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**Cover:** Samford freshmen, from left, Emily Lindsey, Emma Cole and Jane Alice Moore move into campus housing with help from senior Taylor Horneman.





Fireworks light up the sky over Seibert Stadium as Samford celebrates its 34-6 football win over West Alabama Sept. 8.

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# To Care About Samford

As I pulled into the driveway at the house a few days ago and saw the expression on my wife Jeanna's face, I knew that something was wrong.

"Miley just ran away," she said as I lowered the car window.

Miley is our four-year-old Welsh Corgi. We got her when she was 2 and—yes—already named. (Our daughter, Riley, was not amused that our dog's name rhymed with hers.) In the intervening two years, Miley has become a cherished member of our family, so the threat of her loss was a shock.

We moved immediately into rescue mode, sticking lost dog flyers to signs in the neighborhood, calling friends, posting messages on websites and notifying the police.

Midnight came. No Miley.

Dawn came. No Miley.

At the office that morning, I confided our loss to coworkers. They love Miley, so they expressed their sadness. A few minutes later, Darlene Kuhn, my assistant, asked me if I knew of the notices on the internet from people assisting in the search for Miley. Stunned, I stood at Darlene's computer screen as she scrolled the postings, all from people I didn't know. Then I learned that a friend was driving around our neighborhood looking for Miley. A neighbor in Homewood sent me a link for an email

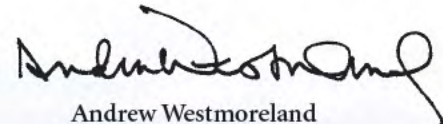
connection to assist in the search. While the morning unfolded, I discovered that people, known and unknown to me, had joined arms to try to find a missing dog.

So what does the story of a runaway Corgi have to do with our work at Samford? If so many people, otherwise disconnected, could come together on short notice to help with the rescue of an obscure dog, imagine the possibilities if just a fraction of our graduates and friends could join hands to advance the life-changing work done each day at Samford.

Miley? A nice couple driving down Highway 31 spotted her a few minutes after her escape, pulled over to pick her up, cared for her overnight, and called the next morning to arrange her transfer back home.

People have soft places in their hearts for dogs—and, hopefully, great universities.

As always, please keep Samford in your prayers.



Andrew Westmoreland  
President

*Dr. Westmoreland shares thoughts weekly at [http://president.samford.edu/monday\\_mission.aspx](http://president.samford.edu/monday_mission.aspx).*





# report

## West Village Construction Progressing, First Housing Expected in Spring



Construction on the West Village residence hall development is progressing on schedule and on budget, according to David Whitt, Samford's director of capital planning and improvement.

"The first building is scheduled to be completed in January 2013 for occupancy in the spring semester by independent upperclassmen," Whitt noted in August.

The building—the first Samford residence hall constructed in more than 20 years—will contain 100 private bedrooms in 25 suites. Each suite will contain four bedrooms, two baths, a living room, kitchenette and self-contained temperature control.

The majority of the new parking spaces in the project were turned over to the university for fall 2012 semester.

Whitt also noted that two additional

West Village buildings with 200 additional private bedrooms will be completed during the summer of 2013 for occupancy in the fall 2013 semester, bringing to 300 the total number of new bedrooms.

Each building will have a public lobby, two elevators, small sitting rooms, multipurpose meeting rooms, and laundry and vending areas.

Completion of the 2013 projects will bring campus housing capacity to more than 2,300.

A fourth building with another 100 bedrooms is planned for construction later, replacing the two remaining Odum Lane Student Apartment buildings in the area. ■

## Numbers Up for 171st Academic Year

Samford opened its 171st year this fall with a record number of students living on campus, more international students than ever before and another record enrollment.

Residence hall capacity is full with more than 2,100 students residing on campus, according to Director of Residence Life Lauren Taylor. That capacity will increase in the spring with the addition of new residence halls scheduled for completion this fall (*see story at left*).

Samford has 191 international students, according to Associate Provost Mary Sue Baldwin (*see page 24*). Of these, 94 are returning to campus and another 97 are beginning their first year. Sixteen new exchange students are from Argentina, the United Kingdom, Germany, South Korea, Hong Kong, India and Thailand. The remaining 81 new students are Chinese, reflecting the university's ongoing outreach in Asia.

University officials projected another record fall enrollment. Last year's record was 4,758.

A total of 26 new faculty members are included among Samford's 320 full-time faculty members this fall. ■

## Casey Gets Award



Casey

Senior systems analyst Abby Casey received the 2012 President's Award as a staff member who exceeds all expectations and offers exemplary service to all segments of the Samford community.

Casey, who has worked in Samford's technology services department for 13 years, was cited at the opening fall convocation as a "willing and dedicated coworker with wonderful ideas and a generous spirit" by President Andrew Westmoreland.

The award carries a cash prize of \$1,000.

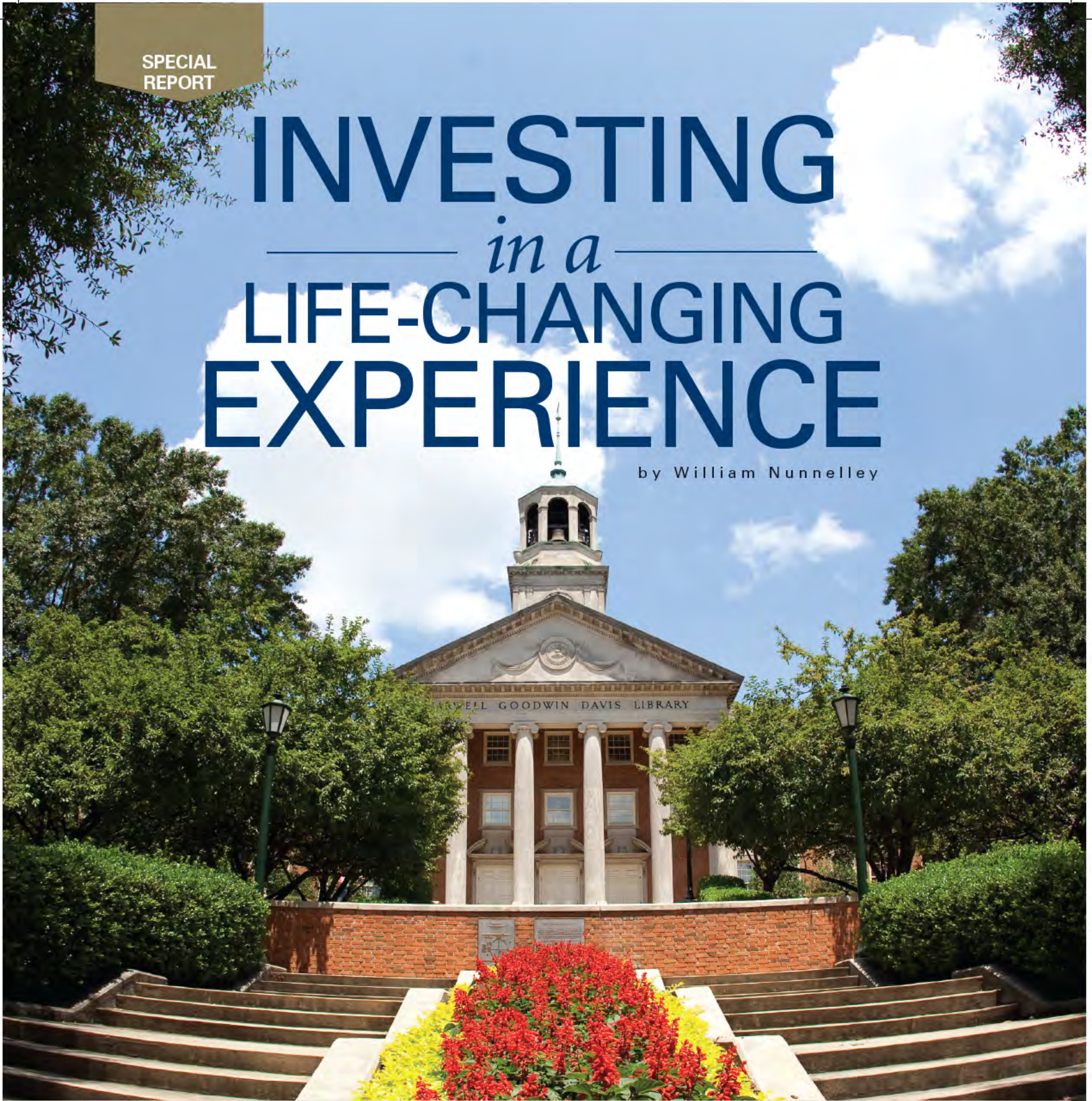
Classics department chair Randy Todd won the Buchanan Teaching Award, also presented at opening convocation (*see page 26*). ■



SPECIAL  
REPORT

# INVESTING *in a* LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

by William Nunnolley



**M**aintaining its position as a strong but affordable private university is one of Samford's highest priorities. Its goal is to provide the life-changing experience of a university education to as many qualified students as possible.

What is Samford doing to make such an experience possible? How do financial aid dollars reach a broad

audience? Do students feel good about the academic programs in which their families are investing? How does Samford stack up in terms of student debt?

*Seasons* magazine takes a look at these issues in the following special report on financial aid and scholarships. It talks to students who are representative of those on scholarship and those

who face student debt after graduation.

Samford works to help ease the burden of college costs by providing scholarships and working with parents to package financial aid. The hope is that the overview in the next few pages will give readers a clearer picture of how these goals are being accomplished.





## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Andrew Westmoreland

This *Seasons* carries stories about how student debt is impacting higher education today and how we at Samford are trying to manage the delicate balance between budget needs, financial aid, tuition and other expenses, and student debt. This is a serious and regular conversation for us. As president, I find inspiration in the stories of our students and families who make sacrifices of many kinds to obtain a Samford education.

One of those students is Josh Waddell, a sophomore chemistry major from Tuscumbia, Ala., attending Samford with the help of a Presidential Scholarship and federal grant. He says he hopes to teach science in a middle school or high school one day, but thinks he might lean toward the ministry, “depending on how God calls me.” Josh said his college choice came down to two state schools and Samford.

“I ultimately went to Samford because it was the place I thought I would receive the best education,” he said.

No matter where he went to college, he knew he would need financial assistance. As he explored his options and tried to arrive at the best decision, he said he noticed a difference in Samford’s admission process.

“While the public institutions looked solely at ACT and SAT scores for financial decisions, Samford took a more detailed look at the individual as a whole, taking into account GPA, involvement in organizations and community, and a personal interview with university staff,” he said.

The individual is important at Samford. We hear that from parents and students at every turn. Faculty members don’t spend a lot of time talking about this principle, they simply show it in the caring and professional manner in which they teach their classes.

As a Christ-centered institution of higher learning, Samford exists to provide the life-changing experience of a university education to as many students as possible. Samford’s enrollment has been on an upward trajectory for the past several years and this fall reaches its highest number ever. This is important not because of another record set, but

because Samford, and Samford people, ultimately make the world a better place.

A university education is not inexpensive, and student debt nationally is at an all-time high. Even though this is a concern for anyone in higher education, we can be thankful that Samford student debt is below both the national and state average. The default rate for Samford students and their families is almost nil, less than 1 percent. That reflects well on the families who choose Samford, but it also reflects well on the university’s efforts to contain costs and help our families where we can.

Samford is committed to continuing its programs of scholarship aid with the help of generous donors. It will continue to work with families to package various scholarships and other loan opportunities. At the same time, it encourages families to begin as early as possible to put aside funds for the university education of their students.

In recent years, this has become personal for me, not just as Samford president but as the parent of a college student who chose a private university for both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

As Samford finance professor Rusty Yerkes says, “Compounding is a powerful tool, and time is on your side,” if you start saving early through plans such as the Private College 529 in which Samford participates and others.



Josh Waddell

Josh Waddell is experiencing the on-campus education he had hoped for at Samford, whether it be through the free campus writing and speech resource programs that helped him through his freshman year, his chemistry course work or the ministries in which he is involved at the university.

He is finding, like thousands of others, that Samford is the best place for him. ■



# Financial Aid Working To Keep Samford Affordable

As college costs have grown over the years, so have programs to provide Samford financial aid. During the most recent school year, the university processed more than \$99 million in financial aid to undergraduate and graduate students, the highest amount in history.

Samford financial aid comes in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and on- and off-campus job opportunities. Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, leadership skills, artistic talent, athletic ability or field of study. Grants and loans are based on need as demonstrated by financial assessment instruments.

"Samford is committed to making it possible for every qualified student who wishes to attend the university to be able to do so," said Lane M. Smith, Samford's director of financial aid. "Affordability is a watchword at Samford, and the university has been recognized by such national publications as *Kiplinger's* magazine as an institution that provides academic programs that are worth the money."

Samford works hard to keep its tuition in an affordable range. For example, tuition pays only two of every three dollars required to fund a Samford education, Smith noted, with fund-raising efforts and the endowment covering the remainder.

"This represents an initial discount for every student," he said. "Additional discounts are provided by scholarships. Samford is doing all it can to enable as many students as possible to gain access to a Samford education."

Gifts from donors over the years have provided a pool of money that funds scholarships in a variety of disciplines. Many of these scholarships are renewable over the course of a student's career based on academic performance.



Financial aid director Lane Smith confers with student Melissa Bellflower.

"Samford provides considerable financial resources to students who have the capacity to contribute to the life and values of the campus," said Smith.

Samford offers a competitive scholarship program administered by the Office of Admission that automatically considers applicants for merit-based awards such as academic or presidential scholarships. In addition, numerous scholarship opportunities are available through preministerial, minister dependent, Air Force and Army ROTC, and art, music and theatre scholarship programs.

Federal and state programs provide the majority of loan assistance to students, and Samford works with students and their families to package their financial aid programs from several sources.

Returning students whose economic situations have changed since their initial enrollment may petition the financial aid office for additional need-based aid, Smith noted. "We often work with the schools or departments to pool our resources," he said.

School and departmental scholarships for upperclassmen are determined by the schools and departments, he

added, typically based on academic performance and need.

But even with the multiplicity of financial aid opportunities available to students and their families, it is important that they plan ahead to fund college costs.

"Even though Samford works hard to keep costs within check and to be a good steward of available resources, the reality is that a good college education is not inexpensive. Parents can lessen the impact of paying for that education if they start early," said Smith.

Dr. Rusty Yerkes, Samford finance instructor and a certified financial planner, encourages families to plan ahead for funding a college education.

"Setting aside funds in a tax-advantaged college savings account allows funds to grow tax free and avoids having to repay student loans after graduation," he said. "Compounding is a powerful tool, and time is on your side if you start early by establishing a college savings account for a child or grandchild."

Smith noted that Samford is involved in the Private College 529 Plan, which allows parents to save ahead of time with specific colleges in mind.

For those who have not had the opportunity to save ahead or have had circumstances preventing them from doing so prior to their student entering college, Smith counseled developing a multiyear plan for funding their student and a budget to guide them through the college years and beyond. ■

For information on Samford financial aid, go to [www.samford.edu/financialaid](http://www.samford.edu/financialaid) or call 205-726-2905. For information on the Private College 529 Plan, go to [www.privatecollege529.com](http://www.privatecollege529.com).



# Samford Student Debt Below State, National Averages



The reality of the high cost of a college education never has been more apparent. National student debt for college loans is running at an all-time high.

How are Samford graduates and their families faring in this critical area?

While loans are necessary expenditures for most families sending students to college, the average amount borrowed at Samford is less than the national and statewide figures, according to Director of Financial Aid Lane M. Smith.

Nationally, 58 percent of students who earned a bachelor's degree during 2009–10 carried an average debt of \$23,621, Smith reported. For Alabama, the average debt was \$24,821.

"The figures for Samford were \$20,328 borrowed on average with 39 percent of undergraduates borrowing while enrolled here," said Smith. "This is one measure families look at when

considering a college."

Smith notes that while indebtedness figures will tend to rise everywhere, including at Samford, "there is some good news." While the national trend for default rates among borrowers has been down and back up for the past two decades and is currently about 9 percent, Samford's default rate has remained under 1 percent for the past several years.

"Samford's low default rate indicates it is succeeding on two fronts," said Smith. "First, we are recruiting qualified students who are ready for the academic rigor of Samford. Even more so, our faculty is doing an exceptional job of preparing them to be successful once they graduate."

The majority of student loans today go to students earning graduate degrees in areas such as pharmacy and law. Of the almost \$60 million in loans to

Samford students in 2010–11, more than \$42 million went to graduate students, said Smith.

Balancing this fact is that many of these graduate students will have the ability to earn significant salaries upon graduation and/or obtain jobs with firms or companies who help reduce or pay off student loan debt, he said.

Smith advises, "Young families and even those who have older school-aged children should begin immediately saving for college. Whether it is 529 Plans, Roth IRAs, Upromise accounts, and/or other investment vehicles, any amount saved today will certainly help when the time comes for enrollment." ■

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# Campaigning for Scholarships

When Samford announced the most ambitious fund-raising campaign in university history in 2009, the largest component of the \$200 million goal was for scholarships. Samford set out to raise \$65 million for existing scholarships, and additional endowment for new program-specific and needs-based scholarships.

The reason: scholarship funding was critical in that economy for Samford to attract top students. The economy may have improved somewhat since 2009, but nothing has changed about the need for funding scholarships.

"We want qualified students to be able to receive a college education, which is one of the most life-changing experiences that any human being can have," said Samford Provost and Executive Vice President J. Bradley Creed. "That is why a significant part of this campaign is dedicated to scholarships to enable qualified students in need of assistance to come to Samford and have this life-changing experience."

Samford has enjoyed some notable success in reaching its campaign goals during the past three years, and the university seems to be on track with regard to its scholarship goals. Of the more than \$145 million raised to date, about \$39.1 million is for scholarships.

Samford underscored its scholarship commitment with its 2011 decision to use one of the university's largest estate gifts ever to fund scholarships. Frank P. Samford, Jr., and his wife, Virginia Samford Donovan, established a charitable remainder trust in 1974 with a \$2 million gift. Over the next 36 years, the trust paid 6 percent annually to the donors. Frank Samford, Jr., died in 1986 and Virginia Samford Donovan in January 2011. The remainder came to Samford during the spring of 2011, representing more than a sixfold increase from the original \$2 million.

The Samford board of trustees voted to use the trust—one of the largest individual contributions to the campaign so far—as endowment for the



Lauren Bates



Chase Ferguson



Avery Harrison

university's presidential scholars program, which was renamed the Virginia and Frank Samford, Jr. Presidential Scholarships. The trust provided more than \$230,000 in scholarships during 2011–12, according to Samford Vice President for Advancement Randy Pittman, and is expected to produce more than that on an annual basis perpetually.

Presidential scholarships go to students having outstanding academic performance in a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, high standardized test scores and demonstrated leadership. The awards range from \$7,000 to full tuition.

Alabama high school graduates with exceptional scholarship and leadership abilities may qualify for a limited number of Beeson Scholarships, which provide room, board and tuition. These scholarships are funded by a \$10 million bequest from donor Lucille Stewart Beeson, who died in 2001.

Other top-honor scholarships include the University Fellows Program and Brock Scholars business curriculum, which offer students partial scholarships and opportunities to supplement their tuition with other merit-based scholarships.

"The Brock Scholars program has allowed me to delve into topics I'm passionate about, and to have internship experiences that have expanded my education and professional skills," said senior Lauren Bates, a public finance major from Clarksville, Tenn.

Brock Scholars create their own major and complete a summer fellowship. Bates interned this past summer at The Public Notice in Arlington, Va., a

nonprofit, nonpartisan research and education fund that provides facts and insight into the economy.

She is attending Samford with the help of several other scholarships. The opportunity to do this attracted her to Samford, she said, "and after my first semester, I knew that it was the perfect choice."

Chase Ferguson is a freshman this fall from Marietta, Ga., and even though he is undecided on a career path, he believes Samford to be his best university choice. His particular interests are biology and forensics. "I know the Samford programs will benefit





me in the long run," he said.

Ferguson is attending Samford with the help of an Eagle Scout scholarship, in addition to Presidential and University Fellows scholarships. The school was "in the middle of the price spectrum" of schools he considered. "Scholarships definitely helped me with my decision to attend Samford," he said. Even with the scholarships, he anticipates having some loans to repay, but feels "debt is to be expected" as part of the college process.

Avery Harrison, a junior history and social sciences major from Peachtree City, Ga., aspires to teach history to middle schoolers for several years, and then ultimately seek a career in education administration. She believes her Samford education is helping her reach those goals.

Harrison knew she would need scholarship assistance. "My mom is a widow and I have two other college-aged sisters, so without these funds, I couldn't have come to Samford," she said.

She receives assistance from several education scholarship funds, a leadership scholarship, a Phi Mu

scholarship and a work-study job. Even so, she will have some student loan debt to pay off when she graduates. Does this concern her?

"Having to repay loans is worth it to graduate with a degree from Samford," she said.

About 80 percent of Samford's more than 2,900 undergraduates receive some type of scholarship from the university, according to Samford Director of Financial Aid Lane M. Smith. About 70 percent of these scholarships are funded by Samford's annual budget, with the remaining 30 percent coming from various endowment funds, said Samford Budget Director for Decision Support and Financial Strategy Matt DeFore.

Various scholarships also are available to students enrolled in Samford graduate programs.

Samford has made a strong case with donors over the years about the need for supporting scholarships to attract good students. Donors can support a student currently with a named annual scholarship for as little as \$1,500, or may donate any

amount—large or small—to the general scholarship fund.

"Many donors find the idea of supporting scholarships in perpetuity appealing," said Stan Davis, Samford director of gift and estate design. "As a result, many estate gifts direct some or all of their benefits to scholarships."

Such estate gifts come from a variety of sources. Several such gifts—the seeds for which were planted by donors years ago—have come Samford's way since the start of the current campaign, and these contributions are included in the campaign total.

Dr. Forrest Hinton was a 1948 graduate of Samford who spent most of his career practicing in the small south Florida town of Immokalee. Known as "The Swamp Doctor," he was a general practitioner who treated everyone from ranchers to vagabonds to migrant workers, charging what people could pay. He and his wife, Helen, established a scholarship fund at Samford that grew to \$1.4 million by the time they died.

Sisters Ellostein and Ruth Alice Wright attended Samford in the 1930s and went on to careers with Birmingham Southern Railroad and the federal government, respectively. They lived quietly and frugally with two other sisters in Vestavia Hills, Ala. Along the way, they established a scholarship fund for Samford students. They died within 24 hours of each other in 2009, and their estates left more than \$2 million for the scholarship fund.

Jack Sanders of Daphne, Ala., was a Colorado native and retired geologist with Conoco Oil Company. He had no direct tie with Samford, but because his wife Marion's father once attended the school, they set up a scholarship fund in honor of her parents in 1987. Marion died in 2006 and Jack in 2010. His estate left Samford almost \$850,000 to endow scholarships.

"These donors were determined to help Samford students," said Davis, "and were pleased that the university would enable them to accomplish their wishes."

As Samford looks to the future, one of its high priorities will be to grow the endowment funds that support scholarships, ensuring that it will continue to attract top students through the years. ■

*For information on A Campaign for Samford, go to [www.samford.edu/campaign](http://www.samford.edu/campaign).*

**Biology students look at a model of a chick embryo with Professor Betsy Dobbins.**





# These Students Are Representative



Sally Snider

When Sally Snider came to Samford three years ago, she said she had “crazy dreams of combining business and music, something previously not done here.” But her Samford

faculty members worked with her and encouraged her to combine the two disciplines.

A senior, Snider is a Brock Scholar in Brock School of Business with a music minor in voice. She had an internship last summer in the company management office of Frankel Green Theatrical Management in New York City.

Her company handles business for two off-Broadway shows, *STOMP* and *Old Jews Telling Jokes*, handling budgeting, payrolls, contracts and scheduling. “My business education is certainly being well used here, even though I work in the theatre world,” she said in August. The experience enabled her “to fuse my love of arts and music with business.”

Snider credits University Fellows professor, Dr. Chris Metress, with challenging her “to think outside of present paradigms as well as to think critically about everything.” She said her voice teacher, Dr. Paul Richardson, taught her to manage challenging situations and to understand that “you can only accomplish so much in one day.” Dr. Betsy Holloway, one of her business professors, provided “unwavering support of my career goals.”

Snider said the combination of scholarships she holds—which also includes Presidential, Legacy and Oakley scholarships—made the difference in her coming to Samford or choosing a school closer to her Norcross, Ga., home.

Even with the combination of scholarships, Snider says she and her family will have student loans to repay after graduation. “But the scholarships

showed me that Samford wanted me here, and that meant a lot to me. I am thankful for that.”



Cameron Collins

Cameron Collins is a senior from Cornelius, N.C., majoring in economics and public administration. His goal is to pursue a career in international business development, supporting

entrepreneurs in the developing world.

“I am particularly passionate about microfinance, leadership development, social entrepreneurship and marketing,” he said.

Collins is attending Samford on Presidential, Brock Scholar and University Fellows scholarships. “The Brock Scholars Program has enabled me to create an individualized curriculum that encompasses my interests in economics, marketing, social enterprise and politics to give me a firm business foundation and a broad understanding of the causes of poverty,” he said.

Courses in the politics of developing nations, public finance and policy, and a study abroad course in Peru on development economics “stretched me to reconsider my biases” to develop more informed opinions, he said.

Collins has been active in a number of extracurricular activities, including serving as president of Omicron Delta Kappa service honor society and of Students in Free Enterprise social entrepreneurship club.

As a high school senior, he found himself deciding between the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Vanderbilt and Samford. “The relational nature of Samford and availability of scholarships pushed Samford over the edge for me,” he said. “I have loved every minute of my time here and never looked back.”

Collins said he would have no

student loan debt to repay after graduation. A high point of his student career, he said, was meeting people such as Samford donors Jane and Harry Brock, who made the scholarships possible.



Rachel Kennedy

Rachel Kennedy of Roswell, Ga., was attracted to Samford because of the strong combination of nursing and ministry programs it offered. Her goal is to work as a nurse for a

few years after college, but ultimately to do nursing and ministry overseas.

She felt Samford would prepare her well for such a course. Its nursing program not only teaches the importance of quality care, she said, but “fully equips students to be confident and compassionate in the clinical setting.” The religion department underscores the role of ministry in such a calling.

But tuition posed a problem for Kennedy. Her only route to Samford would be through whatever scholarship assistance she could earn. Fortunately, the Samford financial aid office was able to package a combination of academic and medical scholarships that helped open the doors to Samford.

“I would not have been able to attend Samford without this assistance,” she said.

Kennedy is a senior in Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing. Not only is she close to completing her nursing degree, she has gotten a strong start in missions activity by serving on the Global Involvement committee with University Ministries, and volunteering at Birmingham’s M-Power social services clinic and her church.

She spent five weeks in India and Nepal last summer volunteering with 10/40 Connections, which spreads the message of Christianity internationally. “My team and I were able to experience and further establish community among



# of Those Receiving Scholarship Aid

those with limited access to the Gospel," she said.

Even though she has benefited from scholarship and financial aid assistance, Kennedy and her parents still will have student loan debt to pay after graduation.

"But I trust that God will continue to provide a means for my family and me, as He has done thus far," she said.



**John Blackmon**

**J**ohn Michael Blackmon is a sophomore religion major from Carbon Hill, Ala., who plans to pursue a full-time ministry as a pastor. He faces three additional years of college and two of seminary.

"The religion department does an amazing job educating and preparing students for life in the ministry," he said. "It provides opportunities to explore areas of ministry, and make connections with churches and organizations relevant to the interests of students."

Blackmon is a Preministerial Scholar who is active in University Ministries programs and Ransom, a student-led Bible study/worship service on campus Monday nights. He is looking forward to taking part in Samford Sunday, the program in which ministerial students visit area churches to preach.

Blackmon attends Samford with the help of a combination of scholarships that the financial aid office packaged for him.

"Without every scholarship I received, I would be unable to attend Samford," he said. "They were a vital role in my attendance here." Even so, he will have "a small student loan debt after graduation."

Blackmon feels the financial aid and admission offices do a good job of assisting students. "Without their hard work and assistance, I would not be reaping the many benefits the Samford experience has to offer."



**Anna Bethea**

**A**нна Bethea is a sophomore music education major from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., who hopes to become either an elementary music teacher or middle school band director. She

believes her experiences at Samford will help her reach her goal.

"My clarinet lessons have helped improve my performance," she said, and Dr. Brian Viliunas' instructional techniques have helped prepare her to teach. "Hands-on experiences in master classes through the [Davis Architects] Guest Artist Series have provided the opportunity to work with and learn from professional musicians in my field."

Bethea plays clarinet in the Samford Marching Band, Samford Wind Ensemble and Samford Orchestra. She is an officer in Delta Omicron professional music fraternity.

"Samford was my top choice among the colleges I considered attending, and the wonderful scholarships I received made it much easier to be able to attend my first choice," she said.

Bethea is a Presidential Scholar and also holds Legacy, band and Hazel Boren music scholarships. She is thankful for "the many people who provide scholarships for students to attend Samford," she said.

Samford was the least expensive private school she considered and was priced "similarly or slightly more" than out-of-state public schools she looked at. She anticipates having no student loan debt to repay after graduation.

"Samford is the perfect place for me to attend school," she said.



**Alysa Rambo**

**A**lysa Rambo is a junior theatre major from Fairburn, Ga., who aspires to a career in film production. Not only is her academic work pointing her in that direction, she is gaining practical

theatre experience regularly in Samford productions.

"I have been in two 10-minute play festivals, a one-act festival and the mainstage production of *The Piano Lesson*," she said. "I will be in *King Lear* in the fall as The Fool."

This past summer, Rambo had a part in the Birmingham Festival Theatre production of *The Last Hotel for Women*. "One of my professors sent out an email for auditions for the production, and I just got lucky," she said.

As a film production minor, she takes a number of film and writing classes. "I took screenwriting last spring and will use that knowledge to continue to write," she said.

Rambo says the theatre department is also her primary extracurricular activity. "I am very involved with my department. Any time we have a play or event, the whole department is usually involved."

Rambo attends Samford with the help of academic, departmental and work-study scholarships. She works part-time in venue management in Wright Center on campus, and also at Chuy's Mexican restaurant south of Birmingham.

Rambo said she is thankful for the scholarships and works hard to merit such support. "I would not have been able to attend Samford without the scholarships," she said. She is also thankful for her mother and father, who each work two jobs to hold down future student debt for her. ■



Graduate nursing students Trish Haywood, left, and Gena Richardson, right, confer with nursing professor Jill Hightower.



## Samford Gets \$854,146 Grant To Help Ease Nurse Educator Shortage

by Philip Poole

Samford's Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing received the seventh largest of 106 federal grants designed to help ease the national shortage of nursing educators. The \$854,146 grant, awarded in the Nurse Faculty Loan Program [NFLP], will fund up to 25 new students in the nursing school during the 2012–13 academic year.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, provides the loans for graduate students pursuing an advanced degree who intend to serve as faculty in a school of nursing.

The NFLP addresses a critical need in health care, according to Jane S. Martin, associate dean in the nursing school. Students who receive the loans for master's or doctoral degree programs can have up to 85 percent of the loan forgiven in exchange for service as full-time nursing faculty members at an accredited nursing school.

Martin said 43 Samford nursing graduate students already were receiving funds from earlier grants to Samford, and students can continue to receive loans as long as they maintain good academic standing.

"There is a national shortage of both nurses and nurse educators, and the NFLP provides a great incentive to pursue a career in education," said Martin. "Increasing the number of highly qualified nurse educators is essential to the future of health care."

The NFLP was approved by Congress in 2002, and Samford was one of the first 55 nursing schools across the United States to receive funds. To date, Samford has received nearly \$3 million in NFLP grants.

"These federal dollars assist in the recruitment of high-quality students for our programs and in the training of excellent nurse educators who will prepare the nurses of the future," said Martin. "To date, 137 Samford students have benefited from NFLP grants and are serving as nursing educators across the country. Our unique online curriculum

allows us to extend our efforts to address the nursing faculty shortage far beyond Alabama."

Faculty shortages in nursing schools across the country are limiting student capacity at a time when the need for professional registered nurses continues to grow, Martin explained. According to a study by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing [AACN], nursing schools turned away more than 75,500 qualified applicants in 2011. Nearly two-thirds of the schools participating in the survey cited faculty shortages as a primary reason for not accepting all qualified applicants, she noted.

With the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in 2010, more than 32 million Americans will soon gain access to health-care services, which will increase demand for registered nurses and advanced practice nurses, Martin noted. A U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics report released in February 2012 estimates the expected number of employed nurses to grow from 2.74 million in 2010 to 3.45 million in 2020. The total number of job openings for nurses due to growth and replacements is projected to be 1.2 million by 2020.

Without additional faculty, enrollment in nursing schools cannot increase fast enough to keep up with demand, according to Martin. She cited a September 2011 study by the AACN in which 1,088 faculty vacancies were identified in a survey of 603 nursing schools with baccalaureate and/or graduate programs across the country. In addition to the vacancies, schools cited the need to create an additional 104 faculty positions to accommodate student demand. ■

*Individuals interested in pursuing an advanced degree in nurse education should go to [www.samford.edu/nursing](http://www.samford.edu/nursing) to apply or call 205-726-2047 for more information.*



Kacie White has known since she was in the fourth grade that she wanted to be a pharmacist. That's when she walked into Cowart Drug Company in Calera, Ala., to interview the pharmacist for a class project.

"We were instructed to interview someone who worked in our dream job," White recalled. Cowart was the only pharmacy in Calera, so that's where she went. Theresa Harris, the pharmacist, welcomed her with a smile.

White said she had been a "fixture" at Cowart since then, and began working in the drug store in 2002 when she was in high school.

caring for and about customers," she said.

Cowart is located in the same building in which it started, a historic structure built in about 1885 that was Calera's first brick building. The Calera Masonic Lodge No. 444 owned the building for many years and considered selling it to a pharmacy chain, but decided to sell it to Harris so that it could be saved from demolition.

White, who holds a bachelor of science from Troy University with a cell and molecular biology concentration, has served as a pharmacy intern at Cowart since 2009. Prior to that, she was

## Pharmacy Student White Nears 'Dream Job' with Help of Cardinal Health Scholarship

by William Nunnelle

This fall, White is a senior in Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy. She will earn her Pharm.D. degree next spring. At that point, she will become the owner of Cowart Drug Company.

White is completing her senior year with the help of the first Cardinal Health scholarship in the pharmacy school. It is funded by a \$125,000 gift made in July by Cardinal Health, Inc., of Dublin, Ohio, that provides scholarships for senior pharmacy students preparing to serve in independent pharmacies.

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

White says she is looking forward to becoming the owner of Cowart.

"The store opened in 1920, and the same values that started the company are still alive today: home deliveries, nursing home deliveries, in-store charge accounts and, most importantly, the tradition of

a pharmacy technician and cashier at the store.

At McWhorter School of Pharmacy, she has been active in student organizations and community volunteer work. She serves as secretary of the Class of 2013.

Samford Pharmacy Dean Charlie Sands thanked Cardinal Health "for this most generous gift that will assist students in achieving a career goal of becoming community pharmacists who provide patient care that ensures optimal drug therapy outcomes."

Cardinal Health, Inc., is a Fortune 500 health-care services company that specializes in distribution of pharmaceuticals and medical products.

White was chosen the first recipient of the Cardinal Health scholarship by a pharmacy school scholarship committee. ■

*For information about McWhorter School of Pharmacy, go to <http://pharmacy.samford.edu>.*

Kacie White



## Alumnus of the Year

# Gossett Traces His Allegiance To Nursing Mentor Funderburg

by Mary Wimberley

**K**erry Gossett proudly holds two Samford degrees, but he didn't initially anticipate either one.

When Gossett decided to pursue a nursing career in 1972, he applied to Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, which at the time was affiliated with Birmingham Baptist Medical Centers.

"Samford University was chosen for me, because [the school] was transitioning from a diploma program to a bachelor of science in nursing program," explained Gossett, who earned that degree in 1973 soon after the nursing school became a part of Samford.

Coincidentally, he later entered Birmingham Baptist Hospitals School of Nurse Anesthesia program just when it, too, became affiliated with Samford. He earned a bachelor of anesthesia degree in 1982.

Being a member of two "transition" classes has turned out happily for the certified registered nurse anesthetist [CRNA]. He is now the clinical director of anesthesia at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, the successful cofounder of Anesthesia Resources Management, Inc., and regional vice president of clinical services for AmSol anesthesia management solutions company.

Gossett also has become one of the nursing school's most untiring supporters and greatest advocates. He is a member of the resource development committee of the nursing school's advisory board, a mentor to students, a student interview panel member, and a frequent employer of graduates. A champion of campaigns to endow scholarships and lectureships, he most recently led fund-raising to name the simulation center's operating room for former nurse anesthesia program director Lonnie W. Funderburg, who died in 2009, and his wife, Mary Walker Funderburg. Both were 1942 graduates.

Gossett's dedication will be saluted during homecoming when he receives a 2012 Alumnus of the Year award. It will be an especially celebratory weekend for Gossett and other Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing faithful who will conclude a

yearlong observance of the nursing school's 90th anniversary.

His motivation to give back to his unexpected alma mater connects deeply to Dr. Funderburg, from whom he acquired not only anesthesia skills, but a philosophy of life that he remembers like this:

Trust in the Lord, always. Do not waste the time, talents or opportunities the Lord has given you. Use those blessings to pull yourself up from whatever station in life you find yourself, and turn around and pull someone else up, using whatever blessings the Lord has given you.

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Kerry Gossett

"You don't always realize until you are older that a school, university, mentor or friend was a blessing, put there by God, to help you help others," said Gossett. "Because of the great things I see going on at Samford University, this is the place where I feel my opportunity is not to be wasted."

He especially enjoys mentoring students and young professionals, and has studied concepts of leadership in order to grow as a leader and to help others discern their leadership abilities.

"I try to instill into students that they need to be ready when they are asked to step up, because they'll never know when that time will come. I enjoy helping students prepare to reach their



Kerry Gossett

full potential so they can help others," said Gossett, who received a Courage to Care award from the nursing school in 2010.

Deciding to support student scholarships was easy for Gossett and his wife, Paula, who is on the scholarship committee for Samford's Legacy League. There will always be a need to educate more nurses, nurse practitioners and CRNAs, especially with the huge influx of baby boomers utilizing all aspects of health care, observes Gossett. He considers nursing a ministry. "Nurses are on the mission field every single day," he said.

Gossett has a keen interest in the history of the nursing school from its beginnings under legendary nurse educator Ida V. Moffett to today's successful program led by Dean Nena F. Sanders.

"We should be appreciative of the efforts of those before us, honored to have been part of such a rich history and excited to not just take what others have given us, but take that gift and use it to help others." ■



# Alumnus of the Year

## Huskey's Samford Education Helped Give Him the World

by Mary Wimberley

During his 28-year career with the U.S. Department of State, James Huskey '69 has been on the front lines of some of the most dramatic moments in recent history. He was the only U.S. official to witness the Tiananmen Massacre in China in 1989 and was in the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, with his young family when it was bombed by Al Qaeda in 1998. He has also held top posts in India, Taiwan and Washington, D.C.

"I could never have imagined as an incoming freshman at the newly renamed Samford University four decades ago that my education would carry me so far from home and provide such wonderful opportunities to make a difference in the world," said Huskey, who will receive an Alumnus of the Year award during homecoming in October.

Since 2008, he has been based in Washington, D.C., most recently as director of crisis management. In May, he was promoted to counselor in the Senior Foreign Service, and is now responsible for inspecting 270-plus U.S. missions abroad—such as embassies and consulates—for efficiency, integrity of budgets and expenditures, and effectiveness.

As a political/consular officer in Beijing who kept Washington informed about the student activism driving the democracy movement, his reports formed the basis for the U.S. policy response to that tragedy. His memories of the late-night massacre remain vivid.

"As the tanks approached the square and the gunfire grew louder, people began falling around me," recalled Huskey, who spent the rest of that night counting bodies after each of five waves of massacre mowed down the students and laborers. "Consequently, when the Chinese government claimed that no one was killed in Tiananmen Square on the night of June 4, the U.S. government had my estimate of dead—some 1,200."

U.S. presence has made a difference in ways other authoritarian regimes deal with human rights issues, such as in Kenya, where with officials of other like-minded diplomatic missions Huskey organized an effort to help push electoral democracy.

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James Huskey

"The upshot of our joint pressure, along with other European missions and Australia and Japan, was the free and fair presidential election in 2001, which moved Kenya into the democratic column of nations."

As the United States has led the way in making human rights an essential part of international diplomacy, more nations each year follow its lead by calling for free elections, demanding a

James Huskey

voice in their own government and destiny, and working to stop human trafficking.

"It has been an inestimable privilege to be a U.S. diplomat," said Huskey, whose odyssey from his hometown of Dothan, Ala., led first to Samford, then to a student internship in Washington, D.C., and a summer in Europe. After earning a master's in U.S. history at the University of Wisconsin, he traveled much of the world before ending up in Hong Kong, where he used his last \$25 to catch a freighter to Taiwan. There, he worked and later did research for his Ph.D. dissertation on U.S.-China relations, earning the degree at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

During a post with the U.S. Information Agency in Washington, D.C., he met his wife, Joanne, a Harvard graduate who has helped promote philanthropy and human rights causes every place they've lived. She recently published a memoir, *The Unofficial Diplomat*, about their life abroad.

Huskey treasures his Samford experience, where classes often spilled into impromptu discussions with professors such as Dr. Wayne Flynt, whose Far East history course opened new doors for the history and English major who would become fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

He fondly recalls English professor Joseph King's habit of quoting poetry to students he passed on campus. "My years of reading poetry with my children were a product of that," said Huskey, whose son, Chris, and daughter, Cara, are college students.

"They have lived all over the world, and consequently, feel comfortable anywhere," said Huskey, adding that today's young people must be able to relate to other cultures. "Every major U.S. business is now global in outreach, and these businesses will need global young people to interact with the rest of the world."

For his most recent birthday, Chris and Cara gave him a crystal globe with the legend on the base: "To Dad. Thanks for giving us the world." ■





## Alumna of the Year

# Moon Challenges Her Students to Excel as Samford Challenged Her

by Mary Wimberley

MaryAnn Buffington Moon need not look far to know that she made the right decision to attend Samford. And preparation for a satisfying career in a high school history classroom is only part of it.

"I met my husband, made lifelong friendships, and I continue to make cherished friendships that will carry us on in the years to come," said the 1976 history major from Manchester, Ga., who first studied at Samford when she attended a summer program for rising high school seniors.

Her appreciation is evident by the devotion she and her husband, Rick, continue to show their alma mater. "We love Samford and enjoy encouraging current students, whether it is the band or a sports team. I look at this as paying it forward. I hope others will join us in the days and years ahead, growing our number of active alums and seeing the increase in local support," said Moon.

Their many gestures of support have earned each a 2012 Alumnus of the Year award. The bowls they receive will be added to their substantial collection of Samford treasures, which include a memento from the women's basketball team's first Southern Conference championship in 2011.

After the team received the trophy and cut down the net in the University of Chattanooga arena, a coach who was a former player brought the still-cheering Moon a snip of the net. It proudly hangs in their study with souvenirs of other special Samford moments.

This fall, Moon begins her 20th year on the faculty at Huntsville High School, where she teaches advanced placement and regular government and politics, and is senior class adviser and academic team coach. She has also taught Alabama history, world geography, U.S. history and economics.

Her love for history was nurtured by all members of the history department, said Moon, citing Dr. Jim Brown among others. She recalls former faculty members Dr. Wayne Flynt and Dr. Carolyn Satterfield as mentors whose

knowledge and excitement for learning were inspiring to the future teacher.

"They each challenged their students to excel, and made their classes interesting and challenging. I hope that my students will fondly remember their time in their classroom as I remember mine in theirs," said Moon, who was named Secondary Teacher of the Year in 2009–10 by the Alabama Parent Teacher Association. She holds a master's degree from Alabama A&M University.

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MaryAnn Moon

There is nothing better for a teacher, she says, than seeing the lightbulb come on in a student's eyes. "Watching them figure out the correct answers, sometimes surprising themselves, is nothing you can describe," said Moon, who delights in receiving hugs and hellos from former students.

One such moment came at the tailgate party before last November's football game between Samford and Auburn University. She was chatting with Dr. Flynt, now professor emeritus at Auburn, when one of her former high school students walked up. The fellowship between three generations of history teachers and students, she said, was a special "warm fuzzy."

Her college memories are filled with Student Government Association, Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority and Pi Gamma Mu history honor society events. Her first Step Sing was the last time it was held in Seibert Hall, and also was the year of the male stalker. The next year, Step Sing's debut



MaryAnn Moon

in Wright Center, brought sweepstakes honors to the Gamma Sig's winning production led by Ken Berg. "I can still hum a few bars from the songs saluting George M. Cohan and celebrating famous commercials," said Moon, who was an "O" in the Oreo lineup.

When not working or supporting Samford events, she enjoys community service projects and Huntsville's First Baptist Church, where she performs with the sanctuary choir and handbell ensemble, and rocks babies in the nursery.

She and Rick have a son, Russ, and a daughter, Laura, who will receive a doctor of pharmacy degree from Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy in May. ■



# Alumnus of the Year

## Early Math, Chemistry Courses Led Rickie Moon into Engineering

by Mary Wimberley

**R**ickie D. Moon knew before his first campus convocation in 1973 that he would be happy at Samford. "Once I arrived on campus for band camp, a week before classes started, I knew I had made the right decision. Not once did I question my choice," recalled the 1977 chemistry and math major and 1997 master of science in environmental management graduate.

In almost 40 years, nothing has changed that. "When I talk to people about my time at Samford and my education, I am very proud to say I'm a Samford graduate," said the former tenor saxophone player who keeps up with the other freshman band members who bonded during those late summer practices. One, clarinet player MaryAnn Buffington, became his wife.

For many years, the two have been engaged in every possible aspect of alumni service. They are donors, student recruiters, Samford Athletics Bulldog Club members, avid spectators at events both on campus and away, and

cheerleaders for all that is good about Samford.

During Homecoming 2012 in October, each will be honored with an Alumnus of the Year award.

The couple's alumni involvement got serious in 1988 when they moved to his hometown of Huntsville, Ala., after having lived out of state since graduation. They were soon asked to be class agents on the alumni council, and their commitment blossomed. He encourages other alumni to follow suit. "Please volunteer to help when asked," he urged. "Above all, please attend any Samford events in your area."

Alumni staff members joke, says Moon, about the number of miles the couple logs traveling from Huntsville to Birmingham and to other Samford event venues. One favorite endeavor that involves no travel on their part, however, is the freshman send-off parties the

backgrounds," said Moon, who completed a four-year bachelor's degree-level meteorology program at Texas A&M University in 12 months. From 1978 to 1987, he was a consultant air quality meteorologist with the Air Force in San Antonio, Texas.

After joining Teledyne Brown Engineering in 1988, he was soon looking to enhance his professional credentials. He found Samford's master's in environmental management program an ideal complement to his environmental planning position, and with one class meeting a week, he could complete the degree in less than two years.

His Samford degrees combine to support his job in environmental documentation development, analysis and review, and technical environmental assistance in determining compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. His work involves such projects as preparing environmental assessments for U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command Programs.

It is a far cry from Moon's first "regular paycheck" job as a tutor and lab assistant for math department chair W. D. Peebles, with whom he helped prepare for the annual high school math tournament the department hosted for many years.

He also fondly recalls the late chemistry professor Dr. Leven Hazlegrove, who was a longtime frequent spectator at Samford events. "He never forgot to ask how I was doing and how other members of our class were doing," Moon said.

Rick and MaryAnn have a son, Russ, and a daughter, Laura, who will complete a doctor of pharmacy degree in Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy in May. His sister, Marsha Moon Floyd '85, and her husband, John M. Floyd '85, J.D. '88, are also active alumni. ■

*For more information about Samford homecoming, go to [www.samford.edu/homecoming](http://www.samford.edu/homecoming).*

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Rickie Moon

Moons host at their home.

"It is a wonderful time for the students to get to know a familiar face and someone they share something in common with. It is also a time for parents to meet other parents who may be sending their first child off to college," he said.

Moon, a senior systems engineer with Teledyne Solutions, Inc., credits his Samford classroom experience with giving his career a smooth launch.

"When I joined the Air Force, I was given the opportunity to become a weather officer because of my science

Rickie Moon





# Young Alumnus of the Year

## Devereux Works at Keeping Communication Open

by Mary Wimberley

Patrick Devereux is filling a critical niche in pharmacy practice that he discovered as a student at Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

"Professor Condit Steil was passionate about diabetes education and helped me see the need," said the 2005 doctor of pharmacy graduate. "I knew diabetes was increasing, but in pharmacy school, I learned about the gaps in patient care."

Devereux's awareness took on another dimension during his community residency program in Atlanta, Ga., when he realized there was a business model for a diabetes education program.

Now, he has incorporated parts of the best pharmacy-driven models to implement a nationally accredited diabetes education program at FMS Pharmacy in Bessemer, Ala., where he is managing pharmacist and vice president of clinical operations for the company.

His energetic and innovative approach to a serious health issue helped earn him Samford's 2012 Outstanding Young Alumnus award. The recognition began in 2009 as a way to recognize younger Samford graduates who are already making an impact in their fields and in support of their alma mater.

"We take education very seriously. The best patients are informed patients. It is gratifying to look at a patient's lab work and see that it is improving, and to hear the patient verbally articulate something that I have taught them," said Devereux, who was a 2011 recipient of the One to One award in patient counseling from the American Pharmacists Association.

Devereux believes the frequent interaction between pharmacist and patient offers a critical line of health-care communication, and that pharmacists are often underutilized by patients. "I hope to change the identity of what pharmacists are. We love patient care. The future of pharmacy lies in being a patient advocate," said Devereux, a former president of the Jefferson County Pharmacists Association.

When he sees a patient with a new prescription, counseling is not an option

but a requirement, and follow-up—which may mean a personal phone call from Devereux—is standard procedure.

"When you take a prescription to a pharmacy, you're making an investment. If you take it properly, you get a return on that investment," said Devereux, a certified diabetes educator.

He gives back to Samford as a preceptor for fourth-year Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience students as well as first-year students, and for community pharmacy residency students in a one-year postgraduate program. He also serves on the pharmacy school's advisory board.

**"The future of pharmacy lies in being a patient advocate."**

Patrick Devereux

Devereux says being a mentor not only benefits students, but himself as well. "I continue to learn. Being a preceptor, especially in the residency program, helps me keep learning."

Samford, he says, "gets it right" in its preparation of future pharmacists. Sometimes there is a wedge between academics and the real practice world, he says, but not at McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

"The faculty stays engaged with what goes on in practice, with patients and their needs," he said, citing Dean Charles Sands and other professors who hold clinics for underserved residents of rural Perry County.

Devereux chose his career after working in a Palm Coast, Fla., pharmacy while in high school. He picked Samford so he could have a typical undergraduate experience before starting the professional curriculum. He still enjoys his friendships with classmates and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity members.

"Every day, I'm reminded how the



Patrick Devereux

decision I made as an 18-year-old to drive 500 miles to a college made such an impact on my life," said Devereux. Each year means more Samford friends' marriages, new children and friendships for Devereux, his wife, Maggie, and their son, Joseph, 2, who live in Helena, Ala. A second child is due soon after homecoming weekend in October.

"I can't imagine doing anything else or having gone anywhere else to school. Samford was full of faculty who were motivating and caring. The atmosphere from day one to commencement is one of enthusiasm and concern," said Devereux.

His choice in career and schools has only been validated with time. "I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing and got here the way I was supposed to." ■



# Award-winning Dean Paul Aucoin Heads to Retirement

by Jack Brymer

When Paul Aucoin joined the Samford University administration in 1996 as dean of academic services and registrar, he brought a wealth of knowledge and experience with him. The record validates that. He formerly served in a similar position at the University of Evansville (Ind.), the graduate school at Cornell University and his alma mater, Nicholls State University in his native state of Louisiana.

Now, after 16 years of successfully applying not only the technical aspects of the job, but the human element of concern and compassion for students and staff, Aucoin is retiring Sept. 30—some suggest much too early—to “do some things I want to do.”

Samford honored Aucoin during graduating exercises last May 19 by choosing him to lead the commencement procession as mace bearer. Although it had been his responsibility to make sure the commencement program ran smoothly each year, it was his first experience in leading the parade. “It was quite an honor to do so, and I felt both humbled and proud,” he said afterward.

Aucoin has been a leader in his field. He received the Founders Award for Leadership from the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers [AACRAO] in 2011, his third award from the association. He previously received the Distinguished Service Award and the Achieving Professional Excellence Award.

“Few individuals in the history of AACRAO come so highly decorated as Paul Aucoin,” said the organization.

“Paul truly is the one person at Samford who touches the life of every student, from the time they are admitted until they graduate, and beyond,” said Philip Poole, executive director of marketing and communication in Samford’s University Advancement division. “He has

overseen registration, catalog compilation, grades, commencement, transcripts and modernization of the department, and all of this while caring deeply for his staff as well as the students.”

In fact, Samford President Andrew Westmoreland has referred to a segment of students as “Aucoin Scholars.” Aucoin described them as “students who have potential but haven’t exercised it.” His job is “to make sure they succeed,” he said. “Sometimes they find me; sometimes I find them.”

Also, Aucoin said he tried to practice “relationship management,” which he described as not being concerned only with a job or task, but about the people who work for you. “Listen to them and implement the things they suggest,” he explained. “They want to help also.”

Aucoin has an imposing list of activities planned for retirement. They include visiting more often his elderly mother in Louisiana and other family members, photography, hybridizing an extensive garden of daylilies and running, “mostly jogging, now,” he said.

Aucoin and his wife, Judi, director of advancement services at Samford, have registered 46 daylily hybrids with the American Hemerocallis Society. Some are well-known names to the Samford community. They include Marla Corts; Thomas E. Corts; Marianne Clemmensen Memorial; W. Mike Howell; Jennings [Marshall]; Hazel Boren, which decorates the gardens outside his Samford office window; and, of course, Tee Tiny Thibodaux (La.), his hometown. One of the most intriguing daylily names is on the tag on his car: Shantih. “It means peace that passes all understanding,” he said.

Aucoin says he that although he will enter retirement with a little sadness and a bit of melancholy, he will also do so with a feeling of jubilation and fulfillment. ■



Paul Aucoin



# HALL OF FAMER Gillespie Was One of First to Support Sickle Cell Screening

by William Nunnolley

Chris Gillespie well remembers the day in the early 1990s when a young Samford University football player went into sickle cell crisis.

"Prior to that day, he did not know he had sickle cell trait [SCT]," Gillespie said. "Thankfully, by God's grace, we were able to react in such a way to help save the young man's life."

Gillespie and Dr. Ray Browne, the team physician, dug into the cause of the crisis to learn more about SCT. As a result, they put policies in place to help prevent such episodes from reoccurring.

"We mandated SCT testing for our athletes well before it was mainstream, monitored athletes who tested positive for SCT very closely and changed conditioning protocols for these athletes," Gillespie recalled.

"While our decisions were somewhat controversial and outside the norm of that day, nearly 20 years later, our program was the framework for a task force that helped formulate a standard of care statement for this disorder."

Gillespie, who teaches in the Samford kinesiology and nutrition science department, became an advocate for athletes with SCT. He was a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association [NATA] Inter-Association Task Force on Sickle Cell Trait and the Athlete, speaking extensively and publishing on the subject. He was one of the nation's first athletic trainers to support SCT screening.

"One of the most fulfilling days of my professional career came when the NCAA mandated SCT testing for Division I athletes," he said. "That now includes the other divisions as well."

Gillespie was inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame June 28 in St. Louis, Mo. The hall recognizes those who have advanced their profession "through their noteworthy accomplishments and dedication to service, leadership and

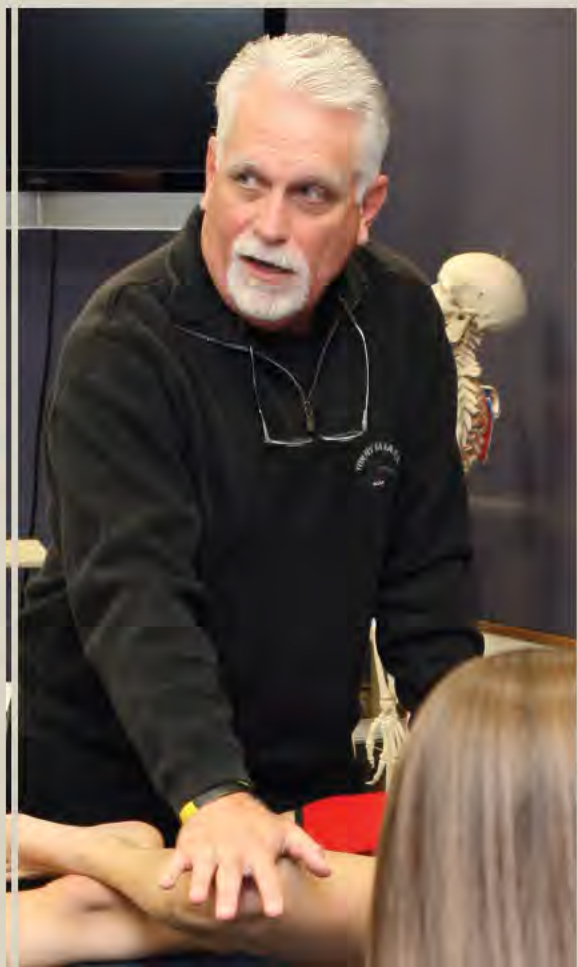
professionalism." He was nominated and presented for induction by his first student at Samford, and current director of sports medicine at the University of Georgia, Ron Courson '84. His many awards in the profession also include the NATA Service Award, the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award, and induction into the Alabama Athletic Trainers' Association and Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association halls of fame.

Gillespie has been at Samford since 1982. "When I arrived, not only was I the head athletic trainer, I was the only athletic trainer, and we had virtually no facilities or supplies," he said. Samford only had about 70 student-athletes in six men's sports.

Now, he notes, Samford athletic training has more than a dozen certified athletic trainers, a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, state-of-the-art facilities and a long history of top-tier health care for student athletes. The school has more than 300 student-athletes in 17 sports for men and women.

Gillespie called his induction into the Hall of Fame "an overwhelming experience," saying that he would have accomplished "very little" without the support of Samford's administration, staff, athletic trainers, faculty and students.

"Although God did not choose to give me a life void of sadness, free of pain and without tough times, I have always felt his goodness in my life," Gillespie said at the induction ceremony. "He gave me enduring joy because he rescued me through Jesus Christ, my Savior. Under his grace, I stand here today and every day."



Chris Gillespie

Gillespie got into athletic training when his high school football coach in Pontotoc, Miss., suggested it as a possibility. "I wasn't sure what he was talking about, but started checking it out and found it to be a career path that might interest me," he said.

He worked as a student athletic trainer four years at Mississippi College, earning his bachelor's degree in 1980. He continued in the field as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, where he earned his master's degree in 1981 and became active in NATA.

Gillespie said he enjoys his work, and treasures times "when students really get what you are trying to teach them or when an athlete returns to play when they didn't think they could." But one of his most memorable moments occurred when the young man who had the SCT crisis back in the '90s brought his two children by to meet him.

"That was a blessing that I cannot adequately explain," said Gillespie. ■

*For more information about the kinesiology and nutrition science department, go to <http://www.samford.edu/education/kins.aspx>. For more information about the National Athletic Trainers' Association, go to [www.nata.org](http://www.nata.org).*





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# TAYLOR BRANCH ON MYTH AND MIRACLES FROM THE KING YEARS

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## Uniqueness Defines the Typical Samford Student

### What is a typical Samford student?

Who is the typical Samford student? We have a unique role in higher education. And the role is well defined, we can't fall into the trap of thinking all students are alike. I have frequently heard students and teachers refer to the "typical Samford student." Who is this student? Well, she probably grew up in a nice suburban home, has a car, two parents and a cat named Mimi. She goes to a Baptist church, sings in the choir and drives a Twilight CR-V. Nothing is wrong with any of that, but (except possibly naming the cat or a food item). The problem is in trying to define a typical student and to enfranchise the experience of all students. Samford has a high percentage of female students, but so do we: 57% of college students nationwide are now women. To speak of the typical Samford student as a female, we only marginalize male students and help to reinforce stereotypes about the institution. The majority of Samford students live in the suburbs, but we also have

many students who come from rural areas and a few

from towns too small to have a stoplight. Most Samford students grew up in comfortable surroundings, but I've known of those who have been homeless at some point in their lives. Our percentage of racial and ethnic minorities isn't as large as I would like, but it is similar to most private schools.

Given our heritage, we certainly attract our share of Baptist students (and we're glad to have them), but we have students from across the denominational spectrum. With an increasing number of international students on campus, we are seeing students from other religious faiths and some who have had almost no religious training. We welcome them all.

Perhaps we would all be a lot better off if we stopped profiling and started personalizing. We could talk about the student who came to Samford from Burma, where his father is part of a persecuted minority. Or the one from Nicaragua—her father was a former Sandinista rebel who converted to Christianity. There was the one who decided at an early age she wanted to be a medical missionary and gave her life for the people of Yemen. And there was

the one picked up by a biology professor who saw him walking down Lakeshore because he couldn't afford to fix his car. (The professor flipped the keys of his truck to the student and told him he could have it as long as he picked him up every morning and took him home every night.) And the one who sat quietly through her classes, nurturing a dream that she would run the entire Appalachian Trail. She did and ultimately went on to set the trail record.

We have students who are irrepressibly happy, and others who struggle with depression. Some who want to run the world, and some who want to run away from the world. Some who love avant garde art, and some who think "a picture ought to look like something." To get to know our students well is to understand that no person is really typical. The psalmist reminds us that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." To speak of the typical Samford student is to ignore the uniqueness of that creation and to lose sight of the infinite capacity we all have to learn, to grow and to change.

*David W. Chapman*

David W. Chapman, Ph.D.  
Dean, Howard College  
of Arts and Sciences



# Arts and Sciences Welcomes New Faculty, Family

Howard College of Arts and Sciences welcomes eight new full-time faculty this fall.



**Lisa Battaglia** joins the religion department as assistant professor. She holds a B.A. degree in religion from Duke University, M.A. in women's studies from the University of Alabama, and M.A. and Ph.D. (2007) in religion from Vanderbilt University.



**Jeffery Leonard** joins the religion department as assistant professor. He holds a B.A. degree in Bible and pre-seminary studies from Southeastern Bible College, M.Div. with a concentration in academic theology (Old Testament) from Alliance Theological Seminary, and Ph.D. in Near Eastern and Judaic studies from Brandeis University (2006).



**Jennifer Hoyt** joins the history department faculty as visiting assistant professor. She holds a B.A. degree in history from the University of Georgia, and M.A. and Ph.D. (2012) degrees from the University of Texas.



**Erin Stewart Mauldin** serves as an instructor in the history department. She holds a B.A. degree in history from Samford, M.A. in history from Georgetown University and Ph.D. (ABD) in U.S. environmental history from Georgetown.



**Corey Johnson** serves as assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry. He holds a B.S. degree in chemistry from East Central University and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from University of Oklahoma (2004).



**Elizabeth Yost** serves as visiting assistant professor in the sociology department. She holds a B.A. degree in sociology from Birmingham-Southern College, and M.A. in sociology and Ph.D. in medical sociology from the University of Alabama in Birmingham (2012).



**Keya Kraft** comes to Samford's English department as assistant professor. She holds a B.A. degree in English from the College of William and Mary, and M.A. and Ph.D. (2009) from Washington University.



**Sean Slattery** comes to Samford as instructor of communication studies and debate coach. He holds a B.S. degree in economics from the University of Mary Washington and an M.A. in communications from Wake Forest University (2012).



**Sung Kwang (Paul) Cha** joins the history department as assistant professor. He holds a B.A. degree in Asian studies from Colgate University, M.A. in Chinese history from the University of Chicago, and Ph.D. in Asian languages and culture from the University of California at Los Angeles (2011).

The college added a few other new faces to its family in the past year.

Drew Hataway (biological and environmental sciences) and wife, Felicia, welcomed daughter **Eleanor Fox** April 30, 2012.

Corey Johnson (chemistry and biochemistry) and wife, Julie, welcomed daughter **Charlotte Mae** March 5, 2012.

Bryan Johnson (English/University Fellows) and wife, Julie, welcomed son **More O'Brien** March 28, 2012.

Howard College also bid a fond farewell to longtime professors **Nancy Whitt** (English), **Rod Davis** (English) and **Robin Roberts** (sociology)—all retired. ■



# ina Recruiting Drives Record International Enrollment

by Sean Flynt

Thanks in part to Howard College's increased recruiting in China, a record number of international students are studying at Samford this year. Eighty-one of 97 new international students are Chinese undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in Howard College's new English Language Learner Institute [ELLI], created last year. In addition to their language studies, the Chinese undergraduate students also will study in Samford's mathematics and computer science, biochemistry, nursing, and prebusiness programs. The Chinese graduate students are studying primarily in business programs and Howard College's Master of Science in Environmental Management [MSEM] program (see inset).

ELLI director and world languages instructor Sandi Prater noted how much the Asia component of Samford's international program has grown in just two years. Of the nine Chinese students enrolled in a fall 2010 project, she said, five required an academic "bridge" in the form of seven hours per week of English language tutoring. "With the extra support, the students thrived, and the pilot program was deemed a success," Prater said. A concerted effort to recruit Chinese students began the following spring with a trip to China by Howard College of Arts and Sciences Dean David Chapman and Tatyana Karaman, then Samford's associate vice president for decision support and financial strategy. "When you look at the English as a second language [ESL] enrollment at Samford today, it's hard to believe that in March 2011 ELLI was only an idea," Prater said.

In response to the rapid growth of the ELLI program, Samford is renovating space in Brooks Hall to include new offices, seminar and conference rooms, and a multipurpose language center.

## A Nation of Innovators

Howard College faculty are a vitally important part of this cultural exchange, both on campus and in China.

As a Fulbright Fellow in spring 2011, Associate Dean Rosemary Fisk conducted workshops on general



Student health services director Shauna Yelton, left, explains medical forms to new Chinese student Siyu Chen, center, with help from translator Jing Yang.

education at six Chinese colleges and universities.

Danny Smith, adjunct professor in the MSEM program, lectured at North China Electric Power University in Beijing and the Southwest Petroleum Institute in Chengdu, China, in spring 2012 to foster growing relationships between Samford and the two universities. Both institutions have supplied graduate students for the MSEM program. Smith's lectures focused on environmental issues associated with energy, a subject of special interest in the rapidly urbanizing and industrializing nation.

Communication studies professor and debate coach Ryan Galloway visited the Chinese cities of Wuxi and Shanghai in May to instruct Chinese high school teachers in American-style debate, with the ultimate goal of enhancing the critical-thinking skills and English language training of Chinese high school students. At the workshop, organized by Harvard University's debate program and the National Forensics League, Chinese officials said the effort will help create "a nation of innovators." The spirit of innovation grows at home, too, as Samford learns to serve a unique and growing new population of international students. ■

## Environmental Management Program Adds New Concentration

Samford's popular Master of Science in Environmental Management [MSEM] program has expanded to include a new concentration in energy management. The new concentration will introduce students to environmental issues related to the energy industry.

The MSEM is a 36-credit hour, nonthesis program that prepares students for a career in the growing environmental field. The program offers students a diverse background in environmental issues including regulatory policy, compliance, law, resource management, health and field methodology. ■

For information, go to <http://howard.samford.edu/msem>.



# Growing Medical Mission Takes Brindley to Poorest in Mexico

by Sean

Those who knew Hugh Brindley '67 as a Samford student won't be surprised to learn that the premed biology major distinguished himself as a U.S. Navy dentist and is now a maxillofacial surgeon with practices in the Birmingham area's Saint Vincent's East Hospital and in Cullman.

They won't be surprised that the young man transformed by his experience in A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Dr. L. Gene Black, became a church choral director and musician, or that their loyal Pi Kappa Phi fraternity brother has turned Rotary Club membership into a life-changing experience for himself and countless others.

Fellow alumni who have lost touch with Brindley might not be expecting to read about "Los Zetas"—the powerful Mexican drug cartel. Or the rat-infested prison where whole families roast together in 120-degree cells. Or the people who live and work in a landfill. That's new. That's the world Brindley has encountered as a medical missionary since 2009.

"I'd been looking for years at different options," Brindley said of his search for a way to share his medical expertise with those most in need. None of the international options he explored seemed to be a good fit, but then his Trussville Noon Rotary Club began supporting the nonmedical mission work of Oneonta, Ala.-based Mega Missions, Inc. Brindley proposed a medical mission to support the group's work in Ciudad Victoria, Mexico, and in 2009 traveled to the region with 10 other volunteers, none of whom had any medical training. Brindley simply taught them what they needed to know to assist him.

On that first trip, Brindley said, the team served 380 people. After returning to the United States with photos, videos and testimony about the experience, Brindley attracted more volunteers with more medical expertise. Now he leads teams of volunteers once or twice each year. His most recent group of 25 included eight medical professionals,

counting himself, and served 975 patients in just a few days.

Brindley said his teams divide their services between the courtyard of a downtown hospital, a mobile unit (an old school bus converted to medical offices) and a prison that almost defies description.

Brindley tells the shocking story of families who live at the Ciudad Victoria landfill, but that's not the worst of what his mission teams have seen. When his team first visited the prison that holds many members of the Zetas cartel, the inmates stuffed their noses with missionary toothpaste to mitigate the stench of their quarters. The toilets did not work, and there is no air-conditioning.

Temperatures outside the prison hit 120 degrees in the warm months and drop only to the 90s in the winter. There is no air conditioning. Families of the prisoners are locked in with them at night. "We're the only medical care that those people get," Brindley said.

"Even the bad guys have to have health care," Brindley said as he told the story of a maximum security prisoner in "nail-clawing pain" from a diseased tooth, packed in with others in a stifling cell with no hope for relief. "It was the closest thing to hell I could think of," Brindley said. Brindley, who typically focuses on minor surgery and leaves the dental work to his dentist-colleagues, removed the tooth, and the prisoner was stunned into grateful silence. "He just turned around and looked at me," Brindley said. "He didn't know what to say—the look was enough."

The ongoing clinical work is only the first phase of Brindley's project. The second phase—Rotary Partners in Health—has his team working with a local Rotary Club in Ciudad Victoria to maintain hospital access and help



Dr. Hugh Brindley helps a patient in the mobile unit of his medical mission in Mexico.

transfer U.S. medical surplus to the city. "We throw away more stuff in this country than most countries have," Brindley said of that project. A third phase in 2013 will pair U.S. volunteers with members of their own profession in Mexico.

Brindley said the violence of Mexico's drug war constrains the mission to some degree, but he noted that his team is cautious, doesn't venture into areas of danger and is part of a decades-old mission with established local contacts and infrastructure. At this point, he said, "All you have to do is show up."

"It's hard to explain how it makes you feel, to go in there and be able to help folks who really have no hope of getting any help," Brindley said of his mission. So, with the support of Carole Lynn (Fargason) '96—his fellow alumnus, music partner and wife of 45 years—with his team of volunteers and with his faith as the foundation for it all, he plans to continue his service to the people of Ciudad Victoria. And it's really no surprise, after all. ■

*Those interested in helping Dr. Brindley's medical mission teams can contact him at his office at 1-800-248-4655.*



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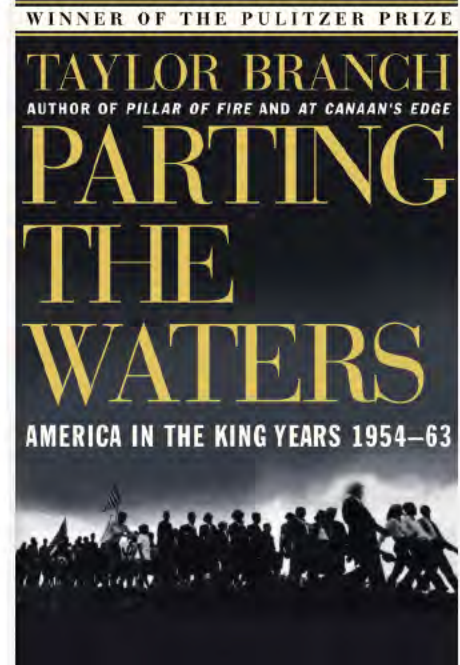
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him a natural choice for

Samford’s inaugural event in a year-  
long series of commemorative reflec-  
tion on this important moment in our  
city, our state and our nation.”

Samford history department chair  
Jonathan Bass—himself nominated for  
a Pulitzer Prize for his own contri-  
bution to Civil Rights history, *Blessed  
Are the Peacemakers*—is helping to  
organize a series of additional lectures,  
films and discussions on Civil Rights  
issues cosponsored by Samford and  
Birmingham Public Library. He uses  
*Parting the Waters* in his Civil Rights  
history course as an ideal introduction  
to the subject. “It’s so accessible, so  
readable, it set the standard,” he said.  
Although his students groan when they  
see the size of the book—more than  
900 pages, exclusive of notes—Bass  
said they end the course praising it as  
an easy read.

“He has that journalistic flair—a  
true practitioner of the art of literary  
nonfiction,” Bass said of Branch. “He  
really is a master storyteller.”

Branch’s appearance at Samford will  
be a homecoming of sorts. Although he  
is new to the modern university, his



parents, Franklin T. Branch and Jane  
Worthington Branch, met as Howard  
College students at the East Lake  
campus during World War II (see  
Seasons, Fall 2006). ■

## Classics Chair Todd Wins Buchanan Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching



Randy Todd

Classics department founder Randy  
Todd received the John H.  
Buchanan Award for Excellence in  
Classroom Teaching during Samford’s  
opening convocation of the fall semester  
Aug. 28.

Executive Vice President and  
Provost J. Bradley Creed praised Dr.  
Todd’s leadership in building a thriving  
classics program—celebrating its 15th  
anniversary this year—that is the envy  
of many schools throughout the nation.

“He has built a robust major,  
attracted outstanding students and  
faculty, and played an integral role in  
developing a classically oriented core  
curriculum,” said Creed, adding that  
Todd “conveys a contagious enthusiasm  
for the literary and cultural

achievements of the past.” More  
students are enrolled in Greek and Latin  
courses at Samford than at many schools  
five times its size, he said.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of  
Furman University, Todd holds a Ph.D.  
from Vanderbilt University. He and his  
wife, Dr. Candy Todd, who teaches in  
the Samford mathematics department,  
have four children.

The Buchanan Award includes a  
\$1,000 cash prize. Finalists for the award  
were nominated by members of the  
2012 graduating class.

Senior systems analyst Abby Casey  
won the President’s Award presented on  
the same program (see page 3). ■



# Carnell Earns National Physics Scholarship

Samford physics major and University Fellows honors student Stevie Carnell is one of only 39 students in the United States selected by the American Physical Society's Committee on Minorities in physics to receive the 2012-13 Scholarship for Minority Undergraduate Physics Majors.

"It means so much to me to have recognition in my field of study, especially from an organization as prestigious as the American Physical Society," Carnell said. "Some days, it's still a little hard to believe that I got the scholarship because APS is such a big name in the science world, but I am very excited about it."

Alan Hargrave, physics department chair, said he could think of no one more deserving of this honor. "She is one of the very best students I have worked with in over 30 years as a college instructor," he said. "Her multifaceted talents extend beyond the classroom, and she is poised to make remarkable

contributions to science in the years ahead."

The scholarship, founded in 1980, is open to any African American, Hispanic or Native American U.S. citizen or permanent resident who is majoring or planning to major in physics, and who is a high school senior, college freshman or sophomore. Each new recipient of the scholarship receives \$2,000, and the scholarship may be renewed once for \$3,000. The scholarship funds may be used for tuition, room and board, and educational materials. In addition, each minority scholar is paired with a mentor at the student's university and a mentor from the APS Committee on Minorities in Physics.

This is the second recent honor for Montgomery, Ala., native Carnell. This summer, she was one of two University Fellows chosen to attend the Witherspoon Institute's "First Principles: Natural Law and History" seminar in Princeton, N.J. ■



Stevie Carnell

## Fifth-Year Master's Students Enter Classroom

The 25 students in the first cohort of Samford's Secondary Fifth Year Nontraditional [FYNT] Master's Program will complete their classroom and clinical requirements this fall as they enter Birmingham-area schools as student-teachers. The program admitted an additional 17 students in the spring and 13 new students for the fall semester.

The FYNT program is a collaboration between Howard College of Arts and Sciences and Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies. It is designed for graduates of an accredited university who already have a B.A. or B.S. degree and want to earn a Class A teaching certificate for grades 6-12. Of the program's 36 required credit hours, 24 hours are in professional education courses, including a semester-long internship, and 12 credit hours are completed through Howard College in the students' chosen field. The students now entering their teaching practicum concentrated their studies in math, English, history, general science and social studies. ■

To learn more, go to [www.samford.edu/fynt](http://www.samford.edu/fynt).

## Yeomans Scholarship Close To Endowment

Dr. Al Yeomans, a beloved member of Samford's faculty from 1954 to 1968, founded both the university's thriving debate program and what is now the Department of Communication Studies.

At the time Yeomans died in 2010, Communication studies was raising funds to endow a scholarship in his honor. Since then, it has raised \$18,000 of the minimum \$25,000 required for endowment, and communication studies chair Rhonda Parker hopes that first goal is reached.

"I look forward to the day when I can announce an endowed scholarship in the name of one of our finest and most beloved professors to ever grace campus," Parker said.

Once the scholarship is endowed, it will benefit communication studies majors based on academic achievement and need. ■



Al Yeomans

To support the Yeomans Scholarship, contact Stacy at 205-726-2174 or [sgay@samford.edu](mailto:sgay@samford.edu).



# Author Crouch Reveals Structure of Excellence, Successful Ministry

by Sean Flynt

**N**oted Christian author Andy Crouch led multiple sessions of Howard College of Arts and Sciences' Church Media Institute [CMI] Aug. 2, including a spiritually uplifting and intellectually challenging closing event.



Andy Crouch

Crouch is a dynamic and creative musician, producer, minister, editor and author of *Culture Making: Recovering Our Creative Calling*, winner of *Christianity Today's* 2009 Book Award for Christianity and Culture, and named one of the best books of 2008 by *Christianity Today*, *Newsweek*, *Time*, *News Weekly*, *Relevant*, *Outreach* and *Leadership*. He serves on the governing boards of Fuller Theological Seminary and Equitas Group, a philanthropic organization focused on ending child exploitation in Haiti and Southeast Asia. He is also a member of the editorial board of *Books & Culture*,

a senior fellow of the International Justice Mission's IJM Institute, and a member of the Board of Advisers for the John Templeton Foundation.

Crouch first presented at CMI's luncheon plenary session, where he observed that global social movements begin not with one brilliant mind or spontaneous masses of millions of likeminded people, but as very small groups. What begins with a few people in personal and mutually trusting relationships grows to include a further 12 or so, and then to around 120, who form the core of the movement, Crouch said.

For churches and other organizations, Crouch's "3-12-120" observation means that accumulating Facebook "likes" or adding names to a list is futile

**Crouch advised churches to grow their ministries by leapfrogging from small group to small group, building genuine personal relationships, mutual trust and unity of purpose.**

because large numbers of people can't be organized effectively, especially in the absence of personal relationships. Instead, Crouch advised churches to grow their ministries by leapfrogging from small group to small group, building genuine personal relationships, mutual trust and unity of purpose.

Crouch noted that the early Christian church grew to encompass half the Roman world without the aid of media as Crouch defines the term—information delivered without personal

relationship. Even Paul's instructional letters to churches were delivered by people known and trusted by the apostle and the receiving church, Crouch said. Even so, Crouch acknowledged the power of modern media, and in two afternoon sessions helped CMI participants make the most of their choices in an increasingly visually oriented culture.

Crouch introduced CMI participants to his vocal and instrumental talents for the closing plenary session in Samford's Brock Recital Hall. The presentation on "The Ingredients of Excellence" managed to coherently and entertainingly unite the music of Tom Waits and Bach with Pixar animation, French Structuralist theory and the Gospels.

Deconstructing Waits' "Picture in a Frame," Bach's "Well-Tempered Clavier (Prelude in C Major)" and the animated film *Ratatouille*, Crouch revealed a formal structure of excellence that he said Christians too often fail to achieve in their artistic endeavors. He decried "thin," predictable and unbalanced narrative and musical structures, pointing out that combining dissonance and conflict with beauty and happiness creates a more lifelike, meaningful and satisfying artistic work.

He noted that each of the works he discussed, like the story of Christian faith, did not have mere happy endings, but rather "happier endings," resolutions more than one would have hoped for or expected. He said they reflect the highs and lows and "the full catastrophe" of human experience.

They honor traditional form but are innovative in form. They are refined by their creator until nothing extra remains and nothing is missing. Do that, Crouch challenged his audience, and "then you've got something excellent."

In closing, Crouch led his audience in a moving performance of the traditional hymn, "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need," whose structure also revealed what Crouch described as "the full beauty and catastrophe and glory of God." ■



Pharmacy student Anthony Bolus worked at Samford's WVSU-FM 91.1 as a sportscaster and weekend disc jockey during his first four years at the university. As his fifth year at McWhorter School of Pharmacy approached last fall, he was casting around for something else to do at the station.

One day, he hit upon "a random idea" that would combine his interests in radio and pharmacy: an on-air information program on medical topics. Thus was born *Healthy Dose*, the station's weekly feature that airs Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

"Station manager Andy Parrish encouraged me, saying he thought the concept would work," said Bolus. "It would be a great way to showcase the changing paradigm of pharmacy."

With the approval of Drs. Maisha Kelly Freeman and Peter J. Hughes of the pharmacy school Drug Information Center, Bolus began interviewing pharmacy faculty, and *Healthy Dose* went on the air last fall. By the end of the spring semester, 24 episodes had played.

"I have had an incredible response from all over the nation and across the globe," Bolus said recently. "According to recent statistics, more than 3,300 people have accessed the pharmacy school website since the program was added, and it has received more than 630 plays from soundcloud.com. That's not counting WVSU's over-the-air listeners."

## Pharmacy Student, WVSU Offer Listeners a *Healthy Dose*

by William Nunnellely

*Healthy Dose* is also on Facebook and Twitter.

With the help of his panel of experts, Bolus covered such health topics as cholesterol, heart disease, Vitamin D deficiency, diabetes and smoking cessation, and such pharmacy practice areas as medication therapy management services, patient assistance programs and brand-versus-generic drugs.

He edits interviews that run as long as 15 minutes down to six to nine minutes for the show—"the most difficult part of the process." But Bolus said it is gratifying to know the program "might make a difference in someone's life."

WVSU played reruns of the show during the summer months, and Bolus used the time off to do research for another year of shows that began Sept. 4 with a new set of topics. Although he will be doing pharmacy rotations at hospitals and pharmacies in Birmingham, Nashville, Tenn., and Houston, Texas, during his final year of pharmacy school this fall, he also looks forward to another series of *Healthy Dose* on WVSU. ■

For more information on *Healthy Dose*, go to [www.msop.wordpress.com](http://www.msop.wordpress.com). To hear WVSU online, go to [www.samford.edu/wvsu](http://www.samford.edu/wvsu).

Anthony Bolus



# CLASSNOTES

This issue includes Class Notes received through Aug. 8, 2012.

'44 Cecil G. Culverhouse is the author of *Christmas Revisited* (Eutyclus Press), a book of essays that present a fresh perspective on many aspects of the Christmas story. He has relocated to Birmingham after many years as a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) minister, most recently in Missouri.

'49 Robert Weaver of Talladega, Ala., was inducted into the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in August. He received the humanitarian award for his philanthropic endeavors in northeast Alabama, and his promotion of services to senior citizens and people of all ages. He is a retired shoe store owner.

'50 Ivan Charles and Benna Jean Jones Dowdey of Leeds, Ala., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in August. They met at Samford, where their wedding attendants, maid of honor Edith Adcock and best man Tommy Noe, were also enrolled. They have two sons and five grandchildren.

'57 David B. Tew of McDonough, Ga., retired after serving churches in

Alabama, Texas and Georgia, most recently Perkerson Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga. He and his wife, Mary Ann, celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary in August. He plans to devote time to a high school they helped establish in Kenya in memory of a son who died of cancer.

'58 Joe Bob Mizzell of Montgomery, Ala., retired as director of Christian ethics/chaplaincy ministries with the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions after 21 years of service. He will continue as pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church near Marion, Ala. He and his wife, Peggie, have two children, Pam Mizzell Bryan '87 and Bryan Mizzell '90, both Samford graduates.

'62 Gail Russell Shaw, a former realtor in Atlanta, Ga., is owner of Staging by Gail R. Shaw in Hutchinson Island, Fla.

'64 Wallace Henley of Houston, Texas, is author of *Globequake: Living in the Unshakeable Kingdom While the World Falls Apart* (Thomas Nelson). He is senior teaching pastor at Houston's

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Second Baptist Church and a columnist for *The Christian Post*.

'70 Mike Shaw is completing his second one-year term as president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention. In May, he celebrated 33 years as pastor of First Baptist Church in Pelham, Ala.



George F. Hammons

'75 George F. Hammons received the Kentucky Pharmacists Association's 2012 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. He is owner and chief pharmacist at Knox Professional Pharmacy in Barbourville, Ky., where he has been located since 1976. He was cited for his civic leadership, and service to his church, community and health-care-related associations.

'76 Roger W. Kirby, J.D., retired as city attorney for Gadsden, Ala., in July. He will work with his son-in-law, Steven A.



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Harris, J.D. '07, at The Harris Firm, LLC, in Birmingham.

- '82 Philip Michael Boyles is pastor of Sage Avenue Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala. He and his wife, Janice Peoples Boyles '78, have two children, Esther Blayne and Chase Michael.

Tim S. Hebson, M.S.E., was elected to his second term on the seven-member national council of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at the annual meeting of the supreme chapter in Washington, D.C., in August. He will serve as chaplain. He is dean of students at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

- '83 Tricia Agee Gaetz of Lexington, Ky., is membership manager at Kentucky Educational Television.

Emily Kelley Morris of Seabrook, Texas, passed the Texas teaching examination and completed her first year as a high school family and consumer science teacher after 26 years as a newspaper journalist. She is a certified Texas Master Naturalist.

- '84 Leigh Ann Metzger Pusey was named one of the 25 most influential women in Washington, D.C., in the July 13, 2012, issue of *National Journal*. President of the American Insurance Association, she was cited for her insight into the political webbing of Washington. Others listed included Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.S. Supreme Court associate justice Elena Kagan and First Lady Michelle Obama.

- '85 John M. Floyd, J.D. '88, M.S.E.M. '99, was elected chair of the Samford board of overseers. He is a senior attorney with Vulcan Materials Company. He and his wife, Marsha Moon Floyd '85, have two children, Harrison and Hampton.

- '86 Richard Wood, J.D./M.B.A., was recognized in the 2012 issue of *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine in the area of real estate. He is an attorney with the Miami, Fla., firm of Fowler White Burnett, P.A.

Alan G. Medders is vice president for advancement and executive director of the CSU Foundation at Columbus State University in Columbus, Ga. He and his wife, Denise, have two children, Allison Renea and Andrea Karis.

- '87 Charles Tomberlin Ray is in his 24th year in sales at Jimmy Smith Jewelers in Decatur, Ala., and is a church minister of music. He and his wife, Lori, live in Hartselle, Ala.

- '88 Loretta Young Walker, M.B.A., was named to the board of directors of the

new Cancer Treatment Centers of America at Southeastern Medical Center in Newnan, Ga. Senior vice president and chief human resources officer at Turner Broadcasting System, Walker also serves on boards of Fulton County Boys & Girls Club, Susan G. Komen-Atlanta and Kings Ridge Christian School.

- '90 James M. Smith, J.D. '98, was elected to the seven-member national council of Pi Kappa Phi at the annual meeting of the supreme chapter in Washington, D.C., in August. He will serve as chancellor. He is an attorney with Stockham, Carroll and Smith, P.C., in Birmingham.

- '92 Rick West of Brentwood, Tenn., is dean of the Lower School at Franklin Road Academy in Nashville, Tenn.

- '93 Jessica Harrison Burgess is financial analyst and cash management specialist in the treasury department at Bridgestone Americas, Inc., in Nashville, Tenn. She is team leader in cash management activities.

- '96 Brent Guinn is director of marketing, kid/toddler nutrition, at Abbott Laboratories in Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife, Christa, have two sons, Grant Kenneth, 4, and Garrett William, 2.

Kavore Kariuki is managing partner of KGroup, a consulting firm in Nairobi, Kenya. He worked on Wall Street before earning a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University.

- '98 Elisa Miller Pesto is an occupational therapist with Rehab Works in Opelika, Ala. She and her husband, Zayne, have a son, Samuel Hardwick, born in November.

Mark N. Strong, Pharm.D., was promoted to captain in the U.S. Public Health Service in August. He is chief of outpatient pharmacy services at Northern Navajo Medical Center in Shiprock, N.M.

Ericka Lee Vander Sys is a certified nurse midwife at Muskegon Family Care in Muskegon, Mich. The clinic provides health care to the underserved in the community. She and her husband, Chris, live in Grand Haven, Mich., with their five children: Henry Thomas, Josephine Ruth, Margaret Isabelle, Sophia Grace and Maximilian Alexander.

- '99 Sherri Coleman Ausbun earned a bachelor's degree in nursing at University of West Georgia in December. She and her husband, Daniel

Glenn Ausbun, Sr. '01, live in Moreland, Ga. They have a son, Benjamin Cole, born in May.

Frances Hodges Hayes of Trussville, Ala., is senior regulatory compliance analyst with Infinity Insurance Companies. She and her husband, Lloyd, have a child, Macaylin.



Benjamin Dewberry

- '00 Benjamin Dewberry is director of residence life at Park University in Parkville, Mo., where he manages the budget and facilities of the school's two residence halls, and supervises and coordinates other student-related matters.

Erin Spengeman, a bivocational church planter in Richmond, Va., is pastor of Synago Church and registrar at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond.

- '01 Justin K. Hardin, M.Div., received Oxford University's inaugural Student Union Teaching Award for Innovation in Teaching in the Humanities Division. A teacher of New Testament and Greek, Hardin will be recognized at an awards ceremony this fall. He was chosen for the honor from among 330 nominees. He earned a Ph.D. at Cambridge University.

- '02 Elizabeth Evans Hagan served as chaplain of the U.S. Senate on July 19, opening and closing the session with prayer. She is senior pastor at



Mark Cottingham '83 and his daughter, Sarah '11, sing during a session of the 2012 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in June. Cottingham is associate pastor for worship at Johnson's Ferry Baptist Church in suburban Atlanta, Ga., and served as music leader for the convention. He and his wife, Rebekah, also are active leaders with the Samford Parents Association. Sarah is an admission counselor at Samford. ■



# Desire To Help Women Motivates Griem, Stephens

by Philip Poole

A passion for helping women caught in sex trafficking has led two Samford University alumnae to lead a U.S.-based tie to an international organization designed to help these women.

A July trip to India was the latest part of the process for 2000 graduate Kristi Griem and 2008 graduate Ashley Crafton Stephens, and both say their experiences as Samford students paved the way for them to be involved in this ministry. Griem is president and Stephens is project coordinator for Freeset USA, based in Birmingham. Freeset USA is part of Freeset Global based in Calcutta, India.

Stephens estimates about 10,000 women are involved in prostitution and sex trafficking around Calcutta. Freeset is a fair-trade business that sells bags and T-shirts made by women who have been freed from sex trade. "Our goal is to change the economic scope of [Kolkata's] red-light district to one of freedom instead of sexual exploitation," she explained.

Through Freeset, women have jobs that pay livable wages with medical insurance and retirement benefits. Daycare is provided for their children, and the women are taught to read and write.

Stephens recalled hearing Samford University President Andrew Westmoreland speak about "what your legacy will be when you leave Samford," she said. "I always wanted to find something that would leave a spiritual legacy on this earth for God's glory, and I believe this opportunity leads me in that direction."

Griem noted that the concepts of social justice and social entrepreneurship were still new when she was at Samford, but her classes encouraged problem solving and an "if you can dream it, you can do it" mentality.

"We can change the world and be pioneers to end an evil that, sadly, has an even greater capacity than during the slave trade days," Griem said.

Her commitment to Freeset came through a mission trip to India. "I walked the [prostitution] line, and while horrified



Caroline Love, left, Kristi Griem, center, and Ashley Stephens work with Freeset.

at all the filth, rats, trash, stench and uncleanness that this form of evil was taking place in, I saw the Lord."

Griem and Stephens work to engage others in Freeset. They have extended their ministry to involve current Samford students such as Caroline Love, a senior marketing major. Love became involved with Freeset through an internship in Samford's Brock School of Business.

"I told the intern coordinator that I was interested in antihuman trafficking organizations and a place where I could apply my growing knowledge in business," Love said. "I loved that Freeset was an organization that focuses on holistic healing by giving women . . . dignity and self-worth."

Griem said the sale of tote bags "equals freedom" for the women. The goal of Freeset is "stopping the cycle completely. It may seem a lofty goal, but it is not." ■

For more information about Freeset, email [shopusa@freesetglobal.com](mailto:shopusa@freesetglobal.com) or go to [www.freesetglobal.com](http://www.freesetglobal.com).

Washington Plaza Baptist church in Reston, Va.

Lindsay Keith Kessler owns Lindsay Kessler Designs in Hoover, Ala.

Tyler Drew Mayfield is assistant professor of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

'03 Jeffrey A. Kyle, Pharm.D., and Langley Rushton Kyle, Pharm.D., of Birmingham have two daughters, Addison Dell, 1, and Ansley Evan, born in July. Jeffrey is associate professor of pharmacy practice at Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy and clinical pharmacy specialist at Shelby Baptist Medical Center. Langley is a pharmacist at Walmart in Leeds, Ala.

Molly McCall Goldman Smart of Cypress, Texas, is president of Molly Smart Public Relations and Graphic Design Company.

'04 Michael Lee Douglas graduated from Lincoln Memorial University's DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in May and will serve a urological surgery residency at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey/Kennedy Health Systems. He and his wife, Jennifer Meservy Douglas '04, live in Audubon, N.J.

Karen Hieb Duvall graduated as Resident of the Year from the family medicine residency program at Florida Hospital East Orlando in June. She was chief resident of the program during 2011-12. She and her husband,

Jonathan, live in Johns Creek, Ga., where she has joined the staff of Ivy Falls Family Medicine.

Paul Noel McDaniel is project researcher for Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., in Washington, D.C. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in geography and urban regional analysis at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He lives in Silver Spring, Md.

'05 Eric Hasha is associate pastor for students and young adults at University Avenue Baptist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii. He and his wife, Cristina Bradley Hasha '05, have a daughter, Abigail Ruth, 2.



**Brent Jacobs and Katie Horrell '07** married in February. He is senior associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers and she is creative director of *Nashville Lifestyles* magazine. They live in Franklin, Tenn.

**'06 William Nicholas Carlisle, Pharm.D.**, is a pharmacist at Baptist Medical Center East in Montgomery, Ala. He and his wife, **Courtney Worley Carlisle '05**, live in Wetumpka, Ala. She recently completed a Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

**David Hayes, J.D. '10**, completed an LL.M. degree in international commercial and business law at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England, where he was awarded the Sir Edward Coke Scholarship. He and his wife,

**Elizabeth Hajek Hayes '07**, live in Atlanta, Ga., where he is an associate in the medical malpractice and products liability groups at Owen Gleaton Egan Jones and Sweeney law firm.

**Hailey Michelle Hutchinson** married Brent Parkman in July. She is vice president of campaign at United Way of Central Alabama. They live in Birmingham.

**Courtney Bonde Keen** is development and communications associate at The Family Center in New York City. She lives in Astoria, N.Y.

**Tanya Humphries Rogers** is a teacher in Fort Payne, Ala.

**Christine Alison Sparks** is manager of Club V-Max child minding facility in Cape Town, South Africa.



Business partners **Nick Barnes '06**, left, of Nashville, Tenn., and **Jonathan Snyder '07** of Atlanta, Ga., recently started a line of bowties with their company, Brier and Moss. Here, they model their first Samford tie, "The Beeson," with the Ralph Beeson statue. See their complete line at [www.brierandmoss.com](http://www.brierandmoss.com). ■

**'07 Clint Gentry, Pharm.D., and Amberly Crowe Gentry, Pharm.D.**, were honored by Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy with the 2012 Carl Wayne Shaddix Pharmacy Practitioner of Excellence Award. They were named cowinners on the basis of their efforts to improve patient care and their outstanding practice of the profession. They opened Gentry Pharmacy, an independent pharmacy in Birmingham, in 2011.

**Kyle McCoy** earned a master's degree in industrial organization psychology at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga and is business and organization development analyst at BVCMS.com. He and his wife, **Bethany Carroll McCoy '08**, live in Memphis, Tenn.

**Carrie Kristen Moore Stallings** is a financial analyst II with Bio Horizons, Inc. She and her husband, Chris, live in Pell City, Ala.

**'08 Jasmine Bolden, M.Acc. '09**, was designated a certified public accountant by the Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy. She is an auditor with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Birmingham.

**Daniel Bowles** is a fund administrator, Global Performance Group, with State Street Bank and Trust Company in Atlanta, Ga.

**Emily Holladay** was an inaugural recipient of the Daniel and Earlene Vestal Leadership Scholars award at the recent general assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The award honors outstanding students at CBS partner schools. She is a student at McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta, Ga.

**Daniel Robert Strickland and Kelly Pittman Strickland '09** live in Opelika, Ala., where he is minister to students at First Baptist Church. She is a registered nurse in the cardiovascular intensive care unit at East Alabama Medical Center.

**'09 William P. Deal** earned a master of divinity degree from McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in May. He is associate pastor of children, youth and education at First Baptist Church in Boone, N.C.

**Melissa Plash** married Chris Knight in June. She is a teacher and varsity volleyball coach at Fairhope High School in Fairhope, Ala.

**Donna Williams, D.N.P.**, of Aberdeen, Miss., is associate dean at Itawamba Community College.

**'10 Mary Beth Gilbert Foust** was named an inaugural recipient of the Daniel and Earlene Vestal Leadership Scholar award at the recent general assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The award honors outstanding students at CBF partner schools. She is a student at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond in Virginia.

**Evan Davidson and Kelsey Jones** married in June. They live in Birmingham.

**Ian George Hudson** is an aircraft maintenance office with the U.S. Air Force in Layton, Utah.



**Christopher P. Hulin**

**Christopher P. Hulin, D.N.P.**, is dean of the Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia in Nashville. He also is an anesthesia provider at Sumner Regional Medical Center in Gallatin, Tenn., Nashville General Hospital and other area clinical sites.

**'11 Jessica Lynne Carroll** of Washington, D.C., is a communications assistant with the Republican State Leadership Committee.

**Jayne Annette Cloninger** of Washington, D.C., is a campaign organizer with Enough Project, which works to end genocide and crimes against humanity.

**Cameron Free and Sarah Smothers**, who met as Samford students, married in June. They live in Boynton Beach, Fla.

**Troy Huddleston, Pharm.D., and Tiffany Radford, Pharm.D.**, married in May. They live in Clarksville, Tenn.

**Marshall Pollard** married Farrell Harding in July. They live in Washington, D.C.

**'12 Benjamin Robert Christopher, Pharm.D.**, is a pharmacist with CVS pharmacy in Mobile, Ala. He and his wife, Samantha, have a daughter, Kate, born in October.

**Brandy Renee Luna** is phonathon manager at Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, Ala. ■



# newarrivals

'92 Steven and Lauren Fields Gough, M.S.E. '08, of Gardendale, Ala., a son, Fischer Harvey, born July 28, 2011.

'94 Lelanie and Mark Brewer of Nashville, Tenn., a daughter, Olivia Elizabeth, born June 2, 2012.

'97 Doug and Shelley Klinner Hamilton of Birmingham, sons, John Douglas, born in February 2010, and Miller Henry born in June 2011.

David and Mandy Barnette Hartley '99 of Hoover, Ala., a daughter, Sadie Grace, born May 16, 2012.

'98 Hudson and LeAnn Linton Hanks of Pearland, Texas, the adoption of a son, Riley Michael, born May 6, 2012.

Zayne and Elisa Miller Pesto of Opelika, Ala., a son, Samuel Hardwick, born Nov. 8, 2011.

'99 Sherri Coleman Ausbun and Daniel Glenn Ausbun, Sr. '01 of Moreland, Ga., a son, Benjamin Cole, born May 15, 2012.

Jennifer Douglass Hartzog and Woodrow Neal Hartzog, '00, J.D., '02, of Birmingham, a daughter, Romy Victoria, born Feb. 16, 2012.

Harry and Sarah Fletcher Miles of Kennesaw, Ga., a daughter, Julia Grace, born March 27, 2012.

Jeff and Laurie Allen Shanks of Birmingham, a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, born April 10, 2012.

Alex and Forrest Walker of Signal Mountain, Tenn., a daughter, Leighton Elyse, born Sept. 19, 2011.

'00 Lauren and David A. Dixon of Atlanta, Ga., a daughter, Poppy Aurelia, born May 2, 2012.

Andy and Melissa Rosenbaum Platt of Nashville, Tenn., a son, Josiah Charles, born July 7, 2011.

'01 Andrew and Jessica Pennington Dye '04 of Nashville, Tenn., a son, Jack Henry, born April 23, 2012.

Thomas and Laura Hitt O'Connor of Austin, Texas, a son, Declan Miles, born April 27, 2012.

'02 Blaine and Susan Kenoyer Godley of Dallas, Ga., a son, Andrew Blaine, born Nov. 9, 2011.

Brad and Kelly Brown Tomas of Birmingham, a daughter, Olivia Joy, born March 25, 2012.



Fischer Harvey Gough



Olivia Elizabeth Brewer



Miller Henry Hamilton



Sadie Grace Hartley



Benjamin Cole Ausbun



Leighton Elyse Walker



Poppy Aurelia Dixon



Jack Henry Dye



Andrew Blaine Godley



'03 Alison Stanford Hyde and Steven D. Hyde, Pharm.D. '04, of Louisville, Ky., a son, Ethan Douglas, born Aug. 1, 2011.

Jeffrey A. Kyle, Pharm.D., and Langley Rushton Kyle, Pharm.D., of Birmingham, a daughter, Ansley Evan, born July 5, 2012.

James and Cheryl Janes Patten of Cooleemee, N.C., a son, Nathaniel Robert, born May 13, 2012.

Mike and Lauren Cole Verlander '04 of Davidson, N.C., a son, Davis, born Jan. 13, 2012.

Kelly and Elizabeth Hill Wilder of Loxley, Ala., a daughter, Katherine Quinn, born Feb. 6, 2012.

'05 Rachel and Micah Adkins, J.D., of Homewood, a son, Hayes Archie, born June 28, 2012.

Keith and Raney Bullock Cronin of Franklin, Tenn., a son, James Parker, born April 19, 2012.

Kelsey Gilreath Graves and Joseph Bryant Graves '06 of Chicago, Ill., a daughter, Kate Allison, born March 29, 2012.

Matt and Sarah Spires Rich '07 of Lexington, S.C., a son, Micah Thomas, born Feb. 22, 2012.

'06 Todd, J.D., and Haley Andrews Cox, J.D., of Birmingham, a son, Andrew Wyatt, born Jan. 6, 2012.

'10 Kara and J. Shane Bell, Pharm.D., of Dothan, Ala., twin sons, Landon Davis and Logan Wyatt, born May 3, 2012.

'11 Kimberly and Thad Key, M.Div., of Richmond, Va., a daughter, Brooklyn Rose, born June 29, 2012.

'12 Samantha and Robert Benjamin Christopher, Pharm.D., of Mobile, Ala., a daughter, Katherine Ann, born Oct. 4, 2011. ■

*Do you have a new arrival to your family? Send the information, along with a high-quality photo if you'd like to do so, to [samnews@samford.edu](mailto:samnews@samford.edu). We'd like to know the child's name, the parents' names and Samford class year(s), the current city, the date your new arrival joined your family and any other pertinent details that you would like to share.*



Olivia Joy Tomas



Ansley Evan Kyle



Nathaniel Robert Patten



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Hayes Archie Adkins



James Parker Cronin



Kate Allison Graves



Micah Thomas Rich



Landon Davis Bell and Logan Wyatt Bell



Brooklyn Rose Key



# inmemoriam

## ALUMNI

'36 **Margaret Godwin Tutwiler**, age 100, of Tallahassee, Fla., died June 8, 2012. She was a librarian at East Lake and Springville Road libraries in Birmingham, and a member of Delta Zeta sorority.

'39 **George Ray Yeager**, age 96, of Hoover, Ala., died July 4, 2012. He worked for the Internal Revenue Service for 35 years and was a tax consultant for the government of Guam. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

'41 **R. G. Armstrong**, age 95, of Studio City, Calif., died July 27, 2012. He was known for his western and science-fiction roles in movies and television. His TV credits included *Bonanza*, *Twilight Zone* and *The Andy Griffith Show*, and he appeared in such movies as *Ride the High Country* and *Red Headed Stranger*. He visited campus to talk with Samford drama students while filming *Stay Hungry* with Arnold Schwarzenegger in Birmingham in 1975.

**Opal Bertran Florence, B.S.** '49, age 101, of Warrior, Ala., died July 24, 2012. He practiced pharmacy for 51 years before retiring at age 90. He was an elementary teacher prior to serving in World War II and then studying pharmacy.

'45 **JoAnn Jordan Johnston**, age 86, of Birmingham died May 30, 2012. Her career as a physical therapist at Birmingham area hospitals spanned 50 years. An avid water skier and championship swimmer who last slalom skied at age 70, she taught swimming and life saving for the American Red Cross.

**Frank Morrison, Sr.**, age 96, of Eufaula, Ala., died May 21, 2012. He was a pastor of Baptist churches for 42 years, and chaplain at Crown Health Care and Medical Center Barbour for 25 years.

'46 **Martha Lou Fagan Walker**, age 86, of Birmingham died Aug. 18, 2012. An accomplished musician, she served with her husband, the late H. Gerald Walker '48, in ministry in Alabama and four other states. She was a vocational counselor and program specialist for Birmingham city schools and an officer in Samford's Legacy League. Memorials may be made to the Walker Ministry Scholarship, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

'48 **David M. Vess**, age 86, of Birmingham, died June 13, 2012. The longtime Samford history professor served as department chair 1970–85, and was professor emeritus. A European history scholar and an authority on the French Revolution, he wrote *The Medical Revolution in France, 1789–1795*, which remains the definitive study of the subject. He received his Ph.D. at the University of Alabama. Memorials may be made to the David M. Vess Scholarship for Study Abroad or the George V. Irons Scholarship Endowment Fund, Office of University Advancement, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

'49 **Roy G. Davidson, Jr.**, age 90, of Vestavia Hills, Ala., died May 16, 2012. He was a dentist in Birmingham for 47 years. He attended Samford after serving in World War II as a U.S. Air Force pilot. His B-17 was shot down on Black Thursday, Oct. 15, 1943, and he was held as a prisoner of war until liberated by General George Patton and his army. He recently participated in an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

'51 **Betty Davis Shirley**, age 83, of Rock Hill, S.C., died Dec. 19, 2011. She and her husband, Harold Shirley, served churches in several southeastern states.

'52 **Wylodine Hester Hull**, age 81, of Birmingham died Aug. 21, 2012. The wife of retired Samford provost Dr. William E. Hull '51, she shared in his ministry in Louisville, Ky., and Shreveport, La., and at Samford. As a student, she was Miss Howard College and a recipient of the Hypatia Cup given in recognition of scholarship, leadership and character. Memorials may be made to the William E. and Wylodine H. Hull Endowment, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

**Harold "Harry" Hunter Oliver**, age 80, of Deatsville, Ala., died Sept. 22, 2011. He was professor of theology and philosophy at Boston University from 1965 until his retirement in 1997. He also taught at Tufts University and Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary. The author of many books and articles, he taught biblical Greek for 40 years.

'53 **James W. Nelson**, age 88, of Albuquerque, N.M., died July 4, 2012. His career included service with the North American Mission Board and

Baptist conventions in Montana and New Mexico. He was a former church pastor in Alabama and Mississippi, and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

'54 **Rachel Jane Knight Levey**, age 79, of Birmingham died June 15, 2012. She taught English at Shades Valley High School and at Samford. In college, she was Miss Howard, in Who's Who and a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

**Joe Lughes, J.D.**, age 83, of Pinehurst, N.C., died May 14, 2012. He was an attorney, an insurance executive and restaurant owner. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps after high school, serving as a field artillery crewman in China and playing football for the Marines.

**Edward Lee Robinson**, age 78, of Birmingham died July 15, 2012. A nuclear physicist, he taught at Samford and the University of Alabama at Birmingham, serving as director of Samford's cyclotron lab and UAB's Van de Graaff accelerator lab. He formed Robinson & Associates consulting firm. His achievements include discovering or codiscovering six radioisotopes. He was a member of the Samford board of overseers.

'56 **Robert Lee "Bob" Franklin**, age 78, of Macon, Ga., died July 8, 2012. He was a former director of missions in Montgomery, Ala.; Marietta, Ga.; and Macon, Ga., and director of associational strategy for the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He started more than 50 churches during his ministry.

**Paul Trenton Goins**, age 88, of Birmingham died July 11, 2012. He was a meteorologist in the U.S. Navy and later taught weather forecasting. After retirement from the Navy, he was a small business owner.

**Tillman William Pugh, Jr.**, age 78, of Birmingham died July 4, 2012. His occupations included biology teacher, pharmaceutical representative and president of the Alabama Associated General Contractors Self Insurance Fund. He enjoyed his work with the Cahaba River Society.

'58 **William David Meeks** of Hoover, Ala., died May 29, 2012. He attended college while working full time at Southern Bell Telephone Company and retired as a staff engineer for the southeast after 42 years. He was in the South Pacific with the U.S. Navy during World War II when his ship was attacked by Japanese suicide bombers. He also served during the Korean War.

'60 **Morris S. Miner**, age 79, of Fuquay-Varina, N.C., died July 22, 2012. During



his career in the textile industry, he spearheaded the development of several manmade fiber manufacturing processes. He was cofounder and co-owner of Warp Technologies Corporation.

'61 **Warren Earl Vandigriff**, age 73, of Montevallo, Ala., died April 4, 2012. He was in management with Union Carbide Corporation and First Brands Corporation. He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

'63 **Robert N. Padgett, Sr.**, age 70, of Birmingham died July 1, 2012. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

'64 **Jan Harris Bailey, M.S.E.** '70, age 69, of Birmingham died June 6, 2012. Most of her career involved social work and fraud investigation for the Alabama Department of Human Resources.

'65 **Barbara Phillips Chandler, M.A.** '67, age 68, of Phoenix, Ariz., died May 4, 2012. She taught applied mathematics at elementary, middle school, junior college and university levels.

**Edward C. Porter**, age 68, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., died July 2, 2012. He was an ordained minister and a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

'67 **John Samuel Landrum**, age 67, of Fayetteville, Tenn., died May 18, 2012. He was retired from the Jefferson County, Ala., Health Department. He was a member of the Alabama Jubilee Chorus and the Jubilee Gents Quartet.

**Robert Griffin Robison, J.D.**, age 70, of Dothan, Ala., died July 26, 2012. He practiced law in Birmingham before opening an office in Newton, Ala. He was a Mason, a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity and a former area vice president of the Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

**Albert Dozier Williams, J.D.**, age 69, of Birmingham died July 3, 2012. He was a member of Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, and local and state bar associations.

'69 **Richard Thomas Owens, M.S.E.**, age 78, of Shelby County, Ala., died June 24, 2012. A longtime teacher in Vestavia Hills, Ala., he also was a member of the Homewood Board of Education.

**Michael Louis Tucker, J.D.**, of Birmingham died May 10, 2012, of cancer. He retired from the district attorney's office after 30 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a former golf professional.

'74 **Jane Cagle Little, M.A., J.D.** '78, age 76, of Birmingham died June 29, 2012, of

corticobasal degeneration. She taught school before earning her law degree and was a founding member of the Alabama chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

'76 **William "Mac" Midyette III, J.D.**, age 63, of Lakeland, Fla., died June 11, 2012, of cancer. A past president of the Lakeland Bar Association, he was a leader in the Florida Rural Legal Services, Volunteers in Service to the Elderly and Central Florida Mediation Group.

**Roger Allen White, M.B.A.**, of Birmingham died June 6, 2012. He had a 28-year career with the City of Birmingham and was involved with the Titusville Development Corporation.

'80 **Lauren Lynn Becker, J.D.**, age 58, of Atlanta, Ga., died July 17, 2012, of uterine cancer. She was a defense attorney.

'84 **Roberta Marshall Leatherwood Fulton, J.D.**, age 80, of Port Townsend, Wash., formerly of Birmingham, died July 13, 2012.

**Julie P. Le**, age 70, of Birmingham, died June 19, 2012. She was a retired pharmacist with the Jefferson County Health Department.

'86 **Jeana Bradley Peeler Hosch, J.D.**, age 57, of Birmingham, died May 31, 2012, of cancer. She was an attorney and leader in the Young Women's Christian Association and other civic causes.

'93 **Anita Henson Patton**, age 46, of Pleasant Grove, Ala., died July 21, 2012, of cancer. She was a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Princeton Medical Center.

'94 **William Clyde "Bill" Byars, M.Div.** '97, age 59, of Society Hill, S.C., died Aug. 17, 2012. He was pastor of Society Presbyterian Church and Patrick Presbyterian Church. He served in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam.

'02 **Cedric Brandon Thomas**, age 33, of Birmingham died June 18, 2012. He was employed by AT&T U-verse.

## Faculty Deaths

**Billy T. Gamble**, age 88, of Birmingham died Aug. 24, 2012. He had a long association with Samford, joining the physical plant staff as superintendent in 1963 after a 22-year career in the U.S. Navy, primarily in the submarine service. He was the architect's representative for the building of Samford's Wright Center before joining the business school faculty in 1975. Samford's first full-time instructor of information systems, he also developed the business school's career placement office, which evolved into the university's career development office. He retired in 1988. He earned his bachelor's degree from Samford in 1972, and later a master's degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, all by taking night courses. He was buried in Alabama National Cemetery.

**Calvin A. Miller**, age 75, of Trussville, Ala., died Aug. 19, 2012, from complications following open heart surgery. He was professor of preaching and pastoral ministry at Samford's Beeson Divinity school from 1999 to 2007, when he was named distinguished professor and writer in residence. He wrote more than 40 books, including *The Singer*, *Letters to a Young Pastor*, and his autobiography, *Life is Mostly Edges*. Prior to joining the divinity school faculty, he was pastor of an Omaha, Neb., church that grew from 10 to 2,500 members during his 25-year leadership. He held a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, and master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Stanley V. Susina**, age 89, of Birmingham died Sept. 1, 2012. He taught in Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy for 30 years, from 1962 to 1992. During that time, he served as acting dean, was named winner of Samford's Buchanan Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching and was president of the Jefferson County Pharmacy Association. He held bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois—Chicago. He earned a degree from Samford's Cumberland School of Law in 1971. Dr. Susina and his late wife, Betty, received the pharmacy school's Distinguished Service Award in 2002. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Memorials may be made to McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229. ■



Adrienne Mancino



Lauren Hutchinson





# Soccer

## Expectations High Heading into SoCon

Expectations annually run high for Samford soccer. This year's team is coming off the Bulldogs' third NCAA appearance in seven seasons, a Southern Conference championship run that saw Samford field one of the nation's best defensive teams.

The Bulldogs played their traditional tough nonconference schedule this fall before starting SoCon play Sept. 21 at Georgia Southern. This year, conference play will lead up to the SoCon Tournament to be hosted by Samford Nov. 2-4.

Coach Todd Yelton lost several talented seniors from last year's champions, but the coach is counting on an experienced group of returnees and a strong class of recruits to keep Samford winning. Last year's team posted a 14-6-2 mark that included a string of 10 straight victories. The Bulldogs won the SoCon Tournament to qualify for the NCAA, losing to sixth-ranked Florida State, 2-0.

Gone are goalkeeper Alyssa Whitehead and forward Sarah Wilkinson, both All-Conference and All-Tournament performers. Whitehead notched 32 career shutouts, second in SoCon history, and Wilkinson scored 23 goals and 49 points during her career.

But eight starters and six other letterwinners are back, including senior defender Adrienne Mancino, whose goal accounted for the victory margin in the 1-0 SoCon

championship win over College of Charleston.

Five members return from last year's defensive squad that helped Samford lead the league in fewest goals allowed (0.86 a game) and shutouts (9). Mancino joins All-Conference first-teamer Sabbath McKiernan-Allen, Katie Danehy, Lindsey Hansen and Mary Grabowski in this stellar group.

Four midfield starters are back in what may be the team's strongest position—Shanika Thomas, Trine Taule, Joy Grove and Michelle Moll. Thomas was named Most Outstanding Player in the SoCon tournament, Moll was All-Conference, and Grove made the All-Freshman team.

Kaley Blanton, who played in 21 games and started seven, is joined by Brittany Hoffman and Amanda Abbott at forward.

Julia Wright, who averaged nine minutes a game backing up Whitehead, is the only experienced goalkeeper.

Seven newcomers joined the team this fall. They include defenders Hallie Georgi and Diana Getzewich; midfielders Lindy Robichaux, Kinsey Sessions and Libby Spragg; forward McKenzie Thomas; and goalkeeper Jessica Perry.

"I am certain that this group of players will immediately make us a better team in 2012," said Yelton. ■

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# Volleyball

## SoCon Champs Work Hard to Repeat

Samford enjoyed a great volleyball season last fall, posting its best record in history (29-5), winning the Southern Conference championship and going to the NCAA Tournament. But Coach Derek Schroeder and his squad have spent the intervening months trying to put the past behind them.

Their goal is once again to win the SoCon and make the NCAA, where they fell to Big East power Cincinnati, 3-2, in last year's opening round. Defending champions haven't won the SoCon since 2007. The Bulldogs, with every starter back, are trying to repeat by doing two things: fighting complacency and playing a tough preconference schedule to get ready for tournament time in November and December.

"Dealing with being defending champs was a focus of everything right away," said Schroeder, "because the first workouts when we came back last spring were not good." The team worked on regaining its focus, and the performances improved. Schroeder also scheduled a strong 14-match preconference schedule this fall that included such nationally recognized teams as Miami, Duke and Louisville.

The Bulldogs began their 16-match SoCon schedule Sept. 21 against Western Carolina at Samford.

Senior Lauren Hutchinson and junior Katie Murphy lead the middle blocker position. Hutchinson was All-Conference first team last year and set a Samford record for hitting percentage (.428), finishing second nationally. Murphy was All-Conference second team and right behind Hutchinson with a hitting percentage of .427. Junior Taylor Palmer and freshman Emily Meitz provide depth at the position.

Senior Elizabeth Neisler returns at outside hitter after being named SoCon Player of the Year in 2011, when she led the conference in kills with 452. But Neisler is coming back from off-season shoulder surgery. Michaela Reesor, who made last year's SoCon All-Freshman team, also returns at outside hitter, as do redshirts Erika Devaughn and Amanda Moritz.

Casey Garvey is back at setter after recording a Samford-record and SoCon-leading 1,431 assists. Sophomore Selina Schirmer backs her.

Senior Alexis Bauer and soph Chelsi Carter return at libero, where Bauer was SoCon Tournament Most Valuable Player. Bauer's 532 digs were just 42 shy of the Samford season record. Senior Alicia Roth and junior Taylor Chao are back-ups. ■



Lauren D'Alessio

SPORTS

## Cross-Country Focusing on Rebounding

After winning the Southern Conference title in 2009 and 2010, the Samford women's cross-country team ran into injury problems last fall that contributed to a seventh-place finish. The men's team also was wracked by injuries, and with just five runners healthy, finished 11th.

Lauren D'Alessio is back after finishing second in last year's SoCon 5,000-meter race to earn All-Conference honors. That qualified her for the NCAA Regional, where she placed 16th, falling just shy of an at-large bid to the national meet.

Holly Benson and Marie Demedicis are veteran runners, and Rachel Roberts, Rachel Wooten and Margaret Grogan talented freshmen.

Layton Dorsett and Ramsey White return to lead the men's team. Freshmen Steve Crain, Brandon Hazouri, Adam Jones and Luke Weishaar will try to contribute early.

Coach Lori Strand believes the women's team has the talent to challenge for the championship again. And with added depth and experience, the men's team should be stronger as well, she said. ■

## Seven Back from SoCon Champs

In what many thought would be a rebuilding season last year, the Samford women's basketball team won its second consecutive Southern Conference Tournament, finishing with a 20-13 record and earning the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. It was their fifth straight 20-win season.

The Bulldogs had gone 25-8 the previous year when they were led by the Nos. 1 and 3 scorers in Samford history, Emily London and Savannah Hill. Last year's team played "probably the best three games we've played all year" in the SoCon Tournament, said Coach Mike Morris, to qualify for the NCAA Tournament. It lost to Duke in the first round.

Three starters graduated—All-Conference selection Paige Anderson, who led the Bulldogs with a 12.8 scoring average, Ruth Ketcham and Jazmine Powers, along with sub J'Quita Babineaux. Powers joined the Bulldog coaching staff.

But seven players return, led by starters Taylor Reece and Hanna Dawson, plus SoCon Tournament Most Outstanding Player Shelby Campbell. Reece, a 6-3 forward, averaged 8.8 points a game and was named to the SoCon All-Freshman team. Dawson, a forward, led the Bulldogs in rebounding. Campbell, a guard, averaged 7.5 points a game off the bench and scored 43 points in the three SoCon Tournament games.

The other returnees are guards Jazmine Martin and Kendall Schwantz, center Christy Robinson, and forward Kylie Black. Redshirt forward Keke Fletcher also returns.

Joining the team will be freshman signee Krista Stricklin, a guard who scored 3,155 points during a four-year career at Hayden (Ala.) High School.

Morris' teams have an overall 182-122 record in 10 seasons and have won 20 or more games in six of the last seven years. ■

## Men's Team Going Up-Tempo

New men's basketball Head Coach Bennie Seltzer sent a message to his team and others in the spring: "We're going to get up and down the floor a little bit. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Seltzer's up-tempo game will start with defense. "I think you have to start defensively to have a championship team," he said. "We want to lead the league in turnovers caused . . . because we're trying to get points off turnovers."

But, he cautioned, "To get to that point, it's going to take a lot of hard work."

Seltzer was named Samford's head coach last spring after Bulldog Athletics Director Martin Newton announced a change in the program's leadership. Seltzer replaced longtime coach Jimmy Tillette.

Seltzer was an assistant coach at Indiana, Marquette and Oklahoma after his standout playing career at Washington State. He played four years of

professional basketball overseas before starting his coaching career.

Samford returns three starters and five other lettermen from last year's team that went 11-19. Seltzer added four freshmen and a junior college player to the squad during the late spring and summer.

Forward Tyler Hood (11.1 points a game), and guards Raijon Kelly (9.4) and Will Cook (8.0) are the returning starters. Hood and Kelly made last year's Southern Conference All-Freshman team. Other lettermen back are guards Brandon Hayman, Connor Miller, Hamilton Bailey and Greg Wooten, and center Levi Barnes.

The new players are guards Michael Fitzpatrick and Russel Wilson, and forwards Clide Geffrard, Tim Williams and Arthur McMillan, a junior college transfer. ■



# Bulldogs' Seven

## Baseball Draftees Transition Well

Samford's baseball team set records during the spring of 2012 and continued to do so after the season ended. The Bulldogs won the Southern Conference Tournament, beat Mississippi State twice in the NCAA playoffs and finished 41-23—their first 40-win season.

In the aftermath of that success, Coach Casey Dunn's squad set another school record when seven players were drafted into professional baseball. All signed and were dispatched to various minor league teams. Samford's previous high was three draftees.

Samford outfielder Brandon Miller, who led the nation's collegians with 23 home runs last spring, was drafted in the fourth round by Washington and played for the Auburn (N.Y.) Doubledays of the New York-Penn League [NYP]. Although he missed about a month with a foot injury, he hit .292 with 18 extra base hits in 29 regular-season games.

Bulldog first baseman Saxon Butler, who went to the New York Yankees in the 33rd round (there are 40), hit .296 in 36 games for the Staten Island Yankees, also in the NYP. He was leading the league in home runs (10) and runs batted in (36)

when he earned a promotion to Charleston of the South Atlantic League, where he continued to hit with power.

The other draftees were pitchers—Lex Rutledge (sixth round by Baltimore), Josh Martin (10th round by Cleveland), Tyler Vanderheiden (19th round by the New York Mets), Joseph Burns (28th round by Cleveland) and Charles Basford (37th round by the Yankees).

Four of the pitchers also played in the NYP—Rutledge (Aberdeen, N.Y.), Martin (Mahoning Valley, Pa.), Vanderheiden (Brooklyn, N.Y.) and Basford (Staten Island)—pitching mostly in relief. Burns played for Spokane of the Northwest League. Vanderheiden (0.82 earned run average with two wins and 12 saves in 25 games) had the best record through Sept. 3.

Catcher Brad Moss was not drafted but signed a free agent contract with the San Francisco Giants organization

One of the biggest Bulldog success stories of the summer was centerfielder Philip Ervin, a sophomore last spring. Ervin was named the Most Valuable Player in the prestigious Cape Cod League, a nonprofessional summer league for college players. He hit .323 for the Harwich Mariners. ■

## New Facility To Help Baseball, Softball

Samford will name its new baseball/softball facility in honor of retired longtime faculty member and former coach John T. Haywood, Jr., who played baseball at Samford and later revived the sport as an intercollegiate activity at his alma mater.

The university's board of trustees approved the naming and start of construction in August so that the facility could be ready for the start of the 2013 season.

In its initial phase, the John T. Haywood, Jr., Baseball/Softball Field House will include indoor hitting facilities.

Eventually, as additional funding is secured, it also will include locker rooms and coaches' areas. It will be located between Joe Lee Griffin Field (baseball) and Bulldog Field (softball), where a temporary outdoor batting cage currently is located.

The project is part of the university's long-range development plan that Samford had filed with the City of Homewood. Trustees approved the project in 2006 with the understanding that construction could begin when funds had been raised. The project is being funded through private donations.

The Haywood facility is part of a larger project that includes a 200-seat softball stadium, reorientation of the current softball field and a new press tower with concessions and restrooms. Bradford Building Co. of Birmingham is the general contractor for the project.

Samford Director of Athletics Martin Newton thanked "those who have spent tireless hours and provided funds to make this project happen," and added, "We are proud to be able to name the indoor hitting and locker room facility after Coach Haywood."

Haywood is a 1961 Samford graduate who taught on the faculty from 1962 until his retirement in 1995. He revived Samford's baseball program in the 1980s and served as head coach for five years. He also developed an extensive intramurals program for the university. He was inducted into Samford's baseball hall of fame in 2007. ■





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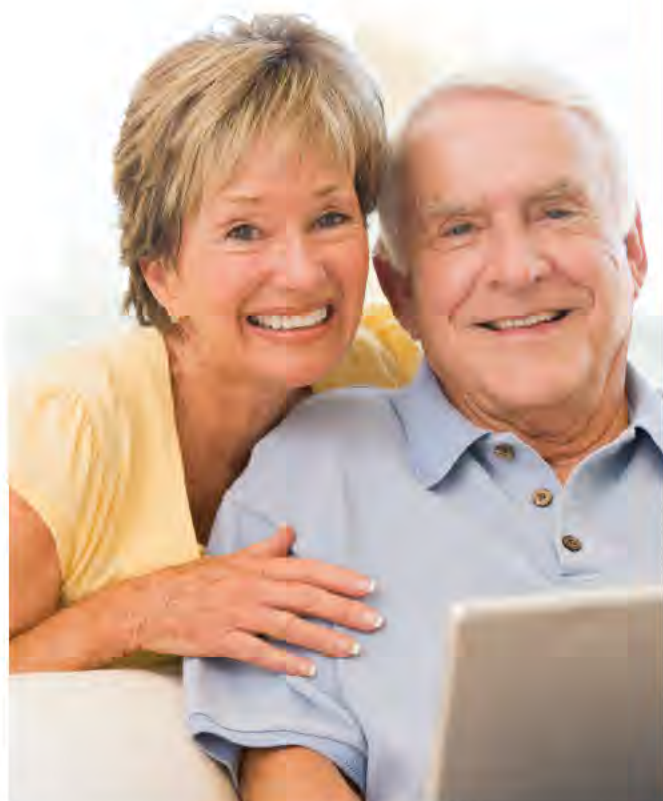
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- Oct. 1–29** Exhibit: Works by Jonathan Purvis, Samford Art Gallery, samford.edu/arts
- Oct. 1–2** Conference: “Sabbath in the City,” hosted by Beeson Divinity School, beesondivinity.com
- Oct. 2** Samford Orchestra concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, samford.edu/arts
- Oct. 3** Theological Education Day
- Oct. 4** Guest artist concert: Anne-Marie Dubois, piano, 7:30 p.m., Hodges Chapel
- Oct. 6–9** Fall break, no classes, university offices open
- Oct. 8–9** Conference: “Like a Mustard Seed,” sponsored by the Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence, 205-726-4064
- Oct. 9** Jefferson County Water Festival, hosted by Samford
- Alabama Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster and Friends, “Chamber Music by Living Composers,” 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, alabamasymphony.org
- Oct. 10** Alabama Supreme Court in residence, hosted by Cumberland School of Law, Wright Center Concert Hall
- Oct. 11–14** Freeman Theatre Series presents *Steel Magnolias*, samford.edu/arts
- Oct. 11** Lecture: “Faith and Politics: Do We Need Religion in the Public Square?” Speaker: Mark Douglas, 6 p.m., Robinson Hall, sponsored by the Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership, www.samford.edu/manncenter
- Oct. 12–14** Homecoming, samford.edu/alumni
- Oct. 14** Samford Hymn Sing, 2 p.m., Reid Chapel
- Oct. 16** J. Roderick Davis Lecture: Taylor Branch, “Myth and Miracles from the King Years,” 7:30 p.m., Wright Center
- Faculty recital: Kathryn Fouse, piano, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Oct. 18** Percussion Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Oct. 20** Preview Day, hosted by the Office of Admission, admission.samford.edu
- Oct. 23** Davis Architects Guest Artist Series: Academy of St. Martin’s in the Fields Chamber Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, arts.samford.edu
- Oct. 25** Guest lectures: Andrew Peterson, sponsored by School of the Arts music and worship, samford.edu/arts
- Wind Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Oct. 26–27** Alabama Ballet presents *La Sylphide*, Wright Center Concert Hall, alabamaballet.org
- Oct. 26** OperaBirmingham presents “Catching a Rising Star” recital, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, operabirmingham.org
- Oct. 28** Guest recital: Christian Lane, organ, 2:30 p.m., Reid Chapel
- Oct. 29–Nov. 2** Woodrow Wilson Institute residency with Ambassador Thomas Boyatt
- Oct. 30–Nov. 1** Reformation Heritage Lectures, sponsored by Beeson Divinity School, beesondivinity.com
- Nov. 2** Vespers, led by A Cappella Choir, 5:30 p.m., Hodges Chapel
- Alabama Symphony SuperPops concert: “A Broadway Romance” with Ted Sperling, 8 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, alabamasymphony.org
- Nov. 2–3** Family Weekend, samford.edu/parents
- Nov. 2–3** Samford Opera Scenes, 7:30 p.m., Bolding Studio, samford.edu/arts
- Nov. 5–30** Exhibit: Sculpture by Michael Aurbach, Samford Art Gallery, samford.edu/arts
- Nov. 5–9** Greek Week, samford.edu/greeklife
- Nov. 6** Faculty recital: Angela Flaniken, viola; Jeffrey Flaniken, violin; and Donald Sanders, piano, 7:30 p.m., Bolding Studio
- Nov. 9–10** School of the Arts auditions and interviews, samford.edu/arts
- Nov. 13** Samford Orchestra concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Nov. 15** Samford Jazz Band concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall
- Nov. 16** Wright Center Series presents Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, 8 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, samford.edu/wrightcenter
- Nov. 17** Preview Day, hosted by the Office of Admission, admission.samford.edu
- Nov. 18** Faculty recital: Randall Richardson, tenor; Sharon Lawhon, soprano; and Daniel Lawhon, organ, 2:30 p.m., Reid Chapel
- Nov. 21–23** Thanksgiving holidays, offices closed Nov. 22–23



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<b>Nov. 29</b>	Hanging of the Green, 6 p.m., Reid Chapel	<b>Dec. 9</b>	SuperJazz concert, 3 p.m., Brock Recital Hall, tickets sold at the door
	Lighting of the Way, 7 p.m., University Quadrangle	<b>Dec. 10–13</b>	Final exams
<b>Nov. 30–Dec. 1</b>	Samford Opera presents <i>Hansel and Gretel</i> , <a href="http://samford.edu/arts">samford.edu/arts</a>	<b>Dec. 10–15</b>	Exhibit: Graduating Seniors, reception following Dec. 15 commencement, <a href="http://samford.edu/arts">samford.edu/arts</a>
<b>Dec. 4</b>	Bells of Buchanan concert, 7:30 p.m., Brock Recital Hall	<b>Dec. 14–16</b>	Alabama Ballet presents George Balanchine's <i>The Nutcracker</i> , Wright Center Concert Hall, <a href="http://alabamaballet.org">alabamaballet.org</a>
<b>Dec. 5</b>	Winter Commencement and Consecration, Beeson Divinity School, 11 a.m., Hodges Chapel	<b>Dec. 15</b>	Winter Commencement, 10 a.m., Wright Center Concert Hall
<b>Dec. 7</b>	Last day of classes for the fall semester	<b>Dec. 21, 23</b>	OperaBirmingham presents <i>Home for the Holidays</i> , Brock Recital Hall, <a href="http://operabirmingham.org">operabirmingham.org</a>
	School of the Arts Christmas Collage, 7:30 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall	<b>Dec. 24–Jan. 1</b>	Christmas/New Year's holidays, offices closed
<b>Dec. 8</b>	Alabama Symphony SuperPops concert: "Holiday Cirque de la Symphonie," 8 p.m., Wright Center Concert Hall, <a href="http://alabamasymphony.org">alabamasymphony.org</a>		

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If you have any stories, memorabilia, photographs and manuscripts related to the history of Howard College and Samford University that you would be willing to share, please contact Jonathan Bass, university historian, at [history@samford.edu](mailto:history@samford.edu). He is collecting material for his history of Samford University. ■



Samford President Andrew Westmoreland welcomes members of the 2012 freshman class.

