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# From the President's Desk...



Dear friends,

During the last several years, SMC has used the theme word “Discovery” to describe our work with students. This year, the College selected “Connecting” as our theme word because it applies so very well with what we do with the students we serve. Our programs and staff help students to connect with who they are, to connect with the many resources offered at our College, and to make important connections as they complete their Associate Degree program and transfer to baccalaureate degree studies at senior institutions. Connection, an integral component of our mission, describes many ways we go about our work.

Many high school graduates enter college with the intention of earning an academic degree that will prepare them for their vocation and life. As we work with high school students, we provide connections from their high school career to a rigorous collegiate educational experience. At SMC, students are connected with true professionals who will help them develop their minds, bodies, social life, spiritual life, and personal values. Connecting with SMC opens many doors for the development of the whole person, which characterizes the liberal arts nature of our institution. We seek to help students understand who they are and what they wish to do with their lives.

After students enroll at SMC, we help them make connections in their personal development with our student life staff and student development programs. We connect students with professors who challenge their assumptions and provide a safe and comfortable setting wherein students can develop their high order thinking skills, establish their personal value system, and develop a Christian character that becomes the foundation of their entire life. We provide academic tutoring and social support services to help students who need these resources. We connect enrolled students to a complete college-experience through our academic program, residential life program, fourteen intercollegiate athletic teams, intramural programs, and student development programs and services, all of which are offered to students at no additional cost.

Spartanburg Methodist College also helps students make important connections after they complete their academic degree. Approximately 90% of our graduates continue their education at another institution. We offer a well developed advisement program that helps students make appropriate decisions in regards to where they want to transfer and what they want to major in at a senior institution. Our faculty academic advisement program, career counseling services, and personal counseling services offer students ample opportunities to make important decisions regarding their future. We prepare students to make these decisions, but always within an atmosphere where support and encouragement are evident and available.

Connecting students with who they are, with programs and academic degrees that foster their academic and personal development, and with decisions regarding what they want to do after SMC are significant components of the educational experience. When these are woven into the tapestry of an educational environment that supports the development of the whole person, great things begin to happen. In a nutshell, this is who we are and what we do best.

The final connection we offer is between our graduates and their alma mater, Spartanburg Methodist College. We proudly support our graduates and look forward to following their careers as mature and responsible adults. Well satisfied alumni remain connected to SMC!

Blessings and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles P. Teague". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Charles P. Teague  
President of the College

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# SMC Board Picks Up Three New Members

The South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church recently re-elected six members, replaced two outgoing members whose terms expired in 2008 and elected a new member to a vacant post on Spartanburg Methodist College's Board of Trustees.

Rev. Mitch Houston, of Irmo, SC, was elected to fill the seat being vacated by Rev. John Hipp, whose term expired.

Rev. Houston was named South Carolina Religious Leader of the Year in 1996. He also is a member of the FCA of the Midlands, Vice Chair of the Conference Finance and Administration, Chair of the Columbia District Board of Ministry and a former Board of Trustees member at Columbia Pines Hospital in Hartsville, SC. Rev. Houston is a member of the Rotary Club and Capital City Club in Columbia, SC. He and his wife Martha Ann McConnell have two children.

Mr. Guy Spriggs, of Campobello, SC, was elected to fill the seat being vacated by Mr. Howard Suitt whose term expired.



**Rev. Mitch Houston**



**Mr. Guy Spriggs**



**Rev. Lillian Washington**

Spriggs is a member of Jackson Grove United Methodist Church and an active supporter of the Tryon Fine Arts Center. He is a member of the Ramey Estep Foundation and the Guy and Lisa Spriggs Foundation. He received the Community Service Award in 2005 and was named an Angel in Adoption in 2006. He and his wife Lisa have four children.

Rev. Lillian Washington, of Hartsville, SC, was elected to fill the seat being vacated by

Mr. Ralph Driggers.

Rev. Washington is a Board member of Epworth Children's Home and is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the OES. She and her husband Harold have two children.

The Spartanburg Methodist College Board of Trustees is comprised of 24 members, with six clergy members and 18 laity. Terms are staggered on a three-year basis.

## Trustee Medal To Be Presented To Highest Honor Graduate Each Spring

The SMC Board of Trustees recently approved the creation of the Trustee Medal - a new way of honoring the highest honor graduate among each Spring's graduating class, starting in 2009.

The honor graduate is the graduating student each spring with the highest grade point ratio.

"They represent our best, our very brightest. They are after all, our highest honor graduates," says Dan Foster, former SMC Board chairperson.

The recipient(s) will receive a prestigious bronze medal with a ribbon attached, along with a \$500 cash award indicating the pinnacle of academic success at SMC. To memorialize the award, each recipient will have his/her name engraved on a bronze table mounted in a prominent location on campus.

Funding for the Trustee Medal has been raised through pledges from the trustees themselves, totaling more than \$20,000.

## SMC Receives Grant From Fujikura Foundation



*The Fujikura Foundation recently provided a \$2,500 gift to the Campus Service Program at SMC. Pictured are (l-r) Corie Culp, Community Relations Manager, AFL Telecommunications; Jody Gallagher, President and CEO, AFL Telecommunications; Don Tate, SMC Director of Development; Doug Baker, Project Manager, AFL Telecommunications; and Donda Bishop, Product Manager, AFL Telecommunications.*

*For the past 11 years, SMC has provided 10 or more students who work in collaboration with the local Salvation Army, the ARCH Ministries program at Arcadia United Methodist Church, and Anderson Mill Elementary School. The SMC students provide nurturing and academic support while serving as positive role models for disadvantaged minority and Hispanic children ages K-12 and preschool children who have physical or developmental disabilities.*

# Teague Retiring From SMC

After 12 years as the President of Spartanburg Methodist College, Dr. Charles P. Teague announced at the beginning of the fall semester that he intends to retire on July 1, 2009.

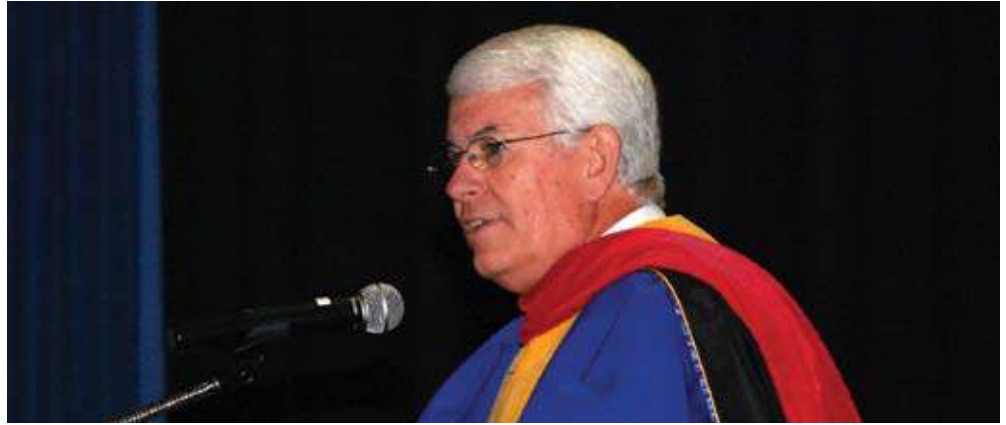
Teague, 63, announced his retirement at a meeting of faculty and staff, saying that the major goals of his administration have been accomplished.

"To successfully implement its Strategic Plan, the College needs a President with great energy, a clear vision, and the willingness to stay the course until the plan is successfully achieved. As I prepare for the next stage in my life, it is appropriate that I pass the reigns of leadership to the next President. Daune and I will forever be grateful for the friends we have made in our 12-year tenure at Spartanburg Methodist College," Teague said during his announcement.

Dr. Teague came to Spartanburg Methodist College on July 1, 1997, from the position of Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty at Brevard College, another United Methodist institution.

"Under the outstanding leadership of Dr. Teague over the past eleven years, Spartanburg Methodist College has accomplished many significant milestones. He and Daune are a great team and their contributions to the college are remarkable. We will miss them, but wish them well in their retirement," says SMC Board of Trustees Chairman Jerry Calvert.

During his tenure as President, Dr. Teague has received two \$1 million gifts that enabled the College to construct Bridges Residence Hall and Sparrow Residence Hall.



In addition, Dr. Teague has overseen the construction of the Phyllis Buchheit Board Room and the Vassey Information Technology Center; the addition of a lobby to the Buchheit Administration Building; the reconfiguration of inner campus roads; removal of unsightly structures from the campus; completion of the outdoor athletic facilities project; implementation of the beautification of the facilities and grounds; renovation of numerous facilities on campus; improvement of classrooms by adding state-of-the art technology to support instruction; an increase in the number of full-time faculty members; and the development of the Master Plan for facilities and grounds.

Enrollment at SMC during Dr. Teague's tenure has grown from 503 students in the 1999 fall semester to 797 in the 2007 fall semester. The college's endowment has more than doubled its value during Dr. Teague's career at SMC.

"The faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees of Spartanburg Methodist College are poised to take the college to new heights under the

leadership of the next president. I am grateful for the dedicated work of my colleagues and for the vision and commitment of our Board of Trustees and their commitment to the college," says Dr. Teague.

"The goal of any President is to leave the institution in better shape than it was when she/he assumed the position. The improvements made during my tenure as President occurred because of the dedication of the faculty, staff, Trustees, and friends of the College. Their tireless devotion to doing what is in the best interest of our students is what has made the institution what it is today and what it will become in the future. Daune and I 'stand on the shoulders of giants' who preceded us. We look forward to following the college as it continues to grow and develop in the years to come," adds Dr. Teague.

The Board of Trustees has appointed a Presidential Search Committee to oversee the search and selection process. Calvert and Bill Painter, Vice Chair of the Board, are serving as co-chairs.

## ***Spartanburg Methodist College Under President Dr. Charles P. Teague***

- The College's endowment has grown to \$17.3 million
- The number of faculty has grown from 22 full-time to 29 full-time (as defined by IPEDS)
- Enrollment has grown from 502 in 1999 to 797 in 2007
- Two new residence halls, Sparrow Residence Hall (\$6 million) and Bridges (\$4.5 million) Residence Hall have increased on-campus housing capacity by 210 rooms
- The Phyllis Buchheit Board Room and Vassey Information Technology Center, a \$1.1 million, 4,000-square foot facility was opened in spring 2007
- The SMC athletic department has added wrestling, men's tennis, and women's golf
- Numerous information technology expansions and improvements have been put in place at SMC, including smart classrooms, networking enhancements, and wireless Internet access across campus
- The SMC Office of Campus Safety became a fully-certified law enforcement office in August 2004, which now has four full-time officers.
- In 2000, SMC held its first Freshmen Day of Service - an event in which Freshmen participate their first weekend at SMC, which allows them the opportunity to give back to the community. In the eight years it has been held, SMC Freshmen have put in more than 8,000 hours of service in the Spartanburg community during this event. The event caught on at SMC and has grown to include service projects to area schools by athletes on the College's intercollegiate athletic teams, the Chaplain's ministry, the Kappa Sigma Alpha service fraternity at SMC.
- SMC joined in with the five other Spartanburg County colleges to form the CollegeTown program - which provides those college students opportunities to interact together at social gatherings and participates in community service projects during the annual CollegeTown Service Initiative (CSI) each winter



## SMC Participating In Online Alcohol Awareness Program

This year's Freshmen class at SMC has been participating in a new educational program designed to promote alcohol awareness and prevention.

As part of the College's alcohol prevention program, all freshmen have been required to participate this fall in AlcoholEdu For College, an online alcohol education course.

The program will be funded for two years through grants totaling \$21,500, provided by the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System Foundation and the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, along with supplemental funding by the College.

"This is the premier alcohol education program available in the United States at the moment. It is recognized by many other institutions as the most effective, and it is respected by our colleagues. This type of program helps give students a better idea as to what is real and should change their expectations, and therefore change their behavior," says SMC Dean of Students Dr. Art Hartzog.

According to Outside-TheClassroom, Inc.'s web site, the company which administers AlcoholEdu, it "...is the only program of its kind that was designed for population-level, primary prevention. Its personalized approach provides an experience that impacts both individual behavior and campus culture, reducing your institutional risk."

More than 400,000 college students participate in AlcoholEdu each year at more than 500 higher education institutions nationwide.

Several South Carolina colleges already participate in the program, including the College of Charleston, Coker College, Limestone College, Newberry College, and Presbyterian College.

The course consists of two parts, both of which must be completed in order to satisfy a requirement in the College's Freshmen SMC 101 course.

Students were required to complete the first part, an approximately three-hour session during which students took a pre-survey, a pre-test of their alcohol knowledge, an exam which must be passed with a min-

imum 75 percent score, and a post-survey, all prior to their first day of classes.

"Because the students will have completed the first part prior to when they are in the college environment, you are getting their true beliefs. After part two, we can look at how things have changed since their arrival at college," says Stacey Mason, Director of Residence Life and administrator for SMC's AlcoholEdu program.

Part two, which includes updated alcohol information, a video, and a final survey, was completed by students in mid-October.

"The program will customize itself based on the demographics and the answers that the student enters. It guides students through responsible decision making and intervention techniques that they can utilize with their friends. It will reach out to any age, any gender, and any attitude toward drinking," says Mrs. Mason.

Individual information entered into the online program will not be seen by College faculty or staff, however the data will be compiled

into cumulative results. Administrators will receive reports about just the SMC population, with comparisons available to national or state-level results.

SMC officials had received the data from the fall semester by press time of *Frontiers*, but had not yet had time to complete a comprehensive analysis of the results.

The data will also be used from year to year to determine the effectiveness of the course, in conjunction with surveys and statistics generated annually by the College.

"What we're hoping is that with this being required of all incoming freshmen,

there will be conversations about it because they know their classmates and roommates are participating in the same program. We're hoping they will engage in conversations with each other about it," says Mrs. Mason.

"This is a more proactive approach, instead of waiting until a student gets caught with alcohol to do an education program. It will help guide us in determining what types of program and other types of education or outreach we need to do here at SMC," she adds.



SMC President Dr. Charles Teague accepts a \$11,500 check from Dr. Shiela Breitmeyer, Vice-President/Executive Director for the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System Foundation. The grant combined with a contribution from the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church has made possible the implementation of the AlcoholEdu program at SMC.



## Hartzog Recognized By National Student Affairs Group

SMC Dean of Students Art Hartzog was recently honored by the Southern Association for College Student Affairs as a recipient of a SACSA Honorary Lifetime Membership.

"It is a highlight of my career to be honored by SACSA with Honorary Lifetime Membership. I will always cherish the knowledge that my name will forever be listed alongside those select few who I have regarded as legends in the organization," says Hartzog.

Hartzog has been a member of SACSA for more than 20 years. With his upcoming retirement, he will be ineligible for a standard SACSA membership after July 1, 2009.

He joins more than 40 other individuals as Honorary Lifetime members from across the southern United States.

Hartzog was nominated for the award by Ann Bowles, SMC Vice President of Academic Affairs; Pete Aylor, SMC Director of Counseling and Career Services; and Steve Terry, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at Coker College.

A SACSA Honorary Lifetime Membership is available to individuals who are no longer eligible for regular membership, have been a member for a significant number of years, and have made notable contributions to the Association and the college student affairs profession.

SACSA, which was founded in 1950, is an independent, regional association of practitioners, educators, and students engaged in the student affairs profession.



*L.P. "Buddy" Hammond (right) recently donated a portrait of his grandfather Charles Hammond, the namesake of the Spartanburg Methodist College's Hammond Hall, to the College. SMC President Dr. Charles Teague (left) accepted the gift, which has been placed in the former board room at SMC. Charles Hammond was one the College's original trustees.*

# New Faces at SMC



**Reid Austin**  
Professor of English



**Kelly Bilbrey**  
Athletic Trainer



**Patrick  
Brickhouse**  
Admissions Counselor



**Cole Cheek**  
Professor of History  
and Anthropology



**Angela Helms**  
Administrative  
Assistant

**Reid Austin** began teaching at SMC this fall as a Professor of English. He is teaching Introduction to Writing, Composition I, and World Literature. Austin is an Upstate South Carolina native who grew up in Spartanburg County and graduated high school in Laurens County. He previously taught in adjunct instructor positions at Piedmont Technical College, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Midlands Technical College, Spartanburg Community College and Greenville Technical College. Austin received a Bachelors of Arts in English from Wofford in 1994. He earned a Master's in English from Clemson University in 1997 and a Master's of Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina in 2000. Austin lives in Greenville. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, gaming and role-playing, and trivia.

**Kelly Bilbrey** joined the SMC Sports Medicine staff in August as an Athletic Trainer. Bilbrey, 22, is a 2008 graduate of Georgia Southern University with a degree in Sports Medicine. She spent three years working in athletic training at Georgia Southern – including working with the soccer and softball teams for one year, another year with the basketball teams, and one year working with local high schools. She holds national and state licensure in Athletic Training. In her spare time, she enjoys relaxing on the lake, spending time with family and friends, and playing with her dog Baila. Bilbrey, a Georgia native, currently lives in Greenville.

**Patrick Brickhouse**, of Spartanburg, was hired in October as an admissions counselor. He will work with students and guidance counselors within a 17-county region in South Carolina in the coastal area of the state. Brickhouse is a 2002 graduate of Spartanburg High School and a 2004 graduate of SMC with an Associate of Arts. He received a Bachelor's of Arts in Communications from the University of South Carolina Upstate in 2007. He previously worked for Excalibur Youth Services in Greenville as a behavioral guide. While a student at SMC, Brickhouse was an ambassador, a member of the SMC Players, and participated in various musical groups and campus worship. He is an avid musician who plays guitar, writes his own music, and is learning to play the piano. He also enjoys acting.

**Cole Cheek** began teaching at SMC this fall as a Professor of History and Anthropology. He is teaching Western Civilization I and American

History I this fall. Originally from Fountain Inn, SC, Cheek grew up in Mississippi. He received a B.A. in History in 2002 from Millsaps College, with a Minor in Classics. He earned a Master's in History from Mississippi State University in 2005, and is currently working on a Ph.D. in History with an emphasis on American Indians and anthropology. He previously served as an adjunct instructor for three years at Holmes Community College in Mississippi. Cheek and his wife Amanda live in Spartanburg. He enjoys science fiction, action and fantasy novels and movies, as well as gaming. Cheek and his wife Amanda, a part-time student at SMC, live in Spartanburg and have two dogs.

**Angela Helms** was hired in June as administrative assistant for the financial aid office. Helms is a lifelong Spartanburg County resident. She is a graduate of Boiling Springs High School and received an Associates in Accounting from Spartanburg Community College in 1996. She previously worked in payroll and accounting at Omega Chemicals. Helms and her husband Terry live in Boiling Springs. They have a grown son who is attending Spartanburg Community College. In her spare time, she enjoys reading historical fiction and biographies, shopping and gardening.

**Pam Hutto** began teaching at SMC this fall as a Professor of Sociology. She is teaching Introduction to Sociology and Social Problems this fall. Ms. Hutto received a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology in 1991 from Florida State University. She also earned a Master's in Family, Child and Consumer Sciences in 2001 and a Master's in Sociology in 2006, both from Florida State University. Prior to coming to SMC, Ms. Hutto conducted supervisory trainings and managed grant initiatives for the state of Florida, and she handled state contracts for the Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology. Her previous educational experience is as an adjunct instructor, teaching College Success courses at Tallahassee Community College and serving as a tutor in the athletic department at Florida State University. While earning her second Master's, she taught Family Problems and Social Change at FSU. Ms. Hutto resides in Spartanburg. In her spare time, she enjoys going to the beach and following FSU athletics.

**Rodney McAlister** is in his first year as coach of the SMC men's and women's tennis teams. He is a 1978 graduate of Lander Univer-

# New Faces at SMC



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Tennis Coach



**Lori Merck**  
Professor of Spanish



**Cory Peters**  
Athletic Trainer



**Emily Staggs**  
Financial Aid Counselor

sity with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. McAlister has received numerous accolades as a tennis professional. In 2007, he was named the John Newcombe South Carolina Tennis Pro of the Year. He has a professional rating from Van Der Meer Tennis University, as well as USTA referee and ITA referee certifications. Teams he has coached have gone on to earn numerous honors. He is the 2004 South Carolina Junior Davis Cup coach; the 2005 and 2006 head coach for the SC Junior Davis Cup; the 2004 and 2005 Southern 14's Coach; and the 2006 Southern 18's Coach. McAlister has served as the Director of Tennis at Hunter's Creek Racquet Club since 1994, where he develops and manages all aspects of the tennis program. He is also a partner at Rawls Creek Racquet and Swim Club in Irmo, SC, which was the recipient of the 2001 SCTA Member Club of the Year. McAlister and his wife Ann have been married for 26 years and live in Greenwood. They have a son attending Clemson University and one who is a senior at Greenwood High School.

**Lori Merck**, 33, began teaching at SMC this fall as a Professor of Spanish. Mrs. Merck is a Spartanburg native and a 1993 graduate of Dorman High School, where she taught Spanish for 11 years after finishing her undergraduate degree. She is teaching Spanish 101, 102, and 201 this fall. Mrs. Merck is a graduate of Converse College with a Bachelor's of Arts in Spanish, with a minor in Secondary Education. As part of her undergraduate studies, she spent a summer abroad at the Complutense University of Madrid. She received her Master's in Spanish from Furman in 2001. She and her husband live in Moore, SC, and have three children. In her spare time she and her family enjoy raising animals.

**Cory Peters** joined the SMC Sports Medicine staff in August as an Athletic Trainer. Peters, 31, received his undergraduate degree Athletic Training and Sports Medicine from Mercyhurst College and has a Master's in Exercise and Sports Science from Ithaca College. He worked with the football and lacrosse programs at Cornell University for two years while attending Ithaca College. Peters worked for seven years with Clemson Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation – with four years spent at D.W. Daniel High School and other surrounding schools as an outreach athletic trainer and three years as a clinical athletic trainer. He holds national and state licensure in Athletic Train-

ing. Peters is an avid athlete and enjoys golf, wakeboarding, and snowboarding. He attributes his interest in sports medicine to his love of sports as a youth. Peters, an Upstate New York native, currently lives in Spartanburg.

**Emily Staggs**, of Inman, has been hired as a financial aid counselor. She will work with students throughout their financial aid process and also will be responsible for coordinating the College's federal work study program. Staggs is a 2004 graduate of Anderson University with a Bachelor's of Art in Communications. She previously worked as an admissions counselor at Anderson University. She is a Florence, SC native and a graduate of South Florence High School. After college, Staggs spent a year in Romania participating in international ministry. In her spare time, she enjoys skydiving, picnicking and hiking, the outdoors, and spending time with her family. She and her husband have a newborn daughter, Jacey. They are members of First Baptist North Spartanburg.

## On Campus Promotions



**Kendra Burnette**  
has been promoted to  
Director of Financial Aid



**Brittany Harry** has  
been named Sports  
Information Director,  
along with her duties as  
Head Volleyball Coach



## All In A "Day's" Work...

### SMC Student Activities Director Honored For Her Dedication

If Kim Day is anything, she's humble.

"I don't like talking about myself. I like talking about our students. I love seeing them have positive experiences at SMC that they will take with them on throughout life," says Miss Day.

Because of her dedication to the students at SMC and the College as a whole, Miss Day was recently presented the J.L. Geddis Staff Excellence Award, for which she was chosen by her peers.

"To have the people I work with choose me to receive this award makes it very special. But let's talk about something else – let's talk about the students," she says.

As Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development, Miss Day is responsible for the activities planning of the College, serving as advisor to the Student Government Association, and providing leadership opportunities to the student body.

What motivates her to do what she does?

"Having the opportunity to see students have that 'a-ha' moment where they're working on something and they finally just get it. Seeing students come in with one way of thinking and then leave with an entirely new way of seeing the world. Learning this

about themselves, others, and the world that they didn't necessarily know – and knowing I was able to play just a small part in that is rewarding, but very humbling also," says Miss Day.

In her office, Miss Day has what she calls a "Why I Do What I Do File."

Sometimes after a tough day, she may find herself turning to that file which contains notes from students, parents and people who have taken the extra mile to thank her for what she does.

"On those days, I can go back and read that and say, 'This is why'," comments Miss Day.

"Counselor, shoulder to cry on, friend, and others.... There are a lot of alumni that I've had as student that I consider true friends now. I've sung in two former students' wedding and recently celebrated the birth of their daughter with them. These aren't just people who come and go, but these are people who I have the privilege of not only knowing them as students, but being a part of their lives," adds Miss Day.

There have been times when Day says she probably should have followed her head instead of her heart and let someone go through a particular hardship.

She relies on a philosophy of challenging students" to take that

extra step, go that extra mile and do something more than what the basic requirements are. If we never challenge them, they never learn. But you have to support them so they can meet those challenges also."

She adds that tough decisions

"It's not about me at all. It's about them. While everything they say or want may not work, we can always take a part of that and run with it. I want them to not discount someone's idea and think that somewhere in the midst of it, there is a great idea.



*Kim Day and former SMC Vice President for Business Affairs J.L. Geddis*

are part of the job also, all of which may not be popular with a small group but ultimately will be better for the group as large.

But she encourages students to make tough decisions, come up with innovative ideas and provide input about what they want to do and how they want to improve the student life at SMC.

And that is just as applicable whether you're a student leader or the president of a billion-dollar corporation," adds Miss Day.

She also wants students to know that everything they do at SMC, whether inside or outside the classroom, and every experience they have is valid and can be taken with them throughout life.



# A New Home Away From Home

## Around campus on Freshmen Move-In Day



## Convocation Marks Start of 08-09 Academic Year



*Danielle Poynter, of Greer, SC, was installed as the President of the Student Government Association by Dean of Students Art Hartzog (left) and SMC President Dr. Charles Teague (right). Poynter, a sophomore, is the daughter of Cliff and Lyla Poynter.*

SMC Dean of Students Dr. Art Hartzog served as the keynote speaker at the 2008 Convocation Ceremonies, during which he addressed the students on the concepts of “making the most of your life” and “dealing effectively with the inevitable interruptions that will occur.”

“Convocation marks the beginning of the academic year, and graduation marks the end. But the beginning and the end are not nearly as important as what goes on during that interval of time – your “dash”. And we can be certain there will be unexpected interruptions,” he said.

Hartzog, who has served as Dean of Students since 1999, recently announced his retirement from SMC effective at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year.

Hartzog added that “life is full of unexpected twists and turns. We must learn to deal with the unexpected, solve problems in unusual ways, and move on with life.”

# Freshmen Day of Service 2008

More than 400 Spartanburg Methodist College freshmen participated in the 8th annual Freshman Day of Service on Saturday Aug. 16.

Freshmen Day of Service is a community outreach event held each fall during the first weekend freshmen are on campus, in which all freshmen are required to participate. The event is designed to give incoming students an opportunity to learn more about and give back to the Spartanburg community. The event also assists students in developing leadership skills and generates a greater awareness of the needs within their own communities.

The SMC student ambassadors, the College's orientation leaders, chose "Strive to Go M.A.D.," with M.A.D. standing for Make a Difference, as the theme of this year's event.

Led by the ambassadors and faculty and staff members, freshmen were divided into 19 teams that worked at various project sites throughout Spartanburg County, which included:

- \* Aldersgate United Methodist Church
- \* Jesse Boyd Elementary School
- \* Fuller Center for Housing of Spartanburg
- \* Charles Lea Center
- \* Children's Advocacy Center
- \* Goodwill Thrift Store
- \* Habitat for Humanity
- \* Interim HealthCare Hospice
- \* Middle Tyger Community Center
- \* Mobile Meals
- \* New Day Clubhouse
- \* Park Hills Elementary School
- \* SAFE Homes Rape Crisis Coalition Thrift Store
- \* Second Presbyterian Soup Kitchen
- \* Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home
- \* Spartanburg Childrens' Shelter
- \* South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind





The 2008 Homecoming and Family Day was well attended by students and their parents who had the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff of SMC, as well as hear the many talents exhibited during the morning's Talent Show. (Above) SMC President Dr. Charles Teague announced the homecoming queen and king for 2008, Chaecie Bullock, a sophomore from Greensboro, NC, and Tyrone Smalls, a sophomore from Murrells Inlet, SC.

# Homecoming and Family Day 2008



# SMC's First Online Course A Positive Experience

**S**MC took its first foray into the world of online classes in the Fall I session of the College's Paralegal Certificate Program.

Students in the program had the option of taking Survey of the Old Testament, taught online by SMC instructor Dr. Mark Gibbs, as one the electives for graduation from the program.

The course provided a chronological walk through of the Old Testament, noting the major themes that present themselves in the text.

Six students participated in the class.

"Our paralegal students tremendously enjoyed every aspect of this course - the subject matter, the instructor, and of course the convenience - as most of our students are working adults with families," noted Yvonne Harper,

Director of the SMC Paralegal Certificate Program.

"We will be evaluating the success of this course to see if other paralegal courses would transition this successfully to an online format."

Gibbs says the students were very receptive to the online environment.

"I've gotten comments from them about how much they learned and were challenged; and that they appreciated the convenience factor of not having to come to campus. Most have full-time jobs; many have children. And to be able to get their credit from the house is very beneficial for them. Most had very positive experiences with it," says Gibbs.

An advantage of an online course is that students are able to select when they take their tests

— they can choose when they are ready to take a test and can do so online.

Gibbs, who has taught online courses for nearly 10 years for Montreat College, says the challenge with an online class "is that it's easier to lose somebody because you don't have that face-to-face contact."

He says Religion is a subject that lends itself very favorably to the online environment, especially with the ability to have discussion boards.

"Students can feel free to voice their opinion behind this anonymity. Whereas, they might not be as honest in a face-to-face interaction.

I've had better and more in-depth theological discussions online than I've had in class. I encourage students 'if you read a

post, don't write right back. Take some time and formulate a response'," comments Gibbs.

He adds that SMC is looking at the possibility of doing more online classes in the future.

"We're exploring our online program options for the near future. In fact, we're exploring them hot and heavy," comments Gibbs.

He says the initial area of exploration is in the area of Criminal Justice, but the Paralegal Program serves as a good arena in which to test online programs and another online course may be offered within that program in spring 2009.

"All indicators are that additional online programs are very doable for us and, I think, something necessary for us as time goes on," adds Gibbs.

## Paralegal Program Graduates 19, Presents Annual Awards



Nineteen students graduated on November 23 from the SMC Paralegal Certificate Program. Those include: Eva Arteaga, Karen Barnhill, Lisa Bell, Linda Boyce, Susan Flynn, Jennifer Finley, Demeisha Foster, Katie Gordon, Karen Greer, Natasha Gregg, Kirby Lanford, Susan Linder, April Million, Mary Miranda, Jalitha Moore, Stacie Petty, Mindy Stowell, Amy Sane Thyen, and Chris White

The program also recently presented its 2008 awards. (Right, top, l-r) Amy Sane Thyen is presented the Liz Patterson Student of the Year Award by program director Yvonne Harper. (Right, bottom, l-r) Assistant solicitor Tony Liebert is presented with the Instructor of the Year Award.



# From the Alumni Office . . .

Dear Friends and Alumni,

As the holiday season quickly approaches, and as you reminisce about your good experiences at Spartanburg Methodist College, take a moment to make your commitment to today's students needing your support. By making your annual Alumni Loyalty Fund gift, you are helping current and future students experience the same quality liberal arts and sciences education you once enjoyed. Your gift will help our students reach their full potential at Spartanburg Methodist College.

I invite you to reconnect with your alma mater and connect with the alumni of tomorrow. Please take this opportunity to return your gift in the envelope provided. Thank you for your commitment to the future of SMC and for enhancing the college experience for our students of today and tomorrow.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season!

Leah L. Pruitt '98





Director of Alumni Relations

P.S. With Christmas around the corner, honor your loved one with a personalized brick for our "Walk of Memories." See information below.

## Save the Date

Alumni Weekend 2009 will be held the weekend of March 27-29. This year, we will recognize all the TII - SJC - SMC Alumni who have served, or are currently serving, in the United States Armed Forces. Please check our website [www.smcsc.edu](http://www.smcsc.edu) for more details. We hope you will make plans to attend the special Alumni Weekend!



YOUR NAME  
CLASS OF 1967

Honor your loved one with a personalized brick for our "Walk of Memories," located between the Walker and Montgomery buildings at SMC. The cost of a brick to be placed in the "Walk of Memories" is \$100. Contact Leah Pruitt, Director of Alumni Relations, at (864) 587-4225 or [pruittl@smcsc.edu](mailto:pruittl@smcsc.edu) for more information and ordering.

## *Notes and Updates*

### Class of 1940

**Ben T. Wiggins** is an attorney in Decatur, GA.

### Class of 1944

**Lois Redford Parrott**, of Florence, SC writes, "At the ole age of 85, I greatly enjoy my memories of SJC, such as, our work-study program. I worked at C&S Bank every other two weeks then studied two weeks!!!! I remember groups walking to town with Ms. Shepherd (faculty chaperone) to see movies.—Did we really do that??? The Lord continues to bless me in so many ways. I'm still very active in my church and volunteer work!!!"

### Class of 1945

**Virginia Rushing Boiter** is proud to have her daughter and son-in-law back in Spartanburg from Arizona; she also has a son in Maryland.

### Class of 1946

**Betty Crocker Shuler** of Holly Hill, SC is presently serving as Chairperson of the SC Conference Council on Older Adult Ministries, Board of Directors of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Association of Older Adults, and Lay Leader of Providence UMC of Holly Hill.

### Class of 1950

**Juanita Guthrie Rogers** resides in Greer, SC with her husband, Dr. Joe Rogers. Juanita has a B.A. & MAT from Converse College. They have five sons and one daughter who are all college graduates and have received doctorates.

### Class of 1952

**Rev. Gary Barber**, of Lakeland, FL wrote: "I shall always remember my two years at SJC (now SMC). I worked at the Carolina Theater (\$.40/hour) as an usher...also with Jerry Donald at Saxon Mills (\$1.05/hour). I worked two weeks....attended classes two weeks....pitcher on the Baseball Team...awarded scholarship to Wofford from SJC...I have two grandchildren

attending SMC....Chaplain in US Air Force (1964-84)...served Covenant Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg (1984-87)....Minister of Congregational Care and Evangelism for 10 years until retirement in Feb. 1998. Was honored for 50 years of service in June of 2008." Rev. Barber and his wife Patricia celebrated 47 years of marriage on July 30, 2008.

**Gerald Thomas McCray, Sr.** is a United Methodist Church minister in McMinnville, OR.

### Class of 1955

**Ray E. Petty** and his wife Frances celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 10, 2008. They have four daughters and eight grandchildren. Ray is retired in Hartsville, SC.

### Class of 1962

**Alfred McGaha** is a sales agent with Buice Bowers Realty in Gaffney, SC.

### Class of 1963

**Judith Hipp Stewart** is a self-employed registered dietitian consultant in Lyons, GA.

**Carolyn Finch Fowler** is a housewife in Spartanburg, SC.

### Class of 1964

**Dwight R. Johnson** is the owner of Angelus Farm Supply in Jefferson, SC. He serves as a board member on the S.C. Environmental Certification Board and works part time with the USPS in Jefferson, SC.

**W. Ray Ridgeway** is the general director of manufacturing for Milliken in Spartanburg, SC.

### Class of 1967

**Dr. Ron and Edwina Craft Faulkenberry** reside in Florence, SC. Ron is the dean at Francis Marion University.

### Class of 1969

**Derial Ogburn** is self-employed in Lugoff, SC.

**E. Michael Dills** is a sales manager with SWE of Rock Hill, SC.

### Class of 1970

**Leilani Fisher** is a teacher with Carver Jr. High in Spartanburg, SC.

### Class of 1972

**Charlie Sams** is the Pastor of the Starnes Cove Baptist Church in Alexander, NC.

### Class of 1973

**Esther Sue Easler Cashwell** is a teacher in Spartanburg School District 2.

**Frances J. "Fran" Bagwell** of Spartanburg is the 2008 Recipient of the "Service to College" award at Limestone College, Gaffney, SC.

### Class of 1974

**Lois B. Burkhalter** (non-alum), of Columbia, SC recently wrote, "**John B. Burkhalter** (SJC Class of 1974) and several of my family received much help in college there. He is in Long Beach, CA. It is a wonderful school!"

### Class of 1979

**Michael N. Safran** is the owner of Safran's Antiques/Interiors/Collectibles in Columbia, SC.

### Class of 1980

**Paula M. Worthy**, of Inman, SC is a R.N. with the Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

### Class of 1981

**Glenn D. Bridges** is a freelance writer for the Spartanburg Herald-Journal and Weekly Prep Sports Online for The Greer Herald-Journal. He is the proud grandfather of his fourth grandchild, Ryder Levi Bridges, born August 8, 2008. His other grandchildren are Savannah Bailey, Nathaniel Glenn and Carolina Faith Bridges (born July 17, 2008).

### Class of 1982

**Sherry Gray Collins**, wife of Donald C. Collins of Inman, S.C., is the office manager for First Baptist Church of Landrum, SC.

## Class of 1985

**Angela Hall Hutto**, of Hampton, SC, is special education teacher with the Hampton District One Schools. Angela was recognized as a finalist for SC Exceptional Educator of the Year. She will travel to Russia in November of 2008 as a Citizen Ambassador with People to People and will compare Russia's educational system with that of the United States.

## Class of 1989

**Elizabeth McKinney** published a book "Peer Abuse Know More! Bullying From A Psychological Perspective" and was featured on MSNBC and KLOVE radios.

**Novella Lee** is now Novella Lee Bixler and resides in Sorrento, FL.

## Class of 1998

**Heather McKinney Waldrep** is a recreational therapist with the St. Francis Hospital in Greer, SC.

## Class of 2005

**Bathsheba Rooks**, formerly of Chesnee, SC, is currently a student at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, SC and expects to graduate in May 2009. She is also serving a Department of Social Services internship.

## *In Memoriam*

## Class of 1937

**Estle Shell "Mac" McKown** of Rock Hill, SC died June 9, 2008. He was the son of the late Dr. Robert Forrest and Rena Patterson McKown. Mac was retired from Eastern Airlines, a member of Oakland Baptist Church, and a US Army veteran of WWII. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Hall McKown, and daughters Becky Staton and Jane McKown.

## Class of 1939

**Rev. Denver Steedley Lee**, of Pacolet, SC died Friday, May 2, 2008. He graduated from Wofford College and Emory University.

He was ordained by the United Methodist Church in 1940, and became an ordained deacon in 1945 and an ordained elder in 1947. He served the following United Methodist parishes: Cross Anchor, Galloway Memorial-Panola (Greenwood), Bethel (Rock Hill), Edgefield, St. John (Batesburg), Francis Asbury (Greenville), Brookland (West Columbia), Mt. Dearborn-Bethesda (Great Falls), Kings Mountain Chapel-St. Paul (York), and Bethlehem-Foster's Chapel (Jonesville). He retired in 1983. He is survived by wife, Marie Hodge Lee, two sons, Wedrell Wayne Lee and Rev. Dennis Ray Lee, a daughter Joyce Lee Burns, eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

## Class of 1940

**Aldrich A. "Trip" Atkinson**, 88, died on July 24, 2008. Atkinson was a WWII veteran who received the Purple Heart after being injured in the campaign to capture Rome. He was one of the first 10 veterans admitted to Clemson College under the GI bill in 1944, where he met his wife Catherine Annette DuBose. Atkinson earned a degree in Agricultural Engineering from Clemson College and was employed as assistant dining manager for the college for 20 years. He then became manager of the Oconee County school lunch program. Following retirement, he regularly worked as a substitute teacher and remained active in the community, delivering Meals on Wheels in the Clemson/Central area and serving on the Oconee County Red Cross Disaster Relief Team. He was a member of the Pendleton United Methodist Church, Seneca Bobcat Boosters, Blue Ridge Shrine Club, Clemson Masonic Lodge, Seneca VFW, and served as Chaplain emeritus of American Legion Post 120. His greatest passion after his family was Clemson sports. He is survived by five siblings, five children, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

## Class of 1941

**Charles C. Karolyi**, of Acworth, GA, died February 11, 2008.

## Class of 1942

**Edward Marion**, of Spartanburg, died October 23, 2008. He retired from the

US Postal Service after 30+ years and was a member of Cudd Memorial Baptist Church.

## Class of 1948

**Marjorie Garner Burnett**, of Spartanburg, SC, died May 3, 2008. She was the daughter of the late Albert O. and Lenora "Nonie" Easler Garner and the wife of the late George Woodson Burnett. She was a retired registered nurse at Mary Black Memorial Hospital and a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church where she was former church organist and a Sunday School teacher. Survivors include two sons, George Burnett and his wife Sally, and Glenn W. Burnett and his wife Teresa, two daughters, Phyllis Pryor and her husband Billy, and Denise Chapman and her husband Jerry; a brother, Clarence "Al-lison" Garner, all of Spartanburg; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a brother, Nelson Garner.

## Class of 1951

**Harvey Freeman Whitmore, Sr.**, of Enoree, SC, died July 28, 2008. He was a graduate of Cross Anchor High School and SMC, served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, retired with Kohler Company (40+ years), a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and a Mason.

**Reba Gregory Bogan's** husband, David B. Bogan, died in October 2007.

## Class of 1956

**Eddie Venson Farmer**, of Anderson, SC, died May 16, 2008. He graduated from Furman University and had retired as District Manager with Piedmont Natural Gas; was a USAF Veteran, former Rotarian, member of the Junior League and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He is survived by his daughter Pamela, of Greer, SC, and brother Lewis, of Greenville, SC.

**James Calvin Johnson, Jr.**, of Concord, NC, died Sept. 21, 2008. He was a longtime Cabarrus County Attorney and political leader. He is survived by wife Donna Hedgepeth Johnson, a son James C. Johnson III, daughters Kay Lynn Johnson and Jen Cherise Johnson McKay and stepchildren James M. Pettigrew and Mary Rachel Pettigrew.

**Gatsie “Mattie” Lee Bowers Bagwell**, of Spartanburg, SC died September 5, 2008. The daughter of the late Vaney and Tiney Gooding Bowers, Mattie was survived by husband Lincoln, son Michael Ashley “Mickey” Bagwell and wife Mary, son Edward Devan “Van” Bagwell and wife Loy, Carol Bagwell Shearin and husband Barry, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Class of 1963

**Dorothy Anne “Doris” Alley Clippard**, of Waynesville, NC, wife of Arthur Earl Clippard, died June 29, 2008.

**Johnnie Freeman Broome**, of Spartanburg, SC, died June 9, 2008. She was the daughter of Johnny L. and Montez Elizabeth Couch Freeman; was a retired secretary Spartanburg from School District Six; was a member of Mt. Calvary Presbyterian Church; and attended St. James United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband of 45 years Dr. Harold K. “Buddy” Broome (Class of 1961 and Retired Superintendent of Cherokee and Union County Schools) and daughters Elizabeth B. McDaniel, Lisa B. Harbin and Janet B. Hall.

## Class of 1966

**Rev. Joseph E. Tysinger Sr.**, 80, died July 20, 2008, in Pineville, NC. Tysinger was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. He worked for Celanese Corporation before becoming a minister in 1954 and was a graduate of Columbia College. He served as a minister in many United Methodist churches in South Carolina. Most recently he was the associate minister of St. John’s United Methodist Church in Fort Mill, SC where he received the title “Pastor Emeritus” in 2006. He was the recipient of the G. Ross Freeman Award by the SC State United Methodist Men. Surviving are wife, Betty W. McQuay Tysinger; sons Terry E. and Roger E. Tysinger; sister Virginia Reid of Anderson; stepson Terry L. McQuay of Marvin, NC; stepdaughters Leslie Klein of Knoxville, TN and Kimberly McGee of Charlotte, NC; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Ellen Neal Tysinger;

and a son, Rev. Joseph E. Tysinger.

## Class of 1980

**Charles Richard Silverman, Jr.** of Nashville, TN died Friday, September 19, 2008. He is survived by his wife Barbara, his mother Kitty, his sister Joyce, and his step-daughter Lee Ann Cherry. He graduated from Boiling Springs HS in 1978. He loved baseball and was a member of the 572 Plumbers/Pipe Fitters Union and enjoyed his career at Vanderbilt Hospital. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Richard, Sr.

## Class of 2009

**Dustin Taylor Adams**, 18, of Boiling Springs, SC and an upcoming 2008-2009 Sophomore at SMC, was killed in a motorcycle accident on May 6, 2008.

## *Retirement*

## Class of 1941

**Helen Bishop Kanipe** is enjoying retirement in Spartanburg, SC.

## Class of 1943

**Charlotte Pool Jackson** is retired in Lugoff, SC.

## Class of 1944

**Beth Mahon McCarter** retired from Greenville Tech several years ago and enjoys her life in Fountain Inn, SC.

**Mary Elizabeth O’Sullivan** is retired in Savannah, GA.

**Edith Burns Stanley** is enjoying retirement in Spartanburg, SC.

## Class of 1947

**J. Fred Lister** is retired in Columbia, SC.

## Class of 1948

**C. P. Stribling** is enjoying retirement in Spartanburg, SC.

**Verdell Cook** is retired in Lake City, SC.

**George Poole** is retired in Duncan, SC.

## Class of 1949

**Edna Grainger Guthrie** of Clinton, SC is a retired teacher and principal. She worked for Union County Educational Services in Westfield, NJ for 25 years.

## Class of 1950

**Shirley P. Adams** is enjoying retirement in Woodruff, SC.

## Class of 1952

**Joseph H. Frye** is retired in Spartanburg, SC.

## Class of 1954

**Flynn A. Barbare** of Greenville, SC retired from Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical as a district manager for 35 years. He and his wife have two children and three grandchildren. He loves golf and would love to hear from classmates.

**Christine Fogle Bair** is retired in Orangeburg, SC.

**Judy Casey Bishop** is retired in Spartanburg, SC.

## Class of 1955

**Gaynelle Shook McCloud** is retired in Travelers Rest, SC.

## Class of 1957

**Kenneth L. McAbee** is retired with his wife Marie in Gilbert, SC.

**Rev. Harry R. Stullenbarger** is retired, living in Pawleys Island, SC, and serving Greeleyville-Lane United Methodist churches as retired supply minister.

## Class of 1959

**James Brantley** is retired in Cartersville, GA.

## Class of 1960

**Leon Troy Nobles** is retired from the Aiken Admin No. 1 SC.

## Class of 1961

**Patricia Gallman Jones** recently wrote that she is enjoying living her retirement on

Lake Hartwell in Anderson.

### Class of 1964

**Nancy F. Watson** is retired in Chesnee, SC.

### Class of 1965

**Ann Norris Grantham** of Greenville, SC is retired from teaching high school English.

### Class of 1966

**Woodrow P. Gilbert**, of Spartanburg, SC, retired from Milliken Research on December 28, 2007.

### Class of 1970

**Elaine Cook Elliott**, of Lexington, SC, has retired from teaching/coaching in the Lexington County, SC school system.

### Class of 1973

**Elizabeth "Beth" Thompson Carroll**, is retired in Huntersville, NC, after teaching in the Winston-Salem and Charlotte, NC school systems for 31 years. She is married

to Roland Carroll and has three children - Spencer, Andrew and Mack. After her graduation from SMC, Beth went on to receive her undergraduate degree from Appalachian State University and a Master's from the University of NC at Greensboro.

## Marriages

### Class of 2002

**Kristina Cunningham** married Richard Pilat II, a US Army veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, on October 13, 2007 in Spartanburg, SC at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

### Class of 2006

**Ashley Carolina Hollified**, of Boiling Springs, SC, married David Rush, of Spartanburg, on October 18, 2008. Ashley is employed with Orthopedic Specialties of Spartanburg. David is employed with Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. Both have

degrees in Radiologic Technology.

## Births

### Class of 1972

**Dr. F. Vernon Chandler** and his wife Nataliya announce the birth of their first child, Katherine Elizabeth, July 3, 2008, in Darmstadt, Germany. Vernon retired from the Army Chaplaincy in 2007 and he currently works as the Family Advocacy Program Specialist for the U. S. Army Garrison in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

### Class of 1988

**Autumne Kirby Relich** and husband Mark had their fourth child, Marc Andrew, on August 21, 2007. Their other children are Christian Elizabeth, 9; Nicholas, 5; and Curtis Kirby, 3. Autumne wrote, "...We live in Lexington, Kentucky. ...SMC is a wonderful school!..."



## SMC Spring Golf Classic at River Falls Plantation in Duncan, SC April 2009

**For more information contact Don Tate, Director of Development,  
at (864) 587-4227**

Each year, more than 200 players participate in the Spring Golf Classic, one of the largest fund raising tournaments in the Greenville-Spartanburg area. The tournament provides program support for more than 250 student athletes who annually attend SMC. More than 90 percent of SMC students require some form of financial support with a percentage coming from families with incomes below the federal poverty level. Through your generous support, these student athletes are afforded the opportunity to fulfill the dream of earning a college education. Join many SMC friends, sponsors, and alumni for a day of golf at River Falls Plantation Golf Club.

# Pioneer Athletics Open Up Year With Strong Performances

## Cross Country

With four returners and nine new faces, the men's cross country team started the season with a roster bursting with talent.

The men's team placed in the top five in three events, coming in 2nd at both the Lander College Invitational and the Eye Opener.

The men's team claimed three top 10 individual finishes during the regular season - sophomores Michael Round and Josh Brooks came in at 2nd and 9th, respectively, at the Lander Invitational. Freshman Shane Kyzer finished 7th at the Hagan Stone Classic in Greensboro, NC. Kyzer claimed six of SMC's top individual times for the season, with Rounds SMC's top runner in three events.

The women's top finish of the season came Oct. 4 at the Hagan Stone Classic in Greensboro, SC where they finished 5th out of 13 teams.

Freshman Rosa Young and sophomore Jessica Foley each claimed three Top 10 individual times during the season, with Young finishing in the No. 1 spot at Regionals.

Both the SMC men's and women's team claimed Region X titles for the seventh straight year in a row.

At the national cross country championships in Spartanburg, Young claimed the SMC women's top finish, coming in 38th and leading the team to a 22nd place finish. The men's team finished 19th in the country.

The team ended the season at the National Half-Marathon in Overland Park, KS, in which they claimed a 6th place finish out of 17 teams. Freshman Shane Kyzer brought in SMC's top individual time at 1:15.03 and a 13th place individual finish.

As SMC's lone female runner to compete in the Half-Marathon, Young finished 11th with a time of 1:31.46.

## Soccer

The SMC men's soccer team brought on 25 new faces this year, with eight sophomores returning. The women's team retained 13 sophomores, with seven freshmen on their team.

The men's team posted a 9-7-2 overall record and a 7-5-1 Region X record to claim the No. 3 seed in the Region X tournament. The women's team went into their Region X tournament at 9-7-1, 7-3-1.

SMC's men's team was eliminated from the tournament, hosted at SMC, in the semi-final round after a 3-3 tie forced the game into overtime and Tri-County Tech advanced on penalty kicks.

The women's team was also eliminated from the tournament in the second round with a 0-2 defeat at the hands of Cape Fear CC.

The men's team finished the season 9-7-3, 7-5-2; the women's team finished at 9-8-1, 7-4-1.

Freshman Vinnie De la Cueva finished the season ranked 35th in scoring in the NJCAA, with 14 goals and 11 assists.

On the women's side, freshman Jordan Hart finished the season 42nd in the nation in goalkeeping with 77 saves.

## Volleyball

The women's volleyball team continued their single season record in 2007 by going undefeated in Region X play this season.

The team entered the Region X tournament as the No. 1 seed, finished at No. 1, and advanced to the nationals for the second consecutive year.

At regionals, sophomore Tiffany Dean was named Region X Player of the Year. She and freshman Haley Cannon were named to the All Region X team; and coach Brittany Harry was named Region X Coach of the Year.

As the No. 16 seed at nationals, the Lady Pioneers were facing many teams with larger rosters and taller players. SMC was eliminated in the second round of the tournament and finished 16th in the nation.

In end of the season rankings, sophomore Kayla Potter was 14th in the NJCAA for aces (50 total / 0.595 per game) and 15th for digs (391 total / 4.655 per game). Freshman Ashley Trunk were also ranked in the Top 50 for aces. Sophomore Tiffany Dean was ranked 25th in the league for kills (289 total / 3.36 per game).

## Tennis Preseason

The SMC men's team posted a 4-2 preseason record this fall with a lineup consisting of four sophomores and 10 freshmen. The team goes into the spring season ranked 19th in NJCAA. Three SMC men are ranked in the Top 100, along with three SMC men's doubles teams in the Top 50.

The women's team posted a 4-1 pre-season record with four sophomores and three freshmen.

## Golf Preseason

Following the fall preseason, the SMC men's team is ranked 24th in the NJCAA and women's team is 15th.

The men's team finished in the Top 5 in two fall events, claiming 1st place in the SC JUCO Cup in Lancaster, SC. The women's team also claimed two Top 5 finishes in the fall, with their top performance at The Orchard Fall Invitational in Clarksville, GA.

## Softball Preseason

Following a No. 5 finish at the NJCAA Division I Fastpitch National Tournament in the spring, the Lady Pioneers took on a scrimmage schedule this fall with nearly as many games as their upcoming spring schedule.

The Lady Pioneers softball team played 27 scrimmages at five fall events -- claiming several wins over NCAA Division II and NAIA opponents.

# Welcome to Spartanburg



## SMC Sponsored Events Increasing College's And City's Visibility

**T**hey came from as far away as Texas and Arizona. Five hundred cross country runners from 65 teams converged on the Milliken Corporate Campus on a brisk autumn morning. All for one purpose - to compete for the title of national champions.

In the end, the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Cross Country Championship race coordinator and SMC Athletic Director Mark Perdue calls a "spectacular event."

Although NJCAA national tournaments are bid on by member schools to host, and the potential for hosting such an event is not high, SMC's role as host for the cross country nationals isn't over. The College will host the cross country nationals again in 2010.

"National events take a lot of manpower to put on, but it gives us the opportunity to present SMC and Spartanburg on a national level. We received a lot of very positive comments about the event. We know there are some things we will need to do to make it even better, but those are very fixable," says Perdue.

It's all part of increasing the college's competitive edge and visibility among the Junior College arena. And it helps put Spartanburg on the map and give out-of-town visitors a taste for the Spartanburg area.

"I just hope they take away that the people here in Spartanburg will do anything for them, our hospitality is top-notch, and this is a nice place to live," comments Perdue.

Perdue says being able to host large scale events is something the Pioneer Athletic Department enjoys. It doesn't always go off without a hitch, possibly a minor behind the scenes hiccup, but that's to be expected.

He says that there are several different regional events that go through rotation among the Region X schools to host.

"You like to host one because you don't have to travel. But you also have a home field advantage. The more comfortable we get with these types of events, it's not as hard to do. To host a Regional event it means less travel we have to do, which can wear you down," says Perdue.

What all has SMC hosted just this fall?

On the soccer side, that included two SMC-sponsored invitationals for both the women's and men's teams, along with the Region X Championship.

"We host the Regional tournament every four years and hope we put on a good show each time. There were probably 20 [NCAA] Division I and II coaches that attended the tournament this year. Plus we did two invitationals this year to bring some other teams to campus, save us from traveling so much, and allow us to play some different teams," says head men's and women's soccer coach Dan Kenneally.

The Lady Pioneers volleyball team hosted their second annual Pioneer Classic - with eight teams participating this year. The volleyball team also hosted the Spartanburg Showdown during homecoming weekend.

"Having an event like the volleyball team's Pioneer Classic enables us to have more teams come in and see what SMC is like. It brings several teams in at once to get several games in over a weekend - and helps us out with travel," says Perdue.

Men's golf hosted the second annual SMC Fall Invitational, held at Links o' Tryon. That golf course will be the site of the SMC-hosted Region X Championship in the spring.

And the SMC men's basketball program sponsored a weekend-long, 14-team preparatory school exhibition called Swanny's Pioneer Classic, which drew schools from as far away as Pennsylvania. More than 50 NCAA Division I and II coaches attended the event.

"There are seven or eight conferences within a few hours from here, so we're able to tell the players that there are going to be major college coaches here. Our location in the 'recruiting belt' really helps make this event successful. Plus, it's a good recruiting tool for SMC as well. Overall, I was thrilled with the event," says men's basketball coach Rob Burke.



# Former SMC Baseball Coach Joyce Inducted Into Pro Scout Hall of Fame

**F**ormer SMC baseball coach Lon Joyce was recently inducted into the inaugural Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame, as one of 12 scouts to receive the honor.

Joyce has served as a Los Angeles Dodgers' area scout since 1992, following his 14 years as head coach of the SMC Pioneers baseball team. From 1978 to 1991, Joyce coached the Pioneers to a 473-170 record. Forty-two of his SMC players signed professional contracts, including Reggie Sanders, Dwight Smith, Glenn Sutko, Morris Madden, Jeff McNeely, and Jonathan Hurst.

"As a coach, you're happy for them. But to get to that level, you have to work hard, get better, and develop your talent further," says Joyce.

As an area scout for the Dodgers, he is responsible for evaluating players and signing amateur players in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia.

While serving as a Dodgers' scout, he has signed five major leaguers: outfielders Reggie Abercrombie and Luke Allen, right-handed pitchers Jonathan Broxton and Edwin Jackson, and infielder Adam Riggs.

Joyce says a great deal of a player's opportunities for advancement relies heavily on their coach.

"If you as a coach get good players, the scouts are going to come watch them play. You just hope you can get them to increase their skills. On this level, your first goal is to develop them for SMC and have a good club here. The second goal is to move them on to a four-year school and the third goal is their pro aspirations," he comments.

A coach's relationship with local scouts is also a big factor in getting those players to the pro level.

"You try to stay close with the scouts at this level, talk with them, get to know them, and ask them if there are any players that might be good for SMC, or whatever school you're coaching at, that might not be ready for the pros just yet. That's why you get to know these guys," Joyce adds.

He says that his area — the Carolinas and Georgia — is "probably the strongest in the nation. You have had the highest volume of draft picks in the last three or four years from here than any other part of the country."

"You've got to spend time where they players are. But you have to hit the high schools hard also. I might see a prospect when he's in 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade so you just start following them and make sure you take notes about what you saw every step of the way. You want to see a progression in their skills," says Joyce.

Despite the fact that he spends a great deal of time on the road, Joyce says he is glad to call Spartanburg home and recalls his years as the head coach of the SMC Pioneers very fondly.



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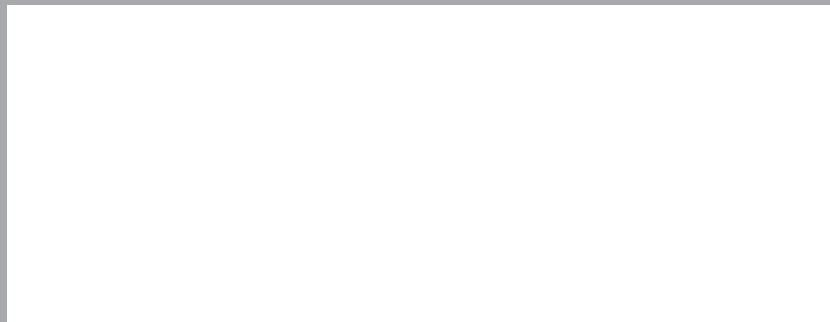


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Sophomore Kayla Potter sends a shot back across the net in the consolation round of the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I volleyball championship tournament. Although SMC was eliminated in the second round, this was the first time ever that the Lady Pioneers volleyball team has made back-to-back appearances in the national event.

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