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The SMC GIVING TREE

A campus and a tree. A tree silently communicating to students as they pass beneath her boughs. Students enjoy playing with the tree, climbing her trunk, swinging from her branches. The tree provides nurturing and inspiration. The tree invites YOU back to campus...come...enjoy. And the tree was happy...

Inside this edition of Frontiers we honor those who nourish and strengthen us. Enjoy these conversations that celebrate the power of the human bond.





It's been a great start to the 2014-15 academic year here at Spartanburg Methodist College! We have expanded our Learning Communities program, welcomed a New York Times best-selling author as our Convocation speaker and are putting the finishing touches on our latest strategic plan. It's an exciting time to be here!

Our strategic plan features four themes: Expanding Impact; Engaging Students; Transforming Spaces; and Developing People. The work involved with implementing those themes includes some exciting initiatives, such as: continuing to renovate some of our physical spaces; investing in professional development for faculty and staff that will, in turn, enhance the learning experience for our students; expanding the experiential learning opportunities for students; and packaging the “Signature SMC Experience” that will concisely and clearly explain what the value proposition is for prospective SMC Pioneers. Our plan is built on the time-tested SMC mission in which “...lives are transformed in a values-oriented, student-centered atmosphere in the Christian tradition that encourages academic excellence, intellectual exploration, social awareness, and character development within the liberal arts tradition.” That mission is the tie that binds our future to our past.

And speaking of ties that bind, Homecoming is right around the corner here at SMC! We welcome you all to campus November 14-15 to celebrate “Pioneer Pride: The Tie That Binds.” Think about what the “tie that binds” is for you when it comes to SMC or SJC or TII. Is it the enduring friendships with other students you made when you were here? The connection you have to that special faculty or staff member? The awesome season that your favorite Pioneer athletic team had? Sledding down the hill to the soccer field on one of those rare snowy days? Dare I throw in there your favorite SMC president perhaps? Whatever it is that ties you to SMC-SJC-TII, I hope that it moves you to come back and spend some time with us in November. We'd love to see you!

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of SMC. Whether that support comes in prayer, referral of a prospective student, time or treasure, we appreciate it more than words can convey.

Blessings and peace to you,

Colleen Perry Keith, Ph.D.
President

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PIONEER PRIDE *is the* TIE THAT BINDS

Hello from the Alumni Office.

As I reflect on the special times in my life, my years at SMC as a student are certainly among some of the fondest memories I have. Not only did I love this place, I also felt like this was my home away from home. I met some of the most important people in my life because of SMC. I am truly blessed to have been a student here from 1996-98 and later become an employee. I know that many of you share the same amount of pride for our alma mater that I do.



That pride and feeling of “home” is what I want to share with my daughter. I hope that she will see the beauty and opportunity that awaits her at SMC. I want to share with her the most meaningful experiences, places and people in my life; many of which are tied to my time at Spartanburg Methodist College.

I invite you to return “home” for Alumni Weekend/ Homecoming 2014. Please bring your family with you and show them firsthand why you love SMC.

Always with Pioneer Pride,

Leah Longshore Pruitt
Class of '98

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NY TIMES BEST SELLING AUTHOR MARY ALICE MONROE

HEADLINED SMC'S 2014 CONVOCATION

Spartanburg Methodist College marked the official start of the 2014-2015 academic year with its annual convocation ceremony held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday September 10. The program's keynote address, referred to by SMC President Dr. Colleen Perry Keith "as a celebration to welcome our new students to the college and to get the campus ready to move into a successful academic year" was delivered by none other than *New York Times*' bestselling author Mary Alice Monroe.

Monroe, author of sixteen novels and two children's books, writes richly textured books that delve into the complexities of interpersonal relationships and the parallels between the land and life. A frequent on the *New York Times*, *USA Today* and SIBA lists, she has received numerous awards, including the Readers' Choice, the 2008 South Carolina Center for the Book Award for Writing and was featured at the National Festival of the Book. *The Butterfly's Daughter* won the International Book Award for Green Fiction. Monroe also received the RT Bookclub Lifetime Achievement Award earlier this year.

Monroe's latest work, *The Summer Wind*, a *New York Times*' best-seller, is the second installation in her the successful trilogy that calls attention to South Carolina's



Atlantic bottlenose dolphins in peril. It's not unusual for an animal to be mixed among the cast of characters in a Mary Alice Monroe novel. It's become part of her trademark—captivating readers' hearts with memorable characters and at the same time awakening people to an important environmental issue. Monroe, who lives with her family on a barrier island off Charleston, SC, is an active conservationist and serves on the Board of the South Carolina Aquarium, The Leatherback Trust, and Charleston Volunteers for Literacy.

Described as the "canary in the coal mine," her convictions give her a deeper sense of purpose and serve to add richness and meaning to her novels. "I wanted to write a novel about the dolphin because we connect with that knowing, beguiling smile," Monroe stated, whose novels often focus on the connection between humans and nature. "But the impetus for me to write this series now is the hard fact that 48 to 52 percent of the wild dolphins in South Carolina and Florida are sick. Coupled with the morbillivirus striking along the coast, it's an alarming situation."

Monroe uses the plight of the Atlantic bottlenose dolphin as the undercurrent in her Lowcountry Summer Trilogy, with the perilous life of one wild dolphin as the trilogy's keystone. While Monroe's novels are set against issues facing our physical landscape, her stories explore the emotional landscape of contemporary human and moral issues through her characters. "I'm a story teller. I don't tell or teach as much as create a story world that establishes a meaningful relationship with nature to make readers aware through the power of story."

"My greatest hope is that readers become involved with my characters and enjoy a great story. Then, when they close the book, realize that they've learned a lot about this important sentinel species."



FROM MONROE'S BLOG

This past week I had the honor and joy of speaking to thousands of high school and college students, many of whom had read either SKYWARD or THE BUTTERFLY'S DAUGHTER for their summer reads program. Bravo to Principal Rodney Graves at Crest High School in Shelby, NC; Principal Jeff Stevens at Spartanburg High School; Dr. Terry Pruitt of Spartanburg School District 7, SC; and Dr. Colleen Keith at Spartanburg Methodist College and their staff and the entire communities for encouraging strong reading programs! Especially the summer reads program that included contemporary books the students selected. Use it or lose it doesn't only apply to the brains of older folks.

The students I talked to were excited about reading. The day I visited Crest High School was the culmination of their summer read program. I walked through the halls while 100 classrooms were filled with students all talking about books! Does that even happen anymore? It was thrilling to witness. At Spartanburg High I was part of a panel with students discussing my books. I sat back in awe and listened to them debate plot and characters with emotion. At Spartanburg Methodist College, a two-year college, I was impressed by the commitment of the faculty and staff to support their students so that 80% of the graduates continue on to a four-year college. An astonishing feat that beats the standard. The faculty and staff of all these institutions are spreading excitement about reading, putting books in students' hands, making reading relevant in their communities.

Yet, literacy begins at home. Encouraging reading is not only the responsibility of our schools. We parents and grandparents model behavior for our children— and that

Leah Pruitt, Director of Alumni Relations, who secured Monroe for SMC's convocation, shared "Mary Alice is a familiar voice to many in SC, and after September 10 she will be a familiar face to Spartanburg. Mary Alice found her true calling in environmental fiction when she moved to coastal South Carolina and was captivated by the beauty and fragility of her new home. Her experiences living in the midst of a habitat that is quickly changing give her a strong and important focus for her books. Our hope is that she inspired our 800+ student body to find their true calling and strive to leave the world a better place no matter where they roam."

Prior to Convocation, SMC hosted a book signing with Mary Alice Monroe from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Buchheit Board Room at SMC.

includes reading. Many of us read to our children when they sat in our laps as toddlers or very young readers. Too often, however, as our children get older we relinquish our role as reading mentor to the teachers.

I challenge parents, grandparents, and concerned relatives to read a book that is being read by your child. Then discuss it! Bring the book discussion to the dinner table. Unplug the electronics and turn off the TV. Talk about it in the car. How often do you ask your child, "How was school?" And then get the dismissive answer, "Good." Try asking your child who his/her favorite character was in the book, or did he agree with the choice the character made, did she like the ending or what did she think the characters might do after the book ended?

If we want our children to read, we must read ourselves. If we want to improve communication with our children and each other, we must create a calm and safe atmosphere that encourages discussion. As parents, we must listen to and respect our child's opinion, even if—especially if—it differs from our own. My son and I have polar opposite political opinions. But I love that he feels he can share his ideas and thoughts with us. Books that are read together can be a great jumping off point for discussions. You'll be amazed, as I was this past week, by some of the strong voices and opinions you will hear!

High school and college are golden years. A time of self discovery and dreams. Of finding one's own voice. Give a child a book and you give him or her the keys to his imagination. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis said, 'There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.'

For additional information, videos, podcasts, and more, go to www.maryalicemonroe.com and Facebook.



DR. ED ELLIS:

Portrait Unveiling



This is a story of someone who came to SMC (then Spartanburg Junior College) with nothing, worked hard for success, and years later was able to provide funding that helped to get Ellis Hall constructed. It's a story of someone who loves this college enough to give us his own money, to serve on our board, and to look for ways every day to promote our College. Even his email signature says "GO SMC PIONEERS!"

With his one old leather suitcase with one broken strap that contained almost everything he owned, Edgar Ellis (affectionately known as "Buzzy" by his classmates) arrived on the campus of Spartanburg Junior College in the fall of 1954. Ed had heard that there was a little college in Spartanburg where he could begin classes with no out-of-pocket money and earn pay for his education through the work-study program.

Like almost all SJC students at that time, Buzzy attended classes for two weeks and then worked two weeks. His work had him working at a local (since he had no car) gas company where he chipped paint and rust off propane gas tanks. During his work days, Ed was close enough to get all of his meals on campus so he was able to apply almost all of his pay to his college expenses.

All was going well for Ed, but there was one more hurdle to jump. It was just before the end of his final semester that Ed found a note on his dorm room door that he needed to report to the office of Dr. Rembert Burgess, the college president. It was at this meeting that Dr. Burgess broke the news to Buzzy that college policy dictated that a student could not take final exams if there was an unpaid balance on a student's account. Ed was crushed as he understood the policy, but he had no other financial resources. Dr. Burgess already had a plan and he asked Ed to ride with him downtown to C & S Bank where Dr. Burgess co-signed for a loan that would pay the balance on Ed's account. Ed's prayers were answered, he took

his exams, earned his degree and worked through the summer to repay the loan.

Dr. Edgar H. Ellis, Jr. was well on his way. He earned an AB degree from St. Andrews Presbyterian College, his Masters of Divinity degree from Duke University and his Doctor of Ministries from McCormick Theological Institute in Chicago. He served for 37 years in the SC United Methodist Conference before retiring in 1998.

Ed Ellis has never forgotten how he was offered an opportunity to earn a better life for himself and his family at Spartanburg Junior College and remains eternally grateful for those who made this possible, sometimes through self-sacrifice. He remains determined to do everything he can to make sure bright students will still have the opportunity that he experienced some sixty years ago. Ed has established himself as one of the most loyal and generous supporters of the work at SMC.

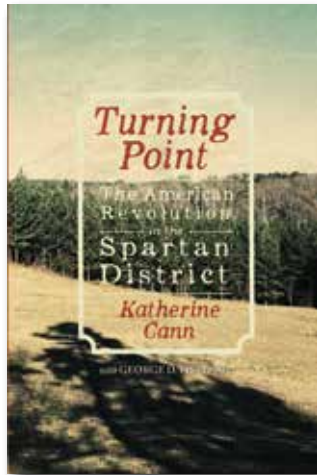


On the day of the college's Centennial Convocation in September 2011, ground was broken for our new academic building. Dr. Ellis' vision and spirit helped to make this campus-changing building possible. During the ceremony, Dr. Colleen Keith stated, "He has not only given a major gift that has helped us to get started with construction, he has been one of our longest and most vocal supporters. In recognition of his love for and support of Spartanburg Methodist College, I hereby name this building Dr. Edgar H. Ellis, Jr. Hall, named for Rev. Dr. Ed Ellis, SMC Class of 1956."

On Wednesday, September 10, 2014 SMC faculty, staff, students, family and friends of the Ellis' gathered together after Convocation for a special event to recognize Dr. Ellis for all he and his wife, Dr. Charlotte Lindler Ellis, continue to do for SMC. SMC unveiled the portrait of this special gentleman that will hang in the halls of the special, transformational building that bears his name.

TURNING POINT -

Kathy Cann & George Fields



Hub City threw a launch party Thursday, October 2 at 7 pm at the Hub City Bookshop for its fifth title of 2014, *Turning Point: The American Revolution in the Spartan District* by SMC's very own Katherine Cann and George Fields Jr. Full of drama and memorable

heroes, *Turning Point* is an important and accessible volume about a key moment in our nation's struggle for freedom.

The British Army turned south in 1779, expecting to sweep through the region with the help of their Tory allies, setting the stage for victory in the American war for independence. Upon entering the Old Spartan District in northwest South Carolina, however, they ran up against tenacious opposition from locals and their military leaders. In a series of small skirmishes, the southern Patriots gained confidence and valuable combat experience that led to surprising victories at Kings Mountain and Cowpens, ultimately pushing the British back north toward surrender.

In *Turning Point: The American Revolution in the Spartan District*, historian Katherine Cann tells the compelling story of how inexperienced backcountry militiamen in the Old Spartan District bottled up the British and learned how to defeat a seasoned foe. Former SMC President George D. Fields Jr., a leading military heritage preservationist, provides color commentary as Fields' Notes throughout, capturing both the emotion and the commotion of the time.

As a bonus, the book includes a handy guide to the Spartanburg Revolutionary War Trail, a driving tour of twelve spots in the Spartan District that were central to the American victory. Full of drama and memorable heroes, *Turning Point* is an important and accessible volume about a key moment in our nation's struggle for freedom.



Katherine Davis Cann is Professor of History and Chair of the Social Science Department at Spartanburg Methodist College. She is a graduate of Lander University and holds advanced degrees from the University of North Carolina (MA in History) and the University of South Carolina (PhD in History). Dr. Cann has published articles on the social structure of Abbeville District, the governorship of John P. Richards, and the career of Sarah Morgan Dawson. Her essay, "Improving Textile Town, 1910-1929," appeared in *Textile Town: Spartanburg, SC* (Hub City Press, 2002) and her study entitled "Freedmen and Schools in Abbeville County, 1865-1875," was published as a chapter in *Recovering the Piedmont Past: Unexplored Moments in Nineteenth Century Upcountry South Carolina History* (USC Press, 2013). Dr. Cann is the author of *Common Ties: A History of Textile Industrial Institute, Spartanburg Junior College, and Spartanburg Methodist College* published by Hub City Press.



George D. Fields Jr. is a retired United Methodist minister who served as a pastor, an Army chaplain rising to rank of Brigadier General, and President of Spartanburg Methodist College. He spends his retirement years researching and preserving Revolutionary War battlefields in South Carolina. He provided leadership in preserving twelve sites, serving as the Military Heritage Director of Palmetto Conservation Foundation. He has been recognized by several state and national agencies for his leadership and service.

SMC wins Visionary Award and will be Case Study for Hobsons

Spartanburg Methodist College received word in August that the college was selected from over 2000 clients for a Visionary Award from Hobsons.

HOBSON'S Hobsons, founded in 1974, helps educators, administrators, students and families maximize success through every stage of the learning life cycle. Hobson's personalized learning, academic planning, post-secondary enrollment, and student support solutions serve millions of students across more than 7,500 schools, colleges, and universities worldwide.

According to Amanda Davis, Client Success Manager for Hobsons, "a visionary is someone who can anticipate future changes in recruitment, enrollment or retention and will adapt accordingly. The Visionary Award is awarded to a client partner who is living out the SLM (Student Lifecycle Management) mentality."

Davis shared that "working with SMC was a phenomenal experience." In addition to their visionary award, SMC will be used as a case study for Hobsons. SMC, a longtime Connect user, wanted to optimize efficiency and time management within their admissions workflow, so Hobsons conducted a thorough audit of their Connect usage and found that SMC would be a good candidate for migration to its new SLM tool, Radius. "SMC was not fully utilizing Connect," says Admissions and Enrollment Marketing Director, Mike Queen. "Even without the migration to Radius, the audit would have been an eye-opening experience and would have driven numerous changes to our recruitment strategies."

Spartanburg Methodist staff liked the simple interface, organization, and intuitive design, and Queen appreciated Radius' relational data model. "It gives a true student lifecycle view from the minute students inquire to 10 years from now," he says. "It has absolutely changed how we think about data and our entire process in our office." The thing that really sold Spartanburg Methodist was the communication plan and how counselors could reach out to a certain demographic in a matter of minutes. "This was important to me because my counselors can build

personalized communication plans for their population without us having to do that for them," he says.

Queen admits that he was nervous about the implementation process, but discovered that the migration from Connect to Radius was seamless. In fact, after initially planning for extensive, weekly staff training sessions, he ended up canceling several days of scheduled meetings because counselors caught on so quickly. "That dread of learning something new went away very quickly," Queen says, adding that ample support and training were available when needed.



Queen worked with a dedicated project manager at Hobsons who guided him through the migration and quickly answered any questions he had. "Hobsons executed and delivered on everything we requested," Queen added. "They have been a tremendous partner to us."

Spartanburg Methodist is already recouping its investment in Radius by identifying areas where they can save money. "It's actually expanding my marketing budget and allowing me to provide more professional development opportunities for my staff," he explains.

Since Spartanburg Methodist implemented Radius, the acceptance date to deposit date for engaged applicants decreased from 14-21 days to about 7-10 days. Additionally, Spartanburg Methodist has reduced its advertised 48-hour turnaround time for applications to a 24-hour window. "This is not a static database for us," Queen says. "This is an additional counselor - that's how powerful it is for us."

MICRO SITE:

WWW.GO2SMC.INFO

When it comes to web strategy, colleges face a difficult challenge. With so many different audiences to address, including current and future students, faculty, donors and parents, colleges need to produce a massive amount of content to meet the needs of those who visit their websites. Navigating through all that information can be a daunting task, especially if you're a high school junior or senior with the attention span of a... "Oh look! Squirrel!"

To help prospective students find all the relevant information they need in a medium that embraces their preference for interactivity, more and more colleges are adopting microsites as part of their recruitment strategy. Microsites are basically mini websites created for a specific audience (generally high school students and guidance counselors) and a specific purpose. Microsites answer prospective students' frequently asked questions, and drive them to the main website for additional information and admission applications. SMC teamed up with Hobsons to create a microsite, **www.go2smc.info**, that will go live on October 1, 2014.

Microsites allow for creative freedom and flexibility, for example, SMC's microsite will integrate to a student's Facebook account. SMC's microsite has a unique look and feel, balancing creativity with quality content and offering a true picture of campus and emulating the voice of real students and alums. To the right are three Pioneering alums who are featured on the site:

Jessica "It's All Good" Williams

Freelance Teaching Artist

@SMC: Associate of Arts in Speech and Performing Arts

After SMC: The College of Charleston



Blessed with a zest for entertaining, this model and actress, turned stand-up comedian, has a unique perspective on life and uses any opportunity to make a crowd smile and think. In college she started doing comical motivational speaking and over the years her speeches evolved into comedy routines. Jessica truly believes "All the World's a Stage" and has every intention to prove it – with every performance she brings an extra light to the stage; combining her unique level of energy and witty, positive attitude to dazzle and dazzle audiences.

FUN FACT: In 2012, she won the title of the 2013 World's Top Natural Hair Model (which was presented by Taliah Waajid).

Marty Gantt

Charlotte Stone Crabs, a Class A Minor League Baseball team

@SMC: 2010 Associate of Arts

After SMC: The College of Charleston, drafted by the Tampa Bay Rays in 2012



Marty has lived the dream of a lifetime – he was one of the best left-handed high school pitchers in SC, played college baseball and was drafted in 2012! Born with a deformed right hand (his umbilical cord wrapped around his fingers, stunting growth beyond the knuckles) and teased by childhood classmates, that dream once seemed impossible.

Inspired by his parents, Marty developed a fastball, changeup, curve and a nasty slider as a pitcher, and a keen eye as a batter. Marty continues to do what he was meant to be...a baseball player. Defeat is NOT an option.

Eric Tonnsen

Civil Litigation Attorney

@SMC: 2001 Associate of Arts in History

After SMC: University of South Carolina



"Transferring courses was a breeze!" This SC native came to SMC to play golf and was amazed with the SMC transfer process. Once he identified USC as his next college, the SMC registrar and his personal advisor took all of the stress out of the transfer process. SMC helped him navigate his educational journey with liberal arts courses that offered an exploration and a feel for a degree that was right for him. Today Eric is an attorney practicing with the Eller Tonnsen Bach law firm in Greenville, SC,

His firm's motto, "small firm values, big firm experience," mirrors his SMC college experience and the personal attention he received as a student at SMC is something he now shares with his clients..."I am always personally available, responsible and accountable to every one of my clients."

CANDICE Y. SLOAN, CHAPLAIN OF SMC, IS CURRENTLY PURSUING A DOCTOR OF MINISTRY (D.MIN.) FROM WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN WASHINGTON, DC

As the chaplain at Spartanburg Methodist College, Candice has listened as students report God's seeming absence from their lives during college. While college campuses can be places to explore both secular and sacred relationships, social and academic demands leave little opportunity for developing a deeper relationship with God. Over the years, SMC has used community service as a means of building peer relationships without focusing on the spiritual disciplines that enable students to hear God's call to serve. Modeled after John and Charles Wesley's Holy Club and with insight from scholars who have studied the faith development of youth and young adults, Chaplain Sloan has introduced two small groups of students to the spiritual disciplines and how those disciplines can be used to bring the student closer to God. For five weeks (culminating in an overnight retreat), students will be introduced to ancient spiritual practices and well as contemporary adaptations of the practice. "My hope is that through the weeks, as students discipline their spiritual life, they will grow to love God more and that love will find expression in a greater love for those in need around them, thus tying together God's love for them, their love for God, and their love for those whom God has blessed them to bless."



2015 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER, PAUL ROGER LEONARD, JR.



Paul Leonard will be the 2015 SMC Commencement Speaker on Saturday, May 9, 2015. Leonard is a man moved by a generous and loving spirit. Author of *Where is Church and Music of 1000 Hammers*, *Inside Habitat for Humanity*, and the soon to be released *When the Spirit Moves*, Paul Leonard's professional career has spanned the two disparate worlds of nonprofit ministry and big business. With degrees from Davidson College, University of Chicago's Divinity School, and Emory University, he first served at Trinity Presbyterian Church and then founded a non-traditional church that focused on community action and service. He left the traditional ministry to work in city housing, and was later recruited by the John Crosland Company. He became the company's president in 1984. After the company was acquired by Centex Real Estate Corporation, Leonard was appointed as its Executive Vice-President, responsible for the company's southeast region. After retiring from Centex, Leonard was elected to the Board of Habitat for Humanity International; he served as Chairman of the Board from 2001 to 2003 and was employed as the Interim CEO from 2004 to 2005. Today he is a member of the US Council for Habitat for Humanity International.

Leonard is currently the Chair of the Board for Crosland Interests, LLC, a real estate development company in Charlotte, NC, and is a Director for Crowder Construction. He also organized Charlotte Fair Housing and served as its first President. He is very familiar with United Methodist higher education, having served on the board of our sister United Methodist school, Pfeiffer University.

LEADING THE WAY TO A HEALTHIER, HAPPIER FOOD SYSTEM. SMALL FARM. BIG PROMISE.

I recently overheard a casual comment uttered by a sharp-dressed, college-educated, talented 20-something, “I don’t know a single person under 30 who doesn’t want to own a farm.”

What? Own a farm? I then started asking others that I encountered if they agreed. They did!

Something in our culture is changing – people don’t want to just buy organic, healthy food. They want to grow it. This new lust to farm seems to cross class, race, and politics. Relishing delicious food has, once again, become part of mainstream culture, which brings an appreciation of really fresh food. After all, what is more delicious than a ripe tomato or an ear of corn just picked from the garden?

Owning a farm may not be everyone’s dream, but the urge to grow one’s own food has been a dream come true for one SMC alum. Harp & Shamrock Croft was developed by Paul (Class of 1994) and Jenni Callahan, along with their four children, in early 2013 in line with their vision to create a small farm selling produce as well as raising chickens and goats.

Harp & Shamrock Croft, LLC, is a homestead in an effort to be self-sufficient to the needs of the family with a goal to provide local, organic, and fresh produce to the community. The idea took “root,” and in early 2014, the Croft started selling at a local farmers’ market and a couple of retail establishments. Slow and steady is the motto these days.

“We so enjoy the agriculture and local food movement. Our goal is to develop Harp & Shamrock Croft, LLC, into a bigger operation and grow all kinds of great local, fresh, and organic produce. We are new to market-based sales, but familiar with gardening and producing vegetables and herbs for our family,” shared Paul.



Paul took several Criminal Justice courses while at SMC, and earned an Associate in Arts. “Two of the absolute best years of my life,” exclaimed Paul exuberantly. “I played on the ’92 soccer team but was just a student my second year.”

Initially, Paul had a goal to go directly into law enforcement after graduation. His success in his CJ classes offered a great base for more intensive study and led him to the College of Charleston where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and minored in Criminal Justice in 1996.

He worked for a small events company post-college for three years

from 1997-2000, then with the American Cancer Society from 2000-2003 (where none other than SMC’s Doc Holliday was his boss). From 2003 to October of 2011 he worked on Capitol Hill in a SC member’s office handling policy issues. “My wife, Jenni, and I moved back to SC after our third child was born, where I found a job with Goodwill. Today the Callahan family includes oldest daughter Charlotte “Charlie” almost 9, Judah almost 6, Penelope 3, and Simon 1,” shared Paul.

“We are in our first season as a farm/business so we are learning/learned a lot so far, but we thoroughly enjoy it. To see how something we grow moves from seed to plant to fruit to market to customer still amazes me daily. I am just a hobby farmer trying to do something we believe we are being led to do,” says Paul, adding “I thank Dr. Kathy Cann for suggesting this idea and being one of our trusty market customers.”

Americans enjoy a food supply that is abundant, affordable overall and among the world’s safest, thanks in large part to the efficiency and productivity of America’s farm and ranch families.



Fun Farm Facts

2.2 million farms dot America’s rural landscape. About 97 percent of US farms are operated by families – individuals, family partnerships or family corporations. Farm and ranch families comprise just 2 percent of the US population. Today’s farmers produce 262 percent more food with 2 percent fewer inputs (labor, seeds, feed, fertilizer, etc.,) compared to 1950. About 23 percent of raw US farm products are exported each year.

As you read this, thousands are attending workshops on everything from canning to beekeeping to building the perfect chicken coop. In spite of the daily discouraging environmental, political, and economic news, coaxing living things to grow somehow seems to make folks optimistic.



SMC PRODUCT COACHES CHICAGO TEAM TO LLWS

Some of you were probably caught up in Little League World Series this summer – from exciting games to Mo’ne Davis, the first female LLWS player to appear on the cover of Sports Illustrated. But did you know that there are 7,000 Little League teams and the one coached by SMC alum Darold Butler (played for us in 1997 and 1998, teammate of Orlando Hudson, coached by Tim Wallace) won the US title and finished second in the world! How’s that for Pioneer Pride?! ROLL NEERS!!



Darold Butler was a little guy who came from the streets of Chicago and did big things on the baseball diamond for Spartanburg Methodist College. And now he’s done big things as a Little League coach. Jackie Robinson West, representing Illinois and the Great Lakes region, beat Nevada, 7-5, in the US final on August 23rd in South Williamsport, Pa. Despite losing the overall title to Seoul, South Korea, over 10,000 fans rallied in Jackie Robertson West jerseys to greet them upon returning to Chicago after their national championship win

“It’s great,” said former major league all-star Orlando Hudson, who played middle infield with Butler at SMC (1997, 1998) and has remained a close friend. “He told me a couple of years ago, ‘I’ve got some soldiers coming through. They’re going to be on national TV.’ Sure enough, they did all that and more. Oh, my goodness.”

Hudson and Butler came to SMC in the same recruiting class, Hudson from Darlington and Butler on the recommendation from a Toronto Blue Jays representative who had gotten the team to draft both players when they were high school seniors. They became roommates and a chatterbox double-play combination. “A scout called me and thought it would be a great fit to have them together,” SMC head coach Tim Wallace said. “And it was. Orlando played short and Darold played second and I didn’t have to worry about anything for a couple of years. Darold was a small guy, just 5-foot-8 maybe, but he had some serious numbers while he was here. He could run and hit with power.”

Butler batted .359 as a freshman with nine doubles, three triples and five home runs. The next year, he hit .373 with 15 homers. For his SMC career, he was 49-for-52 on stolen base attempts. Hudson was picked again by the Blue

Jays after the 1997 season, signed a few days before the 1998 draft, and went on to play 11 seasons in the major leagues. He made two All-Star Games (2007 with the Arizona Diamondbacks, 2009 with the Los Angeles Dodgers) and won four Gold Gloves from 2005-09. Butler, meanwhile, was not drafted again. He went back to his hometown and started coaching youth baseball when his son began to play. D.J. Butler is a center fielder for the Jackie Robinson West team.

“Darold wanted to give baseball another shot, but he had met his future wife and got a great job with the railroad system. So he settled down,” Hudson said. “Whenever I was in Chicago, he’d come to the games and we’d talk and we’d laugh and all that stuff. ... He was always a fundamentally sound player. So it’s not surprising that he brings that element as well as a lot of knowledge about the game to the teams he coaches.”

Butler’s team is also a reflection of how he and Hudson and the rest of the SMC team approached the game. “I think people fell in love with the way these guys played,” Butler said to reporters after the Great Lakes Regional. “The speed, the power, the fun-loving way they played. They’re easy to fall in love with. They showed passion, smiled and there’s a lot of energy. That’s the type of baseball that captures people’s attention.” What’s also captured attention is that Jackie Robinson West, appropriately named, could become the first all-black team to win the Little League World Series in the coming years.

“It makes a statement,” Hudson said. “Kids don’t see as many blacks in the big leagues and it kind of deters them away from the game of baseball. They think, ‘Why should I play?’ They gravitate toward basketball and football because that’s where they see more of their own people. So what Darold has been able to do is a tribute to him, those kids and the entire support community. They are representing not only Chicago but all of America in a great way. But it’s socially significant as well.”

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THE VOICE



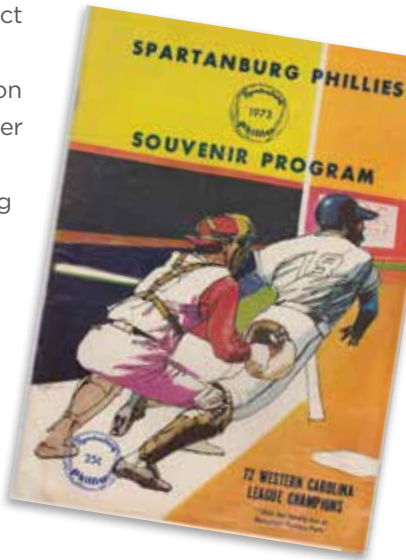
The Spartanburg Phillies minor league baseball team played in the Western Carolinas League and South Atlantic League from 1963-1994, at Duncan Park. When Ed Dickerson became the public address announcer at Duncan Park, the Voice of the Spartanburg Phillies-Traders-Spinners-Suns, the Israelis had just taken over the Gaza Strip in the Six-Day War of 1967; the Beatles were enjoying the success of Sergeant Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band; and sadly, Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King were living their last summer. Dickerson was finishing his second year at SJC when Joe Bowles, Dean of Men at SJC, who also served as the Duncan Park announcer, but was leaving to take a position at Brevard College, approached Dickerson outside the gym about the announcer opportunity. Bowles recommended him to Pat Williams, who was then general manager of the Phillies and the rest is history.

Dickerson went on to Clemson, often commuting to Spartanburg to broadcast games. On a Sunday evening

in 1969, Dickerson announced to the fans at the park that, “The Eagle has landed,” when man landed on the moon. Through the years, Dickerson acquired a plethora of memories and saw crowds of several thousand in the stands, to crowds of less than 100. Bob Feller came through from time-to-time with home-run hitting contests. Bart Starr, Johnny Unitas, and Oscar Robertson were just a few of the celebrities who came to Spartanburg for promotions and such.

For 23 years, Dickerson’s crisp, professional voice welcomed fans to “Beautiful Duncan Park.” He had fans who rose for the playing of the national anthem. He introduced the “Singing Postmaster from the little postmaster’s office,” and his rendition of “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” was sung during the seventh-inning stretch. He was the public address announcer that was not for either team—he was simply the voice.

After leaving his announcer role in 1994, Dickerson did not stay silent for long. Since 2008 he has been announcing Spartanburg High School football games, and in 2013 started announcing their baseball games, too. He has also been the voice of Spartanburg Christian Academy’s basketball for nine years and started calling their football games three years ago. Dickerson was a teacher of 8th grade American History for 21 years in the Spartanburg School District 7. He coached for the “Battle of the Bands” academic competition and is currently an active member of the SMC Alumni Council. Dickerson resides in Spartanburg with his wife Stephanie. He is thrilled to see the renovations taking place at Duncan Park today and as he left our meeting, he winked and asked...“How do you keep a ballpark cool? Fill it with fans!” Words of wisdom from “The Voice.”



CRIMINAL JUSTICE



The saying “all the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today” summarizes the work of SMC’s Director of Criminal Justice Lorna Hanson. For the past 17 years, Hanson has been educating thousands of students to protect and serve citizens all across the United States.

SMC’s Associate in Criminal Justice prepares students either to enter one of the many career fields in criminal justice or law enforcement or to transfer to four-year degree programs in criminal justice. The ACJ degree relies upon a strong core of liberal arts and social science courses and includes criminal justice courses essential to the student’s success in the career field. Law enforcement and protective service occupations are anticipated to add 364,500 new jobs which equal a rate of growth of 11 percent. Hanson came to SMC in 1997. Since that time an estimated 3,621 students have walked in and out of the Montgomery building and her classes.

Hanson attended Northland Community College, earning an Associate of Arts in General Education, St. Cloud State University, earning her Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, and the University of South Carolina where she earned a Masters of Criminal Justice, with an emphasis in Education. Additional education and training was obtained through the American Jail Association, National Institute of Corrections, Minnesota Department of Corrections, SC Department of Mental Health, and the SC Criminal Justice Academy.

Hanson’s criminal justice career began as a jail coordinator with the Pennington County, MN sheriff’s department. She found her passion as a criminal justice instructor at St. Cloud State University and entered into the field of corrections with the SC Department of Corrections as a Classification Specialist then a Deputy Warden of Operations (supervising 350 inmates and a staff of 87); moving on as a Senior Criminology Instructor with the SC Criminal Justice

Academy; and a Chief Deputy/Jail Administrator with Charleston County Sheriff’s Office (administered four facilities of the Detention Bureau, supervising 900 inmates and a staff of 235), before coming to SMC. While at SMC, Hanson also served for five years as the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Spartanburg’s SMART Moves Coordinator.

Over the years Hanson has served on SMC’s Academic Assessment and Testing, Admissions, and Academic Affairs and Curriculum Committees, the Social Judicial Review Board, and the Faculty Steering Committee, for which she was Chairperson in 2007-2008. In addition, she has served on a state-wide committee which wrote the Bloodborne

Pathogen Exposure Model Plan for Law Enforcement in South Carolina; Chaired the Educational Committee when the SC Criminal Justice Academy applied for and received SAC accreditation; facilitated a seminar on How to Deal with Mentally Ill Inmates and developed a Needs Assessment instrument to survey Jail Training.

Hanson is beloved by all, and although she does not take herself seriously, as evidenced in her photo

shoot, she does take her role as Director of the SMC Criminal Justice Program seriously. “The past 17 years are both a blur and blink. I have been humbled by the students who have entered our program as teens and today proudly serve at all three levels (federal, state and local) of law enforcement and/or went on to law school. The BEST part of my job is the students (my kids)!!!!”

Hanson’s teaching earned her the Spartanburg Methodist College Huff Award for excellence in teaching in 2001 and the Methodist Board of Education Excellence in Teaching in 2009. Over the years she has developed curriculum and provided Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Instruction in dozens of subjects from Basic Jail Management to Current Perspectives of Human Behavior.



“I had a great time at Spartanburg Methodist College in the Criminal Justice Program. I felt like every person at the campus cared about your success and they made it very easy to take night classes. I will always remember my great experiences at SMC because

of the attention that all the staff gave to making sure that the students were taken care of. I am very grateful for SMC for having a night program. Lorna Hanson is one of the best instructors I have ever been around. She makes you think and see both sides of the situation. SMC is the place to send your kids if they want to become a police officer.”

Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright
Class of 2002



“I enjoyed my days at SMC. Professor Lorna Hanson taught me valuable lessons that I used at the academy and also in my career. She mixed real world situations with textbook protocol and made learning exciting. Because of Ms. Hanson’s dedication to her students,

I’ve been a law enforcement officer for 14 years and counting. Thank you, Professor Hanson, for introducing me to a career field that I love dearly.”

Ware Shoals Police Lieutenant Brad Beck
Class of 1998



Spartanburg Community College Chief of Police
André Kerr
Class of 1983

André works at Spartanburg Community College, and serves as Chief of Campus Police. Kerr has been with SCC for 20 years.

The SMC Criminal Justice program is amazing. The program gives you a balance of all aspects of the entire criminal justice system; which is a great benefit to anyone who wants to get into the Law Enforcement field. The program allows you to learn the basic laws and terms that go along with law enforcement. Ms. Hanson is by far one of the most amazing professors I have ever had in the (4) years I attended college. She would accommodate me in any way she could and gave a lasting impression on me (to never give up and to persevere) that has stuck with me throughout my career in law enforcement! I love my career as a Law Enforcement officer and I love not only



being there for my coworkers (who have become my second family) but for the people I have got to meet by being a Uniform Patrol Officer, to working with Investigators on a daily basis!”

Spartanburg Co. Sheriff Deputy
Angela F. Nelson
Class of 2005

“While at Spartanburg Methodist College Ms. Hanson was one of my favorite professors. To this day I still see it as an honor to have had her. She is a true role model for females in law enforcement. The number one rule for life that she taught me was to fulfill my dreams everyday and never let anyone tell you that you can’t. She entered law enforcement with the mentality to change and help the world. She truly has helped and touched the lives of many.”



Spartanburg Co. Sheriff Deputy
Elizabeth H. Renneker
Class of 2003

Elizabeth served in the United States Air Force from 2003-2007 and joined the Spartanburg County Sheriff’s Office May 2011



Wellford Chief of Police Jeff Bowers

Jeff gives SMC and the CJ Program a thumbs up!

SHELVES OF HOPE ON-CAMPUS

Shelves of Hope On-Campus (SoHo) is modeled after similar programs cropping up at colleges across the country in recent years as educators acknowledge the struggles many students face as the cost of getting a higher education continues to rise. In the past, not everyone went to college. Now our society is realizing that a college degree is essential in terms of getting anywhere in your career. Today's students and their families are deeply committed to earning a degree and are making very difficult choices, especially if they are the first generation going to college.

A problem known as “food insecurity” — a lack of nutritional food — is not typically associated with US college students. But it is increasingly on the radar of administrators, who report seeing more hungry students, especially at schools that enroll a higher percentage of youths who are from low-income families or are the first generation to attend college. At the same time that higher education is seen as key to financial security, tuition and living expenses are rising astronomically, making it all the more tempting for students to cut corners on food.



So-Ho: The mission of Shelves of Hope On-Campus (SoHo) is to provide basic necessities to Spartanburg Methodist College students in need. The program

collects and distributes food and hygiene products to SMC students who are in emergency need throughout the year. Generous donations stock our shelves and benefit our students.

“The most obvious service SoHo provides is in the material items but it goes much deeper. Depending on the reason for the need, we are able to have those hard conversations with the student and help them develop a plan for the future. It is through that process that SoHo really serves our students,” stated Stacey W. Mason, SMC Director of Housing & Residence Life.

SoHo is open to all SMC students. Faculty and staff may make a referral to SoHo via the referral form or through email. Students may also refer themselves or their peers. Mason avoids donating items packaged in glass, and in bulk quantities. Although she appreciates and can utilize every donation she receives, she does not have the capability to repackage the items.

Typical SoHo items include:

Personal Hygiene items, such as: Bath soap, deodorant, razors, feminine hygiene items, band-aids, laundry detergent, shaving cream, shampoo, toothbrush, and toothpaste.

Food items, such as: Canned meat (chicken or tuna), canned vegetables, crackers, chips, pretzels, popcorn, fresh or canned fruit, vegetable juice, macaroni and cheese, microwavable meals, nutritional bars, peanut butter, raisins, cereal, oatmeal, grits, and soups (like Ramen Noodles).



“It seems more college students find themselves in emergency need as many are struggling to meet their everyday needs. By reaching out to our students and providing this service, we are able to contribute to their success and to enrich their life.”

Stacy W. Mason
SMC Director of Housing & Residence Life

SMC FEATURED RABBI YOSSIE LIEBOWITZ @ JUDAISM SEMINAR

The Social Sciences Department at Spartanburg Methodist College hosted Rabbi Yossi Liebowitz on Thursday, October 23. The 4 p.m. seminar on Judaism was held in the Davis Mission Chapel on the campus of SMC and was open to the public as well as the campus community.

Rabbi Liebowitz was born in Brooklyn, New York, holds a masters in Hebrew letters and has received two honorary doctorates. He recently completed his thirtieth year in the rabbinate and has served in pulpits in New York state and on the West Coast. Rabbi Liebowitz has completed his eighth year with Congregation B'nai Israel, located on Heywood Avenue in Spartanburg, which has proudly served the Jewish community of Spartanburg and surrounding areas for more than one-hundred years.

Judaism, the monotheistic (belief in one God) religion of the Jewish people, was established circa 2000 B.C.E. as part of a covenant between God and Abraham. Uprisings against the Romans during the first and second centuries A.D. led to the beginning of the Jewish diaspora. Those practicing Judaism were kept marginalized from society and persecuted in many countries. The creation of a Jewish state was discussed at the first Zionist Congress in Switzerland in 1897, yet it was not until May 18, 1948 that the state of Israel was formed after World War II and the genocide of over six million Jewish people.

Judaism falls into four major periods: Biblical Judaism, or the Persian Period (approximately 20th-4th century BCE); Hellenistic Judaism (4th century BCE-2nd century CE),



a time of Greek and Roman influence in many religions; Rabbinic Judaism (2nd-18th century CE) based on the Talmud; and Modern Judaism (approximately 1750-present). According to the American Jewish Year Book, the core Jewish population includes people who identify as Jews by religion and others who are not interested in religion but see themselves as Jews by ethnicity or other cultural criteria. There are an estimated 13,854,800 Jews in the World, an estimated 43.4% in Israel and 39.2% in the United States. According to the Pew Research Center, 4.2 million (or 1.8% of the adult population in the United States) are Jewish by religion.

Rabbi Liebowitz supports a wide number of interests, including digging for dinosaur fossils, Science Fiction and Music. His interfaith musical duo with Pastor Paul Harmon “The cap and the collar” has performed at over forty venues from Churches and Temples to concert halls. He has taught at the university level for many years and currently teaches at Converse College and University of South Carolina Upstate. Rabbi Liebowitz is married and has four children ages 31, 27 and 22 and 12.

According to Dr. Cole Cheek, SMC Professor of History and Anthropology, “We welcomed this opportunity to explore common questions about Judaism with our students. Is Judaism a race, a religion or a nationality?” Dr. Cheek went on to elaborate that “it is my wish that students walked away with an understanding and appreciation of the Jewish society and the relationships among individuals within that society.”

ALUMNI FOCUS



1938 was an amazing year of quantum leaps for invention and creation...book publisher Simon and Schuster was founded; the March of Dimes was established to fight polio; Frances Moulton elected first woman president of a US national bank; first jazz concert (Benny Goodman) held at Carnegie Hall; General Motors began mass production of diesel engines; DuPont begins commercial production of nylon toothbrush bristles; first passenger ship was equipped with radar; Babe Ruth signed as a Dodgers coach for the rest of the season; federal minimum wage law guarantees workers 25-cents per hour and a maximum 44-hour working week; Superman first appears in DC Comics' Action Comic Series issue #1; President Franklin Roosevelt dedicates the Eternal Light Peace Memorial and lights the Eternal Flame at Gettysburg Battlefield; Howard Hughes flies around the world in 91 hours; instant coffee is invented; comic strip "Dennis the Menace," first appears; Lou Gehrig hits record twenty-third and last grand slam; US forbids child labor in factories; DuPont announces its new synthetic fiber will be called "nylon;" Orson Welles panics the USA with broadcast of HG Welles' "War of the Worlds;" groundbreaking begins for Jefferson Memorial in Washington, DC and in Spartanburg, SC, Fred Mann graduated from Textile Industrial Institute.

Fred came to TII from Ellerson, Virginia. He played baseball (right field) and tennis while at TII. After TII, he enrolled at the University of Georgia. But after one semester, he joined the Coast Guard. Retiring 30+ years later. At the spry age of 60 he returned to college and earned his four-year degree. In March of 2014, he contacted Don Tate, SMC Director of Development and shared that he had a trust account established through which SMC would receive proceeds for years to come. SMC received the first quarterly payment in July 2014. To the best of our knowledge, he is the last living member of the Class of 1938.

Today Fred is as delightful a gentleman as he was in 1938. He is still a proud Pioneer and would love to hear from you. Contact Fred by mail at 1402 S. Border Avenue, #769, Weslaco, Texas 78596-7457, or by phone at 956-968-8245.

TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT



SMC Trustee the **Honorable Liz Patterson** was recently honored by the Spartanburg County Democrats for her service as an elected official. Yet another example of Pioneer Pride! Join us in congratulating Liz!

Visit <http://www.goupstate.com/article/20140828/ARTICLES/140829607>

President Keith has been selected Chair of the SCICU President's Council. SCICU supports and promotes the value of independent higher education in South Carolina through fundraising, scholarships and research, as well as facilitating collaborative activities among the member institutions. SMC Board member, **Kathy McKinney** will serve as the Chair of the SCICU board!



Dr. Frank Lee traveled to Myanmar – notice his excellent choice of attire!

SMC Welcomes New Members to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Charlotte Linder Ellis is a retired pediatrician from Columbia, SC, and the wife of retired clergyman, the Reverend Dr. Edgar Ellis, SJC/SMC Class of 1956 and a former SMC Trustee. She and her husband are long-standing supporters of SMC. In 2012, the college's new academic building, Ellis Hall, was named in honor of her husband. A graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina, Dr. Ellis recently completed a term as President of its Alumni Association. She and her husband are members of Washington Street United Methodist Church in Columbia and are active in multiple civic organizations in Columbia.

The Reverend Evelyn Middleton is a retired clergy member of the SC Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and is also a member of the Washington Street United Methodist Church in Columbia. She is married to the Reverend G. Scott Middleton, who serves as CEO of Agape Senior Living and is an alumna of SMC.

John P. Moore is a lifelong resident of Spartanburg with strong family ties to the Upstate textile industry. A graduate of Wofford College, Moore has worked in the real estate and financial services industries and currently serves as President of the investment firm Moore Capital, LLC. He and his wife, Lindsay, are active in the Spartanburg non-profit community both serving on boards of several organizations. Moore currently serves on the Gibbs Cancer Center Board at Spartanburg Regional, The President's Advisory Board of Wofford College, and The Arts Partnership of Greater Spartanburg Grants Committee. He is pleased to continue a family legacy at SMC. His father William S. Moore, an alumna of the college, served as a long-time SMC trustee and as Chairman of the Board. The senior Moore played an active part in the 1998 renovation of the college's gym, originally constructed in 1939. In his honor the gym was named the William S. Moore Student Athletic Activities Building.

FRESHMAN DAY *of* SERVICE



As part of the UMC connection, SMC strives to develop a values-oriented atmosphere where students can develop a sensitivity to the needs of others. Each year, on the first full day that freshman are on the SMC campus, they are sent out into the Spartanburg community to help churches, schools, and non-profit agencies with landscaping, cleaning and organizing, feeding the hungry, working with the elderly, and easing the plight of the homeless. SMC's 2014 Freshman Day of Service was held on Saturday, August 16 and over 500 freshmen students accompanied by SMC faculty and staff, dispersed into the community impacting the following 22 Spartanburg sites:

Spartanburg Soup Kitchen, SPACE, Hatcher Gardens, Camp Mary Elizabeth, Reidville Road UMC, Middle Tyger Community Center, Hollywild Animal Park, Hope Remains Youth Ranch, Hub City Empty Bowls Spartanburg Art Museum/Chapman Cultural Center, Mobile Meals, Christmas in Action, Alzheimer's Association, Glendale Outdoor Leadership School, McCracken Middle School, Cannons Campground UMC, The Waterford at Dillon Pointe, Hub City Farmers' Market, Regional Hospice Home, Miracle Hill Thrift Store, Fuller Center Arcadia UMC, Aldersgate UMC, and St. James UMC Playground.

Churches and non-profits have come to look forward to the hard work and great attitudes of the FDS volunteers. The students cleaned, painted, pulled weeds, spread mulch, organized a warehouse, and demonstrated that SMC reaches out to the community in service for the greater good. Chaplain Candice Sloan and Director of Student Activities Kim Day masterfully coordinated the day.

During the 2013-2014 academic year, Candice Y. Sloan, SMC Chaplin, proudly reported that SMC students, faculty and staff provided over 6,008 hours of volunteer labor to the community. SMC...doing all the good they can, by all the means they can, in all the ways they can, in all the places they can, at all the times they can, to all the people they can.



Tristan and Coach Brookman on a tour of the campus

MAKING AN IMPACT OFF THE COURT

The first men's college basketball game was played on January 18, 1896 between the University of Iowa and the University of Chicago. The final score was a mind blowing 15-12. *(There weren't a lot of slam dunks and fast breaks back then)*. Over the years, basketball has evolved from a classic to a more modernized sport. We have gone from perimeter two-point shooting to long distance 3-point shooting; from simple layups to well maneuvered alley hoops and artistic dunking. Today's basketball games provide heart-stopping plays that drive audiences from their seats. But the game also has great teaching lessons outside of school and conference records.

Basketball involves a team of five...yet each player must not only be mentally and physically prepared, they must also unselfishly work towards the same goal. If plays are not working, they readjust the game plan. Players never give up...they persevere. Sometimes you win, and sometimes you lose, but you accept victory and defeat graciously each time. So it is with life - not everything happens the way one envisions. However, if you give everything you encounter in life your best shot, and learn the lessons along the way, you will come out a winner.

SMC Basketball Coach Jeff Brookman knows a lot about basketball - what it feels like to win and to lose. For the 2014-2015 basketball season, Coach Brookman has adopted some new strategies and plays but he also arranged for the SMC Men's Basketball team to "adopt" Tristan, a 7-year-old from Jesse Boyd Elementary School who has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Brookman's goal is to improve the quality of life for a child facing a life-threatening and chronic illness through the power of team. Tristan has become an unofficial member of the SMC team and attends practice when not in school. Tristan is gaining strength, camaraderie and support and the SMC student athletes are learning lessons about courage, resiliency and gaining a life perspective that they cannot learn in the classroom.

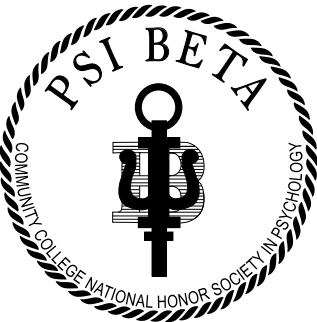
Although the roughest days are hopefully behind Tristan, and despite future medical procedures and treatments, he appreciates having the SMC family support him through all that he is enduring. No matter the final scores for this college basketball season, the SMC Men's Basketball team is a WINNER in this writer's eyes!

SMC PSI BETA CHAPTER EARNs CHAPTER EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR THIRD TIME

Psi Beta, the National Honor Society in Psychology for community and junior colleges, has recognized the SMC chapter of Psi Beta with the prestigious Psi Beta Chapter Excellence Award for 2013-14. Few of the nation's Psi Beta chapters achieve this level of distinction, however, this is the third consecutive year that SMC Psi Beta garnered this prestigious national award.

Psi Beta provides students with opportunities to acquire leadership skills, interact with faculty outside the classroom, learn more about the professional and educational choices available in psychology, meet outstanding professionals in psychology, participate in community service, meet peers with similar interests, and be involved

with Psi Beta on the national level. The award challenges chapters to engage in activities reflecting Psi Beta's four-pronged mission of leadership, scholarship, community service and research.



The SMC chapter, chartered on September 1, 1988, is under the direction of Dr. Mary Jane Farmer, Professor of Psychology, with assistance by Pete Aylor, Professor of Psychology, and Director of SMC's Counseling Center, and Sue Onken, College Counselor. Membership is by invitation only. To be considered, students must have at least 12 college credits, earn a B or higher in PSYC 101, maintain a 3.25 GPA and be of good moral character. To date, there have been 404 SMC students who have achieved life-time membership to Psi Beta.

During the 2013-2014 academic year, SMC's Psi Beta seminars boasted attendance of over one hundred students per event. Topics included "O daddy, where



are you?" which focused on fatherhood and the ills of society; "The Ugly Face of Domestic Violence," "Cyberbullying and Sexting;" "Suicide: Is it an Option?;" and "Human Trafficking & Sex Slavery," which was featured on WSPA Channel 7. In addition, they hosted a "Viva Academia: Let's Celebrate Academics" symposium celebrating SMC students and their outstanding scholarly work in various academic disciplines. Students featured later presented in the Tenth Annual SC Upstate Research Symposium.

Psi Beta also conducted a Mobile Mentors Program, where alongside SMC Psychology students, they traveled to area middle schools to talk about college and motivate their younger counterparts to persevere and to be ambitious in order to not only reach but ultimately finish college. Pictured are students from Carver Middle School who visited SMC and attended Psi Beta's well-received, inner-active seminar on bullying featuring SMC students presenting not only the facts but also their own personal experiences.

DREAMING WITH THE ANGELS — 31,000 Photos Later

Some say a picture paints a thousand words, but for Glenn Bridges, Class of 1981, it took scouring more than 31,000 images to find that precise picture.

Bridges has released his first book – *Dreaming with the Angels: The Life of Jesus Told by God's Special Agents*. And the fact that a strong cover photo is crucial for a first-time author wasn't lost on him.

"The message inside the book is far more important to me than the cover," says Bridges. "But with thousands of new titles being introduced every year, the cover needed something that draws a reader's attention long enough to want to see what's inside. Without that, it might be a lost cause."

Dreaming with the Angels caters to young readers with a theme of God's use of angels and dreams in foretelling, celebrating, warning and sharing the birth, death, resurrection and ascension of his Son, Jesus Christ. Its composition is presented in a brief, factual, chronological and scripture-based approach on a sixth-grade level about why Jesus came to this planet in human form more than 2,000 years ago.

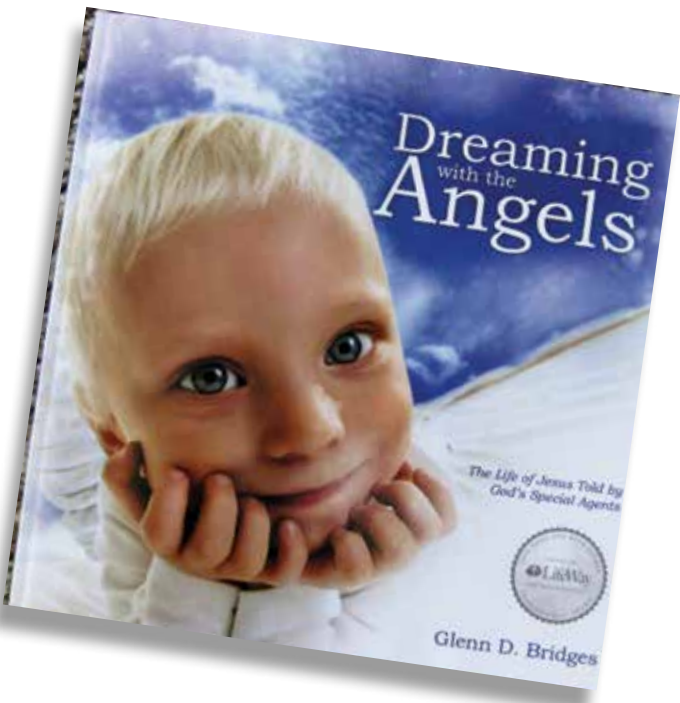


"I spent hours looking for the right cover shot," said Bridges. "I logged onto a website called ThinkStock, entered 'angels' into the search box, and up popped 31,364 available images within 523 pages. After combing through the first 12,000, I found several I liked, but not the perfect match. I thought to myself –

'when I see it, I'll know it' – and that was the case. Somewhere in the range of 27,000 photos it just jumped off the page. At that point I figured I might as well go to the very end."

Dreaming with the Angels' cover photo highlights a young, adorable, bright-eyed, blonde-headed child with angel wings and a charming smile resting on a cloud. A teenager might not see the appeal, but a mom or grandma – the most likely candidate to buy the book – will find him irresistible.

Published by CrossBooks, a Division of LifeWay, the 48-page book (and E-book format) also includes The Plan of Salvation,



The Meaning of Believer's Baptism, The Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, and The Books of the Bible.

Bridges is married to Ramona Pace (of Aberdeen, MS), has four sons, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. After SMC he attended Coker College graduating with a Bachelors of Arts in Communications. The award-winning newspaper reporter/columnist has covered a wide range of topics for 25 years in that field. An active Southern Baptist church member, Bridges has served as a Sunday school teacher for first to sixth grades, and has participated in 20 short-term home and foreign mission trips. The Greenville-Spartanburg (SC) native now resides in Bluffton/Hilton Head Island (SC), where he has dabbled in background acting for a few movies that were filmed in Savannah, GA.

"*Dreaming with the Angels* shares provocative accounts of angels and dreams straight from the Bible," said Bridges, "It's something even small children can comprehend and embrace. What parent hasn't been awakened by a child crawling into bed with them after a bad dream, or been drilled with questions about the tooth fairy or Santa Claus? Only *Dreaming with the Angels* is authentic, not a fantasy."

ALUMNI UPDATES

1960s

Marilyn Lawson Holden, Class of 1964

Mrs. Holden is married to Alfred Holden and has one son, Mark, and three beautiful grandchildren. She lives on a farm and raises beef cattle. She enjoys farm life, travel and especially cruising.

Charles H. Hindman, Jr., Class of 1966

Mr. Hindman is retired as Director of Major Repair and Replacement, at the Kiawah Island Community Association. He enjoys spending time traveling between Key West and Nags Head.

Evelyn Wall Jolley, Class of 1969

Mrs. Jolley is retired from Spartanburg School District 3 after 30 years as a special education teacher. She has two grown children. Her daughter Melissa Emory is also an SMC Alum. She has six grandchildren, one of whom is considering SMC. She is enjoying retirement.



TIME CAN'T BREAK THE BIND: A group of SMC Alumni (Classes 68-70), and their spouses or significant others, still get together often after all these years and recently met for a fun weekend in Cherry Grove, SC. Those who attended are pictured below. *Back Row Left to Right: Jane Chambers Nicol, Joe Nicol, Patrick Patterson, Elaine Patterson, Bonnie Ross (Freshman English Professor from 1968-70). Middle Row Left to Right: Roy Phillips, Pam Phillips, Faye Brown, Chip Brown. Front Row Left to Right: Bailey Campbell, Sandie Ellis, Ernie Ellis.*

1970s

Gloria Greer Elledge, Class of 1976

Mrs. Elledge is enjoying her retirement, going to the beach and to the lake with her grandchildren. Her last granddaughter, Kayla Elledge, will graduate from high school this year. She enjoys volunteer work, helping with the backpack ministry "Food for Hungry Students" and senior trips with her church, Duncan First Baptist

1980s

Jeff Bannister, Class of 1985

Jeff Bannister recently competed on the Travel Channel's "American Grilled!" – Jeff has done large-scale grilling and grilling of what some may call exotic (llama, stuffed alligator, emus, etc.), so he was used to improvising. He summed up his experience: it is like performance art cooking – it was the first time he had ever cooked while being timed.



2000s

Zach Register, SMC graduate (Class of 2010), was recently seen in the ER as an RN treating a current SMC student in need. Zach's uncle is David Clyburn, former dean of students. Zach was a former RA on campus and Kappa Sigma Alpha leader.

Janet Andrews LOVES SMC! "My days at SMC both in '86 and '03 were always some of my best." She has applied to doctorate school and hopes to teach psychology.

Millard F. Ball

'44 of Greenbrae, CA, died November 13, 2013.

Rev. Charles Martin Blackmon

'43 of Rock Hill, SC, died January 27, 2014.

Fred L. Branham

'61 of Greenville, SC, died April 13, 2014.

Oscar L. Brown

'89 of Inman, SC, died December 10, 2013.

Edward Cameron

'36 of Olivia, NC, died April 23, 2014.

Raymond E. Crocker, Sr.

'57 of Spartanburg, SC, died January 14, 2014.

William Alton Crow, Jr.

'65 of Mesa, AZ, died September 28, 2013.

Roy E. Dickson

'63 of Cowpens, SC, died May 19, 2014.

Dr. James George Fox

'42 of Harrisonburg, VA, died April 1, 2014.

Ruth Brannon Fox

'43 of Harrisonburg, VA, died May 8, 2014.

Betty Whitt Glover

'48 of Conyers, GA, died January 17, 2014.

Eber Charles Gowan, Jr.

'68 of Reidville, SC, died January 23, 2014.

Delores Morgan Green

'64 of North Augusta, SC, died March 13, 2014.

Margaret Hughes Hanning

'43 of Rock Hill, SC, died November 16, 2013.

Phil Holden

'64 of Spartanburg, SC, died September 11, 2014.

Doris Anderson Hollifield

'44 of Moore, SC, died February 6, 2014.

James M. Hope

'41 of Shelby, AL, died December 4, 2013.

Calvin Dean Hughes

'63 of Pawleys Island, SC, died November 7, 2013.

Brandon Alfonzo Jones

'08 of Columbia, SC, died February 4, 2014.

Rev. Gerald Thomas McCray, Sr.

'52 of McMinnville, OR, died March 3, 2014.

Joseph S. Momier

'41 of Landrum, SC, died February 6, 2014.

Edith Melton Rietkovich

'53 of West Columbia, SC, died July 13, 2014.

Lois Pearson Smith

'38 of Columbia, SC, died May 9, 2014.

Janelle N. Spigel

'66 of Lancaster, SC, died December 27, 2013.

Sara S. Stoddard

'39 of Gray Court, SC, died December 20, 2013.

Eric R. Van Blake

'93 of Myrtle Beach, SC, died July 15, 2014.

1964 SPARTANBURG JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL TEAM CELEBRATED 50TH REUNION @ SMC

The 1964 SJC Baseball team held their 50th Reunion in April 2014. This elite group of athletes kicked off their weekend with a Managers Reception in memory of former team members: Jimmy York, coach, Clark Owens, manager, Keith Crow, and Walter Irick. The reception featured a welcome by current Baseball Coach Tim Wallace and President Keith who shared "Welcoming these former players back to campus is very special to us at SMC. We want them to know they always have a home here, and we want them to feel connected to today's baseball Pioneers." The reunion festivities culminated with former players attending and being recognized at the SMC Baseball double header with USC Sumter on Saturday. Former catcher, Tommy White threw out the first pitch.



Players from the 1964 team, led by Coach Jimmy York, who passed away several years ago, attended with: David Boyter, Candler, NC; Jantzen Childers, Union, SC; Joe Cox, Moore, SC; Frank Mathis, Greer, SC; Tommy White, Sumter, SC; and Neil "Hank" Rogers, Don Tate, and Phil Holden (who recently passed away).

OH HOW PIONEERING!

STAFF/ALUM MEMORIES OF SMC GOOD TIMES

(the names of the innocent, and not so innocent have been omitted)

Do YOU recall...

Rules such as NO outings your first semester...and only one (1) night out your second semester (yet some folks seem to have found a way around such rules)?

Paying for tuition with homemade molasses or a few pigs?

Speaking of farm animals, some recall the tale of several enterprising young male coeds who were charged with milking the dairy cows for the campus' daily milk consumption who took it upon themselves one chilly, snowy night to bring the cow to the 3rd floor of Hammond so that they could sleep in...later realizing the cow could only go upstairs, not down! Rumor has it the Dean had to secure a crane to remove this house guest.

Speaking of Deans, some recall Dean Carter's "storm stick" language (aka an umbrella); or how he walked across campus with his hand on his head holding down his toupee on windy days; or the tweed driving derby that Dean Parton wore when he folded himself into his tiny Triumph.

But who can beat the Dean's tale of the young man that "found" another student's id and was eating in the SMC cafeteria - upon cafeteria discovery after several weeks, he was escorted to the Dean's office...where it was discovered he did NOT even attend SMC!

Oh the poor cafeteria, where their serving trays did double duty every snow storm for both students and the faculty and staff.

Born instructors like Terry Stephenson who taught computer programming by illustrating the many steps that go into learning with the example of "how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich?"

The squirrels that attacked a chaplain as they walked to the Administrative Building?

The infamous "Second Level Sisters?" or "The Dixie Nuns of Kingman"?

The students that disassembled their 2nd floor Judd roommate's room to the hall - setting it all up in a mirror image as it previously was?

Turning Hammond into a makeshift slip and slide, thanks to those handy fire extinguishers provided by the college?

Shaving cream fights? Panty raids? Water bombs?

Before texting, it appears the most common way to reach out to friends in other residence halls was to throw rocks at their windows?

When Parsons Residence Hall was the site of a trailer park complete with wooden privacy fencing?

Streaking? In the 70s streaking was quite common at SMC...so much so that WORD Radio even reported on the SMC mischief. One staffer recalls his roommate streaking on a bike!

When book burning took on new meaning as disgruntled students burned \$100 literature books outside of Willard because the bookstore would not take them back after the end of class - which occurred during a weather imposed county burn ban and just in time for an Admissions Office Parent tour? Oops!

And just last year, the alum/staffer that hid 250 yellow rubber ducks on campus for a Homecoming event? To date only 100 have been recovered. (3 weeks ago a new student found one of the missing ducks!)

And rumor has it there was once a "Commuting Casanova" who was dating two young ladies from the same high school that were also best friends...who luckily lived in separate residence halls (Judd and Kingman)? Rumor has it he was busted a month and a half into his dual dating scenario!

And it seems there has been a student on crutches every semester and this may help explain why:

Romeos who scaled the walls of Judd to see their fair ladies?

Tying bed sheets together to get out the window and down from the 2nd floor of Judd or Hammond?

And thank goodness they upgraded Walker with carpet in the classroom, once a student fell asleep in her wooden desk and slipped out and onto the floor during class!

Stories about why you should choose your driver carefully...one staffer went to Atlanta (vs. Spartanburg) after leaving a Furman school trip...and perhaps your copilot too...one staffer assisted another staffer with parallel parking...resulting in 2 dented vehicles; and once there was an alum who asked their front seat vision-impaired passenger how it looked their way...to which the passenger replied "I can't see a thing" - wait for it...you guessed it - they pulled into the path of a moving car. Oh how Pioneering!

ALUMNI WEEKEND

HOMECOMING

ALUMNI WEEKEND REGISTRATION:

Name _____ Class of: _____

Guest Name: _____ Alumnus? () Yes Class of _____ () No

Address: _____ City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone (H / M): _____ Email: _____

_____ 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)

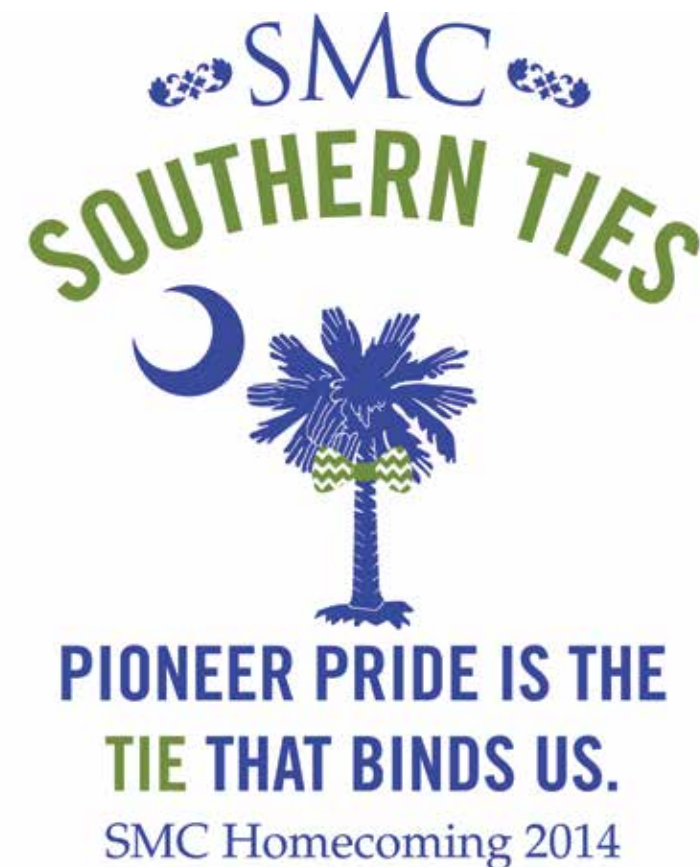
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You may use the enclosed envelope to return this form and payment to:

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



Mike and Nita Lee had seven children and were in their mid-thirties when they embarked on a life of full-time Christian service. That ministry would last 40 years and involve more than 15 churches. They were ordinary people but with extraordinary gifts. Among those gifts were a deep and abiding faith in God and the belief that with God's help all things could be accomplished in the lives of people no matter what their circumstances. Their lives garnered wide public appeal. No matter the community in which they lived, they were loved by most regardless of their race, circumstances or creed. The very rich and the very poor felt their power. For them, God's love was for all, and there was no limit to what could be accomplished.



SMC IS DEEPLY ROOTED WITHIN THE LEE FAMILY

Mike was known to say that “there was no wrong way to lead a man to Christ.” He sat about that task in the fishing boat, on the hunting trip, at Clemson football games, and even in bars. He was gratifyingly successful. He was a man's man. Together, Mike and Nita accomplished much. They early on realized that the way to a brighter future was through education. Their seven children all had the opportunity to get an education if they chose. In the 1950s, ministers made little money, but with TII/SMC, they realized that their children could be educated with hard work and sacrifice. Six of those seven children would call SMC home. Under their influence, countless students were brought to SMC for the same opportunity that their own children enjoyed. Mike was on a first name basis with all the presidents during his career. Mike and Nita encouraged their churches and communities to wholeheartedly support the work of SMC.

They were leaders in their communities, and for those communities, they made a difference. Once of those communities was Newberry, SC. Mike played setback at the firehouse and served as chaplain of the rescue squad. He chaired the Ministerial Association, was an active Lions Club member, and was named Man of the Year by Woodmen of the World. He was nominated for rural minister of the year

in the United States early in his career, a program sponsored by *Progressive Farmer Magazine*. Mostly he was pastor and friend.

Nita had a good voice and directed children's choirs. She was active in Women's Society work, taught Sunday school classes, and ran vacation Bible Schools. She was involved in the Home Demonstration movement. She was described by many as “the epitome of a pastor's wife.” She was a genuinely good mother and an exceptional cook. It was said at her memorial service that one was indeed fortunate to put their feet under her table. She lived her life for others.

Together Mike and Nita worked tirelessly for a Methodist Camp that became a reality. They

embraced change and were the first caucasian minster's family to entertain an African-American minister's family in their home after the conferences merged. Raymond Gibson, the first black man to serve as the District Superintendent of the Spartanburg District told of the obstacles and difficulties in awkward moments he had to endure. Raymond's refuge from all of this was in the home of Mike and Nita Lee. He said that he went there to be strengthened and refreshed so that he could return to his work. Not just Raymond Gibson, but all were welcomed in the Lee home.

Mike and Nita never stopped singing the praises of Spartanburg Methodist College. Befitting their memory, The Mike and Nita Lee Scholarship Fund is firmly entrenched at SMC to support worthy and financially-eligible students. At Mike's memorial service, Dr. Jim Hunter called him “a lantern in a tree shining forth the way for others to follow.” Both Mike and Nita Lee were beacons and visionaries. Their legacy will live on. One could say SMC is a Lee family tradition.

ANNUAL ALUMNI PHONATHON — DON'T MISS THE CALL

The Annual Alumni Phonathon began on September 15, 2014, and will continue through mid-November. Student callers will call to say, “Thank You” for your previous donation and to ask for renewal of your financial support. 31% of our SMC students are scholarship recipients, and are thankful for the aid that our generous donors make possible each year. We thank you and appreciate all that you do in your corner of the community for Spartanburg Methodist College and the students who currently call SMC “home.”



APRIL 24, 2015



It is not too early to mark your calendar for the Friday, April 24, 2015, SMC Spring Golf Classic to be held at the Carolina Country Club (CCC). The tournament provides program support for more than 200 student athletes. **This year we are planning to GO BIG.** We will, as in years past, have morning and afternoon shotgun starts. Our plan is to have a pairings party on Thursday evening April 23 on campus and a Gala/Prize awarding event Friday evening after the tournament concludes at CCC. Tickets for individual players will be \$300 each with corporate sponsorships ranging from \$1500-\$5000.



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HOMECOMING/ALUMNI WEEKEND 2014 NOVEMBER 14-15



Celebrate being a SMC Pioneer at Homecoming/Alumni Weekend 2014. 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. 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

to dress casual so you can 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 14

7:00-8:00 p.m. — Womanless Beauty Pageant Ellis Hall, SMC Campus

8:00-10:00 p.m. — Alumni & Friends Decade Party, Buffalo Wild Wings Patio located at 1494 W O Ezell Boulevard in Spartanburg (29301)

Saturday, November 15

10:30-11:30 a.m. — Registration & Silent Auction Fireplace Room, Burgess Student Center

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — *Alumni Awards Picnic Style Luncheon Fireplace Room, Burgess Student Center (\$15 per person)

*(Casual Attire Welcome at the Alumni Awards Picnic Style Luncheon)

1:00-2:00 p.m. — Campus Tours and Class Reunions Various Campus Locations

1:00-5:00 p.m. — Family Fun Festivities Various Campus Locations

(Tethered Hot Air Balloon Rides and Mason Jar Decorating)

4:00 p.m. — Women's Basketball Game Bridges Arena

6:00 p.m. — Men's Basketball Game Bridges Arena

8:00 p.m. — Karaoke Sing-Off Ellis Hall, SMC Campus

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Becky Snow
(SnowB@smcsc.edu, 864-587-4210).

SAVE THE DATE!