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Recently, I was re-reading part of a book that I read several years ago in graduate school titled “Habits of the Heart: Individualism and Commitment in American Life” (Bellah, R.N., et al, Berkeley: U of California Press, 1985). The book’s title stems from the work of Alexis de Tocqueville, who in the 1830s wrote about three habits he felt played a strong role in America’s democracy and character: family life, religious convictions and participation in local politics. deTocqueville also writes about individualism, warning that it can be dangerous to set citizens apart from one another.

In this issue of Frontiers, you will encounter the habits that deTocqueville believed to be important. You will get to read about our student body, and Pioneer alumni, getting involved, giving back, staying connected to one another, living their faith, valuing relationships and demonstrating hospitality. At Spartanburg Methodist College, the stage is set for traditions that will help all of us make sense of ourselves, so that we can develop a path for our life in this world. I say “all of us” because I truly believe that the faculty, staff and administration here are equally challenged to continually fine-tune our path and press into the possibilities. As Pioneers, we must remember what we have learned and make a commitment to never stop growing and learning.

Going forward into this 2013-2014 academic year, we are embarking on a new opportunity: a strategic planning process that is following up the work our Futuring Task Force did this past year. I am excited and ready to get busy with our new approach: a “balanced scorecard.” The “balanced scorecard” provides SMC with a strategic plan and a proactive document that measures our work on a regular basis. We’re moving forward, so get ready to see some exciting updates ahead!

As always, we covet your prayers and support as we continue to Pioneer the Future for SMC!

Blessings and Peace,

Colleen Perry Keith, Ph.D.
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SAVE THE DATE!

2013 SMC Homecoming/Alumni Weekend

November 8-9, 2013

It’s that time of the year again, when we get to welcome our Alumni back “home.” If you’re a Pioneer and fellow SMC Alum, I hope you will make plans to attend our 2013 Homecoming/ Alumni Weekend celebration. We have many activities planned for your entire family. All of our on-campus events and meals are casual and family friendly, so dress comfortably and get ready for a weekend of fun. This year’s Homecoming Weekend schedule, as well as the registration slip, is located on page 29 of this magazine. So save the date, RSVP today and get ready for a great weekend with a ton of other SMC Alumni as we celebrate what it means to be a Pioneer.



And remember, Once A Pioneer – Always A Pioneer!

Sincerely,

Leah L. Pruitt '98
Director of Alumni Relations

FRESHMAN DAY OF SERVICE

SMC Freshmen: Technologically Hip and Radically Generous



August 21st, 2013 marked the first day of class for the 2013-2014 school year at Spartanburg Methodist College. One hundred and two years after welcoming our first and only student, Spartanburg Methodist College embraced 525 freshmen from eight states (Florida, Georgia, Kansas, North Carolina, Delaware, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and South Carolina) and five countries (United Arab Emirates, France, Germany, Australia, and Brazil), as well as an additional 293 sophomores.

Technology has forever changed our society, and this year's freshman class is further proof. These students are open-minded, globally aware and radically generous. Their staples of existence include smartphones, electronic organizers, satellite radio and instant access to hundreds of television stations and 24-hour news. As the first generation to grow up with the Internet, our freshmen have seen wars, police arrests and acts of terrorism unfold in real-time in front of their eyes. Moreover, and primarily a result of social media, global events and infamous deaths are often known before the reporters and papers are even able to produce a story.

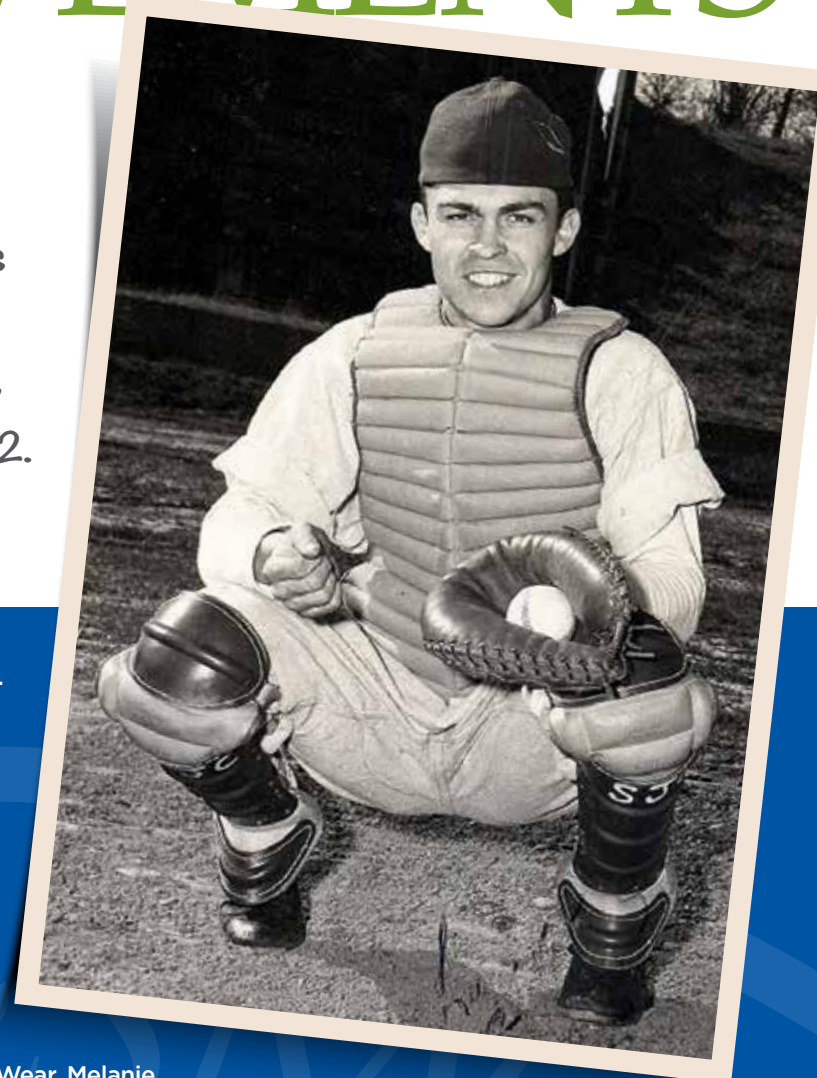
Charging a latte with a single swipe or curling up in the corner to read a book on a tiny electronic screen doesn't impress this group of freshmen. Cartoon Network, blue-raspberry Jell-O and chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream have always been options. Women have always outnumbered men in college, rap music has always been mainstream, tattoos have always been chic and their "Green Giant" will always be Shrek.

Spartanburg Methodist College believes that acts of service are fundamental to real success. And having grown up in a generation that greatly values social justice and global-awareness, this year's freshman class was more than eager to give back to their new Spartanburg community.

August 17, 2013, marked our 12th annual SMC Freshman Day of Service. On this Saturday, 500-plus freshmen were divided into groups, led by an SMC faculty or staff member and sophomore classmate, and sent out to schools, churches, soup kitchens, shelters assisting children and animals and assisted living centers to help with cleaning, painting, cooking, landscaping needs and more. As the photographs from this day of service reflect, our SMC freshmen value the importance of service, as well as the joy that comes from working alongside new friends for the betterment of others.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Happy Birthday to Don White, Class of '52, who celebrated his 80th birthday on July 13th. Don played catcher for the SJC Baseball Team in 1951 and 1952.



If you attended SJC between 1952 and 1954, Rev. Allen E. Long, Class of '54, would like to hear from you, his fellow classmates. (291 Allen Street, Pacolet, SC 29372-2902, 864-474-1476, aljblong@bellsouth.net)

Melanie Giles Reid, Class of '79, furthered her education with degrees from Furman University, the University of South Carolina, and Christian Life School of Theology, and pursued a career as a college instructor teaching technical theatre and public speaking. Melanie and her husband, Oscar, have raised three children. The family owns and operates WZLA-FM and Salak Sally Children's Wear. Melanie is currently the national program specialist for American Heritage Girls, a character development scouting-type program for girls, and works with a local AHG Troop, and is program director for AHG Southeast Regional Camp Wannacombac.

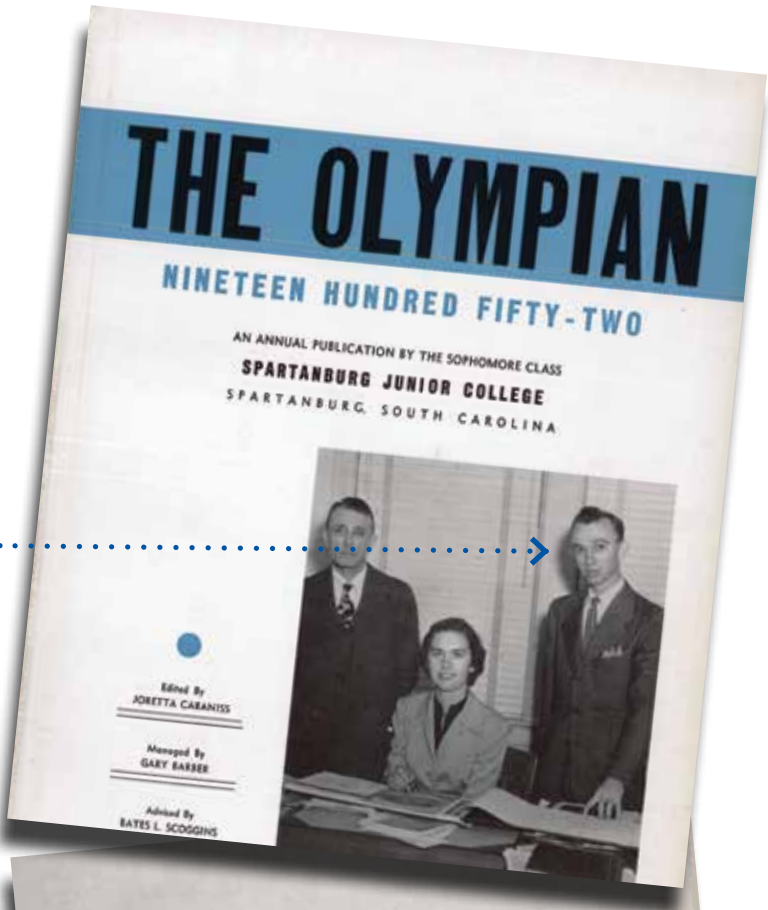
Michael B. Smith, Class of '86 has done a lot since graduating twenty-seven years ago. He has recorded four albums of mostly original music, working with classic and southern rock stars like Bonnie Bramlett and Charlie Daniels, and has a digital magazine called KUDZOO (kudzoomag.com) that is dedicated to Southern music, food and fun. He has also hosted the Michael "Buffalo" weekly live Internet radio program called The KUDZOO Radio Hour, where he interviews artists and plays their music. Guests have included Billy Bob Thornton, Marshall Tucker Band, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Rare Earth, and many more. He has written five books, the latest one being Prisoner of Southern Rock: A Memoir (Mercer University Press) which blends his onstage and backstage experiences with his life story, including his days at SMC. The book's forward was written by Oscar winning actor Billy Bob Thornton. He is currently writing three books, one on music history and two works of fiction. Michael recently moved back to Spartanburg and is looking forward to rekindling involvement with SMC.

Congratulations to Clint Boyce Settle, Class of '04, who married Rogers Brandt on June 8th, 2013.

EARNING *an* EDUCATION, SETTING *a* FOUNDATION

Retired Minister and SJC Class of 1952, **Rev. Gary Barber, Sr.** has many fond memories of his time at SJC. However, one specific memory he recalls was his ability to pay for his education through SJC's work-study program. "I was a work partner at Saxon Mills and made \$1.05 per hour, working 48 hours per week and taking my classes the following week." As a result of SJC's work and school partnership, Rev. Gary was able to make some money, afford his Ministerial education and actively participate in collegiate societies and athletics.

To say that Rev. Gary, a SJC Ministerial student, was active on campus is an understatement. Gary was the Olympian's business manager and a member of numerous campus societies, including: Phi Theta Kappa, the International Relations Club, Christian Services Fellowship, the SJC Advisory Board and the Block S Club. In addition to these club and organization memberships, Gary also pitched on the 1951 and 1952 baseball team.



PIONEERING THE WORLD!



Mike Queen, SMC Class of '02, enjoyed some vacation time at Disney this summer. "No matter where I am, I always show my Pioneer pride."



This past July, Glenn D. Bridges, SMC Class of '81, traveled to Elim, Jamaica on a mission trip with his church. "One of the kids I met in Jamaica actually took this picture of me. He wanted to try out my camera. When he finished he asked if he could have my shirt, so now there's a kid running around Jamaican wearing an SMC t-shirt."

Dr. Colleen Keith may be the first SMC President to join Twitter, but she probably won't be the last. Over the last few years, President Keith has become quite the networking queen. With more than 200 Twitter followers, Keith uses her tweeting skills to share all the new and exciting happenings on campus with SMC students and alumni. Having logged in an impressive 2,500-plus tweets, her messages range from hilarious road-rage rants to proud SMC athletic updates.

President Keith's tweets are more than just 180 characters of wistful humor. She also re-tweets socially conscious movements that affect students' day-to-day lives. For example, many of her re-tweets reference student loans, tuition affordability and local and national news. As you read through the past few years of her tweets you may also learn some personal information about President Keith. For instance, she often mentions her family and her dogs, makes comments about Spartanburg's weather and has even referenced her battle with cancer and how she's been cancer-free for three years.

President Keith also uses her twitter voice to remind her students of important godly truths. "Do not be content to live a mediocre Christian life; walk with determination along

the path of holiness." (Tweeted on May 7, 2013). She is an incredibly strong Christian leader, and through the tidbits that she shares of her daily life as President it's easy to see her labor is one of love.

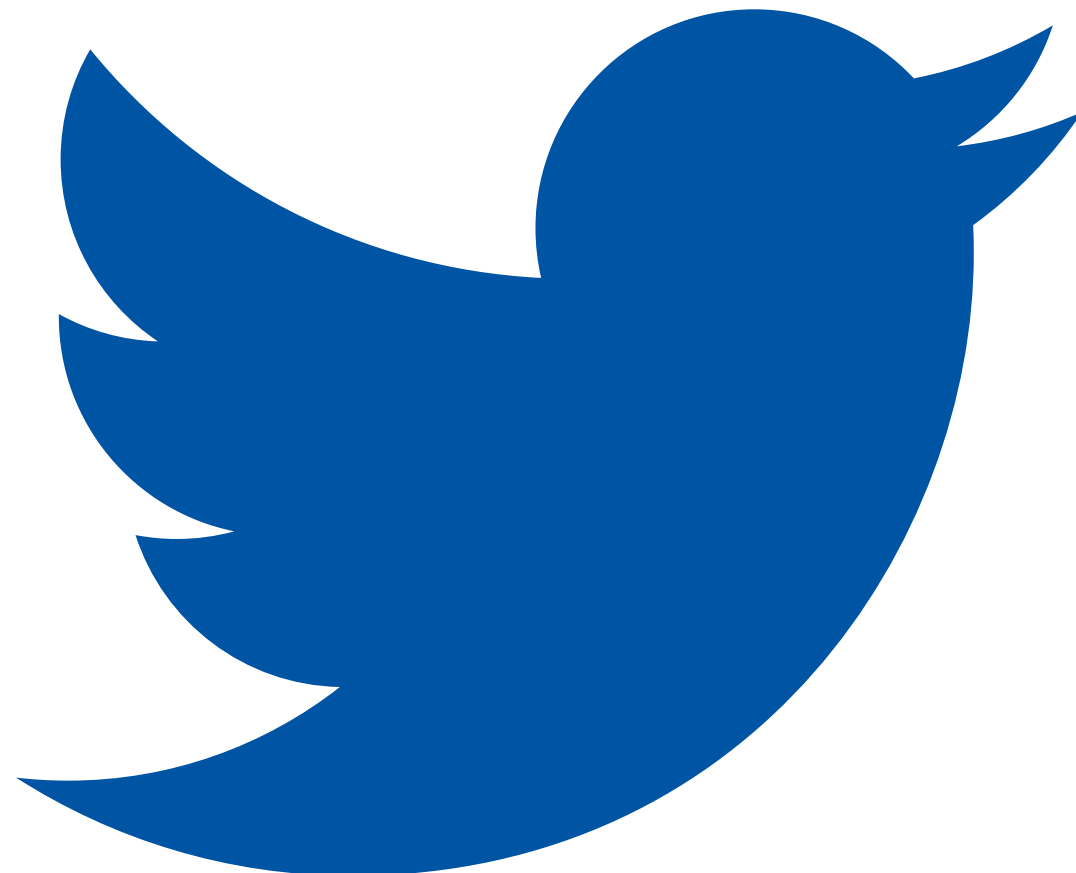
With all this exciting new technology on campus, staying in touch with SMC students and faculty has never been easier. President Keith, and staff alike, is able to answer parent and student questions quickly and efficiently through social media sites like Facebook and Twitter. In fact she is constantly reaching out through social media, emails and face-to-face appointments. She makes a point to greet students and staff by name and has even been known to give the occasional Twitter shout-out when her students and staff team succeed.

Parents of students enrolled at SMC can follow Keith for up to date information regarding classes and athletics. And SMC supporters can stay informed of how their financial donations are being used to improve the

school, as well as laugh with Keith as she tweets about her fundraising efforts. "I have sunk to a new low: offering to do laundry just to have the opportunity to talk about a gift! #whateverittakes (Tweeted on June 5, 2012).

To follow Keith and stay up to date on SMC news, scan the code below with your smart phone. And don't forget to tweet your favorite SMC memories to @cpkeith. If you're lucky, maybe you'll get re-tweeted.

"Tweets from Dr. Keith"
#2b2do



*"@twalkatc is an amazing person! Part athletic trainer, part sports journalist, all around GREAT PIONEER!! #smcbaseball #rollneers
– President Keith tweet from May 8, 2012*

*"As I think about the experiences of Pioneer athletes this year and how they handled successes and disappointments, the prouder I am!"
– President Keith tweet from June 2, 2013*



*Scan here to follow and tweet
with President Keith.*

We are FAMILY!

In 1979, Sister Sledge, a musical group consisting of four sisters from Philadelphia, immortalized the phrase “We Are Family” when they released their album and best-selling single. However SMC may have an earlier claim on that same lyrical line, for we too are family, and have been since 1911.

*“We are family
Living life is fun and we’ve just begun
To get our share of the world’s delights
High hopes we have for the future
And our goal’s in sight
No we don’t get depressed
Here’s what we call our golden rule
Have faith in you and the things you do
You won’t go wrong, oh-no
We are family.”*

As the 2013 academic year kicked off, SMC was singing the song “We Are Family” as we welcomed family in many forms. Siblings and twins. Mother and son. And even two roommates whose parents also roomed at SMC 30 years ago.

2nd Generation Roommates

On Friday, August 9th, the crew of WYFF-TV interviewed three alumni as they dropped off their two sons, Connor Hutto and Jesse Herrera, some 30 years after their own SMC adventures. Amy Seggie Herrera, Class of ‘86, her husband, Oscar Herrera, Class of ‘86 and Angela Hall Hutto Strother, Class of ‘85, never imagined that the bonds formed three decades ago would weave together a life-long friendship.

Angela first met Amy waiting in line to register for classes. As Angela was talking, Amy turned her back without responding. Angela felt confused and a bit hurt until an

interpreter came up and started signing to Amy. From the beginning, they couldn’t have been more opposite, but Angela, loud and extroverted, and Amy, quiet and introverted, became fast friends. And by their second semester at SMC Amy and Angela were roommates, best friends and an adopted member of each other’s families. Angela still remembers her own mom sending Amy, and not her, homemade peanut butter cookies.

Living with Amy, as well as having another SMC hearing-impaired friend, Joey Fain, inspired Angela to take sign language as an elective. Today, while teaching her special education classes, Angela still uses the sign language she learned long ago. As does Amy, who is a teacher for hearing-impaired children.

After college Angela and Amy remained best friends, even serving in each other’s weddings. Months and sometimes years would go by, but whenever they picked up the phone, it was like no time had passed. Angela and her family vacationed regularly in Myrtle Beach, so as to visit Amy and Oscar. And soon their two sons began to develop a friendship of their own.

When conversations turned to college, SMC was obviously brought up. Their parent’s fond memories of small class sizes, athletics, as well as the overall campus atmosphere, were the major deciding factors for Jesse and Connor. Once both were accepted to SMC, they decided to room together, just like their moms had many years earlier. Jesse, a graduate of Carolina Forest High School in Myrtle Beach and a current member of the SMC cross country team; and Connor, a graduate of Wade Hampton High in Hampton, SC, and the current team-manager of the SMC’s men soccer team, are both enjoying college life in Sparrow Residence Hall.

Son joins Mom at SMC

Keisha Dawkins-Hardy, a 1987 graduate of Spartanburg High School, is now a part-time sophomore at SMC. At the age of 37, Keisha was diagnosed with colon cancer. Thankfully her physicians and surgical teams, whom she calls “angels”, were able to remove all of her cancerous tumors, leaving Keisha cancer free for the past three years. Following the encouragement of her husband, Terry J. Hardy, and neighbor, SMC Director of Admissions, Mike Queen, Keisha decided to return to the classroom. But Keisha is no longer the only member of her family studying at SMC, as this August, her son Korri Dawkins, a 2013 graduate of Spartanburg High, joined her as he commenced his first year of college.

“Going back to school with Korri has been rewarding, helpful and motivating,” Keisha shared. Korri smiled, and added, “It’s a little weird, but it doesn’t bother me, we only commute together. Mom does however study way too much

for me.” After working at a local hospital for 13 years, Keisha is studying to become a nurse practitioner with a specialty in oncology. Korri, former captain of his HS varsity basketball team, drum line and track team, is an employee at UPS, and is working towards becoming an art teacher or graphic designer.

Siblings & Twins

Sydney and Chastity Cloud were born and raised in Rock Hill, SC, where they attended South Pointe High School. Growing up, Sydney’s passions included dance and cheerleading. But once she got to high school she discovered her true love, writing. Quickly immersing herself in journalism, she became a staff member and editor of South Pointe’s S.P.I.N. newspaper and website. She also started writing more creative pieces and later joined South Pointe’s Literary Magazine. Chastity’s passion, on the other hand, revolves around sports. She’s particularly into basketball, but volleyball and softball are a close second and third.

Both sisters are living in SMC’s Kingman Residence Hall this fall, but decided against being direct roommates. Sydney received the Life Scholarship and both girls chose Spartanburg Methodist College after hearing many positive words from their older brother Jonathan, who attended in 2011. “We figured it suited the both of us to start off small and then transfer later to a university that best helps us achieve our academic and career goals in life,” shared Sydney. “I’m still somewhat indecisive on exactly what I want to do, but whatever it is, it’ll involve my passion for writing. As of now I’m heading towards pre-med as a major. While at SMC I’m getting my associates degree in science and after I transfer I am aiming towards a doctorate.” Both sisters feel that “SMC is pretty amazing. The campus is a fair size and easy to learn and get around. The professors are great, classes are manageable and there’s a population of wonderful, talented, outgoing and generous people.”

Daniel and Dustin Delegatti, fraternal twin sons of Brenda and David Delegatti, grew up in Greenville and attended Berea High School. Both brothers participated in varsity baseball and with 3.7 GPA’s took advantage of SMC’s outstanding admission policy.

They are roommates in Sparrow Residence Hall and are enjoying the start of their freshman year. Dustin hopes to continue his engineering studies at Clemson, and Daniel, who is currently studying criminal justice, has not finalized his future education plans but he is thoroughly enjoying his classes.

The Clouds and Delegattis are not the only sibling groups currently attending SMC. In fact, this fall, we have a number of siblings in our large SMC family, including:

- Sophomores Anthony and Steven Gonzalez, sons of Jorge and Adriana Galeano Gonzalez of Riverview, Florida.

- Sophomores Eric and Paul Shuping, sons of SMC English Professor David Shuping and his wife Sue.

- Sophomore twins Ly’Quana and Ty’Quana Lyles, daughters of Anthony Lyles and Chasiaty Drummond of Duncan, SC.

- Alex (sophomore) and Courtney (freshman) Tutterow, son and daughter of Michael and Michelle Tutterow of Boiling Springs, SC. Both Tutterow siblings play soccer for SMC.

- Freshman siblings Danielle and Drake Needs, attended Chesnee High School, Parents: Mary and John Needs, Chesnee, SC



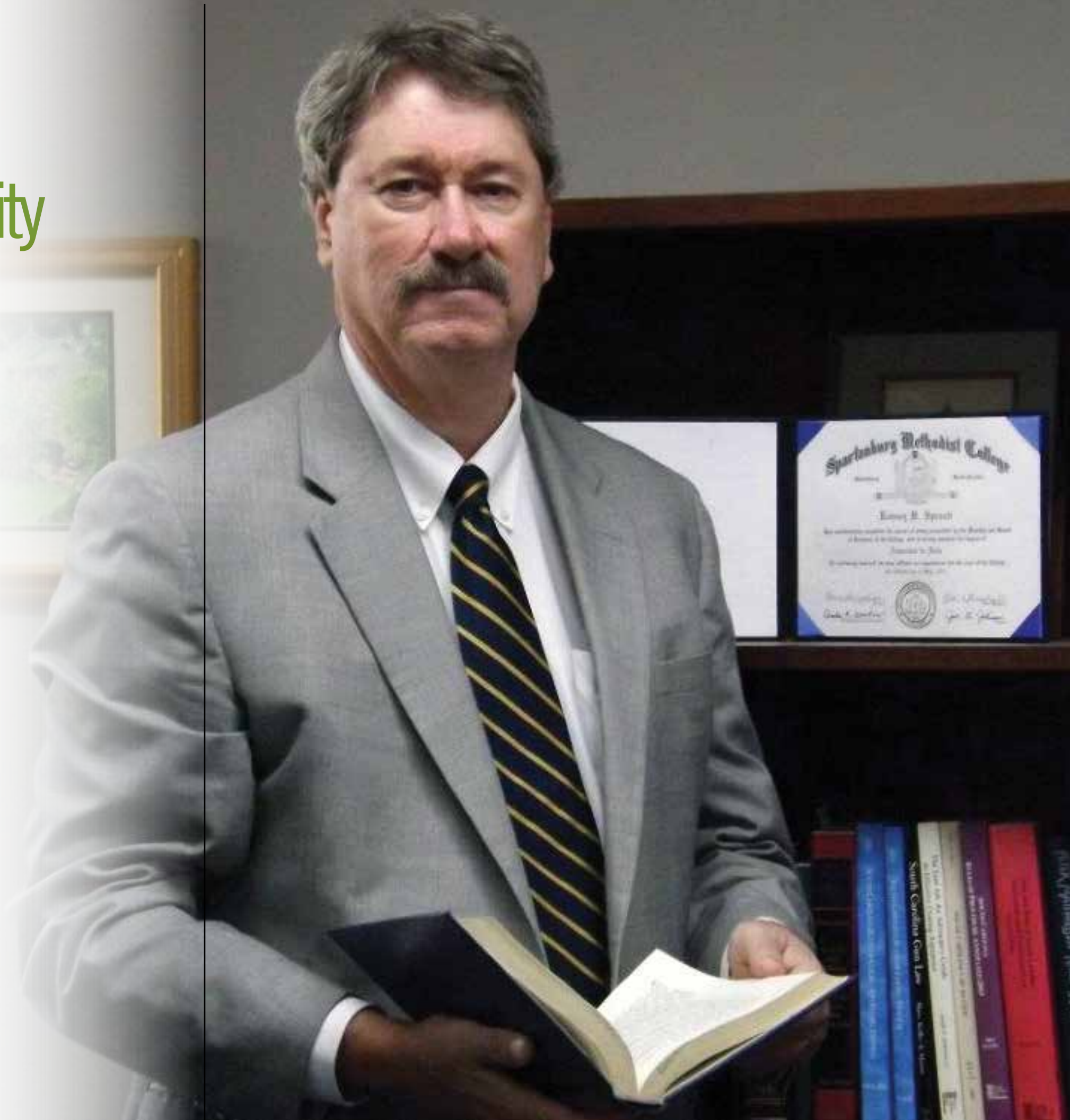
Enhancing Education & Community

Dr. Rod Sproatt, SMC Class of '13, spends most of his days as Associate Chief Magistrate for Beaufort County, but his passion for education and generosity towards Beaufort County, SC dates all the way back to 1977. In 1971, Sproatt joined the Peace Corps and ended up working as a volunteer on Yap, a tiny Caroline Island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The ocean and the beauty he encountered forever changed Sproatt, and to some degree, forever changed Beaufort County.

In 1977, Sproatt developed a grant-funded program that provided 55-gallon aquariums to every elementary school in the northern Beaufort County School District. This program also included free extended learning classes, involving studies on the coastal environment and aquarium care, for two teachers from each school. In addition to his extensive legal career, Sproatt has also had an impressive 36-year presence in education. He has personally secured over \$260,000 in grants, he is a frequent presenter at education conferences and he has served as a developmental English instructor for college students, as an instructor for the SC Day Care Demonstration Project in Columbia (a state-funded childcare facility used to showcase developmentally appropriate practices for children of three to five years old), as an assistant professor, associate professor and professor of education for the University of South Carolina Beaufort (USCB), as a coordinator of the USC Aiken Early Childhood Education Degree Program and finally, as the associate director of the USCB Coastal Zone Education Center.

Dr. Sproatt, well known for improving the education system in SC through the creation of, development of and implementation of science programs for at-risk minority youth, is a beloved, and very recent, alumni of SMC. Sproatt began his studies at SMC (SJC at the time) back in the 1960s. He went on to earn multiple degrees, but Sproatt left SJC one-credit shy of earning his Associates of Arts Degree. Last year, in 2013, Sproatt transferred back to SMC to finish what he started nearly four decades earlier. And in the spring of 2013, he walked across SMC's graduation stage and received his diploma. "My fondest college memories are of the SMC campus, the faculty and the friends I met while there. My other degrees would not have been possible without the experiences and foundation I received at SMC."

Sproatt is just about as fond of us, SMC, as we are of him. "My other degrees are displayed in my office, but this one will go in my home because it is the one that is most personal for me." Spartanburg Methodist College is all about creating opportunities for our students to be their best, and we couldn't be more proud to have played even a small part in Dr. Rod Sproatt's long legacy of education improvements throughout Beaufort County.



ATHLETICS

Left to right:

DANNY PHILBECK (Class of 1974), **JOY BLANKS** (Class of 1976), **WELLS SHEPARD** (Class of 1995), **JILL JOHNSON** (Class of 1982), **JUDY HEFNER** (Class of 1982), **JUDY WILSON** (Class of 1970), **CHRIS ROBERSON** (Class of 2007), **LEAH PRUITT** (Class of 1998), and **DON TATE** (Class of 1966).



Cheerleading

Back Row (Freshman): Stefanie Egan (Greer, SC) Alisha Morehart (Greer, SC) Hannah West (Roebuck, SC) Monica Cleland (Greenville, SC) Samantha Forsee (Greer, SC) April Stratton (Wagener, SC) Morgan Shealy (Chapin, SC) Natalie Lewis (Woodruff, SC)

Front Row (Sophomores) Jordan Garner (Woodruff, SC) Allisha Fewell (Rock Hill, SC) Alyssa Sherrill (Duncan, SC) Coach Debbie Philbeck (SMC Class of 1973) Anna Burton (Rock Hill, SC) Maria Jones (Columbia, SC) Lindsey Hoffmann (Spartanburg, SC)



Pioneers, Pom-Poms and Philbecks

SMC Sweethearts Danny and Debbie Philbeck met while they were students here in the early 1970s. And in August of 2013 they celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. Danny has worked at SMC for 34 years, and after a lifelong career in education, Debbie retired from her position as principal of Anderson Mill Elementary and in 2012 became SMC's new Cheer Coach.



FALL IN LOVE WITH SCIENCE

At SMC we love Ms. Tenney. Who is Ms. Tenney? “She was an amazing high school chemistry teacher in Brownsville, TX whose bright clothing and excitement for her subject matter made learning so much easier,” says Dr. Brian Gloor. Moreover, Ms. Tenney was the first to help Dr. Gloor realize his love of science.

Dr. Gloor spent his undergraduate career at Texas State University and then moved to The University of Notre Dame to complete his Masters and Doctorate degrees. It was during his time as a Teaching Assistant (TA) at Notre Dame that he first started teaching Chemistry. And for three years he continued teaching Chemistry, as well as Organic Chemistry I and II and Biochemistry.

As a TA, Dr. Gloor grew as an educator and as a student, taking every chance he could to learn from the students that surrounded him. For instance, he is still amazed at how much tutoring football players stretched his knowledge and enhanced his teaching skills. He also discovered that with athletes, as well as his with students in his regular classes, there was never a dull moment. It was this part of teaching that touched his heart and helped him lean into his decision to become a permanent educator.

In December of 2011, Dr. Gloor reached out to SMC regarding a Chemistry Instructor position. And not too long after Spartanburg Methodist College welcomed him to our family. Dr. Gloor, one of SMC’s current Chemistry Professors, is now following in Ms. Tenney’s footsteps as he aims to inspire students by making chemistry fun and relevant.

When we asked Dr. Gloor if he had a favorite element of the Periodic Table, he didn’t hesitate. “Carbon is the life of the party,” he said. “It’s found in almost everything and it’s the only basis of life that we know.” Similarly, Dr. Gloor’s classroom is also the life of the party on campus. In fact, in

2013, one of his creative class assignments resulted in a video that’s now on YouTube. “When students are forced to take things they’re learning and make something from it, and if you give them free reign with just a few helpful guidelines, they’ll always surprise you with what they can do. I love to watch my students work together and put what they’re learning into context. My YouTube students still talk about the video and sing the song when I see them,” smiled Dr. Gloor. “It was fun to be a part of that learning experience.”

Since his first semester at SMC, Dr. Gloor has been beloved by his students, but that affection definitely isn’t one-sided. Dr. Gloor is equally impressed with his students as well as his new academic home. In addition to teaching and performing in videos, Dr. Gloor was the recipient of the SMC 2013 James S. Barrett award for unselfish service in campus fundraising efforts. So, once again, we thank Ms. Tenney, and Dr. Gloor, as SMC is honored to have such a passionate and gifted instructor as a member of our family.

Scan the code to
watch the video
on youtube





HELPING STUDENTS TRANSFER WITH EASE AND SUCCESS

Deciding on a college in high school can be one of the most difficult decisions of any young adult's life. And in order to make the best and most informed decision possible, there are a number of key criterion to consider, including but not limited to: class size, student-teacher ratio, type of school (public, private, community college, technical college, junior college), availability of financial aid, location and offered majors. At SMC we're here to answer questions and help students discover if SMC is the right home for them and their futures. Many SMC students have found our two-year programs, as well as our intimate and seamless partnerships with four-year institutions extremely beneficial and cost-effective.

At SMC we offer a variety of connection programs, including partnerships with more than 25 four-year

colleges and universities across the southeast. More specifically, we're currently engaged in three different types of transfer agreements, including: the Bridge Program, Articulation Agreements and a Direct Connection program with USC Upstate. Our Bridge Program is designed around helping our students achieve a four-year degree after they've earned their two-year associate's degree from SMC. The second type of partnership, Articulation Agreements, involves our formal agreements with other schools to accept our course credits when students transfer into a specific four-year academic program. And lastly, our Direct Connection program allows our students to jump directly into USC-Upstate for their junior year of college, along with their completed Associates degree from SMC.

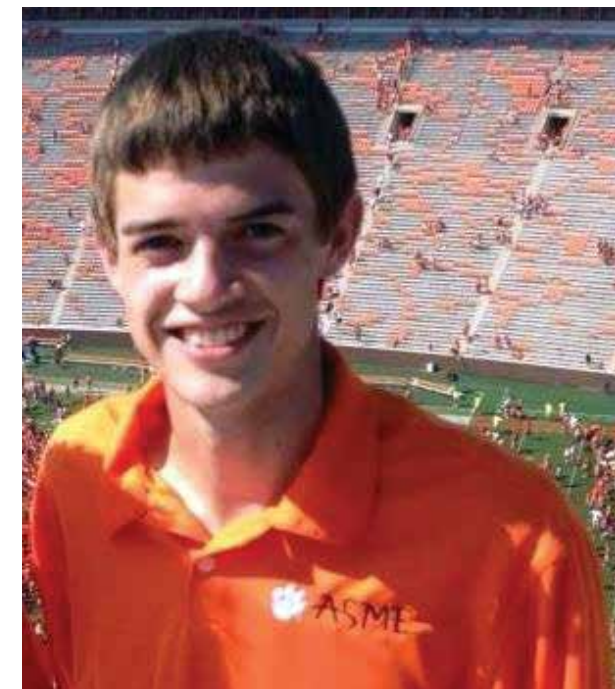
ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Brittany Wiggins, a 2010 SMC graduate, transferred to Columbia College in Columbia, South Carolina.

"Mr. Pete Aylor, a Psychology professors at SMC, definitely made transferring easier. He helped me choose my major and which college to transfer to. I could have not done it without his help."

Corey Farnsworth, a 2012 SMC graduate, transferred to Clemson University to study engineering.

"My academic advisor at SMC was always eager to help me as I carefully researched my classes to make sure everything would transfer to Clemson, and that I took the classes I needed for their engineering curriculum. We were able to work together through that process and I learned valuable information that will be of use for aiding other future engineering students who begin at SMC."

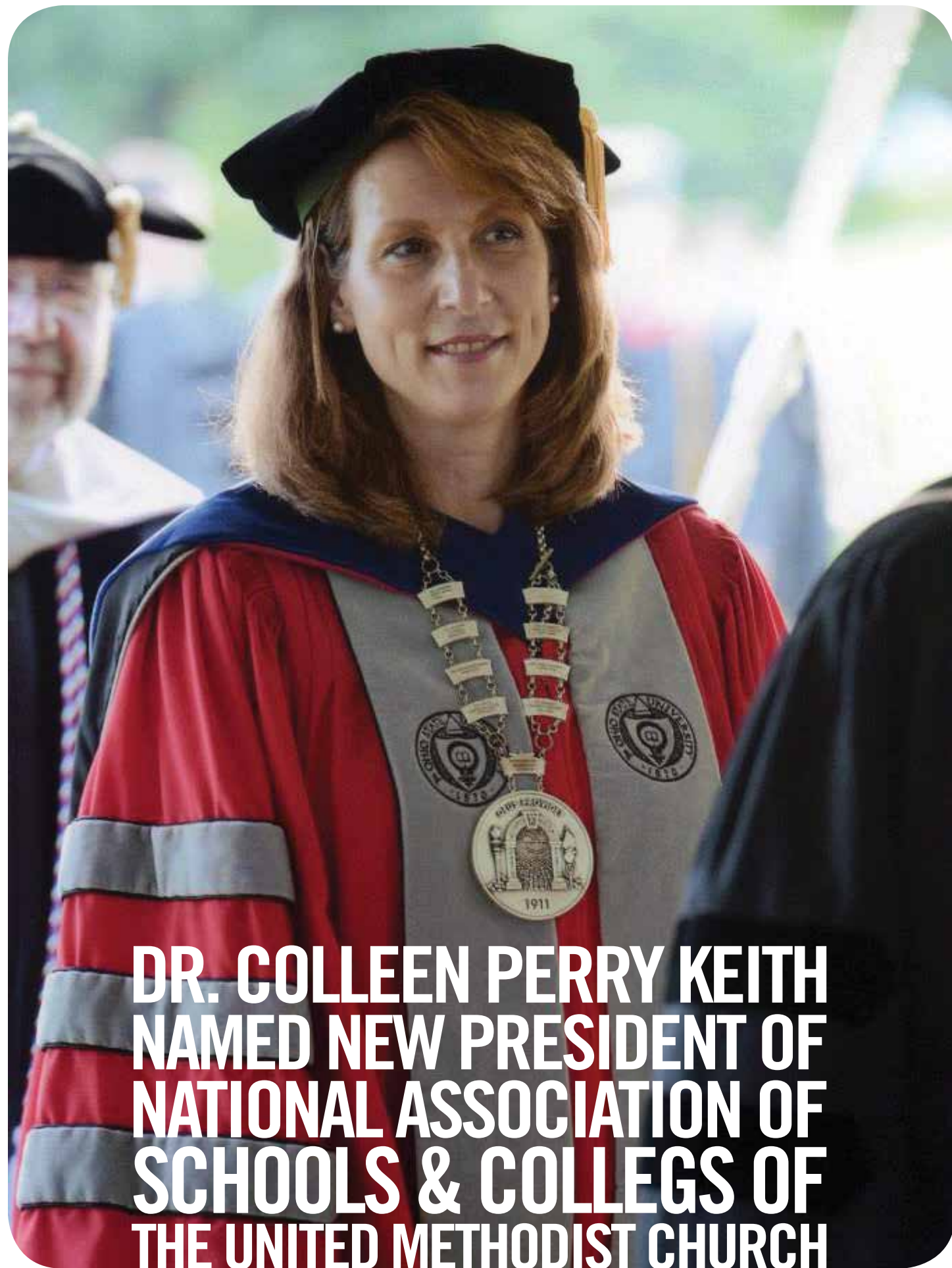


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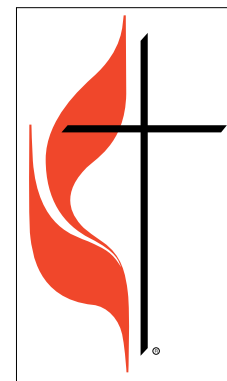
Kacie Hines began her college education at The Art Institute of Charleston, but soon transferred into SMC. Utilizing the Direct Connection program at SMC, Kacie was then able to transfer to USC Upstate. She is currently studying Graphic Design and will graduate in 2014.

"I feel like transferring to SMC actually let me regain the freshman experience I missed out on at the Art Institute. I was able to stay on campus, get involved in student activities again and start playing soccer again. Being a two-year school, student involvement isn't limited to the upperclassmen, which opened a lot of opportunities I had been missing."





DR. COLLEEN PERRY KEITH NAMED NEW PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Dr. Colleen Perry Keith was recently named President of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The United Methodist Church (NASCUMC) for a one-year term that began in August of this year, 2013. NASCUMC is a voluntary association of schools, colleges and universities committed to the historic and distinctive values of United Methodist-related education. It exists to

advance the work of education and scholarship in member institutions; working cooperatively with conferences, boards and agencies of The United Methodist Church to address issues of mutual concern to the Church and the Academy. In addition, they work in partnership with the Church to educate students for leadership and service to the global community; fostering and encouraging the common good of member institutions, and strengthening the collegiality and camaraderie among member presidents, deans and heads of school.

Currently, in the United States, there are 119 institutions listed by the University Senate as United Methodist-related schools, colleges, universities, medical colleges and theological schools. All are invited to become members of the NASCUMC by paying dues and participating in the organization. Each institution's chief executive officer serves as their school's representative. The organization meets semiannually for professional development, to study institutional issues and to analyze proposed legislation and guidelines that affect student aid, federal programs, institutional governance and reporting requirements. NASCUMC cooperates with, and engages in liaison relationships with, other agencies of the Church, as well as with many other professional societies and organizations.

Dr. Keith, the previous Vice President of NASCUMC, has served as President of Spartanburg Methodist College since July of 2009. Under her leadership the college launched a \$15 million capital campaign; built an \$11 million academic building; strengthened its marketing efforts and is about to engage in an extensive planning process. For a first time ever, SMC received national recognition two years in a row for our service initiatives with over 5,000 hours of combined service provided annually from faculty, staff and students.

Dr. Keith has a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration and Student Affairs from The Ohio State University, a Master of Education degree in Educational Counseling from the University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from State University of New York, University Center at Binghamton. For the past 25

years Dr. Keith has worked in various higher education roles (academic advisement, teaching, development and executive administration) for a number of institutions (Rogers State College - now Rogers University, Franklin University, The Ohio State University at Marion, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation and Ohio University).

Dr. Keith, an active presenter and panelist, is a current member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, College and University Personnel Association and the Association of Governing Boards. She serves on the Advisory Board, South Carolina Women in Higher Education (partner organization of The American Council of Education's Office of Women in Higher Education); is the 2013-14 Secretary of the South Carolina Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission; and is a member of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, in addition to serving on their President's Council and Finance Committee.

Beyond the campus, Dr. Keith's involvement and service with local organizations have raised the profile of the college within the Upstate community. She is currently a member of the Diversity Leaders Initiative Advisory Committee for the University of South Carolina School of Medicine; Board of Directors, Mary Black Foundation; Board of Directors, Greer Educational Foundation; Board of Directors, Hospice Division, Spartanburg Regional Hospital Foundation; Board of Directors, The Arts Partnership in Spartanburg, SC. of Directors, Hospice Division, Spartanburg Regional Hospital Foundation; Board of Directors, The Arts Partnership, Spartanburg, SC, serving on both the Financial Policies and Governance Committees; Board of Directors, College Town Inc., Spartanburg, SC; Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity; and is a member and lector of The Roman Catholic Church of Jesus Our Risen Savior.

Dr. Keith is also Chair-Elect of the Board of Directors for the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, where she also serves on the Public Affairs Committee and Workforce Education Committee. Her two-year term as Chair of the Chamber will begin in January 2014.

Regarding her new leadership role with NASCUMC, Dr. Keith shared, "I am looking forward to collaborating with educational institutions from around the country as NASCUMC provides opportunities for connection with peers and enables discussions on important issues from the shared perspective of each institution's relationship to The United Methodist Church. I treasure the partnerships and personal relationships I have developed through NASCUMC."

Dorothy Styers Richards
 '38 of Sherrills Ford, NC, died October 2, 2012.

Drucilla Neal Vaughn
 '38 of Greer, SC, died September 16, 2012.

Ethel Harrison Colyer
 '39 of Spartanburg, SC, died July 5, 2013.

Mertie Cooper Bryan
 '42 of Raleigh, NC, died March 27, 2013.

Charles L. Clawson
 '42 of Richburg, SC, died September 11, 2012.

Rev. William L. Culbertson
 '42 of Kernersville, NC, died May 14, 2013.

Naomi Allen Wood
 '42 of Spartanburg, SC, died September 18, 2012.

Drexel W. Gault
 '44 of Bothell, WA, died February 15, 2013.

Warren C. Wofford
 '45 of Orlando, FL, died April 1, 2013.

Imogene Squires Graham
 '46 of Aynor, SC, died April 6, 2013.

Betty Woodfin Pope
 '46 of Inman, SC, died July 22, 2013.

James A. Hicks, Sr.
 '47 of Lexington, SC, died June 4, 2013.

Margie Foster Adams
 '48 of Spartanburg, SC, died December 28, 2012.

Harry H. Foster
 '48 of Gaffney, SC, died November 10, 2012.

Frances Easler Moore
 '48 of Chesnee, SC, died September 18, 2012.

Gary A. Strange, Jr.
 '48 of Sophia, NC, died December 5, 2012.

Joe H. Wilson
 '49 of Wellford, SC, died October 26, 2012.

William Ray Ridings
 '50 of Spartanburg, SC, died September 6, 2012.

Mitchelle Causey Evans
 '51 of Ash, NC, died September 17, 2012.

Bob C. Haulbrook
 '51 of Spartanburg, SC, died December 16, 2012.

T. Louis Cox, Jr.
 '52 of Inman, SC, died March 11, 2013.

Thomas D. Garrison
 '52 of Myrtle Beach, SC, died March 18, 2013.

Billie Lane Ayers
 '53 of Morristown, TN, died January 18, 2013.

Richard F. Beam
 '54 of Rock Hill, SC, died December 31, 2012.

Janice Swan Holden
 '54 of Southport, NC, died October 26, 2012.

Issac Eagerton Riley
 '54 of Hampton, GA, died January 11, 2013.

Gerald Gary Lynch, Sr.
 '56 of Greenville, SC, died February 10, 2013.

Paul J. Hatchette
 '58 of Chattanooga, TN, died March 29, 2013.

Patricia Davis Corn
 '59 of Spartanburg, SC, died November 15, 2012.

Judith Copeland Harbiston
 '60 of Newport, NC, died October 11, 2012.

Vernon Gary Millwood
 '60 of Louisville, KY, died May 29, 2013.

Donald E. Thomas
 '61 of Estill, SC, died June 21, 2013.

Jerry W. Cox
 '62 of Moore, SC, died September 29, 2012.

James M. Fain, Sr.
 '64 of Campobello, SC, died November 10, 2012.

Judson D. Powers
 '65 of Spartanburg, SC, died December 16, 2012.

Ronald Vassy Davidson
 '68 of Chesnee, SC, died September 7, 2012.

James Gosnell
 '69 of Spartanburg, SC, died November 6, 2012.

Maj. John B. Lee III
 '72 of Spartanburg, SC, died July 27, 2013.

Michael Arnold Meadows
 '73 of Florence, SC, died January 8, 2013.

Robert D. Barnhill
 '77 of Rock Hill, SC, died March 22, 2013.

Ralph Andreas Hammerschick
 '79 of Hughes Springs, TX, died February 18, 2013.

Steve Howard Burdge
 '80 of Columbia, SC, died April 6, 2013.

Bruce Talley
 '81 of Gaffney, SC, died April 22, 2013.

Annirene Childers Caune
 '84 of Charlotte, NC, died December 17, 2012.

Julie M. Croxton
 '97 of Greenville, SC, died June 24, 2013.

SMC Alumni, and Spartanburg’s first public defender, Passes at Age 84

Article written by Jenny Arnold, Spartanburg Herald Journal

A longtime Spartanburg attorney who served as the county’s first public defender has died. T. Louis Cox, 84, of Inman, died Monday at Mary Black Memorial Hospital. Cox served in the S.C. House of Representatives from 1966 to 1969, resigning from office in 1969 after the state legislature approved funding for a public defender system.

Cox felt strongly about the value of a public defender for Spartanburg County, voicing his support for the position in the Herald-Journal at the time. Through the years, he urged state and local lawmakers to give the office its fair share of funding, to attract quality attorneys to represent the county’s indigent. “It’s always been my feeling that poor defendants should have the same quality representation as defendants who have money,” Cox told the Herald-Journal in 1988.

Cox was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving on the USS Randolph and the USS Kearsarge. He attended Spartanburg Jr. College, was a graduate of Wofford College, attended Cumberland Law School and graduated from the University of South Carolina Law School. Cox practiced law for more than 50 years, and served as president of the Spartanburg County Bar Association. Cox was the county’s public defender when 7th Circuit Solicitor Barry Barnette began his career with the solicitor’s office in the early 1990s. “He was always very gracious to young attorneys,” Barnette said. “He always worked well with everyone at the courthouse, the judges and another attorneys.” Cox is described by his family as an avid golfer, a patient fisherman, a remarkable storyteller and a “life-long yellow dog Democrat.”



A donation made in memoriam to Spartanburg Methodist College honors our friends and loved ones who have passed away. Visit www.smcs.edu/gift-planning for more information on gift planning opportunities.

YOUNG ALUMNI Living the Dream



WILL LUTHER
SMC CLASS OF 2010

Job: “I have been working as a Production Intern with Spartanburg Little Theatre & Spartanburg Youth Theatre since the fall of 2009, and on July 1, 2013 I was given a full time job as Asst. Technical Director/Webmaster.”

Hobbies: “Painting, relaxing and helping with extra theatrical productions in my ‘spare time’.”

Favorite SMC Memory: “I have so many wonderful SMC memories it’s hard to pick just one. During my two years at SMC I was able to foster new friendships. Many of these friendships I still have today. SMC was such a positive and a wonderful place for me to grow as a young adult, I only wish I had been able to stay there longer. Nowhere can compare to the time I spent at SMC.”



JESSICA “IT’S ALL GOOD” WILLIAMS
SMC CLASS OF 2005

Job: “I’m self-employed as a freelance teaching artist and performing artist. I have been working for myself for five years. As a teacher, I teach children and adults basic level acting and sometimes modeling or praise dance. I have had the opportunity to put hundreds of people on stage, who may not have had an opportunity otherwise. As a performer, I perform as an actress in plays, improv shows, parties, film, etc.”

Hobbies: “I enjoy traveling, learning about different cultures, reading mysteries, improv acting, black history, singing karaoke, dancing in the streets, attending social events and making up random adventures and pulling my friends along for the crazy ride.”

Favorite SMC Memory: “My favorite SMC memory was the time my friends and I decided to sit in the Bridges elevator and hang out. We bought a guitar (that we couldn’t play) and made up songs while riding the elevator. We got a lot of strange looks from other students.”



PARKER DRAKE ANDERSON
SMC CLASS OF 2010

Job: “I am currently a Photojournalist at WYFF-TV in Greenville, I was previously at WJBF-TV in Augusta, GA. I am a news photographer and I occasionally shoot sports.”

Hobbies: “My hobbies include being outdoors (hiking, fishing and playing sports) and going to the gym. I workout everyday. I am a huge Clemson and Atlanta Braves fan. I also love photography, mainly sports photography.”

Favorite SMC Memory: “It is hard to pick one specific memory from my time at SMC. When I think of SMC I remember the amazing friends I made, watching the Pioneers play in Bridges Arena, winning the intramural softball championship my freshman year, the big snow storm my sophomore year when everyone slid down the hill at the soccer field, my first wrestling match in the old gym and late night talks with Reid Austin in the library. There are tons more and I think of them all the time. Attending SMC was one of the best decisions I ever made and it has lead me to where I am today.”



BRENTON PATRICK POYNTER
SMC CLASS OF 2005

Job: “I work at Electric City Printing Company as a ‘Print Solutions Consultant’. That is technically a fancy way of saying “sales”. My art education that I gained from SMC and furthered at Campbell University (BS – Graphic Design, 2007) has allowed me to better understand my clients’ needs and anticipate potential problems in the production and development of their marketing and administrative printed materials. I have been at Electric City for a little over two years. Short of accepting Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior and marrying my college sweetheart (Kayla Rhinehart Poynter), taking this position at Electric City has been the best decision of my life. And I am not counting my two beautiful daughters Reagan Lilly Poynter (3 years old) and Arriston Hayley Poynter (1 year old).”

Hobbies: “Once you have children, you quickly realize that you have no hobbies! But, you do develop new passions and interests. For me, these include jogging with my family (kids in the running stroller), working on home improvement projects and watching a ‘Red Box’ movie to wind down the night with Kayla.”

Favorite SMC Memory: “Bar none, meeting Kayla in the cafeteria. I have never been a man of few words and I was rendered speechless. My friend gave her my number and she actually called me an hour or so later. We spent the ensuing night talking each other’s heads off in the parking lot of Barnes & Noble sipping on a strawberry smoothie. I still have the cup, and the rest is history.”

SECOND GENERATION SMC SUPPORTER BUILDS ON FAMILY LEGACY

James Fletcher Thompson (Jim) traces his Pioneer lineage back to his parents. In 1941, his father, Fletcher D. Thompson, graduated in the last class of Textile Industrial Institute (current day SMC); and in 1942 his mother, Ruth DeLoache Thompson, graduated in the first class of Spartanburg Junior College (now SMC).

After graduation Jim's father went to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) until he retired in 1975 as Assistant Director of the Bureau. "After having our family transferred by the FBI ten times, my parents were finally able to choose where they wanted to settle down. They picked Spartanburg, largely due to the personal connection they both felt with SMC," Jim shared.

Back in 1974, Jim's father was invited by then college president, Dr. James Barrett, to teach at SMC while he prepared for the South Carolina Bar exam. And ever since those years, Ruth and Fletcher Thompson have been

active, committed supporters of the college. Fletcher served on the SMC Board of Trustees for 12 years, and together, he and Ruth have established two endowed scholarship funds. The first scholarship was established in 1988 by donations from the Thompsons and their friends and is awarded annually. The second fund, established in 2007, is specifically designated for students pursuing a certificate in the SMC Paralegal Evening Program.

Today, Jim and Fletcher practice law together, concentrating in the field of adoption and assisted reproductive technologies. And now, son Jim is continuing to build upon his parents' generous foundation by contributing to SMC's "Pioneering the Future" campaign and serving on our Board of Trustees. "This is an exciting time at SMC," said Jim. "Colleen Keith is building on the foundation of the college's best traditions, all the while maintaining a sharp eye toward the future. I have always been impressed by SMC's commitment to discover the potential in every student."



Fletcher D. Thompson



Ruth DeLoache Thompson



Left to right: Fletcher, Colleen, Ruth and Jim

FRESHMAN MOVE-IN DAY!

(Moving to Serve)

ALUMNI WEEKEND HOMECOMING

ALUMNI WEEKEND REGISTRATION:

Name _____ Class of: _____

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_____ I will be attending the Louisiana Style Dinner at SMC with _____ guest(s) (\$10.00 per person)

_____ I will be attending the Alumni Decade Party at Buffalo Wild Wings (1494 W O Ezell Blvd, Spartanburg) with _____ guests
(Complimentary Appetizers with RSVP, Cash Bar Available)

_____ I will be attending the Alumni Awards Picnic Luncheon with _____ adult guest(s) _____ children (\$15.00 per adult, no charge for children 10 and under)

Electronically register for the Quack Pack 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Family Walk at www.racesonline.com. \$10 for Students. \$25 (in advance) for Alumni & Guests, and \$30 each day of event.

Check made payable to SMC Alumni Office enclosed for \$ _____

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You may use the enclosed envelope to return this form and payment to:

SMC Office of Alumni Relations, 1000 Powell Mill Road, Spartanburg, SC 29301



SMC'S WALK OF MEMORIES

Leave your permanent mark on SMC by purchasing a paver for our "Walk of Memories." You can add your name and class year, or you can honor a classmate, parent or favorite professor. With Christmas right around the corner this is a perfect way to honor a loved one while supporting the Alumni Association at SMC.

Follow these easy steps to order your personalized paver today:

1. Determine the number of pavers you want. The cost for the pavers are \$100 each. Make copies of the order form to purchase more than one paver.
2. Fill in your message in the spaces provided. You may use one, two, or all three available lines. There is a maximum of 12 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation).
3. Please provide all the information requested on the form.
4. Enclose the full pavement of \$100 per paver and make all checks payable to Spartanburg Methodist College, with "Walk of Memories Project" in the memo line, and return the form to:

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WHAT is The 1911 Club? And HOW Does It Impact You?

The 1911 Club, a new Annual Fund giving club, was formed in recognition of the founding year of our college. To further advance alumni support of continued excellence in education, The 1911 Club is collecting gifts in the amount of \$19.11 from first-time donors. Not only can your financial support be designated to any college program of your choice, but membership to The 1911 Club also includes great benefits. For instance, members of The 1911 Club will receive special invitations to college-sponsored events, a commemorative gift item (for first-time donors), complimentary college publications and other mailings throughout the year. To join The 1911 Club today, please mail a check for \$19.11 to the Annual Fund! Alumni may also make online gifts at www.smcsc.edu.

{ COULD THIS BE YOU? }



Laura Morales (Class of 2013) is a member of the 1911 Club. After graduating in May, Laura transferred to Converse College in Spartanburg.

"Everyday, I think about all the kindness, generosity, wisdom, and passion that was shown to me while I was at SMC. If I could wish anybody a valuable experience, I would wish for them to attend SMC. I felt so alive and inspired while at SMC. If I can contribute to a place that makes dreams happen, I will do my best to do so."

– Laura Morales



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HOMEcoming/ALUMNI WEEKEND 2013 NOVEMBER 8-9



Celebrate being a SMC Pioneer at Homecoming/Alumni Weekend 2013. This year there will be many on-campus events for the entire family to enjoy. SMC Homecoming/Alumni Weekend is the perfect time to reconnect with classmates, reminisce about your days at SMC, and celebrate your love for your alma mater. We will offer casual events to encourage alumni and family attendance. The events will be themed around the TLC television sensation, *Duck Dynasty* (gentlemen feel free to grow your beards and wear your best-fitting camo for a fun-filled day of duck-themed events). There will be fun events for everyone to enjoy throughout the day. Please note that the Alumni Awards

Luncheon (formally a formal luncheon) will be casual and include picnic favorites. The picnic-style lunch will be held indoors, so don't worry about the weather. You are welcome and encouraged to dress casually so to enjoy the on-campus events that will be offered the remainder of the day. Please make plans to attend—this is a weekend you don't want to miss.

Friday, November 8

5:00 – 6:00pmLouisiana Style DinnerQuack Shack Event Tent, SMC Campus
6:00 – 7:00pmWomanless Beauty PageantQuack Shack Event Tent, SMC Campus
7:30pm.....SMC Players Theatrical Production.....Ellis Hall, SMC Campus
8:00 – 10:00pmAlumni Decade PartyBuffalo Wild Wings (1494 W O Ezell Blvd, Spartanburg)

Saturday, November 9

8:30 – 9:30am..... Quack Pack 5K Fun Run & Family Walk.....SMC Campus
10:30 – 11:30am Alumni Silent Auction & Event Registration.....Fireplace Room, SMC Campus
11:30 – 12:30pm Alumni Awards Picnic Style Lunch (Indoor)Fireplace Room, SMC Campus
1:00 – 2:00pm Campus Tours and Class Reunions.....Various Locations on SMC Campus
1:00 – 4:00pm Family Fun Inflatable Festivities.....Judd Lawn, SMC Campus
2:00 – 2:45pm Duck Hunt SMC Campus
3:00pm..... Women's Basketball Game.....Bridges Arena, SMC Campus
5:00pm..... Men's Basketball Game.....Bridges Arena, SMC Campus
7:00pm..... Live Band Karaoke.....Quack Shack Event Tent, SMC Campus

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