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The 2012-2013 school year marks the anniversary of MBA's 146th year of founding. Clearly our school has a long history in the Southeast and a relatively long tenure in the educational world. We are fortunate to be one of the few schools in our country that have maintained a continuous path of focus, approach, and continuity. Our mission is clear, and our ideals are defined and prioritized. In many respects, we benefit from greatness in time, history, and celebration of great community. I would like to focus my brief comments in this February edition of The Hill to address the notion of community at MBA.

One of the most tangible places for us to celebrate community and MBA will be the new Dining Hall. It is literally and figuratively in the center of the campus. All of us enjoy celebrating friendship and experiences in our lives around occasions involving food. I look forward to strengthening that sense of community at MBA through the many great daily and significant occasions of celebration in our new Dining Hall.

We also celebrate community each day at MBA through our advisory programs. These small groups provide special relationships in which young men, faculty, and staff enjoy getting to know one another better. One of my goals at MBA has been to ensure that the faculty and staff know and care about the young men here. These advisory programs offer an opportunity to know and to care about the young men and for them to feel the same way about their teachers.

We are fortunate to enjoy that same kind of community in the classroom. Our classes are relatively very small, averaging just 13 students. It is a luxury to teach and to know students in such intimate settings. The opportunity to hear a student’s voice daily in the classroom and to know and to understand his thoughts and perspectives in such small communities also affords the faculty a greater understanding of each student.

There are larger communities of students and experience at MBA through the various teams and programs on our campus. I have seen that community expressed within the debate program, in the theater, on athletic teams like football, cross country, hockey, or bowling, and I have seen that same expression of community in endeavors like Science Olympiad, MathCounts, or the Poetry Club.

Essentially, a great community is one which affords everyone within an organization the opportunity to be known and to be cared about and to find a sense of expression, achievement, and excellence. On so many fronts, MBA has found that setting and meaning and opportunity for students and faculty. We will have yet another tangible way to express that community on a daily basis in the new Dining Hall, and it is my genuine hope that our community will extend far beyond the four or six years that students attend MBA. Almost weekly and occasionally daily, I find myself connecting to alumni within Nashville and beyond from the 1940s to the early 2000s. My vision is that the strength of this community will always be with the student, whether he first steps on this campus as a seventh grader or returns for his 50th or 60th reunion.

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For the 68th year, thousands of MBA families, alumni, and friends returned to campus for the food and fellowship of Homecoming and the Spaghetti Supper, the school’s largest community event and fund-raiser.

MBA students sold nearly 10,000 tickets to the event, and the Spaghetti Supper served more than 5,000 heaping helpings of pasta and sauce, salad, bread, and cookies.

Co-chairs Kellee Bryant and Alyson Proctor nimbly led a team composed of 40 committees, more than a hundred individuals, and 200 additional volunteers. Through tireless efforts, the funds generated by the weeklong events resulted in an allocation of close to $72,000 directly to the school this semester. The proceeds will be used to fund nearly 100 different projects, benefitting every department in the school, and providing a significant impact on every MBA student.
The MBA campus once again teemed with activity as hundreds flocked to the school for the annual MBA carnival. One of the largest events on campus, the carnival featured rides and games for children of all ages, as well as face painting, a dunking booth, music, and thousands of prizes. Both the Sloan and Gambill quads were filled with activity, food trucks offered a variety of dining options, and the highly popular pony rides returned between the Massey Building and Ingram Science Building. The Carnival is a free event hosted by the MBA students and faculty and serves as an unofficial kick-off to each school year.
For the fourth consecutive year, MBA alumni, faculty, and students braved a cold November morning to honor American veterans with a breakfast and ceremony at the school’s Veterans Day celebration. Headmaster Brad Gioia welcomed the guests assembled on campus and turned the program over to MBA Dean of Students Will Norton ('99). Norton expressed his gratitude to the MBA alumni who have served. He also recognized MBA graduates who are currently serving on active duty (see list). A moment of silence was observed, followed by the presentation of colors by Luke Rochford ('17), Daniel Lee ('18), and Aidan McSharry ('13) under the direction of Patrick Simpson ('02).

Following a rendition of “The Star Spangled Banner” by the MBA Chamber Choir, Bo Bartholomew ('92) introduced featured speaker Tom Beasley ('62) and his father Sam Bartholomew. Both men were classmates at the United States Military Academy and members of the famed West Point Class of 1966 that lost more members in the Viet Nam war than any other class. Beasley celebrated the value of veterans in public life and stressed the importance of the connection of a society with members of the military. He stressed the common ground that national service provides in dealing with the issues of our day. Bartholomew, the father of three MBA graduates, offered a prayer for all veterans. MBA staff member Michael Bass ('00) closed the program with a remembrance for the MBA and Wallace alumni who gave their lives in service of their country.
MBA alums on active military duty

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MBA Welcomes R.A. Dickey

- Montgomery Bell Academy Class of 2000
- Named All-American in baseball his senior year
- Attended the University of Tennessee (Knoxville) where he holds the school record for career wins (38)
- Member of the bronze medal winning Olympic team at the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta
- Climbed Mount Kilimanjaro to raise $250,000 for Bombay Teen Challenge, an organization dedicated to rescuing young women from forced prostitution
- Released his autobiography, If You Wind Up, My Quest for Truth, Peace, and the Perfect Knuckleball in 2012 and is featured in a documentary film entitled Knuckleball.
- 2012 National League Cy Young Winner as a member of the New York Mets.
Headmaster Gioia welcomed the crowd, and MBA seniors Morris Eguakun and Furman Haynes offered insights into their MBA careers. Eguakun described the profound impact a service trip to the Dominican Republic had on his life, including his decision to run for Student Body President. Haynes offered thoughts on what makes MBA such a special place, from the myriad offerings for every interest, to the camaraderie of the student section at sporting events, to the experiences that can only occur on The Hill.

Dickey reflected on his circuitous journey from MBA to the New York Mets, the influences on his life and his profession, and his attempts to perfect the knuckleball. He detailed the attempt to master a pitch that catchers can’t catch and no one else in the Major Leagues currently throws. Dickey was asked when the switch flipped and he figured out how to consistently make the knuckleball work. He answered that there was not a particular moment, but rather a gradual path of learning how to “get out of my own way and unload the baggage that impeded my ability to progress as a baseball player and a man.”

While his recent success could be overwhelming, Dickey recognizes the impact that other people have had on his life, as well as the influence MBA continues to have on his journey. Dickey remarked that he is “in no way a self-made man. This place has been a part of my success. My life was saved here – not just once, but over and over.”

"What makes your MBA education valuable ten years down the road is not the gold stars. The value is in the entire experience here, the experience that shaped who you are — the habits you developed, the values you adhered to, the teachers you learned from, and the discipline you were forced to respect."

— Thompson Paine ('01)

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In one of the most significant traditions in the career of an MBA student, members of the Class of 2014 received their MBA rings at a special ceremony in early December.

MBA senior Alex Floyd began the ceremony with his reflections on the importance of his ring. Floyd, an award-winning actor, noted that he loses “everything all the time — phone, keys, remotes, homework, books, backpack, and don’t even get me started on my wallet.” But he continued that even with a propensity to lose everything, he has never misplaced his ring. Floyd remarked that, “Last year, when I sat where you sit today, I fully expected to lose my ring, but that was before I realized exactly what it represents. In this ring, I can see every member of my class who has shared success with me, and pain with me. And that is why I have never lost my ring. It represents what cannot be replaced.”

After Floyd’s remarks, Thompson Paine (‘01) addressed the juniors on the significance of their rings, and the importance that his time at MBA has played in his life. Paine was a Morehead/Cain Scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and then earned his M.B.A. and J.D. from Stanford University. He worked for the United States Embassy in China and currently serves as Director of Business Operations for Quizlet, a web-based learning platform for students. The complete text of Paine’s speech appears on the next page.

Following Paine’s address, seniors Trip Adams, Cole Harrison, Benjamin Haynes, Chris Hooks, Wilson Johnson, Henry Lynch, Kaylor McCraken, Paul Moore, and Robert Papel presented the juniors with their rings. If the student was related to an alumnus, then the relative presented the ring. McCraken, who transferred to MBA in his junior year, was also presented with a ring.
Good morning, and thank you, Mr. Gioia, for the introduction. And thanks to Alex for outshining me before I even got to the podium. That was a great talk, with which I am pretty sure I can’t compete. I was excited when Mr. Gioia asked me to join you here today, but when I told my girlfriend about it, she seemed surprised. “Didn’t you tell me there were a bunch of famous, accomplished people who went to your high school?” she asked. I said, “Yeah, so?” “Well,” she said, “I’m not saying you’re a bad choice or anything, but last time I checked you were almost 30 years old, unemployed, and up to your neck in student loans.” She was correct on all three accounts, so I guess it is a fair question.

But my best guess as to why you’re stuck listening to me this morning at 7 a.m. is that, in the 13 years since my classmates and I sat in your seat at this ceremony, I have been really blessed and lucky to have some unique life, work, and educational experiences — as have many of my classmates from the class of ’01, and as no doubt you will too.

A large part of those experiences for me have related to China. My experiences there over the past ten years include that of a student, a teacher, a political analyst for the U.S. Government, and short stints in law and business. If I were to condense my experiences there, or my “China stories,” into two buckets, the first would be the general discomforts and endearing idiosyncrasies of being in a foreign country, which many of you have likely experienced on the international exchanges MBA now supports.

For example, I have an endless number of stories illustrating the different concepts of privacy and personal space in this country of 1.5 billion people. It was not uncommon to cozy up in my sleeper cot for an overnight train ride, turn on my iPod and start to doze off, only to be awoken by an adorable old lady sitting down on my bed, with her dinner, offering me food, and asking if she could listen to my music.

I remember my first day as an English teacher at No. 79 Middle School in Liaoning Province, Northeast China, where I was the only laowai (a common slang term for foreigners in China) on campus. In the teachers’ cafeteria that first day, I sat down with a tray of food, and almost immediately felt something on my arm. I turned to find the big macho soccer and PE coach next to me, staring at and stroking my arm hair. I stopped eating, looked at him, said hello, and he just gave me a strong thumbs up. Apparently, Coach Zhang approved of my arm hair.

Some of the more uncomfortable experiences occurred in the rougher, less developed, and less populated regions of Western China where I traveled often for work. And let me just note here that I didn’t realize parents and family were going to be here when I included this part, so my apologies if this story sounds more fit for a room full of teenage males. The typical public restroom in China, particularly in rural China, has a line of holes in the ground, side by side, with no toilets and often with no dividers or toilet paper. Such amenities became the norm for me in my travels. Now if you lived in rural China and had never seen a foreigner before, how surprised do you think you would be if the first one you saw was in your bathroom? So there I would be, uncomfortably and awkwardly answering nature’s call, when in would stroll someone, say, a little boy. He would scream and run out. And I would wait, knowing what was coming. I’d hear him yell to friends, or maybe his dad, “Dad! There’s a laowai in the bathroom.” Instead of the father telling the little rascal to leave the poor laowai, me, alone, next thing you’d know the dad would be peering in with two of his friends, analyzing me, how I looked, or even my poor posture over the john.

The second bucket into which I would group my “China stories” would be those deeper experiences that truly formed my understanding of how the Chinese social, political, and economic systems work. I did not really comprehend how millions upon millions of people will work all day for peanuts in really low-quality factory conditions until you spend a couple nights in the destitute, impov---
cherished villages from which these workers are escaping. It’s hard to picture just how oppressively Catch 22-like a local-level Chinese police station can be until you’ve had to spend half a day talking yourself out of a police detention. You can’t fathom how intelligent, proud, strong people put up with censorship and authoritarian rule, which we read about in the newspapers, until you look a man — a father and a husband — in the eye who just emerged from 40 days in detention and interrogation just because he tried to have coffee with you to talk about his blog.

While subjectively I absolutely loved my time in China, the people I met, and the rich culture and history I immersed myself in; objectively, when asked, I have to admit I have a pretty critical take on the social and political models under which China’s rise is unfolding. China has achieved a number of what I am going to call “gold stars,” that is, successes on paper, over the last decade. These gold stars include becoming the second largest economy in the world, raising average incomes, building a phenomenal high-speed rail network that even the U.S. should be envious of, their first aircraft carrier, and so on. But the process through which these gold stars have been achieved, and the society that has formed as a result, is one of which many in China are not that proud.

One of my closest Chinese friends is a man, my age, who grew up in Beijing. His childhood home was a relatively humble one-story house in the hutong neighborhood next to Tiananmen Square. He was in kindergarten when Chinese military attacked students peacefully protesting in June 1989. He can actually picture in his mind tanks rolling past his home, and, even more powerfully, he can recall the bloodied, shocked students who hid in his home that night following the assault. The first time my friend told me these stories was about three years into our friendship, one night in the summer of 2008, just before the kickoff of the Beijing Olympics — one of the biggest “gold stars” of China’s rise in the past ten years. After he finished the story, I asked him, respectfully, and non-rhetorically, “Do you think the government’s action that night in 1989 was worth it?” He was quiet for a solid 30 or 60 seconds, thinking. He then looked me in the eye, slightly embarrassed, but with brutal honesty (which I respected) and said, “Yeah, it was worth it. Look what we have. We were so poor such a short time ago, and now we’re not. We have cars, we have computers, we have iPhones, and we have respect. It’s sad, but it was worth it.” I remember thinking to myself, a little depressed, “I guess the gold stars are working.”

Three years later, during a summer internship, I was researching the Chinese music market. I called the same friend in Beijing to get some advice on my research. This was 2011, and a lot had happened in three years. The sheen of the Olympics had worn off, as low and behold, the Olympics hadn’t really improved people’s lives much. Worse, for a variety of reasons I can discuss in another forum, local corruption was entrenched and the government was responding poorly to these challenges. The day I called my friend, news had broken of a major train wreck on the high-speed rail in the southern city of Wenzhou, and it began to lay bare some of the ugly downsides of China’s push for gold stars. He asked me, “Did you hear about the crash in Wenzhou?” I replied, “Yeah, I read about it. What are your thoughts?” He paused, lowered his voice, and muttered into the phone, “Wo yao yimin” — “I want to emigrate.”

So what does all of this have to do with you? Well, MBA accumulates an incredible number of gold stars every year, and you should be extremely proud of these accomplishments. You hear about them in Assembly every Monday morning and I read about them in the Alumni newsletters. You win scholarships, championships, prizes, and medals, and again, these are great achievements. But what makes your MBA education valuable ten years down the road is not the gold stars. The value is in the entire experience here, the experience that shaped who you are — the habits you developed, the values you adhered to, the teachers you learned from, and the discipline you were forced to respect.

My first point (of two) that I hope you take away from this talk is to embrace all of the experiences you are having at this school.

Alex Floyd (’13)
including those that didn’t win you any awards or high grades. While the gold stars you achieved are well-deserved fruits of your efforts and talents, they are not the foundation.

Mr. Moxley doesn’t expect us each to go write the great American novel; he expects American literature to give us an appreciation for the world around us and the American experience. Mrs. Steel didn’t care about my GPA when she took off 12 points on my first quiz ever at MBA for misspelling “received” in the honor code; she wanted me to develop a careful attention to detail. Mr. Gaither surely knew that aphorisms were not tested on standardized Latin exams, but he appreciated that the wise men of two millennia ago had lessons that might be of use to young men like us. Coach Simpson didn’t stay and work with me after practice on my drop back as the third string quarterback on the freshman football team because he thought it was going to win him a city championship — he did it because he wanted to encourage a lasting work ethic in each one of his players, talented or (as was the case for me) otherwise. We did win the City Championship that year, by the way.

And while I hope you never forget the feeling of these victories, be it on the field or in the classroom, the class ring you are receiving today represents the entire MBA experience — successes and failures, grades in the 90s and grades in the 70s, your obedience to the rules and your occasional deviations, and what each of these experiences taught you.

Last month — right about the time I was receiving that gentle reminder that I was unemployed — I interviewed for a job at a startup, in which I spent ten hours straight in interviews, meeting every person in the company. The job didn’t actually have much to do with China, but I was drawn to the company because of the mission and the new challenge. At the end of this interview gauntlet, I sat down with the co-founders to hear if they were going to hire me or not. The feedback, fortunately, was positive, but it had virtually nothing to do with my experiences, accomplishments, or — you guessed it — the gold stars I had tried to add to my resume over the previous decade. The adjectives that came back to me all had to do with habits, demeanor, communication ability, and curiosity. In short, all things I learned here at MBA.

After that conversation, I stood up, thanked the two founders, and walked out into the open space where everyone else in the company worked. I waved, said thanks, turned to exit — and ran headfirst, smack into a wall-length window. It was a serious impact.

Which brings me to my second (and final) point — always look where you are going. For the past few years, you all have been charging up a mountain, step-by-step, with your head down, just trying to accomplish your daily, weekly, and semesterly goals, and to graduate from MBA. And that isn’t easy. When you get this class ring today, you will face that MBA emblem inward, toward you, until you graduate. You will keep charging ahead, writing themes, putting on plays, winning championships, all the way until your commencement in May 2014. At that time, you will turn the ring outward to face the rest of the world. From that moment on, you are to set your own goals, set your own mountains to climb, and decide on your own gold stars to achieve.

When I was a junior here, there was a Kennedy quote in the weight room that said, “To whom much is given, much is required.” While I think this is a great quotation, I would revise it slightly for a room full of MBA graduates to be. I would say, “To whom much is given, much is possible.” This class ring is not a burden, it is an opportunity. You have a head start. Own it, use it, go find your calling and answer it. Whether that calling is professional — as a businessman, a teacher, a soldier, an artist, a lawyer, or a writer — MBA has given you the life tools to do it well. And even more importantly in your callings that are personal — as a friend, a brother, a husband, or a father — MBA has prepared you for success in those roles, too.

So again, as you receive your MBA ring and move forward toward the final phase of your experience here, I hope you appreciate the gold stars, but I hope you cherish the process. And try not to run into a wall-length window.

Congratulations, and thanks again for letting me join you this morning.
the New Dining Hall
Nearly 200 members of the MBA community received a sneak peak at the school’s new dining hall on January 24 when the facility was used to host the annual dinner for the MBA boards. Members of the Board of Trustees, Alumni Board, Young Alumni Board, and the Advisory Board heard from bestselling author Jeff Shaara in the Dead Poets Society Room in Lowry Hall, then headed to the Entry/Gallery in the new 43,000 square foot building. Following a performance by the MBA Chamber Choir, the guests enjoyed the first meal in what will soon become the center of activity on the MBA campus.

Much to the delight of the MBA students, faculty, and staff, the building is scheduled to open after President’s Day weekend. The building features a breathtaking 300-seat Great Hall that occupies 5,000 square feet and rises to over 49 feet high in the building’s center. It features exposed wood trusses, wood and stone clad walls, limestone flooring, a large stone fireplace, and oak trestle tables and chairs made by a third generation furniture builder in Massachusetts.

Food will be prepared in the massive kitchen on the first floor, while the second-floor servery includes a brick pizza oven and a mechanized tray return system.

The building also includes seven classrooms, a seminar room, and the Zimmerman Room (an intimate formal dining room that will open this spring). There will be a celebration for the building’s grand opening on April 24.

The building is served by the geothermal bore field on Harding Road, and is pursuing LEED certification and could potentially be the second LEED Certified high school building in Nashville, joining our LEED Gold Certified Mary Helen Lowry Hall.
Under the strong leadership of Service Club Officers John Mellow, McLean Hudson, William Yang, and Tom Bu, the first semester has offered many opportunities for students to experience the rewards of helping the community. Every class has been busy participating in Loaves and Fishes Meals, Vanderbilt Parking, the Second Harvest Food Backpack Project, Urban Housing Solutions’ Last Saturday of the Month Dinner, the Autism Speaks Walk, Hands On Nashville Day, the Nashville Food Project, as well as numerous tutoring projects each week and various food, clothing, DVD, and toy drives before the holidays. New initiatives this fall have included the hockey team working with Best Buddies and the Thespian Society beginning an after school theater enrichment program at Fannie Battle Day Home.

Two of the major service undertakings of the fall focused on The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and the Wounded Warrior Project.
The Race for the Cure began in 1983 in Dallas, Tex., with 800 runners. Today, with 140 races on four continents and 1.6 million participants, Race for the Cure is the largest breast cancer fundraising and education event in the world, and MBA is proud to be part of that effort.

On Saturday, October 27, 2012, the Big Red joined others in the Nashville community for the 5K race at Maryland Farms. MBA had 214 registered team members and once again made a visible impact on race day.

The work of the MBA Race for the Cure team began long before October 27. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the boys, parents, faculty, staff, and friends of MBA sponsored and participated in fundraising and educational events throughout October.

- In what has become an annual tradition, in early October MBA hosted Our Mission in Motion, a mobile unit that performed screening mammograms right here on The Hill. Thanks to the number of women screened (and, in part, because of the great lunches offered on campus), MBA has become a favorite spot for the Our Mission in Motion staff. They will be back again on October 4, 2013.

- The Race for the Cure team sold t-shirts and wristbands designed by senior Kaylor McCracken. The team sold hundreds of donuts on campus throughout the month, brightening the spirits of many boys and raising money at the same time.

- October 19 marked the first alumni/student PINK OUT! Face-painting, Komen ribbon tattoos, Komen ribbons on team helmets, Race for the Cure registration tables, pink clothes, balloons, and Cookies for the Cure (sponsored by The Christie Cookie) carried the theme throughout the Alumni Tailgate and football game. Boys even painted up PINK, bringing a new flavor to the student section!

- Thanks to the generosity of HCA and hard work by MBA mother Elaine Lee, MBA held the Inaugural Mother-Son Tennis Challenge, benefitting Race for the Cure, on October 21. The day was beautiful, and the competition was spirited. Senior Andrew Graham and his mother, Tammy Graham, took the title in what will certainly become an annual event.

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Immediately following the success of the Race for the Cure efforts, the MBA community turned its attention to the Wounded Warrior Project. Led by junior Miles Curry, the goal of the project was to raise awareness and funds for American service men and women who have been injured while in defense of our freedoms. Through an advisory challenge, appeals to the larger community, and tireless efforts on behalf of the project leaders, more than $13,000 was raised for the Wounded Warrior Project. The total surpassed the fundraising efforts last year, and brought the contributions over a two-year period to nearly $25,000.

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With the help of the entire community, MBA raised over $21,000 for Komen for the Cure and reminded us all of the importance of the fight against breast cancer. In honor of those who are struggling and in memory of those we have lost, please continue to support MBA’s Race for the Cure Team. Visit www.montgomerybell.edu/raceforthecure for more information.

- In the final event before race day, students and faculty participated in Buzzcuts for the Cure, sponsored by Uncle Classic Barbershop. Buzzcut “customers” took pledges from family and friends to “pay” for their dos. Appetites were whetted at the October 26 pep rally, when, to the crowd’s delight, our Uncle friends buzzed senior McKay Proctor and Coach Dick Klausner. The cuts continued at the football game, with three Uncle barbers working tirelessly on a number of willing subjects, raising money and providing a few good laughs as locks fell to the ground.

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In mid-September MBA began a new tradition celebrating the transition into high school. Members of the freshman class gathered for a ceremony where they received a blazer patch of the MBA seal that they will wear through their graduation in 2016. The ceremony, much like the junior ring presentation, will mark one of the significant events in the career of MBA students. In his opening remarks, Headmaster Brad Gioia said the purpose of the ceremony was to celebrate a rite of passage, but also to remind the freshmen of the responsibility and expectation that comes with being a high school student. Using the example of Atticus Finch from To Kill a Mockingbird, Gioia urged the boys to display their humanity with quiet consistent strength, value integrity as a man’s most important quality, and remember that moral courage more than any other trait defines a man.

MBA senior Whit Emerson followed, describing his transition into high school. He urged the freshmen to learn from their mistakes rather than dwell on them. He extolled the value of perseverance and the importance of balance, both of which he learned during an eventful and challenging entry into high school.

Dr. Ed Tarkington, who serves as Freshman Class sponsor, English teacher, and wrestling coach, offered the keynote address of the ceremony. The text of his speech appears below.

Recently, when I opened up my computer to read the news, my eyes fell upon a link with a title that really got my attention. The link led to a piece by one of America’s most respected moderate conservative voices New York Times op-ed columnist David Brooks. The title of the piece was “Why Men Fail.”

Nationwide, Mr. Brooks writes, “In elementary and high school, male academic performance is lagging. Boys earn three-quarters of the D’s and F’s. By college, men are clearly behind. Only 40 percent of bachelor’s degrees go to men, along with 40 percent of master’s degrees. Thanks to their lower skills, men are dropping out of the labor force. In 1954, 96 percent of the American men between the ages of 25 and 54 worked. Today, that number is down to 80 percent. In Friday’s jobs report, male labor force participation reached an all-time low. Millions of men are collecting disability. Even many of those who do have a job are doing poorly. According to Michael Greenstone of the Hamilton Project, annual earnings for median prime-age males have dropped by 28 percent over the past 40 years. Men still dominate the tippy-top of the corporate ladder because many women take time off to raise children, but women lead, or are gaining nearly everywhere else. Women in their 20s earn men in their 20s. Twelve out of the 15 fastest-growing professions are dominated by women.”

I read all of this with mixed emotions. As a father of girls, it makes me feel good to know that the opportunities for young women are expanding. As one who has devoted my professional life to the education and development of boys, however, these statistics put a lump in my throat. The problem isn’t that girls are doing better than ever before. What concerns me — and what should concern all of us — is that women aren’t just rising; men are falling — or, to be more precise, as David Brooks’ column asserts — men are FAILING.

Now, the good news. As is the case in so many regards, MBA men tend to be the exception rather than the rule. Earlier this week, for instance, we learned that 21 men from this year’s senior class have been named 2012 National Merit Semifinalists. That’s 17 percent of the graduating class who ranked in the 90th percentile nationwide. I needn’t really go any further down the list of all the ways in which MBA students continue to excel in so many different areas — you’re all aware that MBA is a remarkable school community and we’re all fortunate to be a part of it.”
MBA, as you know, is steeped in traditions old and new. While we work hard to adapt to the changing world, there’s a sense here that some of the old stuff is worth holding onto. This is why you diagram sentences in English class; why you’re expected to keep your hair trimmed and your shirt tucked in. This is why we put gentleman before scholar and athlete.

While the new programs and the shiny new facilities are attractive, it’s the old stuff — the stuff that’s been around 146 years — that makes MBA special and unique. And it’s this stuff — these ideals — that are the foundation your life will be built upon — the things that will lift you up above the acceptance of mediocrity and the easy, meaningless pleasures that have led to the sad state of affairs David Brooks describes in “Why Men Fail.”

You are all, in your own way, exceptional. You would not be here otherwise. This morning, the patch you are receiving recognizes what you’ve done to get here. But it should also stand as a charge and a constant reminder of what you have yet to do. When you wear it, I want you to think especially about the core pillars upon which our concept of the MBA Gentleman are built.

**Independence.** As new members of the high school, you are given a greater degree of freedom than you’ve ever experienced. It’s a reward, but it’s also a responsibility. Focus on learning how to use that freedom maturely. Learn to manage your time effectively. A free period on the PL or the second half of a lunch period can be used to joke around or play video games, but it can also be used to get ahead in a thousand different ways, either through specific tasks or just reflecting on the small and great matters that help to shape who you are and who you’re going to be.

**Ingenuity.** Use your imagination to broaden yourself and your experience. Think of new ways to help your class through service and fundraising. Look for the unique way to make your mark. Take the right kinds of risks and remember that we build upon the small failures always to achieve the great successes.

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Respect. Appreciate and honor the diversity of your class in talent, background, and personality. Take pride in the accomplishments of others, and use them as inspiration to pursue your own higher achievement. Choose to be inspired rather than cynical and sarcastic. Respect yourself and your family by doing your best, owning up to mistakes when you make them, and resolving to learn from every experience, positive or negative.

Look around the room at your classmates. Among you are many who will go on to do extraordinary things and live extraordinary lives. It might seem too remote to conceive, but it’s true. Today and every day after, I would like for all of you to ask yourself a question. Why not me? Why can’t I be one of those who will be remembered? What makes me different, and how can I use that difference to surpass even my own highest expectations of myself? For I promise you, each and every one of you has the potential for great things. And my measure of greatness isn’t solely made by earnings or first-place finishes or grade point averages. It comes in the small moments and gestures that make up a man’s character. Reject the sneering cynicism and the surrender to mediocrity. Remember when you wear that patch that it is not a symbol of a school so much as it is one of a philosophy that has endured for nearly 150 years and will continue to endure so long as those who have worn it hold true to its ideals.
A BALANCED VISION

MBA's has raised over $90 million for financial aid, endowment, annual giving, and capital expenditures in the "A Balanced Vision" capital campaign. The campus improvements include Lowry Hall, the new soccer field and parking garage, the property and observatory at Long Mountain, the new tennis facility, and the new dining hall.

It is our hope to raise an additional $30 million over the next three years to complete the new dining hall and other important initiatives, including increasing our support of financial aid through the endowment, renovations to the Davis Building in support of arts and music, and improvements to our athletic facilities.

We humbly ask all of the MBA family to consider a gift to support and finish these tremendous projects and programs. **MBA is a special community, and we believe all of its members should be involved in some way.**

We now have the opportunity to forge the kind of education, leadership, and character in these young men in such a way we have never done before. If you have not done so already, please consider making a personal investment so that we can continue to build boys into great men who will be leaders not only in our local community but also in the broader world.

**Ways to give:**
- Online at www.montgomerybell.edu/giving
- Via telephone: (615) 369-5360
- Mail a check to our office at:
  4001 Harding Road, Nashville, TN 37205
“Twitter” — Mitchell Flautt
Ninety-three students at Montgomery Bell Academy earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams for the 2011-2012 school year. About 18 percent of the more than 1.8 million students worldwide who took AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students’ performance on AP exams. In each of these categories, MBA students in 2011-2012 exceeded the numbers in the same categories from the previous year. MBA currently offers 26 Advanced Placement courses.

Thirteen students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average score of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. The students (all from the Class of 2012) were Myles Anderson, David Arteaga, Weston Bell, John Mark Bellet, Scott Blackwell, Paul Brazil, Wills Brooks, Palmer Campbell, Zach Chen, Gray Curtis, Maclin Davis, Austin Doebler, Rob Edwards, John Elam, Noah Fardon, Andrew Fortugno, Lucas Fortune, Blair Griffin, Kelly Haselton, Trent Holbrook, Rett Hooper, Robert Hoover, Augie Houghton, Michael Kosson, Daniel Mace, Bryan Oslin, Preston Palm, Daniel Peters, Anderson Rader, Karthik Sastry, Joe Scherrer, Marshall Sorenson, Will Stewart, Baker Swain, Jack Whitson, and Edward Wilson. Scholars from the Class of 2013 were Adam Bowman, Tom Bu, Hunter Crabtree, Alan Liang, Bradley Long, Will McFadden, John Mellow, Hamilton Millwee, George Swenson, Hunter Tidwell, and Kevin Wang.

Forty-eight students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students from the Class of 2012 were Matt Anderson, Myles Anderson, David Arteaga, Weston Bell, John Mark Bellet, Scott Blackwell, Paul Brazil, Wills Brooks, Palmer Campbell, Zach Chen, Gray Curtis, Maclin Davis, Austin Doebler, Rob Edwards, John Elam, Noah Fardon, Andrew Fortugno, Lucas Fortune, Blair Griffin, Kelly Haselton, Trent Holbrook, Rett Hooper, Robert Hoover, Augie Houghton, Michael Kosson, Daniel Mace, Bryan Oslin, Preston Palm, Daniel Peters, Anderson Rader, Karthik Sastry, Joe Scherrer, Will Stewart, and Edward Wilson.

Twenty-two students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with scores of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars from the Class of 2012 were Jamie Bradshaw, Blake Burns, Clay Cauble, Robert Forcum, Adam Hobbs, Hayden Holliman, Grey Jones, Jamie Joyce, Will Peffen, and Connor Yaksisi.

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In early September the National Merit Scholarship Program announced that 21 members of the Class of 2013 were selected as National Merit Semifinalists. The total was the highest by an MBA class since 2004.


These boys scored in the 99th percentile on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test/PSAT.

The 21 semifinalists represent 17 percent of the Class of 2013 at MBA. The students come from seven different zip codes and 14 different feeder schools.

In addition to the National Merit Semifinalists, the National Merit Scholarship Program named 17 MBA students Commended Scholars: Galen Bullington, Colin Caldwell, Andrew Einstman, Barry Goldsmith, Benjamin Haynes, Furman Haynes, Alan Liang, Henry Lynch, Sal Neglia, Ryan Owen, Michael Piana, Tate Ramsden, James Sharp, Jonathan Sikthberg, Sam Waitt, Falkner Werkhaven and Davidson White. Commended Scholars scored in the 97th percentile on the PSAT and join the list of over 800 MBA students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation since 1981.

Also, Marcus Riley was one of 3,100 students in the U.S. to be named an Outstanding Participant in the National Achievement Scholarship Program. These students scored in the top three percent of more than 160,000 Black Americans who requested consideration for the program when they took the 2011 PSAT/NMSQT. The National Achievement Scholarship Program was initiated in 1964 specifically to honor academically promising Black American high school students.
ON THE HILL

THEATER
Actors at MBA and Harpeth Hall returned to school early on July 30 to begin working on our fifteenth musical collaboration — *Lucky Stiff*. The play revolves around an unassuming English shoe salesman named Harry Witherspoon (played by sophomore Jess Darnell) who will inherit a fortune if he takes his dead uncle to Monte Carlo and completes his “bucket list.” If Harry fails, the money goes to the Universal Dog Home of Brooklyn, or else to the gun-toting wife of the casino owner (played by Harpeth Hall senior Ellie Hitt). Enthusiastic audiences enjoyed this musical whodunit with its flying bullets and one-liners; energetic musical numbers and humorous antics by Coleman Sorenson (‘14) and Alex Floyd (‘13) as the body of Uncle Anthony contributed to the show’s success. Director Cal Fuller praised the tireless efforts of his cast and crew, stating, “This group has been determined and attacked the hardest tasks with the most zeal. They have met the challenges of this show consistently, embracing the quirky characters and ludicrous plot with an excitement that is contagious and most impressive.”

For the third time since 2005, student actors from MBA claimed top honors at the state one-act play competition during the Tennessee Theatre Association annual meeting in Maryville in late October. As a result, MBA’s production of *The Elephant Man* will represent the Volunteer State at the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Louisville, Ky, next spring. Director Rick Seay (‘79) applauded the efforts of his cast and crew, remarking, “The students did an amazing job with this production and we look forward to competing in Louisville in March.” In addition to winning first in the state, the production also claimed All-Star Cast List awards for senior Mattison Asher (Ross), Darnell (Dr. Frederick Treves), Floyd (John Merrick), and Harpeth Hall’s Alexandra Thornton (Mrs. Kendal).

November 15-18, the MBA Players presented an adaptation of Charles Dickens’ *Great Expectations*. A terrifying encounter with an escaped convict forever changes the life of the orphaned Pip (younger Pip played by Andrew Kaplan (‘17) and older Pip played by Floyd). Turning his back on his humble beginnings as a blacksmith’s apprentice, Pip strives to better himself and become a gentleman, unaware of the hidden dangers that await him. MBA audiences loved this classic as it tackled questions of identity and presented a cast of unforgettable characters, including Miss Havisham (played with relish by Harpeth Hall’s Lizzie Boston), Magwitch (played by sophomore James Matthews), and Joe Gargery (played by Asher). “I am enormously proud of their achievement in bringing this play to you with such a wonderful blend of artistry and dramatic intensity,” said Director Malcolm Morrison in praise of his cast and crew for their commitment and energy.

Join us February 21-24, 2013, as MBA presents *Amadeus*, Peter Shaffer’s artistic tale of jealousy, madness, hubris, revenge, and music, ah, yes, music!
The Visual Art program has a number of highlights and recognitions to celebrate so far this school year. Though the heart of the program begins in the enrichment classes of the junior school, a number of students have been acknowledged for special recognition in this area.

Over the summer, Jack Coyle ('14) was commissioned to paint a mural for the Mid-South Ceramics Company on Lebanon Pike in town. Also over the summer, Wilson Grants were awarded to Lucas Littlejohn ('13) for studies at the Art Institute of Chicago, Rem Houghton ('14) for work at Carnegie Melon, and Henry Lynch ('13) for art history study in Spain. Ross Blackwell ('14) was awarded a language grant to study art history in Spain, as well. Galen Bullington ('13) spent three weeks at the Governor's School of Tennessee. Bullington also created the major prop of a cathedral for the award-winning one act performance of The Elephant Man.

“Various Flora”—Matt Miccioli

“Soldier Boy”—Corbitt Dicker

“Floating Adrift in the Desert”—Tom Bu
In September Hunter Guye ('13), Houghton, Wesley Tseng ('15), Will Glover ('14), and Hudson Walker ('17) spent a Saturday sketching at Long Mountain. Also this fall, Blackwell, Jacob Lothers ('15), German Martinez-Rojas ('14), Glover, and Bullington participated in a teacher/student workshop for a Metamorphoses exhibit at The Frist Center. Area college art studio faculty members Khristi Hargrove, Mark Hosford, and Erin Anfinson led these students on a two-weekend journey through the processes that inform their art.

Currently at The Frist, Tom Bu ('13) has a work in the Young Tennessee Artists: 2012 Statewide Upper-Level Studio Art. His photograph, entitled “Lonely Man,” is one of 30 works from Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs in the middle Tennessee region.

Earlier in the fall, works were submitted for showing at an exhibition entitled Artlightenment at which Littlejohn received an award in Excellence in Painting. John Mark Bellet ('12) for Excellence in Drawing, and Bullington for Excellence in Photography.

The December 2012 edition of Nashville Arts magazine featured a spread on the art department including Bu, Bullington, Littlejohn, Coyle, and freshman Corbitt Dicker along with images of their work. The November edition of this magazine contains an article by Jennifer Cole about Littlejohn’s internship with the Metro Arts Commission.

The Middle Tennessee Student Art Show at the Renaissance Center in Dickson chose a variety of student work for its 2012 show. Sam Bellet ('15), Jack Carey ('18), Drew Martin ('18), Matt Miccioli ('15), Jack Reineke ('18), Andrew Einstman ('13), and Tseng were selected in the printmaking category. Bu and Bullington had work selected in the area of computer graphics. Dicker and Littlejohn were selected in the mixed media category. Littlejohn also had a painting chosen for that category, and Mitchell Flautt ('13) had a work of sculpture chosen. Finally, Cameron MacDonald Surman ('16), Houghton, and Will Norton ('16) were admitted to the drawing category.

The results of the judging included the following:

- Best of Show and $500 Purchase Award – Corbitt Dicker ('16)
- Best Printmaking – Sam Bellet ('15)
- Best Sculpture – Mitchell Flautt ('13)
- 7th Grade – 2nd Place – Jack Carey
- 8th Grade – 3rd Place – Will Norton (from his eighth grade class)
- 9th Grade – 3rd Place – Matt Miccioli (from his Art I class last year)
- 10th Grade – 3rd Place – Rem Houghton
The fall of 2012 was a busy but rewarding season for Big Red Debate and Forensics. As MBA students and coaches got more practice time in the new facilities of the Lowry Building’s debate rooms, the team traveled to tournaments around the nation to test its mettle against other ranked competitors.

The extemporaneous speakers put the new Dead Poets Society Room to good use for their practice, and the benefits showed with phenomenal showings. At the Portland, Tenn., tournament, junior Armand Jhala was the tournament runner-up, senior Hamilton Milwee earned third place honors, and junior Sam Hurd was fourth. Hamilton then went on to excel throughout the fall, reaching the semifinals at the St. Mark’s Heart of Texas Invitational in Dallas, getting to the elimination rounds at The Glenbrooks in Chicago, and participating in MBA’s own Extemp Round Robin in January. Along with Milwee at the nationally competitive St. Mark’s tournament, all three other MBA competitors reached the playoff rounds, with Jhala also getting to semifinals and Hurd and senior John Mellow reaching the quarterfinals. It was one of the best overall team performances for the semester in recent memory.

The policy debate squad also had an exciting semester, with growth, outreach, and individual success. The top team this year is comprised of juniors Adam Biesman and Rahul Ramanna, and they represented the school well at Wake Forest, The Glenbrooks, and University of Michigan. Biesman, using research from a previous policy topic, will travel to South Africa this spring to discuss solutions to global poverty with students from around the world. With this year’s topic being about transportation policy, the team also got involved with MBA’s C-A-R-P-E alternative transportation day and hopes to have a delegate represent the team as a part of MTA’s corps of student leaders. In addition to hosting the Southern Bell tournament in January, the policy team will also host hundreds of teams from across the country at MBA for the National Debate Coaches Association’s National Championship in April.

The whole team appreciates the support of the school and the MBA community. Go Big Red Debate!
The success of the combined Harpeth Hall and MBA musical, *Lucky Stiff*, was a fantastic start to the year. The music department continued to have success at its October Music in the Round concert, which featured soloists, rock bands, and choral groups.

Also in October, MBA choir students Nathan Fouts ('13), Andrew Scott ('13), Chris Burrus ('14), Andrew Dupuis ('14), Bates O’Neal ('14), and John Triplett ('15) auditioned successfully to make Middle Tennessee Honor Choirs. There were more than 1,500 boys competing in the auditions. In November these boys combined with other students from around Middle Tennessee and spent the day rehearsing and performing under fantastic conductors from Belmont University and the University of Kentucky.

In December eight members of the MBA Orchestra successfully auditioned for the Middle Tennessee Honor Orchestras. Ivan Franco ('18) and Brian Lu ('18) made First Violin Mid-State Orchestra. Sam Rhodes ('16) placed Second Chair Mid-State Orchestra on Viola. William Peter ('17) placed First Alternate Mid-State Orchestra on String Bass. Kang Huh ('16) placed in Mid-State and Fourth Chair Cello in the All-State Orchestra. Alan Liang ('13) placed in Mid-State and Second Chair Violin All-State Orchestra. Tony Ding ('16) made Third Chair Clarinet in the Mid-State Gold Band, and Jack Brandes ('17) made First Chair Horn in the Mid-State Silver Band.

MBA Choirs, Jazz Band, Orchestra, and Rock Band have been a vital part of life on The Hill this fall, performing at most events on campus. In addition, students from the choirs successfully raised $1,300 for Fannie Battle Day Homes in December by caroling around Nashville.

In the spring of 2013, the music department is looking forward to welcoming Dr. Rodney Eichenberger, from Florida State University, who will be on campus in March to direct our annual combined concert with Saint Cecilia and Harpeth Hall. ■
On the morning of November 14, seven students were inducted into Totomoi, MBA's honor fraternity. Totomoi recognizes individuals who have shown outstanding leadership in academics, athletics, and service to the school, community service, and appreciation for the arts. Induction into Totomoi is the highest honor an MBA student, alumnus, or faculty member can receive. Seniors Tom Bu, Furman Haynes, Andrew Karpoz, Lucas Littlejohn, Jake Macey, Will McFadden, Paul Moore, McKay Proctor, George Swenson, and Kevin Wang conducted the ceremony by giving a brief history of Totomoi, tapping each new member, and providing an overview of each new member’s accomplishments.

New inductees from the Class of 2013 included McLean Hudson, Benjamin Haynes, John Mellow, Jackson Flora, Will Campbell, Chris Habermann, and Alex Floyd.
The Montgomery Bell Academy Robotics team, newly formed this year under the guidance of Mrs. Christine Yu, is one of the most exciting new groups on MBA's campus. From building remote controlled climbing bots for Nashville's B.E.S.T. robotics competition in October, to autonomous Lego Mindstorms projects designed and programmed by students, the new club is giving students the resources and tools to grow their passion for robotics and engineering.

The club, founded two weeks into this new school year, has been provided a workshop in the Wilson Library that is being generously renovated into the new MBA Robotics Lab.

The team competed regionally in Music City B.E.S.T., in which students took ninth place out of over 20 teams, and has begun to learn programming and mechanical design through both experience and online courses. The group has grown into a full-fledged and very competitive team, with much potential looking into the coming semester and beyond.

The robotics team is currently comprised of over 30 students from all grades and interests. From football players to mathletes and beyond, robotics has proven to be a hugely popular club for students around MBA. As the club moves forward, the team is planning a Lego Mindstorms competition in the third quarter, in which students must design, build, and program robotics to accomplish multiple tasks without any human intervention. These competitions, which serve mainly as training for both programming and design, also allow students as young as seventh grade to begin to explore their interests in robotics and engineering.

Also starting next semester, students will be paired with upperclassmen mentors to form teams for both the mindstorms and future competitions, giving the younger boys someone to whom they can look for guidance in both robotics and their science interests at MBA and beyond.

The MBA Robotics team looks forward to a semester of continued growth, and hopes to become one of the best robotics programs in Tennessee in short order.

Sam Papel, Andrew DuPuis, Rueben Dockery, Aaron Kaplan, & Alec Giannalvo
FOOTBALL

The 2012 Football Campaign began with a tough and hungry group of players chomping at the bit for spring practice. This group, led by 28 seniors, showed incredible maturity and determination to prepare for the upcoming season. A week spent at Bell Buckle during summer camp transformed the team into a powerful brotherhood. Living together, eating together, and practicing three times a day in complete isolation drew the players even closer.

After dropping two tough losses to talented teams from Trinity and Brentwood Academy, MBA earned a dramatic road win against a strong Baylor team that served as a springboard to a highly successful season. Playing a tremendously difficult schedule in the toughest league in the state, MBA won eight of its last 10 games.

The Big Red beat archival Father Ryan twice by a total score of 45–10, the second victory coming in the first round of the TSSAA playoffs. The team moved on to Memphis, where MBA overcame the second-seeded Purple Wave from Christian Brothers to reach a berth in the state semi-finals.

The season came to an end with an emotional loss to eventual state champion Ensworth. Coach Marty Euverard remarked, “One thing is for sure, emotions (good or bad) show you care and show what you are about. This year’s team definitely cared about the game, but more importantly cared about each other. The team came to understand the value of hard work, determination, sacrifice, and loyalty.” The team finished with a record of 9–4, including three losses to nationally-ranked state title winners. MBA finished second in Division II in total offense and third in total defense.

Post season honors for the Big Red included a Region All-Academic selection for Andrew Einstman (‘13), and All Region nods for Franklin Garst (‘13), Wilson Johnson (‘13), Jay Robertson (‘14), Alex Bars (‘14), DJ Mott (‘14), Dylan Hall (‘13), and Tony Birdsong (‘13). Garst and Bars were selected to The Tennessean’s All-Midstate team, while Bars and Robertson were named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Association All-State Team.

CROSS COUNTRY

2012 was a rebuilding year for MBA Cross Country. The team had the largest number of boys on the roster that they have had in recent years, but no senior competed in a varsity race this season as returning varsity standouts Alex Smith and Madison Rieke struggled with injuries. The large group of freshman and sophomore runners pushed themselves to increase their weekly mileage totals and to improve their workout paces. Practice began, as usual, in the sweltering heat of late July, with the boys running on the roads and trails in the Warner Parks each afternoon. Before school began, the team also 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.’

Following the pre-season running of the Drake Classic as an un-scored time trial, the competitive season began in mid-September with the varsity finishing 23rd in a 54-team field in the Trinity Invitational in Louisville, Ky., and the JV finishing 7th of 26 running against varsity competition in Nashville at the Tennessee Classic. The competitive season continued in late September and early October with the McCallie Invitational in Chattanooga and an amazingly muddy...
Jesse Owens Classic in north Alabama. Junior Eric Anderson sat out both meets recovering from an injury and the team certainly felt his absence, though sophomores Richard Thornton and William Snow (along with first-year junior runner Caleb Carpenter) stepped up as team leaders.

Through September, the JV competed each week in the Vaughn’s Creek Cross Country Conference. The weekly meets at Vaughn’s Creek provided opportunities for the boys who were not racing on weekends to race against other JV runners in the area and provided a consistent course on which to measure improvement and progress.

The highlight of the 2012 campaign came with the MBA Harriers winning the Metro meet for the sixth year in a row; the JV harriers captured their 35th consecutive Metro title. Anderson’s return to competition at Metro provided a visible boost in morale and a significant improvement in team scoring. Metro week also featured the annual running of the Tour de Pants, with sophomore Will Pearson claiming the prize. The last week in October, the JV finished its season against McCallie, Brentwood Academy, Father Ryan, and Ensworth at the Steeplechase. In the competition dubbed “JV State” by the coaches, MBA finished third behind BA and McCallie.

The varsity runners finished fifth at the TSSAA state meet; the boys competed and ran well but were outmatched. The coaches are excited about how many of the boys improved over the course of the season and about how many of them came to better understand the dedication and effort required to become elite runners. They hope that those successes this year will help translate to greater competitive successes next year. Run, Red, Run!

GOLF The 2012 Big Red Golf team had a very successful year. One of the quirks of the TSSAA Golf Season is that regular season matches have no bearing on the Region or State Tournaments at the end of the season. The MBA program has put together some terrific regular seasons in the past few years, but has come up short at the Region Tournament. For the first time in five years, the Big Red golfers finally broke through at the Region Tournament.

The team had some ups and downs during the season with losses to Ensworth, McCallie, and BGA, but good wins against Brentwood Academy and a Top 5 finish at the Father Ryan Invitational. The team stayed focused and level throughout the year, a trait that paid dividends at the end of the year. Senior Captain Bevan Petrikin was the team’s leader and number one player all year. He was calm and collected all season, setting a great example for the team’s younger players. Junior Cal Fisher, sophomore Chris Byrne, freshman Connor Downey, and eighth grader Cal Rieke rounded out the team’s top five players.

The whole season came down to one round on one day at Tim’s Ford in Manchester, Tenn. The top four teams out of the region advance to TSSAA State Tournament and the other four are finished for the year. The pressure during regions will test a golfer’s skill and nerve, and MBA held up to the pressure this year. The team’s expectations were just to play the best golf they could and not worry about anyone else. MBA had fallen apart the last couple years at Regions, and the team knew it could happen to anyone. The boys played a solid round and ended up finishing in third place and advancing to the State Tournament.

The team then competed in the two day, 36-hole TSSAA Championship at Willowbrook in Manchester, Tenn. The team ended finishing fifth in the State, with Petrikin and Fisher tied for ninth overall, each shooting a two-day score of 149. Petrikin’s outstanding season was recognized with a selection to The Tennessean’s All-Midstate Golf team in December.

This was a great year for the Big Red, and with a lot of young players returning to the team, we should be in good shape for years to come. The team will look to build on this year’s success and improve upon it next season.
CREW The MBA Crew team hit the water this fall with its largest roster to date — 45 high school rowers (24 returning varsity rowers and 21 new rowers), as well as 26 junior school rowers.

This was the first fall season open to both seventh and eighth grade students. The junior school rowers participated in strength and conditioning workouts on the erg (indoor rowing machine) and in the weight room. Five of the junior school rowers joined the high school and competed at the varsity level. Eighth graders Magnus Campos (rower), Palmer Einstman (rower), and Joe McMahan (coxswain), and seventh graders Owen Hughes (coxswain) and Evans Looney (coxswain) gained valuable experience. Furthermore, five seniors who joined the inaugural 2009-2010 year are leading the team as four-year veterans.

The team participated in its first ever service project on September 29th. More than 40 members of the team joined the Nashville Clean Water Project for a massive cleanup project around Percy Priest Lake. Coach Brandy Lamb explained that the purpose of the project was "to give back directly to a place that we impact and use on a regular basis. We talk a lot on the team about leaving places better than how we found them, so this is an opportunity to teach more about stewardship, too."

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The Big Red Crew team had a strong showing at their first regatta, The Hobbs Island Regatta on October 20th in Huntsville, Ala. The course was 4,500 meters. There the team earned medals for every event in which they competed for a total of five medals (two Gold, one Silver, and two Bronze).

The second regatta of the season was the Secret City Head Race, on Saturday, October 27 in Oak Ridge, Tenn. The course was 5,000 meters. There the team earned medals in four of the five varsity events in which they competed, for a total of four medals (two Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze).

Twenty-eight members of the MBA Crew team competed in the third race of the year, the 31st Head of the Hooch Regatta in Chattanooga, Tenn. The Head of the Hooch is the second largest regatta in the nation, with nearly 2,000 boats competing. The regatta posed some of the strongest competition MBA saw this season with teams traveling from all of the U.S. and beyond. This was the Big Red’s third time competing at the Hooch, the second time in the varsity category. Across all boats, the team moved up the rankings and had a strong presence throughout the weekend.

In the final race of the season, the MBA Crew team hit the water in Augusta, Ga. at the Head of the South Regatta. The team earned three Gold medals on Saturday in the Varsity Lightweight Four, the Novice Four, and the Novice Eight. This is the second year in a row the MBA Novice squad has swept gold in both the Novice Four and Novice Eight. This race also marked the fourth fall season for the team and the last fall race for seniors Chris Habermann, Paul Moore, Robert Papel, Ryan Owen, and Ryan Flack.

All of the coaches are pleased with the team’s results this season and are excited to see the ever-growing energy and presence of MBA in the Southeast Region.

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The MBA Big Red Rifles are off to a strong start this year after a very successful fall. MBA started the year with a three-day camp at the Rochford Family Rifle Range with coaches from the Civilian Marksmanship Program. After the camp, MBA shooters focused on preparation for the annual MBA Rifle Classic, a match long held as the largest high school rifle tournament in the United States. In mid-October MBA hosted close to 400 shooters from more than 50 schools and 15 states. MBA finished sixth overall in the precision team event with breakout personal best performances by Luke Rochford ('17) and Luke Cianciolo ('16).

Following the MBA Classic, the Big Red went on to post a victory in a dual match against a tough Mt. Juliet Marine Corp JROTC program, earning a season best 2279 team score. This win was followed by the highlight of the fall as MBA won both the Precision Team and 60-Shot Standing Team events at the Ole Mill Invitational Match in Griffin, Ga. Andrew Dupuis ('14) and Cianciolo also won individual awards for their position performances. Select shooters from the precision squad also traveled to Knoxville, Tenn. to the Junior Olympics qualifier match and after strong performances are awaiting their results to be released during the spring season.

Looking ahead, the Big Red Rifles will have a full schedule with matches against local and regional rivals throughout the winter and spring as they prepare to defend their Tennessee state title in April.
International Exchange

Exchange visitors from the Raffles Institution enjoy the great outdoors at Beersheba.
As a part of the school’s International Exchange program, MBA played host to a number of visiting students and faculty members over the course of the fall semester. From August 18 to September 1, four boys (Jin Jie Lim, Hoong Yi Adriel Nee, Wei Bin Kelvin Neo, and Wei Kiat Samuel Teo) and teacher Beow Keat Madeline Yeo from the Raffles Institution in Singapore were guests of the Luster, Adams, Boney, Hawkins, and Davies families.

Visitors from the King’s School, Australia stayed from September 9 to October 8. Sam Black was hosted by the Sorenson family, James King by the Shankle family, and Robbie Quinn by the Hunt family. Richard Freund from Bishops School in South Africa was hosted by the Roberts family from September 7 to November 17.

Two students and a teacher from Colegio Claustro Moderno in Bogota, Colombia were in Nashville from September 13 to October 5. Pablo Gaitan was a guest of the Owen family, while the Lackey family hosted Camilo Escobar. The Coyle family welcomed teacher Fernando Miranda Toscano.

The final visitors of the semester arrived on October 3 from Michaelhouse in South Africa. The Cavallo family welcomed Campbell Green, and the Powell family hosted Gianluca Truda.

MBA students will travel abroad as a part of the program beginning in January and continuing through the summer of 2013.
Monday mornings in the fall were filled with a variety of guests at MBA’s weekly assembly. Playwright Jim Reyland visited in September and told students of his efforts to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless.

Washington Post reporter Juliette Eilpern, who has covered such diverse topics as climate change and the impeachment of President Bill Clinton, spoke about her latest research into the world of sharks.

Pulitzer-prize winning author Jon Meacham visited in October to discuss his career in journalism, what it is like to attend a boy’s school (he attended McCallie), and his latest work on Thomas Jefferson.

A crowd favorite returned to campus when Stephen Bargatze returned to entertain with magic, comedy, and a positive message about honor, character, and the importance of making good choices.

The semester closed with a visit from Joe Wiegand, a Theodore Roosevelt impersonator, who shared stories about the 26th President and remained throughout the day to sit in on history classes and hold discussions with students and faculty members. 

Derek Young — 100 Black Men. 10/01/12

Juliette Eilpern — Washington Post. 10/08/12
Monterey Bell Academy

Jon Meacham — Journalist/Novelist, 10/11/12

Stephen Bargatze — Magician, 10/29/12

Freddie O’Connell (’95), 11/19/12

Mike Farmer (’76), 11/12/12

Pres. Teddy Roosevelt (Joe Wiegand), 11/26/12

Alan Mazer — Last Saturday Dinners, 1/07/13
MBA Headmaster Brad Gioia and Director of Alumni and Development Jody Johnson ('79) made several stops across the country this fall, sharing news from The Hill, and catching up with out of town MBA alumni. Visits in 2012 included New York, Washington D.C., Charlotte, Chapel Hill, and San Francisco.
New York

San Francisco

Chapel Hill
As they do each Wednesday before Thanksgiving, dozens of recent MBA graduates got out of bed early and headed to The Hill for the annual College Alumni Lunch. Young men from the Classes of 2009–2012 gathered in the Paschall Theater to catch up with each other, enjoy a home-cooked meal, hear about the latest events on campus, and tour some of the school’s new facilities.

Houston Oldham (’09)
At halftime of the Big Red’s football regular season finale on October 26, MBA honored Dr. Dave Alexander (’69) for his longtime service to his Alma Mater. The MBA training room was dedicated in his honor, an initiative spearheaded by his classmates. Alexander, a key component of Coach Tommy Owen’s powerhouse state title teams of 1967 and 1968, has served as MBA’s team doctor for over 20 years.
Mr. Poston made us watch an informative video in Drug and Sex Ed Class titled *Changes*. It began like any good sex ed video should — with a bee pollinating a flower and warned us of raging hormones and all of the other delights we had to look forward to in adolescence. He neglected to tell me that when I turned thirty, it would happen all over again. I went to a wedding a couple of months ago and something strange happened — I cried. In the past, I took bets on how long the ceremony would last. I usually set it the over/under at around 29 minutes, but honestly it varied on the denomination. Now, I’m crying? I didn’t understand it. My wife looked at me puzzled but amused and asked, “Are you crying?” “No,” I responded. “A bug flew in my eye.” At the next wedding, tears were flowing again, and my wife leaned over and apologized with a smirk, “I’m sorry there are so many bugs in here.” Mr. Chenery, your son is marrying his beautiful bride in a few weeks, and I’ll be in the back somewhere enjoying a good cry.

I guess the tears are a product of reflection, something I suppose we all do more and more of as we grow. My first few years of teaching, I was so overwhelmed by planning 90-minute lessons for classes of 30, I didn’t do a whole lot of reflecting. Sports analysts talk about how it takes rookies a year or so to adjust to the speed of the pro game. Now, that the game has slowed, I spend a considerable amount of time reflecting upon a lot of things: my lessons, why I teach, how did I become the teacher I am, and what I realized is — I am a copycat.

**I AM A TEACHER BECAUSE OF ALL OF YOU, AND I COPY YOU EVERY DAY.**

I did not take much from my college or graduate school professors; I am a copycat of all of you. I copy the way that Madame O’Connell structures her class. I loved her class. I mean — *j’adore sa classe*. Absolument! I loved it so much, I copied it. The pace at which her classes move is incredible. Five minutes of homework review, 10 minutes of grammar, 10 minutes of vocabulary, 10 minutes of the beautiful Mireille and the bumbling Robert and Pierre Capretz. 5 minutes of French culture at the end with a music video from MC Solaar. She ended one class with a spread of French cheeses: Roquefort, Brie, Camembert. It was 15 years ago, and I remember it like it was yesterday. Being in her class was like being in France. In graduate school, the professors spent a great deal of time on the importance of differentiation within lesson plans. While my classmates were furiously pecking at their laptops, I wrote, “Plan your lessons like Madame O’Connell” and checked the Cubs score. Two years ago, I spent a semester with an education professor from UNC-Greensboro designing lesson plans around Season 1 of the old NBC series *The West Wing* for my Civics class. The inspiration was Madame O’Connell and French In Action. Thank you.

Mr. Moxley taught me American Lit during my sophomore year. It was probably about halfway through the course, and it was time to study poetry. Now, as a sixteen year old kid who was lifting weights and wanting to be a tough football player, I was not a friend to poetry, and I did not want to be a friend to poetry. I walked into the classroom, which was on the second floor of the old Carter Building, and on the board I saw these words:

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so much depends
upon
a red wheel
barrow
glazed with rain
water
beside the white
chickens.
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The words were arranged with three on a line, then one on a line, no capitalization, no punctuation. Now, as a Carol Steele trained grammarian, I did not like this. This was breaking the rules, and when the baseball team broke rules, Coach Wims made us run. In fact, the only thing I liked about this poem were the three words over to the side which read “William Carlos Williams,” and in a fleeting Beavis and Butthead kind of way, I giggled to myself, “His first name is the same as his last name.” Mr. Moxley walked to the front of the classroom, tapped the board a few times indicating to us that we need to read this unpunctuated list of things, and after a time had passed, he said, “Thoughts?”

One kid raised his hand and said, “We really need wheelbarrows.” Now, even I knew this was not the brilliant response that Mr. Moxley was looking for, but he responded with an enthusiastic and resounding, “Yessss! Who needs wheelbarrows?” Several hands shot up. “Anybody that needs to move something.” Another “Yessssss!” from Moxley. “Who specifically?” More hands go up. “Builders.” Moxley “Yessssss! What were they building?” Tons of hands. “Houses.” “Cathedrals.” “Bridges.” “Roads.” “Civilizations.” So, now we are off to the races. We talked about everything. What it takes to lift a wheelbarrow, what it looks like, the muscles that knot together when you lift one. We talked about how wheelbarrows have been used throughout time. Cars and trucks are the new wheelbarrow, but it’s still all about the wheel — so much depends upon. I don’t remember too much about the white chickens, but I’m sure we talked about them, too. I remember Mr. Moxley’s classroom as a room filled with hands raised and ready to respond. When the teacher is going to give you an enthusiastic “yessss,” it’s easy to take a stab at something. When a teacher loves his subject, it’s easy for the students to love it — even when it’s poetry, even when they’re teenage boys.

Mr. Lanier had a nickname for all us. Mine was “Stories,” which occasionally morphed into “Short Stories,” “Ghost Stories,” or even “Bedtime Stories.” To this day, I’m not quite sure why it was plural, and I’m also not sure why he yelled it in a German accent. I am sure that I loved having his class first period; it meant that I would be wide awake at 8:01 even if I wasn’t at 8:00 a.m. One morning he caught me. “Bedtime Stories! No morning jog?” And then, he started tapping on the board with the chalk next to a geometric proof that needed to be solved. My buddy, Halsey, smiled with delight as I walked to the board just as I did when he was summoned to face the impossible in front of the whole class. Somehow, with a few prompts from Mr. Lanier and most likely some divine intervention, I solved the proof. Mr. Lanier ran out of the classroom yelling something incomprehensible. As he ran from us, his voice faded. We stood in bewildered silence, then, we heard his voice again. It was getting louder. We looked out the window, and we saw him running — running right past our window. His voice faded — then, grew louder again and louder and then, he was back in the classroom. He walked to the board, tapped on the board and summoned his next victim like nothing had happened. I can’t say that I have ever used the tactic of running a lap around the building, but Mr. Lanier’s ability to keep his students on their toes created an energy in the classroom that all teachers should try to duplicate.

There is one moment that I will never forget, one that absolutely blew me away, and it did not happen while I was a student. In 2005 Mr. Gioia was kind enough to bring me back to MBA as an intern, a year that I was expecting to be a bridge between college and law school. During one of the in-service days like this one, Mr. Gioia introduced the new hires, and many former teachers and coaches came to speak to me afterwards. Mrs. Palmore pulled me aside, “Roddy, it’s great to see you. How have you been?” “Great,” I replied. Mrs. Palmore continued, “I still remember that personal narrative you wrote with the great title, A Bad Break.” I couldn’t believe it. I had written that story when I was freshman nine years earlier. Nine years, hundreds of papers later, Mrs. Palmore still remembered it. I thought about that later that night. I thought about it later that month — and year. I could not imagine investing oneself in that way. I often struggle to remember names, and this was something completely different. To invest yourself in your profession so fully, to love your craft, to be that good at something — I wanted all of those things. At some point during my year as an intern, I decided not to attend law school. At some point, I decided that I wanted to teach. This is going to sound corny as hell, but that bad break was the best damn break I ever had.

I am a teacher because of all of you, and I copy you every day.

I copy the way Coach Wims always called us men, “Men, get out your books.” “Men, we’ve got a big game tomorrow.” I call my players “men.” That means something.

I copy the way Mr. Kelly gets to know his students. He spent time with us in the courtyard during our study halls and his free time. I copy that.

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Even in the rare instance when a lesson unfolds beautifully, I embrace its lack of perfection and that I must not settle. I understand that the day I figure it out is the day I no longer improve.

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On report card day, when we received our grades and comments, Mr. Gaither used to read the best one about each boy. I copy that.

I never had him for a class, but I copy the way Mr. Shackleford dresses. I don’t wear a banker’s suit, but I’m the only teacher that wears a tie every day. I want them to know that I’m serious and class is important.

There are some things that I cannot copy, but try anyway.

I try to know as much about my subjects as Dr. Bailey knows about his. I try to use humor like Mr. Pruitt, and dry wit like the Commander.

I realize that someone with just a few years of teaching cannot impart a whole lot of wisdom on a faculty like this one. After all, I just finished telling you how I copy everything you do, but I want to leave you with one thing. Somebody recently asked me to define my teaching philosophy. I told them that I embrace the fact that I know nothing. He gave me a strange look and pressed for more. I described a few teachers at my school who were confessed experts in their subject and in

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the art of teaching. They say that they have figured it out and have settled into a style that they use year after year. They are consistent. They are predictable. Their students experience the same amount of growth every year. They are, by many yardsticks, excellent teachers, but I hope I never figure it out like they have. Not surprisingly, I have not figured out much of anything with such little experience. Among a sea of weaknesses, I believe my refusal to figure it out is one of my greatest strengths. The result is inconsistency. My lessons never have the same result because I never deliver a lesson the same way. Even in the rare instance when a lesson unfolds beautifully, I embrace its lack of perfection and that I must not settle. I understand that the day I figure it out is the day I no longer improve.

You will never know how much you have done for me and my friends and the countless other boys who have sat in your classrooms. We don’t fully realize it ourselves. I want to thank you for showing me how it is supposed to be done.
On September 20 MBA welcomed Dr. William D. Collins ('77) back to campus as the 2012 Distinguished Alumnus. Collins was named a Nobel Laureate for his work with the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Collins was a key contributor to the research on global climate change that won the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

Collins is currently a professor in residence with the Department of Earth and Planetary Science at the University of California at Berkeley. After graduating from MBA, Collins earned a B.A. in physics from Princeton University, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in astronomy and astrophysics from the University of Chicago.

Collins spoke to the MBA students, faculty, and staff at a morning assembly, and then attended a luncheon in his honor at the MBA Tennis Center.

Also recognized at the event were the significant contributions of the late David K. Wilson (W’37). Wilson’s generous bequest to Montgomery Bell Academy has allowed for the unparalleled gift of the Wilson Grants to MBA students. These awards provide excellent and transformative opportunities for exceptional students. Through the grants, MBA students travel the globe, improve their skills in all academic areas, and participate in some of the most prestigious programs throughout the world.
Why I Give

Barry Banker (’69)
MBA Board of Trustees

With only a high school education from Middletown High School (in a once vibrant steel-producing town in Southwest Ohio), my father’s goal for me while I attended H.G. Hill Elementary School here in Nashville was an MBA education. He perceived it as the foundational beginning of education and opportunities for me that he never enjoyed. I entered the seventh grade in 1963. Other than those “later in life events” — such as marriage, children, marriage of children, and all the special moments with family in between — I can affirm that the most wonderful, most memorable, and most formable times in my life were those that took place in the six years I attended MBA. The inspiration and experience MBA provided me is why I give my time and my resources to our school — the concept of you should “give back to an institution what it gave to you” only scratches the surface of why I make the Big Red my priority alongside my Church.

In reflection, there were three distinct influences that moved me to cherish my days on The Hill. First, growing up as an only child, I was hoping for brothers in the form of classmates when I first sat down in 7B (Mrs. Bowen’s class). I am certain that this was a subliminal desire. Regardless, for the past 43 years my best friends are those classmates from the classes of 1968 through 1970. Other than family and faith, friends are the most important parts of my life.

Secondly, I was influenced by teachers, administrators, and coaches who all served as mentors at the time and as inspiration thereafter. While I was devastated and humbled by Mrs. Bowen’s plethora of red marks on my Robinson Crusoe theme, she was the first of several “shapers” in my life — Mr. Carter, Mrs. Lowry, and Coach Owen were other larger than life figures that I am comfortable in saying only the MBA environment could provide.

And lastly, I embraced and aspired to the “Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete” concept and continue to affirm its unique creed — it has stood the test of time in terms of honoring traditional values while adjusting to the global world of opportunities.

When Jean Ann and I were blessed with two sons (and a daughter), I was hopeful (in that same manner as my Dad) that my boys would choose MBA. They both spent six special years taking advantage of courses, music venues, and sports that had not even been considered when I was a student. When I asked each of them why he would give back to MBA, one said “It’s a great institution that turns adolescents into mature young men,” while the other said, “Personally, my experience was defined by friendships that are second only to my marriage — my one thought when someone mentions MBA is excellence in the education of young men.”

Over the past year and a half, a small group of us from the classes of ’69, ’70, and ’72 have met at Jersey Mike’s for lunch to “solve our country’s problems.” Invariably, we digress to our days on Harding Road — the dreaded freshman class speech, the concept of “fate” in Thomas Hardy novels, the passion that Mrs. Lentz and Mrs. Sims had for Latin, idiosyncrasies of old classmates, the cars we drove, and the ability of only two coaches — Owen and Bennett — to serve as head coach for football, basketball, baseball, and track!

While I may forget what I did last week, memories on The Hill will stay with me forever.

For me, perpetuating this “MBA experience” — that intangible upon which each of us, as alumni, define and remember our days there — is reason alone to give so that future young men can have the advantage of their own experience. That you may have sons, grandsons, or sons-in-law only heightens that joy of giving.

So I would ask you to reflect on those six years — or however many you walked across the campus — to reminisce, to be mindful, to soak in the memories — and if you haven’t considered making MBA a priority in your gifting, consider your experience and help others realize theirs.

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1952
Charlie Potter celebrated with all employees, family, and friends the 40th Anniversary of Blinker-Lite Safety/Port-A-Pot on November 30 at the Green Door Gourmet Party Barn on River Road Pike.

1954
Seawell Branda was selected as a 2012 Sage Award Honoree for his outstanding contributions to improve the quality of life in Middle Tennessee. The Sage Awards were first given in 1991 to recognize older adults whose lives demonstrate a lifelong commitment of service to their local communities.

1974
Frank Turner is now the Approved Collision Center Program Manager for Porsche Cars North America in Atlanta, Ga.

1987
Andrew Lawrence Rosen is an orthopedic surgeon in New York City, specializing in joint replacement and sports medicine. He is the medical director of the New York City Marathon and is an international marathon competitor. He is married with two sons.

1996
Jason Powell was elected to serve in the Tennessee House of Representatives in November. Powell will serve the 53rd District.

2000
Jeff Ramsey earned his private pilot certificate in October.

2001
Andrew Dunn recently completed his Masters in International Relations at Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and has begun work as the Head of International Strategy in the International Division of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.

Phillip Simpson and his wife Tricia welcomed their third son, Isaac, on January 10.

Trey Tally and his wife Sarah had their first child, Virginia Frances Tally, on November 5th. She weighed 7 lbs, 15 oz, and was 20.5 inches long.

2002
Will Howorth and Camellia Meehan were married on July 21, 2012 in Nashville. Fellow MBA classmates Charles Anderson, Patrick Lewis, Jameson Norton, Michael Pass, Jack Turner, Zach Wall, and Andrew Wilson were part of the wedding party. Will’s best men were his father, Charlie Howorth and his brother Chip Howorth (‘00). Will works in Physician Development at HCA and Camellia works at MBA.

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
2003  
Bennett Graham married Amy Graham on August 18, 2012.

Matt Rowenczak is working on his MBA at the University of Georgia.

2005  
Derek Pendergrass was married to Breanna Lovley on October 13.

2006  
David Buttry is currently organizing music festivals and multi-city concerts in India and the U.S., with the goal of lowering the threshold for U.S. musicians to perform in India. He lives in New Orleans, but spends about 100 days out of the year working on-ground in India. He has also founded an active “projection mapping” company focusing on creating visual solutions for brands, events, promoters, event planners, and museums.

2008  
Will Orman graduated Phi Beta Kappa/Summa Cum Laude from Boston University in May 2012 with a major in Linguistics. He also received the Ken Hale book award presented by the Linguistics department. He spent the summer doing a paid research project researching Medumba, a little known African Language. This fall Will began graduate school in Linguistics at Boston University on a full scholarship. In addition he has been awarded a teaching fellowship to teach several classes of linguistics to undergrad students at BU. Presently Will is learning and speaking Persian, Turkish, Italian, Spanish, Russian, and is trying out Hungarian. He had the opportunity to spend a semester in Padua, Italy with BU’s study abroad in the spring of 2011.

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### IN MEMORIAM

#### Wilson Green, Jr. (’34) 1917–2012

Wilson Green passed away on December 8 at the age of 94. Green finished second in his class at MBA, then went on to Vanderbilt University, earning a degree in chemical engineering in 1938. His young business career was interrupted by World War II. He served as a Naval Officer at a meteorological station at Dutch Harbor in the Aleutian Islands.

Following the war, Green and his wife moved to Orlando, Fla., where he started his own insurance and real estate business that later evolved to Atkins Green Stauffer Clark & Co. Green served on several civic boards, and was also a teacher, deacon, and elder at Park Lake Presbyterian Church.

Green was blessed with a very long and active life fulfilled with golf, scuba diving, motorcycle riding, flying single and twin engine airplanes, photography, traveling, riding his jet ski at 94, and most recently driving solo to North Carolina.

He is survived by his daughter Julia (Samuel) Mason; daughter Kathryn (Thomas) Warlick; son Wilson III (Marilyn); eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

#### Roy O. Elam, Jr. (’38) 1921–2012

Dr. Roy Elam passed away on September 29, 2012. Following MBA, Elam completed pre-dental studies at Vanderbilt University. He graduated from the University of Louisville Dental School in 1943 and was commissioned as a dental officer in the United States Navy. Elam returned to Nashville in 1946 and went into dental practice with his father. He was a forerunner in his field by promoting the use of dental assistants. In addition, with the help of Dr. John Lentz, County Director of Public Health, Elam worked to improve public health through the fluoridation of the Davidson County water supply. Elam served as president of the Nashville Dental Society and the Tennessee Dental Association.

Elam is survived by his wife Letitia (Tish) Davis Elam; six children — Roy III (’64) (Kaye), David (’67) (Jeanie), Robert (Kathy), Mary Louise Elam Reynolds (Phil), John (’74) (Lulu), and Karen Schneider; 12 grandchildren, including Roe Elam (’92) (Anne Tolly), Philip Reynolds (’98) (Kelly), and John Elam Jr. (’12); and nine great-grandchildren.

#### Lemuel Herschel Gower, Jr. (’38) 1919–2012

Herschel Gower, Jr. died surrounded by family and friends at home on December 20, 2012. He had just celebrated his 93rd birthday. After completing a bachelor’s degree at Cumberland College in 1942, Gower enlisted in the Navy to serve his country during World War II. Following the war, in 1946, Gower joined the Veterans Administration to help rehabilitate and educate returning soldiers and find them employment. He also helped in the establishment of the Nashville Symphony by agreeing to become its first house manager.

In 1951 Gower began work on a Ph. D. in literature at Vanderbilt University. He received a two-year Fulbright Dissertation Scholarship for work at the School of Scottish Studies at the University of Edinburgh. From 1954–1956, he did research on the English and Scottish ballads that migrated to the Appalachian region of the United States. Over 20 years later, he would collaborate with musicologist James Porter to produce the definitive work on Jeannie Robertson, certainly Scotland’s (and perhaps the world’s) most significant repository of traditional ballads.

Gower returned to Nashville in 1956 and joined the faculty at Vanderbilt as an instructor. His subsequent pub-

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lications on the ballad, the lyric, the short story, and on Tennessee historical figures like Randal McGavock earned him tenure. He remained at Vanderbilt for 30 years.

Although Gover retired from Vanderbilt in 1984, he continued to teach with his wife Dona and to offer his tireless help and advice when she decided to establish the Athena Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to mentoring excellence in teaching through a study of classic texts.

He is survived by his wife Dona and daughter Alison.

John Wynne Barton (’43)
1926–2012

John Barton died peacefully at home on August 20, 2012. Barton attended the Wallace University School until it closed in 1941 and graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy. He spent two years in the Navy in World War II, and graduated from Vanderbilt University with both B.A. and B.E. degrees. He was an active member of West End United Methodist Church, and was a former chairman of its Official Board, as was his father before him. He was president of McMurray Structural Steel Company in Nashville until he sold it to Ingalls Iron Works in Birmingham. He was active in the real estate business for a brief time and subsequently became a general contractor and operated in partnership with his son-in-law in the Barton-Riley Company until his retirement. He was a former president of the Southern Structural Steel Board of Trade and served on the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Steel Construction.

Barton is survived by his wife of almost 62 years, Carolyn Price Morrison Barton; daughter Laura Barton Riley (Rob); son John Wynne Barton III (’74) (Shannon); and five grandchildren, including John Wynne Barton IV (’06).

James P. Rau (’61)
1943–2012

James Rau passed away on September 10, 2012 in Destin, Fla. At MBA Rau was active in Varsity Football and Wrestling. He received his B.A. from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. He spent 20 years as a sales representative and eventually as president of Southern Oil Service, a family-owned business that distributed heating oil and automotive supplies throughout the state. He later founded several companies that imported and sold industrial equipment manufactured by companies based primarily in northern Italy. For the last eight years Rau enjoyed retirement in Miramar Beach, Fla. He is survived by his son Patrick (’85) and daughters Kathrym and Karen, as well as five grandchildren.
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