

FRONTIERS



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SOME SAY A PHOTO IS WORTH A 1,000 WORDS...

...but this photo of three pioneering presidents celebrating on Saturday, February 8 at the college's baseball lighting celebration represents more than 38 years (13,879 days/333,100 hours) of leadership, vision, dedication, optimism, courage, growth and reality for SMC!

Their guidance helped the college manifest educational excellence, abundance, and prosperity. They represent the best of the law of "giving and receiving," which

Hall were also added to the campus landscape. Today, he is enjoying the last great job that God gives a man, being a grandfather to five wonderful grandchildren and a father to his four loving children.

CHARLES TEAGUE SIXTH PRESIDENT OF SMC (1997-2009)

During Dr. Teague's 12 years of leadership, SMC experienced impressive campus changes, including the construction of the Bridges and Sparrow Residence Halls, the

today. Today Dr. Teague teaches Sunday school. He also loves to spend time with his wife, daughter, son-in-law, and two granddaughters.

COLLEEN PERRY KEITH SEVENTH PRESIDENT OF SMC (2010-PRESENT)

Dr. Keith hit the floor running by refining and then successfully implementing the strategic plan that is currently guiding the college. She is a president with great energy,



Pictured (from left to right): Dr. Colleen Perry Keith, Dr. George Fields, and Dr. Charlie Teague.

reminds us that when you have plenty, you have plenty to share with others.

GEORGE D. FIELDS FIFTH PRESIDENT OF SMC (1976-97)

During his 21-year tenure, he strengthened the ties between the United Methodist Church and the college. Davis Mission Chapel and Vera Davis Parsons Residence

addition of the Phyllis Buchheit Boardroom and the Vassey Information Technology Center, and the renovation of the William S. Moore Student Activities Building. In addition to doubling enrollment and spearheading campus growth, Dr. Teague is most proud of developing "a sense of community and oneness with the SMC campus family." This continues to pervade the campus even

clear vision, and the willingness to stay the course. Her successes to date include a successful \$15 million capital campaign, the transformation of the campus with the addition of the \$11 million Ellis Hall, the first new academic building in 44 years, and the addition of lighting of the C.B. (Slim) Mooneyham Baseball Field.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dr. Colleen Perry Keith

Greetings from SMC! After a crazy winter, spring has finally sprung at the college! It's time for planting those flowers and gardens.

Planting always reminds me of the term "investment." When we plant, we are investing our time, our energy, our resources, and our hope, that good things will take root and grow. And indeed they do! We see this every year, over and over again, as we invest in our students and then step back and watch them thrive in amazing ways.

The theme for this issue of *Frontiers* is "investment." In this newsletter we celebrate our campus leadership, recog-

nize gifts from good friends, and honor those who make a difference. Also we will share with you the investment that many have made and are still making in SMC, as well as the investment that SMC has made and is still making in many.

Currently, SMC is engaged in a very important investment in our future, viz., a strategic planning process that will set an exciting direction for the college. SMC has identified four overarching themes that will be implemented over the next few years: expanding impact, engaging students, transforming spaces, and developing people. We will have initiatives that flow from these themes, some of which will lead us into great new things. Of one thing you can be assured: no matter what we do, we will always look for meaningful investments that carry forward our history and our mission. We hope that as we continue to look for such investments, you will also continue your investment in SMC!



Since trees vary in size, it would be difficult to determine exactly how much paper comes from a single tree. However, according to experts, a cord of wood measuring four feet by four feet by eight feet (128 cubic feet) produces nearly 90,000 sheets of bond-quality paper. SMC is proud to report that we are saving numerous trees by offering *Frontiers* in an electronic format. Thank you for supporting SMC as we take care of our planet!

ALUMNI OFFICE HELLO GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

As I walk through SMC's campus and see all of the flowers and trees in bloom, I can't help but remember the wonderful years I spent here as a student. From 1996 to 1998, I called this place my home and I still consider it my home to this day. I've been on this campus for 18 years now. In those 18 years, I've had the opportunity to watch new residential and academic buildings become abuzz with student life. I've also been able to watch those high school graduates who come to SMC grow into wonderful adults with families of their own.

I've witnessed the colors of the season changing on our campus as each beautiful season changes into another. If you haven't walked through our campus in a

while, I invite you to come back home so you can witness all of the wonderful things at SMC that are constantly going on. Our alumni are always welcome. Our doors and hearts are open to you and I hope that you can come home very soon.

Sincerely,

Leah L. Pruitt (Class of 1998)



SMC FOUNDED AS TEXTILE INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE (TII) IN 1911 BY DR. DAVID ENGLISH CAMAK...
ORIGINALLY OFFERED HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COURSES...1927 THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF COLLEGE-
LEVEL WORK WERE ADDED TO CURRICULUM...1940 HIGH SCHOOL COURSES DROPPED.

SMC BASEBALL LIGHTS UP THE NIGHT



Baseball at Spartanburg Methodist College is looking a lot brighter (especially at night), thanks to a generous gift specifically designated to provide lighting for the C.B. (Slim) Mooneyham Baseball Field.

On February 8, 2014, one hundred and thirty-four years after the very first baseball game was played under lights, SMC baseball played their first night game under their bright NEW lights. The baseball field lights, a gracious gift of John Sparrow and the Sparrow family, were officially dedicated in honor of SMC Alumnus J. Wesley Sparrow Jr., former SMC Director of Admissions Henry B. Sparrow II, and the SMC baseball teams of 1977 and 1978.

Baseball is of great interest to the Sparrow family which is why John Sparrow made a major gift to SMC with the college's baseball program in mind. Wesley Sparrow served as the student manager for the SMC baseball team in both 1977 and 1978. In fact, the opportunity to serve as SMC's baseball team student manager was the deciding factor in Sparrow choosing SMC over Charleston Southern.

SMC held a light dedication ceremony during a double header with Surry Community College. (The Pioneers were victorious in both games.) During the dedication ceremony, the official naming plaque was installed and there were appearances by players, coaches, and support staff of the 1977 and 1978 teams. Other SMC supporters were present as well. One of

the highlights of the event was when Terry Floyd, coach of the SMC 1977 and 1978 teams, threw out the first pitch.

SMC President Colleen Perry Keith commended VP of Institutional Advancement Bob Fuzy, Baseball Coach Tim Wallace, and former President Charlie Teague, for their assistance with the institution-changing gift from the Sparrow family. Baseball at SMC is forever changed due to the Sparrow family's generosity.

"This gift is transformative for SMC! It not only illuminates our field, it impacts our academic programs. Our players will no longer have to miss afternoon classes or labs because of games that could only be held in the daylight. Afternoon or morning rain outs can be rescheduled for evening games and rain delays won't be game-ending," said President Keith. "It's a big deal for SMC and it will make SMC more competitive."

"SMC is in competition with every college, nonetheless SMC has found its niche. If you change anything on the campus at SMC it seems to change everything," remarked John Sparrow. "My family appreciates being a part of the SMC family and we are glad we have played a role in the progress of the campus."

Baseball Coach Tim Wallace was also recognized for his pending induction into the NJCAA Baseball Coaches Association 2014 Baseball Hall of Fame class. Inductees will be honored at the pre-tournament banquet of the 2014 NJCAA Division I World Series on May 23, 2014, in Grand Junction, Colorado.

NAME CHANGED IN 1942 TO SPARTANBURG JUNIOR COLLEGE (SJC)...1974 SJC CHANGED NAMED TO SPARTANBURG METHODIST COLLEGE...AN ESTIMATED 52,000 STUDENTS HAVE ATTENDED IN THE PAST 103 YEARS AND OVER 15,500 DEGREES HAVE BEEN AWARDED.



WALLACE WINS 1,000TH CAREER VICTORY

On March 15, at SMC's afternoon baseball game, signs that read "1,000" were passed out for SMC fans to hold up when SMC baseball head coach Tim Wallace reached his much anticipated 1,000th victory.

The only problem was that late in the game between SMC and USC Lancaster, the score was 3-3.

And yet only two innings later in the bottom of the ninth inning, history was made. Matt White was on second base.

Jordan Garrett from Chesnee High School ripped a shot past Wallace into the third-base coaching box and down the left-field line. Wallace signaled that it was a fair ball and waved White around. He then calmly walked to the dugout with career victory number 1,000 in the books.

SMC Head Baseball Coach Tim Wallace reached that monumental number in his 23rd season which makes him the third-fastest in junior college baseball history.

He is only behind all-time leader Lloyd Simmons of Seminole State College (1,599) and Division I active leader Perry Keith of Connors State (1,285). Among coaches who have 1,000 wins, Wallace also owns the third-best winning percentage (.762) behind Simmons (.845) and Keith (.779).

"It's a milestone, but it's not about me," said Wallace, a former Wofford standout. "It's never about me. It's been about us."

167 WOODED ACRES OF CAMPUS LOCATED IN THE FOOTHILLS OF SOUTH CAROLINA...INFINITE NUMBER OF SQUIRRELS LIVING IN THE MOSSY OAK TREES... SUCCESSFUL \$15 MILLION CAMPAIGN GOAL REACHED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.



Pictured (left to right): Erica Brown, Penny Fisher, Beth Jeter Hrubala, Betsy Teeter, Jean Bradley, Elizabeth Hartley Renneker, Sharon Porter, and Christy Henderson. Not pictured: Sheila Breitweiser.

SMC RECOGNIZES PIONEERING WOMEN IN THE UPSTATE

Spartanburg Methodist College hosted Pioneering Women 2014 on February 28. This annual event recognizes Upstate women of character, courage, and commitment. President Keith recognized 10 such women with awards in a wide variety of fields, including media, education, public service, missions, philanthropy, politics, leadership, and business.

This year's awards luncheon drew over 100 women. Kathie Bennett, President and Founder of Magic Time Literary Agency, a publicist and booking agent who works in the academic, corporate, and not-for-profit arenas, was the keynote speaker at the event.

"The Pioneering Women awards program provides SMC with the perfect opportunity to celebrate women in our community who are making a difference close to home, around our state, and beyond," said Leah Pruitt, committee member and Director of Alumni Relations. "The winners represent people who are deeply passionate about their community and make a difference."

2014 AWARDS AND RECIPIENTS:

Pioneering Women Lifetime Achievement Award: Sheila Breitweiser

Alumna Award: Elizabeth Hartley Renneker, Spartanburg Co. Sheriff's Department

Media Award: Christy Henderson, WSPA

Public Service Award: Sharon Porter, SMC

Missions Award: Jean Bradley, Guardian ad Litem Program

Philanthropy Award: Betty Montgomery

Political Leadership Award: Erica Brown, Spartanburg City Council

Business Award: Beth Jeter Hrubala, Morgan Stanley

Creative Leadership Award: Betsy Teeter, Hub City Writers Project

Education Award: Penny Fisher, Retired, Greenville County Schools

PRIOR WINNERS:

Alumna Award: Jill Johnson (2013), SMC Registrar; Stacie Williams (2012); and Jessica Mack (2011).

NEW BASEBALL FIELD LIGHTS ADDED WITH A LIGHT INTENSITY OF 70 FOOT-CANDLES INFIELD AND 50 FOOT-CANDLES OUTFIELD...THE SYSTEM AVERAGE FOR ENERGY CONSUMPTION IS 118.86 KW...THE SYSTEM MAXIMUM IS 129.2 KW...THE BALLAST INPUT VOLTAGE IS 480 VOLTS.

Media Award: Amanda Bass (2013), Belle Magazine; Charmayne Brown (2012), Rejoice Magazine; and Keisha Kirkland (2011), WYFF.

Public Service/Government Award: Judge Ponda Caldwell (2013), Spartanburg County Probate Court; Barbara Barnes (2012); and Hope Blackley (2011), Spartanburg County Clerk of Court.

Missions Award: Jayne McQueen (2013), Mobile Meals; Julia Lyons (2012), Senior Volunteer Director Program (RSVP)/United Way of the Piedmont; and Lou Landrum (2011), Spartanburg Soup Kitchen.

Philanthropy Award: Mary Thomas (2013), Spartanburg County Foundation; Phyllis B. DeLapp (2012) community volunteer; and Dr. Charlotte Ellis (2011).

Political Leadership Award: Harriett Rucker (2013), S.C. Board of Education, S.C. Independent Colleges and Universities; Liz Patterson (2012), Former S.C. State Senator and Congresswoman; and Rita Allison (2011), S.C. Representative, District 36.

Business Award: Sue Schneider (2013), Spartanburg Water; Tammy Devine (2012), QS1; and Susan Bridges (2011).

Creative Leadership Award: Peggy Magarahan (2013), Habitat for Humanity, Spartanburg Little Theater; and Mary Ellen Suitt (2012).

Education Award: Donna Christopher (2013), Byrnes High School; Margaret Peach (2012), McCracken Middle School; and Melissa Andrews (2011).

HARPER NAMED DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

In July of 2013, Yvonne Harper joined the staff of SMC on a full-time basis in dual roles. She is both the Public Information Director and the Paralegal Certificate Program Director.

After leading the evening paralegal program for 10 years, Yvonne now also works with all areas of the college to coordinate public information, manages projects with outside vendors, and serves as the point-of-contact for media.

Harper has significant experience in college and community relations. For example, for 14 years she worked with the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce. She also was manager of the GSP Drug-Free Workplace Alliance, a dual program of the Greenville and Spartanburg Chambers of Commerce. Prior to moving to South Carolina, Harper served as Director of Marketing and Community Relations for Theatre Bristol, the Appalachian Regional Children's Theatre in Bristol, Tennessee. She also was Director of College Relations for Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Virginia, and

Community Relations Coordinator for Second Harvest Food Bank in Elizabethton, Tennessee. Additionally, Harper worked in the legal field for over 13 years as a litigation and bankruptcy paralegal. And she served as Assistant Director of her alma mater's pre-law/paralegal program. She has taught on the college level since 1990.

The twofold nature of her new responsibilities comes naturally to Yvonne, who has juggled dual jobs since 1990. She holds two baccalaureate degrees: one in business/merchandising and the other in paralegal/pre-law studies from Virginia Intermont College. Coincidentally, Harper was born under the zodiac sign of Gemini, which is Latin for "twins." President Keith said about Harper's new dual roles at SMC, "We are very excited to have Yvonne on our team full-time."

1,000 BASEBALL WINS FOR COACH WALLACE...4,736 RECRUITMENT MILES TRAVELED...348
ADMISSION COUNSELOR MILES WALKED ON CAMPUS TOURS...815 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FALL
2013 SEMESTER...7 RESIDENCE HALLS...594 TOTAL BEDS ON CAMPUS...4 HONOR SOCIETIES.



FORMER SMC STUDENT PRESENTS YOUTH OPEN MIC EVENTS

Markeisha Nesbitt, a former SMC student, is also known throughout the community as the poet "One Love." When she is not composing poetry, she serves as the Youth Coalition Coordinator for the City of Spartanburg. Nesbitt also is spearheading monthly youth open mic nights called ATOMIC (Artistic Teens Opening Minds In Concert). The mission of ATOMIC is to give middle and high school students the opportunity to express themselves through all forms of art. Performers can sing, dance, rap, paint, praise dance, mime, step, play instruments, speak poetry, perform monologues, etc. All performances must be family friendly which means that they cannot be explicit, vulgar, gang-affiliated, or related to alcohol or drugs.

ATOMIC will be held at the Hub-Bub Showroom on May 9 and June 27. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:30 p.m. The cost will be \$5.

PAYING IT FORWARD

Nancy Monson came to Spartanburg Junior College in 1959 on a Rotary Club Scholarship. Over the years, she searched for ways to support another SMC student like herself. Later, her dream was realized when she wrote the novel, *"The Longest Bridge."*

"The Longest Bridge" was in the making for about twenty years. During that time she taught in the public school system and moved across South Carolina with her Methodist minister husband, Robert Monson.

Once retired, those hundreds of pages she had written came together in the form of a historical novel about two mill hill boys, Billy Joe and Charlie, who grow up in a mill village in Spartanburg. The story grew, in part, out of Monson's deep ties to mill villages. SMC was founded to educate mill village residents. Monson grew up near a mill. And her father worked in Beaumont mill.

Monson (who is a member at Central United Methodist Church, where none other than former SMC President Charlie Teague is in her Sunday school class) has already sold hundreds of books and has a contract with Hub City Book Store. Thanks to book signings and good reviews, Nancy returned to SMC on April 3, 2014, to present a scholarship check to President Colleen Perry Keith.



Nancy Monson and Dr. Colleen Perry Keith

Nancy left Spartanburg Junior College after one year to marry her husband, who was attending Wofford at the time. She worked as a bookkeeper at J.F. Floyd Mortuary while her husband finished Wofford and later Duke.

"Spartanburg Junior College made a big impression on me, and there was never a doubt in my mind or my husband's that I would go back to college," shared Nancy. "SMC was my savior. It gave me my start in life and helped make it possible for me to return to colleges and universities across the state where I eventually earned my master's degree," said Monson. "Thanks to all those who helped me in 1959. It feels wonderful to establish this scholarship at SMC today."

Nancy has already started on a sequel to *"The Longest Bridge."* Her website is www.millhillboys.com.

OVER 20 CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS...OVER 135 ACADEMIC COURSES OFFERED...6 ASSOCIATE DEGREES OFFERED...AN ESTIMATED 200 STUDENTS GRADUATING ON MAY 9, 2014...453 LIFE SCHOLARS ENROLLED IN FALL 2013 SEMESTER (55.6 PERCENT OF THE STUDENT BODY).

TII'S 30TH COMMENCEMENT BESTOWED MORE THAN DIPLOMA



On January 26, 2013,

Doug Darby along with his father William Clinton Darby, visited SMC's campus. Clinton Darby graduated from the Textile Industrial Institute on June 30, 1941.

In fact, Darby still has his "Thirtieth Commencement Exercises" program in his possession. That day in January 2013

was the first time Darby had set foot on SMC's campus since 1941.

Immediately after graduation, Darby was drafted into the U.S. Army and subsequently deployed in Europe. Upon his return to the U.S., he was assigned to Fort Lee in Petersburg, Virginia, where he met his future wife. They married in 1947 and settled in the Petersburg area. Currently, Clinton and his wife are 95 and 90 years old, respectively. They remain in good health.

Darby still has an extraordinary memory, according to Doug Darby. For example, after they discovered SMC's website, Clinton Darby shared very detailed

recollections of the buildings at SMC, including Hammond and Judd Halls, the Walker Building, and the gym. He also had vivid memories of then President Burgess, among others.

Doug Darby said, "My father is an extraordinary man, and possesses more integrity than anyone I have ever met. And I am certain SMC influenced my father's future and fostered the wonderful family values that followed." Clinton Darby remains very active in the Matoaca, Virginia, United Methodist Church where he has been a member since the early 1950s. Mr. Darby would love to hear from you, his address is 21521 Warren Avenue, Petersburg, VA 23803.

AN EXPERIENCE NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN

Orangeburg native and SMC alumna Diane Tyler-Grant still has fond memories of both the 2009 and the 2013 inaugurations of President Barack Obama. According to Tyler-Grant, "It was so exciting and it was so crazy. I tried to save any type of memento I could find."

Tyler-Grant served as a public affairs specialist for the plans division of the Joint Task Force National Capital Region for both of Obama's inaugurations. The task force is charged with coordinating all military ceremonial support needed for presidential inaugurations, and it includes members from all branches of the armed forces of the United States. "It is a great team effort working with the presidential inauguration committee and having this great responsibility," she said.



Tyler-Grant is currently employed with the Military District of Washington. She received her associate's degree from Spartanburg Methodist College and her master's in sociology from Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

\$14 MILLION (FINANCIAL AID) REASONS TO NOT LET FINANCES STAND IN THE WAY OF GETTING AN EDUCATION AND EARNING A DEGREE...96% OF SMC STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID...85% OF SMC GRADUATES TRANSFER TO FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS.

ALWAYS A DADDY'S GIRL

Five years after her father Donald Butler retired as a lieutenant, Officer Tamika Butler, an SMC graduate, followed in his footsteps by joining the Aiken Department of Public Safety. "I knew from day one this is what I wanted to do," she said. "I was always a daddy's girl. I followed him everywhere."



The 23-year-old Citadel and SMC graduate is one of only five "legacy" officers at the small, close-knit police agency that employs about 150 people. Legacies, like Butler, often refer to public safety as their "home." For the officers who work with their "legacy" children, they say it's an honor to see their children, who they watched grow up, become their colleagues as adults.

As a child, Butler visited her father at the station. She enjoyed watching him work with the community. She especially enjoyed listening to his exciting stories. At home, she would put on his uniform, climb onto their ATV, and chase down imaginary bad guys. The childhood toys she recalls fondly include play handcuffs and toy guns. As she grew older, people tried to tell her the job was dangerous and they asked her to consider other careers.

She listened to them, but no other career seemed to compare to the job her father, and her other relatives who worked in law enforcement, had. She concluded that being a police officer was "in her blood."

Butler's father was a founding member of the bloodhound tracking team and became a member of the department's mounted police, who patrol on horseback. In November, with tears in his eyes, he presented his daughter with her certificate after she completed the police academy. "He never tried to persuade me, but when I did tell him I was going to be a police officer, he was very happy," said Butler.

DID YOU KNOW...



FLETCHER THOMPSON WELCOMED BY A STANDING-ROOM-ONLY CROWD

SMC welcomed Fletcher D. Thompson back to his alma mater November 22, 2013, to present "Reflections on my FBI Career and my Role in the Investigation of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy." The Davis Mission Chapel was overflowing with students, faculty, staff, alumni, local attorneys, and folks from throughout Spartanburg. The standing-room-only crowd hung on every word Fletcher shared.

Thompson, a 1941 graduate of SMC's predecessor, the Textile Industrial Institute (TII), had a 33-year career with the FBI that covered a period of active service in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served three tours of duty at the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he was assigned to the General Investigation Division. In addition to investigating kidnappings and other federal crimes, Thompson was the agent in charge of the Bank Robbery Unit. In November 1963, he was assigned to Dallas, Texas, where he prepared the first investigation report on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Thompson also served as an inspector and, at the time of his retirement in 1975, was Assistant Director of the FBI, in charge of the bureau's largest division.

A native of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, Thompson graduated from TII, and then continued his education at the University of Toledo, earning a juris doctor degree from their law school in 1951. He is a member of the Virginia, District of Columbia, and South Carolina Bar Associations, and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

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104 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES...29 FACULTY MEMBERS...87 STAFF MEMBERS...OF WHICH 22 STAFFERS HAVE OVER 235 YEARS OF COMBINED SMC SERVICE (ONE CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF SERVICE...TWO CELEBRATING 25 YEARS, ONE CELEBRATING 20 YEARS.

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Following his FBI retirement, Thompson and his family returned to Spartanburg, where he practiced in the legal fields of probate and adoption. In 1999, he was recognized with the "Angel in Adoption" award from the United States Congressional Coalition on Adoption. That same year, the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys recognized Thompson as an "honorary member," a distinction shared only by three other attorneys nationally and is reserved for members whose "individual accomplishments bring distinction to the academy." In 2003, Fletcher received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the South Carolina Council on Adoptable Children.

In 2008, Thompson and his bride, Ruth DeLoache Thompson (a 1942 Spartanburg Junior College graduate), were recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award from their alma mater, Spartanburg Methodist College. Thompson served on the SMC Board of Directors for 12 years, and together he and Ruth established two endowed scholarship funds. One of these was established in 2007, and is specifically designated for students pursuing a certificate in the SMC Paralegal Evening Program. Thompson continues to practice law with his son, James (Jim) Fletcher Thompson, concentrating in the fields of adoption and assisted reproductive technologies.

SMC ANNOUNCES CHAMP SQUIRES ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Spartanburg Methodist College is pleased to announce the establishment of an endowed scholarship to honor Champ Squires, a 2013 graduate of SMC.

The Champ Squires Endowed Scholarship was established by the estate of Betty Stewart Parnell in memory of her sister, Margie Stewart Treadway. Treadway was a graduate of the class of 1943 and a former member of the SMC Board of Trustees. Awards will be made annually, in honor of Squires, to students who demonstrate academic promise and determination, and who are physically impaired. "Champ Squires exemplifies everything the scholarship is intended to reward – his abilities, stamina, and courage overcame his physical shortcomings," an estate spokesperson shared. "SMC's administration and student body treated Squires wonderfully as a student and Squires speaks and sings to glorify the Lord."

Squires currently attends Southern Wesleyan University and plans to go into full-time ministry in family counseling.

According to Don Tate, Director of Development for SMC, the fund is open to receive additional contributions from other individuals or churches in the community to assist in the perpetuation of this award. "The benefits of such an award to qualifying students is life-changing – not only for the individual recipient but for those of us fortunate to be blessed by their gifts and talents," Tate said. Contributions to this fund should be made payable to SMC for the Champ Squires Fund and mailed to the Office of Institutional Advancement, Spartanburg Methodist College, 1000 Powell Mill Rd., Spartanburg, SC 29301.



TEE IT UP FOR A GREAT CAUSE

SMC Pioneer Golf Classic

Monday, October 20, 2014

Woodfin Ridge Golf Club

Inman, SC

*Contact Danny Philbeck to register
or for more information (864.587.4223,
philbed@smcsc.edu). Sponsorship
opportunities are available.*

2014 Homecoming/ Alumni Weekend

November 14-15, 2014

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this great weekend event. It's a time with alumni and friends that you will not want to miss. Details coming soon!

SAVE THE DATE!

TWO STAFF MEMBERS CELEBRATING 15 YEARS...FOUR STAFF MEMBERS CELEBRATING 10 YEARS...AND 12 STAFF MEMBERS CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS...THE EVENING PARALEGAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM WILL BE CELEBRATING 10 YEARS IN JUNE.



ELLIS HALL RECEIVES LEED CERTIFICATION

Spartanburg Methodist College is pleased to report that their Edgar H. Ellis Hall has received official LEED certification.

LEED (which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a building certification process developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) to enhance environmental awareness among architects and building contractors, and to encourage the design and construction of energy-efficient, water-conserving buildings that use sustainable or green resources and materials. According to the USGBC, there are nine key areas measured by LEED:

- Sustainable Sites
- Water Efficiency
- Energy and Atmosphere

- Materials and Resources
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Location and Linkages
- Awareness and Education
- Innovation in Design
- Regional Priority

Constructed in 2012, the 48,000 square foot building houses nine academic classrooms, academic offices (including the English Department, the Humanities Department, and Office of Academic Affairs), the writing center, student publications, the Sub Connection café venue, and Gibbs Auditorium which seats 275 and also serves as classroom space. The Ellis building was made possible by donations to the college's "Pioneering the Future" capital campaign. The building is named in honor of Rev. Dr. Edgar H. Ellis Jr., a United Methodist Minister, trustee, alumni

(SJC class of 1956), and strong advocate for Spartanburg Methodist College.

Certification involves third-party verification that a building is designed and built to achieve high performance in key areas in human and environmental health, including sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiencies, material selection, and indoor environmental quality. The \$11 million building, designed by MPS and constructed by Harper Construction, is considered a 100-year building. Construction began in July 2011 and was complete in November 2012, with the building officially put into use in the 2013 spring semester.

"Ellis Hall represents SMC's pledge to provide an outstanding academic experience for our students, and affords us with an opportunity to host events for the entire Spartanburg community," said SMC President Colleen Perry Keith.

APPROXIMATELY 6008 VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS DONATED BY FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS...@ \$17.20/HOUR THAT COMPUTES TO AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$103,338...SMC SOFTBALL TEAM RECEIVED OUTSTANDING SERVICE PLAQUE FOR CONTRIBUTING OVER 450+ HOURS.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

1940s

Charles L. Dickson Jr., Class of 1948

Dickson is a WWII and Korean vet who is doing very well for an 88-year-old man. According to Dickson, "I enjoyed my college years at SMC!"

1950s

Mrs. Frances Austin Day – Class of 1951

Day retired after being an elementary school teacher for 40 years. She and her husband, R.C. Day Jr., have been married for 60 years as of August 31, 2013. They have two sons, Scott and Stephen, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. When not with family, they love to travel on bus tours.

Mr. Hoyle Edwards – Class of 1954

Edwards is still teaching at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. He and his wife live in Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

Mrs. Frances Jones Goethe –

Class of 1956

Goethe's granddaughter, Taylor Shilling, is a freshman this year at SMC. She was recently named Athlete of the Week. Goethe married Shilling's grandfather last year on Thanksgiving Day. He was her first high school love. "It took us 63 years to get it right," said

Goethe.

1960s

Ms. Sandy Someral – Class of 1965

Someral was named 2013 Alumni of the Year in November. Sandy is pictured with her daughter, Sally, after she completed the Disney Marathon

Mr. Stephen C. Brockman – Class of 1966

Brockman met his wife at SMC in 1965 and they married in 1967. She worked for the Dean of Admissions for three years.



Mrs. Brenda McBride Goforth – Class of 1969

Goforth's painting was one of only 45 paintings selected for the South Carolina Artist Show held at the Chapman Art Center in Spartanburg. The painting was a water marsh scene with low country birds.

1970s

Mr. Edwin R. Bouknight – Class of 1972

Bouknight retired about six years ago. He became bored with retirement after just two weeks, so he got a new job in healthcare which he loves. When not working, he enjoys spending time with his four children and six grandchildren. "Life is good. Very good," according to Bouknight.

Ms. Brenda Foster – Class of 1974

Foster retired from teaching in District 4 in Woodruff, South Carolina. She is still living in Enoree and enjoys traveling, visiting friends, and flower gardening.

Mrs. Gail Bragg Ball –

Class of 1976

Ball enjoys being a homemaker after a 34-year career in accounting. She has three grandchildren, ages five, 11 months, and four months whom she simply adores.

1990s

Mr. Johann K. Hazel – Class of 1999

Hazel shared with *Frontiers Magazine*, "If I could give more I would, just know I gave what I could. One hundred and three long years, that is worthy of three cheers. Hip hip hooray SMC! You brought out the best in me, see the difference it makes, in years past I've made mistakes. Surely I'll make many more, but that's what lessons are for. Those at the bow take a bow, they live in the here and now. Those at the stern need to learn, change awaits at every turn. I'm behind like the latter, my contributions matter. Yet at times they are slighted, I'm in no way delighted. I was blessed to graduate, back in 1998. Didn't walk across the stage, quite immature at that age. Thanks in part to your college, I've acquired more knowledge. Though I may not have a lot, I will give of what I've got."

2000s

Mr. Nicklaus Sprouse – Class of 2002

Sprouse married Crystal Brown in 2010. They celebrated the birth of their first child, Tanner Lee Sprouse, on September 18, 2012. They've been living on Lady's Island, South Carolina, since 2006.

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