Pursuing the Ideal

Usually in this space I relate some sort of clever anecdote and try to tie that story back into what makes MBA unique. Those efforts have met with a mixed degree of success. With many things I try to do here, I often find that our boys are capable of doing a much better job. In the case of articulating what makes MBA such a special place, I offer Senior Class President Mitchell Shope’s address to the student body on Founders Day.

Stephen Crane, an American writer and realist, said in his work *The Black Riders and Other Lines*, “Tradition, thou art for suckling children, Thou art the enlivening milk for babes; but no meat for men is in thee.” Well, you might be thinking, “Wait, that doesn’t make any sense,” because that’s exactly what I was thinking when I read that passage. Tradition is the basis of every sequence of actions and decisions. At Montgomery Bell Academy we are expected to uphold “the traditions of the school,” and be “men of character.” But, sir, “No meat for men is in thee!” Well, I’m sorry Stephen Crane, but there is some serious meat in the traditions of MBA. Situations, and how to conduct ourselves as gentlemen. I’ve learned more from Mr. Julian Jones cruising around campus than I’ll ever learn about European history. The tradition of this school is not demonstrated by the 144 years of top-notch athletic programs or the number of National Merit finalists we have each year, but is instead seen in the passion that each boy develops here for his own talents. The greatness of this school comes from the overwhelming potential of each and every boy here; and the best part about that potential is that it not only sprawls out into several different areas, but also that this institution encourages that diversity. As that potential develops into ability, there is no substitute for the love and devotion that every faculty member sows into the lives of us boys. Whether you’re struggling to keep a conversation going with Mr. Russ, confused by why Mr. Tillman is taking your picture during break, or wondering why you can’t talk to a single Spanish teacher en Ingles, the memories and friendships formed here are irreplaceable and unforgettable; and those lasting friendships define the purpose and tradition of Montgomery Bell Academy.

A tradition of fortitude, temperance, and kindness provides a perfect platform from which any boy can leap into manhood. Yet, this so-called “tradition” does not stem from the honor-circle or the soccer field – it instead is instilled in every person that is a part of this community. During our classes, we are taught more than just math and literature; we are taught how to handle ourselves, how to cope with.

The tradition of MBA models the tradition of a family much like my own. With two brothers, I’m used to the aggressive, stupid behavior of boys. Much like boys here, my brothers and I are all very different people. Yet, although we all dabbled in different areas of this school and different activities throughout our adolescence, we all learned how to conduct ourselves like gentlemen and live our lives fervently. It is through this institution that diversity serves to unite young men into common friendship and equality. These relationships formed among us boys are the true identity of MBA and are the focus of its tradition. Although 100 students will be replaced by new seventh graders next year, the tradition of Montgomery Bell Academy will pass with each graduating class into the larger world and hopefully carry over into every aspect of each man’s life. So, after 144 years of upstanding tradition and fortitude, let every student at this school strive to create lasting friendships, revel in our differences, and conduct ourselves like men.

Mitchell Shope (‘11)

chris smith, Editor
Life Beyond Baseball
Mike Martin ('98) profiles three Alums whose dual passions for baseball and writing constitute a winning double-header.

Leadership
Elijah Reynolds ('99) explores the relationship between education and leadership and the ways in which MBA brings out the leader in every boy.

International Healthcare Symposium
David Richardson looks at what happens when independent school students from around the globe take to the Hill to discuss healthcare issues and solutions.
Montgomery Bell Academy admits quality students of any race, color, religion, nationality, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

ON THE COVER
William Reams ('12), Barton Davies ('12), and Will Logan ('12) perform as “A Boy Named Banjo” at Honors Convocation.

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Almost 80 students (49 juniors, 19 sophomores, nine freshmen, and two eighth graders), will be traveling on various study programs supported by MBA in the summer of 2011. The generosity and magnificence of these awards will make the students and our community stronger. They will be spending time in 15 states, 17 countries, and on five continents. Our robust exchange program and focus on giving students these academic advantages will certainly make MBA a stronger school. Three of our students left in early June to participate in a social enterprise sponsored by The Raffles School in Singapore. Their objective is to work on a critical need in their local communities and present their plan and strategy for improving their city. The Raffles School will then seed them some money to return to Nashville so they can focus on their project. Their interest is food deserts in the Nashville area. This past March, we hosted nine schools from around the world for a Healthcare Symposium. It was one of the most intellectually stimulating programs with which I have ever worked. More importantly, it was humbling and rewarding to see the efforts and perspectives and common approaches from individuals who reside in South Africa, China, Prague, Bogota or India.

Our 2010–2011 school year saw many changes: the hard work and goodness of Jamie Tillman, the new leadership and vision of Fran Stewart in our Junior School; and the new era of Coach Marty Euverard for our football program. All were significant changes for our community. In the past year, we have not experienced such competition for enrollment, nor have we seen such physical transformation on the campus as we have in the construction work on both the south and the east ends of MBA, where Brighton Road once was and our neighbors are on Wilson Avenue. The efforts of the last 15 years have allowed us to complete the strategic plan and our vision for enhancing the MBA campus - and without increasing enrollment!

The beauty of MBA’s new tennis center and the newly-acquired access to the school via a new internal road are magnificent changes. The creativity and flexibility of the new parking garage with the rifflery center, maintenance department, and soccer field on top will be a significant transformation by early August of this year. We are proud of our new Lowry Building, scheduled to be completed in January of 2012, because it honors a legendary teacher and will house some beautiful classrooms, a new debate center, a technology area, and a student area. MBA is poised to begin a new dining hall that will be the heart of the campus, both literally and physically. The opportunities we will have to enhance the community and to provide a central meeting place for the school will be substantial.

Over the past six months, we have had some exceptional programs. Marcus Luttrell’s speech at the Father-Son Dinner was one of the most well-attended events ever at MBA. His heroism and conviction reminded all of us about the importance of service to our country. Will Robinson’s speech at our Mother-Son Breakfast poignantly reminded the community of the significant relationship between a mother and a son and the importance of expressing that affection and connection. Important speeches from our seniors throughout these past six months also reminded us of their collective voice and leadership within the MBA community.

I am regularly reminded of the strength of MBA’s academic program through the successes of our math and science teams, the frequent reminders I receive about the skills and power of our writing program, and the discipline and fundamentals in areas like debate, music, art, theater, and athletics that result in such excellent achievement. I was particularly proud of our tennis program for winning back-to-back championships in the State Competition this year.

Finally, I am grateful for the faculty and students we are privileged to know, and to love and to care for on this campus. They are an exceptional group of people. This senior class, for instance, showed as much kindness and leadership and goodness as any other group I have known the past 17 years. As I say each year at commencement, it is impossible to judge whether one class is the best or not, because the real test will come over the next 50 or more years when you see what kind of individuals they ultimately become. In no insignificant way, I believe that their journey at MBA is a great and important one to start them on this path of becoming very good men, friends, citizens, husbands, fathers, and people who make a real difference in our world.
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A group of alums and their guests arrived on campus early Friday to sit in on classes, tour the campus, and eat lunch together in the Gibbs Room. Class parties followed on Friday night, with friends gathering to reminisce about their years together at MBA.

The Saturday night Dinner Dance welcomed more than 200 people back to campus for an evening of food, drinks, and dancing to the sounds of the Pat Patrick Band.
Members of the class of 1961
Gold Lunch
Amidst the bustling Endada art festival, the Class of 1961 hosted the Gold Lunch, honoring those who graduated 50 or more years ago. Rhoads Zimmerman ('61) (left) welcomed the crowd, who shared stories and tales more than half a century old.

At the same time, the baseball and soccer fields played host to alumni games, where alums and students were pitted against each other for bragging rights.
VALEDICTORIAN
Ryan Hill

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THE CUM LAUDE SOCIETY AWARD
for Academic Achievement in the Junior School
Aaron Kaplan

THE WILLIAM MARTIN AWARD
for the Best All-Around Boy in the School
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for the Outstanding Junior
David Arteaga

THE HENRY W. BOYD, JR. AWARD
for the Outstanding Sophomore
Andrew Karpos

THE DONALD ROSS AWARD
for the Outstanding Freshman
Harrison Davis

THE WALTER NOEL, JR. AWARD
for the Outstanding Boy in the Eighth Grade
Michael Milam

THE FRANCIS E. CARTER AWARD
for the Outstanding Boy in the Seventh Grade
Will Eskew

THE WILLIAM BAILEY MEMORIAL AWARD
for Honor, Integrity, and Loyalty in the Senior Class
Andrew Powell

THE GENTLEMAN, SCHOLAR, ATHLETE AWARD
Ian Sharbel

THE GARRETT FULTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Ian Sharbel

THE LINDSEY AWARD
for the Outstanding Athlete
Joe Riegle

THE H. LAIRD SMITH, JR. AWARD
for Loyalty to MBA
Van East

THE FRANCIS E. CARTER, JR. AWARDS
for Service and Achievement
Paul Bamson, Douglas McWilliams, Sam Givens, Michael Peters

THE RUSSELL W. CARPENTER AWARD
for Community Service
Eddie Seay

THE FRANK ANDREWS BOOK AWARD
Ryan Hill

THE DAVID K. WILSON FACULTY AND STUDENT AWARDS
for Excellence
9th Grade — Ferriss Bailey, Adam Biesman, Kalyan Chadalavada, Sam Hurd, Davis Lovvorn
10th Grade — Tom Bu, McLean Hudson, Andrew Karpos, Alan Liang, McKay Proctor
11th Grade — David Arteaga, Austin Doehler, Rob Edwards, Karthik Sastry, Joe Sherrer
12th Grade — Paul Baker, Nick Bessette, Van East, Andrew Powell, Mitchell Shope
Faculty — Travis Barclay, Ed Tarkington

THE ALBERT P. WHITSON MEMORIAL EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Jake McDonald, Jack Whitson, Edward Wilson

THE BETH AND DUDLEY WARNER INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Paul Brazil, Robert Hoover, Baker Swain, Gray Curtis, Jamie Bradshaw, Gray Jones, Myles Anderson, Marshall Sorenson, Blake Burns, Clay Cauble, Daniel Bellet, Daniel Peters, Adam Hobbs, Will Stewart

THE PATRICK HALE AWARDS
Christian Alford, Nick Bessette, Connor Caldwell, Cody Fisher, Tom Markham, Warren Smith

THE PASCHALL AWARDS
for Special Contributions to MBA
Gage Baxter, Lane Bullock, Andrew Wright

THE P.M. ESTES SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
9th Grade — Ferriss Bailey, Miles Curry
10th Grade — Adam Bowman, George Swenson
11th Grade — Daniel Bellet, John Mark Bellet
12th Grade — Paul Baker, Paul Van Pernis

THE WIECK BIG RED SPIRIT AWARDS
Russell Anderson, Alex Austin, Patrick Duffy, Clay Garrett, Walton Macey

THE ROSIE PASCHALL ART PURCHASE AWARD
Justin W. Park, Hunter Racliffe

THE JAMES A. POSTON AWARD
for Excellence in Theater
Chris Goodrich
THE HONOR THESPIAN AWARD
Andrew Wright

THE RASCOE BOND DAVIS AWARDS
for Creative Writing
Poetry: 1st - Scott Blackwell; 2nd - Lucas Littlejohn; 3rd - McLean Hudson
Fiction: 1st - Tom Bu; 2nd - Scott Dalton; 3rd - Eric Walsh

THE JACK ZAGER POETRY AWARD
Tyler Cauble

THE ZAGER DEBATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Adam Biesman; Galen Bullington; Kelly Haselton

THE DEBATE AND FORENSICS AWARDS
Debate: Jesse Suh
Forensics: Karthik Sastry

THE THOMAS H. MALONE, JR. AWARD
for Excellence in English Composition
Tom Markham

THE EWING/RANDALL WRITING AWARD
Ryan Hill

THE JEFFREY BUNTIN ART SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Hunter Racliffe

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George Swenson

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Blake Bars

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The Archives — Tom Markham
The Bell Ringer — Andrew Powell

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Carter Callaway

THE PREMIER ORTHOPAEDICS BOOK AWARD
for Chemistry AP
Ryan Hill

THE KIRBY E. AND MARGARET JACKSON AWARD
for Excellence in the Natural Sciences
Ian Sharbel

THE WALLACE LATIN BOOK AWARDS
Ben Yahnian, Barry Goldsmith, Karthik Sastry, Will Stewart

CHEN JIAMIN AWARD
for excellence in the study of Chinese
Cedric Smith

DEDICATION OF THE BELL
Mr. Pat Woolsey

THE WALTER ROBINSON MATH AWARD
John Lanier

Ferriss Bailey ('11)  Miles Curry ('11)
The Trustees, faculty, and staff proudly recognize the 112 members of the Class of 2011

They will attend 49 different schools in 23 states

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Syracuse University

Christian Rodes Alford
Vanderbilt University

John Crawford Altenbern
Northwestern University

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COMMENCEMENT
May 29, 2011
Jim Cheek is a 1960 graduate of MBA. He matriculated at Duke University and then earned a law degree from Harvard Law School. After a brief stint in New York, he returned to Nashville and began a distinguished career with Bass, berry and Sims. He has had incredible roles in serving the Securities and Exchange Commission, the New York Stock Exchange, and leading a team of lawyers for Bank of America. Cheek is widely regarded as one of Nashville’s finest legal minds. For the past year, Cheek has spearheaded MBA’s strategic plan, finding ways to better the school community and to make the educational experience at MBA as meaningful and rewarding as possible.

Headmaster Gioia, fellow members of the Board, members of the Faculty and Staff, and above all, the members of the great Class of 2011 and their proud parents, grandparents, and friends. Thank you for the privilege of speaking to you on this special day of celebration. I had conflicting feelings about accepting this invitation. My first response was extreme excitement and pleasure because of what this institution stands for and what it has meant to me personally since I graduated in 1960. The 144 years of history in educating young men to exemplify the best of being a gentleman, a scholar, and an athlete is an extraordinary record and something that I cherish and that you will cherish with pride as you move through college and into your lives.

But on second thought I was not so sure. I realized that I am 50 years your senior and needed to figure out what to say that might be meaningful to you, so I asked my hip youngests son how I might connect with you—BTW he is the lead guitar player for Fried Grease, the best bar band in Colorado—look him up on www.friedgrease-live.com for a great download. His quick text response was one word in all caps “KISS.”

Coming from my rock star guru, I thought he was suggesting that I talk to you about what it meant to me to follow the 70’s hard rock band KISS, but of course when I asked him his response to me was “SSIF” (so stupid it’s funny) KISS means “keep it short and sit down - G2R” got to run.

With that texting exchange, I had what my generation calls a “eureka” moment of what I wanted to speak to you about. I could of course have chosen not to stand up here and simply sent you my main points by Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram — no doubt an approach you might have preferred — but alas I feel you must give me 10 or so minutes of your time to talk about the three “Gs” of “IRL” i.e. In Real Life. Change, Constants, and Choices—more precisely, the empowerment and challenges of change, the need to embrace constants, and the need for a framework to address the difficult choices you will face in life.

You live in extraordinary times of rapid-fire change — mostly driven by innovative technological advancements and the increasing competitive nature of a flat global world. Certainly my generation had to adapt to dramatic changes as well. Growing up, my principal entertainment was a Cub Scout made transistor radio that I would sneak under the covers at night to listen to the scary detective program The Shadow which always started out “Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men - the Shadow knows.” Now our principal source of entertainment threatens to move away from DVDs and televisions to Facebook and smart phones. The challenges my generation faced emerged at a slower and more evolutionary way than the changes you face. The pace of technological developments in the last five years is staggering and is being accelerated every day by the extraordinary amount of not only dollars but also rubles and yuan chasing new innovation in the global community of cyberspace. Consider that Facebook has nearly 700 million users worldwide and over five million users in the United States ages 10 and under. Consider the demise of letters and notes, of bookstores and of landline telephones. Twittering and texting have become a predominant means of communicating and socializing. It also happens to be enormously profitable for those who create and fund these innovations. Linked In, an internet site focused on building professional networks, recently went public with a market valuation of over $8 billion and Yandex, the Russian equivalent of Google, went public this week resulting in a market valuation of over $11 billion. The beauty, of course, of these developments is not only that it enables you to make a fortune before age 30, but also that it provides an instantaneous ability to be entertained and to network with friends and businesses with an efficiency of communication that has generated its own compact language. Digital text lingo has found its way even into the Oxford English Dictionary; some are obvious like FYI, BTW or IMU, but others require more effort to understand like ROFL or AAS. Nimbleness and imagination are essential tools to play in this new digital social world.

In addition to its entertainment and social values, this technology is proving to be an effective political change agent. There is no better example than the impact it has had in the uprisings in Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, Bahrain, and Syria. Each of these regions has operated as a political change agent. There is no better example than the impact it has had in the uprisings in Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, Bahrain, and Syria. Each of these regions has operated as a tight police state and it is amazing that those regimes lost control over their population who were armed only with smart phone cameras and access to Facebook and You Tube. Yet along with all of the positives of this digital world, there lies a risk—the risk that being so tethered to technology reduces reflective and empathetic human interaction with a heightened opportu-

WE HAVE BECOME ADDICTED TO THE PRESSURES OF IMMEDIATE CONNECTIVITY AND THE PAVLOVIAN NEED TO RESPOND TO THE CONSTANT PINGING OF OUR SMART PHONES.

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The Three “C’s” of “IRL”
Commencement Address by Jim Cheek (60)
nity for miscommunication. There is an aggressive distractedness of our world of iPhones, Blackberries, Androids, and iPads.

In many of my social and business situations (much like the impact of yawning), if one person begins to focus on his iPhone or Blackberry, all begin to check their digital devices, and immediately there is a loss of focus and connectivity. During a recent Board meeting, I looked around the room and every person’s head was tilted downward looking at their iPhones and Blackberries, and even at social functions, the presence of smart phone intrusions is startling.

A recent article on this phenomenon noted that the story of the next half-century is that we may become effectively cyborgs having outsourced our brains to the electronic clouds of immediate digital responsiveness and our personal e-comfort zones.

The point of all of this is not to trash or discount in any way all of the wonders and powers of technology which will be a part of your exciting lives, but to remind you that we as humans have a basic need—which is to come together on a personal eyeball to eyeball level.

Your class exemplifies this basic need, for as I prepared for this address, I asked Brad to find out what were the best and worst moments of your years at MBA. The responses he reported clearly emphasized that the best parts of your MBA experience were the personal relationships you developed with faculty and your classmates. So my take away point is—pause enough in your digital life of instant and constant ping to develop and nurture the intimacy and empathy of eyeball-to-eyeball human connections.

There is one more aspect of IRL change which you have faced and will face in the future—changes resulting from important personal losses. These losses may be of family members, friends, wealth, reputation, or health. On my personal level, the last ten years have included the loss of my left hip to an artificial one, the emergence of the rascals of prostate cancer, and by far the most impactful, the loss of my wife of 42 years last year to cancer. Notably the low points described by your classmates highlighted the death of Malith, one of the Lost Boys, and the deaths of several parents of your classmates. None of us are immune to the impacts of this type of very personal change. That truth brings me to the second of my three “Cs”—embracing constants. Those constants may be your family and friends, your profession, your church or other institutions. The need for a strong community of “constants” in your life to support you during the traumatic times of personal change must be recognized by you. The building and strength of those communities often depends on your commitment to have close personal interaction with the members of that community. One of those constants will be your MBA experience and your relationship with your classmates. Your class is likely to generate a healthy number of lawyers, doctors, businessmen, public servants, and community leaders as mine did—although you may not top the achievement of one of my classmates who had the good fortune of becoming the father of Reese Witherspoon. But members of your class are also likely to face the traumas of health or job loss and even of running afloat of the law. My classmates have had that experience and one of the constants which has been in each of our lives is the care and support that we have provided to each other for now over 50 years. So my second takeaway for you is to build, embrace, and nurture constants in your life—including the tight network of the Class of 2011.

Finally, I want to focus on the third “C”—making smart IRL choices. Our complex world of rapid change and digital connectivity creates enormous pressures for instant judgments, often in difficult situations involving morally or legally gray areas. The IRL world you will face in your professional and personal life is full of less than clear black and white moral, ethical, and legal dilemmas. The current media abounds with examples of decision making gone awry—ranging from the use of steroids and other prohibited substances by athletes, to the abuses of trust by Bernie Madoff, to insider trading by wealthy investment managers, to the author of the book Three Cups of Tea who apparently fabricated much of the history set forth in that book. Generally, there have been three responses to the question of why these successful people chose this clearly self-interested behavior that resulted in such self-destruction. First, everyone else is doing it, so why shouldn’t I? Secondly, I have worked hard for my success and am entitled to this special benefit as a matter of fairness. And thirdly, the ethical and legal rules I may violate are unclear and silly and thus not to be respected, and furthermore I know I can get away with it. So, when you face quick decisions that are in the gray area of moral, ethical, or legal conduct (and you will) and you find yourself thinking along the lines that I just mentioned, pause and think again about your choices. The best starting place in my judgment for helping you make morally and legally sound choices in the face of tempting dilemmas is the oft stated, and in my experience very effective, test which is to assume that your choice will be the front page headline in your local newspaper—or in today’s world the subject of comments on Twitter or Facebook—and think about how people, your friends and society will view your choice.

You have worked hard and played well, resulting in numerous state championships and awesome academic achievements. The IRL experiences ahead of you will demand that same hard work and zeal for excellence as a gentleman, a scholar, and an athlete. As you move forward from MBA to meet these challenges, I want to wish you three LOLs—lots of laughs, lots of luck, and lots of love. I bid you Godspeed and congratulations again for becoming an MBA alumnus.

Thank you.
Good evening, and thank you all again for being here to share this celebration with us.

As one who empathizes with those of you currently batting your eyelids or folding your programs into origami cranes, I would like to begin with a story that may keep you awake as the warm evening air and droning cicadas tempt you to drift off to sleep.

Kerosene hadn’t worked out the night before, so we decided to try white gas and a hint of gasoline for round two. Nestled in the green breast of suburban Nashville, two generations of Hill boys were concocting a devious plan. At the peak of my pyrotechnic phase, my desire for fire was nearly as intense as the summer heat, which had slowly been baking two discarded Christmas trees in our back yard to a crisp brown over the past several months. I had waited all spring to recycle these expired evergreens in a hot blaze, and now with the help of my father, uncle, and cousin, such a conflagration seemed on the verge of realization. The previous evening’s display had been disappointing, but with one tree remaining and an arsenal of slightly more volatile fuels on hand, satisfaction was guaranteed, illegality inevitable, and singed eyebrows a strong possibility.

The burst of exhilaration I felt with the unanticipated explosion was quickly replaced by sheer terror as I watched the column of flame spiral upward toward the tree limbs above. I began to terror as I watched the column of flame spiral upward toward the tree limbs above. I began to

The very inspiration for my words to you all tonight came on an early morning last week, when I found reprieve from hours of restlessness in the sporadic brilliance of a lightning storm before dawn. Presented with such a display, my mind turned to the one who created it, the God I serve whose omnipotence and infinite love are even more unnerving and awe-inspiring than the vastness of nature, the work of his hands.

On The Hill, we have been conditioned for such experiences. Risks are taken in all forms at this institution: multiple AP classes for the driven scholar, summer two-a-days for the football player, a lead role in the fall musical for the veteran thespian, an announcement in assembly for the microbe, a solo for the jazz band musician, a sensitive topic for the debater, an irreversible brushstroke for the focused artist. The responsibilities we accept as members of this body are simply daunting, and doubt can often times plague us in our attempts to outstrip available resources and natural ability. Yet while we sacrifice much here, victories become sweeter as the potential for disappointment increases. The harder the exam, the stronger the gratification of having completed it. The more worthy the opponent, the more enjoyable their defeat, especially if they happen to have vandalized your campus. The tougher the road over the past six years for us graduates, the greater the joy of having made it here tonight.

In recent days, I have had one of the most sublime experiences of my MBA career, a triumph born out of a letdown. During high school, I never strove to stand where I am now; that is to say, I never based my decisions on the possibility of attaining this honor. At some point during this final semester, however, certain colleagues, friends, and family of mine came under the impression that my receiving this title was a given. Slowly, as this rumor was propagated, I began to assume the same. Then, two weeks ago, Andrew and I received news that shook each of us in his own respect. He had been named valedictorian, and having never expected such recognition, he entered into a state of shock. I, on the other hand, had been named salutatorian, a bitter disappointment solely because of the discrepancy between rumor and reality. This unanticipated turn of events quickly became sour for the both of us as a result of this failed prediction. While Andrew attempted to ward off the unnecessary guilt he felt for having robbed me of something supposedly guaranteed to be mine, I struggled with encroaching anger against myself and all those who had ever facilitated the spread of a damaging hearsay.

As close companions, we were suddenly presented with an opportunity to weaken a friendship, perhaps the most precious thing any of us has on this campus. But in the days that followed, humbling though they were, we emerged from the emotional chaos with an even stronger bond between us than before. The way I see it, this type of growth is worth any measure of pain to be encountered in life.

Consequently, when news arose of a miscalculation, whose correction led to the reversal of our respective honors, nothing really changed...well, except for our newly acquired tattoos. They had to be...slightly altered. But truly, the journey we had been on together was far greater than either title, a blessing that I will cherish for the remainder of my time on this earth. As I look at my classmates, I am filled with pride and joy knowing that this has been the theme of our time together. We have treasured the support, encouragement, and love of one another more than any one individual’s accomplishments, and this selflessness is the ultimate sign of brotherhood.

Now, congratulations to the Class of 2011! Guys, looking forward, let’s all appreciate the unknown gaping before us, for it is both unsettling in its mystery and beautiful for the
pendence it undoubtedly holds. As we say good-
bye to a good deal of our lives’ structure, let us
celebrate the undiscovered adventures, places,
and people lying on the road ahead, forever
yearning for the things that shake our very foun-
dations and leave us in awestruck wonder.

Thank you.
Friends, guests, faculty and staff, Chairman Webb, Mr. Cheek, Trustees, Mr. Gioia, parents and family of the Class of 2011, and of course, the Class of 2011:

I stand before you today having never even considered that I might be Valedictorian of our class... I’m sorry, that was last week’s speech. As Mr. Gioia described, I attempted to challenge the calculation in ways that were not disrespectful, and if I in any way was disrespectful, please forgive me ... but, regardless of how you weigh the academic degree of difficulty, I really thought Ryan should be Valedictorian, and more than that—I really wanted him to be. So, here we are. You’ve heard of being “king for a day?” Well, I was Valedictorian for a week, and as such, I had begun to think about what I would say to address our class. Just when I had resigned myself to being valedictorian, even if the numbers didn’t feel right, I was informed that there had been a mistake, and Ryan was Valedictorian after all. The saga over the last two weeks has provided not only the forum, but also the content for my remarks. Not in that it provided new content, but it allowed me to test how much I believed what I was going to say anyway. Whether I was Valedictorian or Salutatorian or 113th in the class... I’m sorry, that was last week’s speech. As Mr. Gioia described, I attempted to challenge the calculation in ways that were not disrespectful, and if I in any way was disrespectful, please forgive me ... but, regardless of how you weigh the academic degree of difficulty, I really thought Ryan should be Valedictorian, and more than that—I really wanted him to be. So, here we are. You’ve heard of being “king for a day?” Well, I was Valedictorian for a week, and as such, I had begun to think about what I would say to address our class. Just when I had resigned myself to being valedictorian, even if the numbers didn’t feel right, I was informed that there had been a mistake, and Ryan was Valedictorian after all. The saga over the last two weeks has provided not only the forum, but also the content for my remarks. Not in that it provided new content, but it allowed me to test how much I believed what I was going to say anyway. Whether I was Valedictorian or Salutatorian or 113th in the class, my thoughts would be pretty much the same. Had my time at MBA been about achieving a particular objective, then the events of the last two weeks could have been permanently stressful, and tumultuous rather than somewhat comical and amusing. See, what we do is not so much about arriving at a particular destination, as it is about finding joy in the journey.

During the first week of this latest “adventure,” my concern was largely for my friend whom I wanted to be Valedictorian, but I must admit there was a part of me that simply wanted to be right. So, this series of events has caused me to consider why it is that I, and by extension “we,” are so interested in being right. I think it is due to the feeling of being wrong. When people are asked to describe what it feels like to be wrong, they generally respond that we are... embarrassed ... defensive ... even angry. But that’s not really how it feels to be wrong – that’s how it feels to realize that we are wrong. See, being wrong feels like... being right. In the movie Inception, DiCaprio’s character observes that, “Dreams feel real while we’re in them. It’s only when we wake up that we realize something was actually strange.” Same thing with being wrong – only in hindsight can we see where we went astray. That’s why we need community, we need mentors, we need a network of people around us that can advise, encourage, warn, and correct us — in essence to “wake us up.” We have enjoyed the benefits of such a community for the past six years.

Now, as we depart, we are joining new communities, making new plans about all the things that we hope to do, and accomplish, and be. Like Burns originally wrote and Steinbeck recognized, we know that “the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.” However, I prefer the words of that great 20th century philosopher, Iron Mike Tyson. When questioned about an opponent’s strategy, he responded, “Everybody got a plan – till he get punched.” We’re going to be punched. How are we going to respond, and what can we do to ensure we don’t get knocked down, knocked out, left dreaming, completely unaware that we are straying from what we intended?

The typical student going into college plans to be faithful to certain things. There is an analysis of students who maintain their religious faith through college. At the outset, each person in the study resolves to continue on the path he or she began, but along the way for many of them something goes awry – except they don’t notice it, as if dreaming. Others succeed along their original path, and there are three things that correlate to their following through on their commitment— in essence, to their being faithful: one, weekly religious attendance; two, a small group of friends sharing their faith with whom they can connect; three, an older person who shares their convictions — a mentor whom they look up to. One’s religion, while being much more than this, is at minimum, an example of living according to a guiding philosophy, or in our sense, going in a particular direction with one’s life. The study’s results apply to all areas of our lives where commitment is required – so really, all areas of our lives. For example, a sports team would be helpless without those three things: regular practice, a group of teammates who encourage and hold each other accountable, and a coach who guides and believes in the team.

As we move to college, the commitments that we each make and aim to keep will vary. I wish I could tell you firsthand the keys to a fulfilling life, but hey, I’m 18 years old. I don’t have any vast reserve of wisdom drawn from personal experience. That’s why community is so important, from our friends, to our mentors, to that great cloud of witnesses. From these we can derive a compass with which to navigate the journey, based on character, integrity, truth, justice, goodness, and beauty.

In my Quantitative Analysis independent study, I was able to show that almost 80 percent of the value of public companies is based on intangible assets. I believe that this applies to our lives as well. In the Torah, Moses’ requirement for a judge was not primarily that he be a legal scholar, but first and foremost that he be a righteous man. If looking for a coach, seek out a good coach – find a great man. If we define tangible as that which lasts, that which matters, that which creates deep satisfaction — and even what we might call success — we find that it is these intangibles which are really the most tangible. In looking for mentors, look for the intangibles. Find someone first who is what you want to be, and second, who does what you want to do.

As with individuals, the foundations of a community can direct us. Ideals give order to our decisions and purpose to our actions. Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete is a lofty goal. No one is, or ever will be, the perfect example of any of these titles, let alone all three, but that in no way diminishes the value of pursuing them, in a directional sense. Ironically, the more progress we make, the further we realize we have to go — St. Paul in his early letters referred to himself as “the least of the apostles;” in his later letters, “the chief among sinners.” While we do not expect ever to arrive, fulfillment is gained through the mere pursuit of noble ends.

SALUTATORY SPEECH
Andrew Powell (’11)
The path is indeed the value, but we must be pointed in the right direction. MBA has helped guide us. We have begun to find our way, and as we move forward let us now focus on going the right direction in the right way, rather than to a pre-determined place. In 1953, Alex Osborn who invented the concept we now refer to as “brainstorming” wrote his revolutionary *Applied Imagination* in which he argues that creativity can be taught and learned by a repeated process of flaring and focusing – we have an opportunity to flare now, to expand our view and cast a wide net to experience many different things – with a purpose, yet not with a predetermined result. Jim Collins, in his work *Good to Great*, found what was for him an unexpected characteristic in many of the greatest leaders: confident humility. I think this characteristic is related to Osborn’s creative process as flaring inspires us while keeping us humble and focus gives us confidence and empathy.

In the seventeenth century, the Westminster divines established their criteria for a Calling – for each of us finding our place and role in the world. There were three aspects of a Calling: 1) a sincere desire; 2) a clear conscience; and finally, 3) the approval of an appropriate authority. If we apply these to our lives we see the parallels: 1) Through a series of steps of flaring and focusing, with the assistance of a community and mentors, we can discern what we really love … what gives us lasting satisfaction. 2) By pursuing the intangible ideals, we can have a clear conscience regarding how we approach our vocation. 3) By enlisting mentors and a group of friends, we can see our gifts and talents more clearly and understand how we may give of ourselves for the good of others.

In this short time of less than a month, my initial convictions were confirmed – friendship, appreciation, and brotherhood far outstrip the designations of Valedictorian or Salutatorian. It really doesn’t matter so much if we arrive where we originally thought we were headed – most people don’t—as long as we spend and enjoy our time in noble pursuits along the way. We need to ensure that we are headed in the right direction, but finding ourselves on a good path we should revel in the ride…find joy in the journey.

Thank you, and welcome again to MBA’s one hundred forty fourth commencement exercises.
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Wilson Parker
Engineering Award and a HOPE Scholarship to the University of Tennessee

Michael Peters
Cross Country Athletic Scholarship to the Ohio State University

Andrew Powell
The Morehead-Cain Scholarship and a National Merit Award to the University of North Carolina

Lucas Rappuhn
The Founders Scholarship for Master’s in Architecture Program at Tulane University

Hunter Ractliffe
Academic Merit Scholarship to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Partha Reddy
Hope Scholarship with General Assembly Merit Award to Vanderbilt University

Daniel Rundberg
The Centre Award Academic Scholarship to Centre College

Christopher Sandwith
College of Geosystems and Petroleum Engineering Scholarship to University of Texas

Eddie Seay
The Academic Heritage Scholarship to Auburn University

Ian Sharbel
An Appointment to the US Naval Academy

Ryan Shephard
The President’s Gold Scholarship to Baylor University

Mitchell Shope
The Materials Science and Engineering Departmental, Chancellor’s Honors Volunteer Scholarship, College of Engineering Scholarship, and HOPE Scholarship at the University of Tennessee

Warren Smith
Academic Scholarship to Furman University

Brad Swain
The Achiever Scholarship at Furman University

Cooper Thomas
The St. Vincent DePaul Scholarship to DePaul University

Whit Thornton
An Appointment to the United States Military Academy

Nathan Tinnell
HOPE Scholarship to Belmont University

Ethan Vines
HOPE Scholarship to the University of Tennessee

Jarvis Werkhaven
The Heritage Scholarship to Auburn University

Max Werthan
HOPE Scholarship with General Merit Assembly Award to Vanderbilt University

John Wyse
National Merit Award and HOPE Scholarship with General Merit Assembly Award to Vanderbilt University

Wentao Zhang
The President’s Gold Scholarship to attend Baylor University
According to Project Chair Meleia Bell, “We’d like to encourage everyone in the MBA community to show your Homecoming spirit and heart for high school boys in our community by joining fellow MBA families and alumni as we Paint the Town Red.”

“Volunteers have been making bows all summer which will go on sale this fall,” added Bell. “Our goal with these bows is to Roll Red all over Nashville and our surrounding communities while raising much-needed funds for high school boys.”

Big Red bows will be available for purchase for $10 for placement on mailboxes, front doors, vehicles, or places of business. Proceeds will go to the MBA Spaghetti Supper Philanthropy Fund with a portion designated to benefit high school boys in our community. The recipient organization will be chosen annually and will be announced prior to Homecoming.
If you create a list of the all-time greatest pitchers in MBA Baseball history, R.A. Dickey (’93) instantly comes to mind. If you create a list of the all-time greatest hitters in MBA history, Stephen Bess (’95) can be found there. But where does Sam Page (’09), someone who never played baseball for the Big Red, fit in the best of MBA Baseball category? And what does he have in common with Dickey and Bess?

All three are passionate about baseball and all three are passionate about writing.

Although Page never donned a baseball uniform for MBA, he may know more about the sport than most people. Page is an avid New York Mets fan and writes for one of the team’s most respected blogs, Amazin’ Avenue.

Prior to joining Amazin’ Avenue, Page created his own blog while at MBA.

“Sophomore year when I was bored at debate camp, I started my own blog and would cross-post some things from there on Amazin’ Avenue.”

Page’s postings caught the attention of Eric Simon who started Amazin’ Avenue. Simon hired Page to be the site’s first co-writer. Since Simon and Page did not have access to the Mets clubhouse, their blog needed to find a niche. That niche was statistical analysis.

Some of the things Page wrote and posted would make most people’s heads spin, but for certain Mets fans the site was a valuable resource.

“I was calculating Wins Above Replacement (WAR) before it was well known. One of the first things I did was kind of make my own Wins Above Replacement, but it didn’t work out too well. I had the general idea.”

WAR is now a stat that many baseball general managers use to show how many more wins a player would give a team as opposed to a bench player or replacement at the same position.

Page also got into Pitchf/x before it became a recognized system. Pitchf/x is a blend of statistics and scouting analysis that uses video cameras in the ballpark to capture pitch velocity and break. The aggregate is taken to map out a precise scouting report for a player’s pitches and how they are moving.

“I got into Pitchf/x at a good time because it has really taken off. Fangraphs.com accesses all of that information now, but when I started I had to go to MLB.com and get it straight from them in these really arcane spreadsheets and sort it myself…I did it by hand and it took me months to parse through one Excel spreadsheet for this project I did. I now realize it wasn’t a very efficient use of my time.”

That post was well received among the hardcore Mets fans.

Page’s love of the Mets came mainly from his grandmother who lived in Brooklyn. It was his time at MBA that made him a better writer.

“I had great teachers here and they taught me how to write. Also, my time on the debate team made me more analytical.”

It was one of Page’s non-analytical postings that may be his most popular – an interview with New York Mets pitcher R.A. Dickey.

“He gave me a really long interview on the pretense that I was an MBA graduate. That was one of the most successful things we ever put on our site, because of the candor of the interview and the sheer length of time he was willing to put up with me.”

Life Beyond Baseball

by Mike Martin (’98)
Dickey’s path to becoming a Mets’ starting pitcher was a remarkable journey. At MBA, R.A. was a dominant power-pitcher, leading the ’93 team to the state championship while also winning the Gatorade Tennessee Player of the Year award.

Dickey also starred at the University of Tennessee for three years and earned two wins for Team USA in the 1996 Summer Olympics. A first round draft pick by the Texas Rangers in 1996, Dickey was found to be missing the ulnar collateral ligament in his pitching elbow, making his ability to pitch even more incredible.

Dickey spent a decade in the Rangers organization and made his Major League debut in 2006. With little success pitching for the Rangers, Dickey faced a crossroads: he could re-invent himself or end his baseball career. Dickey chose the former and worked on becoming a knuckleball pitcher.

The knuckleball is a unique pitch because no two pitches ever do the same thing. Not many people throw a knuckleball in professional baseball, because not many people can throw a knuckleball in professional baseball. It is a very unpredictable pitch that, when thrown poorly, can be un-hittable. When thrown well, can be un-hittable. When thrown well, it can be disastrous. Dickey’s first major league start as a knuckleballer was disastrous. He gave up six homeruns in a city where the media is tougher than any other city in professional sports.

Dickey persevered. He worked on mastering the knuckleball. After his time with the Rangers, he spent three seasons with three different organizations trying to master the knuckleball.

In January of 2010, the Mets took a flier on R.A. and signed him to a minor league contract. Dickey was called up to the Mets roster in May of that year. Dickey rewarded the Mets by having a career year, winning 11 games. The Mets returned the favor to Dickey the following January with a two-year contract.

In a city where the media is tougher than any other city in professional sports, Dickey has developed a relationship with the people that cover him on a daily basis. He speaks often to the media about books and writing.

“According to the Mets’ own daily newspaper, the New York Daily News, Dickey is one of the best-written players in the major leagues. He has been a consistent presence in the papers and on the radio, and has written his memoirs, ‘Agony and Ecstasy,’ which chronicles his road to the majors.”

After college, Dickey continued to write while pursuing his professional baseball career.

“My adult life has been spent writing about baseball experiences.”

During the ’96 Olympics, R.A.’s journal postings were printed in The Tennessean.

“It’s always been easy to write about the things I’ve been doing. I really enjoy the human narrative. The most interesting writing to me comes from the human experience. That’s where most of my journaling comes from. Later in life, I’ve journaled what it’s like to be a father and a parent that plays a professional sport, and about my faith.”

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“In the world of sports, you don’t normally befriend the beat writers.” But members of the media appreciate the non-baseball side of Dickey and recommend books to him.

“I have a lot of books in my locker. There was a time when you were an outcast if you had a book in your locker. For 162 games, I’m at the field from two to eleven each day. My interests are going to be visible for all to see. I have the reputation of being a guy who likes to read a lot.”

Dickey draws comparisons between the authors of the books he has read and pitching.

“I find a lot of similarities in the art of pitching and the art of writing. Baseball is about finding your personal, individual technique. You can be a submariner, or a knuckleballer, or a flame-thrower...there’s not one thing that encapsulates a great pitcher. There’s also not one technique that encapsulates a great writer. There are so many different ways to write. Tolkien, Shakespeare, and Capote are all considered great writers. All of them have their “thing” that they bring to the table that makes it interesting.”

The combined arts of pitching and writing make R.A. who he is today.

“I have found writing to be helpful and an important part of my development as a pitcher. If I don’t write and I don’t process it out on paper or at least verbally, I’m going to hang onto a lot of the things that I need to let go of in order to be a good pitcher.”

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“When I was at MBA, I was a good student but not a great one, yet Dr. Paschall’s English class fanned the flames inside me to become the best writer and student I could be. I never wanted to disappoint him, and I put more effort into my writing that year than I ever had in my life.”

Bess credits Paschall and the MBA writing program with preparing him for college in ways he could not comprehend.

“Dr. Paschall’s class didn’t truly sink in until I was at Rice University two years later as a freshman, writing college papers and feeling supremely prepared.”

In fact, Bess was even getting better grades on his papers his freshman year at Rice than many of his valedictorian friends.

Bess enjoyed a successful career at Rice. He was named All-American twice, pitched in two College World Series and was drafted after his junior and senior seasons. He spent a few years in the Detroit Tigers organization before retiring due to arm injuries. While in the Minor Leagues, Stephen read all the time in the clubhouse, on the team bus, during rain delays, and was known as the bookworm on all his teams.

Since retiring from baseball, Stephen has taken the love of writing he developed while in Paschall’s class and parlayed it into his current career, Senior West Coast Editor for Air Age Media – an action sports and hobby magazine publisher.

“I use the writing skills I learned at MBA to assign, edit, and write magazine content all on short deadlines. It’s like MBA Theme Week every few weeks for me.”

For a long time, Bess had an idea for a way to honor Paschall. With the help of Headmaster Gioia, his idea came to fruition.

Bess created the MBA College Essay Contest to honor his mentor. Each senior submits his college essay to a panel of judges. The best three are chosen and the finalists read their essays in assembly with the winner taking home a cash prize.

“Being a professional writer, the written word is very important to me. Writing is often overlooked as one of the most important tools a man can have to communicate eloquently.”

For two years the contest has been a success, even drawing college counselors from neighboring universities to sit on the judging panel. Bess has been able to watch the live streaming of the contests from his computer in California – his idea having become a reality.

“The essay contest is incredibly important to me because it has Dr. Paschall’s name attached to it. I want students to hear his name attached to this essay contest and ask questions about him.”

Bess, Dickey, and Page are all quick to point out that their love of writing began during their time at MBA, and that love of writing continues well after their departure from The Hill.

“Check out Sam Page’s interview with R.A. Dickey at:
http://sbn.to/iaqRej
http://sbn.to/dF6sV3
http://sbn.to/fEugMk
http://sbn.to/h6WeyK

— Stephen Bess (’95)
For his groundbreaking work in the fight against cancer, Dr. Charles Sawyers has been selected as Montgomery Bell Academy’s 2011 Distinguished Alumnus. Sawyers was the Valedictorian of the Class of 1977, a National Merit Finalist, a member of Totomoi, and Vice President of the Honor Council. Sawyers continued his education at Princeton University. He received his medical degree from Johns Hopkins Medical School, completed residency at the University of California, San Francisco, and a fellowship at the University of California, Los Angeles.

After nearly two decades at UCLA, Sawyers joined the world-renowned Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) in 2006 as the Chair of the Human Oncology and Pathogenesis Program. Sawyers is recognized as one of the leaders in molecular medicine and has developed therapies for both chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) and prostate cancer. His work at MSKCC examines how signaling pathway abnormalities in cancer cells can be exploited as targets for new cancer drugs.

Sawyers’ work has garnered him recognition throughout the scientific community.

He was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies in 2008 and the National Academy of Sciences in 2010. He was the 2009 recipient of the Dorothy P. Landon Prize for Translational Cancer Research from the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) and the 2009 Lasker-DeBakey Award for Clinical Medical Research.

Sawyers will be honored at a reception on the Montgomery Bell Academy campus on September 22, 2011.
The 2011 Father-Son Dinner was one of the largest gatherings in the history of the event. Hundreds of boys and their fathers gathered to share a fantastic meal provided by Jim ’N Nick’s Bar-B-Q and to hear the incredible story of Navy SEAL Marcus Luttrell, the evening’s keynote speaker and author of the best selling book *Lone Survivor*.

Before Luttrell took the stage to detail the incredible acts of bravery and heroism of his fellow SEALs in Afghanistan, four MBA seniors delivered tributes to their fathers. Alex Austin praised his father John for the tremendous example he has set, stating that he has “learned more from watching his father than from anything he has ever been taught.” Austin also encouraged his classmates to meet their fathers half way in their relationships and to put forth as much effort in building a strong relationship as their fathers do.

Paul Bamson marveled at the amazing strength of his father Pele and his ability to overcome hardship to provide a great life for him and his sister. He recounted his parents’ unshakable faith that brought them to the United States from Nigeria and that led the family through his mother’s fight against cancer.
Chris Goodrich detailed the unfaltering support of his father Bob who “accepts me and loves me, even though my interests were vastly different than his.” Goodrich thanked his father for encouraging him to pursue his passion for theater and said that the true measure of a man and father can be summed up by how he reacts when his son isn’t exactly what he expected.

Ian Sharbel, the final student speaker of the evening, portrayed his father Joe as an inspiration and role model. Sharbel praised his father’s tireless work ethic, but also his ability to have fun while working hard. He saluted his father for always putting his family before himself and for instilling him with the ideas of “finish what you start” and “always give your best effort.” Sharbel also challenged underclassmen “to build a positive and strong relationship with your fathers.”
Hundreds of MBA students gathered with their mothers in late April to celebrate the school’s annual Mother-Son Breakfast. The MBA Jazz Band and Chorus performed for the crowd and singer-songwriter Will Robinson delivered the keynote address. Robinson described mothers as a bottomless well of forgiveness with an endless supply of love. He urged the boys in attendance not to wait too long to reflect on what their mothers mean to them.

In keeping with Robinson’s advice, six seniors offered their thoughts on the special qualities that define their mothers.

Jack Warne praised his mother Lynne for her gifts as a communicator, her “radiant compassion,” and for always being caring, loving, and unselfish. He presented her with a copy of the children’s book *I’ll Love You Forever*, quoting the line she read him throughout his childhood, “I’ll love you forever, I’ll like you for always, and as long as I’m living, my baby you’ll be.”

Hayes McCord joked about his mother Keith’s “boy’s name,” but also lauded her selflessness and volunteer spirit. He remarked that her mother is constantly on the go helping others – at church, at school, or among friends.

Cooper Thomas praised his mother Nina’s authenticity and the support she has always provided. He thanked her for teaching him self-reliance and the maxim “be loyal, do your best, and be compassionate.”

Clay Garrett offered thanks to the many mothers who helped him during his time on The Hill, but offered special appreciation for his mother Margaret. He cheered her direct, no holds barred strength, but also her deep, caring love.

Doug McWilliams offered a poignant tribute to his mother Elaine, and her valiant fight against cancer. He talked about the “protective power of mom,” and how her strength shielded him under an “umbrella of security.” McWilliams noted how his mother’s struggles had taught him about maturity and how her setbacks only inspired her to fight harder. He thanked her for her amazing spirit and for teaching him that “nothing can stand up to the strength of a family.”

Editor’s note: Following a courageous 17-year struggle with cancer, Elaine McWilliams passed away June 9, 2011. She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Scott McWilliams; her sons, James Hayes McWilliams (’08) and Douglas Haile McWilliams (’11).

Andrew Powell concluded the program with plaudits for his mother Molly. He thanked her for her patience and devotion as a foster mother to two boys in need and for her hard work to improve the lives of others. He held her up as a model of service, compassion, and sacrifice, and concluded that “no words, no matter how well composed, can describe how much my mother means to me.”
Montgomery Bell Academy

Lynne & Jack Warne

Elaine & Doug McWilliams

Molly & Andrew Powell

Nina & Cooper Thomas
For Spring Break this year, 20 MBA boys, four MBA faculty members, an MBA alumnus, and two Ensworth students embarked on a service project to a poor community in the Dominican Republic. The group immersed itself in the communities of Nazaret and Cielo, just west of Santo Domingo below the foothills of the mountains marking the Haitian border.

The construction projects for the trip included laying the foundation for a house for two elderly Dominicans who had never owned a home. One group worked very hard to establish a strong foundation and the first three levels of block for the house. A second group worked on preparing the foundation for a school playground. The existing playground had only four swings for the 450 students at the school. Once the new playground is complete, it will be much more appropriate for the size of the school.

The highlight for the students on the trip was the community interaction, which included a sports camp for the children in the community, visits to the homes of poor families, and a trip to a leprosarium where students visited an outcast community of men and women - many of whom had lost limbs due to the debilitating effects of leprosy.

Each evening the students and leaders met and processed the events of the day. In the meetings, students and leaders tackled tough topics such as why do such impoverished conditions exist so close to the affluence of the United States, how are the people so happy and joyful amidst their simple conditions, and how do people cope with the loneliness of living in a leprosarium - especially at the young age of 31.

In the end, the students gained a deeper understanding of the value of community and ways in which Americans can contribute to those in need. The school and church in the community called Mission Emmanuel has already done its part by establishing a sponsorship program for students to have their education through the eighth grade paid for by those in the United States.

The MBA students visited the school and took part in some Spanish/English exercises with the students and the principal. Additionally, Mission Emmanuel is fighting the impoverished conditions through an impressive water treatment facility, a medical/rehabilitation facility, and a women’s co-op where women can use their various skills to create gifts to sell. All of the facilities mentioned were built using students on short-term service trips.

Several boys and leaders purchased items from the women’s co-op and some even decided to sponsor specific children. Many of the boys want to continue supporting the community by informing the MBA student body how to sponsor Dominican children’s education or buy from the women’s co-op.

The students and leaders had an invaluable experience that formed strong friendships between the Dominican community and the members of the group. Several boys have requested to return next year to continue the relationships they forged over Spring Break 2011.

Students who studied Spanish enjoyed practicing the language while the rest of the group got to know the very friendly people through interpreters.

Other trip highlights included a visit to the Dominican Market or Mercado and a visit to the Colonial district where Christopher Columbus established the first city on the island of Hispaniola, modern day Dominican Republic. Students also enjoyed competitive games of soccer, ultimate Frisbee, and basketball against other similar service groups.
Twelve individuals, including six seniors, four juniors, one faculty member, and a member of the Class of 1939 were inducted into Totomoi, MBA’s honor society, in early March. Totomoi recognizes individuals who have shown outstanding leadership in academics, athletics, and service to the school, community service, and appreciation for the arts. Current members conducted the ceremony by giving a brief history of Totomoi, tapping each new member, and providing a history of each new member’s accomplishments. Students inducted at the ceremony were seniors Carter Callaway, Van East, Cody Fisher, Tom Markham, Warren Smith, and John Wyse. Joining them were juniors Rob Edwards, Bryan Oslin, Karthik Sastry, and Joe Scherrer.

Longtime faculty member Bill Compton, who has taught and coached at MBA for over 40 years, was inducted along with MBA Board of Trust Member Matt Dobson (’39).

The MBA chapter of the Cum Laude Society welcomed 17 new members in February.

The inductees included nine members of the Class of 2011 (Paul Baker, Nick Bessette, Van East, Chris Goodrich, Will McCaskill, Will Norton, Chase Owen, Andrew Powell, and John Wyse) and eight boys from the Class of 2012 (David Arteaga, Zach Chen, Austin Doebler, Andrew Fortugno, Bryan Oslin, Karthik Sastry, Joe Scherrer, and Baker Swain).

The featured speaker for the ceremony was Dr. Rick Seay (’79), Director of the High School. Dr. Seay praised the passion that has always been a part of the faculty and staff at MBA and challenged the students to find something that sparks their interests and to pursue it whole-heartedly.

Founded in 1906, the Cum Laude Society honors individuals with superior academic achievements. The Cum Laude Society evaluates secondary schools for membership by examining the school’s academic qualifications, the credentials of the school’s faculty, and the college choices of the school’s graduates. The Cum Laude motto is excellence, justice, and honor. MBA’s chapter was founded in 1981.
The MBA Debate Team has succeeded during the 2010-2011 year in maintaining traditions and pushing ahead with new measures to achieve continued success. MBA Debate remains one of the top-tier programs in the country, with our top team of Jesse Suh ('11) and Kelly Haselton ('12) maintaining a demanding national travel schedule that featured top 10 finishes at Wake Forest, the University of Michigan, and the University of California at Berkeley, the largest invitational debate tournament in the nation. Based on their fine regular season performance, Jesse and Kelly qualified for the Tournament of Champions held in early May at the University of Kentucky (where they finished with a strong 4-3 record). The pair, along with extemporaneous speaker junior Will Stewart, represented MBA well at the National Forensic League Nationals in June in Dallas, Texas.

The MBA Extemporaneous Speaking Team also had a great year. At the Wake Forest tournament, both Karthik Sastry ('12) and Will Stewart ('12) were semifinalists. Soon after that performance, the team swept the top five spots at the Samford University Invitational. At the prestigious St. Mark’s Heart of Texas in October, Sastry finished in the top five in both Domestic and International Extemp, with Stewart and Hamilton Milwee ('13) also reaching the elimination rounds in those events. At MBA’s own National Round Robin in early January, Sastry placed fifth in a field of mostly seniors who represented the best competitors in the nation. Finally, at Emory University’s Barkley Forum tournament, the team had an amazing showing, with Milwee, Sastry, Stewart, and senior Partha Reddy all reaching the top 20. Congratulations to these speakers and their coach, Mr. Billy Tate.

In a special ceremony in January, nine MBA students were inducted into the school’s King Society. Founded by Edwin Conley (MBA ’04) and Ben Pote (’04) in 2003, the Society honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King’s work toward equality, justice, freedom, and peace.

The 2011 ceremony was highlighted by an address from Rev. Kelly Miller Smith, who recounted his experiences growing up during segregation and encouraged the students to help their community and become involved.

King Society inductees were seniors Tyler Cauble, Patrick Duffey, Eddie Seay, Cedric Smith, and Paul Van Pernis; as well as juniors David Arteaga, Henry Beveridge, Jamie Bradshaw, and Rob Edwards.

Current King Society members Rob Barnes, Franklin Gaglione, Jack Hallemann, Jack Warne, and Wentao Zhang conducted the induction ceremony.

Membership in the King Society is comprised of MBA juniors and seniors. Ten students per class are eligible for membership. To be considered for membership, students must meet strict criteria that include leadership, service, solid academic standing, and evidence of sound character.
Inspired by a longstanding British tradition, MBA once again celebrated its own version of the Leavers Dinner as a way to honor the graduating senior class. In the spirit of celebration more than ceremony, the soon-to-be 2011 alums enjoyed dinner and entertainment in Frist Hall. Seniors, teachers, and mentors took part in spirited exchanges by trading toasts.

Andre Lucaci detailed his maturation during his six years at MBA. Nick Kohler gave a tribute to the retiring Julian Jones, and De’Ante Hughes expressed his admiration for his classmates and thanked them for always supporting him. Nick Bessette toasted the mutual respect that permeated the Class of 2011, while Warren Smith noted the incredible friendships that he has forged. Senior members of the chorus performed rousing renditions of Neil Diamond’s *Sweet Caroline* and Garth Brooks’ *Friends in Low Places*.

For many of the schools with which MBA has exchange programs (such as Eton and Winchester in England, Lindisfarne College in New Zealand, and the King’s School in Australia), the Leavers Dinner is held in lieu of prom and graduation.

The MBA high school Science Olympiad team successfully defended its state championship, finishing ahead of 17 other teams including state rivals White Station High School, MLK Magnet, and Oak Ridge High School. The win clinched a berth to the National Science Olympiad Tournament at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in May. Leading the team to victory were seniors Connor Caldwell, Carter Callaway, Jack Hallemann, and Walton Macey. The title is the team’s third state championship in the last five years. The team won medals in 16 of the 23 events, including five state championship finishes, one runner-up finish, and four third place finishes.

The MBA Division B team had a strong showing at the tournament as well. The team, led by ninth graders Kalyan Chadalavada, Sam Hurd, Henry Ingram, Ferriss Bailey, and Sam Papel, captured medals in 14 of 23 events including three thirds, three seconds, and three state championships in Optics, Solar System, and Write-it/Do-it. All 15 members of the team came home with hardware to accompany their fourth place finish overall.
After wrapping up December’s final exams, students gathered in the Gibbs Room over hot chocolate to discuss plans for Endada — MBA’s first ever Music and Arts Festival to be held on campus in the upcoming spring.

The concept and the excitement grew as students were both eager and proud to showcase their friends’ diverse abilities and to celebrate the arts.

As early as February, the boys had an impressive line-up, comprised of both established and emerging talent. Their vision was for artists and performers to appear together, highlighting a wide range of creative endeavors. Weekly planning sessions in the art room continued throughout the spring and culminated in an extremely well organized, successful arts event open to the entire Nashville community.

On April 30th, thanks to the foresight and perseverance of these students and staff, the Sloan Quadrangle came alive with the most astounding array of local and student artists and performers. Endada took The Hill by storm!

Two outdoor stages filled the campus with alternating sounds of some of the best music in town. The indoor stage was alive with wonderful performances by Mazel Prov, MBA’s improvisational group; Semi-Dead Poets Society’s slam poetry; student-performed Irish step dancing; and demonstrations in sword fighting by renowned choreographer Eric Pasto-Crosby. Movies and live performances added another dimension to the celebration of art: student-made films and documentaries graced Frist Hall and culminated at the end of the day with the outrageous final performance of the student-directed One Acts that lit up the Paschall Theater.

Tempting the palate were several food vendors: Grilled Cheeserie (food truck), Firefly (owner is an MBA parent), Bang Candy Company, Fleur de Lis, Mountain Jim’s Ice Cream, and Kettlecorn.

The Annual Student Art exhibition in the Davis Gallery provided a sanctuary of quiet inspiration for the many friends and family who gathered for the opening reception in the Gibbs Room. Outside, in tents and in the colonnade along the quad, over 35 artists from campus and the community encircled the festival with a fabulous array of art for purchase and enjoyment. Many artists were on hand to demonstrate elements of their creative process and to discuss their work while inspiring and educating attendees. Alan LeQuire (’74), best known for the public sculpture Musica in the Music Row roundabout, returned to campus to share his extraordinary work and wisdom. Several plein air painters captured the collective energy and pitch perfect day on canvas. Clay artists demonstrated both hand-built and wheel-thrown processes, while artist Larry Rogers turned up the heat with his raku firing demonstrations. Jim Sherraden of Hatch Show Print wowed the crowd, demonstrating the age-old process of letterpress and block printing. Terrell Thornhill was also on hand to screen print his special edition of the Ball building.

Grilled Cheeserie (food truck), Firefly (owner is an MBA parent), Bang Candy Company, Fleur de Lis, Mountain Jim’s Ice Cream, and Kettlecorn.
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Benjamin Graves (’16) and Daniel Smith (’16)
The MBA Music Department had a fantastic second semester. In March, The Big Red Chorus combined with members of the MBA Philharmonic, Harpeth Hall and Saint Cecilia to perform Eric Whitacre’s *Five Hebrew Love Songs*. In addition to this success, the Chorus traveled to the Middle Tennessee Vocal Association’s Choral Festival and received excellent ratings in sight-reading and performance.

After spring break, members of the MBA Philharmonic joined musicians from Harpeth Hall to spend a Saturday working with an orchestral clinician ending with a combined performance. In April, the Music Department was proud to send three boys to the Tennessee All-State Festival. This year John Elam, Preston Palm, and Alan Liang all had the honor of representing MBA at this prestigious festival. At the end of the year, students from The Headmaster’s Singers traveled to the MTVA Solo and Ensemble festival where they earned a superior rating along with junior John Elam and sophomore Alex Floyd who received superior ratings in individual performances. The Music Department is looking forward to another strong year in 2011-2012!
ON THE HILL

THEATER

Three Musketeers
January’s extremely cold temperatures were made more temperate this year by the Junior School’s sailing to Treasure Island. In the sixth annual Junior School musical, our seventh and eighth graders made Robert Louis Stevenson’s classic adventure novel come alive. Aided by director Rick Seay, music director Tyler Merideth, faculty cast member Catharine Hollifield, costume designer June Kingsbury, and set designer Gregg Colson, the microbes pulled off a fine production and were an extremely focused and tight ensemble. The cast was led beautifully by eighth graders Michael Milam, Jess Darnell, Henry Rogers, Seth Cook, and Neal Hawkins. Other students who lent their performance expertise included Henry Moyle, Daniel Maynard, Wren McFadden, Drew Gordon, Joe Noser, Wes Richardson, Jamie Payne, Connor Oman, Lawrence Rogers, Hudson Coombs, Christian Williams, and Kendal Franz. The production was a success from start to finish, and all the cast deserve great praise for their hard work and dedicated efforts.

Facing fictional villains and real tornado threats in late February, the high school thespians swept audiences away to seventeenth-century Paris with the swashbuckling story of D’Artagnan (Phillip Danieley ’11) and the Three Musketeers (Hunter Woolwine, Aaron Ardisson, and John Elam). Cardinal Richelieu (Daniel Rundberg ’11) and Milady de Winter (Claire Perrone) added intrigue and conflict. The entire cast worked extremely well as an ensemble to create a highly entertaining and fast-paced performance of Alexandre Dumas’ French classic. Tyler Merideth’s performance on the harpsichord, June Kingbury’s vibrant period costumes, David Brandon’s multi-leveled set, Eric Pasto-Crosby’s fabulous fight choreography (assisted by Nelson Berry) added romance and adventure. Director Cal Fuller thanked the designers, cast, and crew for making this “larger than life” show so successful: “As you can imagine, it takes great effort to transport the audience to such a different time and place, and this group has been tireless. All theatrical projects are ‘All for one, and one for all’ in nature, and this one is certainly no exception. Merci beaucoup to all who helped create this exciting show.”

As spring arrived and the cicadas took flight at MBA, so did the arts. As part of the spring celebration of the arts that included Endada, senior directors Will Lee, Gage Baxter, Jack Warne, Chris Goodrich, and Ford Altenbern produced a collection of short plays. This year’s theme was miscommunication, and each one-act featured a character who feels misunderstood or “lost in translation.” The show featured plays by David Ives, Louise Fletcher, Rich Orloff, and Shel Silverstein. The line-up was especially strong this year with solid performances by veterans Aaron Ardisson ’12, Alex Floyd ’13, Hunter Woolwine ’12, and Phillip Danieley ’11 and wonderful debut performances by seniors Tom Markham ’11, Cooper Thomas ’11, and Andrei Lucaci ’11. Dr. Fuller praised the seniors for their dedication and leadership: “They have not been ‘Lost,’ but we’ve enjoyed their six-year dramatic trek and especially their excellent ‘communications’ through performance on the MBA stage and behind the scenes. As they graduate, we hope they take good lessons and pleasant memories with them. They will be missed.”
On April 21st students, faculty, and alumni gathered to celebrate Founders Day. Montgomery Bell Academy was founded in 1867 as part of the legacy of Montgomery Bell, who left a $20,000 bequest in his will stating that “a classical education should be made available to all boys.” Every spring the school honors the vision of its benefactor and celebrates another year of educating Gentlemen, Scholars, and Athletes at Founders Day.

The celebration began in Assembly, where Senior Class President Mitchell Shope addressed the student body with a heartfelt and eloquent talk about the value of MBA’s traditions (See Editor’s Note).

Following the Assembly, students gathered on the quad outside for one of the school’s newest traditions. Much like the race around the quad in the 1981 film *Chariots of Fire*, the Founders Day Bell Run evokes a sense of camaraderie and competition that is unique to MBA. The race, run in memory of Vann Webb (’00) who lost his battle to cancer, pits four high school sprinters (one from each respective class) against each other.

In a tightly fought battle, junior Jack Beckner edged out senior Nick Bessette at the finish line to win the race. Sophomore Brooks Best raced out to an early lead and maintained his position until turn four. On the final turn, he ran wide, and got mud on the bottom of his shoes, causing him to lose traction and the lead. Experience took over as Beckner and Bessette immediately passed Best. Freshman Travonté Easley ran valiantly, but could not keep pace with the upper-classmen. The win marked the first victory for the Class of 2012 in the Founders Day Race.

(runners from top, left to right) Brooks Best (’13), Travonté Easley (’14), Nick Bessette (’11), Jack Beckner (’12)
On April 11, the members of the Class of 2011 enjoyed visits from more than 30 alumni and members of the MBA community as a part of the school’s Career Day. Visitors talked with students about potential occupations and offered career advice.

The day’s activities kicked off with a morning panel comprised of Sam Porter (’55), Tom Loventhal (’73), and Britt Groomes (’01) discussing topics that related to their careers. Students engaged in the forum and probed the panelists with insightful questions.

Following the panel, Chuck Grice (’70) addressed the entire student body at assembly. Grice encouraged students to relax. He said every generation faces challenges, but the MBA experience provides the skills, traits, and opportunities to build a successful career. He also offered advice on choosing a career that fits your skills and passions rather than simply finding a job that pays the bills. Grice detailed some career myths and explained that there is more to building a successful career than simply knowledge.

After assembly, the seniors broke into small groups with professionals who discussed their career tracks in banking/insurance, medicine, journalism and publishing, the law, investments and entrepreneurial business, management and corporate business, non-profits, government, education, architecture, engineering, and the music industry.

Seniors were able to have lunch with their guests, pose further questions, and get to know the visitors on a personal as well as professional level.
BASKETBALL  The 2010-2011 Varsity Basketball Team faced high expectations and a challenging schedule en route to a 19-10 season and a state semifinal berth. After a strong start with victories over FRA and Ezell-Harding, MBA traveled to Memphis to face Christian Brothers in a 2010 title game rematch. CBHS got the best of MBA on that day, setting the stage for a late season rematch. After a 3rd place finish in the St. Benedict Holiday Invitational, MBA defeated Hunter’s Lane, Clarksville Academy, and Clarksville NE to win the Above the Rim Holiday Tournament at Hickman County High school. Chase Owen (’11) was named MVP, while Jojo Guerre (’11) and Austin Blackwell (’12) were named to the All Tourney team.

Region play followed and the Big Red got off to a slow start losing its first two games. After rebounding with two victories, the team stepped out of region play with two impressive victories over city rivals Hillsboro and Overton. After some inconsistent play in region games, the team really hit its stride during the final few weeks, winning three of its final four heading into tournament play. A convincing first round state tournament victory over St. Benedict set up a return trip to Memphis and rematch with Christian Brothers. MBA was not to be outdone this time, building a 25-point halftime lead and coasting to a 10-point quarterfinal victory in its most complete performance of the year. Despite a valiant effort and a halftime lead, the Big Red were not able to hold off eventual State Champion Ensworth in the semi-finals, ending another good season for the MBA varsity team. Guerre was named to the All State Tournament team for his 20-point performance against Ensworth.

Leading scorers Owen, Blackwell and David Howard (’12) were all named to the All Region team for their efforts throughout the season. We also wish Senior Whit Thornton well as he continues his hoops career at West Point in the fall. In addition to Guerre, Owen, and Thornton, Seniors Russ Anderson, Paul Baker, Van East, John Hughart, and Will Granbery concluded their careers. Well done gentlemen!

BOWLING  The 2010-2011 season marks the twelfth consecutive season the Big Red has participated in high school varsity bowling. MBA finished the season with a 10-10 record and was runner-up in the middle district tournament. MBA’s overall record now stands at 173 wins and 59 losses over twelve years of competition.

After graduating 10 seniors from last year’s state tournament team, the 2010-2011 team was comprised of ten first year bowlers and two returning lettermen. Seniors Tyler Cauble, Clay Adams, Mason Kirkpatrick, Scott Gould, and Justin Park were all first year bowlers, but they stepped in and provided leadership and dedication to this year’s team. The team chemistry was remarkable during the season with junior Trent Holbrook, sophomores Lucas Fortune and Patrick Moody, and freshman Nilay Patel emerging as key bright young stars of the
future for MBA. Lettermen Nick Green ('13) and Robert Papel ('13) returned from last year’s team and provided a model of dedication and enthusiasm that inspired the whole squad.

The Big Red bowling team competed in the Middle/East Region that includes twelve of the best bowling schools in the state of Tennessee. The 2010 - 2011 team fought hard over the 20-match season that included big wins over Father Ryan, Ensworth, and Ezell Harding. Despite the average record of 10 wins against 10 losses, the Big Red battled opponents in every match all season, and the team finished on a strong note in the district tournament — winning two matches to advance to the championship before falling to an experienced JP2 team.

This year’s Big Red Bowling Team represented the school with pride and, even with a cast of newcomers, the Big Red were competitive in every match. With several key veterans from this year’s team returning for the 2011-12 season, the future of MBA bowling looks very bright.

HOCKEY
The Big Red hockey team finished with an overall record of 8-8-4 and in 4th place in the league for the regular season. Our goals focused on being disciplined, consistently coming ready to compete, and taking ownership of our performance on and off the ice. This was a very unselfish team. They were hard to play against, as evidenced by ties against state champion Brentwood and state runner-up Ravenwood. The team enjoyed the league parity and competition of each game that was created by playing against the better “gold” division teams each game due to league realignment. Team MVP Alex Austin was selected to the league all-star team and was a presence in the locker room as a leader and motivator for younger players.

In addition to Austin, seniors Christian Alford, Nick Bessette, Max Coyle, Jack Keller, Harrison Mathews, Connor Pagnani, Ethan Vines, and Bradley Worthington led the team. They will be missed not only for their on-ice prowess, but also for their accomplishments off the ice as leaders in the MBA community. With 13 returning players, the future is bright for the program.

RIFLE
The MBA Rifle Team began its 52nd season in August. While it was the varsity athletes who accepted the challenge, made the long hours of practice, and scored the winning points, this past season was made possible by the generous support of the MBA staff and the loving contributions of the team parents. This year’s varsity team, lead by captain Joe Scherrer, consisted of 22 sporter and precision shooters representing the eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades. The team was coached by Lt. Col. Joseph Sharbel, Colonel Henry Gaither, Mr. Jesse Gray, CPT Will Norton, Mr. Bob Yakushi and Dr. Jim Dickens.

During the eight-month season the Big Red Rifles faced a daunting schedule of dual competition and tournament action designed to hone the individual skills of shooters in preparation for what was expected to be a tough state championship tournament in April. September and October matches produced mixed results, including a win at the MBA Invitational, followed by the team’s only dual action loss to nationally ranked Shelby County High School in Kentucky.

In the months that followed the team competed in a variety of junior national and collegiate open tournaments and won important dual matches against mid-state rivals Blackman and Siegel HS. As February ended, the team traveled to St. Louis where they swept nationally ranked St. Louis High School in both 3 Position and International Air Rifle events. The team entered the March Jr. Olympic Qualifications at Mt. Juliet HS with winning confidence, devouring the competition and earning the right to represent Tennessee in the Jr. Olympic 3 Position Nationals at Camp Perry, Ohio in June 2011. Additionally, the team sent two shooters to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs in April to compete in the Jr. Individual Standing Air Rifle National Championships.
Finally, on the first weekend of April, the Big Red Rifles ended the regular season by placing squads in 1st, 2nd, and 5th at the Tennessee High School Precision Air Rifle Championship reclaiming the state title from 2010 state and national champions Siegel HS while placing six shooters in the top ten of 53 competitors at the state.

In the postseason, the team placed the following athletes on the All-State Team: Hunter Guye, Winn Van Cleave, Connor Yakushi, Joe Scherrer, Ian Sharbel, and Hunter Tidwell earned honorable mentions as well.

**SWIMMING**

The 2010-2011 varsity swimming team boasted a talented group of swimmers and divers led by our Senior Co-Captains Gage Baxter, Chase Lovelace and Jarvis Werkhaven. Behind these senior leaders, our squad put together a memorable season. Dominating our divisional rivals, MBA finished first in 67 of 72 total events, capturing its fourth division title in as many years. Moving on to the Regional Championship, the Big Red put on another strong performance, winning 8 of 13 events and qualifying 19 boys for the Tennessee State Swimming and Diving Championship and capturing our fourth consecutive Regional title. Traveling to the University of Tennessee to participate in the State Championships, MBA battled against one of the best high school swim teams in the country from Baylor. MBA put up five All-American performances, won three events, broke one state record and captured second place. One great highlight of the meet was our team cheering on junior Maclin Davis to a victory and state record setting performance in the 100-butterfly.

This year we will say goodbye to an outstanding class of senior leaders: Gage Baxter, Patrick Duffey, Chase Lovelace and Jarvis Werkhaven. Their leadership in and out of the pool has been inspirational to their teammates and coaches. Their talent, leadership and commitment to our team will be missed.

Although we will certainly miss the contribution of our senior leaders, the team has many strong underclassmen with several talented swimmers still participating on our middle school team. The future of Big Red swimming is looking very bright!

**WRESTLING**

The 2010-11 wrestling season was a very successful one. The team was led by senior captains Mark Simpson and Ian Sharbel, with Cullen Moran, Will Farrar, and Chris McClure adding much-needed senior leadership. The boys finished the year with a regular season record of 13-4. They went 1-2 in the state duals, finishing in 5th place. Highlights from the year include a 3-0 record at the MBA Duals, winning five matches at the Briarcrest Duals, defeating Brentwood Academy in the finals, and Matthew Davidson’s (’12) being named “outstanding wrestler of the tournament.” Daniel Bellet (’11), John Mark Bellet (’12) and Simpson won the Black Horse Invitational, while Cayce Ortale (’12) pinned his way to a championship at the Father Ryan Invitational.
The team also traveled to the Southeastern Prep Championships in Atlanta, Georgia which has become one of the foremost wrestling tournaments in the country. The tournament drew top teams from across the nation. Competing against some of the top rated wrestlers in the country, John Mark Bellet finished in 6th place. Simpson and Ian Sharbel both finished in 5th place.

In the state individual tournament, the MBA team competed very well while placing nine wrestlers in the top six of their weight classes. Sophomore Ryan Owen placed 5th at 103 lbs., Ortale placed 3rd at 112 lbs., Davidson finished 4th at 125 lbs., Daniel Bellet placed 5th at 135 lbs., John Mark Bellet placed 3rd at 140 lbs., Simpson finished 3rd at 152 lbs., McClure placed 3rd at 171 lbs., Sharbel finished 2nd at 189 lbs., and freshmen Jay Robertson took 6th at 285 lbs.

BASEBALL

Big Red Baseball had a successful 2011 season. The team started the year by traveling to Phoenix, Arizona for Spring Break. The team finished 3-2 in the Coach Bob Invitational with big wins against schools from Oklahoma and Arizona.

The Big Red had an early two-out-of-three series win against Baylor in divisional play. After an out of conference win, the team proceeded to win best-of-three series against McCallie, BGA, Ensworth, and JPII. One highlight during the year was finishing the regular season with fantastic 18-7 victory over Brentwood Academy to win the region championship.

The Big Red entered tournament play and lost in the State Quarterfinals against Brentwood Academy to end the season. However, the baseball team finished with another impressive 20 win season much to the excitement of the fans and players. The Big Red Baseball Team played hard and never quit throughout the year.

ROWING

The MBA Rowing Team began training for the spring’s competitive sprint season in January 2011. The team attended two indoor rowing championships competing on ergometers (stationary rowing machines). The rowers competed in both individual and team relay events at the Tennessee Indoor Championships held at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and the Atlanta Erg Sprints at Georgia Tech. Some strong finishes included: Gray Curtis (’12) placing 4th of 16 in the Men’s Youth II event with a time of 6:54.9, Chris Habermann (’13) placing 5th of 18 in the Men’s Youth I event with a time of 7:37.8 and Robert Papel (’13) bringing home the silver medal in the Men’s Coxswain 500 meter event with a time of 1:57.2.

The team hit the water at the end of February with traditional 4:45am practices. However, two weeks later the team practices moved to afternoon for the first time since the program’s inception in the fall of 2009. With the afternoon practice time, many more athletes joined the team, creating a large group of Novice rowers with just two weeks of preparation for the first regatta in Gainesville, GA on March 26th. The team used this stormy weekend as a valuable experience for the new rowers “to get their feet wet.”

On Saturday, April 30th, the MBA Rowing Team competed in the Dogwood Regatta in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. High school teams from all over the southeast and beyond competed in this regatta. Since all of the Tennessee teams participate, Dogwood is considered the Tennessee State Championships. The Big Red novice 4a boat, composed of Ryan Owen (’13), Parrish Preston (’13), Aaron Simonis (’12), Weston Bell (’12), and Matt Anderson (’12), finished 2nd in the state in their...
division. The novice 4b boat, composed of Papel, Bates O’Neal ('14), Joe Werthan ('14), Nick Boney ('14), and Sam Gregory ('14), finished 0.7 seconds out of 3rd place, but were the only Tennessee team in the finals. The Novice 8 boat of Owen, Preston, Gregory, O’Neal, Simonis, Andrew Scott ('13), Bell, Boney, and Anderson finished fifth in the state. The Big Red A boat of Papel, Sam Martin ('12), Habermann, Chris McClure ('11), Brad Swain ('11), Will Farrar ('11), Ian Sharbel ('11), Alex Benedict ('13), and Ryan Flack ('13) finished 2nd in the state in their division behind McCallie and ahead of Baylor. The A boat qualified for finals, finishing 5th with a time of 6:46.1, which was 19.5 seconds faster than their qualifying heat time.

On Saturday, May 14th, the team competed in the Southeast Region Youth Championship Regatta in Gainesville, GA. High school teams from the entire southeast region attended this regatta and competed for a spot to race at the US Rowing Youth National Championship Regatta. The novice 8a boat finished 6th in the preliminary heat of the day, missing advancement to the semi-finals from a very tough heat. The novice 4a boat finished 4th in their preliminary heat, advancing to the semi-finals. The varsity 8a boat finished 4th in their preliminary heat, advancing them to the repechage where they also finished 4th, just one place short of advancing to the finals.

The season ended with the announcement that rowing would be a varsity sport on campus. The team graduated four seniors, including Ian Sharbel who will be attending the US Naval Academy this fall and rowing for the freshman heavyweight team. The Big Red Rowing starts off the fall 2011 season with its largest roster to date…. Row Red Row!

LACROSSE The MBA Lacrosse Team entered the 2011 season with high expectations, hoping to capture the state championship that has eluded the program since 2006. The team began its season with a trip to the Brine King of Spring Invitational in Durham, North Carolina. Playing three games over three days, MBA came home with a 2-1 record. The Big Red dropped an overtime thriller to the Blue Ridge School, the top team in Virginia, and then rebounded with come-from-behind wins against RJ Reynolds (NC) and regional power Highland Park (TX).

After returning from Spring Break, the team entered the heart of their schedule, recording big wins over regional foes from Baylor and Farragut. With the regional title on the line, MBA traveled to Chattanooga to face off against two-time defending champion McClure. Behind a three-goal performance from Clay Adams ('11) and a jaw-dropping display of athleticism by fellow senior Ben Charpentier, the Big Red scored their first win against the Blue Tornado in four years. The team picked up a big win against a talented Brentwood team before dropping a pair of games to Kentucky State Champion St. Xavier and Memphis University School.

As the playoffs approached, MBA scored a big win over Ravenwood to close out the regular season. Following a first round win against Houston, MBA again faced Brentwood in the state semi-finals. Brentwood took an early lead only to see the Big Red open up a three-goal cushion in the fourth quarter. Brentwood came storming back to tie the game at 9-9 before Adams netted the game winner in the closing minutes. In the final, MBA faced an MUS team that was loaded with defensive talent and offensive playmakers. The Big Red turned in its best defensive performance of the year, but was still unable to come out on top, dropping a heartbreaking 6-3 decision.

The successful season resulted in several postseason honors for the members of the Big Red Lacrosse Team. Headlining the awards were US Lacrosse All-Americans Adams and Charpentier. The Syracuse University-bound Adams tallied 32 goals and 11 assists en route to his second All-American selection. Charpentier was a do-everything player for the Big Red, leading the team in points, assists, ground balls, and face-off percentage. He will continue his lacrosse career at Bellarmine University. Adams and Charpentier were also selected to the TSLA All-Region and All-State teams.

Joining Adams and Charpentier on those squads was senior Connor Pagnani (2nd team All-State, 1st Team All-Region), who posted 27 goals and 12 assists in 2011. Pagnani will be a part of the Denver University lacrosse program next year. Also honored were juniors Augie...
Houghton (2nd Team All-State, 1st Team All-Region) and Mattison Hamilton (2nd Team All-State, 2nd Team All-Region), and senior Tyler Cauble (2nd Team All-Region).

Other key contributors for the Big Red were seniors Alex Austin, Rob Barnes, and Hayes McCord, and juniors John Morphis, Gray Curtis, and Henry Richardson.

**TRACK**

The Big Red Track Team had another stellar year, going through the regular season undefeated and accumulating a nice record in local invitational. The team, bolstered by excellence in the field events, relays, hurdles, and distances won the Highland Games, the Buster Relays, and the Doug Hall Relays. On the home track in the Doug Hall, Michael Peters ('11), Daniel Peters ('12), Ryan Hill ('11), and Andrew Powell ('11) set a school record in the 4 x 1600 relay. The team also returned the City Championship trophy to The Hill, scoring individual City Championships by Michael Peters in the 3200, Daniel Peters in the 1600, and Bryan Oslin ('12) in the 300 hurdles. In addition, the future looks bright as both the Microbe (HVAC) and Freshman teams (9th Grade) won championships.

After a runner-up finish in the Region Meet, the team went into the State Meet with a renewed determination. State Championships were won by Daniel Peters in the 3200, Chase Owen ('11) in the long jump, and the 4 x 800 relay of Andrew Powell, Stephen Bedard ('11), Myles Anderson ('12), and David Arteaga ('12). In the closest finish ever, MBA finished once again as the State Runner-up by one point.

**TENNIS**

The 2011 Big Red Tennis Team had one of its most successful seasons in its history. In late May in Murfreesboro, MBA successfully defended its TSSAA State title by defeating Baylor in the finals for the second year in a row. In a final filled with extremely close matches, nail-biting third sets, and numerous momentum swings, the Big Red topped Baylor 4–2 to conclude a very memorable season. Senior Russ Anderson and sophomore Andrew Karpos capped the season off with a State Doubles Championship, defeating a team from MUS in the finals to bring home the hardware.

After near-miss 2nd place finishes at the Chattanooga Rotary tournament and the St. Xavier Jamboree in Louisville and an unfinished Carter Invitational in which they led going into day two before being rained out, the tennis team saved its best for the most important tournament of the season. Realizing their goals of “having no regrets” and “playing their best tennis at the end of the season,” the 2011 team had a season for the ages.

After some very close losses at a national tournament (Deerfield, IL; Memphis University School) the team responded by going 7–0 in its dual matches, including wins over Baylor, McCallie, St. Xavier (KY), Ensworth, and Brentwood High. The match with Baylor was the first match played on MBA’s new tennis courts. The five-hour, 4–3 victory was witnessed by an amazing crowd of students, faculty, and community members.

This year’s team had it all: strong play and leadership by veteran juniors and seniors, numerous big wins by younger members of the team, and an insatiable desire to be the best they could be at practice and in matches. Junior Palmer Campbell and seniors Davis Thrailkill and Russ Anderson occupied the top three positions. These three provided many of the hard-fought victories that characterized the heart of this year’s team. Sophomores Andrew Karpos, Andrew Graham, and freshman Kalyan Chadalavada manned positions 4–6. These three young men were counted on time and again to win tense, close matches in order to provide MBA with victories.

This year’s tennis team was defined by its ability to come back from deficits, to win third sets, to save match points, and to be tougher and physically stronger than its fiercest competitors. First year head coach Tom Boysen and assistant coach Hampton Williams led the Big Red. Other members of the State Championship team include: seniors Chase Pruett and Matthew Johnson; juniors Rett Hooper and Tanner Yancy; sophomores Will McFadden, Lucas Littlejohn, and Mark Lowe; and freshmen Fred Harwell and Wilson Vaughan.
International Health Care Symposium

by David Richardson
What do you get when you bring together two students and one faculty member from nine of the best independent schools from all over the globe to discuss their personal and governmental views on healthcare? You get the 2011 International Symposium on Healthcare.

This past March, MBA played host to this event. Started in 2010 by MBA Headmaster Brad Gioia and colleague Ralph Townsend from Winchester College in England, the International Symposium aims to bring independent schools from around the world together to discuss and learn about a chosen topic. In 2009, the Symposium was held at Winchester and focused on the financial crisis that the world is enduring. The 2010 topic focused on healthcare. It seemed only fitting to host the Symposium in Nashville, known to many people as the “Healthcare Capital of the World.” MBA senior Paul Baker and junior Karthik Sastry, along with faculty member Kevin Hamrick, served as the host delegation. Tim Parkinson of Winchester spearheaded the intellectual dialogue and discussion of the participants from September of 2010 through every day of the event in Nashville.

Joining MBA and Winchester in the 2010 Symposium were the Raffles Institution, the oldest center for pre-tertiary learning in Singapore; the African Leadership Academy, which seeks to offer a world-class, pan-African secondary institution on the outskirts of Johannesburg, South Africa; China’s Shiyan Cooperative School; Nada High School, the highest-ranked, private, college-preparatory boys school in Kobe, Japan; Johannes Kepler Grammar School from the Czech Republic; Colegio Claustro Moderno in Colombia; and the Garodia International Centre of India. The Karachi Grammar School in Pakistan also took part in the lead up to the Symposium, but their representatives were unable to make the trip to Nashville.

Throughout the school year, the students from each school received questions and projects to complete and turn in as a team. These essays and answers were taken from their country’s point of view on the questions related to healthcare. The goal of the Symposium is for the schools to develop an International Accord with each other after their week together. The students were in contact throughout the year by email, Skype, and other forms of communication. When they came together in March, they felt as if they had been friends for some time.

Once the students and teachers arrived in Nashville, they were treated to a balance of speakers, meaningful debate and discussion, and activities throughout the city that proved to be a successful formula for the week. The Symposium began with a presentation by Dr. Jeff Balser, the Dean of the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs of Vanderbilt University. Dr. Balser and the participants discussed real healthcare reform. Dr. Balser offered an excellent overview of the healthcare model and debate about technology, information, and innovation.

The students arrived on The Hill Friday evening or Saturday morning to register and meet their host families. After settling in and becoming familiar with the campus and their families, the Symposium was opened with a welcome from Gioia and Parkinson. This greeting was followed by Dr. Balser’s presentation.

The Anne Potter Wilson Room in the Library was transformed into a group work space for the stu-
dents. At least once a day they came together as a
group to discuss the presenters and speakers and
to work on their final accord.

The first evening began with a bit of Nashville
history and a big dose of American culture, as the
group headed to the Ryman Auditorium to see
and hear a broadcast of Garrison Kellior’s A
Prairie Home Companion. Following the perform-
ance, the group received its first taste of southern
cooking with a dinner at the Loveless Café.

The second day of the Symposium featured
Congressman Jim Cooper as the keynote speaker.
One of the leading healthcare experts in
Congress, Cooper provided some helpful per-
spectives on healthcare policy and international
investment in healthcare, as well as some mean-
ingful insight into concerns about productivity
and results in healthcare. Following a session of
group work on campus, the students visited
Centennial Park for a tour of the Parthenon.

MBA teachers Dr. Ed Gaffney and Mr. Jim
Womack proved to be excellent tour guides, dis-
playing their passion for the art and architecture
of one of Nashville’s great landmarks.

Monday, March 28 was the first time that the
Symposium students had a chance to be on cam-
bus with and around the MBA students. The
group attended the weekly assembly and had a
chance to be immersed in campus life. The
speaker for assembly was Dr. Darin Portnoy. Dr.
Portnoy is an attending physician at Montefiore
Hospital in the Bronx, New York and is the
President of the U.S. section of Doctors Without
Borders. He has practiced medicine all over the
world throughout his career. After assembly, the
Symposium group met in Pfeffer Auditorium to

speak more intimately with Portnoy and ask
questions concerning his work with Doctors
Without Borders. Lunch that day provided a dose
of American cafeteria food as they dined with the
students in Frist Dining Hall.

That evening gave the attendees insight into why
Nashville is the “Music City.” The group was
taken to Leiper’s Fork for dinner and a private
acoustic performance from some of Nashville’s
most accomplished songwriters. This special
event proved to be one of the favorite moments
of the week for the participants.

The next two days were graciously hosted by
Vanderbilt University. The visit included a walk-
ing tour of the campus and a personal visit with
the Vice Provost for Enrollment and Dean of
Admissions, Dr. Douglas L. Christiansen, and
the Dean of the Commons, Dr. Francis W. Wcislo.

Later in the day, the students were treated to pri-
vate lectures from Vanderbilt professors at the
Center for Experimental Learning and
Assessment. The students sat in on a lecture
about cancer genomics and information tech-
ology. After a discussion about malaria, they
took a tour of the University’s mosquito insec-
tary. The visit concluded with a Vanderbilt
Institute for Global Health panel discussion.

Vanderbilt’s hospitality, facilities, and the qual-
ity of the faculty left a deep impression, as many
of the students left the campus with Vanderbilt at
the top of their college application list. One of the
Symposium faculty advisors even set up a meet-
ing and applied for graduate school while he was
there.

Tuesday evening provided one of the week’s
highlights as the entire group made the trip
downtown to Bridgestone Arena to see the
Nashville Predators. Jeff Cogen, the Predators
Chief Executive Officer, graciously hosted din-
ner before the game in the Arena and provided a
brief breakdown of the rules of the game, includ-
ing cheers, chants, and taunts for opposing play-
ers. With the Predators thick in the playoff race,
the atmosphere was electric. Since the game was
a first for every Symposium visitor, the Predators
and the sport of hockey gained 30 new global fans
that night.

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On Wednesday morning, MBA alumnus Dr. Morgan Wills (’86) hosted the group for a tour of the Siloam Family Health Center. Located off 8th Avenue, Siloam serves uninsured people from all over Nashville and the surrounding areas. Patients are asked to participate in their health care by making a contribution depending on the services provided and their financial ability. No one is ever turned away because they cannot afford to contribute to the ministry. Siloam does not bill patients and does not file insurance. This visit gave the students an insight into healthcare for the uninsured and less fortunate in the Nashville area. It was an eye opening experience for everyone.

The week could not have taken place were it not for the hospitality of MBA families Steven and Kate Ezell, Jeff and Diana Mobley, Joey and Julia Gray Cole, Kelly and Judy Wright, Jeff and Lucy Haynes, Dave Goetz and Katy Varney, George and Ophelia Paine, and Frances McWhirter. These host families welcomed the visiting students into their homes and fed them for the length of their stay. The visitors and their hosts were able to form new friendships while cultures and traditions were shared from both sides.

The final day of the Symposium featured a presentation and seminar with Paul Zintl, the Chief Operating Officer for Partners in Health and Senior Advisor for Planning and Finance for the Program in Infectious Disease and Social Change at Harvard Medical School. After a great presentation and question and answer session, the students retreated to the Wilson Library for one last time to finish up the final version of the Symposium Accord.

That evening the students, teachers, and invited guests came together for a closing banquet where the students presented their final draft of the accord (see next page) that they had compiled over their months of work together.
Though there are many problems facing healthcare today, the accord below provides solutions, which we, the members of the Montgomery Bell Academy Symposium 2011, believe to be of the greatest importance.

Health does not exist in a vacuum. The providing of health services is inherently related to other facets of society, such as economic status. We have chosen to focus on the more specific and controllable elements of health reform, although more general goals of development can certainly complement any healthcare efforts.

For all of these goals to be achieved, collaboration between all participants, whether they are governments or NGO’s, is imperative when dealing with healthcare both at international and national levels. This ensures that countries will learn from each other and can work together to optimize resources. In addition, education is fundamental to improving outcomes in the vast majority of healthcare concerns regarding individual issues of health care ethics, we, as global citizens, find it important to respect the various cultural beliefs of different groups of people. Tolerance and appreciation of diversity characterizes the personality of our symposium.

The effects of global warming are becoming more and more devastating as we progress in our lives. With all the goals set out below, we also seek to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emissions and waste gases. Air pollution is a problem of great concern in the healthcare world: it is responsible for many respiratory diseases. This is yet another reason to bear in mind that, at all times, we should strive to reduce global warming.

Considering the world’s finite pool of resources, international cooperation is paramount. Thus, we, the members of the 2011 Montgomery Bell International Health Care Symposium, advocate the following:

**Understanding of cultures**
- Educating doctors with regard to the culture they are in and the views and beliefs of the inhabitants.
- For all situations that do not endanger life, doctors should visit their destination before starting their practice. However, in critical situations whereby such a pre-visit is deemed unfeasible (for example in a situation such as that of a natural disaster or an outbreak of disease whereby the delay of doctors entering the country would result in a drastic loss of life), such a pre-visit can be omitted.

**Medical research**
- A strong grasp on diseases that affect mankind by invention of better technology to tackle them would greatly increase efficiency of treatment.
- A system that would incentivize pharmaceutical companies and allow them to research new drugs, which then could be distributed cheaply.

**Education of physicians**
- The education of physicians needs to address the needs of both developing and developed healthcare systems.
- This will be achieved through an international standardization of education between medical schools around the world.

**The role of governments:**
- Collaboration between governments and local people.
- Subsidization of local initiatives and participation in local healthcare programs.
- Government grants for drug companies.
- Standardization of healthcare systems by provision of a primary framework of operation common to all health professionals that will serve as a guide for these professionals, but at the same time allow personalized care of patients.

Government funding will be necessary:
- To curb doctor migration
- To encourage research.
- For peer programs to understand culture in different communities.
- For collaboration of initiatives: between NGOs and the government.
- For the vaccination of the populace.
- To provide basic education of the populace about diseases’ causes and treatments.
- To provide and ensure the poorest citizens with any kind of healthcare service, with the belief that every citizen has the right to possess healthcare services.

**Building infrastructure:**
- Strategic redistribution of electricity during power cuts; for example, by channeling the limited available power to hospitals/healthcare providers.
- Establishment of basic and sustainable infrastructure whilst bearing in mind environmental consequences.
- Movement towards more sustainable renewable energy, running water and decent shelters for citizens.

**Drug prices:**
- A balance should be struck between pharmaceutical companies and medical initiatives.
- Hospitals and clinics need to be able to purchase drugs relatively cheaply for their clients and so should not be charged the full retail price.
- However, we cannot drive down the prices of drugs too much because pharmaceutical companies still need enough profit to function, as well as an incentive to discover new and improved medicines.

In conclusion, Margaret Mead once said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
For the seventh consecutive year, mothers of MBA alumni returned to the school to reconnect with old friends, reminisce about time spent on The Hill, see the remarkable changes to campus, and enjoy the talents of the Headmaster Singers.

The Mothers of Alumni Lunch was held in the Paschall Theater and once again featured a cooking demonstration from MBA faculty member and gourmet chef Malcolm Morrison. With the help of volunteers Carol Yarbrough and Kristin Taylor, Morrison prepared a delectable salmon filet served over a bed of greens with julienned carrots.
If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

John Quincy Adams
Leadership

The abundance of books, conferences, and speakers focusing on “leadership” signals a growing obsession. Amazon.com lists more than 30,000 books on the subject, and a Google search for “leadership skills” yields almost 10 million results. A similar search yields more than 1.75 million blog posts on leadership. In other words, leadership has a lot of followers these days.

Leaders throughout history did not have access to this array of self-help resources; they had to depend much more on their natural abilities and circumstances. This age offers no shortage of opportunities, tools, and how-tos for the aspiring leader, but there are also more challenges for leaders today. For example, the democratization of information means that leaders must have a better grasp of their field of expertise than ever before. As the catalyst of the information age, technology continues to increase the pace of change across all areas of society, challenging leaders to stay in front of their ever learning followers. Leaders may have more resources at their disposal, but so do the people they are charged with leading. One wonders if the fundamental nature of leadership has changed, or needs to change, because of this relatively new leader-follower dynamic. At the very least, the leader must never feel like he has to say to his followers, “slow down so I can stay in front of you.”

How does one become a leader in the twenty-first century? Can everyone be a leader? Can you acquire the characteristics of a leader simply by reading a book or attending a conference? One transcendent characteristic of leaders seems to be the ability to create and connect ideas. Leaders have a vision for the bigger picture, an understanding of how one thing relates to another, and an ability to capitalize on that vision and those related ideas. Yes, specialists in particular disciplines will always lead in their own ways, but the most influential leaders will have a broader knowledge that forges new ideas to span those disciplines. Schools like MBA, with an emphasis on pursuing multiple academic and extracurricular interests, are perfectly positioned to develop just this sort of leader.

Montgomery Bell Academy offers young men an exemplary college preparatory experience, assisting them to be “gentlemen, scholars, and athletes” and young men of wisdom and moral integrity who will make significant contributions to society.

Leaders make “significant contributions to society,” right? While it is ever present in the mission of the school, leadership has been specifically selected as the theme for the 2011-2012 school year. Throughout the year MBA will host speakers, activities, discussions, and other events focusing on leadership. Even more than usual, the theme of leadership will pervade all aspects of MBA: academic, artistic, athletic, and social.

MBA has a particularly important role and responsibility to develop leaders. The school’s incoming students are predisposed to lead in many ways. Due to the increasingly selective admissions process, incoming students are some of the brightest in the city. They have already demonstrated a commitment to succeed academically before they even set foot on campus. The incoming boys have also achieved successes in extracurricular areas that

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With the challenges and opportunities of twenty-first century leadership in mind, MBA jump-starts the boys as they become leaders. The mission of the school does not contain the word leader, but the logical jump is not a large one:

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy
make them stand out from other applicants. Simply setting their sights on a school like MBA signals that they are up for a challenge—something any leader should be ready to claim.

Once the boys are enrolled, the MBA experience fosters every imaginable leadership trait. The rigor of the curriculum and extracurricular programs compels the boys to set and reach lofty goals. This healthy intensity also lends itself to the formation of camaraderie among classmates that few schools can match. The academic strength of the school certainly sets boys up to pursue whatever interests them most. Intangibly, the influence of the peerless faculty, coaches, and mentors does wonders for the boys in this critical stage of their lives. If the boys pick up even a few characteristics from their teachers, they will be strong leaders indeed.

That unmatched camaraderie among classmates continues long after graduation. Maintaining those ties means that MBA alumni have an inherent network of leaders across a number of fields. Because the boys leave with an appreciation for talent in any area, there is often breadth and depth of knowledge built right in to groups of friends. These connections pay dividends for decades, personally and professionally.

With the strength of its incoming students, its proven programs on campus, and the lifelong connections it creates, MBA should produce nothing but leaders.

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To some it may seem that there is a conflict between MBA’s traditional roots and twenty-first century leadership. However, MBA’s strong classical tradition actually means that no school is more future-proof when it comes to training leaders. Inherent in MBA’s curriculum, the classical approach gives boys a powerful framework for understanding the world around them. The trivium, a key idea behind classical education, consists of three stages (as you may have guessed). The first stage introduces the building blocks of education: ABC’s, numbers, etc. The second stage encourages the manipulation, exploration, and the interplay of those building blocks: algebra, book reports, science projects. The third stage focuses on the creation of ideas using accumulated knowledge across all disciplines. Such preparation is invaluable for leaders who have to create new ideas to remain relevant.

Headmaster Brad Gioia is full of new ideas that ensure MBA stays true to its mission. As mentioned above, the 2011-2012 school year will put leadership into focus as the theme for the year. A few years ago, Gioia introduced the idea of a theme for each year. The theme creates a common ground for discussion among all members of the MBA community. In addition to bringing in particular speakers and creating special events, Gioia also integrates the theme with two larger ideas: the all-school read and an international symposium.

The all-school read, a book which all faculty, staff, and students read during the summer, provides a framework for discussing the year’s theme. Last year Mountains Beyond Mountains framed the school’s discussion of respect, the theme for the 2010-2011 school year. For 2011-2012 the all-school read is Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption, a tale from which the theme of leadership is not absent.

Two years ago MBA partnered with Winchester College in England to develop an international symposium for some of the world’s best schools to focus on global issues. In 2010 Winchester hosted the first symposium which brought together students and faculty from eight different countries to discuss the global financial crisis. In March of this year, MBA hosted the second symposium which focused on healthcare. The 2012 symposium will take place in Singapore and its focus will be on leadership. Two students who demonstrate excellence in the area of leadership will attend the symposium along with an MBA faculty representative.

This year students will have more chances than ever to lead, as the theme pervades all aspects of MBA life. Groups of faculty, staff, and students gathered for a meeting in early May to discuss all the ways we will bring the theme to life for the boys. The group

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Marcus Luttrell
first discussed the overarching ideals of leadership and then broke into small groups to focus on how leadership could be emphasized in their particular areas. A small group of teachers identified effective communication of ideas as a key aspect of leadership in the classroom. To foster this ability, the students proposed more collaborative work in class and even the opportunity to teach class themselves.

The extra-curricular group assembled a list of traits they expect boys to cultivate through their programs, whether they are on the athletic field or on stage in Paschall Theater. Among the traits listed were dependability, decisiveness, initiative, selflessness, loyalty, communication, humility, prioritization, and commitment. They wrapped up their discussion with a number of specific ideas about how to instill these values in the boys each day. Many of these ideas were not necessarily groundbreaking, because MBA already does so much in the way of cultivating leaders through its strong extracurricular programs. However, the discussion did serve to focus upon aspects of the programs that apply to leadership in particular.

Administrators and faculty from all areas of the school will have their own roles in implementing the leadership theme. “I’m excited that plans are well underway to create a culture of leadership within every member of our community,” shared Director of the High School Dr. Rick Seay (’79). The topic of the freshman speech competition, which Seay oversees, will be leadership. Facilitated by the advisory program, he has also set a goal for every student to find some sort of leadership role before the summer of 2012.

Dean of Students Will Norton (’99), who has orchestrated many of the social or extracurricular events related to the theme, has established a leadership orientation program for all of the elected student leaders. That program includes a retreat to MBA’s Long Mountain campus before the school year begins. At each class meeting during the year, a student will give a brief presentation on influential leaders from history. Norton will also schedule alumni in leadership positions to speak at class luncheons throughout the year. In addition he will draw the students’ attention to other leaders in the community who can serve as models for them.

Gioia sees great potential in the school’s focus on leadership in 2011-2012. The multi-faceted approach to addressing this theme should reach the boys in a powerful way, challenging them to find their own passion for and style of leadership. Gioia believes “leadership is intrinsically important to education” at MBA. When the boys leave The Hill, they will be well equipped to lead in the twenty-first century.

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Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.

Margaret Fuller

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Parking Garage

Newly Completed Long Mountain Observatory

Lowry Building
In a special ceremony MBA celebrated the careers of four long-time faculty members who retired at the conclusion of the school year. Headmaster Brad Gioia and fellow colleagues honored math teacher and coach Pat Woolsey, history teachers Julian Jones and Dr. Dede Clements, and librarian Mildred Tilley. The event featured video reflections on each teacher’s career, and all four were presented with a collection of notes from their former students.
Retiring Teachers

Dede Clements

Julian Jones
Alumni with Graduating Seniors

'76
Jeff & Lucas Rappuhn

'78
Jim & Russ Anderson

'73
Chris & Christopher McClure

'77
Jody & Walton Macey

'82
Christian & Steve Alford
Award for Distinguished Service to Montgomery Bell Academy

Walter Hale

Dudley Warner

For their commitment and dedication to their alma mater, Walter Hale and Dudley Warner have been selected to receive the Award for Distinguished Service to Montgomery Bell Academy. Hale and Warner are both members of the Class of 1961, and in the half century since their time on The Hill, they have worked tirelessly and repeatedly given of themselves to make MBA a better place.

Hale has been an extremely active member of the MBA community, serving on the school’s Board of Trustees and spearheading the Patrick Hale Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of his son Patrick (’92) who passed away in 2003. The Patrick Hale Memorial Golf Tournament, of which Hale serves as honorary chair, provides funds that award significant financial aid to qualified students, honors outstanding boys in each graduating class, brings guest speakers to campus, and allows faculty members to continue their education.

Warner’s passion for travel and belief in the benefits of education outside the traditional classroom have helped pave the way for one of the premier international exchange programs in the country. Since 1999 the Beth and Dudley Warner International Exchange Scholarship Program has provided nearly 200 MBA students with invaluable experiences in places like New Zealand, South Africa, Australia, Greece, and Great Britain.

In addition, Warner’s work as a member of the Board of Trustees buildings and grounds committee has played a major role in the acquisition of the properties along Brighton Road and the development of the east and south sides of the MBA campus.
Inside the new parking garage
ALUMNI SPORTS
1973
Dick Klausner was a part of the 2011 Nashville 7 v 7 over 40 league soccer champions. His team, the Orange Mist (drawn from the coach’s Dutch heritage), won the championship in overtime, defeating the team that has won the cup the past four seasons.

1980
Joseph Knight is now working with Research in Motion developing new location-based systems (LBS) applications for BlackBerry smart phones. Based on his quest to become a certified dive instructor, Tim Warnock has written Dive Log: Discovering Life Under the Sea. Since 2002, Warnock has logged over 100 dives, spent more than 4,000 minutes under the sea, and achieved Master Scuba Diver rating. The book is a first-person account of his experiences as a diver—from his initial certification, to dives in such locations as: Grand Cayman (both before and after Hurricane Ivan), Maui, Cancun, French Polynesia, Ft. Lauderdale, Grand Turk, and sites throughout the Eastern and Western Caribbean.

1982
(John) Page Garrett enjoys a second career with Alexander Hyundai of Cool Springs in Franklin. His wife Sandy and their daughters Grace (12) and Anna Pearl (6) live in Brentwood. John Page won the Williamson County A singles league in 2009 and 2010.

1989
Peter Dudley and Laura Galovits are pleased to announce the birth of their second son, Miller Amadou Dudley, born April 11, 2011 in Nashville.

1993
Alexander Dean recently started teaching summer school at MBA and will begin teaching full-time in the Math Department in August. He will also serve as Assistant Director for Alumni Relations.

1996
Todd Lawrence has been on The Carter Center’s team of Technical Advisors in Southern Sudan since the fall of 2010, working on the Center’s Guinea worm eradication program. The Carter Center is close to eliminating this devastating disease worldwide, which would be only the second human disease (following Smallpox) to be totally eliminated. Todd has his Master’s Degree in international development from American University in Washington, D.C..

1999
Elijah Reynolds and his wife Amanda welcomed their third daughter, Lucy Rose, on May 27, 2011. In addition to serving as Director of New Media, Elijah will begin teaching English at MBA in the fall.

Drew Robison has been hired by Franklin Christian Academy as its first full-time football coach and athletic director. He had been the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for Annapolis Area Christian School in Maryland since 2007. The AACS football program was a startup program that went from 1-9 in 2007 to 10-0 in 2010.
2000
Michael Bass completed his service with the Marine Corps as a Captain. Bass served for seven years. He was with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion as a platoon commander to Fallujah, Iraq and southern Afghanistan. Most recently he served at Marine Corps Officer Candidates School (OCS) in Quantico, Virginia as Staff Platoon Commander, Company Executive Officer, and Company Commander. He will begin working at Metropolitan Property Management with Zach Johnson and Noble Judy, both MBA Class of 1999, after helping MBA Dean of Students Will Norton ('99) lead the MBA Out-West Trip in June.

2001
Will and Amy Greathouse welcomed a baby girl, Margaret Headley, to the family on August 30, 2010.

Leighton Liles married Melissa Bush from Jackson, MS on April 9th. He graduated from business school at Vanderbilt in May and started a new job with Iroquois Capital Group in Nashville after graduation.

2003
After graduating from The University of Tennessee College of Law in the spring of 2010, Anthony Bills accepted a position as an associate at the Nashville law firm of Manier & Herod where he is practicing in the areas of surety and fidelity law.

2005
Derek Pendergrass is engaged to Breanna Lovley with a wedding planned for Fall 2012. He just started a new job for Rubicon Studios in Los Angeles as the Technical Director for a $1 billion themed resort in Aqaba, Jordan.

2006
Read Ezell was a guest on CNN’s Anderson Cooper 360º in early February, talking about his plan to stay in Egypt during the protests that swept through the Middle East. Ezell was serving as an English teacher in Egypt. Ezell’s account of the events can be read on his blog at www.readabroad-egypt.com

Daniel Hightower is in business development for The Martin Companies, a venture capital investment company in Nashville that invests in early stage companies in the healthcare industry.

2010
Denzel Caldwell and Daniel White were recently recognized at Morehouse College’s annual Scholars Day. At this ceremony, both Denzel and Daniel were recognized for being on the Dean’s List and they received an award for having a grade point average above a 3.70. In addition, they were recently inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society for first year students.

Morgan Cram has been called to serve as a Mormon Missionary in the Chile Santiago East mission. It is anticipated that he will serve from July 2011 - July 2013. Cram just completed his first year at Brigham Young University.

THE MACK GLASGOW SCHOLARSHIP

MBA is pleased to announce that a new scholarship has been established honoring the memory of Samuel McPheeters Glasgow, Jr. Known to his friends and family as “Mack,” Glasgow was a well-respected attorney who practiced law in Nashville for over 60 years. He always cherished his boyhood years at The Wallace School. This scholarship will be specifically for boys who show financial need and exemplify the ideals of MBA: integrity, honesty, intellectual pursuit, and sportsmanlike conduct.

Glasgow was married for 70 years to Susan Barbara Leake Glasgow of Tacoma, Washington, who survives him. His two sons — Sam McPheeters Glasgow, III (’60) and Bryant Leake Glasgow (’69) — are alumni of MBA. His daughters, Susan Glasgow Brown (’60) and Emily Glasgow Bruno (’64), are alumnae of Harpeth Hall School. His grandsons Allen Crockett Brown, Jr., and Samuel Keith Bruno graduated from MBA in 1987 and 1998 respectively, and his great-grandson James Glasgow Payne is a rising eighth grader.
IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Ernest W. Eberling (’38)
1922-2011

Ernest Eberling passed away on January 26, 2011. Following MBA, Eberling attended Vanderbilt University, where he received his B.S. and M.D. degrees. He did his residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans. Eberling was a Colonel in the U.S. Air Force and served in World War II in the Philippines. He began residency in New Orleans and began medical practice in Starkville, MS. He then moved to Tucson, AZ where he was in private practice for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Elsa J. Eberling of Mesa, AZ; daughter, Gayle Pierce (Don); son, Edward W. Eberling, Jr. (Joan) of Medford, OR; his granddaughters, Julie Lewis (James), Alyssa Vaeth (Steven); stepsons, Winthrop R. Sargent (Rhonda), Sean Sargent (Kelly); step grandchildren, Nicholas Sargent, Conner Sargent and Sierra Sargent.

Buford G. Wilson, Jr. (’43)
1926-2011

Buford Wilson died at home peacefully on March 27, 2011. Wilson proudly served in the US Marine Corps during the Second World War. Following the war, he enrolled at Vanderbilt and graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. During his career as a professional engineer, he was employed by Nashville Bridge Co., BWS and C, Foster and Creighton, the Parent Co, Conser Townsend, as well as being in private practice. A lifelong athlete, he enjoyed fishing, golf, and was a successful and respected competitive dog trainer.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; son, Buford Gray (Barbara) Wilson IV of La Paz, Mexico; brothers, Laurence Alexander (Nancy) Wilson of Dallas, TX and Wallace Estill Wilson of Nashville.

Josiah E. Hutton (’44)
1926-2010

Joe Hutton died on June 16, 2010 in Nashville. After graduating from MBA (in a 3-way tie for Valedictorian), he joined the U.S. Navy in the V-12 Air program and attended Sewanee-The University of the South and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He graduated from Vanderbilt University and began his long life career in investment banking with Equitable Securities Corporation where he was Vice President and head of the Corporate Trading Department until he retired. During his business years he was active in the National Securities Traders Association where he became the youngest elected National President. He was active in Boy Scouts of America and served as Scout Master for Troop 31 at St. George Episcopal Church of Nashville.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, and two sons, Josiah E. (Jody) Hutton Jr. (Eileen Monaco), Winter Haven, FL; William Davidson Hutton (Lauren Schiffer) Acton, MA; brother Clark H. Hutton, Nashville; grandchildren, Kyle Davidson Hutton, Acton, MA; Josiah E. Hutton III (Jaime), and Samantha Ann Hutton, Winter Haven, FL.

Mr. Hardy W. Lavender, Jr. (’47)
1929-2011

Jack Lavender passed away April 9, 2011. He was known for his association with amateur baseball on both the local and national level as an administrator and a coach. He was a member of the Nashville Old Timers Baseball Association and was awarded their high honor, the title of Mr. Baseball in 1991. He was the one and only administrator of Twitty City Baseball since its organization in 1981. He put his heart and soul into making their home field in Seven Oaks Park one of the finest in the area and was honored in 1996 by having the field dedicated in his name. He also founded the GNABA (Greater Nashville Amateur Baseball Association) in 1989 and served as its president. He retired from the Ford Glass Plant after 33 years of service.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary June Ayers Lavender; children, Hardy W. and Janice Lavender III, Tim and Sharon Lavender, Jeffrey Lavender, Donna Hudgens (David) and Pamela McDonald (Terry); sisters, Mary Jacqueline Coke and Frances Harmon Binkley; 14 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren.

Richard Y. Thorpe, Jr. (’49)
1931-2011

Dick Thorpe passed away February 20, 2011. Following MBA, he served two years in the U.S. Air Force. After an honorable discharge, Thorpe attended Vanderbilt University and graduated from Davidson College in North Carolina. He held management positions with L.D. Brinkman, Jones Mills, Galaxy Carpet Mills and was CEO of Landmark Carpet Mills. After retirement, he was a philanthropist for handicapped children and children in need.

Survivors include his former wife, Sara Elizabeth Thorpe; two sons, Dr. Richard Thorpe III (Karen), Arthur Benjamin Thorpe (Alison); daughter, Allison P. Thorpe; one brother, John Thorpe (‘53) (Nancy).

Mr. Lon F. West (’55)
1938-2011

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West is survived by his wife, Barbara Patton West; children, David West (Margie), Jack E. West II (Davus), Rick West (Heather), Amanda Dagman (Dennis), Kimberly Patton and Elizabeth Kiskaddon (Walter); and fourteen grandchildren, Dillon West, Kevin and Hayden Cress, John Lee Brewer, Brandon and Ty McCrea, Amelia West, Ashley and Nicole West, Jonathan, Jacob and Emma Dagman, Andrew and William Kiskaddon.

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In Memoriam

Howard S. Dickinson (’61)
1942 - 2009

J.J. Allan Terry, Sr. (’61)
1943 - 2010

Allan Terry passed away October 1, 2010. He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Phyllis Dunkerley Terry; sons, James Allan Terry, Jr., Samuel Matthew Terry (Kaitlyn); grandchildren, Thomas Allan Terry and Leah Abigail Terry.

E. Palmer Jones, Jr. (’72)
1954 - 2011

E. Palmer Jones passed away on July 6, 2011. Following MBA, Jones attended the University of North Carolina. He was a student of Southern History, an avid gardener, and a lover of music and sports.

Jones is survived by his sisters, Pamela Jones Brown (Joseph W), Elizabeth Jones Frank (Grady C.), Marjorie Whittemore Jones; as well as two nieces and four nephews.

John G. Templeton (’75)
1957 - 2011

John “Gil” Templeton died January 7, 2011 at home in Nashville. He received a B.A from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1979. A gifted and award-winning wordsmith, Templeton served as a writer, senior writer, producer, and creative director at advertising agencies from Raleigh to Nashville including Hodskins, Simone & Sears; Buntin Advertising; Carden & Cherry, The Film House and his free-lance business, Words for Whatever. Post his advertising career, Gil wrote numerous articles and short stories and authored "The Pain Chronicles.” Gil was a talented tennis player and life-long rock’n’roll drummer who enjoyed playing in bands Trucking Blues, 1969 and more.

Templeton is survived by his mother Halliburton Templeton. He is also survived by his daughter, Ryan DeHaven Templeton; and brother, David Bradford Templeton (’79).