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Any one who has been around the MBA campus this fall has seen the incredible physical transformations that have taken place. From increased parking and sidewalks, to a new tennis complex, or a massive parking garage rising daily, the campus has seen incredible change in the course of a few months. The construction has added a new level of energy and excitement to our daily lives here at school, as we imagine the great things the new additions will allow us to do.

Just as exciting has been the achievements of our boys this fall. Led by an outstanding group of seniors who have brought a level a maturity and care for the school that very few people expected, the first semester has seen true examples of the MBA ideal of Gentleman, Scholar, and Athlete. The school led the way at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, with hundreds of participants and volunteers and raising more money than any other organization in Middle Tennessee. The Class of 2011’s 16 National Merit Semifinalists tied for the most in the state of Tennessee, while the school can claim six-dozen Advance Placement Scholars for the exams given last spring. Three plays, numerous awards in art and music, a playoff run on the gridiron, and an unprecedented championship in Cross Country just scratch the surface of what took place in the first half of the year.

With all of the exciting things happening on campus, we also wanted to let you know about a big transformation to the MBA Alumni Association website. When you log on to montgomerybell.edu/alumni, you will find a comprehensive alumni directory that will enable you to locate and communicate with classmates or search for networking contacts in your area. You will also be able to keep up to date with alumni news, and register for events such as reunion, out-of-town receptions, and service opportunities. The Alumni and Development Office and our partner PCI hope that the new site will provide a user-friendly experience that will become a valuable resource for all things MBA. We look forward to hearing your feedback on the new site, as well as seeing you on campus.

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In November of 2010, I witnessed one of the most spectacular school and athletic events I have seen in the past 35 years. Our cross country team, having won the state championship last year and being situated positively with the return of six of their top runners, captured that second victory in perfect form. For the first time in Tennessee cross country history, the team finished in the top five places to earn the best score possible and to achieve a record never to be bettered. It was just as fun to see hundreds of fans cheering our boys to victory. Even the casual observer would have noticed these fans covered the spectrum of football and lacrosse and debate and music and theater. The perfect score was only enhanced by the kind of community I regularly enjoy seeing and working with at MBA. I invite you to find as many opportunities as possible to participate in this community.

The fall of 2010 also signaled a number of new initiatives for MBA. Our first group of students who studied abroad under the new Wilson Grants returned to the campus challenging our Language Department to be better and more expansive. Our campus continues to witness some major construction so that our school programs have the kind of buildings and facilities that will match the excellence, the people, and the programs at MBA. The new entrance on the east side of the campus will be finished this coming July. MBA now has its own internal road on the south side of the campus, as well as eight new tennis courts scheduled to be finished in April of 2011. Our enrollment has been strong in the midst of one of our country’s worst recessions, and our senior class has brought many accolades to the school thus far through a large number of National Merit Scholars. It is one of the kindest, most considerate, and congenial groups of senior leaders I have known at MBA. It has been a fabulous fall.

I appreciate the theme of respect initiated by the Student Council, the Offices of Student Life, and by our Directors of the High School and the Junior School — Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Stewart. Certainly a high point at the beginning of the year was Eric Milam’s (’99) compelling talk about caring for and respecting others. Our students have followed up on Eric’s remarks by working hard to develop that theme in all that they do.

MBA is in the midst of developing a new Strategic Plan that will be mailed to our constituents in the spring. Many plans underway at MBA include building a new observatory at our Long Mountain property, an increased focus on environmental issues through our building and care for the campus, the focus on our personal responsibility, as well as greater vision with initiatives like our exchange programs and language abroad study. All these help to expand the educational program at MBA. We continue to focus, however, on the core values that have always distinguished MBA — excellence in and outside the classroom, exceptional balance in who we are and what we do, and a significant focus on the kinds of values that will build better men for this world. At the same time, we relish the opportunities we have to strengthen these traditions and to find the right kind of tension in new initiatives and innovative ideas that will make our students effective and relevant in a rapidly changing world. ■

FROM THE Headmaster
Closing in on its seventh decade, MBA’s Homecoming and the Spaghetti Supper once again welcomed thousands of families, alumni, and friends to campus for the food and fellowship of the school’s largest community event and fund-raiser.

The Spaghetti Supper this year served more than 5,000 heaping helpings of pasta and sauce, salad, bread, and cookies.

Led by co-chairs Cathy East and Molly Powell, along with more than 40 committees, 100 individuals, and 200 additional volunteers working tirelessly, the events were able to raise more than $103,000. The proceeds will be used to fund nearly 100 different projects, benefiting every department in the school, and providing a significant impact on every MBA student.
Not even a little rain could dampen the spirits of the hundred who flocked to campus for the annual MBA Carnival. One of the largest events on campus, the carnival once again featured rides and games for children of all ages, as well as face painting, a dunking booth, bluegrass music, and thousands of prizes. The children’s books sale returned for the second consecutive year, along with a new addition to the festivities – pony rides on the Gambill Quadrangle. The carnival is a free event hosted by the MBA students and faculty, and serves as a great kick-off to each school year.
The Andromeda Galaxy, taken with MBA’s new Long Mountain Observatory camera by astronomer Mark Manner.
(Camera: SBIG STX16803)
The MBA observatory at Long Mountain is nearing completion, with an expected opening some time in early spring. The facility will take advantage of the lack of ambient light in the area, and will afford students remarkable images of our solar system. The observatory features classroom space with a movable roof, a 5-meter ObservaDome, a 24-inch Astrograph telescope, and a SBIG STX16803 CCD Camera. Students will be able to use the facility remotely as well as onsite.
Eighty-four students at Montgomery Bell Academy have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams.

The College Board’s Advanced Placement (AP) Program provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP exams. About 18 percent of the more than 1.8 million students worldwide who took AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students’ performance on AP exams.

Thirteen students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average score of 3.5 or higher on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are:

- Seth Akers-Campbell
- Lewis Armistead
- Thompson Barr
- Matthew Bellet
- Kyle Brantley
- Quinton Burks
- Connor Caldwell
- Carter Callaway
- Kevin Carr
- David Dalton
- Jichao Deng
- Sam Denney
- Dalton Fouts
- Stevens Gattens
- Chris Goodrich
- Campbell Haynes
- Turner Henderson
- Will Henry
- Jordan Herring
- Rob Higham
- Wiley Hunt
- Jacob Hymes
- Alex Karpos
- Patrick Killian
- Campbell Kinnard
- Fitz Lassing
- David Lee
- Joshua Liang
- John Lowe
- Aaron Lutkowitz
- Eric Mace
- Hershel Mehta
- Thomas Moore
- Matt Moynihan
- Shep Patterson
- Andrew Powell
- Neil Ryan
- Michael Seitz
- Zach Sternberg
- Daniel Todd
- Matt Vanek
- Richard Wall
- Wesley Wilson
- and Michal Zienkiewicz.

Thirteen students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are:

- Sami Ansari
- Stephen Bedard
- Naveen Chadalavada
- George Curtis
- Lee Grubbs
- Jack Hallemann
- Ryan Hill
- Alex Hornbuckle
- Patrick Lovett
- Walton Macey
- Tom Markham
- Jesse Suh
- Max Werthan.

Twenty-six students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with scores of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are:

- Chris Adkins
- Nick Bessette
- Matt Bracy
- Denzel Caldwell
- Will Campbell
- Patrick Clarke
- Cole Doster
- Cody Fisher
- William Flaut
- Mike Gedelman
- Will Granbery
- Wilson Griffith
- Tee Griscom
- Tommy Harless
- Trey Howard
- Jack Keller
- Alvin Kim
- Nick Kohler
- Mitchell Lukens
- Will McCaskill
- Connor Pagnani
- Partha Reddy
- Philip Spelman
- Paul Van Pernis
- Christopher Vaughan
- and John Wyse.

Of this year’s award recipients at Montgomery Bell Academy, 23 are members of the Class of 2011:

- Stephen Bedard
- Nick Bessette
- Connor Caldwell
- Carter Callaway
- Cody Fisher
- William Flaut
- Chris Goodrich
- Will Granberry
- Jack Hallemann
- Ryan Hill
- Jack Keller
- Nick Kohler
- Tom Markham
- Will McCaskill
- Walton Macey
- Connor Pagnani
- Andrew Powell
- Partha Reddy
- Philip Spelman
- Jesse Suh
- Paul Van Pernis
- Max Werthan
- and John Wyse.

These students have at least one more year in which to complete college-level work and possibly earn a higher-level AP Scholar Award.
The National Merit Scholarship Program selected 16 members of the Class of 2011 as National Merit Semifinalists. MBA was tied for the most semifinalists in the state.


These boys join the list of more than 800 MBA students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation since 1981.

This year there are approximately 15,000 National Merit Semifinalists across the country chosen from the 1.5 million entrants in the competition. National Merit Scholarship winners of 2011 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July.
The MBA Music Department at Montgomery Bell currently boasts nearly 300 students in performing ensembles, with many more in music history and theory classes. The department has ten performing ensembles on campus: The Headmaster’s Singers, Voicemale, The MBA Chorus, Junior School Singers, Failure to Comply, MBA Philharmonic, Ellington Band, Bassie Band, and the Seventh and Eighth Grade Jazz Bands.

Several of these ensembles have been recognized for their contributions to the community. This year seven boys — Alex Gant (‘11), John Elam (‘12), Andrew Scott (‘13), Nathan Fouts (‘13), Blake Burns (‘13), Christopher Burrus (‘14), and Bates O’Neal (‘14) — were selected for Tennessee Mid- and All-State Honor Choirs, and Preston Palm (‘12), Alan Liang (‘13), Kang Huh (‘15), Wesley Tseng (‘15) were selected for Mid- and All-State Honor Orchestras. This fall several of MBA’s choirs have traveled to perform at a variety of venues including: Belmont University, Brighton Gardens Retirement Home, Harpeth Hall, and Richland Place Retirement Community. We are excited about the enthusiasm and growth of the program and look forward to continued success.
ON THE HILL

THEATER

Lord of the Flies
Thespians at MBA and Harpeth Hall returned to school on July 26 to begin working on our 13th collaboration — The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. A hilarious tale of adolescent angst, this show chronicles the experience of a group of word-nerds looking for acceptance and vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime. This recent Tony Award-winner and Broadway success was also a hit with audiences on The Hill. From August 25–29, with six sold-out performances, MBA saw the biggest crowd (approximately 1,650) in the history of the Paschall Theater.

Director Cal Fuller credited teamwork for the play's success: “This student production has been a terrific enterprise, fully dependent on the power of a strong ensemble. The talent and commitment of our cast and crew enabled us to turn a play written for 10 actors into a bustling production with 50 cast and 30 crew members. I appreciate the sacrifices this wonderful group has made and their unflappable resilience.”

This fall’s competition show, The Odyssey, represented MBA beautifully at the Tennessee Theater Association’s state conference on October 22 in Cookeville. The production combined wonderful acting with outstanding technical achievements in lighting, costuming, masks, set, and cast-generated sound effects. The show was honored with the Outstanding Technical Excellence award for the competition, and cast members Chris Goodrich ('11) and Mattison Asher ('13) were named to the All-Star Cast List.

Director Rick Seay ('79) remarked that, “the actors and technicians in this production of The Odyssey created one of the tightest and most consistent ensembles that I have ever had the privilege of directing in 30 years of high school theater. It was a delightful experience from start to finish.” In addition, MBA faculty member Nelson Berry ('06) was elected to the TTA board for the next two years as its high school state representative.

On November 18–21, the MBA Players presented Nigel Williams’ adaptation of William Golding’s Lord of the Flies. This modern classic imagines what happens when a group of schoolboys are marooned on a tropical island: they find themselves freed from the rules and structures of civilization and society, and must figure out how to survive.

Director Malcolm Morrison praised the cast and musicians for their dedication and creativity: “This very young and talented cast threw themselves into the roles with gusto and motivation. Their understanding of the play, their highly-charged artistic expression, and their dedication has been exemplary. The hand
In early November, six students were inducted into Totomo, MBA’s honor fraternity. Totomo recognizes individuals who have shown outstanding leadership in academics, athletics, and service to the school, community service, and appreciation for the arts. Induction into Totomo is the highest honor an MBA student, alumnus, or faculty member can receive. Seniors Connor Caldwell, Chase Owen, and Andrew Powell conducted the ceremony by giving a brief history of Totomo, tapping each new member, and providing a history of each new member’s accomplishments.

New inductees from the Class of 2011 include: Will McCaskill, Jack Keller, Mitchell Shope, Paul Van Pernis, Nick Bessette, and Ryan Hill.
On a cool, clear morning in November, MBA paid tribute to alums who have served and are currently serving in the military with a Veterans Day breakfast on campus. MBA faculty member Lt. Col. Joe Sharbel (USMC) welcomed the crowd and introduced MBA venturing crewmembers Will Farrar ('11), Cullen Moran ('11), and Ian Sharbel ('11), who performed the raising of the flag. Capt. Will Norton ('99), Dean of the 11th and 12th Grades, then introduced his brother, Marine Captain Jameson Norton ('02), who offered reflections on his recent tours in the Middle East and Southeast Asia, and his thoughts on MBA’s legacy of service and sacrifice.
Twenty-four Montgomery Bell Academy art students were selected for the Middle Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibit that was held November 12th through December 17th. The Renaissance Center, along with the Tennessee Art Education Association, hosted this juried show to display the talents and accomplishments of students in grades 6-12.
The Montgomery Bell Academy Football team finished the 2010 campaign with a record of 9 wins and 3 losses. Lead by Head Coach Daniel McGuien, the team rolled off many impressive victories and left fans with lasting memories. The 2010 team is especially noted for their unparalleled senior leadership. This group fully represented the MBA motto of Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete. These student-athletes have set a standard for discipline, attitude, and work ethic that will have a lasting effect on the program.

The Big Red officially began their quest for the 2010 state championship in late May with spring practice. The momentum from spring practice carried into an outstanding summer. The summer included lifting, conditioning, practice, and 7 on 7 tournaments in the grueling heat. All of this work prepared the team for two-a-days that began in early August. The pre-season practice schedule also included scrimmages against Oakland, Goodpasture, and Siegel. The team’s effort from May until mid-August had them well prepared to begin the season.

The 2010 season opener against Pearl Cohn demonstrated the importance of the toughness, strength, and discipline the team developed through the summer. The Big Red defense dominated the Pearl Cohn offense filled with Division I talent, holding them to 177 total yards, eight first downs, and zero points. The defense was led in tackles by seniors Joe Riegle and Connor Caldwell. The offense chipped in 17 points led by senior Tyler Franks who ran for 90 yards and a touchdown. MBA faced a talented Maplewood squad in their second game of the season and posted another shutout. Joe Riegle and junior Austin Blackwell both scored their first touchdowns of the season, leading MBA to a 24–0 victory.

Behind the momentum of consecutive shutout victories, the Big Red traveled to Ensworth for the first road contest of the season. With the memory of last year’s playoff victory still in mind, MBA looked to defeat Ensworth on their home field for the second time in as many games. The MBA team had the full support of the fans and student body who were overflowing on the MBA side of the stadium, creating an outstanding environment for a high school game. The MBA crowd was not disappointed on this night, as the Big Red led the entire game on their way to a 21–14 victory. Tyler Franks scored all three touchdowns for the Big Red and the defense was outstanding, allowing only one offensive touchdown. Late in the game, senior Mason Foote intercepted a Tiger pass in the end zone to secure the victory for the Big Red and improve their record to 3-0.

Following the victory against Ensworth, the Big Red returned home to face Independence, a powerful 6A school in Williamson County. The Big Red jumped out to a 28–0 lead midway through the third quarter and cruised to a 28–7 victory. The win was a total team effort. Eleven players carried the ball for MBA, led by Aaron Simonis who rushed for 59 yards. The defense, led by seniors Connor Caldwell, De’Ante Hughes, and Andrei Lucaci, held Independence to 175 yards of total offense. The four-game winning streak was snapped the following week in Chattanooga against a strong Baylor team. The Big Red
outgained Baylor in total yards, but could not finish enough drives to win the game. Junior Jhamall Wright scored the only touchdown for MBA in a 14–10 defeat.

The next week MBA faced McCallie at MBA's homecoming. The Big Red offense shined in front of the homecoming crowd with one of its best performances of the season. Tyler Franks rushed for 114 yards and freshman Jalen Hurd added 91 yards, while sophomore Dylan Hall threw for 147 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore receiver and punt returner Brooks Best caught seven passes for 63 yards. Freshman tight end Jashon Robertson also caught his first touchdown pass of the season. All together the Big Red compiled 403 yards of total offense in securing a 43–33 victory. The offensive production could not have happened without the blocking of senior leaders Ben Coode, Alex Hunt, Miller Higgins, and Chris Sandwith.

In the most exciting game of the season, MBA traveled to Franklin to face BGA on their homecoming night. Despite Brooks Best throwing a reverse pass to Austin Blackwell for a 34-yard touchdown pass in the first half, the Big Red trailed 28–14 at halftime. The Big Red fought back in the second half behind Joe Riegle, who finished the game with four touchdowns, and Tyler Franks, who rushed for 236 yards, to tie the game at 35–35. After Mason Foote intercepted a BGA pass in the end zone, the Big Red offense drove the field to set up a game-winning field goal. Senior Philip Spellman drilled the 39-yard field goal attempt right down the middle, giving the Big Red their sixth victory of the season. Junior Mattison Hamilton's defense and Jhamall Wright's 117 kickoff return yards were recognized as pivotal parts of this come from behind victory.

The Big Red won their third game in a row the next week against old rival Father Ryan. The Big Red defeated Ryan 27-13, behind touchdowns from Aaron Simonis, Ben Coode, and Tyler Franks. The Big Red defense was led in tackles by Connor Caldwell and junior linebackers James Kay and John Morphis. The win marked the 15th consecutive victory for MBA in the historic series with Father Ryan.

MBA lost their second game of the season at Brentwood Academy 35-7, but followed the loss with an outstanding performance against Pope John Paul II. The game against Pope John Paul II was the final one of the regular season, and MBA jumped out to a 21-0 lead in the first quarter on their way to a 56-10 victory. The team compiled 411 total yards of offense and the defense had four interceptions.

In the first round of the playoffs, MBA squared off with Father Ryan for the second time. This cold November night produced a classic high school football playoff game. The Big Red defense was outstanding, holding the Father Ryan offense to 125 total yards and six first downs the entire game. The Big Red trailed early in the third quarter 3-0 when Dylan Hall connected with Austin Blackwell for a 46-yard touchdown pass on a perfectly executed flea flicker. A late interception by Jhamall Wright secured the 7-3 playoff victory for the Big Red. This pushed the Big Red’s streak to 16 consecutive victories against Father Ryan.

In the final game of the season the Big Red fell to Ensworth, unable to beat them for a third consecutive time on the Tiger’s home field. Despite the disappointing finish, the 2010 MBA football team was proud of many great accomplishments, including victories against rivals Ensworth and Father Ryan. An even more important accomplishment for the 2010 senior class was the standard of excellence they set for the underclassmen. The senior class embodied work-ethic, teamwork, service, toughness, and discipline. Their influence and legacy will benefit the MBA program for many years to come.

**CROSS COUNTRY** Building on the success of its 2009 state title, the 2010 MBA Harriers entered the season with lofty expectations — hoping to repeat as State Champions, expecting numerous individual All-State runners, and eyeing the Nike Cross Nationals Southeast Regional at the end of the season. When official practice began in the sweltering heat of late July, the boys had already logged hundreds of miles on the roads and trails. Before school began, the team held its annual camp, spending two nights at St. Mary’s Retreat Center near Monteagle. At camp, the boys ran twice each day, attended workshops, played volleyball, and competed in the ‘Gallon Challenge.’

The competitive season began in mid-September with the varsity running in the Trinity Invitational in Louisville, Ky., and the JV running against varsity competition in Nashville at the Tennessee Classic. Michael Peters ('11), Daniel Peters ('12), Ryan Hill ('11), and Stephen Bedard ('11) ran career-best times on the fast course in Louisville; however, with Andrew Powell ('11) and Alex Smith ('13) slowed by injuries, the Big Red left disappointed with its fourth place finish though optimistic for what the season might hold. The breakout performance in the JV race at the Tennessee Classic came from freshman Eric Anderson.

Throughout September the JV competed each week in the Vaughn’s Creek Cross Country Conference while the varsity prepared for a trip to Cary, N.C., for the Great...
America Cross Country Festival. Running in an elite field, including seven of the top ten teams in the Southeast and several high-caliber teams from New England and New York, the Big Red recorded its fastest five-man average ever en route to a fourth place finish in the 21-team field.

One week later, on the heels of the Tour de Pants, MBA recorded its initial first place finish of the 2010 season, crushing Kentucky state champion Trinity and Tennessee AAA power Bearden High School while winning the McCallie Invitational. Having tasted victory, the Big Red followed up with a dominating team performance at the Metro Championships, placing all seven varsity runners in the top ten and missing a perfect score by only one point. After runner-up finishes in both his sophomore and junior years, senior Michael Peters won his first individual Metro title. Junior Myles Anderson and freshman Eric Anderson led the JV to its 33rd Metro JV title.

In sharp contrast to the triple-digit heat of August and September, the weather was cool and clear for the State Meet the first Saturday in November. Cheered on by an enormous contingent of Big Red supporters, led by the fledgling Grilling Club, the MBA Harriers completed the most dominating State Meet performance ever by sweeping the top five places in the race to record a perfect score of 15; all seven MBA runners – Michael Peters, Daniel Peters, Hill, Bedard, Powell, Smith, and Hayes McCord ('11) – earned All-State recognition, and Michael Peters became MBA’s second-ever individual state cross country champion. By sweeping the State Meet and recording the fastest five-man average ever posted on the Steeplechase 5K course, the 2010 MBA Cross Country team cemented its place as the strongest MBA team ever and also earned a place on the short list of best Tennessee teams ever.

Thrilled with its State Meet sweep, but not resting on its laurels, the team turned its attention to the NXN Southeast regional, hoping to earn a trip to the national championship meet in Portland, Oreg. Competing under the auspices of the Wallace Boys Alumni Track Club, the runners trained for an additional three weeks after State and headed back to Cary, N.C. the weekend after Thanksgiving. The team fell just short of its goal, finishing fourth in the 29-team field; but the heartbreak came with Michael Peters only one place away from qualifying for NXN as an individual, and the team missed qualifying by only four points. The top four MBA runners were spectacular with Michael Peters, Daniel Peters, and Ryan Hill earning All-Region recognition, and Andrew Powell running a season-best time. Though the team failed to achieve its goal of qualifying for the NXN national meet, the season has certainly been a remarkable success.

GOLF The MBA Varsity Golf team had a very successful season and represented the school well on and off the course. Even though the team came up short of its goal of reaching the State Tournament, the boys should be proud of their accomplishments. Four boys from the team went to Port St. Lucie, Fla. in July and won a Nations Golf event against teams from all over the United States. Hayden Morgan ('11), Austin Doehler ('12), Roe Moore ('12), and Chase Mathews ('14) played excellent golf and got the team off to a great start. The Big Red then won the Stan McNabb Tournament in Tullahoma, finished second at the Father Ryan Tournament, and fourth at The Preview in Chattanooga. In individual matches, the Big Red had great wins against Baylor, Ensworth, and BGA. The 10 varsity golfers all contributed at different times throughout the season and supported each other all year. Doehler was the lone individual to reach the State Tournament, where he finished in 10th place. The team will lose seniors Cody Fisher and Captain Hayden Morgan, but will return a great group of young players for the 2011 season.
Van East tells a story about the day he decided to attend MBA, when he and a friend took all the clothing from another school he had been considering and tried to sink it in the Little Harpeth River. In the six years that have followed, East has been committed to MBA.

An outstanding student, East has taken 13 AP and Honors classes in his career, has been inducted into the Junior Honor Society, has won the Algebra I Honors math award, and two Rascoe Bond Davis Creative Writing Awards. He has also earned a David K. Wilson Student Scholarship Award for Excellence.

East is also a three sport athlete, lettering in football, basketball, and track. His service to his team earned him the 2010 C.C. McClure Award given annually to the Big Red Football player who exemplifies dedication, love of the game, and loyalty.

Outside of the classroom, East has served as a three-year member of the Student Council, and was one of ten seniors selected to act as an advisor to the headmaster and ambassador to the community as a member of the Headmaster’s Council. He has also participated in numerous service projects, including the MBA Carnival Used Book Sale, Soup Kitchen, Graffiti Paint Out, Special Olympics, Walk for Crones Disease, and Race for the Cure.

When asked to reflect on the impact the school has had on him, East remarked that, “MBA has blessed me with wonderful friends and an amazing education. My contributions in all areas at MBA are a direct result of the influence of my MBA teachers, coaches, and mentors. They have taught me invaluable lessons about commitment, discipline, perseverance, and selflessness. MBA has made me stronger mentally, physically, and spiritually, and for that I am truly grateful.”

East plans to attend Baylor University, where he is the recipient of the school’s presidential scholarship.
Connor Pagnani’s MBA experience has been one of perseverance and tremendous personal growth. Pagnani has excelled in the classroom, fields of play, and beyond. Pagnani has compiled an enviable academic resume, maintaining a spot on the privileged list his entire career while taking 11 honors and six Advanced Placement courses. He was selected as a National Merit Semi-Finalist this fall, and has earned a Gold Medal on the National Latin Exam each year of high school. He was the winner of the Latin Book Award following his junior year, and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society.

In the athletic arena, Pagnani has been a key contributor for the football, hockey, and lacrosse teams. He has earned two letters in football and hockey, and is a four-year starter for the lacrosse team. His tireless work ethic and love for lacrosse has earned him roster spots on a number of select travel teams. His performance and dedication paid off this fall when Pagnani signed a letter of intent to continue his career at the University of Denver, a rising power in Division I lacrosse.

Pagnani’s extracurricular involvements have included active participation in service club projects such as Soup Kitchen and the Watkins Park Community Field Day. He has also been a weekly participant in FCA.

Asked to comment about his MBA career, Pagnani offered that: “It is hard to put into words all that MBA has meant to me and all of the ways in which the school and the people who work there have positively influenced me. While there have been times where I struggled or felt overburdened, I know that I will look back on my time here fondly, and that I will cherish the friendships that I have developed with my classmates and the faculty. MBA has taught me not to fear failure and that, while some misfortunes are inevitable, through determination and effort one can achieve his goals. MBA asks a great deal of its students, both in and out of the classroom, and these lofty expectations separate our school from others.

I will always remember the moments of laughter that I have shared with my friends on the field, in the classroom, or outside of school, which have helped to unite us over these past years. I know that without the guidance and compassion of my teachers and coaches at MBA, I would not have achieved the goals that I set for myself at the beginning of my high school career. I am truly grateful for the many lessons that MBA has taught me and for the role that it has played in preparing me for life in the greater world.”

GENTLEMAN SCHOLAR ATHLETE
Whether he is in the classroom, on a cross country course, or pursuing his myriad other interests, Ryan Hill sets the pace. Hill’s academic achievements are seemingly endless — National Merit Semifinalist, Cum Laude Society, AP Scholar, 11 highest Average Medals, Yale Book Award, and Wilson Language Grant. He was also selected for a 2010 P.M. Estes Award and a 2010 David K. Wilson Student Scholarship Award for Excellence.

Hill’s athletic results are almost as astounding as his work in the classroom. He is a three-time all-state performer in cross country, placing fourth in the 2009 state championship, and third in the 2010 meet. His performances were key components in the Big Red’s back-to-back state titles. He is also a three-year letter winner in track, qualifying for at least one event in a state meet each year, and finishing as high as third in the 3200 meter run at the 2010 state meet.

Outside of the classroom, Hill has served as Feature Editor for the Bell Ringer, contributing articles all three years he has served on staff. He is also a passionate musician and songwriter, mainly composing his own pieces, and playing guitar for two Nashville-based metal bands. He is a member of the Headmaster’s Council, serves as president of the Hispanic Achievers, and helps with Burundian Refugee Tutoring.

Looking back on his six years at MBA, Hill has, “learned to love the school for the truly remarkable doors it has opened for me. Because of my experience here, I have entered adulthood with a wealth of knowledge and curiosity, a confidence in myself to accomplish the tasks set before me, and a group of brothers that I know will remain a part of my life for years to come.”

Ryan Hill
Out Of Town Events

D.C.

Attendees included Victoria Sanders and David Sanders, Brad Gioia, John Nading, and Eleanor McCallie.

John Gruhn, Rob Murphy, Brad Gioia, and Nick Shockey
There was a great showing of alumni in New York City.

Taylor Tate, Charlie Morgan, and Jim Witherspoon

Class of '05: Jay Pilkerton, Ben Turk, Matt Bodnar, Caldwell Tanner, Matt Bubis, and Chris Gioia
Rounding up Bands of Brothers and Sisters,

POSSE STYLE

By Nina Thomas

“I would have stayed in school if I’d had my posse with me.” That casual comment — made over 20 years ago — became the basis for a program dedicated to students of promise from less-advantaged backgrounds.

Gene Shanks lives in Greenwich, Conn., with Susan, his wife of 31 years. They have three children — Bayle, Dan, and Virginia. After graduating from Vanderbilt in 1969, Gene earned his doctorate in economics from Stanford. He then joined Bankers Trust on Wall Street. Except for a two-year hiatus in the late 1970s when he served as treasurer of Commerce Union Bank in Nashville, Gene stayed at Bankers Trust for 20 years. He became president in the early 1990s. Since then, he has started and sold a risk management software company, restructured a consulting firm, and generally had fun. Currently he is a member of the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt, a founding director of The Posse Foundation, and a new member of the reconstituted board of Freddie Mac.

AN INTERVIEW WITH GENE SHANKS

I understand that Vanderbilt University was Posse’s first partner institution and took a posse of five students from New York City in 1989. Under what circumstances did you first get involved with the foundation?

Gene: Upon my promotion to President of Bankers Trust Co. in 1992, I was looking for a non-profit organization in New York in education to which I could devote time and resources. With the help of the head of the Bankers Trust Foundation, I found Posse, which not only was in New York and focused on education, but also had as its first and only university partner — Vanderbilt University — my alma mater. What a match for me! The Posse Foundation was formed that year.

How has Posse evolved and grown over the past 20 or so years?

In 1992 we had one university partner (Vanderbilt) and were choosing our third Posse from the public high schools of New York City, which meant we had about 20 to 25 students at Vanderbilt and no alumni. Today we have identified, recruited, and trained 3,148 Posse scholars, all having received full leadership-merit scholarships provided by our college/university partners. We currently serve the urban public high school systems of seven cities — New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Washington D.C., Atlanta, and Miami.

We now have 38 undergraduate college/university partners which are home to 51 Posse (cohort of 10 scholars each year per school), since several colleges take Posse from more than one city. In addition, we have graduate programs with four universities. These partners have provided $334M in scholarships to our scholars.

The opportunity to receive a Posse scholarship is open to all, it is not an affirmative action program, but we choose to serve those cities that have a high minority and under-privileged demographic. Each Posse each year for each college is composed of 10 students, which are a diverse, representative mix of the school systems from which they come.

Have you gotten to know any Posse scholars personally, following their educational and career paths? If so, can you describe a particular student’s background, their obstacles, and the ways they have risen above such adversity?

Getting to know the Posse scholars is the best reason to be involved. Though I know many scholars, let me tell you a bit about one. Carlos was born of Dominican descent and raised in Washington Heights in the Bronx. Like many of our scholars, Carlos was raised by a single parent — his mother. Carlos’ neighborhood was a tough place to navigate. In fact, Carlos’ brother died in a drug gang dispute. However, Carlos persevered to become a leader at his high school, enjoying a promising athletic career as a baseball player (he once hit a home run in an all-star game in Shea

--Editor’s note:

“The concept of a POSSE works for both students and college campuses and is rooted in the belief that a small, diverse group of talented students—a Posse—carefully selected and trained, can serve as a catalyst for increased individual and community development. The Foundation’s 38 partner universities award Posse scholars four-year full tuition leadership scholarships.”

www.possefoundation.org
Serving on many boards (including Freddie Mac), I imagine your free time is limited. What is your current role with the foundation?

I am on the Board of Directors of Freddie Mac, just joining the Board of ACE Limited (an insurance holding company), and serve on the Vanderbilt and Posse Boards.

With Posse, I serve on the Board of Directors and as Chairman of the Governance Committee. I am honored to have been one of the founding members of the Posse Foundation Board when it was set up in 1992.

What are your primary sources of funding?

Posse sources grants and contributions from foundations, corporations, and individuals. University partners pay a small fee to Posse to help us provide recruiting and support for our Scholars. University endowments are not involved.

I understand President Obama allotted $125,000 of his Peace Prize award to Posse. How will those monies be used?

These monies have been allocated to our general operating fund.

Posse has developed an alternative evaluation strategy called the Dynamic Assessment Process (DAP), hoping to identify urban youth leaders who can succeed despite varying scores on tests such as the SAT. Can you explain how that assessment is structured and administered?

Our founder and president, Debbie Bial, a 2007 winner of the MacArthur Foundation “Genius” Award, earned her Ph.D. in Education from Harvard University writing her dissertation on alternative indicators of success in higher education. Her notion that SAT scores and grade point averages do not tell the whole story of a candidate’s potential led her to develop a unique assessment/interviewing structure to determine the leadership potential of a candidate. This DAP process combines group activities, team interviews, and group interviews in a fun and dynamic way. It has to be experienced to be fully understood.

I read that 90 percent of Posse scholars earn their undergraduate degrees. The selection process and the DAP are apparently successful. Can you speak to that?

Though we are very involved in helping our Scholars have a rich and fulfilling campus experience (both inside and outside the classroom) and in helping them to find work in the summers during college and permanently thereafter, still the graduation rate remains our central objective. Our high success rate (90 percent graduation rate is above the average of our partner schools) is a testament to the fundamental thesis of Posse — leadership ability and potential is an excellent indicator of success in higher education, perhaps as good as or better than SATs and grade point average, especially for minority and less fortunate socio-economic groups.

In what capacity is fellow MBA classmate Rick Evans involved with Posse?

Rick, my closest friend from the first grade at Parmar School and all through MBA, continuing as single roommates in New York, and now as close family friends, is an involved and active member of Posse’s Board. He serves as de facto general counsel, as his firm Debevoise Plimpton provides pro bono legal advice. Additionally, he serves on the Governance Committee.

What has served as your primary inspiration for your involvement?

I come from a family of educators — my grandparents, parents, and sister were/are all educators. I believe in the power of education to transform and elevate the lives of students. Helping the many worthy students of Posse to attend colleges that they otherwise would not have been able to imagine is a thrill. Most come from financially strapped households where often there is only one caregiver. Their ability to overcome adversity, their enthusiasm, and their ultimate success is the inspiration that keeps on giving.

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R ick Evans lives in New York, New York, with his wife Margaret. They have two children, Claire and Maddy. Claire works in publishing in New York and Maddy is in Nashville, as a senior at Vanderbilt. Rick graduated from the University of Virginia and then received a J.D. degree from Yale. He has spent his professional career at the international law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton, where he has served as the firm’s Presidenting Partner for the last 12 years. Rick serves as a director of The Posse Foundation and a trustee of the Nightingale-Bamford School in New York.

A CHAT WITH RICK EVANS

Under what circumstances did you first get involved with the foundation?

Gene Shanks, a classmate of mine at MBA and a lifelong friend, introduced me to Posse. He began talking to me about his work with The Posse Foundation 10 or 15 years ago and that got me interested in the organization and its work.

What inspired you to get involved?

Gene’s involvement and enthusiasm was key. He invited me to join him one year at the annual ceremony at which Posse scholars are recognized: those who win scholarships to the Posse partner colleges and universities, like Vanderbilt. That event was moving and inspiring as it showed not just the excitement of those who won scholarships, but the sense of family and community that had supported these students—the overall sense of purpose Posse had helped to foster. I wanted to help with that work, and Gene introduced me to others at Posse.

How has Posse evolved and grown over the past 20 or so years?

Posse has expanded geographically, now working with students in New York City, Boston, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta, and it now partners with more leading colleges and universities. All this means that many more Posse scholars are named each year. At its core, which is building teams (posses) of students who bring diversity and change to leading schools, the organization is focused on the same challenges and opportunities it has always had in view.

Gene and Rick’s dedication to service beyond MBA emerged from the power of camaraderie and positive academic support they enjoyed while on this campus.

What is your current role with the foundation?

I serve on Posse’s national board of directors, and my firm provides some pro bono legal assistance to Posse.

Have you and fellow MBA classmate Gene kept in touch over the years in other capacities besides Posse?

We have. We’ve been lucky over the years to keep up with each other and a number of other members of the Class of ’65. We’ve both worked in New York for much of our careers. We’ve vacationed together, and our families have spent a lot of time in the summers on Long Island. And that’s not even counting the many times I’ve worked my way into being invited to share his season tickets at Yankee Stadium!

Lifelong friends...from pre-school through high school, in service and beyond!

MBA’s Service Club circa 1965 was a minor player in the broad spectrum of campus activities. Gene and Rick’s dedication to service beyond MBA emerged from the power of camaraderie and positive academic support they enjoyed while on this campus.

Just as the MBA Service Club had grown exponentially over the past 45 years, with students serving thousands of hours at home and abroad, The Posse Foundation, since 1989, has grown from a minor band of Vanderbilt brothers and sisters to thousands of Posse Scholars from nearly 40 colleges and universities.
We rounded up eight Posse Scholars from Vanderbilt for a photo op. It was a diverse group in terms of academic interests, volunteer efforts, ethnicity, and gender with at least two things in common — a similar background and a potential for success.

It’s an exclusive club; each student represents 1 of the 10 Vanderbilt Posse Scholars selected from a pool of 1,300 applications nationwide. With 90 percent of the scholars graduating in four years or less, the success of the selection process is remarkable.

Students are notified of acceptance in January, which gives The Posse Foundation eight months to prepare them for the transition to college; to build camaraderie and peer support so they can “hit the ground running and take a campus by storm,” as founder Deborah Bial has said.

To date there are nearly 40 partner institutions that support a posse on their respective campuses. In 2010, from a pool of over 9,000 nominees, 430 new Posse Scholars won $43 million in scholarships from Posse’s partner colleges and universities.

**Pictured Above:**

Name: **Alexandra Shirley**  
Year: Senior  
Posse: VP 18  
Major: Medicine, Health and Society  
Campus Activities/Leadership: Founder of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and volunteers at Face Family Clinic. Vice-President of Vanderbilt CARES: an organization that serves local individuals living with HIV/AIDS  
High School: Bishop Ford CC HS

Name: **Maya Benyoun**  
Year: Junior  
Posse: VP 19  
Major: Communication and Leadership, Minor: Financial Economics  
Campus Activities/Leadership: Pi Beta Phi, Pencil Projects, Operation Smile, and Sinai Scholars  
High School: Eleanor Roosevelt HS

Name: **Sulman Usman**  
Year: Junior  
Posse: VP 19  
Major: Engineering Science, Engineering Management Concentration  
Campus Activities/Leadership: Vandy Tutors in Math & Science, Vandy Consulting Club, and IEEE Society  
High School: Bard College at Simon’s Rock

Name: **Essie Assibu**  
Year: Sophomore  
Posse: VP 20  
Major: French and Political Science  
Campus Activities/Leadership: African Student Union and Glamour Gals: a nonprofit organization that provides companionship and complimentary facials and makeovers to women living in senior homes across the U.S., Scotland and Canada.  
High School: Townsend Harris High School

Name: **Milady Perez**  
Year: Sophomore  
Posse: VP 20  
Major: Women and Gender Studies, Religious Studies  
Campus Activities/Leadership: African dance, Caribbean Student Alliance  
High School: Bronx Center for Science and Mathematics

Name: **Harold Hichez-Nunez**  
Year: Freshman  
Posse: VP 21  
Major: Economics  
Campus Activities/Leadership: Women’s Basketball Team Practice Manager and Vanderbilt Association of Hispanic Students  
High School: Cardinal Hayes High School

Name: **Nichole Ford**  
Year: Freshman  
Posse: VP 21  
Major: Theatre, with nursing pre-requisites  
Campus Activities/Leadership: Vibe (hip hop group) and Rhythm and Roots  
High School: Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music and the Performing Arts

For more information, view the YouTube video entitled The Posse Foundation featuring Deborah Bial, Posse Foundation president and founder.
In a tradition that dates back nearly two decades, members of the Class of 2012 received their MBA rings at a special ceremony in early December. Seniors Christian Alford and Nick Bessette welcomed the juniors and offered advice on how to approach their final year and a half on The Hill. Deke Shearon ('02) reflected on his time at the school, the meaning of the ring, and the possibilities that his MBA education has opened up to him. The complete text of his remarks appears below.

Following Shearon’s address, seniors Tyler Cauble, Tom Markham, Paul Van Pernis, Cody Fisher, Ryan Hill, Mitchell Shope, Andrew Powell, and Van East presented the juniors with their rings. If the student is the son of an alumnus, then his father presented the ring. Headmaster Brad Gioia also presented a ring to senior Whit Thornton, who transferred to MBA for his final year of high school.
I was pretty excited when Mr. Gioia asked me to speak to you guys today, at the Ring Ceremony. I reacted in a way that's natural for me: I started bragging to all of my old MBA friends about it. I have to say, it was pretty touching, their reaction. It really brought me back to my days here almost a decade ago, and reminded me what my relationship with my old MBA buddies was really like back in the day. I would tell them how excited I was, and they would ridicule me, mercilessly.

“The Ring Ceremony? Seriously, man? That is sooooo lame. I don't even know where my ring is. I don't even remember the Ring Ceremony. Whatever, dude. Congratulations on speaking at that.”

The truth is, a lot of people are pretty skeptical about this ring business. There are a lot of ring skeptics out there, and that makes this a kind of dangerous speech for me to give. I could get up here and give you a speech about how the ring you get today is the Ring of this a kind of dangerous speech for me to give. A lot of you guys probably think this is a little silly. Hey, it kind of is. This is an all-male jewelry ceremony. Wow. How prestigious. Instead, today I want to embrace ring skepticism. Not as an end, where I try and argue to you for the conclusion that hey, at the end of the day, we should all be pretty embarrassed about waking up early this morning for this. That’s not my conclusion, and if it’s yours, I’m probably not going to say much to change your mind.

Instead, I want to use that skepticism as a means of analysis, as a way of talking about the possibilities of what the ring and MBA can mean for you personally.

The truth is, there is no truth about this ring business. Here it comes, the big Ring Ceremony speech cliché, — wait for it . . . the ring is a symbol. The Ring of Power speech would say hey, it’s a symbol of excellence, of hard work, of tradition, of Sam Davis, and doing well on the National Latin Exam, and being better than Ensworth, and on and on. Nothing against that view; I'm sure it can be some inspiring stuff, but I'm not going there today. I’ll leave that speech to someone who is more than ten years older than you and who might be a more plausible authority figure than I am. Instead I want to suggest to you guys that it really is up to you what this ring symbolizes. Like every other symbol, the meaning of the ring is unstable, shifting, subjective, and context sensitive. As Walt Whitman might say, the ring is large; it contains multitudes. It is what you make of it. Usually when people say, “it is what you make of it,” they’re trying to place you under some kind of responsibility. Here is the ring, it is what you make of it, defend its honor, or something. I’m not saying that. This speech isn’t about responsibility. It’s about freedom. It’s about your freedom to decide what that meaning is.

Let me tell you what I’ve decided the ring means to me. Two things. First, I do not remember, at all, the speaker at my Ring Ceremony, which was almost ten years ago on December 8, 2000. I do not remember anything about that day. However, that night sticks out pretty well in my mind because the night of my Ring Ceremony, I finally kissed (in Woodmont Park) this smoking hot Harpeth Hall babe I had been after for some time. This is (hopefully) the cheesiest and most predictable part of my speech here today, because you have to know where this story is going if I just said “smoking hot Harpeth Hall babe” up here, with parents here and everything — that girl later became my wife, Alice. We’ve been together ever since, and that will be ten years next Wednesday. That night really ended up being the beginning of a run of luck I’ve been on that continues to this day, where everything seems to come up Deke. So that’s pretty sweet.

"This ring does not define you; you define it."

That is the first thing. Like I said, pretty cheesy. I’m sorry. The second thing is maybe a little more relevant for you guys. Maybe I’m not going to get too much into my family’s background in this speech today. If you guys
want to know more about that, you can Google the speech I gave to the faculty last year, which apparently lives on the Internet forever as my first Google result, so all of my future employers and clients can read everything about who my father was and how in love I am with where I went to high school. Suffice it to say I’m not from a background someone might glibly call traditional MBA. My dad did not go here; my dad didn’t even graduate from high school. My family has been under-educated and poor in the Middle Tennessee area going back generations. My great-grandfather was an 80-year-old door-to-door broom salesman who was robbed and beaten to death in North Nashville during the Great Depression. Seriously — I’m not even making that up. My grandmother dips. Snuff. And most relevant to this discussion, my dad had some pretty severe financial trouble towards the end of my tenure here. There were times when I wondered if we would be able to afford my diploma here, much less this ring.

You see, class and education have kind of an awkwardly interrelated relationship with each other in our country today. Where you go to school in large part determines the opportunities available to you. I’m not going to get political here and say that’s an awful thing or some great travesty that you should all feel conflicted or racked with guilt about. I’m just saying it’s a fact, and I’m pointing it out to suggest to you guys that, when you graduate and see Poets Society is based on. Maybe in a dorm room in the not-so-distant future, some hippie New Yorker is going to raise one of the stock critiques of MBA or schools like it, and it might (for some reason or another) suddenly strike you as a little bit true, or at least not obviously and totally false.

I guess it’s about luck on both scores: lucky to a party with U.S.N. people. Whatever you might think about them, there are arguments against MBA. Some people see it as elitist, as arrogant, as full of itself, as backwards, an anachronistic relic of Old Nashville, whatever that’s supposed to mean. We’ve all heard this; especially if you’ve been to a party with USN people.

Obviously there are arguments on the other side. That MBA is a uniquely potent combination of a proudly traditional and a dynamically progressive approach to high school education. That the ideal of Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete is probably the most coherent and effective institutional mission anywhere in the education industry. That there is a reason parents freak out, so hard, to get their kids in here, and that reason can’t be totally reduced to some empty notion of class or prestige. That it has the best high school English and writing program in the United States, to such an extent that it is simply unfair for us to go to college and be graded against people from other backgrounds. I invented that last one, but it’s true, just wait and see.

That is the argument about MBA. I don’t want to litigate either side in front of you guys today, although (spoiler alert), my view on the merits obviously comes out pretty strongly in MBA’s favor. Some of you guys out there might be sympathetic to the other view though: I know I was when I was sitting where you are.

The truth is, that if the two views are not at war in your own mind already, you are going to encounter both of them about 18 months from now when you leave here. Probably, more often than not, the challenge for you when the subject of where you went to high school comes up is going to be negotiating the two. Not everyone you meet out in the real world is going to be all rah-rah about all-male education and Father-Son Dinners and tapping ceremonies and going to the school that Dead Poets Society is based on. Maybe in a dorm room in the not-so-distant future, some hippie New Yorker is going to raise one of the stock critiques of MBA or schools like it, and it might (for some reason or another) suddenly strike you as a little bit true, or at least not obviously and totally false.

I guess my point is, that shouldn’t bother you. While I hope that you, like me, end up as grateful for your time here as I ultimately became, the skeptical approach I am suggesting to you today admits into evidence both views, even if, as an individual, we ultimately come out one way or the other. The point of saying that the meaning of the ring (and by extension MBA) is up to you, and is free for you to decide, is to say that neither side of this debate totally owns the argument. Don’t let the extremes of either side frame the debate for you, and tell you who you are in virtue of having gone here. The truth is, your experience with MBA is irrevocably unique to you. No one can take that away from you with arguments about what this school is or is not. So, whatever you decide to conclude about the role MBA has played and will play in your life, and whether you end up wearing this ring every day for the next ten years, or whether you give it to your girlfriend later this afternoon, please remember this — this ring does not define you; you define it. The one thing that will be certain about the ring that you put on for the first time today is that it will be you who is wearing it. Thanks.
“This is the first year on the Hill for the Service Club. The club is patterned after and fulfills the need formerly served by the Key Club. Members are selected on the basis of leadership and past service to the school...the Service Club has undertaken several projects this year.”

1963 MBA Yearbook, The Bell

Started as a select organization of 24 students to serve the school, the MBA Service Club has grown to feature hundreds of boys who volunteer their time on a weekly basis. Originally, the Service Club consisted of sophomores, juniors, and seniors who were chosen for outstanding character and scholastic proficiency. Early service projects included ushering and ticket-taking at basketball games, cleaning and organizing the attic of the Ball Building, and minor physical improvements to the school.

Although most projects involved working for MBA, the Service Club organized a canned food drive in the mid-sixties which laid the foundation for service to the outside community.

The Service Club was a valuable organization on the campus of MBA throughout the seventies and eighties. In addition to the food drives, other projects included singing carols for Fannie Battle Day Home and selling papers for both the Big Brothers and Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital.
The big “change” enabled the Service Club to grow by leaps and bounds. Instead of four percent of the campus being allowed to participate, any high school student could be a member.

The first Saturday of every month is a busy day for members of the Service Club. Every first Saturday, a group of MBA students gathers at the Holy Name Catholic Church in East Nashville to prepare and serve meals at the Soup Kitchen for the poor and homeless. The Soup Kitchen is where many MBA students have begun their service careers.

Service Club President Tyler Cauble is one of those students. “My involvement started freshman year with the Soup Kitchen, which I feel is the easiest project to get involved with first.”

MBA students work throughout the morning to prepare the meal, serve the meal, interact with diners, and clean up at the end of lunch. Most students agree that the interaction with the homeless is the best part of the day.

“When I do Soup Kitchen, I like to wash the dishes. When they finish their meal, they bring their dishes up to be washed. That’s when they thank you and talk to you,” says Cauble.

MBA students have been involved with the Soup Kitchen now for about three decades. According to faculty sponsor Gordon Chenery, “we are one of the only groups that still take our own food down there.”

For MBA home games, students sell parking spaces in the Vine Street Church lot to raise money for the Saigon Children’s Charity (SCC). MBA works in collaboration with Hillsboro High School to raise money for the SCC. Along with the parking, MBA students raise money for the SCC each year by selling seasonal greeting cards created by children from Saigon, and by sponsoring a faculty basketball game with Hillsboro.

In addition to helping students in Saigon, the Service Club spends a lot of time tutoring and helping students and refugees in the Nashville area.

Service Club Secretary Eddie Seay spends a lot of time tutoring various groups (including adults) through a project called Hispanic Achievers.

“I teach immigrant adults how to speak English basically starting at nothing.”

MBA students head out to Paragon Mills every week to teach adults English and to help them become adjusted to their new life in the U.S. Without Hispanic Achievers, these new immigrants to Nashville would have a hard time supporting their families. “Hispanic Achievers is one of my favorite things,” says Seay. “It helps the community so much to have people in the working class learning how to speak English so that they can provide for their families.”

Seay’s tutoring opportunities aren’t just limited to Hispanic Achievers. Along with other MBA students, he tutors students at Cameron Middle School and helps African refugees understand their school work in a program called Burundi Tutoring.

MBA alum Rob Higham (’10) was instrumental in developing the Burundi Tutoring program while in school. Due to an injury, Higham couldn’t fully participate in athletics. As a result, he decided to dedicate himself to tutoring children from Burundi.

In 1992 the Service Club changed dramatically.

“Change is the best term to describe the work of the 1992-1993 Service Club. The Club opened itself to all high school students who could fulfill the requirement of ten credits for entry, assigned specific duties to the officers, and more importantly became much more active in the Nashville community as a whole.”

1993 MBA Yearbook, The Bell
According to Headmaster Brad Gioia, Higham “adopted the Burundi population and was very significant in getting to know families in the community.”

Higham tutored the Burundi children and helped them to find greater educational opportunities.

“I remember him coming into my office with one of the Burundi students and saying how we can help him have greater aspirations and connections to education,” Gioia says.

Gioia also credits the friendships the boys have formed with members of the MBA Maintenance staff who were former refugees as well.

According to Gioia, through these relationships “the boys realize they ought to extend themselves beyond this campus.”

A great example of the boys extending themselves beyond the campus occurs every year during the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Nashville. Each year hundreds of MBA students, faculty, staff, and families participate for Team MBA in the annual walk to raise money to find a cure for breast cancer. The students worked hard to promote the race and raise money. This past year, MBA raised more money than any other team in the race, close to $29,000 (over $7,000 more than the second place team).

With so many service opportunities available, a great deal of leadership is needed to keep things running smoothly and efficiently. Like most organizations on campus, the Service Club holds annual elections to choose new officers. Any high school student can be a member and a voting member if he has ten hours of service. The top ten juniors are elected to office. The average number of hours for the top ten juniors totals around 30–40 per year.

The Service Club also has project leaders, boys that are not elected but volunteer to be the head of different projects.

This year’s leadership, headed by President Tyler Cauble, has made it their mission to promote the Service Club even more amongst the student body and community, and to improve the organization of projects and hours.

According to Headmaster Brad Gioia, “What pleases me as much as anything is that rather than seeing boys do service to add to their resume, you’re seeing people who are invested in a way that is sincere and genuine in making a difference beyond campus.”

And each student who serves really does want to make a difference. A common theme among this year’s group of officers is the growth of the Service Club.

“Service Club is something we always want to continue growing at MBA,” said Seay. “We want more and more people to become involved and to become involved for the right reasons.”

Add Cauble, “Hopefully, we will inspire future classes to really strive to give back and hopefully do more than we did.”

One glance at the service hours chart shows that more and more students are becoming involved at an earlier age. Thanks to the groundwork laid by past generations of students at MBA, the Service Club has continued to evolve into a strong community presence. Service has become a big part of the Gentleman aspect of the MBA ideal — Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete.

From mentoring students at Cameron Middle School and at Preston Taylor Homes, to helping out on campus with children from Time to Rise or Backfield in Motion, MBA students are making a difference.

Whether they are helping with flood relief, cleaning up Beaman Park, participating in Race for the Cure, or staffing the “Autism Speaks” walks, MBA students are making a difference.

Gordon Chenery agrees, “The idea of serving — to serve one another — is the best thing we can do.”

This thirst for serving stands out to Headmaster Gioia. “What pleases me as much as anything is that rather than seeing boys do service to add to their resume, you’re seeing people who are invested in a way that is sincere and genuine in making a difference beyond campus.”

And each student who serves really does want to make a difference. A common theme among this year’s group of officers is the growth of the Service Club.

“Service Club is something we always want to continue growing at MBA,” said Seay. “We want more and more people to become involved and to become involved for the right reasons.”

Add Cauble, “Hopefully, we will inspire future classes to really strive to give back and hopefully do more than we did.”
On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, MBA welcomed more than 200 alumni and their fathers to the fifth annual Fathers of Alumni Breakfast. The event, held in the Paschall Theater, featured a chance to reconnect with each other and the school. The assembled were treated to a performance of Seasons of Love by the Headmaster’s Singers. The program was highlighted by speaker R.A. Dickey (’93), who recently completed his best season as a major league pitcher with the New York Mets.

Dickey discussed his career in the major leagues, and his evolution from a power pitcher to a knuckleballer. He detailed the struggles to find consistency with the pitch, and the help he received along the way from the fraternity of knuckle ball pitchers that includes Charlie Hough, Phil Niekro, and Tim Wakefield.
An overflow crowd of college-age alumni packed the Paschall Theater on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to enjoy a home-cooked meal and to catch up on news from campuses across the country.

Headmaster Brad Gioia and Assistant Director for Alumni Relations Jonas Rodriguez (’00) welcomed the young men back to The Hill and shared some of the events of the past semester.

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1954
Robert Scales and his wife Carol
recently started a moonshine and
bootleg business in East Tennessee
to replace some of the money they
lost in the market during the last 11
years. They bought a 1940 Ford to
use as their rum runner.

1956
Gray Smith is the owner/operator
of Wild Rivers (a company special-
izing in outdoor education for
schools) in Crofton on Hudson
New York. He lives next to the
Hudson River and Nature preserve
and enjoys the abundance of
wildlife there, particularly the
eagles. He is the father of four, and
also has five grandchildren.

1957
Paul Harmon celebrated the pub-
cation of Paul Harmon, Crossing
Borders, a comprehensive survey of
526 selected paintings luxuriously
printed in full color with 124 ancil-
lary photographs and art images
from the years 1961 to mid 2009.
This 360-page book is a mono-
graph on the paintings of Harmon,
along with an edifying illustrated
essay by the esteemed art historian
Robert L. McGrath, Professor of
Art History, Emeritus, Dartmouth
College. Components of the book
also include an extensive art biog-
raphy, and a section of review,
interview and lecture snippets,
plus quotes and correspondence
that provide the reader with an
illuminating insight into the work
and the artist.

1961
J. Morgan Kousser reports that his
daughter Rachel not only produced
a grandson, Andres, this year, but
won four fellowships, which will
allow her two years off from teach-
ing to finish her book on
Iconoclasm in the Ancient World, the
title of which may not surprise any
classmates who remember him.

1965
Trevor Evans was given the 2010
Northeast Regional Tree Farmer of
the Year Award by the American
Tree Farm System, which has over
90,000 certified members nation-
wide.

1966
Perennial student and ex-coastal
bohemian Hardy Housman had two
graduations in the same month last
May – an M.Ed. (Eng) and a gradu-
ate CIS, Certificate in Islamic
Studies. He is currently working
on a Graduate Certificate in
Advanced Islamic Studies.

1976
Steve Zager was named one of the top
lawyers in New York by New York
Magazine.

1978
John Anderson has been elected as
Vice President of Medicine &
Science for the American Diabetes
Association. Members who are
elected to this position must have
demonstrated the ability to trans-
late scientific findings into clinical
care and be a leader in the medi-
cine and science profession.
Anderson is a board certified
internist and president of The Frist
Clinic, an internal medicine multi-
specialty group. He also serves as
Chair of the Board of Trustees for
Centennial Medical Center.

1985
Dave Smith married Mills Cobb
April 8, 2006 in Charleston, S.C.
Mills and Dave are proud to
announce the birth of their twins
on August 3, 2010. Ashley Louisa
weighed 5 lbs, 11 oz, while Parker
Granville came in at 5 lbs, 12 oz.
Mother and children are doing
well. The Smiths live in Charlotte,
N.C.

1988
The students at the University of
North Carolina School of Medicine
selected Kurt Gilliland as the 2010
whitehead Lecturer.

1989
Rabin Nimmo and his wife Maura
watched their older daughter Alexis
graduate high school in the spring
and enter UT-Chattanooga as a
freshman in the fall. Their younger
daughter Sophia graduated pre-

1990
Andrew Duthie is studying
Motorcycle Service Technology at
DeKalb Technical College in
Atlanta and will be returning to
Nashville to apply his new skills in
May 2011. It was time to get back to
working with something mechani-
cal after ten years in the computer
industry. The long-term goal is to
open his own repair shop, most
likely specializing in vintage
Japanese and European motorcy-
cles.

1992
Brett Sanders and his wife Melinda
welcomed their third son, Evan
Gray, on September 8, 2010. Evan
has two older brothers, Colin (4),
and Ryan (2).

Brett is living in Chattanooga
and working as an orthopedic sur-
geon at the Center for Sports
Medicine. He is active in the com-

1993
Hal Pickel married Rachel Fox of
New Castle, Wyo, on July 4, 2009 on
Firecracker Hill at their family
farm near Leiper’s Fork, Tenn.
Soon thereafter, the two of them
opened Two Moon Gallery located
in the 12 South District in
Nashville. The gallery represents
contemporary artists from Oregon
to Vermont as well as some of Hal’s
own work.

In addition, Lillian Rose Pickel
was born on May 21, 2010. She is
named after two of her great grand-
mothers.
Andrew Vahrenkamp recently accepted the position of Chief Financial Officer at Clackamas Federal Credit Union in Oregon City, Oreg. He and his family have moved to the great Pacific Northwest.

**1994**

Stephen Ward is pleased to announce the birth of his daughter Campbell Grace Ward on April 15. Stephen and his family recently moved to Tampa, Fla.

![Tidwell](image)

1995

Major Fletcher Tidwell returned from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit’s fall patrol in December in time for Christmas with the family. During the four month patrol, he served as the 31st MEU’s Air Officer, and participated in numerous bilateral exercises across the Pacific to include exercises in Guam, the Philippines, Singapore, Hong Kong, and also supported the Presidential visit to Indonesia in November. Fletcher moved to Okinawa, Japan in July with his wife Jill, and two sons — Bennett and Beau. They miss their friends and family in Texas and Tennessee, but are enjoying the cultural experience of living in Japan.

Myr Wilson graduated this spring from Vanderbilt’s Owen School of Business with an Executive MBA. He and his father (Vanderbilt EMBA ’84) are the first parent / child to have both graduated from the Executive MBA program. Myr and his wife Hollie are expecting their first child in April.

1996

Kirk Howell and Heather O’Brien were married on March 25, 2010 in Wailea, Hawaii. The couple both attended Notre Dame and currently resides in New York City.

1997

Scott Blount reports that since earning his J.D. from UT College of Law and M.B.A. from SMU, he has been working at Lancaster Pollard & Co. (an investment bank) in Columbus, Ohio. He will be moving to Austin, Tex. this spring to work from his company’s satellite office in Austin. He married Alexandra Witzenberger on May 29, 2010 in Pawleys Island, S.C.


Dudley Schiel recently earned his Tennessee Real Estate Broker license and is enjoying his fifth year of helping buyers and sellers as a real estate advisor in Nashville. He was elected by his fellow agents at Parks Properties to serve on the 2010 Parks Properties Agent Council and to represent his office on the company-wide 2010 Bob Parks Agent Council. He was also among 21 realtors chosen to participate in the Leadership GNAR Class of 2010. Each year managing brokers, members of the Greater Nashville Association of Realtors Board of Directors and former Leadership GNAR graduates nominate candidates to participate in the educational program. Dudley graduated from Leadership GNAR in October.

1998

Robert Sawyer and his wife Claire welcomed daughter Anne Claire Sawyer on July 26. She weighed 7 lbs 14 oz.

1999

Stephen Was and his wife Morgan are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Madelyn Rahe, on October 1. She weighed 6 lbs 15 oz and measured 19 in long. Stephen and family currently reside in Powell, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus, Ohio. Stephen is the Director of Admission at Village Academy, a small independent preK-12 college preparatory school.

Andrew Eckstein was happily wed to Laura Galter in Las Vegas, Nev. in September. The couple continues to live in Laura’s hometown of Chicago, Ill. The wedding party included Richard Bodzy (‘99) and Randy Bury (‘99), while several other classmates enjoyed the festivities in the sun.

After completing a Masters in Health Policy and Management, Kenpont Presley has been working in health analytics and advisory solutions for WellPoint and doing further graduate work in Health Information Technology. He and his wife Patty Bea are living in New York City enjoying time with fellow alums, but hope to migrate south before too long!

Jason Dimopoulos received his J.D. from Georgetown University and is an associate with the law firm of Baker McKenzie in Chicago.

David Gilbert returned to Nashville after several years living in a variety of cities across the globe. He has started a new management role with Mars Petcare U.S.

John Ozier and his wife Linsay welcomed daughter Mary Beatrice on August 28.

New job? New baby? Other news to share with your MBA friends? Please submit your class news to Chris Smith at chris.smith@montgomerybell.edu

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2000
Taylor Harris and Adam Sinks have started a new company in Nashville. They recently bought two pre-existing construction and demolition waste hauling companies and are currently in the process of merging those operations into the new company, Full Circle Disposal. Upon completion of the transition, Full Circle will be the largest independent hauler in the Mid-State with the capacity to service over 600 waste containers of various sizes with a fleet of 12 roll-off trucks. They have plans to initiate a recycling operation in the first quarter of the new year in an effort to divert up to 60 percent of C&D waste that they collect from area landfills, as well as add “green” certifications to their new business. They can be contacted at tharris@fullcircledisposal.com or tasinks@fullcircledisposal.com

K.B. Parkes was married to Blair Davis of Birmingham, Ala. on July 24, 2010. The wedding party included several Class of 2000 alumni including: Carlton Stewart, Barton Simmons, Niel Alden, Dominick Smith, Tate Rich, Taylor Harris, Clark Lea, Wesley Williams, Stephen Maggart, Adam Sinks, Joseph Crane, and Tommy Hancock.

James Pittman and his wife Katherine moved into their first home in Brentwood, Tenn. in June.

2001
Andrew Coulton started a new job as a healthcare consultant for FTI Consulting in the Physician Enterprise Practice.

Paul Pope was hired in August by the US Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Tennessee as a Paralegal Specialist. He started in October (after his security clearance processed). He works in the civil division, mostly with prosecutions for fraud and civil rights violations.

Paul Steele and his wife Jenny welcomed their second daughter Ella Grace Steele on November 1st.

2003
Peter Power and his wife Krista welcomed son Nolan Philip Power on October 8, 2010. Nolan weighed 7 lbs, 12 oz and measured 21 inches long. The Powers currently reside in Omaha, Nebr.

2006
Nelson Berry graduated Magna Cum Laude from Sewanee in May 2010, and is currently employed by MBA as a Latin teacher. In addition to teaching Latin II, he has been helping the theater department, specifically with the productions of The Odyssey and The Three Musketeers.

2007
David Smith won the Best Undergraduate Essay Prize at Emory University for his work, “Seek Goodly Company: The Parable of the Ancient Mariner.”

2010
David Dalton has been named captain of the Miami University water-skiing team for the 2011-2012 season. This fall he placed 10th in the Great Lakes Conference Championships and 17th in the Midwest collegiate regionals.

IN MEMORIAM

Eugene M. Shepherd, Jr. (’35) 1918–2010
Eugene Shepherd passed away on October 24, 2010. He was a soldier in World War II, a business man (who went from stock-boy to vice-president of Washington Industries over a span of 50 years), a teacher, and Deacon and Elder at Hillsboro Church of Christ where he and his wife Dorothy attended from 1939 until her death last year. He is survived by his daughter Colleen Dixon (Ron); son Gene Shepherd (Marilyn Waters); and five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Robert F. Stamps (W’37) 1918–2010
Robert Stamps passed away on May 2, 2010. A graduate of Wallace University School and Vanderbilt University, he pursued graduate studies at New York Graduate School of Business. He was commissioned Ensign U.S.N.R. in November 1941. His sea duty was as a commander of motor torpedo boats (PT boats) in the new Britain area, followed by duties as Navigator of the U.S.S. Algorab, an assault transport, in the April 1, 1945 invasion of Okinawa. Upon release from active duty, he was a Lt. Commander. His entire business career was with Equitable Securities Corporation. Upon retirement, he was a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Vice-President. During his career, he was Chairman of the Commission that acquired the bus transit system from private hands and created the Metropolitan Transit System. He was a member of the commission that created the Metropolitan Airport Authority, and was advisor for bond finance of the Metropolitan Nashville Water and Sewer System. His wife of 57 years, Sue Craig Stamps, preceded him in death. A son, Robert Franklin Stamps, Jr., and daughters Dorothy Stamps Ingram and Sandra Stamps survive him.

Lloyd C. Miller, Jr. (’44) 1926–2010
Lloyd Miller died November 4, 2010. Following graduation from MBA, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and was stationed in Japan. Upon discharge, Miller entered Vanderbilt University. He worked at National Life Insurance Co. until retirement. He and his wife Carol moved to Coronado, Cal. in 1989. He returned to Nashville in September 2010. His wife of 49 years, Carol Haselton Miller, and son Lloyd C. Miller III, preceded him in death. Survivors are son David B. Miller (Vivi), four grandchildren, and brother Robert Bond Miller (’32) (Betsy).
Dr. Robert T. Doster (’45)  
1927–2010

Robert Doster died on October 18, 2010 after a brief illness. Following MBA, Doster was educated at Vanderbilt University, and the University of Tennessee School of Medicine. After serving his internship and residency at Baptist Hospital, he entered private practice of general internal medicine. He was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, and was a fellow of The American College of Physicians. He was an active member of the Tennessee Medical Association, and the Nashville Academy of Medicine, and served as President of the (continued) Tennessee Society for Internal Medicine. A three-time recipient of the AMA Physicians Recognition Award, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Mid-South Foundation for Medical Care. After his retirement he worked for several years with Social Security Disability. He was a man of high integrity who was devoted to his family. He had a tremendous range of interests; he travelled extensively, enjoyed golf and bird watching, studied astronomy, and played for many years in the Doctors’ Orchestra. He was a member of Christ Presbyterian Church (where he had served as deacon), and he was a member of Gideons International. Doster is survived by his wife Mary; two daughters, Dr. Leslie Jones (Larry), Lisa Green (Dan), and son Robert III (’82) (Lisa); six grandchildren including Matthew Doster (’05), and Cole Doster (’10); and his sister Beverly Frensley (Tommy).

Robert S. King (’64)  
1945–2011

Robert King passed away January 15, 2011 after several months of illness. He graduated from Peabody College in 1972, after a college career that included several years at The University of South, and that was interrupted by several years of Naval service with Commander Service Force Mediterranean in Naples, Italy. He spent 20 years in the hospitality industry that started with Holiday Inn, Inc., and included management positions at the Executive Plaza Inn, Doubletree Hotel, and Executive Inn. He also served several years as vice president for Spence Properties, Inc. In 1997 he went to work for the State of Tennessee and helped write, revise, and manage statewide accounting policy. He was an accounting troubleshooter and re-negotiated the state’s contracts with major credit card companies. Survivors include wife Jean Wishnick King; daughters Lee King Campbell and Leslie S. King; brother Richard H. King (’61); and granddaughter Mary Edwards Campbell.

Joseph M. Howard IV (’66)  
1948–2011

Joseph Howard died January 07, 2011 after a brief illness. Howard had served as an Attorney in both Tennessee and Arizona. He is survived by his parents, Joseph Michael Howard III and Hilda Morgan Howard; a brother, Jonathan Howard; and sister, Allene Howard Newton.

J. Thomas Crain, Jr. (’69)  
1951–2011

Tommy Crain passed away January 13, 2011. Crain began piano lessons when he was six years old, learned how to play the ukulele in the sixth grade, and won a talent contest in grammar school. He went on to master all stringed instruments, guitar, banjo, and the pedal steel. He played in various local bands in Nashville, the most well known being Flat Creek Band in which his brother Billy also played guitar. Tommy was a member of Buckeye when they opened for The Charlie Daniels Band at the first Volunteer Jam in 1974. Tommy joined The Charlie Daniels Band in 1975, the same year he married his sweetheart Melissa, and joined The CDB for a 15-year run. He played on over 20 albums and co-wrote over 60 songs with the group, including the Grammy Award-winning song The Devil Went Down To Georgia. During his years with The CDB, Tommy became one of the most influential musicians in Southern Rock Music, as well as on the world stage. His daughter Ella Helen Crain preceded him in death. Crain is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Crain (Helen); his wife Melissa Williams Crain; his daughter Ann Crain McDuffee; his grandson Hunter McDuffee; his brother Billy Crain (Sandy); and his sister Sherry Crain Arledge (James).

Stephen D. Howell (’82)  
1964–2011

Steve Howell passed away January 7, 2011 following a three-year battle with melanoma. Following MBA, Howell received his B.A. from the University of Mississippi and an M.B.A. from the University of Tennessee. He worked successfully in the pension plan field with Mass Mutual, New York Life, and Lincoln Financial. He recently formed his own consulting firm. He enjoyed tennis, golf, and coaching youth football teams in Atlanta, where he lived for most of his career. He was a member of The Nine O’Clocks Club in Atlanta, and after moving back to Nashville, rejoined West End United Methodist Church. Howell is survived by his parents John F. (’51) and Rev. Margaret H. Howell; his brother John F. Howell, Jr. (’75) (Charlene); and his sister Leigh Ann Collins (David).

MBA is also saddened to learn of the passing of the following former students:

Dr. William H. Oliver  
August 4, 1920 to October 15, 2010

John W. White, Jr.  
July 4, 1920 to July 12, 2010

Clark B. Rollins, Jr.  
September 17, 1922 to June 27, 2010

V. Morris Williams, Jr.  
October 27, 1931 to April 20, 2010

John T. Keister III (’55)  
1937–2010

John Keister passed away on February 11, 2010 in Mira Loma, Calif. Following MBA, Keister attended Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio. He later served in the U.S. Navy, receiving an honorable discharge. He worked for the California Youth Authority and spent 20 years as a member of the California Highway Patrol. Keister is survived by his daughter Joan A. Keister; his son Kenneth E. Keister; his sisters Elizabeth K. Short, Ann K. Brumback, and Emilie K. Finney.

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