

# FRONTIERS



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## SMC Pioneer Cup Golf Classic

The inaugural Pioneer Cup Golf Classic will be held on **Friday, April 24, 2015**, at the **Carolina Country Club in Spartanburg, South Carolina**.



Vice President of Enrollment Management and Tournament Chairman Danny Philbeck is determined that the Pioneer Cup Golf Classic will be an exciting event and a significant fundraiser for SMC athletics.

Event registration will include a Pairings Party and Auction on the evening of April 21, with morning as well as afternoon tee times and lunch on April 24. Each golfer will receive a pair of NIKE golf shoes, a Pioneer Cup team golf shirt, a Pioneer Cup golf glove with ball marker and a team keepsake photo. A one-year subscription to Golf Digest will be included for online registration.

Please consider supporting this event through your participation or by accepting a sponsorship opportunity. The Golf Classic has the potential to provide significant support for the SMC athletic program. Your sponsorship and participation in this event will be deeply appreciated by SMC student athletes. Information about sponsorship opportunities and registration is available at [www.thepioneercup.com](http://www.thepioneercup.com). [Click here](#).

***“Do all the good  
you can, by all the  
means you can, in  
all the ways you  
can, at all the  
times you can, to  
all the people you  
can, as long as  
ever you can.”***

***- John Wesley***

**Reeling in  
today's  
college  
students  
with a  
time-honored  
American  
pastime.**



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## Chatting with Chuck

Hello amazing alumni. Some of you don't know me, so I want to take a moment and introduce myself. I am your SMC Mascot, **Chuck the Pioneer**.

I would like to ask all Alumni and Friends of SMC to **SAVE THE DATE** for **SMC Homecoming 2015** which will be hosted on November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. All Alumni are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in hosting a Class Reunion during Homecoming, please let Leah Pruitt know.

I've met many of you but I hope to meet all of you so I am asking you to email me photos and updates of what you are doing these days. I love looking at photos and reading about my Pioneer Family. I will choose several photos to showcase in the next issue of *Frontiers*. You can email your photos to Leah L. Pruitt at [PruittL@smcsc.edu](mailto:PruittL@smcsc.edu). Be sure to include your name, SMC Class year and location. Leah will make sure I see them.

Once a Pioneer, Always a Pioneer.

*Chuck*

Chuck the Pioneer

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Greetings Pioneers and Friends of Pioneers,

Have you ever thought about the “personality” of Spartanburg Methodist College? Just what is SMC’s personality as an institution of higher education? Almost everywhere I go, I hear about the difference that SMC (or SJC or TII) made in a person’s life, the pivotal role that the College played in helping someone get their start, the strong academic foundation that the College provided, or the personal attention someone at the College paid to the individual needs of a student. After 104 years, I believe our personality has remained strong as one of quality academics, unconditional caring and a true desire to see others succeed. It’s a personality we all can be proud of and truly reflects the heart of SMC.

Within the pages of this Frontiers Magazine, you will see evidence of our caring and the results of how our personality has “rubbed off” on some of our alumni. You will read about an alumni Oyster Roast at Bowens Island, a unique fishing club, the Miss SMC pageant, how faculty and staff helped an elementary school at Christmas time and, of particular interest to me, about the culinary talents of some of our SMC faculty members. All stories that in some way tie back to elements of our SMC personality.

In 1 Samuel 16:7, we read, “...For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” I like what the Lord sees when he looks on the SMC heart ... and personality!

Blessings and Peace,

Colleen Perry Keith, Ph.D.



# Because Tomorrow Starts Today!



## Jesse Bobo 2014 Commencement Junior Marshalls

The purpose of a college commencement ceremony is to celebrate students who have successfully met the academic and extracurricular requirements for graduation. The ceremony provides a public venue in which graduating students receive their diplomas, marking their official graduation from college. The term supports the idea that rather than marking the end of one stage in a student's life, graduation signifies the beginning of the next.

Fifth grade students **Tyler Hawkins**, **Brandon Moua** and **Damajae Smith** (pictured with the SMC 2014 Commencement Speaker United States Senator Lindsey Graham), were selected to serve as Spartanburg Methodist College's 2014 Commencement Junior Marshalls due to their overall character and academics at Jesse Bobo Elementary School, a neighboring school to the college.

Why? **Because tomorrow starts today**, and these three outstanding young academic leaders ideally represent the graduating high school **Class of 2021**, the college **Class of 2025** and our future.



# SMC's 104th Commencement

**Saturday, May 9th  
@ 10 AM  
Bridges Arena**

## ***When the Spirit Moves***

Paul Roger Leonard, Jr., the 2015 Commencement speaker, is a man moved by a generous and loving spirit. His most recent work, ***When the Spirit Moves***, is a collection of stories, poems, prayers and reflections that invite readers to look back on their life, and witness all the ways the Spirit has prodded, poked, touched and moved them. Leonard wants his readers to laugh and cry with him, to get angry with things as they are, to pray for peace, to hope for a brighter tomorrow, to give thanks for every day, and to reach out, touch, listen and love all who cross their path. His goal for the book was for it to be more about you and your life, than it is about him and his, and together he wants us to claim the life to which the Spirit calls.



**Paul Roger Leonard, Jr.**

Leonard shared the ups and downs and twists and turns of his adult life - spanning four decades, one wife, four children, eight grandchildren, lots of dogs, one cat and multiple jobs from minister to home builder and real estate developer. Leonard, who has worked for nonprofits and both privately and publically held for-profit companies, has served as interim CEO of Habitat for Humanity International, college trustee and board member. His travels have taken him to all seven continents and over 60 countries and given him a global perspective on our world and its glories and sorrows—making him a fitting speaker for the college's 2015 commencement.



Author of ***WHERE IS CHURCH?-One Man's Quest*** and ***MUSIC OF 1000 HAMMERS, Inside Habitat for Humanity***, Leonard graduated Cum Laude with Honors in history from Davidson College, continued his studies, earning a Bachelor of Divinity from the University of Chicago and earned a Masters in Business Administration from Emory University. He first served at Trinity Presbyterian Church after which he founded a non-traditional church that focused on community action and service and eventually left the traditional ministry to work in city housing. Leonard was recruited by the John Crosland Company, becoming 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 December, 2001 to December, 2003 and was employed as the Interim CEO of Habitat for Humanity. Today he is a member of the US Council for Habitat for Humanity International.



# Oyster Roast



## **Third Annual SMC Alumni & Friends Oyster Roast and Low Country Boil @ Bowens Island in Charleston, SC**

**Saturday, March 7th @ 6 p.m.**  
**Bowens Island (1870 Bowens Island Road, 29412)**  
so close to the beach you can taste it!!  
FREE event. CASH bar. CASUAL dress.

*Oysters by the shovelful & shrimp served that were swimming that morning!*  
*We guarantee you WILL enjoy the cool breeze off the rivahh, a cold drink*  
*and hot oystahs! You will enjoy the company, too!!!*  
*Bring your photos, yearbooks and especially your stories!*

**RSVP to Becky Snow**  
**SnowB@smcsc.edu or (864) 587-4210**





## Cutting edge recruitment

### YOUR NAME IN LIGHTS....

The SMC Admission Office recently installed electronic VISITOR signs outside the Buchheit Administrative Office that immediately welcome admission visitors to the campus. The purpose of the signs are to make an outstanding first impression when students, as well as other guests of the college, visit our campus.

According to Danny Philbeck, Vice President for Enrollment Management, “You have no idea how seeing their name on a parking sign (*in lights no less*) affects our visiting potential students. It’s the first thing these young people tell us. It lets our guests **KNOW** how important we **KNOW** they are!”



## A DAY OF GOLF FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

Join us for the Pioneer Pairings Party & Auction.

Take home a  
pair of NIKE golf shoes,  
Pioneer Cup team golf shirt,  
Pioneer Cup golf glove with ball marker  
&  
Team keepsake photo!





# THE PIONEER CUP GOLF CLASSIC

**BENEFITTING SPARTANBURG METHODIST COLLEGE STUDENT ATHLETES**

**APRIL 24, 2015 at Carolina Country Club**

[www.thepioneercup.com](http://www.thepioneercup.com)

## **A DAY OF GOLF FOR A GREAT CAUSE**

Team up for a great day of golf at Carolina Country Club with former Spartanburg Methodist College athletes, including New York Mets Hall of Famer and SMC graduate, Mookie Wilson and SMC head baseball coach and Hall of Famer, Tim Wallace—all to benefit Pioneer student athletes.

## **PLAYER PACKAGES**

Each golfer receives a pair of NIKE golf shoes, Pioneer Cup team golf shirt, Pioneer Cup golf glove with ball marker, Pioneer Cup Pairings Party (on April 21), Auction and Team keepsake photo.

<b>INDIVIDUAL (MORNING OR AFTERNOON ROUND)</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>TWOSOME (MORNING OR AFTERNOON ROUND)</b>	<b>\$600</b>
<b>THREESOME (MORNING OR AFTERNOON ROUND)</b>	<b>\$900</b>
<b>FOURSOME (MORNING OR AFTERNOON ROUND)</b>	<b>\$1200</b>

## **MULLIGANS AND RED TEES**

**\$80 PER TEAM, OR \$20 PER PERSON (\$25 PER PERSON AT CHECK-IN)**

Men receive 2 mulligans and 1 red tee each. Women receive 3 mulligans each.

## **SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES**

Your organization's sponsorship of The Pioneer Cup is vital to SMC student athletes. The Pioneer Cup Golf Classic is a one-of-a kind golfing experience, which includes special gifts for you as our honored guests.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES, REGISTRATION AND MORE, VISIT**  
[thepioneercup.com](http://thepioneercup.com) **OR CONTACT DANNY PHILBECK AT** [philbed@smcsc.edu](mailto:philbed@smcsc.edu).



The sport of fishing is expensive... boats, fish finders, rods, reels, lures, life vests, etc.



SMC is currently seeking sponsors to assist with such costs, and hopes that there are a few boats sitting idle in the water that would love to be donated to SMC so that the time honored pastime of fishing has a future.

For more information, contact  
 Danny Philbeck,  
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 or (864) 587-4223



Fishing at Spartanburg Methodist College? Yes, America's oldest tradition, fishing, is one of the fastest-rising organized activities among college students. As you read this, a college team may be traversing the rivers and streams in your county. According to FLW Outdoors, an organization that runs pro fishing tournaments and started a college division in 2009, there are now 610 bass fishing clubs at campuses across the country. Five years ago, there were 90.

"Our fishing program is attracting a wide range of students, said Wells Shepard, College Retention Officer and Athletic Recruiter. "We know there are some '*reel prodigies*' out there and we know there are simply students who shared this past-time with their parents or grandparents and want to now relish this hobby with students their own age." The youth fishing movement is exploding. But make no mistake, this is a sport. "There's no sport that compares to it for the agility you have to have, the knowledge you have to have and the thinking on the ground you have to do," Wells added. Skills involve finding and deciding what combination of lure, depth, location and retrieval is going to attract a fish. An approach that lands pounds of fish on a sunny day will fail on a cloudy one. Wind and air pressure matter. So do seasons and the time of day.

"SMC will offer a mix of competitive and recreational fishing, and in addition to weekly meetings and fishing excursions, SMC's anglers will work to keep local rivers clean and host free lessons for beginners," shared Dalton Smith, cofounder of the SMC Fishing Team/Club.

# PIONEER OPEN

## SPARTANBURG METHODIST COLLEGE OPEN BASS TOURNAMENTS

EVENTS (**DENOTES TOURNAMENTS)	DATES
<b>**LAKE WYLIE (BUSTER BOYD LANDING)</b>	March 21
<b>**CLARK HILL LAKE / STROM THURMOND (DORN LANDING)</b>	April 18
<b>**LAKE GREENWOOD (STATE PARK ACCESS)</b>	May 16
<b>OPEN (TBA-COORDINATE WITH DALTON)</b>	TEAM ONLY TRIP
<b>OPEN (TBA-COORDINATE WITH DALTON)</b>	TEAM ONLY TRIP

**RULES:** All tournaments will start at 7:00am and end at 3:00pm. Check in will start at 6:00am and there will be no late check ins allowed. \$50 entry fee per boat (including members) and will pay out 80% of the money to the top 4 spots, based on 20 or more participants. Any less than 20 participants will pay out top 3 spots. Entry fee includes big fish and will pay out 100% to the biggest fish. There is a 5 fish bag limit with none smaller than 14 inches in length. Nothing will weigh in that is anything outside of largemouth bass, small-mouth bass, or spotted bass. There will be a 1/2 pound deduction per dead fish. Livewells will be checked prior to entering the boat into water and you cannot cull fish at the landing or call out biggest fish at landing. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. You cannot use live bait and no boat can come within 50 yards of another boat while fishing. Late arrival to the landing for weigh in will deduct a pound per minute up to 5 minutes. After 5 minutes, the boat will not weigh in. No alcohol allowed and must remain sportsman-like. Any protest must be in writing and given to the tournament director at weigh in.

**\*NOTE:** 20 or more boats will result in a 2 or more part blast off by your check in order.

SMC thanks to **Rusty Sellars** , **Cody** and the rest of the guys out @ **True Timber** in Inman, SC for being our primary sponsor and for **ALL** of the help they have given us with jerseys and support !

We also want to thank **Walt Roberts** and **Duckett Rods** for their guidance and support with tournaments!!



# Pioneering Education - The **SMC** Way



## **Daniel Foster:** *Graduation Coach*

***“ALL kids want to succeed.”***

Gaffney High School graduation coach Daniel Foster gives students two things many of them have never had: **encouragement and hope**. “When I look at them, I see me,” Foster said. “I’ve been where they are. Some of them don’t think they can get a diploma. Some don’t have support at home. Some have just made a bad grade in core class, and they’re off track, but somewhere along the way, they have to get hope back.”

After graduating from Gaffney High School in 1994, Foster worked with a plumbing crew. One day the company’s owner asked him about his future plans. Foster wasn’t interested in college, he just wanted to work. The company’s owner, the late Gene Wilson, then drove Foster around rural communities — Corinth, Goucher and Blacksburg — before stopping the car. “He asked me which community I liked best, and I didn’t know where he was coming from,” Foster said. “But he told me that if I didn’t make something of myself that I would never go anywhere else — I wouldn’t even have the option of going anywhere else - and that hit home to me.” Wilson then drove Foster to **Spartanburg Methodist College** and helped him enroll. “That man did more for me that day because I saw that someone else saw my potential,” Foster, pictured above (right) with fellow SMC alum, Mookie Wilson, said. “I understood then that I could be something.”

After visiting six countries during his 11 years in the Army, Foster returned home and started working as a long-term substitute teacher at Gaffney High School before becoming the in-school suspension coordinator. He is now the school’s first graduation coach, and is tasked with coaching and mentoring at-risk students, mostly those who repeated ninth-grade and other students he calls “geographically displaced seniors.” The latter are students who should be seniors, but failed English or math classes so they are in 11th grade homerooms.

Gaffney High Principal Rashaad Fitzpatrick said the graduation coach position was created based on best practices from the National Dropout Prevention Center at Clemson University. The center recommends using a holistic approach with individualized success plans for at-risk students and having a facilitator, or coach, monitoring students. “Mr. Foster was a good fit because he had already built relationships with some students as the (in-school suspension) supervisor last year,” Fitzpatrick said. At the beginning of the year, Foster was assigned to 138 students at Gaffney High and the alternative school and mapped out an individualized plan for each. He meets with each of them at least twice a week and attends classes with them periodically to monitor how they take notes and to hear their concerns. Foster refers them to tutors or peer study groups and contacts their teachers to monitor progress. If they are chronically absent, Foster and another district staffer go to their houses to find out what issues they are facing.

“Mr. Foster is stepping in as a counselor, a father, a big brother. Somewhere they’re not getting the guidance or love they need, and he’s the boots on the ground, so to speak,” said in-school suspension supervisor Tierney Rollins, who works closely with Foster. “He knows them, remembers what their goals are; he works really hard...His goal is to help them realize that ‘I can do this, and life will be different.’” Rollins said Foster is an “encourager at every turn.” “If we have a student who has a behavior issue, Mr. Foster finds the core issue behind the behavioral problem,” Rollins said. “He shows them discipline and love and tells them they can learn from their mistakes, and what he’s telling them comes from his heart.” “When he walks in the classroom, I see the faces of the students he’s trying to help,” Brown said. “They know Mr. Foster provides accountability. They know he’s watching them, and they want to take better notes. They want to listen and do the work.”

Foster believes all students want to succeed, but they’ve lost faith and drive somewhere along the way. “I’ve lived their life... no one forced me to study,” said Foster, who lives and breathes Gandhi’s words ***“Be the change you want to see in the world.”***

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# Pioneering Education - The **SMC** Way

**Jill Brock:** *AVID Coordinator/Curriculum Coach*

***“The #1 guideline in my class is BELIEVE.”***



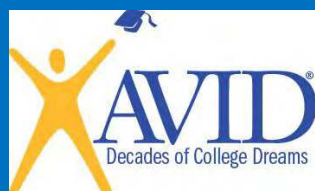
Carver Middle School AVID Coordinator and Curriculum Coach Jill Brock is on a mission. A mission to transform the leadership, systems, instructions, and culture of Carver. She is bringing best practices and proven methodologies to her students - many of whom are from low-income or minority families, and many who will be the first in their families to attend college. Failure is NOT an option.

AVID is not just “another program” at its heart, AVID is a philosophy, shared Brock. “Hold students accountable to the highest standards, provide academic and social support, and they will rise to the challenge.” AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and other postsecondary opportunities. Established more than 30 years ago with one teacher in one classroom, AVID today impacts more than 800,000 students in 44 states and 16 other countries/territories.

AVID starts with an elective class for one period a day, where students develop skills and techniques needed to become prepared for the future - focusing on time management skills, working on critical thinking and asking probing questions, getting academic help from peers and college tutors, and participating in enrichment and motivational activities that create a “college-going culture” with the goal to increase the number of students who enroll and succeed in higher education and their lives beyond. These practices strengthen students’ college and career readiness skills and provide STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) opportunities for students to explore math and science in high-engagement environments that are rigorous, yet enjoyable, for students. Carver has partnered with local businesses and colleges such as BMW, Michelin, Milliken, Wofford College, Converse College, and our very own Spartanburg Methodist College.

“Teaching children is not a career for me. It is a passion and a ministry. The number one guideline in my class is **BELIEVE**. My response to students has always been, ‘I believe in you, do you believe in you?’ This phrase has pushed the students to find the inner drive that is needed to succeed,” said Brock. A 1988 associate in liberal arts graduate of SMC, she continued her education at Converse College, earning a B.S. (in 1996) and M.S. (in 2003) in Elementary Education and a second M.S. in Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision in 2006. Brock has over 17 years as an educator in the Spartanburg community and she utilizes every day’s worth of those 17 years experience to support her students, and to develop family and community outreach today.

“Our goal at Carver Middle School is to lead the way for innovative instruction with Jill Brock as our ‘pioneer.’ She has taken the AVID philosophy and effectively implemented it school wide. Last year, Carver became a ‘highly certified’ AVID school under Jill’s direction and we are well on our way to becoming a ‘Certified Demonstration Site’,” shared Nicole Thompson, Carver Middle School Principal.



**AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. It is designed for students who need support in order to succeed in Advanced College Prep (Honors and ODYSSEY-Honors) courses. In AVID, students learn organizational and study skills, work on critical thinking and questioning, receive academic assistance to help them succeed in their advanced courses, and participate in college-readiness activities.**

# WHAT'S COOKIN' DOC?

It might sound like a line from the 1944 Warner Bros. cartoon starring Bugs Bunny, but it aptly applies to three of SMC professors and “**THE**” meal they have in the works...if you think SMC Professors are only serving up the classroom with discussions, think again!

## NOSTALGIA

Dr. Brian Gloor, SMC Professor of Chemistry, renowned around campus as a lover of food and cooking, shared that since he was young, and short (*Seriously, Short? Not what one thinks of with regard to this 6'4"*



professor), his family was his biggest influence. “Cooking was one of the activities that gave me some one-on-one time with my mother and father. I loved grilling with my dad and listening to stories he would tell me, but I also loved standing on a chair in the kitchen peeling potatoes or carrots for my mom.”

“Growing up with my entire extended family just minutes away, Sunday lunches and random weeknight dinners as a family were normal things to me. Being a part of that tradition and exploring and trying new food always brought good conversation to the table. My Aunt Chris has always pushed me to try new foods and she and I will explore some of the more exotic flavors and spices that my family won't try.”

Dr. Gloor loves to share his food with others. “I invite my pioneer peers, tutors, and work study students over twice a year and cook for them - just to say thanks. I enjoy using my cooking and baking as a way to thank those who have done so much for me.” When cooking for friends, Dr. Gloor makes it a “showcase. I want to have appetizers out on white plates with an amazing presentation, then a family style meal, and of course some hot gooey type of dessert.”



As for an ideal meal, Dr. Gloor states that is all “about *WHO* I am enjoying the meal with. I am all about the glitz, I do like to go ‘above and beyond.’ But I have been known to cook a pot of spaghetti and meatballs or my famous Texas-Style Chili.” However, his all-time favorite dish, and one of the first ones he learned to cook with his mother, is Beef Stroganoff with White Rice. “Beef Stroganoff was also ‘the’ staple home cooked meal we had if we needed a pick-me-up meal and some good family time. I loved it then, and I still do. In fact, when I am missing home (Brownsville, TX), I will cook up a big portion and enjoy it for days!”



## CLASSROOM GOURMET

According to Dr. Cyril Ignatius Kendrick, Professor of Sociology, his cooking style “was influenced by his adventures into a variety of cultures. The Austrians, Italians, and the French, especially. As well as a great deal of hard study of the works of leading chefs, and books on culinary foundations.”



A recent Dr. Kendrick meal was “Chicken-Coconut Stew with Sweet Potatoes. A nice blend, also bringing in raw ginger, and a complex of Indian spices and an Asian hot sauce. It’s my own variation and modification of Coconut-Chicken Stew from Kenya. Another recipe would be Almond Cherry Bread with toasted/crushed almonds and cherries that have been marinated in an Italian liqueur.”

Dr. Kendrick’s interest in cooking began in childhood. “I was hungry (13th of 14 in a single-parent family) and there was little food in the house. So I baked cookies; many, many times.” Today his ideal meal could consist of “lasagna, salad with walnut dressing, chocolate cake and of course, Pinot Grigio.” His favorite recipe is generally whichever he is currently doing, just did, or finished a recipe write-up for in his book. *Did I mention, Dr. Kendrick is working on writing his own cookbook?!* “Yes I am writing a cook-book. I go back and forth between heavy main courses—Lasagna, stew, Shepard’s Pie, seafood and so on—to breads and desserts—so it will be a full course book,” shared Dr. Kendrick. **(below are some of his kitchen creations)**



## FALLING FOR APRONS

Dr. Cole Cheek, Professor of History and Anthropology, admits he “was a very picky eater and had NO interest in cooking. Then, I got married. I had to learn to eat a larger variety of dishes and do my part in the relationship. I found out rather quickly that cooking was kind of **fun!** I love cooking for my wife, Amanda, and it’s one of those things that brings us together as a couple, it’s a great bonding moment. Amanda is an awesome cook. Now that she has late clinical hours, we take turns with meals. She does a lot of the traditional southern dishes. I prefer Italian and Cajun cooking.”



Cheek is known for his culinary mood swings...“an ideal meal might be McDonald’s one day, and rib eye the next and crawfish the day after that—it just depends on my mood. My favorite dish to eat is homemade gumbo, but it takes 8 hours to make a pot. So, it’s not my favorite to cook, per se. This dish is a labor of love since it reminds me of home (we lived about an hour from the Louisiana border and had a lot of Cajun folks nearby). A close second is home-made meatballs with home-made marinara sauce. It doesn’t take nearly as long as the gumbo. The meatballs are really moist, and the marinara can be used for spaghetti, toast and other sides. It’s really good with a thick piece of garlic bread and a loaded salad on the side.”

Dr. Cole Cheek’s parting ‘food for thought’ quote: **“Eat more. Worry less.”**

# NY Mets Hall of Famer **Mookie Wilson**

## headlined **2014 SMC Founder's Day**

SMC welcomed NY Mets Hall of Fame member Mookie Wilson as the featured speaker at the College's 2014 Founder's Day Program on Thursday, October 23 in the Gibbs Auditorium followed by a reception and autograph session.

SMC's Student Government Association presents the Founder's Day program each October celebrating the vision, passion, and purpose of SMC's pioneering founder, Dr. David English Camak, a visionary Methodist minister. Wilson, who graduated from SMC in April of 1976 with an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, played all or part of twelve seasons in Major League Baseball for the New York Mets (1980–89) and Toronto Blue Jays (1989–91).

The Major League Baseball outfielder and coach is best remembered as the Met that hit the ground ball that trickled through Bill Buckner's legs in game six of the 1986 World Series. Wilson avoided being hit by a wild pitch, allowing the tying run to score in the bottom of the 10th. His ground ball later in the same at bat went through the legs of Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner, allowing the winning run to score. The play is often known as the "Buckner play" and is blamed on the first baseman, but Wilson's smart at bat, speed, and determination also affected the course of events and allowed the Mets to win the 1986 World Series. The ball that rolled through Buckner's legs was long housed in the Seth Swirsky baseball collection and on May 3, 2012 was sold through Heritage Auctions for \$418,250.

Born William Hayward Wilson, and nicknamed "Mookie" as a small child, in Bamberg, SC, he pitched for the Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School Red Raiders baseball team under legendary coach David Horton. While attending SMC, he was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the fourth round of the January 1976 amateur draft, but he did not sign. Instead, he transferred to play for The University of South Carolina Gamecocks, preferring to take the chance of skipping the 1976 draft offer and increasing his draft stock by playing for former New York Yankees great, and fellow South Carolina native Bobby Richardson (who was the head coach of the Gamecocks at the time).

The gamble paid-off as Wilson was selected in the second round of the 1977 Major League Baseball Draft by the NY Mets. A switch hitter with excellent speed, his positive attitude and hustle immediately endeared him to a New York Mets fan base, and he was enshrined in the NY Mets Hall of Fame in 1996. From 1996-2002, Wilson served as the Mets' first base coach. In 2003 and 2004, he managed the Rookie League Kingsport Mets team, and in 2005, Wilson managed the single-A Brooklyn Cyclones. After serving as the organization's base running coordinator, Wilson returned to serve as the Mets' first base coach in 2011. He moved into a front-office job after the season. In 2013, he managed the U.S. Team in the All-Star Futures Game held at Citi Field.

Wilson never strayed from the lessons he learned at SMC that encouraged academic excellence, intellectual exploration, social awareness, and character development. Shortly after his classic time at bat in the sixth game of the 1986 World Series, Wilson and his wife Rosa started an educational center for girls, **Mookie's Roses**, near their home in Lakewood, NJ. In 1996, Wilson earned a bachelor's degree from Mercy College in New York. In 2001, Mookie and his family released a gospel CD entitled, *"Don't Worry, the Lord will Carry You Through."* Wilson most recently appeared on the April 28, 2014 episode of The Daily Show to discuss his memoir, ***"Mookie: Life, Baseball, and the '86 Mets"*** (2014).



# Professor Barry Ward presented with SGA Founder's Day Faculty Award

SMC's Student Government Association presented Professor Barry Ward with a Founder's Day Faculty Award on Thursday, October 23 during the college's annual Founder's Day Celebration, which featured guest speaker NY Mets Hall of Famer, and SMC alumni, Mookie Wilson.

The 2014 inaugural award was presented to a faculty member who represents and embodies the spirit and vision of Dr. David English Camak, a visionary Methodist minister. SGA President, Adell Gordon, shared "the recipient of this award is one who is not afraid to try new things, puts the needs of students first, and is respected in their profession and by the student body."

A 1979 graduate of SMC, Ward majored in Criminal Justice and earned an Associate in Arts. He continued his studies at the University of South Carolina, earning a Bachelor of Science, and his Master of Arts from Gardner Webb University, as well as pursuing additional graduate work at Lander University and Winthrop University. Ward returned to SMC as an employee in March of 1987 and over the years has held positions as Security Guard, Director of Intramurals, Director of the Student Center, Director of Men's Housing, Director of College Work Study, Cross Country Coach and Professor of Health & PE. He has long believed in the merits of the extended-learning-classroom concept. He teaches by day, and in the evening shares his time and talents coaching intramural sports and each January he chaperones a ski excursion for students.

*"Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on; 'Twas not given for thee alone, Pass it on; Let it travel down the years, Let it wipe another's tears, 'Til in Heaven the deed appears – Pass it on."*

Although Dr. Henry Burton, Clergyman and Writer, is credited for this hymn/quote, Professor Ward has lived these words this entire life.

College life has been and is good for many SMC students thanks to the kindness of this gentle man who never forgot the kindness shown to him as a child. For you see, this professor grew up in the loving arms of the Epworth Children's Home. Kindness is all he has ever known and he passes it on daily...with **jokes, fist pumps, poetry and a perpetually perky persona.**

Ward once shared that he was blessed to call Epworth home, "I was fortunate to be able to draw upon my experiences at Epworth and build upon that foundation to motivate me academically and professionally. Without Epworth and SMC I probably wouldn't be as confident, prepared and excited about life as I am," said the 60 year-old, who is known to **cartwheel** and **do backflips** spontaneously down the halls of the Walker Building where he teaches.

Ward was also selected by his peers at SMC as the recipient of the 2010-2011 SCICU Excellence in Teaching Award and used the award stipend to expand his knowledge of health issues and shared that new knowledge with his students. A quote from his nominating materials reads "*He creates an atmosphere where students learn life-saving and life-long lessons.*"





# Miss SMC

**Ashley Rogers** was crowned Miss Spartanburg Methodist College on Saturday, January 24, 2015 during the annual pageant held in Gibbs Auditorium. Her talent was in vocal performance, singing *How Great Thou Art*. Rogers, a sophomore, pursuing an Associate in Arts degree with the major of elementary education, is the daughter of David and Kelley Rogers of Easley, SC. Her platform for her reign will be mentoring young women to have self-esteem and confidence.

Seven additional SMC students participated in the 2015 event, including:

**Alyssa Queen**, daughter of Phillip and Lisa Queen, of York, SC, a freshman, pursuing an Associate in Arts degree with the major of psychology; **Briauna Foster**, daughter of Anita Johnson and Brian Foster, of Spartanburg, a freshman, pursuing an Associate in Arts degree with the major of neonatal nursing; **Brittany Moore**,

daughter of Robbie and Sharon Moore, of Union, SC, a sophomore, pursuing an Associate in Science degree with the major of physical therapy; **Karina Vega**, daughter of Josefina Martinez and Juan Vega, of Gaffney, SC, a freshman pursuing an Associate in Arts degree; **Alisha Morehart**, daughter of Tamara Smith-Morehart and Albert Morehart of Greer, SC, a sophomore pursuing an Associate in Arts degree with the major of psychology; **Rebeca Zuniga**, daughter of Norma Duron and Tito Zuniga of Goose Creek, SC., a freshman pursuing an Associate in Business degree; and **Angelica Johnson**, daughter of Melissa and Keith Johnson of North Augusta, SC, a sophomore pursuing an Associate in Arts with the major of early childhood.



Pictured (l-r): Foster, Queen, Moore, Rogers, Morehart, Zuniga, Vega and Johnson

**Brittany Moore**, earned the title of first runner up and **Alisha Morehart** was named second runner up. Overall evening gown honors went to **Brittany Moore**, who also took home the community support award. Overall talent was awarded to **Alisha Morehart**. **Karina Vega** was named most photogenic. The 2015 pageant, which was emceed by **Trey Arrington**, Executive Director of IT at SMC, welcomed back several former Miss SMCs and SMC May Queens, including **Mrs. Edna Grainger Guthrie**, May Queen 1949; **Mrs. Peggy Petty Mullinax**, May Queen 1960; **Mrs. Jo Ann Hill Waddell**, May Queen 1962; **Mrs. Sandra Irby Hawkins**, Miss SMC 1979; **Mrs. Sonya Gaines Malone**, Miss SMC 1991; **Mrs. Ginger West Mackey**, Miss SMC 1998; **Miss Kayla Jackson**, Miss SMC 2011; **Miss Nacolle Williamson**, Miss SMC 2012; **Miss Bonnie Walls**, Miss SMC 2013 and **Miss Logan Phillips**, Miss SMC 2014. (See the complete list of Miss SMC and May Queens on the following page). NOTE: NO MISS SMC 1973, 1980, 1982-1986, 1990, 1994, 1997, 1999-2000, 2002, 2004-2009.

Rogers will represent SMC in the Miss South Carolina pageant (preliminaries June 23-June 25, with the final night of competition to be held on Saturday, June 27) at the Township Auditorium in Columbia, SC.

# M I S S S M C

Marion Littleton Anderson	May Queen	1946
June White Worman Klosterman	May Queen	1947
Betty Whitt Glover (deceased)	May Queen	1948
Edna Grainger Guthrie	May Queen	1949
Juanita Pulley Hammett (also Miss SMC 1949)	May Queen	1950
Dolly Vanderford Mahaffey	May Queen	1951
Nellie Bramlett Jepsen	May Queen	1952
Hazel Koon Pepper (deceased)	May Queen	1953
Shirley Gault Harris	May Queen	1954
Carolyn Inabinet McBride	May Queen	1955
Jane Clark	May Queen	1956
Jackie Fogle Smith	May Queen	1957
Sue Blanton Lampley	May Queen	1958
Pat Davis Corn (deceased)	May Queen	1959
Peggy Petty Mullinax	May Queen	1960
Suzanne Paris Bagwell	May Queen	1961
Jo Ann Hill Waddell	May Queen	1962
Nancy Harrison Fisk (deceased)	May Queen	1963
Brenda Wilkie Bender	May Queen	1964
Foy Free Pierce	May Queen	1965
Barbara Eubanks Sharp	May Queen	1966
Ann Amerson Morgan	May Queen	1967
Tami Kicidis Howell	May Queen	1968
Linda Powell Bertling	May Queen	1969
Anne Cason Brown	May Queen	1970
Jane Talbert	Miss Olympian	1971
Jenny Babb	Miss Olympian	1972
Janice Oates	Miss SJC	1974
Millie Jordan Melson	Miss SMC	1975
Vicky Jean McAbee Noe	Miss SMC	1976
Joy Culbreth McAbee	Miss SMC	1977
Pam Wilson	Miss SMC	1978
Sandra Irby Hawkins	Miss SMC	1979
Renee Pendergrass Norman	Miss SMC	1981
Regina Ashmore Betsill	Miss SMC	1987
Lisa Riddle	Miss SMC	1988
Stefanie Craig Leonard	Miss SMC	1989
Sonya Gaines Malone	Miss SMC	1991
Amy Bogan	Miss SMC	1992
Jeanne Alleva Geyer	Miss SMC	1993
Demetrice Glenn Morton	Miss SMC	1995
Lisa Littlejohn	Miss SMC	1996
Ginger West Mackey	Miss SMC	1998
Robyn Green Lynn	Miss SMC	2001
Maria "MJ" Glasby	Miss SMC	2003
Jerica Lemon	Miss SMC	2010

# In Memoriam

*"Those we hold dear never truly leave us...They live on in the kindness they showed, the comfort they shared, and the love they brought into our lives."* Norton

**Mrs. Bessie Hatchette Lawson**

'44 of Spartanburg, SC, died February 27, 2015.

**Mr. Guy Franklin Fain, Jr.**

'45 of Spartanburg, SC, died January 24, 2015.

**Mrs. Goldie Sprouse Bryant**

'48 of Spartanburg, SC, died January 31, 2015.

**Maj. Gilbert W. Littlejohn**

'48 of Greenville, SC, died October 26, 2014.

**Mr. James Olin Dodd, Sr.**

'49 of Boiling Springs, SC, died November 6, 2014.

**Mr. Philip Francis Foster**

'50 of Spartanburg, SC, died January 14, 2015.

**Mr. Joel Archer Cannon**

'51 of Columbia, SC, died October 7, 2014.

**Mr. Phil Duane Holden**

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

**Mr. Randall Pegram**

'65 of Saint Augustine, FL, died December 22, 2014.

**Mr. John R. Weeks**

'67 of Cheraw, SC, died November 2, 2014.

**The Honorable Randy Lee Mitchell**

'70 of Saluda, SC, died October 5, 2014.

**Mr. Gareth Delwin Scott, Jr.**

'84 of Moore, SC, died October 28, 2014.



# TO BE & TO DO. ALUMNI NEWS TO BE & TO DO.

## 1950s

**Dr. Raymond B. Howard** (Class of 1956) was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from The Baptist College of Florida in December 2012. He was recognized for his work in international missions and volunteer work for the college.

## 1970s

**Ms. Dale M. King** (Class of 1973) recently retired from Spartanburg County, SC District 2 schools with 35 years of experience.

**Mrs. Gloria Greer Elledge** (Class of 1976) started SMC with 3 school-aged children. She worked full-time as the director of a local agency. Her husband had a heart attack. She graduated with all A's and B's and made the Dean's List. She did not get to graduate with her class because she had to care for her husband. Mrs. Elledge is enjoying her retirement. She likes to make photo books for her children and grandchildren. Her last granddaughter started Clemson University this fall. Mrs. Elledge enjoys buying Clemson decor for her granddaughter's apartment. She is very active in her church and is currently working on a project where she collects stuffed animals for children that have been removed from their homes.

## 1980s

**Ms. Elizabeth Ann Campbell** (Class of 1980) was married in 2004 to Dennis Parham. She has worked for over thirty years in the Judicial System in Asheville, NC. Ms. Campbell enjoyed her two years at Spartanburg Methodist College. She says she received a quality education and enjoyed the people at SMC.

**Mrs. Angela Hall Strother** (Class of 1985) is in her 25th year as a special education teacher. Her oldest son is a firefighter/EMT and her younger son is a sophomore at SMC.

## 1990s

**The Reverend Thomas R. Bailey** (Class of 1995) was appointed as Pastor of Saint James United Methodist Church in Laurens, SC in June of 2014.

**Brad Roper** (Class of 1999) is now a United States Marshall. Brad was formerly with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Department.

## 2010s



**Stevonna Jeter** (Class of 2014) was recently inducted into the Tau Sigma National Honor Society at the University of South Carolina. Tau Sigma is a national academic honor society designed specifically to recognize and promote the academic excellence and involvement of transfer students.

Former Pioneer Men's Soccer standout **Sebastian Velasquez** (Class of 2012) (Greenville High) returned to South Carolina to play three matches in the Carolina Challenge Cup. Sebastian played two years at Spartanburg Methodist College and was named NJCAA Second Team All-American after a prolific scoring season in 2011, he scored 55 goals and added 33 assists in 33 games in two years at SMC. Read more about Sebastian's return to South Carolina [here](#).



**Jalen Nesbitt** (Class of 2013) credits SMC for success at North Florida. Now a Senior, he is the major reason why the Ospreys are in a position to contend for a spot in the NCAA tournament. Read more about Jalen [here](#).

Please share your news with us!! AND if you have a story that you would like to share, please contact Leah Pruitt, [pruittl@smcsc.edu](mailto:pruittl@smcsc.edu) and your story could appear in the next edition of FRONTIERS!!

**Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. (James 1:17)**

***“Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance.”***

**- Eckhart Tolle**



**“WE MAKE A LIVING by what we get, WE MAKE A LIFE by what we give.”**

**- Winston Churchill**



## Giving *truly* is better than receiving!



On Friday, December 5, 2014 Spartanburg Methodist College held its annual Christmas Party. Like many organizations today, SMC was looking for a **better way** to celebrate Christmas for its employees, and the 2014 holiday celebration, held from 11 am to 1:30 pm in the Phyllis Buchheit Board Room at SMC, focused on **giving back to the community**.

“The goal was to decorate and fill 500 gift bags for the College’s young friends at Jesse Bobo Elementary School. We enjoyed lively holiday music, great food and awesome fellowship, which provided an opportunity for faculty, staff as well as members of our Board of Trustees to participate in a team-building, morale boosting holiday party that made Christmas brighter for a very special group of young people,” shared President Keith.

In the days before the party, a small mountain of goodies grew — applesauce cups, packs of animal crackers, granola bars, Capri Sun drink packs, and an assortment of candy canes, fruit gummies, trinkets and school supplies. At first the task seemed daunting but the faculty and staff responded to the challenge.



With lots of laughter, healthy competition, cooperation and a spirit of joy, 603 bags were assembled in less than two hours! But the task was not complete and faculty and staff remained committed to seeing it through to the end. Helpers loaded cars and trucks to deliver the bags to Jesse Bobo.

As he watched the parade of workers carrying bags into the school, Jesse Bobo Principal Thomas Webster admitted that he did not expect that SMC would fulfill its pledge of a gift for every student. Admissions Director Mike Queen remarked that seeing children looking out the windows with smiles on their faces as they watched the delivery was a perfect end to the day.

This day was made possible by contributions from Costco, Sam’s Club, Target, Smilemakers, and Rubbermaid/Office Depot. Special thanks go to SMC Board of Trustees Chair, Penny Fisher, and Trustees Marianna Habisreutinger and Pasty Simmons for their support of this event. Thanks also go to all the SMC employees who contributed to the Dollars for Denim Fund.



## Michael Buffalo Smith, SMC Class on '86 is currently in the middle of a

book signing tour for his latest book, ***Rebel Yell: An Oral History of Southern Rock*** (Mercer University Press). The tour started here in his hometown of Spartanburg at Hub City Bookshop, with a signing and Q&A featuring special guests musicians from the book. The tour continued in Greenville, SC, followed by Tryon, NC. Smith is a strong supporter of independent bookstores, so every stop on the tour is being held at an indie store, and many will feature guest appearances from Southern Rockers featured in the book. The tour will continue through the end of April, with stops in Asheville, NC; Athens, GA.; Nashville, TN; Muscle Shoals, AL; Jacksonville, FL; Charlotte, NC; Atlanta, GA, ending at The Allman Brothers Band Big House Museum in Macon, GA on Sunday, April 12, 2015 with a free all-star concert.

**Rebel Yell** is made up of quotes from the biggest stars of Southern Rock, gathered from over 15 years on interviews Smith has conducted as a music journalist. It is filled with details and little known tales about The Allman Brothers Band, The Marshall Tucker Band, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Charlie Daniels, Molly Hatchet and more, and includes many never before published photos.

Smith says that his entire writing career stemmed from his life at Spartanburg Methodist College, and can be traced back to two professors that especially stand out as having encouraged him – **Dave Shuping** as his English and Creative Writing teacher, who was extremely encouraging; and **Kent Newberry**, who cast Smith in many plays and taught him to be comfortable speaking in front of large crowds. This also helped with Smith's other career as a musician and recording artist.

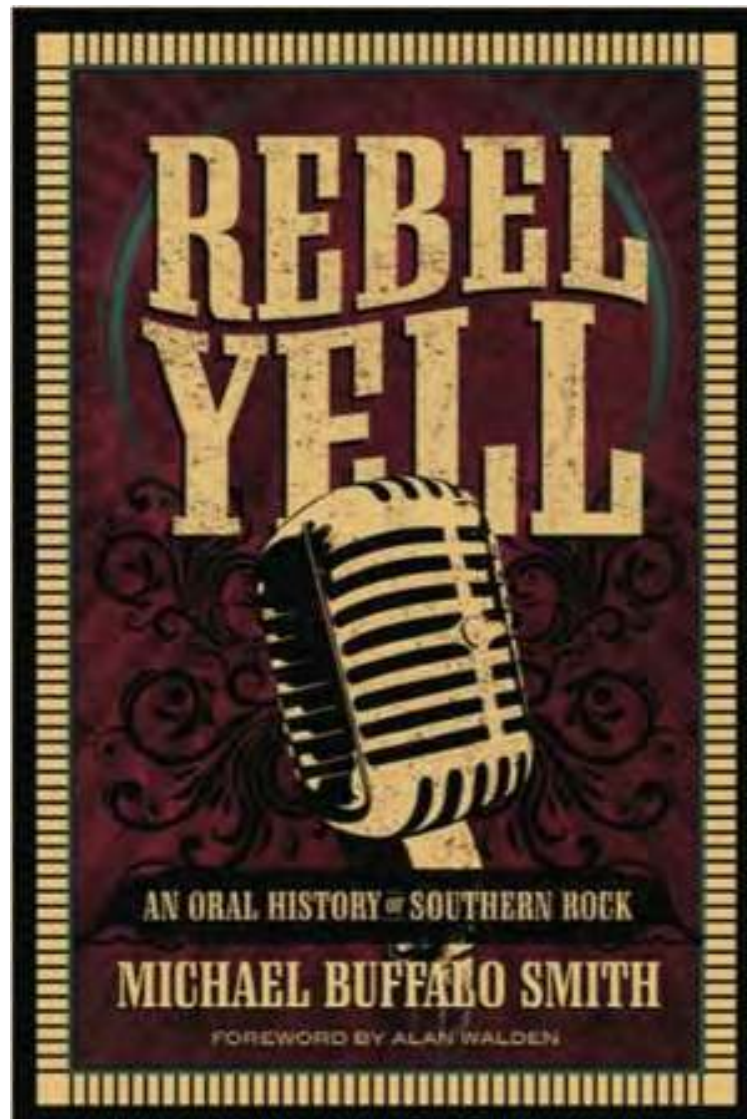
Oscar and Golden Globe Winning Actor Billy Bob Thornton said of Smith, "*Michael Buffalo Smith as a musician, writer, critic, and southern music historian really gets it. His taste and deep appreciation for the real thing are qualities that inspire all of us in his wake. And it's a big wake.*"

Galadrielle Allman, the only daughter of the late guitar hero Duane Allman, and author of the book ***Please Be With Me***, written about her Dad, says of **Rebel Yell**: "*There are many twists and turns in this tale, some funny, some tragic, all fascinating and in the end, inspiring. "Rebel Yell" is a gift Smith has given back to the musicians he has always loved, and we all benefit from receiving it.*"



Smith began his writing career in his hometown of Spartanburg, SC, where he wrote freelance music articles for *The Spartanburg Herald Journal*, and acted as Editor for regional newspapers that included *The Inman Times*, *The Boiling Springs Chronicle* and *The Polk County News Journal* (Columbus, NC). He also freelanced for *The Tryon Daily Bulletin* and *The Landrum News Leader*, before co-creating *EDGE Magazine* and *The Color Green*, both in Greenville, SC. In 1991 he embarked on a career in freelance journalism, writing for many national music magazines such as *Rolling Stone*, *Goldmine* and *Mojo*, as well as the South Carolina state magazine *Sandlapper*.

In 1996, his first book, ***Carolina Dreams: The Musical Legacy of Upstate South Carolina*** was published by Marshall Tucker Entertainment of Beverly Hills, CA, featuring a foreword from Charlie Daniels and an introduction from Marshall Tucker Band lead singer Doug Gray. Smith later published three books on the Lulu imprint; ***Outlaws, Rebels & Renegades Volumes 1 and 2***, each featuring over 500 pages of his interviews with Southern Rock and Outlaw Country stars. Also on Lulu was his "labor of love," ***The Brown Box: Remembering Greenville Memorial Auditorium***. In 2012 the prestigious Mercer University Press in Macon, GA published ***Prisoner of Southern Rock: A Memoir***, and in late 2014, they followed it with ***Rebel Yell***.



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***Rebel Yell*** is available in downtown Spartanburg at **Hub City Bookshop**, and may be ordered through most online book retailers, including Amazon and Barnes and Noble, or directly from the publisher at [mupress.org](http://mupress.org).

# Alumni Spotlight Travis Smith

Vocalist/guitarist **Travis Smith** (class of 2005) has brought his soulful sound to audiences throughout the southeast, performing in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Having been a featured act at Fall for Greenville, Spring Fling in Spartanburg, and benefit concerts for community outreach centers in the Upstate, Smith is rapidly becoming a fore-runner in the local music scene. His signature style is acoustic soul on guitar, heavily influenced by Motown hits of the '60s.

Growing up in the small town of Woodruff, S.C., Travis was introduced into the craft at three years old, inspired by the legendary hits of Stevie Wonder and other classics. By the time he reached the age of six, he had already begun to play piano and started singing at his church, Lower Shady Grove Baptist Church.

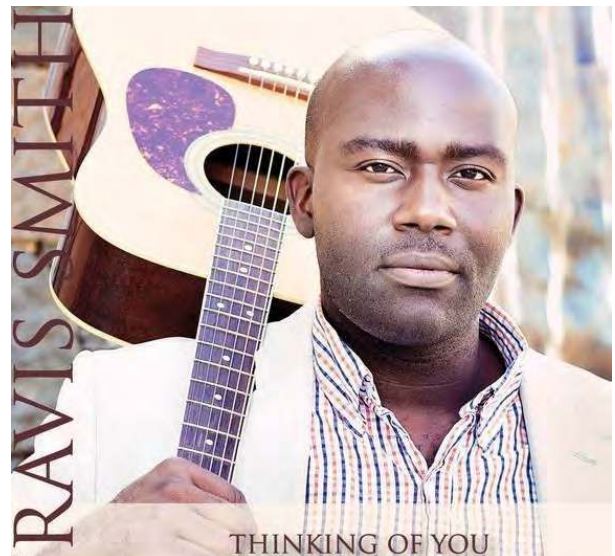


He continued to learn about music throughout his childhood and became a drum major for the Woodruff High School Marching Cadets; winning three trophies of Best Drum during high school. His voice also won him an award for Best Male Vocalist at the L. Walter's Talent Show in 2005. Travis also was the opener for Six-time Stellar Award-winner and Grammy Award-nominated gospel recording artist Vashawn Mitchell's ("Nobody Greater") at the Spartanburg, SC Spring Fling 2013.

Smith continued to expand his depth in college as he was repeatedly cast in plays and

performed with the school's choral groups.

Not only a solo performer, Travis Smith also plays with his band: The Travis Smith Project. Together, they have released two albums entitled "Childhood" (2009) and "Thinking of You" (2013). Their sound is often an eclectic mix of R&B, country, and gospel. Travis credits his family and friends for helping in establishing the Travis Smith Project, and influencing his songwriting.





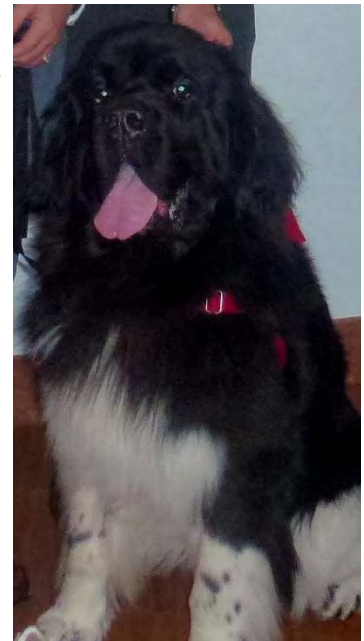
# Therapy Dogs Bring Love and Wet Kisses to SMC Students Preparing for Exams



Peggy Crawford, Director of the Spartanburg Chapter of Therapy Dogs International, and members of the local chapter brought their four-footed friends to visit the SMC campus on Thursday, November 20. The event was sponsored by Psi Beta, the Psychology Honor Society.

Founded in 1976, Therapy Dogs International is a volunteer organization dedicated to regulating, testing and registration of therapy dogs and their volunteer handlers for the purpose of visiting nursing homes, hospitals, other institutions and wherever else therapy dogs are needed.

During the presentation in the Chapel, SMC students learned about the difference that therapy dogs can make by providing comfort, love and companionship in stressful times. Their comments and the looks on their faces indicate that the students benefited in many ways from the visit. Matt Bishop from Spartanburg, SC said, "The dogs made me smile and so reminded me of the pets that were made available for my grandfather during the time he was in a nursing home. He so looked forward to their visiting daily and realized what good therapy they were for him and the other residents."



Desmond Wright from Chesnee, SC commented, "I was so impressed on how well trained the dogs were sitting so quietly in front of so many students. I could actually feel my own stress dissipating as I watched and listened to the program." Chandler Goodrich from Greer, SC remarked, "I thought the presentation was very interesting and made me miss my own dog. I can totally understand how petting the dogs could release stress and anxiety in people."



**SMC Chaplain  
Candice Sloan  
has issued a  
challenge to the  
College  
community to  
exceed 6,000  
hours this year!**

**During the 2013-2014 academic year, SMC  
faculty, staff and students participated in over  
6,000 hours of volunteer service!**

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community, the College has been named to  
the President's Higher Education Community  
Service Honor Roll. Each year the Honor Roll  
recognizes the role that colleges and  
universities play in solving community  
problems and placing more students on a  
lifelong path of civic engagement. The Honor  
Roll recognizes institutions that achieve  
meaningful, measureable outcomes in the  
communities that they serve.**

## **Dr. Mary Jane Farmer Granted Tenure @ SMC**

The Board of Trustees at SMC voted to award tenure to **Dr. Mary Jane Farmer**, Professor of Psychology during their Thursday, February 19, 2015 meeting. In higher education, tenure may be pursued and granted based on a rigorous review process conducted by peers, administrators, and Trustees. According to Dr. Ann Bowles, Vice President for Academic Affairs at SMC, "a faculty member's eligibility for tenure is determined first by teaching ability, followed by a combination of student advising, community service to the campus, professional development activities, and research/scholarship."



Farmer, born in the Philippines, graduated from Saint Louis University, Baguio City, Philippines with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She continued her studies at Cordillera University, earning a Master of Arts in Education, Major in Psychology. She returned to Saint Louis University to pursue a Doctor of Philosophy in Education graduating Cum Laude. Farmer began her teaching career at SMC as an adjunct faculty member in 2003 and has held the position of Professor of Psychology at SMC since 2006.

Prior to SMC, Farmer was an adjunct faculty member at Monroe County Community College in Monroe, MI and Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, MI. In addition to teaching, Farmer oversees SMC's awarding winning chapter of Psi Beta, the National Honor Society in Psychology for community and junior colleges. She has earned the respect of her peers who have chosen her as the recipient of the Huff Faculty Prize for outstanding teaching (2012), and the Exemplary Teacher Award sponsored by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (2008), and she was SMCs' nominee for the Governor's Professor of the Year Award in 2010.

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