT 101, a QEP committee of faculty, staff and students chose to highlight the University's commitment to integrating research and service.

The theme "Research that Reaches Out" was identified to brand the campaign to implement the QEP at Mercer, and a logo was developed with the help of a student design competition.

"This particular QEP topic gives us the opportunity to institutionalize and align our research and service efforts to chart a portion of the University's course for the near future and to become a national model for engagement in these topics," said Dr. Trogden.

"Research that Reaches Out" draws on the institutional hallmark of putting new knowledge generated in classrooms and laboratories into practical use to solve real-world problems. Whether locally or internationally, the idea of incorporating service into the learning experience is integral to a Mercer education, as evidenced by the University's mission "to teach, to learn, to create, to discover, to inspire, to empower and to serve."

One of the best examples of "Research that Reaches Out" at the local level is the work that was done in the Senior Capstone course taught by Dr. Peter Brown, professor emeritus of philosophy, in the fall of 2006. Those students concluded that Macon was well positioned to recruit and grow creative services industries by retaining young people graduating from the city's academic institutions,

and their research provided the groundwork for what is now known as the College Hill Corridor.

Internationally through the University's Mercer On Mission initiative, biomedical engineering professor Dr. Ha Vo and teams of students have made eight trips to his home country of Vietnam and one trip to Haiti, all since 2009, in an effort to fit amputees with his low-cost, highly durable Universal Socket Prosthetic that was developed in his lab at Mercer. Dr. Vo has trained more than 100 students representing a variety of academic disciplines, and his teams have fitted more than 3,000 prosthetics.

The benefits of these two research endeavors are still seen today, as additional Macon campus undergraduates continue to develop new and exciting ways to reach out to communities of all scales.

Erin Brett has used her engineering education to affect social justice through her participation in the research of environmental engineering professor Dr. Laura Lackey to develop a bio-sand water filter to improve water quality in developing countries. This filter has been used in Mercer On Mission trips to Uganda and Kenya.

Ryan Walters and other members of a Philosophy of the Arts course led by philosophy professor Dr. Creighton Rosental have worked with Macon Arts Alliance to develop a detailed catalog of pieces of public art in Macon-Bibb County. In an effort to recognize works of art that may be overlooked or forgotten, the class has also developed walking tours that celebrate the beauty and history of the city.

Victoria Madray and Jeff Mimbs have nurtured a commitment to service that they hope to carry into the medical field through a Mercer On Mission project in Ecuador. Along with chemistry professor Dr. Adam Kiefer and biology professor Dr. Kevin Drace, they have researched ways to reduce mercury contamination that is taking place via artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing operations, which is the top point source for mercury contamination worldwide.

Over the next five years, the "Research that Reaches Out" initiative seeks to enhance student learning through service-focused research, beginning with first-year students and continuing through capstone experiences and projects. The QEP will involve the alignment of several University initiatives to foster a culture of civically engaged scholarship and service. In addition to creating a full plan prior to an SACSCOC onsite review, which took place in late March and early April, Dr. Trogden will orchestrate implementation and assessment prior to submitting a final report in 2020. To learn more about the QEP and watch videos of student research projects, visit qep.mercer.edu.





Ryan Walters —
Public Art Project



Jeff Mimbs and Victoria Madray —
Mercury Contamination Project



Cory Zeller —
LGBTQ Policies Project



Blaze Jeffery —
Teens Against Sex Trafficking Project

2015 MERCER HOMECOMING



SPRIT BETWEEN THE SPIRES

Homecoming 2015 is for all Mercerians! Dozens of events will draw thousands of alumni, friends and community members to the Macon campus for what promises to be another exciting homecoming weekend. Make plans to come and see Mercer's growth and progress, to reconnect with friends and faculty, and to cheer on the Bears when they face VMI on the football field. Featured events will include the traditional Half Century Club lunch, 5K run, class reunions, pep rally, fireworks, light parade, alumni career speaker series, tailgating and family fun activities. To view photos from Homecoming 2014, visit gallery.mercer.edu/homecoming.

Online registration begins in late summer homecoming.mercer.edu



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Home of Mercer Football and Lacrosse Renamed Five Star Stadium

MERCER UNIVERSITY'S TWO-YEAR-OLD, 10,000-SEAT STADIUM, home of Mercer Bears football and lacrosse, has been renamed Five Star Stadium in recognition of a multi-million dollar commitment, the largest-ever for Mercer athletics and one of the largest in the University's history. The financial commitment comes from Five Star Automotive Group, owned by Charlie Cantrell and Dick Pope.

"Charlie Cantrell and Dick Pope are two of the University's strongest supporters, and we are deeply grateful for this significant financial commitment," said Mercer President William D. Underwood. "We are proud to have the Five Star name on one of the finest athletic venues of its size in the nation."

Five Star Automotive Group, founded in Middle Georgia in 1986, operates 19 dealerships in Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina, offering brands such as Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick, GMC, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Ford, Lincoln, Nissan, Hyundai, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Toyota, Scion and Mazda. The company also owns collision centers in Macon, Warner Robins, Atlanta and Florence, South Carolina.

Mercer Stadium opened in 2013 when the Mercer Bears resumed competition in intercollegiate football after a 72-year hiatus. Mercer's men's and women's lacrosse teams also play their home games in the stadium, which has hosted a number of state high school playoff

games, all-star games, band competitions and other events over the last two and a half years. In its first season in the Southern Conference this past fall, Mercer football averaged more than 10,000 fans at its seven home

at which Mercer teams compete, the outstanding performance of student-athletes in the classroom, and the strong connection Mercer has built with the Middle Georgia community make this a good partnership for our company."

"Mercer University contributes so much to the quality of life in Middle Georgia, and athletics is a big part of that," Pope said. "Five Star Automotive Group is proud to have its name associated with such a fine institution and an athletics program whose national visibility continues to grow."

"Five Star Automotive Group and its owners, Dick Pope and Charlie Cantrell, understand

the commitment it takes to compete and be successful on a daily basis," said Mercer Athletics Director Jim Cole. "We are honored to have the Five Star name and what it stands for proudly displayed on Mercer University's football and lacrosse stadium."

Cantrell currently serves as president of the Mercer Athletic Foundation. His daughter and son-in-law, Christy and Kyle Johnston, were student-athletes

at Mercer and graduated from the University. Christy played soccer and Kyle was a member of the baseball team. His daughter Laura Beth Dickey earned her Master of Education degree from Mercer. Pope's parents, Neal and Joan, attended the University, and his daughter Lindsay Thames earned her Master of Education degree from Mercer.



BRAD TURNER PHOTO

After two years of hosting record football crowds, men's and women's lacrosse action, state high school playoff and all-star games, and band competitions, Mercer University Stadium has a new name — Five Star Stadium.

games. The stadium is part of the Tony and Nancy Moye Complex, which also includes Drake Field House, Anderson Field and the Butler Family Plaza.

"We are pleased to further align Five Star Automotive with Mercer athletics and with the University as a whole," Cantrell said. "The quality of Mercer's athletics facilities, the high level

Men's Soccer Nabs Regular Season Title in First Year of SoCon Play

The men's soccer team had a remarkable 2014 season, highlighted by a Southern Conference regular season title.

Led by the SoCon Coach of the Year, Brad Ruzzo, the Bears tallied a 14-7 record and went 8-2 in conference play. The 14 wins set a program record for most wins in a single season. In its first season in the SoCon, Mercer won the regular season title and played in the SoCon Tournament championship match. Off the field, the Bears received their sixth consecutive NSCAA Team Academic Award, recording a 3.34 team grade point average for the 2013-14 academic year.

The Bears placed four on the SoCon All-Conference First Team, with Bagrou, Ranjitsingh, Jordan Duru and Ashani Samuels being honored. Ian Antley was named to the All-Conference Second Team, while Bagrou, Airrion Blackstock, Carson Brooks, Thomas Glenn and Trenton Whitely were All-Freshman Team selections. Mercer also placed Bagrou, Ranjitsingh and Samuels on the SoCon All-Tournament Team.



Women's Soccer Claims SoCon Title, Advances to NCAA

The 2014 season proved to be a landmark one for the women's soccer team, culminating in the program's second ever NCAA Tournament appearance.

The Bears tallied an overall record of 14-6-2, setting a new program record for single-season wins. Mercer also notched a 6-1-2 mark in Southern Conference play, finishing second in regular season play.

Mercer then won the SoCon Tournament to advance to the NCAA Tournament. The Bears placed Washida Blackman, Maggie Cropp, Sarah Daane and Lauren Gassie on the All-Tournament Team; Cropp was also named the SoCon Tournament MVP.



OrthoGeorgia Makes Commitment for New Baseball Park

OrthoGeorgia, Middle Georgia's largest orthopaedic services center, has made a significant commitment toward construction of a new Mercer baseball complex, which will bear the name OrthoGeorgia Park.

Construction will include rebuilding of the grandstands, press box, dugouts, concessions area and restrooms. In addition to these improvements, a new main entrance plaza will be built. Upon completion, the Bears will play their home games at Claude

Smith Field at OrthoGeorgia Park.

"Mercer Athletics is honored to partner with OrthoGeorgia, a first-class organization widely respected in Middle Georgia," said Mercer Director of Athletics Jim Cole. "As a former baseball player, I know I speak for past, present and future members of the Mercer baseball family in saying how appreciative we are to have their support."

Claude Smith Field, among the finest playing surfaces in all of collegiate baseball, is named for the University's all-time winningest baseball coach, who guided the Bears to 405 victories from 1948 to 1977. The venue underwent improvements to the playing surface and construction of an indoor hitting facility in 2003.

Over the last decade, the Bears have elevated the program to a new level under the guidance of head coach Craig Gibson. The team reached the NCAA tournament for the first time in program history in 2010 and returned to the tournament in 2013. The Bears are one of only four Division I programs — along with Florida State, South Carolina and Virginia — to win at least 38 games each of the past five years. During Gibson's tenure, the team has won 10 of 12 games against opponents ranked in the top 10 nationally.



Artist's rendering of OrthoGeorgia Park, complementing the legendary Claude Smith Field.

Mercer and Memorial Medical Break Ground on \$18 Million Savannah Campus Expansion

MERCER BROKE GROUND in October on an \$18 million expansion of School of Medicine (MUSM) facilities on its Savannah campus at Memorial University Medical Center. This endeavor will include renovation of the William and Iffath Hoskins Center for Biomedical Research as well as construction of an addition to the Hoskins Center to serve as a medical education and research facility for the University.

“The Mercer University-Memorial University Medical Center partnership has been fruitful since its beginning, allowing the University to pursue important medical research in a clinical setting and enabling us to produce more primary care physicians for our state, including the coastal region,” said Mercer President William D. Underwood. “Completion of this project will allow a 50 percent increase in enrollment — from 160 to 240 medical students — on our Savannah campus, and, in time, bring the total number

of M.D. students at Mercer to 480, with up to 120 graduates each year.”

“Growth of the Savannah campus for the medical school will not only enhance medical education, it will also promote clinical medical research at both institutions, plus increase research in health care delivery in southeast Georgia,” said William F. Bina III, M.D., FAAFP, dean of the School of Medicine. “Additionally, this campus expansion will expose an even larger number of future Georgia doctors to Savannah and the region. It will increase the likelihood that many of them will practice medicine in the area once they complete their training.”

Officials of Mercer and Memorial University Medical Center break ground on new facilities for the School of Medicine in Savannah.

The new facility, which will include more than 30,000 square feet of new space in addition to the renovation of approximately 26,500 square feet of classrooms, offices, labs and library space, will also enable the School of Medicine to expand significantly the scope of research taking place in Savannah.

The Savannah campus currently has 15 research scientists, supported by 13 post-doctoral research associates and laboratory technicians. These scientists lead research teams in collaboration with Memorial’s clinical departments and with clinical oncology faculty within the Curtis and Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute.

MUSM scientists have active research programs in the areas of cancer (breast, prostate, lung, uterine/endometrial, sarcoma and pancreatic), cardiovascular disease (hypertension and ischemic heart disease), hematological disorders, infectious diseases, and endocrine disorders (diabetes and adrenal diseases), with funding from the National Institutes of Health,

the Georgia Research Alliance, the Department of Defense, the American Cancer Society, the Mary Kay Ash Foundation, the Flight Attendants Medical Research Institute and Merck & Co.

To address a need for more primary care physicians in Georgia, the University launched the Savannah campus in 1996 by sending a group of third- and fourth-year students to complete their clinical requirements at Memorial University Medical Center. The campus opened as a full four-year program in 2008, graduated its first full class in 2012, and is the only four-year medical school campus in the southern half of Georgia.



JOHN KNIGHT PHOTO

Bina Receives Georgia Family Physician of the Year Award

William F. Bina III, M.D., FAAFP, dean of the School of Medicine, received the 2014 Georgia Family Physician of the Year Award from the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians (GAFP) in November.



Dr. Bina

This prestigious honor is awarded annually to a family physician who has been a leader in the profession of family medicine and who makes an outstanding contribution to the profession and the community while providing excellent clinical care.

Dr. Bina joined the Mercer faculty in 1991 and has served in various family medicine and community medicine departmental roles, including director of the Family Practice Residency program, chair of community medicine and director of the nationally accredited Master of Public Health degree program.

He also served as executive associate dean and interim dean prior to appointment as dean in March 2009. Before coming to Mercer, Dr. Bina was director of the Occupational Health and Preventive Medicine Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Department of the Navy in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Bina has held various leadership roles with the GAFP, including a term as president from 1998-1999. In addition, he has served as medical director of the Central Georgia Cancer Coalition, a state-certified regional cancer coalition of excellence.

"Throughout his career, not only has Dr. Bina been an asset to his community in Macon, but he is also well known as a great advocate for international medical care and education," read a release issued by the GAFP.

Under the leadership of Dr. Bina, the School of Medicine has participated in service-learning and study abroad trips to China, Cambodia and Honduras through the University's Mercer On Mission initiative.

Established in 1947, the GAFP is a 2,500-member chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Sumner Appointed Associate Dean for Rural Health

Wrightsville physician Jean Rawlings Sumner, M.D., has been appointed to the newly created position of associate dean for rural health in the Mercer University School of Medicine. The appointment was effective Nov. 1.



Dr. Sumner

A member of the first class of physicians to graduate from the Mercer School of Medicine in 1986, Dr. Sumner has practiced internal medicine in Johnson County and has been a community faculty preceptor for the School of Medicine since completing her residency at the Medical Center of Central Georgia, Navicent Health, in 1989.

As associate dean for rural health, Dr. Sumner supports the School's service to rural and medically underserved areas of Georgia by developing strategies, relationships and policy initiatives regarding access of services, improved health status, and enhancement of student and resident medical education experiences in rural settings.

"Dr. Sumner has demonstrated exceptional administrative and leadership skills at community, state and regional levels," said William F. Bina III, M.D., M.P.H., dean of the Mercer School of Medicine. "She has served as hospital chief of staff and nursing home medical director, plus serving as a board member, chair, and president of numerous community and statewide professional organizations. At the state level, she has served most recently as a governor-appointed member, then president and medical director, for the Georgia Composite Medical Board. We are pleased to have her serving in this new role at the Mercer School of Medicine."

"I'm honored to be asked to serve in this position and look forward to working with the Mercer School of Medicine faculty and staff to improve health care in rural Georgia," Dr. Sumner said.

"The appointment of Dr. Sumner to this key leadership role will expand the already-strong commitment that the School of Medicine and the University have to rural health in our state, a commitment to the people of Georgia that dates back to the School's founding in 1982," said Dr. Hewitt W. (Ted) Matthews, senior vice president for health sciences.

Mercer Alumni New Presidents of National Organizations

College of Pharmacy alumni John T. Sherrer, BSPHM '77, and Sharon Clackum, Pharm.D. '81, have recently assumed leadership roles in two national pharmacy organizations.

Sherrer, who is co-owner of Kenmar Pharmacy and Poole's Pharmacy in Marietta, was named president of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA). He is a partner in several other Georgia pharmacies and also owns First Aid of America, an industrial first aid and safety supply company.

NCPA, founded in 1898, represents America's community pharmacists, including the owners of more than 23,000 pharmacies.

Also, at the NCPA's annual convention, Thomas Sherrer, a 2015 Doctor of Pharmacy candidate, was named president of the Student Leadership Council.

Another pharmacy alum, Jack Dunn, BSPHM '78, was honored as the 2014 NCPA Willard B. Simmons Independent Pharmacist of the Year. The award recognizes an independent pharmacist for exemplary leadership and commitment to independent pharmacy and to one's community.

Clackum was named president of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) for the 2014-2015 term. She was elected in 2013 and served as president-elect for the past year.

The ASCP is the only international professional society devoted to optimal medication management and improved health outcomes for all older persons.

■ Mobile App First to Provide Custom Drug Information on Demand

A Mercer pharmacy professor has developed a mobile application and website, InpharmD™, that provides customized, on demand, evidence-based responses to clinical questions from health care providers.

Ashish Advani, Pharm.D., clinical assistant professor at Mercer and founder of InpharmD™, launched the service last September at Health 2.0's eighth annual Fall Conference in Silicon Valley, California. Health 2.0 selected InpharmD™ to participate in "Launch!", which gave 10 health care technology startups the opportunity to demonstrate their product in front of a live audience.

The website and app allow users to type in any medication-related question — including questions about disease states — and receive an evidence-based answer within a specified time period. The application also includes an automated topic search feature, allowing the user to learn tips, facts and the latest news about medications from around the United States and world.

With an estimated 91 percent of U.S. health care providers using smartphones

and 170 million Americans getting health information over the Internet, InpharmD™ is designed to target patients and providers at the point of care, whether it is before, during or after a medical visit.

Mercer and the Mercer Health Sciences Center provided Dr. Advani the time and resources needed to develop the application. H.W. "Ted" Matthews, Ph.D., senior vice president for health sciences and dean of the College of Pharmacy, said the application is greatly needed.

"The cost associated with poor medication management is in the billions of dollars," said Dr. Matthews, who is both a pharmaceutical scientist and a registered pharmacist. "The health care industry is now acutely aware that both patients and providers must become better informed about medication therapy. Our hope is that this application is part of the solution that will move us closer in that direction."

Elizabeth Lai, one of Dr. Advani's student interns on the InpharmD™ project, was in December named as one of four recipients of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce's Mobile Atlanta Scholarship.

The initiative awards scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 to students who have expressed or demonstrated an interest in advancing mobility. Students are selected

based on specific criteria related to wireless mobility, including a demonstrated interest in the field, an educational or workplace pursuit in the mobility space and creative insights and perspectives on the future of mobility.

Lai is pursuing her Doctor of Pharmacy in the College of Pharmacy and her Master of Business Administration in the Stetson School of Business and Economics.

The Metro Atlanta Chamber's Mobile Atlanta initiative was begun in 2012 to tie together the mobile and wireless ecosystems in Atlanta as the city works to become a global mobility hub.

■ Medicine Now Offering Clinical Psychology Programs in Atlanta

Mercer School of Medicine (MUSM) has expanded its Clinical Medical Psychology programs to the University's Cecil B. Day Graduate and Professional Campus in Atlanta.

The Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) in Clinical Medical Psychology, which is MUSM's newest degree program, was offered on the Atlanta campus for the first time last fall.

The Psy.D. in Clinical Medical Psychology is linked to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Clinical Medical Psychology program, which was first offered on the Macon campus in 2012. The Psy.D. program is designed to produce graduates who are practicing clinical psychologists, while the Ph.D. program is designed to train graduates for careers in health care research and higher education, especially medical education.

Both programs opened admission for spring 2015. Selected courses are currently offered on the Atlanta campus, and all four years of coursework are expected to be available in Atlanta by fall 2015.

MUSM's Clinical Medical Psychology programs are designed to train clinical psychologists as members of integrated health care teams in varied settings, including rural and underserved areas.

For more information, visit medicine.mercer.edu/admissions/psychology.



College of Pharmacy professor Dr. Ashish Advani displays via a mobile phone the InPharmD™ app he developed.

Achievements

1950s

Susan Lindsley, CLA '58, was a semifinalist for the Georgia Author of the Year Awards in the first novel category for her work *The Bottom Rail* in June 2014. This novel is her seventh published book, and the Georgia Author of the Year Award is the third award for this novel.

The Honorable Richard H. Mills, LAW '57, greeted Mercer Trustee and former President Jimmy Carter when he gave the annual Phi Alpha Literary Society lecture in October 2014 at Illinois College in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Victoria Hardegree Price, TIFT '52, retired in December 2014 after a 42-year career as a professor of English at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. During that time, she also established the Lamar Language Institute, the only intensive English program located between Houston and Louisiana.

1960s

David James, CLA '63, was elected to the Etowah (Tennessee) City Commission on Aug. 7, 2014. He was then selected by his fellow commissioners to serve as vice mayor.

1970s

Johnnie Early, PHA '73, was inducted into the African American Legacy Project Legends Hall of Fame on Oct. 4, 2014, during the 10th annual Legends Weekend.

A.J. "Joe" Hopkins, LAW '78, was elected by the Board of Directors of the Georgia Ports Authority in June 2014 to serve as the board's secretary and treasurer.

Ralph E. Hughes, CLA '73, and his son, **Derek E. Hughes**, CLA '07, have formed The Hughes Firm, A Professional Association, with offices in Decatur and Athens.

Kenneth A. Jones, LAW '75, was selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2015 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for eminent domain and condemnation law. Jones is a partner at Roetzel and Andress LPA in Fort Myers, Florida.

Karen Slater Maxwell, NUR '77, '04, a faculty member in the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, received her Ed.D. in instructional leadership from the University of Alabama on Aug. 2, 2014.

The Honorable Randall A. Meincke, CLA '71, LAW '75, was appointed associate juvenile court judge of Forsyth County on Aug. 1, 2014.

John C. Morris, CLA '76, was named chief adult probation officer for the Yavapai County (Ariz.) Superior Court. He has lived in Prescott, Arizona, for the past 25 years.

Lt. Col. Terry J. Mularkey, CLA '78, executive director of development at Nova Southeastern University has been recertified as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE).

Kim D. Saliba, CLA '78, played in the 2014 ITF World Tennis Championships for seniors, held in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

John T. Sherrer, PHA '77, was elected president of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA). This group represents approximately 23,000 independent community pharmacies across the United States. Sherrer is a co-owner of Kenmar Pharmacy and Poole's Pharmacy in Marietta.

Generous Mercer Supporter Emily Crum Celebrates 100th Birthday

On Oct. 4, 2014, Emily Crum, a loyal friend to Mercer celebrated her 100th birthday.

Crum and her late husband of 70 years, Remer, who died Aug. 8, 2009, have been loyal friends of the University for many years. Longtime supporters of higher education in Georgia, the Crums have generously given both time and financial support to Mercer University and LaGrange College, Crum's alma mater.

Crum is a native of LaGrange who taught in a one-room schoolhouse, equipped with an outhouse and a pot-bellied stove, in the nearby Rosemont Community. She was also a well-known speech teacher in the area. After her career in the classroom, Crum became an active volunteer, serving numerous benevolent causes.

A member of the LaGrange College class of 1935, Crum and her husband established the Emily Fisher Crum Scholarship Fund at the College in 1983. Their support of the institution has earned them lifetime standing as Fellows of LaGrange College and membership in the Quadrangle Society.

The Crums were awarded Life Member status in the President's Club of Mercer University in 1988.

In 2000, the couple announced their intent to deed an 83-acre Atlanta Office Park known as Century Center Park to Mercer and LaGrange College as part



Emily Crum with Lesli Underwood and Mercer President Bill Underwood

of their estate plan. This planned gift is the largest the University has recorded in its 182-year history.

The Century Center property was once a farm belonging to Mrs. Crum's mother's family. She fondly recalls riding horses and traveling along dirt roads at the farm. The Crums also endowed the Bessie Ayers Fisher Scholarship Fund at Tift College. The fund provides scholarships at Mercer for gifted women.

She is a member of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta and was involved in many leadership roles with her husband.

For her steadfast commitment to Mercer, Crum received an honorary doctorate of humanities from the University in 2001.

1980s

Chip Bachara, LAW '86, was reappointed by Florida Gov. Rick Scott to the 4th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. Originally appointed in 2011, he has chaired the commission since 2012. Bachara was also selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2015 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for construction litigation. He is the founding partner of Bachara Construction Law Group in Jacksonville, Florida.

Sharon F. Clackum, PHA '80, '81, was named president of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP) for 2014-15. She was elected in 2013 and served as president-elect for the past year.

Newton Galloway, LAW '80, and his firm, Galloway & Lyndall, received GreenLaw's Ogden Doremus Award for Excellence in Environmental Law. The award is given annually to attorneys who have used the law in an ethical and professional manner to protect Georgia's natural

resources and through their leadership, inspire others to do so.

The Honorable James E. Hardin Jr., LAW '83, currently serves the state of North Carolina as a Superior Court judge and was recently selected as the Chief Trial Judge of the U.S. Army Reserve.

Mark McElreath, CLA '87, was appointed national Lambda Chi Alpha president (Grand High Alpha) in July 2014. McElreath is a partner with Alston & Bird LLP in their New York City office. His practice focuses on debt and equity securities offerings, public and private mergers, and acquisitions activities. He is a co-leader of the financial services practice group.

Anton Mertens, CLA '84, LAW '87, served as a contributing author for the recently published book *Inside the Minds: Employing International Workers*. He authored a chapter on overcoming immigration challenges when hiring international workers, outlining obstacles and best practices for employers seeking to hire international talent.

Scott E. Miller, CLA '84, was appointed director of financial aid for the University of Virginia in January 2014.

Zachery Mitcham, BUS '80, was selected to serve on the executive committee of the New Hanover County (North Carolina) Health Board.

Lynn Murphy, CLA '85, released her 16th novel, *Hiding Mona Lisa*, a story inspired by actual events. The book is based on the evacuation of art from the Louvre in Paris during the summer of 1939 to protect pieces, including the Mona Lisa, from Hitler's anticipated art plunder. The book is available in paperback and on Kindle.

Scott M. Stevens, CLA '83, LAW '86, was admitted to practice law in Tennessee and sworn into the Tennessee State Bar on Oct. 16, 2014. He has also received an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated status from Martindale-Hubbell. Stevens concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial litigation and creditors' rights with Howe & Associates in Johns Creek.

F. Michael Taylor, LAW '88, joined the Augusta office of Brennan, Wasden, and Painter LLC. Taylor is a partner in the firm and focuses his practice in the area of general civil litigation with an emphasis in medical malpractice, trucking litigation defense and general tort cases.

1990s

Gregory M. Alford, LAW '94, and **Mitchell J. Thoreson**, LAW '08, have formed the law firm of Alford & Thoreson LLC. The firm practices in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Anjali Arnold, BUS '90, is a 2014 W.I.S.H. (Wom-

en Inspiring Strength and Hope) Society honoree in Charlotte, North Carolina. As a member of the W.I.S.H. Society, Arnold and her co-honorees each took on the task to raise funds for Make-A-Wish and grant the wish of a child in the community.

D. Bryant Chitwood, CLA '91, was named a RTI intervention specialist in the Fulton County School System's North District on Oct. 6, 2014. Based at Elkins Pointe Middle School in Roswell, he works with students in the response to intervention (RTI) process to ensure progress is met and documentation is in place for other services, collaborating with teachers to develop successful

strategies that allow all students to achieve at their highest possible level.

J. Jeffrey Deery, LAW '90, was selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2015 edition of The Best Lawyers in America for commercial litigation and litigation — banking and finance. Deery is a shareholder with the law firm of Winderweede, Haines, Ward and Woodman, practicing in the firm's Orlando, Florida, office.

Brian F. Duckworth, LAW '95, was elected to the County Court Bench in Orange County, Florida, in August 2014. He took office handling a criminal docket in January.

Robert Glisson, EGR '95, celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the launch of Royal Restrooms, a luxury restroom trailer rental company. He co-founded the company in Savannah, and it now has 47 franchise offices in 15 states.

Matthew R. Hall, CLA '96, LAW '00, was appointed chairman of The Salvation Army Central Georgia Area Command Advisory Board.

Kelli Sue Kennedy, BUS '90, was promoted to career and technical education curriculum specialist for the School District of Manatee County, Florida.

Kenneth D. McArthur Jr., LAW '93, has joined Pietragallo, Gordon, Alfano, Bosick & Raspanti LLP to run the Richmond, Virginia, office. He practices in the areas of health care, complex litigation with a focus on antitrust litigation, multi-district litigation and class actions, business/corporate and federal and state *qui tam* litigation.

Elizabeth Megale, BUS '98, LAW '02, earned tenure as a professor at Savannah Law School, a branch of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School. Megale teaches advanced appellate advocacy, pretrial advocacy and transactional drafting, and the art of advocacy.

Larae D. Moore, LAW '95, has joined the litigation firm of Hatcher Stubbs in Columbus after serving 14 years as senior assistant district attorney in the Chattahoochee Judicial Court, specializing in prosecution of serious violent felonies in Superior Court.

Blaine Palmer, CLA '98, has joined Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's International Realty as a broker associate. He brought his team, The Palmer Team & Associates, to the firm and specializes in the Atlanta market. Palmer was recognized by the Atlanta Board of Realtors with membership in the Multi-Million Dollar Sales Club for reaching a sales volume of more than \$12 million in 2013.

Luna Phillips, LAW '95, was voted onto the board for the Florida chapter of the Water Resources Association. Phillips is a shareholder in the Fort Lauderdale, Florida, office of Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart PA and practices exclusively in the field of Florida environmental law, focusing on water and natural resources law.

Brent Ragsdale, BUS '96, has been promoted to chief financial officer and made a member of the executive committee at Chick-fil-A.

2000s

Christopher Arnold, LAW '08, has been named a partner with the law firm of Jones, Cork and Miller LLP in Macon. His practice is primarily focused on personal injury litigation, business litigation, insurance defense and general litigation.

Michael Brooks Bender, LAW '04, was appointed to the Board of Directors at Gas Natural Inc. in February. He currently serves as director, corporate secretary and corporate counsel of The InterTech Group Inc., a large, privately held, diversified holding company.

Jennifer Blackburn, LAW '04, received the Award of Achievement for Service to the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia on June 6, 2014, during the organization's annual meeting.

John Gage Breakfield, LAW '01, was appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal to serve as a member of the Georgia Judicial Nominating Commission, which reviews applications and interviews candidates for open Georgia trial and appellate court judge positions throughout the state before making recommendations to the governor. Breakfield



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Unveiling of the plaque signifying the W. Homer Drake Jr. Georgia Bankruptcy Inn of Court.

Bankruptcy Inn of Court Named in Honor Of Mercer Alumnus and Life Trustee Homer Drake

The newly established W. Homer Drake Jr. Georgia Bankruptcy American Inn of Court has been named in honor of Mercer alumnus Homer Drake, CLA '54, LAW '56, a U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge for the Northern District of Georgia since 1964.

In a ceremony at the U.S. District Courthouse in Newnan, Drake was presented with a plaque of the national Charter of the Inn. Speakers at the ceremony included Ray Mullins, Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Georgia; Emmet J. Bondurant, 11th Circuit Advisory Committee of the American Inns of Court Foundation; Timothy C. Batten Sr., U.S. District Court Judge; and finally, Drake, who gave remarks in response to this honor.

The ceremony was attended by approximately 80 members of the inn from throughout Georgia as well as family, friends and staff of Drake. A reception followed the ceremony at the historic Major Long House in downtown Newnan.

The Drake Bankruptcy Inn is a bankruptcy specialty inn with statewide membership consisting of bankruptcy and insolvency practitioners, judges, law professors and students.

Inns of Court are professional organizations for judges and attorneys. This custom dates back to the

13th century and traces its roots to England, where membership in an inn is required for attorneys. Since the establishment of the American Inns of Court Foundation in 1985, these groups have gained popularity in the United States.

Born in Colquitt, Drake grew up in Newnan, and he and his wife, Ruth, CLA '59, still live there today. The Drakes are Life Members of The President's Club of Mercer University, and he is a Life Trustee of the University.

In 2012, the Drakes made a lead gift for the football and lacrosse complex to name the Homer and Ruth Drake Field House, where the football and lacrosse programs have their offices and locker rooms as well as other training facilities. Drake Field House also includes a sports medicine clinic operated by the School of Medicine.

Drake is a past president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a former member of the Judicial Conference's Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System. He founded the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute, which recognized his contributions to bankruptcy law by establishing the W. Homer Drake Jr. Endowed Chair in Bankruptcy Law at Mercer Law School.

maintains a private law practice at Breakfield & Associates, Attorneys.

Brook Bristow, LAW '07, was appointed executive director of the South Carolina Brewers Guild. In this role, he handles day-to-day operations running the trade association for South Carolina's 20 breweries and 14 brewpubs. He also serves as the Guild's general counsel and spokesman.

Kimberly D. Brown, CLA '06, was chosen to present in a session at the American School Counselor Association Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, June 29-July 2, 2014. She presented on "Time-Friendly Strategies for Working with Students with Disabilities." Brown is a professional school counselor with the Beaufort County School District in Beaufort, South Carolina.

Ben Bryant, LAW '09, serves as assistant general counsel, financial services for InComm. He was recently appointed by Gov. Deal as a member of the state board of the Technical College System of Georgia. He and his wife, Kristen Bryant, also serve on the board for the Fernbank Museum of Natural History's Artemis Guild.

Brian Burkhalter, LAW '05, was promoted to partner at The Patel Burkhalter Law Group, which was renamed to reflect this change.

Ivy Cadle, LAW '07, received the Award of Achievement for Service to the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia on June 6, 2014, during the organization's annual meeting.

Rebecca McKelvey Castañeda, LAW '06, was selected by the Tennessee Bar Association (TBA) as the recipient of the Harris Gilbert Pro Bono Volunteer Award. This annual award is given to a private sector attorney who demonstrates dedication to legal services for the poor and provides significant pro bono work. Castañeda was recognized for her pro bono activities and her service on the board of the Tennessee Justice Center at the 2015 Public Service Luncheon in Nashville, Tennessee, on Jan. 10. In addition, she was selected to participate in the TBA's Leadership Law Class for 2015. Leadership Law is a 6-month leadership training program where participants learn the vision, knowledge and skills necessary to serve as leaders in their profession and local communities.

Julie Kramer Darty, CLA '08, was named head women's volleyball coach at Jacksonville University on April 16, 2014. A volleyball player as a student at Mercer, Darty was previously an assistant coach at Villanova University and associate head coach at the University of South Carolina.

Antonio Davis, BUS '07, attended the 21st annual Ph.D. Project Conference, Nov. 19-21, 2014, in Chicago. Davis has been employed with AT&T for the past 16 years and works in Conyers as network support manager.

Jeanne Lillian Dixon, BUS '01, was chosen as Cook Primary School Teacher of the Year and Cook County Teacher of the Year for 2014-15.

Tiffany M. Donald, CLA '02, was named associate director of undergraduate and traditional age students in the Office of Admissions at Armstrong State University in Savannah.

V. Sharon Edenfield, LAW '03, was installed as the 68th president of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia on June 6, 2014, during the organization's annual meeting. She was sworn in by her uncle, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia Judge B. Avant Edenfield.

Jay Ferguson, LAW '00, was given the General Counsel of the Year Award in the large employer category in this year's Corporate Counsel Awards

Alum Lanoue National Superintendent of the Year

Tift College of Education alumnus Dr. Philip Lanoue was named 2015 National Superintendent of the Year on Feb. 26 during the National Conference on Education, hosted by AASA, The School Superintendents Association.

Dr. Lanoue earned his Ph.D. in educational leadership from Tift College and has served as superintendent of the Clarke County School District in Athens since 2009.

He was named Georgia Superintendent of the Year by the AASA last December, and was selected over three other finalists from Florida, Virginia and Louisiana for the national award, which was announced during the organization's 150th anniversary celebration in San Diego.

Under the leadership of Dr. Lanoue, the Clarke County School District has been honored as a Title I Distinguished District for being Georgia's No. 1 large district for closing the achievement gap between economically disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students.

Prior to serving as superintendent of the Clarke

County School District, Dr. Lanoue was area assistant superintendent for the Cobb County School District in Marietta. He previously served as principal for 18 years in four high schools in Massachusetts and Vermont, his home state.

He earned his M.Ed. in administration and planning and his bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Vermont.



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Dr. Lanoue

sponsored by the Atlanta Business Chronicle and the Association of Corporate Counsel, Georgia chapter. He is the chief legal officer for Randstad North America.

Jamie Flowers, LAW '09, was sworn in as an assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Louisiana. He works in the office's criminal division focusing primarily on violent cases.

Charlie Grimsley, BUS '06, LAW '10, finished the Army's Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course at the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, Virginia. He graduated third in his class of 71 and was an honor graduate. Grimsley now serves as a JAG Officer in the Georgia Army National Guard.

April Holloway, LAW '09, joined the law firm of Constangy, Brooks & Smith LLP in Macon.

Darcy L. Jones, LAW '05, has been promoted to partner at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP. She works in the Silicon Valley, California, office in intellectual property investigation and was formerly special counsel.

Michael Memberg, LAW '08, is now licensed to practice law in Florida. He practices in the Atlanta office of Hall Booth Smith PC. His practice focuses on the representation of employers, insurers and servicing agents in all aspects of workers' compensation claims.

Karen Molek, CLA '01, assistant professor of chemistry at the University of West Florida, was one of two faculty members to receive a National Institutes of Health grant totaling approximately \$930,000 to provide support for underrepresented undergraduate students pursuing Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. degrees in the biomedical and behavioral sciences.

D'Andrea J. Morning, LAW '07, joined Grady Health System as senior associate general counsel. Previously, she was a senior associate in the health care group at Alston & Bird LLP. Morning was recently selected by Xavier University of Louisiana

as one of its inaugural 40 Under 40 Young Alumni Award recipients.

John C. "Buddy" Morrison III, CLA '03, LAW '06, was made partner in the law firm of Butler Wooten Cheeley and Peak LLP with offices in Atlanta and Columbus. His areas of practice include personal injury, motor vehicle and professional and commercial liability.

Nducu wa Ngugi, EDU '07, '10, has written a novel, *City Murders*, which is available in Kenya. It is a crime thriller published by the East African Educational Publishers.

Linda Nguyen, LAW '00, was recognized by *Georgia Trend* magazine in its 2014 Forty Under Forty. She is a partner at the law firm of Page, Scramton, Sprouse, Tucker & Ford, PC, in Columbus.

Brandon L. Peak, LAW '04, became a name partner in the law firm of Butler Wooten Cheeley and Peak LLP with offices in Atlanta and Columbus. Peak, who handles catastrophic personal injury and business tort cases, was named one of 40 lawyers under the age of 40 "On the Rise" by *The Fulton County Daily Report*.

Rachel Powell, CLA '09, graduated from the University of Georgia on Aug. 1, 2014, with a Ph.D. in health promotion and behavior. She is working as a fellow in the division of nutrition, physical activity and obesity at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta.

Del Schwalls, EGR '00, was selected to serve on the professional team of the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology as the hydrology subject matter expert. Schwalls also launched his own engineering firm, Schwalls Consulting LLC in September 2014.

Jewel Scott, LAW '00, is Jamaica's new honorary consul to Atlanta. As honorary consul, Scott will provide consular services to Jamaicans and persons wishing to visit Jamaica, and promote the development of social, cultural and commercial relationships between Jamaica and Atlanta.

Shannon Sheppard, LAW '04, was promoted to equity shareholder at the law firm of Smolker, Bartlett, Schlosser, Loeb and Hinds PA in Tampa, Florida. Sheppard concentrates her practice in the area of commercial real estate transactions.

Serina Shyu, BUS '05, joined Jon Baker Financial Group as a support advisor in September 2014.

Clanitra L. Stewart, LAW '00, has joined the library faculty at Northern Illinois University College of Law as a reference and instructional services librarian and assistant professor. In her new role, she provides legal reference assistance to faculty, students and other library users. In addition, she teaches a legal research class at the school.

M. Chase Swanson, BUS '07, LAW '10, received the Cobb County Bar Association's 2014 Ross Adams Younger Lawyer Award on May 1, 2014.

R. Scott Tomerlin, PHA '06, has been voted president-elect of the Florida Pharmacy Association (FPA). He will be installed at the FPA Annual Meeting and Convention, June 24-28, at the Renaissance at World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Florida.

Matt Wetherington, CLA '07, LAW '10, was selected as one of 40 lawyers under the age of 40 "On the Rise" by *The Fulton County Daily Report*.

Wendell F. White Jr., CLA '06, LAW '09, became the legislative assistant for Congressman Henry Cuellar of Texas at the start of 2014. White's legislative portfolio includes state and foreign operations appropriations, energy and defense.

James Wright, LAW '09, became vice president of corporate services for GreyStone Power Corporation, where he is in charge of human resources and information systems.

Arthur R. York, LAW '09, joined Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers in Atlanta, where he specializes in litigation defense.

2010s

Bernard Anderson, EDU '13, has moved to California and become assistant dean of students at California Polytechnic State University.

Submit your personal accomplishments, marriage/births/anniversary or In Memory announcements for *The Mercerian* in the Alumni Class Notes section to Drew Bloodworth, coordinator of Advancement Communications, at bbloodworth_dt@mercer.edu.

Terri Benton, LAW '12, is now employed as general counsel for The Reunion Group LLC in Macon.

Courtney Bodie, LAW '12, was selected as one of Augusta's 2014 Top 10 in 10 Young Professionals to Watch by the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce and Augusta Magazine. She was also admitted to the District of Columbia Bar in September 2014.

Antoine Bostic, LAW '11, and his fiancée **Bertila Boyd**, LAW '11, operate Bostic & Boyd LLC in Columbia, South Carolina. The practice focuses on family, criminal and juvenile cases.

Jacquie Bretell, LAW '11, is now an associate attorney with Morris Anderson of Las Vegas. She was also selected for the Top 40 Under 40 Trial Lawyers in Nevada.

David Cheng, LAW '12, has been appointed to the Georgia Bar Journal Editorial Board for a 3-year term. He has also joined the State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division Professionalism Committee.

Rachel F. Cosme, CLA '11, was promoted to senior manager of member relations at the Air Force Association (AFA) in January. AFA is a nonprofit, independent, professional military and aerospace education association located in Arlington, Virginia.

John Herbert Cranford Jr., LAW '12, is working as an assistant district attorney in Coweta County.

Ron Daniels, LAW '12, was recently appointed as a special assistant attorney general by Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens to represent the Division of Child Support Services in the Oconee Judicial Circuit. Additionally, Daniels recently joined the editorial board of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association magazine, *The Verdict*.

Ryan W. English, LAW '12, is an attorney associate at Walker, Hulbert, Gray, & Moore in Perry, where he practices in domestic and family law as well as criminal defense and general litigation.

John Greenway, BUS '11, LAW '11, graduated from the University of South Carolina with an international MBA. He is a business analyst for

Peak Completion Technologies Inc. in Midland, Texas. He completed the Augusta Half Ironman last year and is set to compete in his first full Ironman in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Lauren Harris, LAW '10, is an attorney with Lisenby & Associates LLC in Macon as of September 2014. The firm provides transactional services, including business formation, contract drafting/review and real estate.

Tyler Hurst, LAW '11, was named assistant district attorney in the 8th Judicial District of Tennessee, where his practice focuses mainly on Union County. He resides in New Tazewell, Tennessee.

Elizabeth Knapper, CLA '14, was named a 2014 Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellow by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

Laura Lopez-Sosa, EGR '14, was hired as a project engineer by HRP Associates Inc., an environmental and civil engineering and hydrogeology firm in Greenville, South Carolina. She is responsible for meeting HRP clients' needs in the multimedia areas of environmental health and safety compliance.

Taylor McNeill, LAW '10, was named vice chair of the Government Defense Committee of the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association.

Lauren J. Miller, LAW '14, has joined Davis, Matthews & Quigley PC's domestic relations and family law section. A member of the State Bar of Georgia and the Atlanta Bar Association, she is admitted to practice law before all trial level courts for the State of Georgia and will represent clients in a variety of family law matters including divorce, child custody, child support, alimony and equitable division of property.

Erica Hickey Opitz, LAW '10, was chosen to be on the advisory committee of Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta.

David Ozburn, LAW '10 is now a partner at Alexander Royston in Covington.

Michele Wetherington, LAW '10, was awarded a bronze medal for commendable service from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of General Counsel for exceptional legal counseling related to water quality standards.

Katie Willett, LAW '10, received the Award of Achievement for Service to the Public from the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia on June 6, 2014, during the organization's annual meeting.

Marriages, Births & Anniversaries

2000s

Rebekah Betsill, LAW '09, married Charles Twilley on Oct. 14, 2014.

Kristin Bloodworth, LAW '09, and her husband, Jeremy Bloodworth, announce the birth of their son, Jeremy Kole, on April 15, 2014.

Janene Browder, BUS '09, LAW '12, married Hussene Youssouf, BUS '10, on June 22, 2014.

Daniel Cole, BUS '07, LAW '12, married Autumn Turner on April 5, 2014, outside of Chattanooga, Tenn. They now reside in Atlanta, and Cole is employed with Moore, Ingram, Johnson & Steele in Marietta.

Ashley L. Deadwyler, CLA '06, LAW '10, married Nick Heuman on April 5, 2014.

Lee Ann Feeley, LAW '09, married Currey Hitchens on April 26, 2014. She also adopted her son, Dominic Jason, on Aug. 12, 2014.

Jacob Fleming, CLA '07, DIV '11, and his wife, **Caroline Hatcher Fleming**, BUS '07, announce the birth of their first son, Luke Thomas, on March 24, 2014.

George Griffin Hogan III, CLA '01, and **Justine Ottenhoff Hogan**, CLA '00, announce the birth of their fourth child, Alice Jane, on March 4, 2014. The family resides in East Richmond Hill.

Bryan Johnson, LAW '09, and his wife, **Emily Griffin Johnson**, LAW '09 announce the birth of their first child, Natalee Catherine, on March 14, 2014.

Joshua Martin, LAW '09, and his wife announce the birth of their son, Brady Rand, on March 19, 2014. Martin is a partner at Davis, Broussard, Martin, Bernard & Steger PA in Fernandina Beach, Florida.

Ian M. McMullen, LAW '09, and his wife, Ruth McMullen, announce the birth of their son, Jon Oliver "Jack," on Aug. 25, 2014.

Mike McNeill, CLA '05, LAW '12, and his wife, Mandy McNeill, announce the birth of their daughter, Ruby Patricia. He is employed as an associate at Minor, Bell & Neal in Dalton, specializing in civil litigation.

Matthew Miller, CLA '02, and his wife, Kristin Miller, announce the birth of their daughter, Evelyn, on Nov. 26, 2014. The family resides in Lenoir, North Carolina.

Anne Carroll Myers, LAW '09, married **Cayce Myers**, LAW '09, in Savannah at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on June 14, 2014. They currently reside in Roanoke, Virginia. Anne works as an attorney-advisor for the Social Security Administration. Cayce, who in May 2014 received his Ph.D. in journalism and mass communication from the University of Georgia, is an assistant professor in the department of communication at Virginia Tech, where he teaches media law, public relations and media management.

Billy J. Nelson Jr., LAW '09, and his wife, Kathryn Nelson, announce the birth of their daughter, Jennings Louise, on Sept. 21, 2014.

Ashley Regan, CLA '04, married Erik Baumann on Sept. 6, 2014, at The Mill at Yellow River in Porterdale. The couple resides in Atlanta.

Dr. Audra Robinson, MED '09, married **Dr. Samuel Robinson**, MED '09, and recently relocated back to Macon.

Sunny Ricker Sandos, LAW '09, and her husband announce the birth of their daughter on April 4, 2014. Sandos works for West & Rose in Kingsport, Tenn. She practices civil defense litigation, focusing on insurance defense.

Megan McGrath Teeple, LAW '09, and her husband, Scott Teeple, announce the birth of their daughter, Kyleigh Ann, on July 2, 2014.

Christine Kiel Yoder, CLA '04, and her husband, Ben Yoder, announce the birth of their son, Alexander Louis, on April 4, 2014.

2010s

Tommy Branch, LAW '11, and his wife, Sarah Branch, announce the birth of their first child, Asa Thomas, on Sept. 12, 2014, in Savannah.

Michael Coots, LAW '10, married Jennifer Miele on Aug. 23, 2014.

TJ Evans, LAW '11, married Jennifer Keesey on July 12, 2014. TJ is an associate with Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co. LPA in Akron, Ohio. They reside in Massillon, Ohio.

Matt Massey, LAW '10, and his wife, Amy Massey, announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline McQueen, on Sept. 24, 2014.

Sarah Brown Morris, CLA '12, and her husband, J.W. "Dub" Morris, announce the birth of their son, Samuel Robert, on Sept. 22, 2014.

Daniel O'Connor, LAW '12, and **Rizza Palmares O'Connor**, BUS '07, LAW '12, announce the birth of their second son, Judson Palmer, on March 28, 2014.

Nicholas Pavlov, LAW '10, and his wife, Samantha Pavlov, announce birth of their son, Ezra Henry, on April 24, 2014.

W. Justin Purvis, LAW '12, and his wife, Lindsey Purvis, announce the birth of their son, Luke William, on April 1, 2014.

Mary Beth Tolle, LAW '10, and her husband, Brandon Tolle, announce the birth of their son, Elijah Lewis, on March 7, 2014.

Jessica Wilson, BUS '13, married Jeremy Edwards on Sept. 6, 2014. The couple resides in Bainbridge.

Mercer Alumni Association to Offer New Print Directory

The Alumni Association, in partnership with Harris Connect, will once again offer alumni the opportunity to purchase a current alumni directory. The latest version of the directory, published in 2010, will be updated to feature listings along with photos and essays alumni submit in addition to their information. We encourage you to update your information, submit photos, purchase the directory, and reconnect with classmates.

The directory, *Alumni Today*, will be offered in a hardbound, softbound, or CD-ROM format. Alumni may purchase a full alumni directory that includes all colleges and schools of Mercer University and Tift College. There will also be a separate directory produced for the Walter F. George School of Law, which

will include practice areas for attorneys.

Harris specializes in alumni and membership publications and the data specifications involved with this type of project. Alumni will be contacted by email and/or regular mail or by phone over the next few months to verify and update their contact and career information. For more information about the directory, privacy policy, how to submit your information, project schedule, and purchase options, please visit alumni.mercer.edu/directory.



In Memory

1930s

Carolyn Scharff Etheridge, CLA '39, of Perry, Dec. 28, 2014.

1940s

Billie Jackson Baxley, TIFT '48, of Macon, Dec. 6, 2014.

Betty L. Foreman Bazemore, TIFT '48, of Lyons, Dec. 17, 2014.

Marion Pennington Boyles, CLA '46, of Boulder, Colorado, May 19, 2014.

Landon H. Brent, CLA '49, EDU '50, of Macon, Aug. 7, 2014.

Leo Burgess, EDU '41, of Fayetteville, Dec. 30, 2014.

Evelyn McArthur Clegg, CLA '49, EDU '67, of Alpharetta, Nov. 29, 2014.

Gwendolyn Nottingham Cox, CLA '43, of Springfield, Virginia, Jan. 20.

The Honorable George B. Culpepper, LAW '43, of Macon, Nov. 29, 2014.

Sarah Laing Davidson, EDU '46, of Athens, July 19, 2014.

Elizabeth Ray DeFina, NUR '45, of Tallahassee, Florida, Feb. 28, 2014.

Owen Thomas Felker, CLA '44, of Greenville, South Carolina, Nov. 15, 2014.

Robert G. Gardner, CLA '49, of Macon, Aug. 11, 2014.

Marjorie Bryant Gore, NUR '48, of Clinton, Miss., Sept. 4, 2014.

Rosalyn Wilson Hall, TIFT '41, of Macon, Dec. 20, 2014.

Robert W. Hites, CLA '47, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Nov. 17, 2014.

Marion L. Hodges, CLA '42, of Morrow, Dec. 10, 2014.

Veronica Tuten Horton, CLA '40, of St. Simons Island, July 27, 2014.

Sarah Henson Hubert, CLA '49, of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, April 6, 2014.

The Rev. Gordon A. Hunter Jr., CLA '42, of Waycross, Jan. 29, 2014.

Lillian Howell Manley, TIFT '49, of Lilburn, Aug. 3, 2014.

Margaret Leavell Mann, CLA '45, of Newnan, Nov. 29, 2014.

John B. Miller, LAW '48, of Savannah, Nov. 7, 2014.

Dr. Ralph Donald Roberts, CLA '44, of Fitzgerald, Dec. 19, 2014.

Ruth Adelaide Johnston Sopp, TIFT '41, of Ridgecrest, California, Jan. 1.

The Rev. Alec Frasier Thompson, CLA '47, of Forsyth, Dec. 18, 2014.

Nell Finley Thurman, CLA '47, of Atlanta, May 31, 2014.

Mary Kate Tribble, TIFT '49, of Macon, Aug. 4, 2014.

Wiley Joe Williams, CLA '49, of Newnan, Sept. 26, 2014.

Col. William L. Wood Jr., CLA '41, of Macon, Sept. 7, 2014.

1950s

Kathleen Harper Ausmus, NUR '56, TIFT '77, of Dalton, Sept. 13, 2014.

Louise S. Bennett, NUR '59, of Memphis, Tennessee, Feb. 16, 2014.

James M. Bohannon, CLA '59, of Millen, May 17, 2014.

Agnes Thurman Burson, TIFT '51, of Carrollton, Nov. 2, 2014.

Ruby Nell Seymour Courson, TIFT '58, of Alapaha, Oct. 5, 2014.

Roy Newton Cowart, CLA '59, LAW '61, of Warner Robins, Aug. 3, 2014.

Charles F. Daniel Jr., CLA '54, of Warner Robins, July 27, 2014.

Harold J. Deal, CLA '51, of Wrightsville, Jan. 25.

The Rev. Joseph Sidney Dukes III, CLA '58, of Albany, Jan. 3.

Boykin B. Dunaway, PHA '50, of Marietta, Oct. 5, 2014.

Wesley Allan Edwards, CLA '59, of Louisville, Kentucky, May 10, 2014.

Dr. John G. Etheridge, CLA '54, of Macon, Dec. 7, 2014.

Dixie Watson Fausett, CLA '54, of Peachtree City, Jan. 8.

Oscar William Gardner, CLA '55, of Hampton, Oct. 4, 2014.

Roger O. Greene, CLA '52, of Gray, Jan. 15.

Frances G. Hardy, CLA '50, of Signal Mountain, Tenn., Dec. 11, 2014.

William E. Hollingsworth Jr., CLA '55, of Augusta, Sept. 26, 2014.

Joseph L. Hopper Jr., PHA '53, of Westminster, S.C., Jan. 19.

The Rev. Paul E. Kaylor, CLA '51, of Red Bank, New Jersey, Sept. 18, 2014.

Claude H. Kemp Jr., CLA '50, of Milledgeville, Nov. 11, 2014.

Barbara P. King, CLA '50, of Rock Hill, South Carolina, Nov. 25, 2014.

Jack M. Landrum, CLA '50, of Lawrenceville, Aug. 13, 2014.

Edward A. Mallory Jr., PHA '58, of Dunwoody, Jan. 16.

Martin Luther Malloy III, CLA '55, of Maggie Valley, North Carolina, Dec. 14, 2014.

Charles E. McDaniel Jr., CLA '55, HON '85, of Columbus, Nov. 3, 2014.

Otis Lee McKinney Jr., CLA '52, of Macon, Sept. 27, 2014.

Loyal Friend of Mercer University Aileen Borrish Dies

A longtime friend and supporter of Mercer University, Aileen Kasper Borrish, of Douglasville, died Feb. 25, at age 94.

She and her late husband, Fred W. Borrish, who died Oct. 9, 2012, took a special interest in the academic programs at Mercer, particularly the University's Douglas County Regional Academic Center. Their support has provided enhanced educational opportunities for residents of Douglasville and the surrounding areas.

Since 1982, the Borrishes have been members of The President's Club, and, in 1999, they became Life Members. They believed the Regional Academic Center provided a chance for working individuals to get a quality education, for which Mercer is known, and to expand their professional careers while still



Aileen Borrish

keeping their part- or full-time jobs.

Moreover, the Fred W. and Aileen K. Borrish Building, which houses the Douglas County Regional Academic Center, was dedicated in their honor in 2007 as well as the Fred W. and Aileen K. Borrish Science Laboratory, a state-of-the-art science center, which the Borrishes generously funded. As an additional honor, Borrish received an honorary Doctor of Humanities from Mercer in 2005 for her steadfast support. The Borrishes also established the Fred W. and Aileen Kasper Borrish Endowed Scholarship at Agnes Scott College, her alma mater.

At Agnes Scott, Borrish was a member of the scientific fraternity Chi Beta Phi — an unusual accomplishment for a woman at that time. After completing a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics, Borrish worked as an internal auditor at Southern Bell/AT&T for 41 years. During her career, she became one of the first two women to be elected a Fellow of the Institute of Internal Auditors. Before her retirement in 1982, she introduced computer operation procedures for Southern Bell in Georgia.

A person of faith and dedication, Borrish was the last living charter member of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta, where she was married to her husband and served many years. During World War II, she was a member of the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C.

Mercer Mourns the Loss of Former Faculty Member Dr. Lee Bowen

Dr. Lee Duke "Dinky" Bowen Jr., former director of the marriage and family therapy program in the Mercer University School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, died Feb. 27 at age 60, following an extended illness.

Bowen earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and a Ph.D. in marriage and family therapy from Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.



Dr. Bowen

Bowen joined the faculty of Mercer University School of Medicine in 1990 as director of the Master of Family Therapy degree program, a post he held until 2008, when he moved to the Savannah campus to serve as the director of counseling. He retired in 2013 due to health concerns.

An internationally renowned leader in family therapy who was beloved by colleagues and students alike, Bowen was president of the International Family Therapy Association at the time of his death. He previously served on the Board of Directors of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and chaired the organization's ethics committee.

Furthermore, Bowen was appointed by former Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes to serve on the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists.

A dog lover, Bowen cared deeply for his canine companions, raising seven Boxers with his wife of 20 years, Laura M. Bowen.

Bernard Arthur Miller, CLA '52, of Milan, Sept. 16, 2014.

John Thomas Minor III, CLA '50, LAW '51, of Dalton, Jan. 24.

Marjorie S. Moughon, CLA '53, of Gray, Feb. 10.

Jane Parkman Murphy-Bowles, TIFT '54, of Hoschton, Nov. 13, 2014.

Patricia J. Nixon, CLA '55, of Atlanta, Dec. 29, 2014.

James D. Orr Jr., CLA '59, of Brooklet, Sept. 26, 2014.

Mary Elizabeth Deavours Owens, TIFT '58, of Charlotte, North Carolina, Nov. 29, 2014.

Barbara J. Edwards Phillips, TIFT '50, of Tampa, Florida, Oct. 3, 2014.

Paul M. Poe, CLA '51, of Dawsonville, Dec. 11, 2014.

Marcia Joan Poole, TIFT '57, of Moultrie, Aug. 11, 2014.

Charles Curtis Poteet Jr., CLA '55, '57, of Norcross, Feb. 14, 2014.

Dr. Jerry Gaines Purvis, CLA '57, of Valdosta, Dec. 25, 2014.

Joseph Donald Reeves, CLA '51, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Aug. 18, 2014.

Jane Thomas Rowland, TIFT '52, of Augusta, Oct. 24, 2014.

J. Lawson Sayer, CLA '56, of Fairburn, Aug. 18, 2014.

Richard P. Sheridan, CLA '51, of Macon, Aug. 24, 2014.

William Dewey Smith Jr., LAW '50, of Fitzgerald, Nov. 24, 2014.

Bobbie Jean Speir, TIFT '56, EDU '76, of Juliette, Sept. 13, 2014.

Nancy Frances Stores, CLA '57, of Jacksonville, Florida, Oct. 9, 2014.

Harry Tassopoulos, PHA '50, of Atlanta, Feb. 3.

Sue Fitts Thornton, CLA '50, of Macon, Jan. 6.

1960s

Kenneth Lanier Anglin, CLA '63, of Clarksville, Aug. 29, 2014.

Nancy Easter Babb, TIFT '65, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, Jan. 18.

Stephen S. Banner Jr., PHA '68, of King, North Carolina, July 21, 2014.

Barbara Harrison Biddinger, NUR '64, of West Palm Beach, Florida, Feb. 13, 2014.

The Rev. Randy C. Carter, CLA '65, of Hannibal, Missouri, Oct. 23, 2014.

Hugh Ann Caylor, NUR '60, of Buford, Aug. 21, 2014.

The Rev. Charles C. Conway, CLA '63, of Hawkinsville, Jan. 11, 2014.

Elizabeth B. Cook, CLA '66, EDU '70, of Fernandina, Florida, Aug. 3, 2014.

Jan B. Crawford, CLA '67, of Cartersville, Feb. 9.

William H. Davis Jr., CLA '63, of LaGrange, Dec. 17, 2014.

Ruth Ayer Glover, TIFT '60, of Cleveland, Nov. 23, 2014.

Carolyn Z. Goss, CLA '66, of Lilburn, Aug. 27, 2014.

Joyce Rape Harrison, CLA '66, EDU '69, of Macon, Feb. 3.

Juanita Marilyn Harrison, NUR '60, of Stockbridge, Sept. 5, 2014.

John R. Harwell Jr., CLA '67, of Macon, Oct. 15, 2014.

Marcus Glenn Howell, CLA '64, LAW '69, of Fayetteville, Sept. 23, 2014.

Nathan F. Hunsucker, CLA '62, of St. Simons Island, Aug. 27, 2014.

Juanita B. Krysalika, CLA '62, TIFT '71, of Macon, Aug. 21, 2014.

Carole P. Machen, CLA '65, of Metamora, Illinois, Jan. 2.

Paul Taylor Marks, LAW '69, of Tampa, Florida, Nov. 25, 2014.

June C. Mauldin, CLA '63, of Mableton, Sept. 9, 2014.

William T. Minter III, CLA '62, of Aiken, South Carolina, July 20, 2014.

Carolyn Pollard, TIFT '60, of Alamo, Feb. 1, 2014.

June E. McCord Runion, TIFT '69, of Marietta, Jan. 22.

George N. Sparrow Jr., LAW '69, of Fayetteville, Nov. 15, 2014.

Sharon Strong Sutton, CLA '60, of Smyrna, Sept. 10, 2014.

Marshall Kelly Tribble Sr., CLA '60, of Anderson, S.C., Oct. 14, 2014.

Carol A. Wallen, CLA '62, of Knoxville, Tennessee, Dec. 11, 2014.

Linda Gaye Williams, NUR '62, of Hampstead, N.C., Dec. 28, 2014.

Peggy Turner Williams, CLA '61, of Coral Springs, Fla., May 30, 2014.

1970s

Charles Anderson Aultman, CLA '70, LAW '74, of Warner Robins, Feb. 8.

Marcus Eli Brewster III, CLA '78, of Jacksonville, Florida, Sept. 15, 2014.

Brenda D. Clark, CAS '78, of Sautee Nacoochee, Feb. 18, 2014.

The Honorable James L. Cline Jr., LAW '77, of Eatonton, Aug. 21, 2014.

Bill A. Corbin, LAW '71, of Panama City, Florida, Nov. 15, 2014.

James M. Giesler, PHA '79, of LaGrange, Jan. 8, 2014.

Margaret Williams Gore, TIFT '77, of Meridian, Jan. 22.

Jerald David Henson, PHA '70, of Woodstock, Sept. 11, 2014.

John H. Meek Jr., CLA '75, of Clearwater, Florida, Feb. 1.

Patsy S. Richey, EDU '74, of Easley, South Carolina, Jan. 30.

James Philip Terry, LAW '73, of Annandale, Virginia, Dec. 12, 2014.

James Isaac "Jim" Warren III, LAW '78, of Macon, Jan. 7.

The Rev. Johnny Ivan Watkins, EDU '79, of Canton, Sept. 23, 2014.

David Kiser Whatley, CLA '70, of Sky Valley, Nov. 28, 2014.

E. Marie Wilson-Lindsey, LAW '79, of Washington, D.C., Aug. 9, 2014.

Roscoe N. Woodruff, CLA '71, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Aug. 17, 2014.

1980s

Bera D. Banks, EDU '81, of Forsyth, Oct. 8, 2014.

Julia Michelle Byrd, LAW '81, of Macon, Feb. 2.

Joseph E. Carter, CLA '84, of Hazlehurst, Dec. 27, 2014.

William Olin Fountain, CLA '82, of Macon, Oct. 1, 2014.

Ward M. Gibbons, CAS '83, of Stone Mountain, Sept. 3, 2014.

Joseph David Little, LAW '88, of Calhoun, Aug. 9, 2014.

William J. Mason, LAW '84, of Columbus, Aug. 2, 2014.

Janet McCombs, PHA '81, of Athens, Dec. 10, 2014.

Harold W. Muir Jr., BUS '86, of Bogart, Aug. 16, 2014.

Carolyn Herin Pancake, TIFT '82, of Jupiter, Fla., Dec. 3, 2014.

Michael Roland Reagan, PHA '81, of Conyers, Sept. 26, 2014.

Lamar Sarter Sr., EDU '84, of Macon, Sept. 20, 2014.

Kathryn Murray Sarzen, LAW '86, of Atlanta, Nov. 21, 2014.

John Soto, PC '88, of Sandy Springs, Feb. 5.

1990s

Michael Robert Clements, PC '96, of Douglasville, Dec. 10, 2014.

Daniel Scott Dempsey, CLA '96, CHP '00, of Waycross, Aug. 5, 2014.

Charles Todd Dunn, BUS '96, of Griffin, Sept. 27, 2014.

John Paul Gaddy, CLA '90, of Macon, July 19, 2014.

W. Alan Griner, LAW '90, of Tallahassee, Florida, July 26, 2014.

Clark Madison Kent, PHA '92, of Knoxville, Tennessee, Sept. 2, 2014.

Grace Bradshaw Parker, EDU '93, of Culloden, Nov. 1, 2014.

2000s

Carole Carter Britten, PC '02, of Lithia Springs, Sept. 15, 2014.

S. Truett Cathy, HON '02, of Atlanta, Sept. 1, 2014.

The Rev. Randy E. Henderson, CLA '05, of Jonesboro, July 26, 2014.

Karen B. Knight, PC '03, of Douglasville, Nov. 6, 2014.

Kevin T. Miller, PC '03, of Roswell, July 11, 2014.

Kimberly D. Thompson, NUR '00, of Forest Park, March 18, 2014.

Friends & Former Staff

Dr. Waddell Barnes, of Macon, founding chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine in the School of Medicine, Oct. 7, 2014.

Pamela Carolin Binnicker, of Atlanta, former professor in the College of Pharmacy, Sept. 29, 2014.

Mary Neal Clark, of Louisville, Kentucky, former assistant professor of humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences, Nov. 21, 2014.

Harriet Black Gilbert, of St. Simons Island, Life Member of The President's Club, Jan. 10.

William O. Key, of Augusta, Life Member of The President's Club, July 13, 2014.

Myrtle C. Massey, of Carrollton, former secretary to the dean of the College of Pharmacy, Oct. 17, 2014.

Michael Jon Prewett, of Macon, former head of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences in the School of Medicine, Jan. 14.

Dan Ray Quisenberry, of Johnson City, Tennessee, former professor of physics and earth sciences, Feb. 7.

Helen Stinson Smith, of Macon, Life Member of The President's Club, Dec. 10, 2014.

Amelia Spears, of McDonough, former associate professor of psychology and director of scientific inquiry, Aug. 24, 2014.

Robert Luther Stephens III, of Fayetteville, former professor in the Stetson School of Business and Economics, Nov. 19, 2014.

Charles L. Whaley, of Palmetto, Life Member of The President's Club, Nov. 10, 2014.

Founder of Mercer Internal Medicine Department Dies

Dr. Waddell Barnes, founding chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine in the Mercer University School of Medicine, died on Oct. 7, 2014, at 89 years of age.

Born in Macon on June 19, 1925, Dr. Barnes graduated in 1942 from Lanier High School, where he was a member of ROTC. He attended Mercer and then entered the Navy, serving at the Jacksonville (Florida) Naval Air Station, before enrolling at Emory University School of Medicine in 1945.

Two years later, he was admitted to Harvard Medical School and graduated with his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1949.



Dr. Barnes

He completed his internship and residency at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, then re-entered the Navy in 1951, serving as the doctor on a destroyer during the Korean War.

Dr. Barnes returned to Macon in 1955 and entered private practice in internal medicine. He was the first physician member of the Macon Hospital Authority and actively worked to promote the Medical Center of Central Georgia.

After receiving one of the world's first heart bypasses, Dr. Barnes completed training in oncology at Texas Medical Center in Houston through the Baylor University College of Medicine and became board certified in 1973. Oncology became his primary practice.

He helped establish the Mercer School of Medicine in 1982 and served as the founding chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine for 10 years until his retirement in 1991. The School of Medicine honored Barnes in 2010 as an MUSM Fellow. The Fellows are a group of former members of the Board of Governors who served the School of Medicine with distinction.

Barnes is survived by three children and seven 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.



1965 Featured in the 1965 Cauldron, the Mercer Marauders were the ROTC battalion's counter-guerrilla unit. The group received a special commendation and was recognized as one of the top of its kind in the Southeast.



1915 This 1915 Commencement program was bound in hand-tied embossed leather. Commencement activities began on Saturday, June 5, and included debate and oratory competitions as well as the Annual Alumni Barbecue before diplomas were presented on Wednesday, June 9.



1990 Hewitt W. "Ted" Matthews III was named dean of the School of Pharmacy, becoming Mercer's first minority dean. A 1968 graduate of Mercer's Southern School of Pharmacy, he joined its faculty in 1973, serving as professor of pharmaceutical sciences, associate dean and acting dean before being selected for the top position. Dean Matthews now serves as dean of the College of Pharmacy and Senior Vice President for the Health Sciences.

National Alumni Association Recognizes 10 During Homecoming Football Game

MERCER'S NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION during halftime of November's Homecoming football game vs. The Citadel honored 10 individuals for their contributions to the University.

The Alumni Association's three annual awards — the Distinguished Alumnus Award, Meritorious Service Award and Thomas Sewell Plunkett Young Alumnus Award — were presented, along with the first-ever Alumni By Choice Awards.

Milton L. Cruz (CLA '82) of San Juan,

Puerto Rico, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for serving his profession in an outstanding manner, and in doing so, bringing honor to himself and the University. The award is presented for service to humanity and dedication, which have fostered Mercer ideals. Cruz, a current member of the Mercer

Board of Trustees, is chairman, president and CEO of Insignia Senior Living Inc. in San Juan.

Chris R. Sheridan Jr. of Macon received the Meritorious Service Award for his support of the Alumni Association and the University through his contribution of time, talents and financial resources.

Eleta A. Morrison (CLA '09) of Macon received the Thomas Sewell Plunkett Young Alumnus Award, which is presented to an alum who has graduated within the last 10 years and demonstrated continued support of the Alumni Association and the University through contribution of time, talents and financial resources.

The Alumni By Choice Awards were created to recognize individuals who did not graduate from Mercer but have demonstrated sustained loyalty to the University over the years. This year's inaugural recipients are **Beverly Blake, Madge T. Byington, Barbara Brown Dean, Jo Phelps Fabian, Harriet A. Newton, George H. Newton and Lesli P. Underwood.**

Recipients of the Alumni Association's three annual prestigious awards were announced at halftime of the Bears' Homecoming football game against The Citadel on Nov. 1.



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Scholarship Renamed to Honor Nathan and Sandra Deal

WHEN JEFF, CLA '65, AND LINDA PACE created the William Ralph and Jessie Mae Pace Scholarship Fund in 1974, they wanted to honor Jeff's parents upon their retirement from Cherokee National Life Insurance Company, a business his parents had a role in starting in the 1950s.

Through the years, other members of the Pace family attended Mercer, including Pace's brother, a cousin and several of their children. Therefore, they deemed it appropriate to rename the scholarship fund in 2001 as the Pace Family Legacy Scholarship.

When Pace was a student at Mercer in the early 1960s, he was in the class behind Gov. Nathan Deal, CLA '64, LAW '66, HON '03. They were fraternity brothers and Jeff credits Deal for

being an ideal role model to him and many others during their years together at Mercer.

In fact, Deal gave Jeff the encouragement to run for a class office. He went on to win that election and others, later serving as Student Government Association vice president and Interfraternity Council president.

As an alumnus, Pace has served as president of the Alumni Association, as national chairman of the Mercer Annual Fund campaign and as a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

Linda Pace, at one time, worked on Mercer's Atlanta campus. In 1999, Linda co-founded a new company (PACE Sales & Marketing) with Jeff, and has played a leadership role in the development of the company.

"Nathan Deal played an extremely important role in my life, a much more important role than I'm sure he realizes," Jeff said. "He was a motivator of mine to get involved in a meaningful manner in student life."

The Paces felt the urge to do something to honor Deal, and his wife, Sandra. In that spirit, the Paces contacted the University and requested that the Pace Family Legacy Scholarship be renamed the Nathan and Sandra Deal Leadership Development Scholarship.

The Paces felt this renaming was a fitting tribute not only for the formative personal influence of the Deals, but also for their contributions to improving the quality of life for the citizens of Georgia through their public service.

Mercer Greek Alumni Leading Through Service and Support

Thousands of young men and women have developed life-long relationships as the result of their membership in one of Mercer's 17 fraternities and sororities. With the Greek experience, many Mercerians have met their spouses and developed leadership skills that helped lead to success in their careers. Greek alumni represent many of the University's most loyal volunteers and donors.

Brad Folsom, CLA '93, and Tina LaBell Folsom, CLA '94, LAW '99, of Valdosta are living proof. As Mercer students Brad was a member of Sigma Nu, and Tina was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta. They met through their Greek experience, were later married, and have gone on to successful legal careers along with holding significant leadership roles in their community. Loyal Mercer supporters, they are members of The President's Club, where Brad serves as an at-large officer.

"We both enjoyed our time at Mercer and a large part of that was the time spent with our fraternity brothers and sorority sisters," they said. "We both held leadership roles in our organizations and in other areas around campus. Those roles were a significant part of our success today. And, the friends made during that time have stood the test of time."

With the Folsoms serving as campaign chairs, the University is launching the **Mercer Greek Challenge**. This initiative is designed to better connect Mercer's most loyal constituents to the University, increase financial support for The Mercer Fund and award cash prizes for Mercer's Greek chapters by encouraging alumni participation. To learn more, contact the Office of University Advancement at (478) 301-2715 or visit giving.mercer.edu/greekchallenge.



Gifts to the University show the support of our alumni and 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. You may also use the envelope enclosed in this issue of *The Mercerian*.





2015 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

										
SEPT 5	SEPT 12	SEPT 19	OCT 3	OCT 10	OCT 17	OCT 24	OCT 31	NOV 7	NOV 14	NOV 21
at AUSTIN PEAY	STETSON	at TENN. TECH	WOFFORD	at WCU	ETSU	VM HOMECOMING	at THE CITADEL CHATTANOOGA	at FURMAN	SAMFORD	

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