A field of nearly 200 MBA Alumni and community members played both morning and afternoon rounds at Richland Country Club in the Patrick Hale Memorial Golf Tournament this past June. The event raised approximately $50,000 for the Patrick Hale Scholarship Fund, which provides financial aid for several students to attend MBA, as well as providing other students the opportunity to travel and study abroad as part of the school’s International Exchange Program.

If you would like to be a sponsor for next year’s tournament, please contact the Office of Alumni & Development at 615-369-5360. MBA is grateful to all those who helped make the tournament a tremendous success.
We have continued to work on the many building projects that have been planned and dreamed about for the past 15 years. We have seen a senior class excel beyond its own hopes and aspirations. We have met and worked through many great challenges this past school year, and I continue to be immensely proud of the students and faculty and alumni who are part of this incredible community of MBA.

In the area of service, we have forged some monumental goals in teaming up with the Race for the Cure and Wounded Warrior, as well as several cancer foundations. We have worked almost weekly with projects throughout the city involving the Greenways, cleaning up streams and parks, or working with tutoring projects in the Hispanic communities or Preston Taylor Homes. Our students have embraced service in so many realms, and I am grateful for that impact and commitment. Our college list reflects the kind of depth and diversity in schools and aspirations that we annually want to achieve. Programs like music and theater and debate continued to thrive on a campus that is also known for the balance and excellence of its athletic programs. Achieving both a state swimming championship and a state tennis championship for the second and third times respectively reflects much of the excellence I see on a daily basis at MBA. We are sending almost 20 percent of our student body abroad annually and to programs throughout this country. The global and far-reaching perspectives and attitudes of our students will be felt in the classrooms and among our students in the ways in which they accept, understand, and empathize with others.

Probably I am proudest of the ways in which our school has developed through programs like the daily advisory meetings. The depth by which our faculty and students now know one another because of these rituals will make an everlasting difference in the lives of these young men. Without question, nothing can supplant knowing, caring for, and teaching these young men — not even great new buildings or dining halls. Those facilities provide the kind of place and opportunity to make dynamic and meaningful relationships better and more effective, but it is in knowing and caring for the individual student that we will always make the greatest difference.

MBA is committed to building boys. We are fortunate to have built a great campus as well, but it will always be within our framework and strategic planning to remember that it is much easier to build a boy than to repair a man. I hope that MBA will forever graduate great young men who make a difference as individuals and citizens within their families and communities in the larger world. I could not be more appreciative for the opportunities we have at MBA to work with such a great group of students and teachers and alumni.

We enjoyed two very special opportunities this past semester to celebrate the superb teaching and influence of both Mary Helen Lowry and Selma Ridgway. Former debaters honored Mrs. Ridgway for the years she served as a leader and inspiration to so many young men on this campus. It was humbling and gratifying to see graduates return to campus from 30 and 40 years ago to thank her for the grace and discipline and intellectual rigor she provided. Having a building named for a teacher like Mrs. Mary Helen Lowry speaks volumes about MBA’s commitment to faculty and the significance these individuals play in student’s lives. We were very pleased to remember her on Friday evening, June 9, with a dozen or more members of her family and the MBA Board of Trustees. More importantly, we will have a chance to celebrate Mary Helen Lowry on a daily basis for years to come in the classrooms and hallways, in the lecture hall and debate area, and in the new student center of Lowry Hall.

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ANDREA CARLTON has been selected to serve on the MBA Board of Trustees. A native of Iowa, Carlton worked in property management and development in the Midwest. She is the co-founder of the Kind World Foundation in Iowa. After a move to Santa Fe, N. Mex., Carlton established the Messengers of the Healing Winds Foundation in 1998. The foundation supports Carlton’s life-long interests in the conservation of natural resources, animal dignity, and selected education programs that advance the principals of the United States. The foundation has received awards for its support of the New Mexico History Museum, as well as for Heritage Preservation of the Railyard Park in Santa Fe. She has previously served on the Board of Santa Fe Preparatory School.

Carlton is the mother of two children, Sam (MBA Class of 2013), and Wesley.

MARC STENGEL (’74) has joined the MBA Board of Trustees. Stengel previously served as President of the MBA Alumni Board. Stengel serves as president of Nashville-based Kermit C. Stengel Co., and is managing general partner for Ridgefield Properties. Since 2005, Stengel has served as publisher and editor of Historix Editions, a publishing company that specializes predominantly in the translations of select Welsh-language works that have never before appeared in English.

Stengel has been writing professionally since 1978, and specializes in writing about cultural, historical, automotive, navigational-astronomy, and Welsh-language topics. His works have appeared in The Atlantic Monthly, The New York Times Book Review, and The London Spectator. He is the author of weekly a syndicated automotive column called What I’m Driving At.

Stengel is an alumnus of Harvard University, Vanderbilt University, and the Brooks Institute of Photography. He is a husband and the father of three daughters.
The following alums have been added to the Alumni Board:

Bill Ozier ('62)
Marc McNamee ('72)
Mark Kaplan ('80)
Stephen Alford ('82)
Scott Haynes ('82)
Lee Bryant ('83)
Allen Brown ('87)
Andy Moats ('95)
Jesse Neil ('96)
Mike Regan ('72)

The following alums have been added to the Young Alumni Board:

Kempton Presley ('99)
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John Eason ('03)
Charlie Boyd ('05)
Nathan Steakley ('06)
Deon Gaines ('06)

Several dozen alums made their way to MBA on Friday for lunch and a tour of campus. They came away amazed at the changes that have taken place in the past few years. Class parties followed on Friday night at various locations throughout town.

Saturday saw a buzz of activity on The Hill, with alumni baseball on Bennett-Forehand Field, alumni soccer on the new soccer field, the Carter Invitational in the Keeble Tennis Center, and Endada on the Sloan Quad. Other alums had the opportunity to catch up at the Gold Lunch and a special salute to long-time debate coach Selma Ridgway. Both events were held in the newly opened Mary Helen Lowry Hall.

The weekend culminated with a low country boil and dance on Saturday night. More than 250 alums enjoyed the buffet and musical entertainment from Louisiana roots band L’Angelus.
Alumni Days 2012

Class of 1972

Class of 1992
Gold Lunch
As part of the Reunion Weekend festivities, the Class of 1962 hosted the Gold Lunch, honoring those who graduated 50 or more years ago. The event was held for the first time in the Big Red Room Student Center in Mary Helen Lowry Hall. Reunion Chairs Bill Ozier and Robert Orr welcomed the crowd as they shared stories from half a century past.
The 2012 Raffles–Winchester Symposium was possibly the most eye-opening experience of my short adolescent life. For those of you who don’t know what the symposium is, it is an official gathering of ten schools from around the world brought together to discuss a central topic for about a week, ultimately drafting a concluding accord that is read aloud at the closing banquet. MBA is a founding member of the program, and granted John Mellow (’13) and me the opportunity to travel to Singapore this spring. We were accompanied on the trip by Headmaster Brad Gioia and Mr. Kevin Hamrick.

While the gathering in Singapore is the highlight of the experience, there is advance work that is done by all of the schools months before the symposium itself. This work consisted of monthly essays by the students and Internet discussion boards that were centered on the topic of leadership, the main focus for this year’s symposium.

The preliminary work took place from October to March, and then we headed out the week before Spring Break to Singapore to put what we had accumulated from our studies to test against some of the most talented high school students in the world.

Upon our arrival, all of us experienced two forms of culture shock. First, we all would have more than likely eaten off of the impeccably clean streets in Singapore voluntarily. Second, the jet lag had us severely confused as to what time it was.

After sleeping for what seemed like 30 minutes and waking up to a sunny Singapore Sunday, John, Mr. Hamrick, and I journeyed off into the unexplored frontier that is Singapore. By unexplored, I simply mean that the city is essentially New York on steroids. We quickly found that capitalism was rampant in Singapore as evidenced by the 12-story malls and constant brand-name advertising. Once we completed a day of cultural acclimation, we went back to Raffles Institution to prepare for the opening events.

At the lavish opening dinner, we were seated randomly with students and teachers from the other schools in order to get to know each other better. I quickly found that the group was frightfully intelligent and each student and teacher had an endearing charm about them. The group was quickly able to bond over casual conversation.

The following days followed a routine, but were still fascinating. We listened to lectures of considerable length by prominent Singaporeans and global leaders, followed by questions that were riddled with legitimate consent and dissent varying from student-to-student. After the lecture sessions, the group would recess into the very American custom of Tea Time (when in Rome), which I grew accustomed to liking.
Following the short breaks were group discussions in which the students openly shared opinions and criticism unlike any exchanges I had ever seen. The level of consideration for the opinions of others, and constructive criticism was more conducive to learning and growth than anything I could have hoped for. The environment was perfect. After group discussions we would break into our respective school teams and write an essay (basically what MBA students would compare to a theme) and submit it. School presentations followed the essay writing; each school team shared their opinions on the day’s discussion, complete with viewpoints from the earlier sessions.

After a long day of work, the students (accompanied by their teachers) went sightseeing, or to dinner while getting to know each other. The group came to be extremely close as happiness and good humor filled the students and teachers alike. Between our international basketball game in the rain, our long pool matches, foosball games (MBA emerged undefeated for the trip), and hard-fought competitions against our friendly allies from Winchester College, both John and I made friends who we both hope to stay in contact with the rest of our lives. We both agree that if there is a reunion in a few years (which there has been talk of), we will both do whatever it takes to be there.

It would be impossible to sum up my symposium experience in fewer than 100 pages, but I think it would almost be a disservice to try to put it all down. Not only did I make friends who I am proud to know, but I also underwent some of the most strenuous thinking and academic rigor that I have been a part of at one time — experiences that I wouldn’t trade for anything. On top of gaining massive respect for the global perspective and people representing different schools, education systems, ideas, etc., I think the symposium was one of the most rewarding endeavors I have been a part of in my MBA career, and I am thankful for all of those who made it possible.
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9th Grade — Sam Bellet, Aaron Kaplan, Matt Miccili
10th Grade — Ben Barton, Drew Benson, Kalyan Chadalavada
11th Grade — Chris Habermann, Jake Simons, Kevin Wang

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The Trustees, faculty, and staff proudly recognize the 117 members of the Class of 2012

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Karthik Amrutur Sastry  
Princeton University  

Brandon Wolfgang Sauermann  
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Samford Tuition Exchange  

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University of Georgia  
Georgia Charter Scholarship for Regents  

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University of Georgia  

Logan Winfield Standard  
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Vanderbilt University  
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Nathan Robert Stinson  
United States Naval Academy  

Mark Clayton Sullivan, Jr.  
Samford University  
Samford University Dean’s Scholarship  

William Laurence Sullivan  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Tennessee Hope Scholarship  

Baker Stewart Swain  
Middlebury College  
Wells Fargo Team Members’ Dependent Children Scholarship  

James Winfield Van Cleave  
University of Alabama  
University of Alabama Heritage Scholarship, University of Alabama Academic Scholarship  

Eric Daniel Walsh  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  

Hugh Everett Wells  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Tennessee Hope Scholarship  

John Morford Whitson  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  

Edward Cooke Wilson  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  

Hunter Gordon Woolwine  
Sewanee: The University of the South  
Tennessee Hope Scholarship  

Harry Lee Woosley IV  
University of Alabama  

Jhamall DeVon Wright  
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COMMENCEMENT
May 31, 2012
Good evening. I’m so pleased and honored to be here. Graduation is a happy time, a time to be proud of recent achievements, especially graduating from MBA. But it is also a time to take stock in what lies ahead. I’ve struggled over the last few months to figure out what I could say that wasn’t just a bunch of platitudes – something that was authentic and relevant.

So I skipped the temptation to Google great speeches or some other similar term, as I am not JFK, Martin Luther King, or Winston Churchill. But I have learned some things in my now 50 years on this planet. And you can learn some things that come from interesting places. For instance, in getting started with this speech I thought about my intermediate accounting professor at Vanderbilt Business School who always encouraged us not to get too worried about our grades. He would just say “Folks, do your best and remember that life is full of substantial partial credit.” I’ve never forgotten that line and I’m counting on some of that credit this evening.

So tonight I want to talk a little about challenges, change, measuring up to expectations, and trying to live a life without a lot of regrets. Because as much as we are here tonight to celebrate the accomplishments of graduating from this place – either Magna Cum Laude or Lordy How Come – there is so much more in store for you.

I was born into affluence and to remarkably accomplished parents. Growing up in this environment is both a blessing and a burden. One of the main themes of our dinner conversations was to whom much is given, much is expected. My brothers, sister, and I were raised to be doers and not just people who sat back on their good fortune of being members of the lucky gene pool club. I’ve found out over the years, that even if you are a member of the lucky gene pool club, life is full of continuing change and challenges. There is no way to participate in life and be immune to this outcome.

In my personal life, there has been a lot of joy but also some real tough stuff. The effects of illness, death, drug addiction, and other major and minor crises can wear a person out. You know that it is often said (and I believe this to be true) that what does not kill you can make you stronger. I believe this has been the case with my family in our struggles. And, the lucky gene pool did not protect me from this.

And it has not protected me from great challenges in my business career as well. It would be harder to find an industry more in flux than the book publishing industry in which I work. This industry has changed more since 1995 than it did from the time Gutenberg invented the printing press in the 1400’s until 1995.

I chose 1995 for a reason; it was the year I moved back from a job in Europe and became the head sales person for our book company. One day in the first quarter of 1995, one of my sales associates told me about a guy who graduated from Princeton that was thinking about starting a company to sell books over the internet. I remember asking him, “What’s the internet?” As silly as that sounds today, in 1995 unless you were a scientist or worked in academia – you probably didn’t know about it either. But about a month or two later I flew out to Seattle and met Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon.com. At the time, Jeff had eight people working for him, including an IT manager who must’ve been a fan of Sesame...
Street as the two small computers that ran the operation were named Ernie and Bert. In the early years, Jeff grew his business off the back of Ingram’s infrastructure. Needless to say, Amazon has been on an amazing ride!

In looking back, the change in the book industry has been incredible. Mainstays like Borders and hundreds of independent bookstores are gone. Technological advances such as eReaders and eLearning platforms are fundamentally shifting the tectonic plates in this industry. No company big or small is guaranteed anything.

1995 was also the year my father died and so success or failure of our book enterprise really fell to me. As much as external changes were challenges, I had the rude awakening that there were also internal challenges as well. In 1998 we opened a new operation called Lightning Source – a print-on-demand company. That meant that we stored titles electronically, but we could make units one at a time based on demand. I’m very proud of the fact that in 2011 we made over 23 million units in this operation with an average run length of under two units. And it makes darned good money.

Back to 1998 and internal challenges. Lightning’s path to success was anything but smooth. I would say there were three distinct phases. When we first started it, it was cool and everybody was enamored with John’s cute little toy. Then, we invested a lot of money in making it industrial strength and all of the sudden it shifted from John’s little novelty to John’s problem, and what the heck are you going to do to make it work. Then a year or two after that (when it was clear that it was turning the corner and going to be successful), it became “our” great success. As I learned very clearly at that time, success was going to be shared and if there was failure it belonged to me. Luckily it’s been a great success; otherwise I would probably be a deck hand out on one of our barges versus talking to you today.

The lucky gene pool club membership did not protect me from these challenges and it has not protected me from the curse and blessing of high expectations. Why do I say curse and blessing? Because expectations can be either a curse or a blessing depending on whether you are living a life full of passion and one that is consistent with your life purpose. Or are you just going through the motions of doing what you think is expected of you?

I’ve really solidified my own thinking about this topic over the last five years or so and got to it in an unsuspecting way.

Due to Lightning and some other things we had done, our book content enterprise was ahead of the curve, but there were still some major organizational changes that I was contemplating making. I knew that if I screwed these up that it would be really bad. So I decided to hire a corporate coach – a dispassionate third party to help me. I interviewed four or five guys. One guy had a pretty unique approach. About half way through my description of our company and the challenges, he stopped me and asked if he could give me some feedback. While this kind of surprised me, I said yes. He continued that if he were chosen, the first thing he would do would be to spend a lot of time with me so that we could jointly determine if I were appropriate for the role I had picked out for myself.

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I guess a person could go one of two ways in a situation like this – either dismiss the guy as out of line or hire him for his unique style. Having considered it over the weekend, I chose the latter route as I concluded that if I’m not the right guy to lead this organization, then how can the rest of it ever be correct.

And I would say that I’m pretty lucky because who I am in my life purpose is consistent with the role I had picked out and was already playing. Our industry is in huge turmoil, but turmoil and change brings opportunity, which is the opposite side of the coin from danger and risk. Opportunity creates potential. And my life purpose is about actualizing potential.

Over the last five years or so, I’ve been able to move away from my own expectations of doing things I really didn’t like in order to become “Man of the Year” and focus my time, attention, and resources on those things about which I’m truly passionate. For instance:

1. I am passionate about MBA. Without question MBA was the most formative and important educational experience of my life – more so than Princeton or Vanderbilt Business School. And it has helped me realize my own potential in countless ways.

2. My wife Stephanie and I have great passion about Currey Ingram Academy. Having raised a child, now a young adult, with a different learning style, we realize how important Currey Ingram has been in helping her find her potential. We also know how important it will be to thousands of other kids over time in helping them find their potential.

3. I’m passionate about integrative health care as it is clear to me that the future of medicine is about treating the whole person – the emotional, spiritual, and mental as well as the mechanical - which is the focus of traditional medicine. Again, Stephanie has guided me here, and together with her insight we helped to start the Center for Integrative Healthcare at Vanderbilt – a remarkable place where many have found healing and better health.

4. And (for those of you who know me) you know that I’m passionate about Vanderbilt Athletics, particularly football. Growing up watching Vanderbilt’s Football futility, I always believed it could be better. With James Franklin at the helm and support from the Administration, it’s a pretty exciting time with lots of potential.

So why do I mention this? Because I want each of you graduating seniors to live a life full of passion, meaning, and fulfillment. This is no dress...
rehearsal – there is only one time through and it would be a shame to get to the end of your journey (hopefully many years from now) with loads of regrets.

Each of you has been tremendously blessed. There has been somebody or somebodies that love and care about you enough to send you to MBA. You owe this somebody or somebodies the deepest debt of gratitude and sincerest thanks – but you don’t owe them your life. This is yours to live and hopefully among the challenges, changes, and expectations that surely will come, you will find studies, causes, and people that matter deeply to you. Embrace these to the fullest!

Earlier this year a great friend of mine sent me an article from a book written by an Australian nurse who spent years working in palliative care – care for patients in the last three to four months of their lives. The book is called The Top Five Regrets of the Dying. This nurse writes about the phenomenal clarity and vision that people gain at the end of their lives. There are several themes that surfaced again and again.

I encourage any of you interested to read this book. It is available in either physical or digital format. Here is a summary of these regrets:

1. I wish I would have had the courage to live a life true to myself – not the life others expected of me. This was the most common regret of all. When life is almost over, it seems it is easy to look back and see how many dreams have gone unfulfilled.
2. I wish I hadn’t worked so hard. This regret came from every male patient that she nursed. These dying men missed their kid’s youth and their partner’s companionship. Guys, I’m not giving you a pass to be slackers – but balance in life is important!
3. I wish I would have had the courage to express my feelings. Lots of people suppress their feelings in order to keep peace with others. I’ve got to admit I struggle with this one sometimes as well. The problem is that this can keep you from becoming who you are truly capable of becoming. In extreme cases it can lead to illness and lingering resentments.
4. I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends. It’s so easy to get caught up in life and let golden friendships slip by over the years. Reading this book made me realize I had a few calls to make myself. I’m glad to say I’ve made several of these.
5. I wish that I had let myself be happier. The comfort of the familiar as well as the fear of change can cause all of us to stay stuck in old patterns and habits. I believe happiness is actually a choice, and I hope all of us find the courage to make that choice.

To the graduating seniors - MBA has given each of you the tools to be successful in whatever you choose to do. But tools used without the self-directed passion and purpose you each possess means the difference between creating something lasting and worthwhile or something transient and less meaningful.

Use your tools to build your own expectations – whatever they might be – and you’ll find they will tower over any built for you, or imposed upon you. And, like the 86-year-old man at the end of Jimmy Buffet’s song He Went to Paris, you’ll hopefully be able to reflect about your own life’s journey in a way similar to what the old man had to say about his – “Some of it’s magic, some of it’s tragic, but I had a good life all the way!”

Congratulations and good luck to all of you! ☺
For all of us in the Class of 2012, Montgomery Bell Academy has been a home, a very special place. Attending this institution has given us numerous opportunities to enrich ourselves in and out of the classroom and connected each of us to a group of life-long friends. While specific accomplishments may fade over time, the skills we have acquired and the sense of community we have developed will forever stay with us. Tradition is the sum total of all our experiences, from Friday night lights in the stadium to cookie breaks in the quad to last-minute theme-writing sessions in the computer lab. This binding force, which grows in strength over time, connects us to our classmates. In this sense, this school will forever be a presence in our lives—and we are thankful for that, as we will always have this rock of solidity as we make our way in an unknown world.

I think an adaptation of a poem by Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore is an appropriate summary of our sentiments, a benediction for the end of our high school journey:

Thou hast made me known to friends whom I knew not.
Thou hast given me seats in homes not my own.
Thou hast brought the distant near and made a brother of the stranger.
I am uneasy at heart when I have to leave my accustomed shelter.
I forget that there abides the old in the new.
And that there also thou abidest.
Oh, grant me my prayer that I may never lose
The bliss of the touch of the one
In the play of many.

We leave The Hill at an interesting moment. That this ceremony is occurring in front of the Ingram Building rather than Wallace Hall is a reminder of the campus’s dramatic transformation, which has thus far brought us the new parking garage, soccer field, tennis facility, and Lowry Hall. New programs, like the Wilson Grants for international exchange and summer study, have had an equally large impact. To the underclassmen, I suggest taking full advantage of all the opportunities presented. MBA is providing you the tools to be competitive in the globalized, modern world. It is up to you to seize—or, perhaps should I say, pluck—the initiative. I believe I am speaking for the entire class, though, when I suggest that the campus remain its current size. Maybe we’re being a little selfish, but we just want to be able to return to a place we recognize, which shall forever remain a home.

What we need to preserve is the small student-to-faculty ratio that makes close interaction possible. I remember from Statistics class Dr. Shackelford bringing concepts to life by telling stories about how he applied them when he worked for IBM—and I’m sure every alumnus of his class still remembers the “Atta Boy” story and the “Million Dollar Formula.” Debate coach Mr. Tate, I must admit, seemed a little intimi-

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dating when I first met him, with his strict routines and specific rules. But as I have learned under his tutelage, I have developed a close friendship with him and, to my great surprise, a taste for his favorite confection, the Goo-Goo Cluster. In the classroom, Dr. Clements was always looking for ways to relate European History with contemporary world issues and made it a point to track down a student and suggest additional reading. By the end of the year we were exchanging book recommendations via e-mail. The common thread, in my experience, and, I think, the experiences of all my classmates, was our teachers’ ability to bridge the gap between textbooks and the real world.

But now that we are leaving the safety of the high school classroom, I suppose I have to ask the big question: are we, the Class of 2012, ready to make a difference in the ‘real world’? I can’t claim to know the answer. The best I can do is to share the career trajectories of three alumni with whom I have had a chance to talk as a student reporter for the newspaper. Author Madison Smartt Bell recalled that reading classic literature at MBA reinforced his desire to be a writer; now he analyzes struggling societies and the human condition through his historical fiction. Sculptor Alan LeQuire, after realizing his true calling was in the Arts, decided to study with the masters in Italy and France; his works, small and large, are well known to the citizens of Nashville. Physician Dr. Morgan Wills was unsure about his career until he visited a family friend’s clinic in Ghana; he was inspired to pursue medicine from a social perspective and since then has worked at the Siloam Center to provide affordable, culturally sensitive, and holistic healthcare to immigrant families in the community.

The trick, it seems, is to have the courage to dream without losing touch with fundamentals. When it comes to those fundamentals, “Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete,” the lofty standard upon which our education has been based, is a great place to start. May I add that some variation on that creed, “Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete…Innovator?”—“social scientist”—or maybe “trailblazer”—could be the motto that propels us in the future. But whatever may be your calling, please keep society in your minds.

I suggest we all dream of a future in which we can make a difference. So as we embark on a new journey, these words of the great fifth century playwright Kalidasa are appropriate: “Yesterday is but a dream. / Tomorrow is only a vision. / But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope.” Here’s to the present, then, this wonderful celebration brought about by the past, which will bring forth the future.
Friends, guests, faculty and staff, Mr. Gioia, Members of the Board of Trustees, Chairman Webb, Mr. Ingram, and the Class of 2012 — welcome to Montgomery Bell Academy’s 145th commencement exercises.

I am standing in front of you today having never considered that I might be Salutatorian of our class. Although this result came as a surprise—don’t get me wrong, a pleasant surprise—I was overwhelmed with the dreadful news: “I have to give a speech.” Public speaking is not my forte, but MBA prepares us for many obstacles, and for me, this speech is one of those trials.

All of us seated here today have persevered through the demands and rigor of MBA. As the Greek historian Herodotus once said, “Some men give up their designs when they have almost reached the goal; while others, on the contrary, obtain a victory by exerting, at the last moment, more vigorous efforts than ever before.” We have not come short of our goal, and for us at MBA that goal is tonight, graduation, after which many opportunities lay ahead for our taking. We have successfully managed many aspects of MBA and have not succumbed to the challenges in and out of the classroom. At some point through our journey, we have had to face adversity, whether it be injuries, late night studies, swine flu, the 2010 flood, the blizzard, or even unfair criticism. One of the most memorable difficulties that we faced as a community was the flood. Many lessons and attributes that are useful in the future can be learned during these difficult times, and for me, the greatest discovery was patience. Embracing the good of any situation gives one the ability to persevere through hard times. For example, I was deferred from Princeton at early action in December, meaning that my application was sent to the regular decision pool for re-evaluation later in the year. Overcome with disappointment, feeling anxiety—the first major defeat I know—I came to Mr. Gioia open-minded about any advice that could help me. I wrote letters to the dean of admissions, continued communication with the track and field coach, and stayed focused on what I needed to do personally and academically to make Princeton see me in a fuller light. I had to wait four more months to find out where I was going to go to college, and all of you who have been in this situation, you realize that amount of time feels like years… not to mention the reality of dealing with a form of denial and rejection. My patience gave me strength, and my perseverance with grades throughout first semester exams and during the second semester made my efforts worthwhile. Patience was at the core of my perseverance. Beyond the comforts and successes we have achieved on The Hill, Princeton and all colleges are part of a larger and more global realm, so we must take advantage of all opportunities and understand that things will not be handed to us; rather, we must work for these goals and achievements throughout our lives. Through my careful preparation for each day, coming in early for help sessions, putting the effort in all the grueling work, and finding my passions in sciences and language, I have reaped the many rewards available to MBA students. Similarly, my decathlon experience in track and field epitomizes what perseverance is. Over the past four years, I have competed in the decathlon, which incorporates ten different track and field events over a two-day period. Having to compete at peak performance in all ten events, a competitor must never let a single event knock him down. Although the decathlon exhausts your physical capacity, mental strength is just as significant. But losing one event will not define the best decathlete just as one disappointment or setback cannot and should not define any one of us. Those who persevere and perform to the best of their abilities will be the victors. At the end of five events, day one, I may or may not be winning, but I know that day two, the last five events, will prove who the real champion is. Decathlon is a metaphor for life, in that many struggles can put you down, but life is so multi-faceted that, like the decathlon, we have many more opportunities for victory. Perseverance is crucial toward this success, allowing us to stay focused on the present and future and not to dwell on past misfortunes. Getting knocked down is one thing, but the response, how you get up, determines who you are: your character. The rebound is what makes the man.

Throughout our time at MBA, we have developed lasting friendships, and a brotherhood has formed that means more than any title or distinction. These friendships and the camaraderie between students and teachers create a rich atmosphere, in which young boys can develop into good men. MBA has taught us to take life as it comes and to overcome barriers in our way. May we remember those lessons of perseverance and keep within us a quiet, humble, and humane strength to compete successfully and to make this world a better place. And so I end, encouraging you all not to become overwhelmed by the negatives but to embrace and to cherish the positives of all the aspects that you will face in your future—and to maintain the truths and certainties of knowledge and friendship we have gained at Montgomery Bell Academy.
On April 26th 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 Jack Whitson shared his reflections on his six years at MBA and what the school has meant to three generations of his family:

Choosing a high school was never an option for me. From as early as I can remember, I was going to be a member of the Big Red. My grandfather had gone to MBA, as did my dad and both of his brothers. I was just the next in line to attend. Each of them had adored attending MBA, so naturally when I did become a member of the Big Red family, each of them related stories of their former time on The Hill. At family gatherings, I would hear about the glories on the sports field, the lifelong friends made, and the disciplines of the junior school. As a nervous seventh grader, this last admonition wasn’t exactly what I wanted to hear, but it prepared me mentally nonetheless.

When I finally did start my time on The Hill, I enjoyed the parts that were described by my relatives. I made some great friends, had very memorable moments on the sports field, and managed to make it through junior school without too much damage. What I was not told, however, and what became most satisfying to me, was the ability to have an individualistic experience and my own journey here at MBA. When I told my dad at the end of eighth grade that I no longer wanted to play football but wanted to join the cross-country team, he was happy for me and understood. Although he had very much enjoyed his time on the football team, my experience at MBA couldn’t be the same as his. I have learned things here that were never told to me beforehand. I’ve been able to take part in things that my relatives never did or never had the opportunity to do. Along with many other classmates, I was able to travel and study abroad. I was a part of a mock trial team that went from dead last in the city to beating all but three teams in a year. In fact, I think I’m the first student in MBA history to break his arm during a play in junior school. Well, my relatives did tell me that junior school would be tough. I’ve also enjoyed some great academic challenges, made some great lifelong friends, and defined with teachers and others the ways in which I could thrive and enjoy the experience. Some of the teachers that have helped guide me are the same that helped guide my dad 30 years ago.

At MBA, our tradition lies in excellence. Every boy has a different experience here: not every boy has to fit the same mold. But MBA provides a platform for excellence in an array of areas, and every week in assembly we see the results of boys able to excel in whatever area they choose. While the opportunities in 1945 when my grandfather graduated were much more limited than today, the opportunity for excellence has remained the same. That’s our tradition here at MBA. For years now, MBA has helped shape boys into young men. It did in 1945 for my grandfather, it did in 1980 for my father, and it has in 2012 for my classmates and me.

Following the Assembly, students gathered on the Sloan Quad for the Founders Day Bell Run. The race, run in memory of Vann Webb (‘00) who lost his battle to cancer, pits four high school runners (one from each respective class) against each other. With the ongoing construction of the school’s new dining hall, the route had to be altered slightly from previous races. Sophomore Keith Gambill survived a hairy third turn and won the race, edging out junior Cade Hooper. Freshman Tobi Kehinde was a close third while senior Roe Moore suffered a fall and finished fourth. The win marks the first for the Class of 2014.
Thanks to the bequest of David K. Wilson (W’37), hundreds of MBA students have been afforded grants to further their studies throughout the United States and abroad. The Wilson Grants offer the opportunity for language immersion, studies in science, English, history, mathematics, and the arts. 2012 Wilson Grant recipients include:

**WILSON LANGUAGE GRANTS**

Spain
- Chris Burrus
- Ross Blackwell
- Will McFadden
- Davis Lovvorn
- Jackson Flora
- Alan Liang

Chile
- Paul Garrard
- Hunter Crabtree

Peru
- Ben Barton

Argentina
- Jonathan Siktberg

Ecuador
- Jack Bond

Nicaragua
- Clark Hooks

China
- Taylor Adams
- Kalyan Chadalavada
- Miles Curry

France
- Benjamin Haynes
- Patrick Sanders
- Chippy Evans
- Paul Moore
- Christian Sargent

Germany
- Frank Vest
- Braden Welborn
- Joe Werthan

Italy
- Connor Murphy
- Harrison Davis

**MIDDLEBURY MONTEREY LANGUAGE ACADEMIES**

Spanish
- Mac Mackey
- Matt Miccioli
- Curtis Turner

Chinese
- Wells Hamilton

German
- Keon Cleary

French
- Ben Yahnian
- Wesley Tseng

Latin
- Ian Scholer

**WILSON SCIENCE GRANTS**

Bradley Bennett – UNCW
- Drew Benson – NC State
- Caleb Carpenter – Michigan
- Benjamin Chen – Michigan
- Andrew Dupuis – Duke
- Sam Hurd – Stanford
- Tarun Mallipeddi – Michigan
- Bates O’Neal – Stanford
- Rahul Ramanna – NC State
- Nathan Sharp – Arizona

**WILSON ARTS GRANTS**

Si Deane – Florida State Univ.
- Nathan Fouts – UK–Ingenium Ac.
- Rem Houghton – Carnegie–Mellon
- Kang Huh – Boston University
- Lucas Littlejohn –
- Art Institute of Chicago
- Henry Lynch –
- Spain: Art of Catalonia
- Parrish Preston – Furman
- John Triplett – Florida State Univ.
- Kevin Wang – Aspen Music Festival

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Charles Hunter –
- Crow Canyon Archaeology Camp
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**WILSON MATHEMATICS PROGRAM**

Billy Deutsch – Vanderbilt
- Tony Ding – Cornell
- Tony Huang – MathPath
- Thomas Marosz – Vanderbilt
- Jordan Pugh – Texas State Univ.
- Alvin Zhang – Johns Hopkins
There is no arguing that after earning a diploma from Montgomery Bell Academy, a young man has learned a great deal. He no doubt leaves The Hill with a mind full of Shakespeare, mathematic equations, Latin translations, chemistry formulas, friends for life, memories that will last forever, and so much more. It can be argued that the education offered at MBA is the finest in the country. But does any education truly provide a full perspective on the world’s culture and its poverty in particular?

Each spring break a group of young men from MBA attempt to gain a measure of that perspective. They travel to Cielo, Dominican Republic, a small town outside of the capital city of Santo Domingo. Through the non-profit organization Mission Emmanuel, the boys choose to spend their spring break serving, working, playing, growing, and learning the culture of a different life with impoverished Dominicans. This past March, 16 MBA boys and three leaders joined with groups from Ohio State University and Colorado Springs, Colo. to try to make a small difference in the world.

The days are split between a physical labor project and a community interaction. This year the labor entailed work on two homes in the community. In the previous weeks, other groups had laid the foundation for the two homes, and it was now time for the walls to go up. The challenge in one of the homes was its location at the bottom of a steep stairway. There was no way to get wheelbarrows of concrete down to the site, so the MBA boys formed an assembly line and for several hours passed buckets up and down the 100-foot stairway. The work was both tedious and grueling. However, the stairway passed between several different homes and the residents sat in their windows, watched, and played music in an attempt to participate. The neighborhood children played and weaved in and out of the MBA group, trying to get the attention of the boys and offering help in some instances. During breaks, the MBA boys would practice their Spanish and play and sing with the children. Despite the language barrier and the fact that these children came from an impoverished and drastically different background than Nashville, friendships were made instantly.

Lunch was served daily by the people of Cielo and consisted of delicious local fare (or peanut butter and jelly if the boys weren’t adventurous). The afternoons typically involved a different type of activity centered on a park in the middle of the community that featured a run-down basketball court and a baseball field. After lunch the MBA group would walk to the park and start tossing around the baseball and shooting baskets. On the group’s first day, 15 local boys joined the games in the first five minutes. For the rest of the week, a group of boys were waiting for the MBA contingent when they arrived. None of the local boys spoke English, but while the verbal communication was sparse, the sports, competition, fun, and humanity erased any barriers that existed.

An afternoon visit to a local leprosarium provided a dose of humility to the boys and the leaders. The group was there for a little over an hour, but they could tell that the people they visited were affected greatly. The visit consisted of nothing more than saying hello or offering a handshake or a hug. The patients rarely receive visitors and are confined to a gated area. They were eager to show pictures of old family members and try to translate English to Spanish and vice versa. It was evident that they relished the attention.

“Is happiness from the neighborhood you live in, or the school you go to, or is it a way of life that you choose regardless of your surroundings?”

By David Richardson
Each evening after dinner, the group of MBA boys and leaders would come together to debrief from the day. While the boys weren’t required to do anything other than report and check in, each night the discussions lasted for hours. Questions were asked such as:

“How does someone live every day like what we are seeing?”

“How do these kids smile and laugh so much when they don’t have enough money for shoes or clothes in some cases?”

“How do the local people that work with us wear the same clothes every day to work and never take breaks?”

“Is happiness from the neighborhood you live in, or the school you go to, or is it a way of life that you choose regardless of your surroundings?”

While the group leaders helped to facilitate the discussion, the boys drove the conversation. It was impressive to see a group of 16 teenage boys delve into aspects of life that most adults don’t think about. It is amazing what a little bit of exposure to another culture and way of life can do to a young man’s perspective on his own life.
In preparation for the spring break trip, Kalyan Chadalavada (’14) led the group in a clothing drive to take down to the Dominican Republic. For weeks before the trip, all students from MBA donated clothes, toys, sporting goods, and medical supplies. Eight extra-large bags were transported and donated to the community.

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, several students who otherwise would not have been able to make the trip were able to attend. If you are interested in donating to the Spring Break Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic, please contact Camellia Howorth at camellia.howorth@montgomerybell.edu.
MBA junior Adam Bowman added to his already impressive resume of science competition success in the 2011-12 school year. As a sophomore, Bowman captured third place and a $5,000 experimental scholarship at the International Science and Engineering Fair. In March Bowman captured first place in the Tennessee Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, held in Knoxville. The win qualified him for a place in the national Junior Sciences and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) competition in Washington. Later in the same month, Bowman claimed one of two grand prizes at the Middle Tennessee Science and Engineering Fair at Austin Peay State University. With the win, Bowman advanced to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).

Bowman’s research investigated the use of dense plasma focus devices for use as portable radiation sources. A dense plasma focus uses a fast electrical pulse to create a very hot and dense column of heated gas that acts as a radiation source. Specifically, he was looking at low voltage operation of these devices as a means to allow for simple (semiconductor-based/solid-state) switching options and inexpensive operation. Bowman’s research particularly applies to applications of the plasma focus as a miniature, pulsed radiation source. His project was entitled “The development of low voltage, solid-state plasma focus devices for portable radiation sources.”

Bowman attended the national JSHS competition May 2–6. The event was hosted by the Armed Forces. The JSHS competition has close to 100 competitors and involves an oral presentation followed by questions from a panel of judges. Bowman placed second in physics nationally, earning an $8,000 scholarship.

Two weeks later, he traveled to Pittsburgh to take part in the ISEF, a prestigious event with approximately 1600 competitors from 60 countries and eight Nobel Prize winners in attendance. Bowman won a first place award from the Office of Naval Research (with an $8,000 scholarship), a first place award from the Air Force (a $3,000 scholarship), a second place award from the American Vacuum Society (a $500 scholarship), and a fourth place award in the physics category (another $500 scholarship). Bowman’s total scholarship earnings for the school year have surpassed $23,000.
MBA's Career Day began with breakfast for the Class of 2012, followed by a panel discussion on networking, business ethics, internships, and graduate school. MBA Alums Sam Porter ('55), Tom Loventhal ('73), and Steven Mason ('86) led the discussion.

In Assembly, MBA faculty member Dr. Jim Shackleford described his journey from an engineer to the classroom. Following a long and successful career in the private sector, Shackleford decided to switch gears and pursue his passion for teaching. He has been a member of the MBA Mathematics department since 1998, serving as department chairman for a number of those years.

After Assembly the seniors broke out into small career affinity groups based on the subjects they enjoy in school, or the career paths they hope to follow. The discussion groups were led by alums and friends of MBA, including:

- Fred McLaughlin ('76), Parkes Owen ('94), Jim Rieniets, Robin Henderson ('85) – Banking/Investing/Insurance
- Will Howorth ('02), John Sergent, Cole Barfield ('99), and Larry Pass – Healthcare/ Medicine
- Walker Duncan ('02) – Journalism/ Publishing
- Russell Taber ('97), Martin Brown ('82), and Jessi Neil ('96) – Law (Civil, Criminal, and Corporate)
- Rob Alley ('85), Steven Mason ('86), Adam Solesby ('93), and David Proctor ('92) – Technology/Engineering
- Sam Porter ('55), Tom Loventhal ('73), and Ryan Tyrrell ('92) – Business Management (Corporate and Family Owned)
- Bo Bartholomew ('92), and David Mason ('91) – Business Management (Entrepreneurial and Start Ups)
- Holly Anglin, Michael Risen ('97), and U.S. Representative Jim Cooper – Non-Profits/ Government/ Education
- Tom Harwell ('87), Hudson Walker ('86), Hunter Connelly ('92), and Clay Trabue ('87) – Architecture/Construction/Real-Estate
- Charlie Morgan ('04), Mark Hardison ('94), Leighton Liles ('01), and Vic Gatto – Investment Banking/Venture Capital/Private Equity

Many of the guests stayed on campus for lunch with the seniors. Here the students had an opportunity to talk with any of the speakers in more detail, get to know them better, and continue exploring how their own careers might unfold.
The MBA Father-Son Dinner on March 6 offered MBA students and their fathers the opportunity to share a fantastic meal from Jim ‘N Nick’s Bar-B-Q and enjoy the special bonds that exist between boys and their fathers.

Senior Robert Hoover began the reflections on relationships between fathers and sons by describing some irrelevant moments between him and his father, as well as the joy they have found doing everyday activities. Noah Fardon (’12) remarked that no words can adequately express the love and care he has for his father. Senior Hunter Woolwine thanked his father for encouraging him to find his passions, and for giving him the capacity to chase his dreams. He also celebrated their similarities while still being allowed to be an individual. Senior David Artaeaga celebrated his father’s unique personality and shared stories about his father’s quirks and eccentricities. Maclin Davis (’12) marveled at his father’s comfort with himself and self-honesty.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Sean Tuohy, best known from the book and movie *The Blind Side*. Tuohy, also a successful businessman and motivational speaker, spoke about the value of giving. He emphasized the joys that can come from sacrificing for the benefit of others. He challenged the crowd to change the lives of others by giving a part of themselves. ■
Father-Son Dinner

Hunter (‘12) and Skip (‘76) Woolwine

Maclin (‘12) and Joe (‘75) Davis
The annual MBA Mother-Son Breakfast returned to campus April 18. Hundreds of students and their mothers filled the Currey Gymnasium for a hearty breakfast.

The program began with Jamie Joyce’s (’12) humorous reflections about his mother, Robin. He praised her impulsiveness and “can-do” attitude. Fellow seniors Warren Lipscomb and John Mark Bellet followed with an acoustic performance of *Go Rest High on that Mountain*. Daniel Peters (’12) thanked his mother Mary for her constant care, including helping him find his pants several times a week. Preston Evans (’12) offered a lighthearted profile of his mother Nan, and thanked her for her dedication to him and her encouragement to follow his passions.

Following a performance of *September* and *It’s Not Unusual* by the MBA Jazz Band, the crowd welcomed featured speaker Jennifer Pharr Davis. Davis, who holds the world record for the fastest hike of the Appalachian Trail, praised the no nonsense approach of her mother, including her constant refrain of, “life’s not fair.” Davis remarked that her mother made her tough enough to endure the rigors of hiking the Appalachian Trail, including getting struck by lightning.

Senior Preston Palm expressed gratitude to his mother Janine, and shared the three things he admires most about her: willingness to sacrifice, savvy, and selflessness. Andrew Fortugno (’12) praised his mother Mary Beth for her resilience after the passing of his father. He marveled at her ability to balance a career with the more demanding role of a single parent, and thanked her for her devotion to her family.

The Big Red Chorus, singing *Wayfaring Stranger*, and the MBA Chamber Choir, performing *Can You Feel the Love Tonight*, closed the morning.
The 2011-12 school year was very successful for the visual arts. A total of 40 students were recognized across the city and beyond for their work. Junior Galen Bullington was selected to participate in the 2012 Congressional Art Competition, while junior Andrew Dupuis (2nd in Digital Photography), senior Greylon Gwaltley (Best in Show Printmaking), senior John Mark Bellett (First in Drawing), senior Daniel Bellett, and senior Robert Hoover were selected for the Middle Tennessee Renaissance Show.

Winners in the Scholastic Competition for 2012 were:

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Although numbers certainly don’t tell the full story of service, they are interesting. During the past year, very busy MBA students worked 3,906 service hours. Many of the efforts were raising funds and awareness for important causes, some were about maintaining our schools and neighborhoods (like Hands On Nashville and Greenways Cleanups), and many were about feeding the homeless and working poor. At Loaves and Fishes, for instance, 150 students prepared eight different meals for 1,850 of Nashville’s hungry (and that doesn’t count meals prepared for the Nashville Food Project and backpack breakfasts assembled at Second Harvest each month).

The MBA Senior-Faculty basketball game raised $1,800 for Thistle Farms. Student-run parking contributed $2,550 to Saigon Children’s Charity, and MBA’s help with the Rally Foundation helped the organization raise more than $30,000 for childhood cancer research. Senior Austin Doebler won a Presidential Service Award for his work with Bunkers for Baghdad, a charity that collects and sends new and used golf balls, clubs, and equipment to our troops currently serving in combat zones in Iraq, Afghanistan, and 17 other countries around the world. Bunkers also supplies golf equipment to the Wounded Warriors Program to aid in the rehabilitation of our injured veterans. With all that the MBA students do, they have found time and passion for service.

As we look toward the 2012-13 school year, the Service Club will be undertaking three new efforts:

- MBA will partner with “Best Buddies”—an organization that pairs local kids with Down Syndrome with adult mentors. As a “promoter school,” we will help with their fundraising events and “ambassador training.” The Nashville Predators are strong supporters of “Best Buddies,” and the MBA Hockey team and coach David Deutsch have agreed to help with volunteers next year. The buddies also prepare speeches to give at events, and Robbie Quinn (’99) has agreed to work with members of the Debate team on a speech workshop for the buddies.

- Annie B. Williams and Parrish Preston (’13) have been working with Fannie Battle Day Home to create an afterschool arts enrichment program. This program will complement our other mentoring and tutoring offerings such as Preston Taylor Homes, Hispanic Achievers, Paragon Mills, and Cameron Middle School.

- “Last Saturday Dinners” began this year as a collaboration with Alan Mazer and Urban Housing Solutions to provide an elegant meal for Nashville’s working poor at the end of the month when funds are low or even nonexistent. Mazer understands that you are not just providing sustenance but also dignity by the way you serve a meal. Faculty members Malcolm Morrison, Clay Bailey, and Daniel Paolicchi did a beautiful job this past January. We’ll prepare our next meal in October.

Daniel Paolicchi (faculty) and Zach Chen (’12)
Joe Wertham ('14), Faris Wasim ('15), Mike Davidson (faculty), and Gage Anderson ('15)

Hamilton Millwee ('13)

McLean Hudson ('13)

Malcolm Morrison (faculty)

Barry Goldsmith ('13)
On February 29, three seniors, ten juniors, and two faculty members were inducted into Totomoi, MBA’s honor society. 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.

New inductees this year were Aaron Ardisson (’12), John Mark Bellet (’12), Jamie Bradshaw (’12), Tom Bu (’13), Furman Haynes (’13), Andrew Karpos (’13), Lucas Littlejohn (’13), Jake Macey (’13), Will McFadden (’13), Paul Moore (’13), McKay Proctor (’13), George Swenson (’13), Kevin Wang (’13), and faculty members Dr. Cal Fuller and Dr. Jim Shackleford.

The MBA chapter of the Cum Laude Society welcomed 21 new members in a ceremony on January 31st. Members are selected based on their superior academic achievements. The inductees included 10 members of the Class of 2012 (Matt Anderson, Myles Anderson, Rob Edwards, Noah Fardon, Alex Hagar, Trent Holbrook, Rett Hooper, Daniel Mace, Preston Palm, and Daniel Peters); nine boys from the Class of 2013 (Adam Bowman, Tom Bu, Chris Habermann, Andrew Karpos, Lucas Littlejohn, Jake Macey, Michael Piana, Tate Ramsden, and Kevin Wang); and faculty members Matthew Hutton and Dr. Gretchen Zimmermann.

The featured speaker for the ceremony was Dr. John McCardell, Vice Chancellor of Sewanee: The University of the South.

The Cum Laude motto is Excellence, Justice, and Honor. MBA is proud of the achievements of the students inducted.
Montgomery Bell Academy

During the year that brand-new debate facilities were completed in the finished Lowry Hall, the MBA Debate team showed that the words “rhetoric” and “persuasion,” etched on the outside of the new building, had a quick and powerful effect on its students. Major highlights for the 2011-2012 year include a successful tournament in Singapore, strong performances and depth in Extemporaneous Speaking, and continued national success in Policy Debate.

The most adventurous competition of the year was most certainly the World Debate Championships in Singapore in November. Juniors McKay Proctor and John Mellow, and senior Kelly Haselton, represented MBA and the U.S. in the international event. In its first experience with a more global style of debate, MBA finished in the top 10, with McKay Proctor earning a top 15 speaker award. MBA defeated several schools on its way to that finish, including the Thailand National Team and the Chinese International School in Hong Kong.

The “Extemp” speakers had an enormously rewarding year as well, with strong finishes in both local and national tournaments. Seniors Will Stewart and Karthik Sastry competed well around the country, finishing in the top tiers at The Glenbrooks Tournament in Chicago and the Earlybird Invitational at Wake Forest University, with Stewart reaching Semifinals in Chicago and both speakers reaching Semifinals at Wake Forest. Sastry also competed at MBA’s own Southern Bell Forum Extemporaneous Speaking Round Robin, featuring the nation’s top competitors. The future for the Extimp squad looks bright as well, with up-and-comer Armand Jhala (‘14) earning first place honors in Portland, Tenn. and Milton, Ga. (helped there by MBA placing four speakers in the top five) before reaching the Quarterfinals at Emory University’s Barkley Forum, a tremendous feat for a sophomore. Finally, Sastry and Jhala both qualified to compete at NFL Nationals in Indianapolis in June.

The Policy Debate team also had another strong season. The top team of senior Kelly Haselton and junior Galen Bullington started the year off strong, earning an invitation to the prestigious Greenhill Round Robin, where they produced a winning record and bested teams who ended the year ranked in the top five in the country. Their success continued into the winter and spring, where they had strong enough appearances at several national tournaments, including the Blake School in Minnesota, to qualify to the Tournament of Champions at the University of Kentucky. During their first post-season appearance in Las Vegas in April at the National Debate Coaches Association Championships, Haselton and Bullington had one of their strongest showings of the year, finishing in the top 10. Haselton also showed off the debate skills that he’ll be using on the UC-Berkeley Debate team next year by placing as the third individual speaker among over 200 participants.

MBA has also been chosen as host of next year’s NDCA championships, so expect lots of debate buzz in Lowry Hall in spring 2013. After the first of many years of practice and performance in the new Lowry Debate facilities, the Big Red Debate team is excited about next year’s topics, summer camps, and another long season of fierce intellectual sparring. Debate, Red, Debate!

In a special ceremony on January 9th, 12 MBA students were inducted into the school’s King Society. Founded by Edwin Conley (’04) and Ben Pote (’04) in January 2003, the Society honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King’s work towards equality, justice, freedom, and peace. An address by Dr. Gerald Early, an American essayist and leading professor at Washington University, highlighted the ceremony. He told three short stories focusing on how Americans dealt with Civil Rights before 1954.

New members inducted included seniors Austin Doebler, Trent Holbrook, Augie Houghton, and Eric Walsh. Also inducted were Miles Curry (‘14), Sam Weien (‘14), McLean Hudson (‘13), Andrew Karpos (‘13), Mark Lowe (‘13), Jake Macey (‘13), Wesley Nealy (‘13), and McKay Proctor (‘13).

Current King Society members David Arteaga, Henry Beveridge, Jamie Bradshaw, and Rob Edwards conducted the induction ceremony.

Membership in the King Society is comprised of juniors and seniors within the student body. A maximum number of ten students in each class are eligible for membership. To be considered for membership, students must meet the minimum criteria for membership that includes:

1) Leadership in organizations or projects that benefit humankind.
2) Ten hours given toward projects sponsored by the MBA Service Club in the year prior to making application.
3) Evidence of sound character.
4) Completion of a 300-500-word essay describing how the applicant has attempted to incorporate the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his life.
5) Evidence of integrity and solid academics.
The Big Red MathCounts team had an incredibly successful year. The team swept the top four spots en route to winning the 2012 state championship. Tony Ding (‘16) placed first, followed by Tony Huang (’17), Alvin Zhang (‘16), and Cole Campbell (‘16). The sweep marked the first time that one school took the top four spots in the Tennessee State competition. In the national competition in Orlando, Fla., Ding placed 34th nationally among the 224 best middle school math students in the country.

The Montgomery Bell Academy high school Science Olympiad team won its third straight state championship this April at the University of Tennessee, finishing ahead of 17 other teams including state rivals White Station, Harpeth Hall, MLK, and Oak Ridge. Seniors Myles Anderson, David Arteaga, Weston Bell, Zach Chen, and Joe Scherrer provided knowledge, experience, and team leadership. This is MBA’s fourth state championship in the last six years. The team won medals in 16 of the 23 events, including five state championships, three second-place finishes, three third-place finishes, and five more fourth- through sixth-place finishes.

Arteaga and junior Tom Bu won titles in Anatomy & Physiology. Scherrer and junior Adam Bowman captured the championship in Astronomy. Junior Hunter Tidwell and Bowman won in the category of Fermi Questions, while junior Chris Habermann and Bu captured the top spot in Optics. Scherrer and Habermann closed out the title run by winning Technical Problem Solving.

The state championship qualified the MBA team for the national competition that took place in Orlando, Fla. in May.
Endada, Montgomery Bell Academy’s Music and Arts Festival, returned for its second year on Saturday, April 28th. The festival, which is free and open to the public, featured the best in student-produced music, fine art, film, theater, and dance. It also offered food from the best of Nashville’s food trucks, as well as hands-on opportunities, theater workshops, balloon sculptures, and face painting.

The 2012 incarnation of Endada featured 12 outstanding student and professional music acts and 30 professional and student artists selling their wares and demonstrating elements of their creative process. Kameron Tarlowe from Emerson College offered open theater workshops, and the improv group “Fresh Amish Produce,” and student group “Mazel Prov” also performed.

Southern Word poets and MBA students “The Academy” took part in several powerful performances of their spoken word. The festival also included Irish Step dancing, a specially designed puzzle worksheet from the MBA Riddler’s club, and the Full Moon Festival’s award-winning student-made films.

Free hands-on experiences such as papermaking, casting, collage, encaustic, origami with the Nashville Origami Club, and pottery offered fun for all ages.

Culinary options included food trucks fare from Grilled Cheeserie, Mas Tacos, The Hot Spot, and Hoss Burgers. Pound cake and kettle corn was also on the menu, as well as Gourmet Shaved Ice from West End Events and milk shakes and smoothies by Moovers and Shakers.
ON THE HILL

Spring Concert
The music department enjoyed much success in 2012. In March, choir and orchestra members from Saint Cecilia and MBA put on the 20th Annual Combined Concert, performing Schubert’s Mass in G major. We were fortunate to feature outstanding soloists (John Elam ('12), Jack Grant ('14), and Della Smith) from the two schools. In addition, members of the Nashville Symphony were on campus to work and perform with members of the MBA Sinfonia. Later in March, MBA sent both of the high school choirs, Big Red Chorus and Chamber Choir, to the Middle Tennessee Vocal Associations Choral Festival. Both groups earned a superior ranking.

In April, MBA sent five students (Alan Liang ('13), Preston Palm ('12), Karthik Sastry ('12), Nathan Fouts ('13), and Elam) to the Tennessee Music Educators Conference in Chattanooga, Tenn. The boys participated in All-State Choir and Orchestra performances at the historic Tivoli Theater. These boys represented MBA’s commitment to excellence; it was outstanding to have such a large group of MBA students attend this prestigious conference! In late April, the Big Red Chorus and Chamber Choir both were invited to the Tennessee American Choral Directors Association State Festival at Lipscomb University where both groups again impressed the judges, earning superior rankings for both ensembles.

In May, the Ellington Band and Basie Band both performed in well-received outdoor concerts in the Sloan Quad during the break. The spring concert, which took place on May 16th, was a great success involving band, choir, and orchestra from MBA and the Lads’n Plaids (combination of students from MBA and Harpeth Hall). We are excited to carry the success of our music students in 2012 well into the fall and winter!
ON THE HILL

THEATER

Twelfth Night
Johnny Tremain, this year’s junior-school production, saw revolutionary Boston come alive on the stage of the Paschall Theater in January. Based upon Esther Forbes’ beloved novel, Johnny Tremain is the story of a young silversmith’s apprentice who meets famed patriots on the verge of the American Revolution. Directed by Rick Seay (’79) and Nelson Berry (’06), the production showcased strong acting from junior-school students Wes Richardson (Johnny Tremain), Drew Gordon (Merchant Lyte), and Lawrence Rogers (Rab). Other students in the production included Hunt Smith, Hayne Hamilton, Sam Rhodes, Andrew Kaplan, Nick Dreher, Matt Remke, Christian Williams, K. P. Frazier, and Boaz Kelner. Rounding out the technical crew were Jamie Payne, William Hall, Hudson Coombs, Alec Vest, Bryce Ardisson, Mark Lillard, Matt Braun, and Jack Brandes. Faculty member Catharine Hollifield was also featured in the show. The students involved in the production were strong in all aspects and point to continued growth and success for MBA’s thriving theater program.

In February, William Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night, under the direction of Malcolm Morrison, was a production fit for the Bard himself. Having been shipwrecked on the island of Illyria, Viola (Lizzie Boston) takes up the disguise of her brother and perfectly captures the comedy that ensues when one’s true gender is hidden. Several other theatrical elements add conflict to the mix, including three half-drunk merrymakers and one puritanical sourpuss. Eventually, more tragedy enters the plot as Malvolio (senior Aaron Ardisson) and Sir Andrew (junior Alex Floyd) become the subject of everyone’s annoyance. The live band, headed up by senior Vaughn Hunt, cleverly incorporated the sounds of harpist Emily Stewart and created the perfect “what-you-will” atmosphere of Shakespeare’s tale for the MBA stage.

On the evening of March 8, MBA’s competition version of You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown performed before an audience of over 1,100 theater enthusiasts at the Southeastern Theater Conference. Held this year at the beautiful Tivoli Theater in Chattanooga, the convention is the nation’s largest theatrical event. For the third time since 2006, MBA represented Tennessee at this festival. The cast members did an amazing job and showcased the school’s theater program extremely well. Comments from the live adjudication following the performance were uniformly strong and positive. In addition, cast member Aaron Ardisson was elected to the All-Star Cast List for the festival. Kudos to all the cast and crew (Ardisson, Mattison Asher (’13), Reed Cothron (’13), Alex Floyd (’13), Nathaniel Fouts (’13), Will Glover (’14), Parrish Preston (’13), Hunter Woolwine (’12), Lizzie Boston, Anna Russell Thornton, and Lily Carver with direction by Rick Seay and Tyler Merideth) who made this show a delight from start to finish.

Under the leadership of Thespian President Hunter Woolwine (’12), MBA hosted a Shakespeare-athon on April 5 and 6; 24 continuous hours of performing the Bard’s plays as a fundraiser for ENDADA and Nashville Shakespeare Festival. Over 100 students and faculty participated (20 students performed all night!), 12 plays were performed, and $1,000 was raised. Thanks to all the participants for reaching out to the community and for supporting the arts!

As a prelude to Endada’s celebration of the arts at the end of April, senior directors Aaron Ardisson, Scott Dalton, Preston Evans, Jamie Joyce, and Hunter Woolwine, produced a collection of short plays. This year’s theme was “perception,” and each play considered how different characters perceive the world around them. These various perceptions are sometimes frustrating and sometimes illuminating. The show featured plays by Werner Treischmann and Alan Ayckbourn, original adaptations from stories by Edgar Allan Poe and Flannery O’Connor, and a new original play by senior Maclin Davis. The line-up was especially strong this year with great performances by veterans Eric Walsh (’12), Rob Edwards (’12), Matt Anderson (’12), Mattison Asher (’13), and Alex Floyd (’13) and wonderful debut performances by seniors Joe Barry (’12) and Paul Brazil (’12). Dr. Fuller praised the seniors for their maturity and kind leadership: “It has been an honor to teach these young men and to watch them grow up into caring adults. We’ve enjoyed witnessing their dramatic run and especially their growing ‘perceptions’ about performance as they experienced it on the MBA stage. We will really miss them.”
ON THE HILL

Jamie Bradshaw ('12)
Under the direction of Dean of Students Will Norton (’99), MBA has instituted a new program aimed at instilling the tenets of leadership at each grade level. MBA Foundation Building begins in the seventh and eighth grades, as boys focus on structure and responsibility. Events such as the Welcome Ceremony, Big Brother/Little Brother service projects, the seventh grade Camp Laney Trip, the eighth grade Atlanta trip, and Junior School Graduation all promote acceptance and understanding within the MBA community.

The ninth grade portion of the program deals with identity building. The freshmen are urged to find their own voice and passions, and develop confidence in their choices. The Patch Ceremony, Ocoee Class Trip, Respect Luncheons, Freshmen and Females Program, and Freshmen Speech Competitions help to reinforce the themes of acceptance and respect.

Sophomore year emphasizes service and citizenship as students seek to understand the MBA community by looking outward. Programs such as the Service Ceremony, Sophomore Youth Leadership Opportunity (SYLO), Service Internships, the Thistle Farms Fundraiser, and Wilson Grants focus on selflessness and the duties, obligations, and functions of a citizen.

Eleventh graders seek to develop leadership and reach an understanding of the impact a student can have on the world around him. Key events include the MBA Ring Ceremony and a Leadership Transition ceremony as the boys reach the conclusion of their junior year.

The program reaches its culmination during the twelfth grade, as students enter a year of camaraderie and impact. Events during the year celebrate the bonds formed in the class and help the boys understand and appreciate their friendships. The program also seeks to help seniors develop a perspective of where students fit within the context of the world, as well as set an example for the school and make an impact through leading the Honor Council, the Service Club, and the Student Organizations. Key events during the twelfth grade year include the Big Brother Program, Exchange Assembly, End of the Year Celebrations, Letter Reflection, and Graduation.
The 2011–2012 Varsity Basketball team finished with a 17–10 record against one of the program’s most challenging schedules in many years. The team was anchored by seniors, captains, and four-year lettermen Austin Blackwell, David Howard, and Aaron Simonis. Beyond that nucleus, however, the Big Red was inexperienced and relied upon a number of underclassmen to contribute. The team had many great moments during the year, and only a close loss on the road in the state quarterfinals to eventual State Runner-up Briarcrest prevented the Big Red from making their third consecutive final four appearance.

MBA kicked off the 2011–2012 season with a resounding victory on the road against DII–A favorite FRA. A week later in a great atmosphere in Currey Gym, the Big Red took nationally-ranked Christ School from Asheville, N.C., to the wire before losing by four. Other highlights included a memorable overtime victory over Stone Memorial (AA state tournament team) on its way to a runner-up finish in the Super 16 Holiday tournament in Knoxville, the oldest running holiday tournament in the state. Region Sweeps over BGA, JPII, Ezzell-Harding, USN, Brentwood Academy, and Franklin Road Academy. All season the team was led by senior captain Trent Holbrook (180 – season average and third place finisher in the state individual tournament). He was joined in the starting rotation by fellow seniors Austin Doebler (153 – season average and senior leadership award winner), Jon McClelland (158 – season average), and Will Peffen (158 – season average). The other veteran starters included junior Lucas Fortune (157 – season average), sophomore Nilay Patel (168 – season average and most improved bowler award winner), and senior Greylon Gawaluck often entered matches at crucial points to preserve the victory.

The 2011–2012 squad began its season on September 28, and ran off four straight wins before falling in a close match to last year’s state champion, BGA. The team surged after that loss and finished the regular season with a 15–5 record (14–4 in division II), sweeping the season series against Ensworth, JPII, Ezzell-Harding, USN, Brentwood Academy, and Franklin Road Academy. All season the team was led by senior captain Trent Holbrook (180 – season average and third place finisher in the state individual tournament). He was joined in the starting rotation by fellow seniors Austin Doebler (153 – season average and senior leadership award winner), Jon McClelland (158 – season average), and Will Peffen (158 – season average). The other veteran starters included junior Lucas Fortune (157 – season average), sophomore Nilay Patel (168 – season average and most improved bowler award winner), and junior Nick Green (149 – season average). Key reserves sophomore Clark Hooks (149 – season average), sophomore Chase Duffey (144 – season average), junior Jack Bond (138 – season average), junior Jake Macey, and senior Greylon Gawaluck often entered matches at crucial points to preserve the victory.

While it is with mixed emotion that we say goodbye to our accomplished seniors (Jack Beckner, Blackwell, Howard, Simonis, and Jhamall Wright), graduating players and teaching a new generation are part of the process for any team and program. With a high level of interest in basketball and a committed group of younger players, the Big Red Basketball team is poised to remain very competitive in the years to come.
HOCKEY The MBA Hockey team finished regular season play with a record of 4–14–3. The Big Red played Brentwood in the quarterfinals of the State tournament, and lost 4–1 in a hard-fought game ending our season.

Season highlights included two wins and a tie against Franklin, two wins over Hendersonville, and a pair of ties against powerful Pope John Paul II. Tanner Yancy (‘12) and Michael Piana (‘13) were selected by league coaches for the GNASH all-star game.

The hockey program would like to thank Coach Steve Dalton, who decided to retire after many years of coaching hockey at MBA, for his years of dedication to the Big Red.

RIFLE The MBA Rifle team began its 53rd season in early August with a move into the new Rochford Family Riflery Center. With a 27-man varsity, the Big Red Rifles faced a daunting nine-month schedule of dual competition and tournament action. August, September, and October matches produced a string of strong wins against Hume Fogg, Mt. Juliet, Seneca High School, and at the Montgomery Bell Classic.

In the winter the team competed in a variety of national junior and collegiate open tournaments and won important dual matches against mid-state rival Siegel High School and nationally-ranked St. Louis University High School. The team entered the Jr. Olympic Qualifications on March 31 at Mt. Juliet High School with winning confidence, devouring the competition and earning the right to represent Tennessee this summer in the Jr. Olympic Three Position Nationals.

Two weeks later the Big Red Rifles culminated the regular season with a season best score to win the Tennessee HS Three Position Precision Air Rifle Championship, claiming a back-to-back title for 2012 while placing six individual shooters in the top ten.

This year’s varsity team was blessed with a deep roster of talent representing grades 8–12. Seniors Tim Bulso, Joe Scherrer, Connor Yakushi, and junior Hunter Tidwell were named the 2012 Tennessee All-State Precision Air Rifle Team. Freshman Matt Miccioli was also named as an Honorable Mention.

SWIMMING The 2011–2012 Varsity Swimming and Diving team boasted a talented group led by our senior Captains Maclin Davis, Nathan Stinson, and Adam Cornett. Behind these senior leaders, our squad put together a memorable season. Dominating its divisional rivals, MBA captured its fifth consecutive division title in as many years. Moving on to the regional meet, the Big Red put on another strong performance, winning eight of 13 events, qualifying 20 boys for the Tennessee State Swimming and Diving Championships, and capturing the school’s fifth consecutive Regional Championship.

At the Tennessee State Championships, MBA battled again with rival Baylor, considered by many to be one of the best high school swim teams in the country. The Big Red put up eight All-American performances, won seven events, broke two state records (with Davis breaking the National High School Record in the 100 butterfly), and erased a 23-point deficit on the final evening to win its second state title in three years.

This year we will say goodbye to an outstanding class of senior leaders. Cornett, Davis, Stinson, Alex Haggar, Will Logan, Alex Rotker, and Hoke Smith have shown leadership in and out of the pool that has been inspirational to their teammates and coaches. Their talent, leadership, and commitment to MBA will be missed.
WRESTLING  The Big Red opened the 2011–2012 wrestling season at the Black Horse Invitational in Memphis. The team finished fifth out of 19 teams. Senior John Mark Bellet brought home his second consecutive Black Horse Invitational championship. Senior Daniel Bellet and sophomore Jashon Robertson fought to third place finishes, while seniors Matthew Davidson and Cayce Ortale both finished fourth. Finishing in fifth place were junior Franklin Garstin and sophomore Ben Barton. Senior Carter Hach, sophomore Travonte Easley, and senior Eric Owings took home seventh place finishes.

Off to a good start, the wrestling team began competing in dual meets and many more tournaments. The Big Red competed in the Middle Tennessee Grand Championships and finished third out of 42 teams. Placing in this tournament were Ortale (second), Daniel Bellet (third), John Mark Bellet (fourth), and Robertson (third). Just five days later the MBA squad competed in the MBA Duals, where the team went 4–0 on the day.

MBA wrestlers next competed in the Father Ryan Invitational and fought to a runner-up finish. The team was led by Robertson, who claimed the championship. Daniel and John Mark Bellet each took second, as well as junior Morris Eguakun. Senior Kevin Murphy captured third place, freshmen Blake Solarek and Owings placed fourth. Taking fifth place was Davidson, while Garstin took sixth. Finishing seventh place were junior John Tully and Barton.

Up next for the Big Red was the Southeastern Prep Slam, one of the most competitive tournaments in the country. The Big Red competed very well while finishing in seventh place out of 44 teams from across the country. Another amazing performance was given by Robertson as he was crowned champion (the first MBA wrestler to accomplish the feat). Also placing were John Mark Bellet (third), Daniel Bellet (sixth), and Eguakun (sixth).

The Big Red took on nationally-ranked Christian Brothers High School in the opening round and were defeated. Rebounding in the tournament, the wrestling team defeated Memphis University School before losing in the consolation semis to McCallie 35–36. The Big Red compiled a dual meet season record of 15–5.

The state individual tournament brought many great performances by the wrestlers who fought their way to a fifth place finish. John Mark Bellet and Robertson both reached the finals and earned second place. Also having a great tournament and finishing third place were Ortale, Daniel Bellet, and Murphy. Competing in his first state tournament, Eguakun finished fifth while freshmen Mark Floyd, Solarek, Tully, and Davidson all finished sixth place.

BASEBALL  Big Red Baseball had a solid 2012 season, finishing with a 17–16 overall record. The season opened with a big win against Dickson County and an exciting 7–6 victory against Centennial High School. The team traveled to Phoenix for Spring Break and had some tough losses and big wins in the Arizona National Invitational against teams from Arizona, Texas, and Colorado.

The first anticipated series of the year took place in late March, as Baylor and MBA locked horns in divisional play. Baylor took the first two games 3–1 and 8–4, but the Big Red avoided the sweep by winning the final game 6–5. Winning the series against Chattanooga rival McCallie helped the Big Red finish March on a high note. The team won one game each in the Father Ryan and BGA series. MBA then defeated the local Hunters Lane squad 10–0. After a couple of losses to Ensworth and JPII, the Big Red bounced back for victories against both teams in late April.
After winning two-out-of-three games against league foe Brentwood Academy 8–6 and 10–2 to end the regular season, the Big Red entered tournament play against St. Benedict in Memphis. MBA won the first game of the playoffs 6–4, and clinched the series in game two with a 10–9 victory. The following week, MBA lost two games to BGA in the State Quarterfinals to end the tournament run for the Big Red. However, the baseball team had an exciting season for the fans and players, and the Big Red played hard and persevered throughout the year.

ROWING The 2012 season was another history-making year for the MBA Crew team, with the team earning medals at every regatta. This season also consisted of the most experienced varsity squad to date with members having one to five seasons of rowing experience under their belts.

The first race of the year was the John Hunter Regatta in Gainesville, Ga. on March 24. The Varsity 4+ was the first varsity boat in team history to qualify for the Grand Final. The races were 2000 meters in length with the afternoon races shortened to 1500 meters due to wind conditions. The races took place on the 1996 Olympic Rowing Race Course. Medal winners included gold for the Novice Eight (Conner Huff ’16), Si Deane ’15, Cameron Travis ’15, Wesley Tseng ’15, Rem Houghton ’14, Seth Cook ’15, Gage Anderson ’15, Clay Andreen ’15, and Nick Trogdon (’14), and silver for Novice Four A (Charles West ’16), Deane, Travis, Tseng, and Houghton).

MBA next travelled to Baylor School for an unofficial regatta on Saturday, March 31 where MBA joined Atomic Rowing Club, Baylor School, and McCallie School for dual races. MBA arrived on Friday and dueled Baylor School, then competed against Atomic Rowing Club and McCallie School on Saturday. The MBA Lightweight Varsity 4 (Ryan Owen ’13), Paul Moore (’13), Ryan Flack (’13), Sam Martin (’12), Stroud McMahan (’14) and the Novice 4 (Charles West, Deane, Houghton, Tseng, and Travis) both captured victories in their races.

In April MBA competed in the Lake Guntersville Sprints in Lake Guntersville, Ala. This was a great weekend for the Big Red Crew team. In total the team earned three Gold medals, one Silver, and two Bronzes. Six boats competed at this regatta, three Varsity boats and three Novice boats, with all of them earning medals. Water conditions were extremely windy and the races were suspended mid-day. After meeting with the other youth coaches, the races resumed on a protected area of the course.

MBA closed the season with the Dogwood State Championship Regatta in Oak Ridge, Tenn. on April 28. The races included many boats from the state, the region, and the Midwest. The regatta is considered the State Championship regatta since all Tennessee teams compete at this race. The Tennessee Teams include three schools: MBA, Baylor School, and McCallie, as well as three clubs: Atomic Rowing Club, Chattanooga Rowing Club, and East Tennessee Rowing Organization. The most notable performance of the day came from the first Novice 4 (Huff, Deane, Houghton, Andreen, and Travis), which placed first in its heat by two boat-lengths of open water to earn a spot in the semi-final. They were stroke for stroke in a semi-final win over Marietta High School from Ohio. The group then duked it out with Rocket City Rowing Club out of Huntsville, Ala., in the Grand Final, earning a silver medal. This boat was the only Tennessee boat to make it to the grand final and became the State Champions of their division. Other team results include both Varsity 4 boats placing third in their heats, the Varsity 8 taking sixth in its heat, and the Under-17 8 placed second in their flight, earning a Silver medal.

The team has made great strides in its short existence. The team was established during 2009–10 season, during the 2010–11 season the rowers really learned how to row, and this season (2011-12) they learned how to race. We are looking forward to the team learning how to win in the seasons to come.

LACROSSE The MBA Lacrosse team entered the 2012 season with a number of questions. After graduating a large percentage of its offensive production from the 2011 State Runner Up, the Big Red was in search of playmakers and goals. A tough early season did not allow much room for error, as three out-of-state powers came calling in to the lacrosse team’s new home on Frank Andrews Field in early March. The Big Red opened the season with a tough loss to Louisville Trinity, but came storming back with wins over Zionsville, Indiana, and eventual Kentucky State Champion St. Xavier.

Fresh off the St. X win, MBA travelled south and handed Georgia power Alpharetta its only regular season loss in a thrilling overtime battle. A win over traditional South Carolina power Greenville High School closed out a successful Spring Break.
A tune up against University School of Nashville was followed by a visit to nemesis Memphis University School. The Owls once again got the upper hand in a tough 7–4 game. MBA rebounded with a pair of 13–4 wins over Father Ryan and Christian Brothers.

In a much-anticipated match up with region foe Ensworth, the Big Red came out flat, but managed to pull out a 13–9 win. The lethargy continued that weekend, as the Big Red fell in overtime in a turnover-filled display against Ravenwood. A character-building win over Farragut followed, and the Big Red seemed to be back on track as it entered the last third of the season.

MBA closed out its region schedule with a 13–1 win over Pope John Paul II, and then relied on a barrage of second-half goals to down rival McCallie 10–6. An identical 10–6 win over emerging power Brentwood and a 14–3 win over Baylor closed out the regular season.

The first round of the playoffs brought Ensworth back to Andrews Field. The team entered hungry and focused, and dominated every facet of the game in a 17–1 blowout. The state quarterfinals also provided a rematch from the regular season, as Christian Brothers made a second trip from Memphis in as many months. In a game dominated by great defense and outstanding goaltending, the Big Red held on for a 3–2 win and a place in the TSLA final four.

In a match-up of the top two teams in the state, MBA once again faced off against Memphis University School. The teams battled back and forth all night and ended regulation tied 4–4. Both teams had several scoring chances in the first sudden-death overtime, but neither could capitalize. In the second overtime, MUS used a great save to keep the game alive before scoring the game winner and securing its spot in the championship game.

While the outcome was certainly not what the team had hoped for, the discipline, dedication, and teamwork displayed by each boy made the 2012 season a very successful one. The on field success led to several postseason awards. Midfielder Mattison Hamilton (’12) and Defenseman Augie Houghton (’12) were selected U.S. Lacrosse All-Americans. Hamilton and Houghton were also named First-team All State, and were joined by Attackman Henry Richardson (’12) and Long Stick Midfielder William Reames (’12). First team All-Region selections included Richardson, Jackson Flora (’13), Hamilton, Houghton, John Morphis (’12), Jack Benton (’13), Frank Vest (’13), and Reames. Conner Griffin (’13) and Hayden Holliman (’12) were voted Second-team All Region for their outstanding seasons.

**TRACK**

The 2012 edition of the Big Red Track and Field team was another success, matching the last two year’s results with a state second place finish. High points included two school records. Bryan Oslin (’12) broke a 30-year-old record in the decathlon, scoring 6,392 points in the state meet. Will Narramore (’12) reset the triple jump record with a leap of 44’ 10.5”.

For the second year in a row, and the eighth time in the last 10 years, the Big Red handily won the City Championship. A solid team victory, MBA rolled up 126 points, more than the second and third place teams combined. City champions were Furman Haynes (’13) in the high hurdles, and the 4x400 relay team of Travonte Easley (’14), Clay Sullivan (’12), Haynes, and Narramore. The freshman team also successfully five-peated the City Ninth Grade Championship.

At the region meet, MBA defeated eventual state champion Brentwood Academy with a solid team performance. The team almost managed to sweep all the relays, with only the 4x100 relay finishing second. All the relay teams
qualified for the state meet. Individual champions were Daniel Peters ('12) in the 1600 and 3200, Oslin in the pole vault and intermediate hurdles, Kamani Hodges ('13) in the high jump, and Madison Rieke ('13) in the 800.

The Big Red managed the runner-up place at the steamy state meet by placing in all but three events. Leading the team was the state champion 4x800 relay of Will Pearson ('15), George Swenson ('13), and seniors Myles Anderson and David Arteaga. State runners-up were Peters in the 3200, and the 4x200 relay of Easley, Jamall Wright ('12), JeTarii Donald ('13), and Michael Lacey ('15).

The Big Red can’t wait until next year to improve on their third consecutive second place finish.

TENNIS

The 2012 Big Red Tennis team capped off a very successful season by defending their 2010 and 2011 TSSAA Team State titles. This is the first time MBA has been the team champion three years in a row, and the eighth team championship in the history of the tennis program.

After finishing the regular season with a 10–4 record (6–1 in the state of Tennessee, and 5–0 in Division II–AA), the team beat Brentwood Academy (4–0) in the quarterfinals, McCallie School (4–0) in the semifinals, and Memphis University School (4–1) in the finals. The Big Red also won the prestigious Carter Invitational on their home courts in late April and came in second place at the St. X Jamboree in Louisville, Ky. A sixth place finish at the DecoTurf National tournament in Kentucky included wins over Cardinal Gibbons (N.C.) and Johns Creek (Ga.), the 2012 Georgia State Champions.

Victories on the road at Baylor (4–3) and MUS (5–2) highlighted a regular season full of experience-building and confidence-inspiring matches against the best teams in Tennessee. Impressive records were established by juniors Aaron Jumonville (#1 singles) and Andrew Graham (#3 singles), as well as by senior Co-Captain Palmer Campbell (#2 singles). Kalyan Chadalavada (#5 singles) clinched the match at Baylor with a come-from-behind three-set victory and had a dramatic win in the state finals. Andrew Karpas and Mark Lowe clinched the important doubles point against MUS in the team finals on their way to a runner up finish in the TSSAA individual doubles competition. Fred Harwell (#6 singles) qualified at the Regional singles tournament and made the state quarterfinals. Campbell finished second in the individual singles competition to complete his MBA Tennis campaign with over 110 combined victories.

Head Coach Tom Boysen and Assistant Coaches Hampton Williams and Mike Davidson return five of six starters for the 2013 season. They will also be aided by two standout 2012 Microbe players, George Harwell and Richard Baker.

SOCcer

The Big Red Soccer team, coached by Giles Cheevers, David Richardson, and Cole Eppstein, fought through several injuries to key players throughout the season to finish with an overall record of 7–5–2. Senior captain Chris Meluch, who played centrally and directed the flow of play well, led the team. Alongside Meluch, sophomores Jonah Rappuhn and Nick Obremskey and junior Hayden Deakins bolstered the midfield with their shared tenacity and devotion to the game. Up top, the finesse of Chris Briggs and the power of Marcus Riley created a combination that was menacing to most defenses. In the back, the team was led by juniors Trey Gill and Henry Lynch in the middle, flanked by junior Jack Emerson and sophomore Sam Smith.

When tournament time came around, the Big Red took down Pope John Paul II at home before losing a tough game to a well-equipped Christian Brothers team in Memphis. While the team hoped for a better outcome and will miss seniors Meluch and Jason Katseff, the future of the program looks bright with the return of many juniors and sophomores. ■
Do you know what your legacy will be? Have you thought about how you can create a lasting impact that will make a difference for years to come? It wasn’t until my daughter returned from a high school program in Italy that I started questioning how I could do more to make a difference for others and to create a lasting impact from my life. On her abroad program, it was my daughter’s visit to the Sistine Chapel to see Michelangelo’s amazing works which moved her the most. She couldn’t stop reflecting on how Michelangelo was influencing her hundreds of years after he lived and painted, and she wondered how she was going to make a difference in the lives of others far into the future!

The question of how I could do more to make a difference and to create a lasting impact lingered in my mind for many years. Then, as I became much more involved with MBA after the loss of my son Patrick Hale, a 1992 graduate of MBA, my eyes were opened to what others were doing. So many were doing so much to invest in young people that would have a major influence on their lives. I have also been deeply touched by the love and kindness of the many people who have supported the Patrick Hale Scholarship at MBA and the Patrick Hale Golf Tournament. I saw the power of hundreds of donations being pooled together that would make a large and lasting impact. It became clear that I could create a lasting legacy by investing in young people at MBA who would become future leaders — making a difference in numerous fields and disciplines, giving back to their own communities, and passing on the values of "Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete".

One doesn’t have to have the talents of Michelangelo or the coffers of a Warren Buffet to create a lasting and meaningful legacy. The James Robertson Society is a group of individuals who have committed to planned giving through their estates. Planned giving is one of the most effective vehicles for creating a lasting legacy that will affect multiple lives and reach further than any single individual could. I am very pleased to be a member of this group.

Nothing is more important than investing in our young people and giving them the qualities and values that will become part of their core being and help them become future leaders. The commitment of ‘giving till it feels good’ has made a real difference in my life. I encourage everyone to give careful consideration to a legacy through MBA and join me in being a member of the James Robertson Society.

Walter Hale
MBA Board of Trustees

“WHAT YOU LEAVE BEHIND IS NOT WHAT IS ENGRAVED IN STONE MONUMENTS, BUT WHAT IS WOVEN INTO THE LIVES OF OTHERS.”
– Pericles

Mr. Hale has graciously included Montgomery Bell Academy in his estate planning. There are many benefits to planned/creative giving, the greatest of which is the timeless gift that will ensure the continued world-class educational experience for generations to come. For more information on planned giving opportunities, please contact Camellia Howorth at camellia.howorth@montgomerybell.edu or 615-369-5348.
MBA Faculty member and gourmet chef Malcolm Morrison once again donned his toque for a cooking demonstration that highlighted the eighth annual Mothers of Alumni Luncheon. With the help of volunteer Judy Wright, Morrison prepared a delectable meal of penne pasta with salmon and asparagus.
On Monday, May 14, MBA held a special reception for retiring faculty members. Friends and colleagues celebrated the career of Dr. Jon Neergaard and Mrs. Peggy Kirby. Neergaard began his MBA career in 1984, teaching chemistry as well as delighting students with his legendary musical performances in Assemblies. Kirby joined MBA in 1994 and served as Records Manager for the Alumni and Development Office.
Alumni with
Graduating Seniors

Matt & Steve Anderson '82
Tom & Gray Curtis '72
Reynolds & Barton Davies '75
Joseph & Maclin Davis '75
John & John Elam '74
Preston & Ross Evans '79
Patrick & Pat Hollahan '81
Hale & Rett Hooper '82
Vaughn & Jim Hunt '79
I cannot begin to tell you how excited I am to be the new Director of Alumni and Development at MBA!

The journey has been an interesting one, at least from my perspective. I graduated from MBA in 1979. My career at MBA was not particularly noteworthy. I was not a great athlete, nor was I at the top of my class academically. Further, I received my share of demerits, mostly for verbal transgressions, and this should come as no surprise to those of you who know me.

The one area where I experienced the most success was in mathematics. Dr. Rick Seay ('79) recently reminded me that I actually dominated him in math. I assure you this was not the case in our other mutual classes. My math teachers were Dr. Fairbairn, Mike Caldwell, and Bill Compton. (Mr. Compton just finished his 43rd year at MBA.) The education and preparation that I received at MBA was extraordinary. I majored in mathematics at Vanderbilt, and this seemed like a walk in the park after MBA. It was during my days at Vanderbilt when I truly began to appreciate all that MBA had done for me as a student.

Even now, some 33 years after I graduated from MBA, I often reflect how my experience at MBA has influenced me in a positive manner.

After Vanderbilt, I received a Masters in Actuarial Science from Georgia State University. I then started a career as a pension actuary in Nashville, never straying too far from my calculator and the demands of a consulting career. For many years, I was the actuary for several schools, including MBA and McCallie. It was during those times that I initially pondered a second career in an educational environment. These feelings resurfaced this past year as I began to visit colleges with my oldest son Wilson. After one such trip, I emailed Brad Gioia to share my thoughts and to express an interest in returning to MBA at some point in the future.

It was shortly thereafter that Brad called me about the position of Director of Alumni and Development. At the strong and unified urging of my family, especially sons Wilson ('13) and Stephen ('14), I quickly accepted the position and started working at MBA in April. While I have only been here a short time, I know that I am in the right spot. As I have joked with several of you, I now realize that I was a Development Officer trapped in the body of an actuary for 25 years, and it feels great finally to be liberated. My wife Nancy and I have been very involved with the schools of all of our children, and we both have found the experiences to be most gratifying. In addition to Wilson and Stephen, we have two daughters — Mary, who will be a seventh grader at Harpeth Hall, and Camden, who will be in fifth grade at Oak Hill this fall.

There are so many incredible stories to share about all of the accomplishments of former and current students and faculty at MBA. Several of these stories are presented in this edition of The Hill, and I trust that you will enjoy them. Please stop by the Alumni and Development Office next time you are in the neighborhood. I would love to give you a tour of our beautiful campus and tell you about our exciting plans for the future!

Jody Johnson ('79)
New Director of Alumni and Development

Montgomery Bell Academy

Alumni Events

San Francisco Alumni Event

2012 Alumni and JV Baseball teams
ALUMNI EVENTS

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(l-r) Corey Burton ('04), Luke Kinman ('15), and Matt Barrett ('93)

(back, l-r) Jimmy Morrissey ('49), Mike Martin ('98), Buzz Davis ('49), Mike Anderson ('93), and Thomas Wims. (front) Bill Wade ('48)

Chase Cowden ('02)
1941
James Clifton is a retired professor of medicine and former dean of the College of Medicine at the University of Iowa. He would love to hear from his classmates.

1947
Horace (Holly) Murdock currently lives in San Diego, Calif., where he owns the Dolphin Motel. He would love to hear from any of his classmates.

1957
Paul Harmon has just completed final design and construction plans for nine monumental sculptures for Patriots Park in Clarksville. Harmon’s sculptures depict the service men and women in their various roles within the 101st Airborne of Ft. Campbell. The nine sculptures are to be manufactured in Cor-Ten steel and stand a towering 18 feet tall each.

This project is an initiative of the Military Affairs Committee of the Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce. The sculptures will be manufactured by Herndon & Merry in Nashville under the direction of craftsman, P. J. Maxwell.

The project was conceived by award-winning Tennessee architect Kem Hinton, who commissioned Harmon and will oversee the installation of the sculptures. Patriots Park is located on Ft. Campbell Blvd. near the Wings of Liberty Museum.

1960
The Class that Can’t Stop Reuniting — The Class of 1960 will celebrate 52 ½ years since its graduation by holding a reunion in Rabun County, Ga., a scenic area in the northern part of the state near the Chatooga River and Lake Rabun, on the weekend of August 24-26. The organizers and hosts (who have homes in the area) are Jim "Killer" Killebrew, Alex Porter, and Chip Hutchison. They have set up a variety of activities including rafting on the river, biking, hiking to scenic waterfalls, shooting skeet, swimming, and hanging out with old friends. At this writing, 28 classmates – over half the number in the class – have signed up. Enthusiasm for the event is running high; the Class of 1960 intends to hold future reunions every two and a half years.

1962
Judge Joe Binkley, Jr was elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tenn. in 2008. In September of 2010, he was elected by the other 17 State Trial Court Judges of the 20th Judicial District to serve as Presiding Judge of the Davidson County State Trial Courts. He was re-elected to serve a second term as Presiding Judge in September of 2011.

1964
Russ Davis retired in September 2011 from the U.S. Census Bureau. Many labor and management leaders, as well as friends and family, attended a special reception in his honor.

1968
Morris Rogers recently retired from teaching, coaching, and administration after 38 years (14 as football coach and teacher, 13 as K-12 Principal, eight as county-wide Athletic Director, and the last three years finished in the classroom.) Rogers’ career has included awards such as Coach of the Year in football, TSSAA Principal of the Year for the fourth athletic district, TSSAA Athletic Director of the Year for the fourth athletic district, and in 2010 was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame in the Administrator category.

1974
After teaching filmmaking and screenwriting at Vanderbilt for a couple of decades, Will Akers has moved to Belmont University, where he is Chair of the Program in Motion Pictures, which he gets to create.

His son William is a playwright living in Brooklyn, while his other son Caldwell is in design school in London.

1975
Joe Davis writes: “Our big adventure this summer was to attend the Olympic Trials in Omaha to watch our son Maclin (Class of 2012) swim the 100 butterfly on June 30. When the heat sheets came out for the preliminary round, we read that he was in the final and fastest heat of the event, three lanes down from Michael Phelps. The morning of the race, my wife Cindy and I were a nervous wreck, but apparently Maclin was not flustered. When they walked out to swim, Maclin took his place on the block. All grew silent; then we heard the famous “slap” sound as Phelps slapped his body with his incredibly long arms, as he always does just before a race. Suddenly, they were in the water. I breathed a huge sigh of relief when I saw Maclin actually moving in the water. He held his own, making a new best time of 53.14 and placing 13th in the prelims. In the semifinals that evening, he swam almost as good a race as he did that morning, showing he can really compete with the fastest swimmers in the world, placing 13th out of a total of 130 swimmers who competed in the 100 fly. Making it through math, science,
and all those theme nights in his MBA career probably banished fear forever from Maclin’s heart. Because he was the fastest 18 and under fly swimmer at Trials, he was asked to compete in August in the Junior Pan Pac meet, which will be held in Hawaii. He will swim for the University of Southern California beginning this fall.

“Our older son Paschall (Class of 2009) finished his first year at Yale after transferring from UT. He is working in New Haven on a research project developing a laboratory in a computer chip, learning to play pickup basketball, and swimming on the Yale team when time allows. His friend Pat Killian (Class of 2010) and he are both living in the Yale Swim House, and I think they are having some good times here and there.

“I am serving as the rector of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection on Sneed Road in north Williamson County and would love to see or hear from my MBA brothers at any time."

1976
Steve Zager was profiled in a recent American Bar Association Journal article entitled “Paladins: High-Demand Litigators Make Travel Work for Them.” The article can be found at http://goo.gl/TAdl8.

1978
Mark Barnes writes: “I now serve at Harvard as the Senior Associate Provost for Research, which really means that I am the senior research officer for the University, responsible for research policy in general, and direct the various offices here that administer Harvard’s large portfolio of federal government and foundation grants. I also am on the faculty of Harvard Law School, where I teach health care law and the law of federal grants and contracts. At Harvard in 2004, I started (as its first executive director), the Harvard AIDS treatment programs in Nigeria, Botswana, and Tanzania. I now serve as the chair of Harvard’s oversight committee for that large project, which at last count had provided medical care for well over 200,000 people with AIDS in those countries.

“Most recently, I was asked by Harvard to serve in an interim capacity as the managing director of Harvard’s primate research center, after a set of travails there; this was featured a week or so ago on the front page of the Boston Globe: http://articles.boston.com/2012-03-16/metro/31197770_1_squirrel-monkeys-cages-animals. I certainly never thought, when I was in Andy Gaither’s and Ed Gaffney’s Latin classes, that 35 years later I would be in Boston running a major primate research center!”

1987
Todd Cassetty and his wife Crissy welcomed Kate Ragan Cassetty, born on February 7, 2012. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 7 oz.

Cassetty also recently directed and produced his first documentary film called 5 DAYS IN DENVER (www.5daysindenver.com) and the latest music video for American Idol winner Scotty McCreery (for a song titled Water Tower Town).

1990
Andrew Duthie finished a one-year motorcycle repair program in June 2011 and immediately opened Nashville Motorcycle Repair downtown. Business has been busy since the first warm day of 2012.

1991
Katherine and Charles Israel welcomed a daughter, Anna Elisabeth Israel, to the world on June 11, 2012. She joins a brother John (age 8) in Auburn, Ala., where Charles is the chair of the Department of History at Auburn University.

1992
Derek Van Mol and Marcie Allen were married on June 2, 2012 at St. Regis Monarch Beach in Dana Point, Calif. They hosted friends and family at a party on Ellis Island in New York City on August 4. Will Rice (’92) served as a groomsman.

1993
Mike Anderson has been named the Head Baseball Coach at MBA. Anderson has been teaching and coaching since 2003.

Andrew Ward and family welcomed their third child on May 8, 2012. His name is Thomas Sloan Ward.

1994
Tommy Brown was recently awarded the 2012 Preservation Award for Infill Housing by the Historical Commission of Metropolitan Nashville for his design of a new LEED-Certified home in the Historic Edgefield Neighborhood in East Nashville. Tommy is an architect for local design/build firm Hawkins Development Company.

Richard Douglas was fortunate enough to qualify locally for the 2012 U.S. Open with a 69 at the Birmingham site, but did not advance past the sectional qualifier. He was paired with Jeff Maggert, Ryan Palmer, and Justin Leonard.

Douglas and his wife Laurie are expecting their first child in December.

Alissa and Jonathan Glickstein welcomed their first child, James Hudson, on January 26, 2011, and recently celebrated his first birthday. James Hudson was named for J. Hudson Taylor, a medical missionary, who established the first China Inland Mission.
In June, Thomas F. “Freddie” O’Connell was elected to his third term as Chair of the Nashville MTA board of directors. In December of last year, he joined Rustici Software, which is an industry-leading e-learning company. In March 2011, he and Whitney Boon welcomed Halley Ann Boon to their lives. Whitney just completed her intern year as a resident at Vanderbilt, where she is pursuing a residency and fellowship in child neurology.

1996
Beau Tidwell and his wife Briathe welcomed their first child, a son named Sean Beauregard, on June 14th. They live in Manhattan, where Beau has worked for The New York Times since 2003.

1997
Brew Davis writes: “My wife Jen and I are hiking the 525-mile GR-11 in the Spanish Pyrenees this summer. We’re also taking a Baltic cruise with my parents and sister, visiting friends in Switzerland and Portugal, and doing a shorter hike in Iceland on the way home. Jen is five months pregnant so I can actually keep up with her (for those that don’t know, last summer she set the record for the fastest thru-hike on the Appalachian Trail — 47 miles per day for 46.5 days). So I guess this is what people call a ‘babymoon.’

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Blake Bergeron and his wife Jaclyn, welcomed a son, Samuel Beaty, born April 20th of this year. Blake is in his third year with Pediatric Consultants in Memphis, practicing general pediatrics.

Stephen Choate and his wife Kathryn welcomed daughter Grace Elizabeth, born in February of this year.
Eliot Pinsky and his wife Jessica welcomed their first child, Aidan Bailey Pinsky, on April 23, 2012.

Phillip Simpson is still living in Colorado Springs, Colo. serving in the World Class Athlete Program for the Army. He has two boys, John Phillip and Dominic Joseph, with another baby on the way, due in the beginning of January.

2002

Will Brackin will be enrolling at UT-Knoxville this fall to pursue an MBA with a concentration in Supply Chain. The full-time program will take 17 months to complete.

Patrick Simpson will be ending his military service and starting a new job as a Government/Economics teacher and Wrestling coach at Montgomery Bell Academy. Patrick will be getting married to Rachel Barga this fall.

Andrew Wilson received his MBA from Harvard Business School and is currently the Vice President of Aurora Capital Partners in Santa Monica, Calif.

2004

Andrew Mills graduated in May from the University of Memphis School of Law. While there, he wrote the school’s first Honor Code and served on the inaugural Honor Council. He has moved back to Middle Tennessee and will begin his legal career this fall.

2006

Drew Carney recently finished Graduate School with a Master’s in Accounting (MAcc) degree and completed an internship in the Internal Audit Dept. at Hospital Corporation of America (HCA). After the internship, from January-April, he was hired full-time as an Internal Audit Staff. Drew also has completed three of the four parts of the CPA exam and plans to take his final section soon.

Parker Prevost graduated from Auburn University in August 2011 and is currently working for Brasfield & Gorrie, a general contractor in Nashville. He married Mary Hancock (St. Cecilia ‘06) May 19 of this year.

2010

Mitchell Lukens has been hired as summer staff at the Wyoming Dinosaur Center. His job is to take families out into the field to a quarry and excavate the remains of a Camarasaurus. He has found Allosaurus teeth, a meat-eating theropod dinosaur. He shows the families how to prepare dinosaur bones in the lab and how they are archived after final preparation.

Mitchell also is working on his own personal research on the physiology of sauropods, the long necks, and looking into geophysics research.

Lukens just finished his sophomore year at the University of Wyoming, where he has been a preparator of dinosaur bones and museum aide at the Geological Museum at UW, and continuing his work on a geology degree.

Andrew Phillips is a super heavyweight power lifter for Furman University’s competitive team, as well as an offensive lineman in football. He set a world record by squatting 575 pounds in the 20-23 year old division of the World Natural Powerlifting Federation (WNPC)’s All-Raw Tournament of Champions, held in Furman’s Herman Lay Physical Activities Center in February.

2011

Will Lee, Tom Markham, and Harrison Luna have founded their own production company, Hutch Obliged Productions, LLP. They are currently fundraising for their upcoming film Badceters, a quirky, idiosyncratic mockumentary about the life of an infomercial. The team aims to have the film shown at the Sundance Film Festival.

www.facebook.com/HutchObliged is their Facebook page.

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph H. “Tiger Joe” Thompson, Jr. (W’37)
1919 – 2012

Joe Thompson died on March 23, 2012 at age 92. He graduated from Wallace University School in 1937 and earned a biology degree from Vanderbilt University in 1941 where he served as president of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Upon graduation, Thompson entered the United States Air Corps and became an aerial reconnaissance pilot for the 9th Air Force. Thompson flew 90 missions behind enemy lines earning the nickname “Tiger Joe”. At age 25, Tiger Joe earned the rank of major and became the commanding officer of the 109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

Upon the conclusion of World War II, Tiger Joe returned to Nashville to begin a career in insurance for Northwestern Mutual that would span more than 60 years. Thompson worked as both an agent and later an executive, making the Million Dollar Roundtable in 1954 among many honors.

In addition to his work at Northwestern Mutual, Thompson was very active in local organizations and charities. He joined the Nashville Rotary Club in 1931 and served as president in 1961-62. He was also involved with the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Salvation Army, the Nashville Rescue Mission, the Children’s Museum, and Junior Achievement. In 1979, he was named president of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce.

In recent years, Tiger Joe became a frequent speaker at MBAs assemblies. His wartime stories and images were popular amongst the student body, and he became the most requested visitor on campus.

In 2006, Thompson published his war-time images in Tiger Joe: A Photographic Diary of a World War II Aerial Reconnaissance Pilot.

Shortly before his passing, Thompson was given France’s highest honor, the Legion of Honor, for his role in liberating France from Nazi Germany. He was also awarded the American Distinguished Flying Cross and the French Croix de Guerre for his work in the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron and 109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron of the 9th Air Force.

Thompson is survived by his wife Martha and four children – son Joe III (Jean), and daughters Mindy Orman (Scott), Fonde’ Werts (Steve), Celeste Crouch (Jim), and nine grandchildren.

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for the last two years of his naval service. In January 1959, he joined the Atlanta law firm of King & Spalding. From 1964 through 1969, he was Counsel for Georgia International Corporation. In 1970 he joined the Atlanta law firm of Troutman Sanders where he served in a variety of administrative positions including Administrative Partner and chairman of the firm's International Practice Group. He retired from Troutman Sanders on January 1, 2000.

He was chairman for three years of The Japan-America Society of Georgia and active in the Society for over 30 years during which time he and his wife were honored to welcome Japanese Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko to Atlanta for their two-day visit in 1994; received the Japan-America Society Mike Mansfield Award in 1999 which was given in recognition of his unstring efforts to improve the relations between the people of Japan and the people of the United States; and a member of The Capital City Club.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, his daughter Linda (Matthew) Blaisdell, his sons Palmer (Beth) and David (Susan) White, and six grandchildren.

**Henry Blair Trimble, Jr.**
*1932–2012*

Blair Trimble passed away on May 31, 2012 at the age of 79. He earned a Civil Engineering degree from Vanderbilt University in 1954. In 1955 he joined the Army Corps of Engineers and served as 1st Lieutenant. In 1957 he and two partners founded Steel Service Company in Nashville, and in 1959 he opened a Knoxville office. Steel Service was sold in 1987 to Florida Steel.

A civic leader throughout his life in Knoxville, Trimble served as a Chairperson emeritus of the Knoxville Area Chamber of Partnership and the Vanderbilt Engineering Alumni Association. He was a board member of the Knox County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Vanderbilt Alumni Association, MBA Advisory Board, and a member of Knoxville Rotary Club and Club LeConte. Trimble was inducted into the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRS) Education and Research Hall of Fame in 2010.

Trimble is survived by his wife and dearest friend of 55 years, Rosemary Morris Trimble.

**Robert C. Moon**
*1935–2010*

Peter Moon passed away November 14, 2010 at the age of 75. Moon was an alumnus of Transylvania University of Lexington, Ky., graduating with distinction, Phi Kappa Tau. He graduated cum laude from Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

Moon was a retired Disciples of Christ minister, serving the Madison Avenue Christian Church, Covington, Ky.; Kenwood Christian Church, Kenwood, Ohio; Minnehaha Christina, Minneapolis, Minn.; First Christian, Benton, Ill.; University Christian, Normal, Ill.; Christian Temple, Wellsville, and National Board of The Christian Church.

Moon is survived by his wife Jacquelyn McPhearson Moon; his daughter Karen (Wesley) Bruce; his sons David (Maleah) and Steve (Sarah) Moon; five grandchildren; and his sister Kitty (Pat) Emery.

**J. Carlin Rolfe**
*1936–2012*

Carlin Rolfe died June 7, 2012. Rolfe was a graduate of Vanderbilt University. After service in the U.S. Army he was instrumental in developing the Music Division at The Third National Bank and retired as a court officer for Judge Seth Norman’s Criminal Court.

Rolfe is survived by his stepdaughter Elizabeth Chester; his step-grandson Eric Lee Bairsth; and his brothers Charles ('54) and John McKain ‘Mack’ ('56) Rolfe.

**Russell T. Birmingham, Jr.**
*1945–2009*

Jack K Weil passed away on June 5, 2012. Following MBA, he graduated from Tulane University. He went on to work in his family business, Mercury Supply, where he deeply cared for and appreciated the many people he worked with through the years.

Weil is survived by his son Cameron ('98).

**James R. ’Randy’ Gustafson**
*1958–2012*

Randy Gustafson passed away February 15. He was a graduate of Vanderbilt University and earned a Master’s degree from Middle Tennessee State University. Gustafson was an Eagle Scout, whose prior employment included Davis Kidd Bookstore and Tennessee Department of Revenue. At the time of his death he was a Research Associate in the Center for Business and Economic Research of the College of Business Administration of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.

Gustafson is survived by his parents – Carolyn Partridge Gustafson and Bernard (Gus) Gustafson; his two sisters – Lyn Steele (Maleah) and Steve (Sarah) Moon; five grandchildren; and his sister Kitty (Pat) Emery.

**Madison P. Jones**
*1925–2012*

Madison Jones passed away July 10 in Auburn, Ala. Following MBA, Jones attended Vanderbilt University, where he lettered in football and met prominent teachers of literature who helped start his writing career. He did graduate work at the University of Florida, then began working at Aubur University in 1956 and taught there for 37 years.

Jones’ distinguished career as a writer includes ten novels and dozens of short stories. His works garnered a number of awards and prizes, including a Guggenheim Fellowship, The T.S. Elliot Prize for Fiction, The Harper Lee Award for A Distinguished Alabama Writer, and The Michael Shaara Prize for Excellence in Civil War Fiction. Among his novels, 1930–2012

John O’Neal Clayton
*1925–2012*

O’Neal Clayton passed away on July 5, 2012. Following MBA, Clayton attended Vanderbilt University. He served in WWII with the WA Battalion, receiving a Bronze Star. In 1946 he returned to Nashville to join his father in business. Clayton owned and operated The Linen Store, a family-owned business started by his father in 1925 in downtown Nashville on 6th Avenue. Later moving to Hillsboro Village, then to the final location in what is now The Hill Center in Green Hills.

He is survived by his children – John O’Neal Clayton, Jr., Rebecca Murray Clayton, and Theodore Murray Clayton (Marguerite). In addition, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren survive Clayton.

**Joseph R. White, Jr.**
*1930–2012*

Joe White passed away on June 11, 2012. He attended the University of Michigan and graduated from Vanderbilt School of Law in 1955 where he was Associate Editor of the Vanderbilt Law Review and President of the Vanderbilt Bar Association. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1955 through 1958, living with his wife in Yokosuka, Japan...
Eric R. Hill ('04)
1985–2012

Eric Hill died March 8, 2012 in a tragic accident in Naples, Fla. Hill held a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science from Centre College in Danville, Ky. He was an accomplished classical pianist, an Eagle Scout, and a serious student of Bon, an ancient religion thought to be a precursor to Buddhism. In pursuit of the spiritual dimensions of this religion, he lived in India for over a year and spent time in Tibet and Nepal. Also a serious student of languages, Hill studied Latin, French, Spanish, Japanese, and Tibetan. He was in the process of developing a Tibetan translation program for ancient texts.

Hill is survived by his mother and father, Nancy and Ron Hill, and his brother Adam (Emily) ('99) Hill.

New job? New baby? Other news to share with your MBA friends? Please submit your class news to Chris Smith at chris.smith@montgomerybell.edu
A field of nearly 200 MBA Alumni and community members played both morning and afternoon rounds at Richland Country Club in the Patrick Hale Memorial Golf Tournament this past June. The event raised approximately $50,000 for the Patrick Hale Scholarship Fund, which provides financial aid for several students to attend MBA, as well as providing other students the opportunity to travel and study abroad as part of the school’s International Exchange Program.

If you would like to be a sponsor for next year’s tournament, please contact the Office of Alumni & Development at 615-369-5360. MBA is grateful to all those who helped make the tournament a tremendous success.