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## President's Perspective



I often say that we have the best students anywhere, and this year's freshman class is no exception. While this class is smaller than recent freshman classes, it is academically stronger, with a higher average ACT score than last year.

Recruiting the right students is essential to our continued success as an institution; therefore, we constantly are analyzing and improving our recruitment process. Our new admissions publications that debuted this fall use the theme "Be a Bearcat." To support this theme, we developed a three-phrase tagline: Intellectually engaged. Faith inspired. Culturally relevant.

Essentially, this tagline describes what we do at SBU, how we do it and why we do it.

**We engage students intellectually.** This starts in the classroom, where students not only acquire knowledge but also critical thinking skills. However, intellectual growth goes far beyond the classroom walls to include study abroad programs and mission trips.

**Everything we do is guided by our Christian faith.** Spiritual growth and encouragement is central to all we do, including classroom instruction, dorm life and student activities. Spiritual growth is fostered through chapel services, Bible studies, community service projects, mission trips and much more. Many students serve in leadership roles in which they are challenged to learn team-building and leadership skills along with a strong work ethic.

**We prepare students for success in every aspect of their lives, not just the workplace.** Other universities have outstanding academic programs to prepare students for a successful career, but our distinctly Christian approach educates the entire person — academically, spiritually and socially. As our mission statement says, we are "preparing students to be servant leaders in a global society." We are equipping students to serve God in their careers, in their communities and in their churches.

While our recruiting and marketing efforts are critical to securing strong freshman classes, it also is crucial that you, our alumni and friends, be ambassadors for SBU.

One of SBU's greatest ambassadors, Norma Bishop, passed away Aug. 10 at the age of 96. Romans 12:11 says, "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." Norma had a zeal for the Lord and for SBU that could not be measured.

As you encounter students who are looking for a college home, please share your zeal for the Lord and for SBU.

Dr. C. Pat Taylor  
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# Elizabeth Busby named 2013 Homecoming Queen

BY REBEKAH WRIGHT '10

Senior Elizabeth Busby was named 2013 Homecoming Queen during halftime of the Homecoming football game Saturday, Oct. 5. Busby is an elementary education major with an emphasis in early childhood education. She is from Jenks, Okla., and is the daughter of Wilson and Janet Busby. After graduation, Busby looks forward to pursuing a career in teaching.

"I am so incredibly thankful and humbled by this honor. God has been faithful to provide friend after friend at SBU, and it has been such an encouragement to have the opportunity to see them all supporting me in something as lighthearted and fun as the honor of Homecoming Queen," said Busby.

Other queen candidates were Karen Fackler, Katelyn Hicks, Katie Kestner and Katelynn Zuercher. Fackler is a senior athletic training major from Troy, Mo. She is the daughter of Ervin Fackler. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school at SBU for her doctor of physical therapy.

Katelyn Hicks is a senior music education major from Springfield, Mo. She is the daughter of Jeff and Darla Hicks. After graduation, Katelyn plans to become an elementary school music teacher.

Katie Kestner is a senior exercise science major from Springfield, Ill. She is the daughter of Doug and Linda Kestner. After graduation, Katie will attend graduate school at SBU to pursue her doctor of physical therapy.

Katelynn Zuercher is a senior marketing and public relations major from Olathe, Kan. She is the daughter of Ray and Janell Zuercher. After graduation, Katelynn will be seeking employment in the marketing and public relations field and also hopes to travel the world.

Homecoming queen candidates were nominated by their peers and then a vote took place during the Homecoming Spirit Chapel to select the winner.





# Alumni recognition

*Awards celebrate service to SBU, God's kingdom*

Five SBU alumni were honored with awards during Homecoming events Oct. 4 and 5. Read about their life achievements and their time at SBU.

## Alumni Life Service Awards

Inspired by the Life Beautiful Award presented each year to one male and one female graduate, President John Dowdy suggested to the Southwest Baptist College Board of Trustees in 1955 that the Life Service Award be given annually to graduates whose lives have exemplified the principles, which are upheld at Southwest. The award is the highest recognition that the University can bestow upon an alumnus or alumna.

## Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award

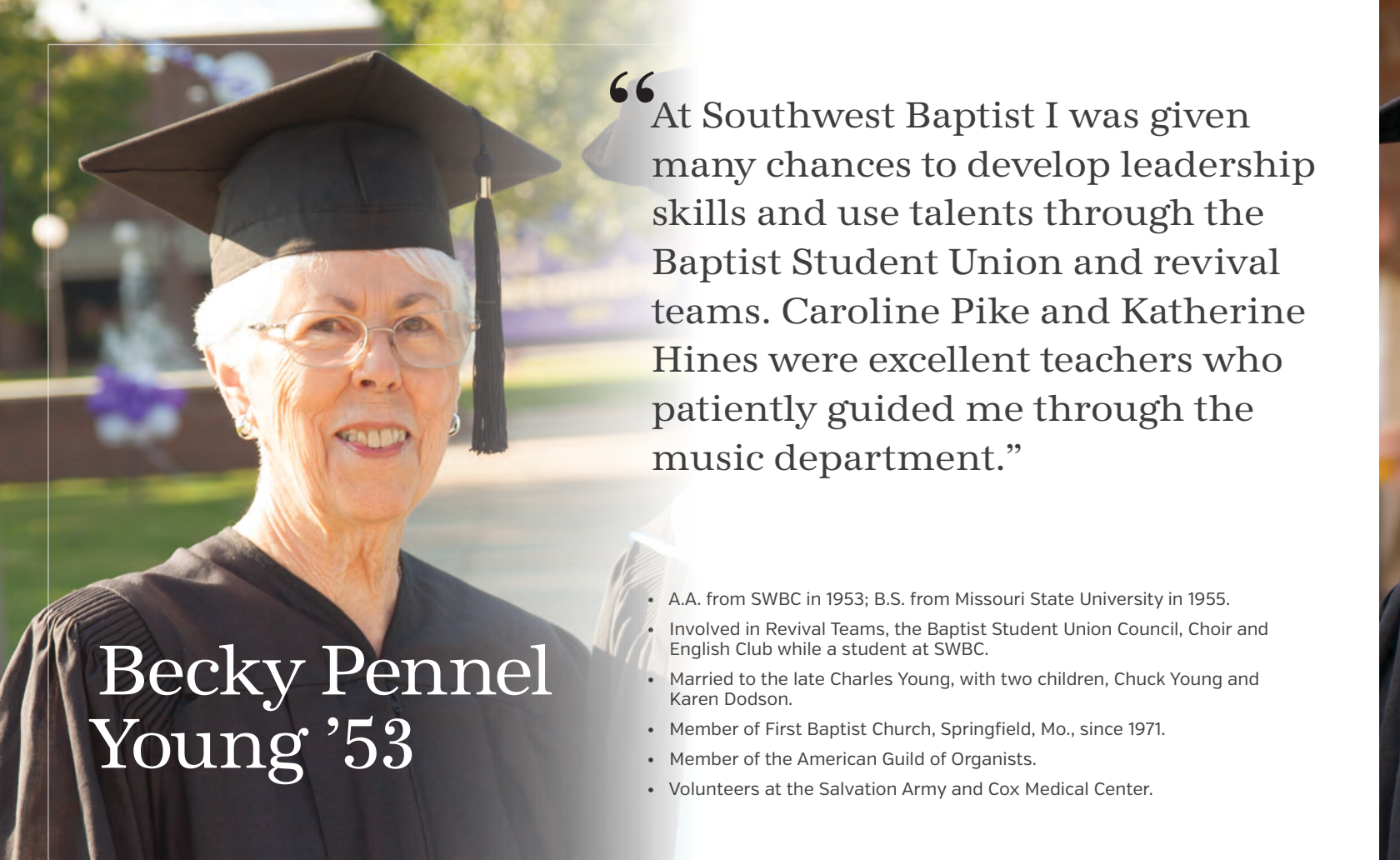
The Alumni Association presents the Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award annually to an alumnus or alumna who demonstrates the ideals personified by the late Edwin Lightfoot '40. The award criteria include alumni leadership in the University, dedication to the education and welfare of youth, and demonstrated support for SBU.

# Charlie Campbell '53

Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award winner

“When thinking about the years at SWBC and the things I enjoyed most, I immediately remember how we each came from different backgrounds, and as we began our first year together we realized that we enjoyed the same things. It was the friendship we found with each other that made us soon become like family. As we came to know the faculty, we also felt the closeness of family.”

- A.A. from SWBC in 1953; B.A. in Education from Drury University in 1957, Master of Business Administration from Drury University in 1963; Honorary Doctorate of Recreation from SBU in 2004.
- Member of the basketball, tennis and track teams while at SBU.
- Married to Wanda with two daughters, Susan Stuart and Cynthia Simons.
- Taught and coached basketball in Forsyth, Mo., for 15 years; received the Eddie Mathews “Coach of the Year” award in 1973.
- In 1977 went to work for Johnny Morris and Bass Pro Shops – helped with the design of the Bass Tracker boat, field-tested Bass Pro products, worked in public relations, fished the national tournament circuit, and helped conduct seminars throughout the United States.
- Inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.



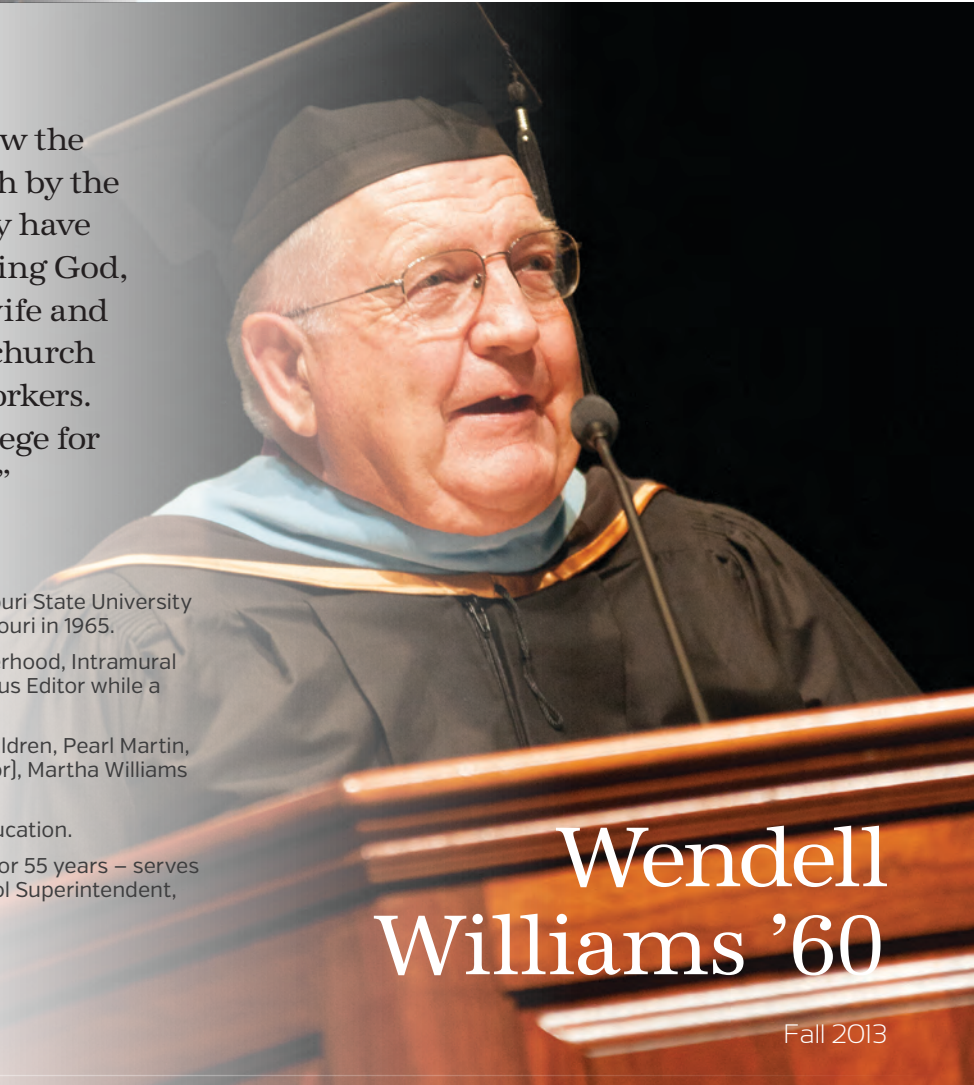
## Becky Pennel Young '53

“At Southwest Baptist I was given many chances to develop leadership skills and use talents through the Baptist Student Union and revival teams. Caroline Pike and Katherine Hines were excellent teachers who patiently guided me through the music department.”

- A.A. from SWBC in 1953; B.S. from Missouri State University in 1955.
- Involved in Revival Teams, the Baptist Student Union Council, Choir and English Club while a student at SWBC.
- Married to the late Charles Young, with two children, Chuck Young and Karen Dodson.
- Member of First Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo., since 1971.
- Member of the American Guild of Organists.
- Volunteers at the Salvation Army and Cox Medical Center.

“It was at SWBC that I learned to follow the example of dedicated service set forth by the faculty and staff. Any successes I may have had in life may be attributed to a loving God, encouraging parents, a supportive wife and family and many loyal and faithful church leaders, friends and influential co-workers. Thank you to Southwest Baptist College for helping shape my values and beliefs.”

- A.A. from SWBC in 1960; B.S. in Education from Missouri State University in 1962; M.S. in Education from the University of Missouri in 1965.
- Involved in the Baptist Student Union Council, Brotherhood, Intramural Basketball, the Life Service Band and was the Omnibus Editor while a student at SWBC.
- Married to Rebecca (Martin) Williams '59 with four children, Pearl Martin, Dr. Sarah Russback '86 [SBU Mountain View Professor], Martha Williams '94, and George Williams.
- Retired in 1992 after 32 years of working in public education.
- Member of Many Springs Baptist Church, Alton, Mo. for 55 years – serves as Chairman of Deacons and Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, formerly church treasurer for 35 years.



## Wendell Williams '60



## Shirley Carril Kurre '61

“My educational journey began in Bolivar, Mo., 50-plus years ago, but the University provided a foundation that would serve me not only through four years of college, but throughout my calling in elementary education. Teaching was God’s plan for me, the ministry He called me to. I am eternally grateful to Southwest Baptist University for preparing me to do His will.”

- A.A. from SWBC in 1961; B.S. in Education from Missouri State University in 1963.
- Was a member of the Mozarkian staff and was the Mozarkian queen at SWBC in 1961.
- Married to her high school sweetheart, Fred Kurre, with two daughters, Laura O’Heaney and Jacquelyn Sheppard.
- Retired in 1991 after working at Holy Rosary Catholic School in Fairmont City, Ill. for 41 years.
- Attends Murdock Baptist Church in Port Charlotte, FL.

“I am grateful to those who developed the teacher education program. My teaching certificate gives me credibility to teach English and share my faith in the public schools and universities of a land once closed to foreigners.”

- B.A. in English and Secondary Education from SWBC in 1969.
- Member of the Mozarkian staff and the Symphonic Winds Ensemble, RA in Leslie Hall, and Summer Missionary while at SWBC.
- Married to Charles '67, with five children, David Moeller, Amy Scott, Jonathan Moeller, Leigh Anne Funk, and Sarah Moeller.
- As the wife of a minister and homemaker, was involved in numerous church programs and outreaches; also volunteered hundreds of hours in the community, schools, and various Southern Baptist state convention ministries.
- Was a freelance writer of an assortment of Lifeway curriculum for several years.
- Missionary with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for the past 11 years.



## Bette Hall Moeller '69



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# Memories of a 1971 mission trip 'We traveled on faith'

BY CHARLOTTE HIGHSMITH MARSCH '97

Members of the 1971 mission trip who attended Homecoming are, from left, Gary Kelb, Marjorie Dean Northington, Mark Tappmeyer, Margaret Dean Pelletier and Dave Coy.

Through the University's Center for Global Connections, Southwest Baptist University trains more than 300 students each year for long-term mission opportunities around the world on about 30 different teams. Today's global mission projects at SBU have grown out of a short-term volunteer program started at SBU in 1980 called Church-planting and Mission Evangelism Outreach.

Nearly a decade earlier, however, seven students initiated their own six-month mission trip to Europe. It was sponsored not by SBU, but Pineville Baptist Church in Pineville, Ark., where several of the team members had served on a revival team, wrote a letter in support of the group.

Team members reunited during Homecoming Oct. 4 and 5, reminiscing about the trip: Dave Coy, '71; twin sisters Margaret Dean Pelletier and Marjorie Dean Northington, '73; Mark Tappmeyer, '74; and Gary Kelb, '75. Debbie Adams Fahim, '73, who lives in France, and David Adams, '74, who lives in Taiwan, joined the reunion via Skype.

"We were like brothers and sisters, and to this day we are so close," Marjorie said.

Except for Dave Coy, who recently was reconnected with the group, they all have stayed in touch during these last 42 years.

Unlike today's trips for which students go through a 13-week training course, raise money for trips and have a clear itinerary before leaving, the six students and one graduate who went to Europe from June to December 1971 left with prayer support from several area churches but little money.

"There's something about youthful innocence and trusting in the Lord," Marjorie said. "The Lord started filling in where we would go."

The team led youth revivals and Bible schools throughout England, Germany, Switzerland and Spain, receiving love offerings from the churches where they worked. They also learned to completely rely on God for even their basic needs.

"We traveled on faith," Margaret said. "One night we slept on the ground in pup tents that had been loaned to us by a church. Three of us girls slept in one tent. We had so little to eat that night that we sat in a dry fountain and we each ate seven ravioli squares. We told nobody that we had no food, but when we woke

up the next morning, there was a box of food by each tent."

"We called it manna from heaven," Marjorie added.

The Deans also recall a time when they had no money for train tickets, yet they went to the train station anyway. When they arrived, the church pastor who had driven them handed them an envelope with money that had been collected at his church.

"It was exactly the amount of money we needed for those tickets," Margaret said. "He literally gave us tickets when it was time to get on the train."

Dave graduated the month before the group left on the trip. He was a new Christian, having been saved while he was a student.

"It helped all of us to learn to share the gospel with anyone on the street," he said.

Though the students left with little money, they returned with \$1,200 that they used to "pay it forward" by donating the money to a group of SBU students that went to Munich, West Germany, to minister during the Olympic Games in 1972.

# 'Be like Norma'

## Friends, colleagues remember SBU ambassador

BY JESSICA OLIVER DREWS '09



**N**orma Bishop's legacy will far outlast her 96 years of life through the people who want to be just like her.

Bishop, a Bolivar High School and Southwest Baptist University graduate, and longtime educator, missionary and friend, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013.

"Norma Bishop lived a long and productive life," SBU President Dr. C. Pat Taylor said. "She had a tremendous amount of energy and was passionate about sharing her love for Christ and her love for SBU. She served on numerous mission trips including going to several Olympics. Norma had a positive impact on our university and on me personally. She truly made a difference and we will miss her."

Theresa Daniels, SBU's director of donor relations, met Bishop when she was a teacher at Humansville High School.

Daniels said she was only 11 or 12 years old at the time, so she never had Bishop as a teacher.

Daniels' and Bishop's 40-year friendship continued when Daniels joined the SBU staff many years later.

"What I admired most about Norma was her ability to encourage others to be a better person, to be more than they ever thought possible," Daniels said. "She was a great encourager."

Daniels remembers that when she became the interim alumni director at SBU, she felt "quite inadequate" for the job because she was not an SBU alumna. Daniels said Bishop was quick to make her feel at ease in her new job.

"She just told me that this wasn't something I couldn't do," Daniels said. "She encouraged me. She told me that I could do a good job. She was on the alumni board at the time, and she encouraged me to do the best I could do."

Bishop's full life included a teaching job in a one-room schoolhouse at the age of 17. Bishop went on to teach classes from kindergarten through college-level master's classes. She also taught at an international language school in Fresno, Calif., and at SBU for several years. Bishop visited 43 countries, and in 2012 said her favorite visit was to Australia. She traveled to Russia in 2006 to help teach English as a foreign language and also had the opportunity to attend several Olympic games.

Bishop said in 2012 that her family moved to Bolivar when she was 9 years old. She graduated from Bolivar High School in 1933. Bishop left the area when she began her teaching career and later

returned to Bolivar because she "wanted to come home."

Bishop graduated from Southwest Baptist College in 1936 with an associate's degree, and later earned a bachelor's degree in education from Missouri State University (1959) and a master's in reading from the University of Central Missouri (1972). She taught reading practicums at SBU from 1971 to 1989 and worked eight years as a switchboard operator at the University, retiring in 2009 at age 92.

Bishop was the recipient of SBU's Edwin Lightfoot Distinguished Alumni Award in 2001, the Life Service Award and the SBU Global Ambassador Award. She was presented with an honorary doctorate in 2007. Bishop also served as president of the 50-Year Club at SBU.

Bishop will be remembered as full of energy and love, and a great inspiration to many people, according to Daniels.

"She loved her family dearly," Daniels said. "She loved God and her family. She was a great inspiration and full of energy. I don't know how many people I've heard say, 'When I grow up, I want to be like Norma.' She was a great encourager and full of life. Even when she was diagnosed with cancer, she did not give up. She lived every day to the fullest and made each day count."

In a 2012 interview with the Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Bishop said her secrets to life were, "Enjoy life. Good genes. Working hard. Keep on breathing."

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# Questions

## with Pam Ferguson



*Pam Ferguson is the Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Enrollment Management. Her responsibilities include supervising work study students, assisting faculty, serving as the receptionist for the University Success Center and coordinating testing for Career Services, among other duties.*

*In each issue of SBU Life magazine, we interview one of our staff members so you can meet the people who help make SBU a Christ-centered, caring academic community.*

### What positions have you held at SBU?

Starting in 1985, I was a math adjunct instructor under Dr. Bev Harris, teaching mainly College Algebra, for 15 years. In April 2004, I became the Christian Ministries Department secretary in the Redford College until August 2008 when I moved into my current position in Enrollment Management.

### What do you enjoy most about working at SBU?

I enjoy working with students and helping them be acclimated to college life. One of the best things is the people with whom I work. We not only work together; we're the best of friends. That makes coming to work most enjoyable to me. I feel very blessed to be working in this area.

### What sets SBU apart from other universities?

Our emphasis on wanting to see students not only grow academically and socially but also spiritually.

### What advice do you have for prospective students?

Spend some time getting prepared for your transition into college life. Start learning to do things for yourself, and be prepared to study harder than you did in high school.

### What are your hobbies?

Reading and counted cross-stitch.



## Student-directed ‘The Ugly Duckling’ tours at local schools

BY REBEKAH WRIGHT '10

Senior Lauren Schriver directed the SBU production of “The Ugly Duckling,” which was performed at SBU Sept. 19 – 21. But the show didn’t stop there; Schriver and her cast then took the one-act play on the road to three area schools. Students at Bolivar Intermediate School, Central High School (Springfield) and Monett High School had the opportunity to see the SBU theatre show at their schools. This is the first time SBU Theatre has taken a production on tour, but it is something they hope will continue.

Jonathan Wehmeyer, instructor of theatre and Schriver’s directing mentor, said he hopes that future theatre productions can also go on tour because “it is a good service to both the area schools and to theatre as a whole, plus it helps spread the word about SBU Theatre.”

Taking productions on tour is an idea he has had since he joined the SBU faculty,

and he thought Schriver and the story of “The Ugly Duckling” would be the perfect opportunity.

SBU Theatre chose the play “The Ugly Duckling” because it is short, kid-friendly, funny and enjoyable for all audiences. “The Ugly Duckling” is written by A.A. Milne, author of the Winnie the Pooh series, and Milne’s dry humor and writing style are familiar and relatable. Wehmeyer also liked this story selection because he feels the values and morals presented in the story represent well the values held at SBU.

Schriver has certainly kept busy from undertaking such a large project but has enjoyed it and is thankful for the opportunity.

“I have learned that patience is a gift from God. I have had to learn to manage both my time and the time of others to create a product that represents myself,

the cast members and SBU well.”

After graduation Schriver hopes to pursue a career in arts management. Through directing an SBU Theatre production she has learned valuable skills that will help her in the future such as managing a budget, schedule and cast meetings. Schriver received practicum credit for her work on this project, which is something Wehmeyer hopes to be able to carry forward with future students.

“It is important to us [the theatre faculty] that our students have practical experience to be prepared for their future careers,” Wehmeyer said.

Schriver will graduate in December with degrees in theatre and public relations.



## SBU one of 22 universities nationwide to receive 'A' rating for curriculum

Southwest Baptist received an "A" rating, based on general education course requirements, in the 2013-2014 edition of "What Will They Learn?" The report was released today by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni.

"It is a significant honor for SBU's curriculum to receive a grade of 'A' in this national study," said SBU Provost Dr. Bill Brown. "One of the challenges facing universities today is to provide an up-to-date curriculum that not only prepares students for today's jobs, but also prepares them to be life-long learners, good communicators and critical thinkers. We believe SBU does these things extremely well and does them in a Christian environment."

The study examines four crucial components of higher education excellence and value: the curriculum (rated "A" through "F"), the four-year graduation rate, freedom of speech on campus, and college cost. The analysis is based on publicly available information found in course catalogs and, occasionally, syllabi.

Only 22 institutions nationwide (2 percent) received an "A" grade for requiring at least six of seven subjects that are essential to a liberal arts education: literature, composition, economics, math, intermediate level foreign language, science, and American government/history. SBU requires all but the foreign language. The average institution requires three of the seven courses.

Other colleges with an "A" ranking are Pepperdine University, Thomas Aquinas College, Colorado Christian University, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Clark Atlanta University, Kennesaw State University, Morehouse College, University of Georgia, St. John's College (MD), Gardner-Webb University, Thomas More College of Liberal Arts, St. John's College (NM), U.S. Military Academy, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Baylor University, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, University of Dallas, University of Texas – San Antonio, Bluefield College and Regent University.

More detailed data for the 1,091 colleges and universities evaluated is available at [whatwilltheylearn.com](http://whatwilltheylearn.com).

### Brown receives Parkway Distinguished Teacher Award

Kathy Brown, D.M.A., professor of music, was awarded the 2013 Parkway Distinguished Teacher Award during formal convocation Aug. 21.

The Christian College Education Committee of Parkway Baptist Church in Saint Louis awards this honor annually to faculty members from each of the Missouri Baptist colleges who have made outstanding contributions to Christian education.

Brown has been a member of the SBU music faculty for 32 years. Her teaching responsibilities include elementary music education and vocal diction, with the majority of her teaching load being in applied music (private voice lessons). During the past year, she brought to fruition her extensive research on voice teaching with her book *Lotte Lehmann in America: Her Legacy as Artist Teacher, with Commentaries from Her Master Classes*, published by The College Music Society.

### Wei, Marsch are 'Newcomers of the Year'

The Newcomer of the Year awards recognize one full-time faculty member and one non-teaching staff member who,

in their first months of employment at Southwest Baptist University, demonstrate exceptional commitment to the University's mission and make a positive impact as part of the SBU family.

**Faculty Newcomer of the Year Tao Wei, Ph.D.:** Dr. Wei has a medical degree from Henan Medical University in China and a Ph.D. in microbiology from Uppsala University in Sweden. He is an associate professor of biology and continues to do an extensive amount of medical research.

**Staff Newcomer of the Year Charlotte Marsch:** A 1997 SBU graduate with a bachelor of arts degree in communication arts, Marsch joined SBU in January as director of marketing and communications. She previously worked for the Bolivar Herald-Free Press for 16 years, the last eight of those years as editor.

### SBU, Mercy Hospital partner for radiologic technology program

Southwest Baptist University and Mercy Hospital Springfield's School of Radiologic Technology have partnered in a joint sponsorship to offer an associate of science in radiography (ASR) at Mercy College of Nursing and Health Sciences of SBU's Springfield campus. The first class began in July.

Radiography students will receive the same quality clinical education along with an enhanced didactic curriculum," said program director Joan Hedrick, M.Ed., R.T.(R)(M).

With additional courses offered at Mercy College, students can also receive a bachelor of science in health science.

### Kilpatrick, Douglas new department chairs

SBU's 2013-14 academic year began with two new department chairs.

Shelley Kilpatrick, Ph.D., professor of psychology, is now chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences. She received her Ph.D. from University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and has taught at SBU since 2003. Kilpatrick assumes the role of department chair after the promotion of Kevin Schriver, Psy.D., to dean of the College of Education and Social Sciences Aug. 1.

Tom Douglas, M.F.A., is new to the SBU faculty serving as associate professor of art and chair of the Department of Art. He earned his Master of Fine Arts from the University of Mississippi and has taught art since 1983. He comes from Itawamba Community College in Fulton, Miss., where he was department chair.

## New faculty join SBU for 2013-2014 academic year

PHOTO: New SBU faculty 2013

New faculty members are, from left, front row – Nancy Colbaugh, Tammy Condren, Angie Carr; back row – Coyle Neal, Cindy Wolfe, Marsha Trantham, Meilani Conley, Paul Putt. Not pictured: Tom Douglas, Amy Jones, Lisa Percival, Marty Stockstill.

SBU welcomed 12 new faculty members for the 2013-14 academic year.

Angela Carr is the new instructor of business administration. Carr holds a B.S. from Missouri State University and M.S. from Southwest Baptist University. Carr has previously taught as an SBU adjunct and now moves into a full-time faculty position.

Dr. Nancy Colbaugh joins SBU as an assistant professor of graduate education. Colbaugh holds a B.S. from Evangel University, M.S. from Missouri State University, Ed.S. from Missouri State University, and Ed.D. from University of Missouri-Columbia.

Dr. Tammy Condren is an assistant professor and education doctorate coordinator. Condren holds a B.S. from Southwest Baptist University, M.S. from Missouri State University, Ed.S. from Missouri State University, and Ed.D. from University of Missouri-Columbia.

Meilani Conley is the new instructor of computer and information sciences. Conley has a B.S. from Southwest Baptist University and M.S. from University of Phoenix.

Tom Douglas is an associate professor and the new chair of the department of art. Douglas holds a B.F.A. from Austin Peay State University and M.F.A. from University of Mississippi.

Amy Jones joins SBU's Springfield campus as an instructor of nursing. Jones holds an A.S.N. from Cox College of Nursing, B.S.N. from Cox College of Nursing, and M.S.N. from University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Dr. Coyle Neal is the new assistant professor of political science. Neal holds a B.S. from University of Wyoming, M.A. from Catholic University of America, and Ph.D. from Catholic University of America.

Lisa Percival is an instructor of

athletic training. Percival holds a B.S. from Gardner-Webb University and M.Ed. from University of Texas-Tyler.

Paul Putt is the new instructor of exercise science. Putt holds a B.S. from Southwest Baptist University and M.S. from University of Central Missouri.

Marty Stockstill joined the SBU faculty in January 2013 as an instructor and clinical education facilitator in the department of physical therapy. Stockstill holds a B.S. and M.S. from Missouri State University.

Marsha Trantham is a new assistant professor of physical therapy. Trantham holds a B.S. from Missouri State University and M.S.P.T. from Texas Woman's University.

Dr. Cindy Wolfe joins SBU as the new professor of biology. Wolfe holds a B.S. from Southwest Baptist University and Ph.D. from Purdue University.

**1948**

**Fred Lollar** and **Virginia (Bowman)** of Chico, Calif., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on September 3. They met at SWBC in Mamie Hamlett's Latin class.  
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**1952**

**Mel Lantz** and **Opal** announce their 60th wedding anniversary. They met in 1950 as students at SWBC. Mel pastored for 45 years in churches throughout Missouri, Kentucky and Iowa. Mel and Opal have two children and three grandchildren. They "hope that all of you know how true it is: 'God is so good ... all the time!'"

**1955**

**Wally Poor** served as a missionary from 1969 to 2001 with five other couples. In 2012 Wally wrote the book "Faithful" about their mission work in Lebanon, Columbia, Costa Rica and Panama, Malaysia (later China and Mongolia) and Kenya.

**1963**

**Brenda (McGlaughlin) McClain** works at Francis Howell Central High School in St. Charles, Mo. She is active in Operation Christmas Child and serves on a prayer team. Brenda is also very active in her church serving on the Women's Ministry Council. She has three children, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. 271 Scenic

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[bjmclain@live.com](mailto:bjmclain@live.com)

**1970**

**Nancy (Harris) James** married Michael James in 1970. Michael is a board certified Ph.D. in language and literacy from the University of South Carolina. They have two children, Joseph and Eva, and two grandsons ages 8 and 5. They are planning on retiring near Springfield, Mo., in the near future. Nancy is looking for news about her old roommate, Kathy Grantham. [88doc@sc.rr.com](mailto:88doc@sc.rr.com)

**1973**

**Janet Pybas-Leiner Arnold** has six grandchildren – four girls and two boys. She is disability retired after many years of teaching and educational administration. She is enjoying life with her husband, Mark Arnold. Their home was barely missed by the May 20 tornado in Moore, Okla. 1036 NW 7th Pl, Moore, OK 73160. [janet.arnold51@gmail.com](mailto:janet.arnold51@gmail.com)

**1976**

**Ronald Woodrum** has started as pastor at the Tri Valley Baptist Church in Bloomington, Ill. 23700 E. 1400 N Rd., Ellsworth, IL 61737.  
[Ronbon55@yahoo.com](mailto:Ronbon55@yahoo.com)

**1978**

**Philip Fox** began pastoring Faith Community Church of Prairie City, Mo., in January 2013. 2791 E.

Canton Rd., Hume, MO 64752.  
[philipleefox@yahoo.com](mailto:philipleefox@yahoo.com)

**1979**

**Phil Smart** has traveled from the Amazon jungle to the Himalayas of China. He has written these travels down in his new memoir, "By Any Means- A Travel Memoir of Wild Rides and Adventures." Phil also serves as the Global Outreach Pastor at the Kentwood Community Church. [psmart@kconline.org](mailto:psmart@kconline.org)

**1980**

**Greg Poston** has retired from the transportation industry and is now a full-time caddy on the Senior PGA Tour. His adventures are posted on his blog at [www.outdoorbutler.wordpress.com](http://www.outdoorbutler.wordpress.com).  
[gposton@cfl.rr.com](mailto:gposton@cfl.rr.com)

**1982**

**Susan King Hazelrigg** retired in June from the Raytown Missouri School District, where she served as the high school vocal music teacher and as the district fine arts coordinator. Prior to retiring, she taught 31 years in Missouri. In retirement, Susan plans on spending more time with her husband and 11-year-old daughter and writing music. 1561 Brompton Ln, Raymore, MO 64083. [susanhazelrigg@gmail.com](mailto:susanhazelrigg@gmail.com)

**1984**

**Brent Dickerson** has been involved in a bi-voca-

Stephanie Miller named new vice president at Westminster College

**Dr. Stephanie Miller '80** has been named the new Vice President and Dean for Enrollment Management at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. Dr. Miller graduated from Southwest Baptist College and has worked for her alma mater for nearly 30 years serving as physical education faculty member, head volleyball coach, athletics administrator and, most recently, vice president of enrollment management. During her time at SBU she has developed and implemented the University Success Center, which has significantly improved freshman retention. She has also developed a university-wide integrated marketing plan, championed the need for and helped develop the honors program and has made many other significant contributions to SBU.

SBU alum named MSCPA Student of the Year

**Caleb Harris '13** has been named the 2012-2013 Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA) Student of the Year. Harris has a B.S. in Accounting and Economics/Finance.

Since graduation, Harris has begun work as a staff auditor for BKD, LLP in Springfield, Mo. BKD, LLP is the 12th-largest CPA firm in the U.S. He has also completed the CPA examination with one of the highest scores in the nation, with an average score of 96.25 on the four-part exam.

Meg Wilson stars in 'Seasons of Gray'

**Meg (Parker) Wilson '09** stars in the movie, "Seasons of Gray," released to theaters in September. The movie is a modern-day retelling of the biblical story of Joseph.

Wilson has a B.A. in Speech Communication and Theatre. While at SBU she performed in several theatre productions and was nominated for the Irene Ryan acting scholarship for her role as Amy in SBU's production of "Little Women." She spent the 2009 spring semester at the Los Angeles Film Studies Center through the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities' Best Semester program.

"The SBU theatre program taught me that we don't have to sacrifice quality for Christianity," Wilson said. "As believers, we should be the best storytellers in the realm of fine art; after all, we have the greatest story to tell."

tional ministry in the Kansas City Metro area. His newest calling was to be the volunteer worship leader in a small congregation on the rebound. Brent recognizes that SBU was his strong beginning to everything he has done. 19617 E. 11th Ter., Independence, MO 64056.

[brent.dickerson@att.net](mailto:brent.dickerson@att.net)

**Paul Hickey** recently retired from Missouri Public Schools after 29 years, the last 21 years at St. Clair High School. He taught English, speech and drama. He directed more than 50 plays during his teaching career and coached speech teams his entire teaching career. Several of his students qualified for MSHSAA state contest during his tenure. He was presented the MSHSAA South-Central Speech Coach of the Year Award in March. Paul and his wife, Pamela (Wootton) '83, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary during the summer with an Alaskan Cruise. They have two daughters, Rachel, 20, and Charity, 28. His future plans are to travel, ride Terra Trike, possibly teach part time and look for work in the field of acting or performing. 1006 Missouri Ave., St. Clair, MO 63077. [pphickey@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:pphickey@sbcbglobal.net)

## 1986

**Stuart Gilstrap** has joined the ministry team at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Lebanon, Mo., as the Worship and Family Life Pastor, where David Brown '88 serves as Pastor. Stuart served in various ministry positions for 31 years, including First Baptist Church of Richland, Mo., and New Life Church in Osceola, Ind. Stuart is currently completing his Master of Arts from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Julie (Gray) '84, have four grown children and have recently become grandparents. Stuart can be reached at (417) 532-6159 or [sgilstrap@lebanon-hbc.com](mailto:sgilstrap@lebanon-hbc.com).

## 1989

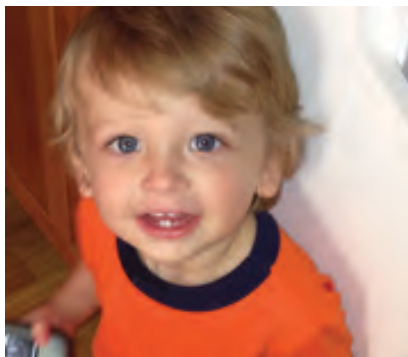
**Mike Reid** is no longer on active duty in Indiana. Since then he moved his family, wife Becky and children Heather, 17; Hannah, 14; and Joy, 6, to Greenwood, Ind. Becky directs the Children's Ministry at Christian Fellowship Church. Mike is starting a new ministry called ISpossible.org, and the two oldest daughters just returned from the mission field.

## Future Bearcats

**Eric Washington '93** and his wife, Elizabeth, would like to announce the birth of their sixth son, Dante Lorenzo Washington. Dante was born May 19, 2013, with a rare genetic brain disorder, and they would appreciate prayer. Eric works as a Federal Corrections Officer for the Federal Prison Medical Center in Springfield, Mo. Elizabeth works as the Special Education Director for Ash Grove Public Schools. Eric and Elizabeth also have five other sons, Darian, 7; Deric, 5; Denzel, 2; and twins they are adopting, 1.



**Sarah (Mercer) Ballard '01** and husband, Josh Ballard, announce the birth of their son, Isaac Joshua Ballard, on May 2, 2012. [Sjballard04@hotmail.com](mailto:Sjballard04@hotmail.com)



## In Memory

**Wayne Wood '86**, passed away July 3, 2013. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served in World War II. Dr. Wood pastored several churches in southeast Missouri and retired as the head of the education department at SBU.

Grant Fieldon Brown, 6, son of **Dr. Jeffrey '92** and **Carolynne (Hitter) Brown '92** of Somerville, Mass., passed away Tuesday evening, July 23, 2013, at the University of North Carolina Children's Hospital in Chapel Hill, N.C. He had just completed his Kindergarten year at New Covenant School in Arlington, Mass.

**Dr. H.K. Neely Jr.**, retired dean of the Redford College of Theology and Church Vocations and vice president of denominational relations at Southwest Baptist University, passed away Sunday, Sept. 22, in Waco, Texas. He was 79.

Dr. Neely answered God's call to serve at SBU on two occasions. Early in his career, he served SBU as director of in-service training for ministerial students and then became a faculty member and dean of the Redford College of Theology. He was the inaugural recipient of SBU's Orien B. Hendrix Distinguished Teacher Award in 1969.

After serving at Hardin Simmons University in Texas from 1980-1998, Dr. Neely returned to SBU in July 1998 to once again serve as dean of the Redford College of Theology and vice president of denominational relations. He served in that capacity until he retired from SBU in 2002.

## SBU alum named Outstanding Professor of the Year at Dallas Baptist University


**Joe Matos '88** has been named the 2013-14 Outstanding Professor at Dallas Baptist University. Matos has a B.A. in Religious Studies. He has also earned M.Div. B.L. and Ph.D. degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Matos is a Professor of Biblical Studies at DBU. He was chosen for this award by the other DBU faculty members.

## Jessica Drews named Outstanding Young Journalist

The Missouri Press Association has recognized **Jessica (Oliver) Drews '09** as one of the Missouri Outstanding Young Journalist award recipients for 2013. Drews has a B.A. in English, and while at SBU she was editor-in-chief and reporter for the Omnibus, SBU's student newspaper.

Drews now works for the Bolivar Herald-Free Press as reporter, photographer, editor and page designer. She also creates graphics for stories and paginated pages for the newspaper. Drews writes human interest features, hard news and enterprise stories.

# » Be Social

Read what students are tweeting about SBU. 

#Sbuniv wins the award for most adorable alumni. #SBUHC13  
Trin Griffin @TrinGriffin 4 Oct

I love seeing the alumni on campus. It's the past coming together with the future. #sbuHC13  
Sarah VandaVeer @SarahVandaVeer 4 Oct

I really feel like God has lead me to the right school... Especially after Chapel and prayer before each class! @SBUniv #SoBlessed  
Brice Benham @BriceTanner13 19 Aug

Love it when teachers challenge me to think for myself and research the info for myself instead of force feeding me info. @SBUniv #Lentz  
abigailduryee @abigailduryee 20 Aug

C. Pat might me the most precious man in existence. #SBUHC13 #sbuniv #honorschapel  
Sarah VandaVeer @SarahVandaVeer 4 Oct

I just love the professors here. They are so inspirational and have a heart to see you succeed. It's a huge encouragement. Thank you #sbuniv  
Abraham Pascoe @AbrahamPascoe 17 Sep

Love what the Lord is doing on this campus! #sbuniv #CommunityInAction #LifeTogether  
Stevie Spencer @stevie2010 29 Aug

## #SBUniv

Be social with SBU on Twitter, Facebook, Google+ and Instagram.

## SBU alum joins the Southern Baptist ERLC staff

**Andrew Walker '08** has been appointed director of policy studies for the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC). Walker has a B.A. in Religious Studies and has previously served as a policy analyst for The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C.

At the ERLC, Walker will coordinate strategies for equipping churches to handle concerns about moral and policy issues. Walker credits SBU with preparing him for this role saying, "SBU's theology department prepared me wonderfully for seminary and made me a life-long learner."

## Josh Hedger to lead new Midwestern Seminary Center for Church Planting

On Sept. 16, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary announced the launch of its new Center for Church Planting and named **Josh Hedger '04**, a noted North American Mission Board church planter, as its leader. According to the seminary president, Jason Allen, the Center for Church Planting will help be a catalyst for church planting in Kansas City and the Midwest.

Hedger has a B.A. in Christian Ministry with emphasis in missions. He has most recently served as the lead pastor of Freshwater Church in Bolivar. Allen said, "Josh Hedger is uniquely prepared to lead the Midwestern Seminary Center for Church Planting. He is a proven church planter, having started and led one the fastest-growing churches in America. He is a leader in the church planting movement, in the state convention, and is increasingly so in the broader SBC and church-planting world. Though young, he is widely respected by pastors of all ages throughout the convention."

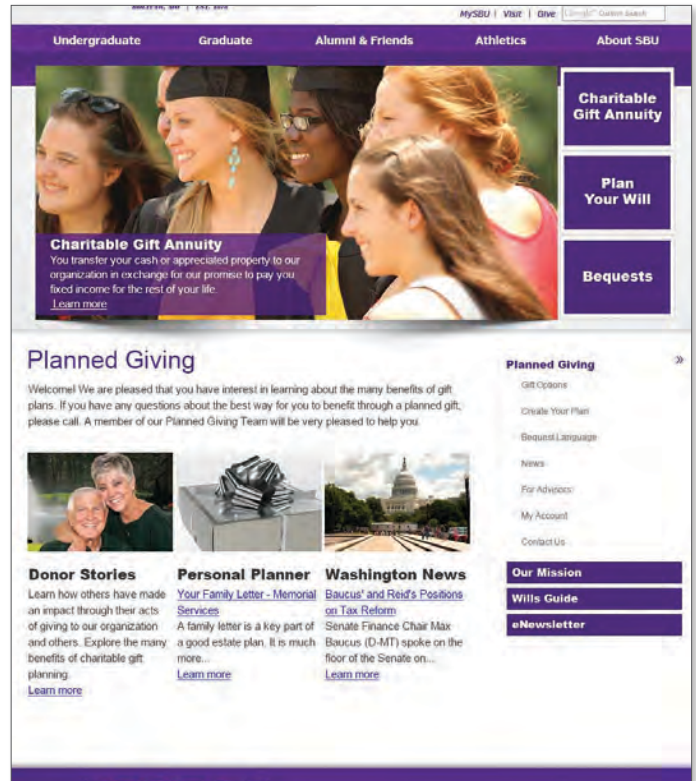
For more SBU News, visit [www.sbuniv.edu/news](http://www.sbuniv.edu/news). Did you know SBU has an RSS news feed? Check it out online!

# University Relations launches SBU Legacy web site

The University Relations Division recently launched its SBU Legacy website that provides alumni and friends with a way to explore charitable giving options. In addition to exploring the many gift options and estate planning information, the website will offer a "Wills Planner" that serves as a guide in preparing for the conversation with legal counsel.

The new SBU Legacy website will also feature a number of SBU donor and graduate stories, as well as national news features that pertain to household organization, personal finance, charitable giving and estate planning. The news features are updated weekly so that you can stay up to date on the latest developments impacting you and your family.

"We are planning for the SBU Legacy site to become an integral part of the stewardship services we offer to alumni and friends as they consider charitable giving to the University," said Dr. Brad Johnson, vice president for university relations. "Our hope is that the new site will provide our alumni and friends with the informational tools and resources necessary to achieve their goals while also providing resources that secure the SBU opportunity for students of the future."



The new site looks very similar to the University's website and can be accessed at [www.SBULegacy.org](http://www.SBULegacy.org).

Please note that alumni updates are published in *SBU Life* in the order they are received, depending on the space available in each issue. Therefore, it may take several months for Keeping in Touch submissions to be printed. Also, we will be happy to list your weddings and babies, but it is our policy not to list engagements or little expectations.



## Let's Keep in Touch!

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Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Return to:** Southwest Baptist University • Office of Alumni Relations • 1600 University Avenue • Bolivar, MO 65613  
 You can also complete this form online at [www.SBUUniv.edu/alumni](http://www.SBUUniv.edu/alumni) if it's more convenient.

# Guess Who?

Elizabeth Busby was named 2013 Homecoming Queen, but check out these pictures of previous Homecoming Queens. Can you identify any of these ladies? Everyone who correctly identifies at least one of these queens will be entered into a prize drawing.

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Submit your guesses by email to [SBUcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:SBUcommunications@gmail.com) or by mail to: Office of Marketing and Communications, 1600 Universtiy Ave., Bolivar MO 65613. Entries must be received by Dec. 2.



**A**round dinnertime tonight, I received a call from a call center rep at Meghan's university. She asked the usual, "How are you doing tonight and have I reached you at a bad time?"

Truth be told, I had a long and stressful day at work, didn't feel well at all and was right in the middle of preparing supper. I let her continue anyway, and I'm so glad I did. She thanked me for a small donation we made to the Foundation and then I anticipated the long explanation of why the institution needed more funding.

Surprisingly, she said her school was just grateful for our contribution and wanted to see if there was anything she could praying for me and my family. I shared some things that had been on my heart and mind throughout the day and she assured me that my requests would be lifted in prayer by her team tonight and she would personally be praying for me this week.

No ask. Just a prayer and one more reason I'm grateful God led Meghan to SBU where they are preparing students not only academically, but spiritually, as well.

*Ann Teget  
Crete, Neb.*

**"I will give thanks  
to you, LORD, with  
all my heart; I will  
tell of all your  
wonderful deeds."**

*- Psalm 9:1*

*The annual Thank-a-thon began in October. SBU students began calling alumni and friends of the University who supported SBU last year. SBU's Mission statement says that we are Christ-centered and caring... The Thank-a-thon allows us as a University to put that statement into action. The students in the Call Center call approximately 2,500 individuals just to say thank you. The students also ask if they can pray for these individuals in any specific way. A follow-up card is sent to that individual later that week signed by each of the callers. At the end of the night the callers circle up and pray for each request listed that night. We appreciate the support of our SBU family; we wouldn't be here without you!*

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## ***SBU Mobile is here!***

SBU Mobile, SBU's all-new mobile app, launched this fall, and it has an "Alumni & Friends" persona with information tailored specifically for our alumni.

Keep informed about what is happening on SBU's campus through event calendars and news feeds. Stay current with SBU Bearcats Athletics and stay connected through social media channel. You can also submit Keeping in Touch information right from your phone.

SBU Mobile is a free download for the Apple iPhone and Android phones.

