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Over the past several weeks I have had the privilege of speaking to many prospective families. On one occasion the group was representative of almost 20 different schools in Middle Tennessee. The breadth of their backgrounds and their interest in MBA was impressive. Two families actually said they would move to Nashville from locations more than an hour from the city if their sons were accepted to MBA. The responsibility to offer them a great education certainly rests on our shoulders. The MBA faculty and I have an incredible privilege and a responsibility to build the kind of community, to set the right expectations, and to forge relationships, lifetime skills, and values that will make a meaningful difference for these families.

During the question-and-answer period in that session, I was struck by the focus from the families on topics like character, balance, spirit, and connection. These families were hungry to have their sons influenced in ways that would make them better individuals and foster in them the grit, determination, and substantive understanding that would make them better people.

Throughout this fall I have seen a combination of great spirit, meaningful entrepreneurship, and academic endeavor, as well as a keen focus on leadership, character, and resilience at MBA. To see crowds of students and Big Red fans at athletic contests cheering on our teams continues to mean a great deal to me. The spirit of the boys in the Dining Hall, at assemblies, and among their friends are also highlights of our days on The Hill.

The ways in which the boys have invited exchange students into their homes and included them in activities highlight this kind of camaraderie. The students’ work for and commitment to programs like Best Buddies on Saturday mornings, when they befriend and help young people deal with significant personal and individual challenges, exemplifies the spirit of MBA for me. The care and attention to activities — like the Soup Kitchen and the many other service projects at MBA — expresses the way our students are reaching out to others. Initiatives like senior involvement and leadership in the Investment Club, with robotics, and in the new Innovation Room have all meant a great deal to our community. The growth in programs like crew and the Wilson Grants have allowed our young men to forge new opportunities.

Thus, it was easy, in many regards, to be authentic and concrete when I spoke to those prospective families about how the MBA community will provide the kind of depth, substance, balance, spirit, and academic challenges that will help their sons become better people, citizens, and men.

I am proud to report on the good work and spirit that I see at MBA in the 2013–2014 school year.

Bradford Gioia
10 Veterans Day Ceremony
MBA's annual gathering to honor American Veterans and pay tribute to MBA Alumni who are serving and have served.

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Will Alexander ('98) was keynote speaker at this year's traditional event.

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MBA maintains its commitment to classical education while blending technology with traditional teaching techniques.

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Davis Building gets a facelift to showcase MBA's growing music department.
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Mr. James L. Chandler, Jr. (’75) has served as the chairman of MBA’s Advisory Board for five years. Chandler is a Managing Director in the Washington, D.C. office of Bessemer Trust, a private bank. He was previously affiliated with Goldman Sachs, helping to establish and lead its Leveraged Buy-Out (LBO) and Private Equity Group. Chandler received a B.S. degree from Vanderbilt University, an M.A. degree in Applied Econometrics from The American University, and an M.B.A. degree from the Wharton School of Management at the University of Pennsylvania.

Chandler lives in Potomac, Md. with his wife Ellen and their three children. His daughter Julia is a student at Vanderbilt University and his daughter Grace is a student at Georgetown University. His son Sam is in high school in Bethesda, Md. They are members of the National Presbyterian Church in D.C.

Ben May (’76) currently serves as Managing Director in the Wealth and Asset Management Group at Avondale Securities. In 2005 he started the High Yield Structured Products Division at Piper Jaffray in Minneapolis. He eventually ran the Fixed Income Division at UBS. May worked in New York at Drexel Burnham Lambert and Dillon Read as a corporate bond trader from 1980–1995.

Ben May holds a B.A. in History from Yale University (’80), and an M.B.A. from New York University (’85). May and his wife Kaaren have three grown daughters — Caroline, Emily, and Suzannah.

Ed Powell is the CEO of IPX, a provider of Intellectual Property Management Solutions for leading universities including Texas, Rice, Duke, and Vanderbilt. Rooted in his academic research, for the past 20 years he has started companies that apply various forms of model-based artificial intelligence to help organizations improve performance. These companies provide solutions ranging from optimizing service supply chains to forecasting demand in large scale healthcare networks. Powell graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1985, and received a B.S. degree in Aerospace Engineering from Auburn University.

He is the father of Edward (’09), Andrew (’11), John (’13), and Owen (’15).
Despite the storm clouds overhead, hundreds of members of the MBA community gathered on the Sloan and Gambill quads on September 20 for the annual MBA Carnival. One of the largest events on the campus, the Carnival featured games, face painting, a dunking booth, and rides for all ages. The MBA Student Council and faculty volunteers handed out thousands of prizes. Student and alumni acts provided musical entertainment, and ponies pranced between the Massey and Ingram buildings.
Michael Bass ('00)

MBA observed Veterans Day with a special ceremony on the morning of November 11. U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Michael Bass ('00) addressed the more than 150 veterans, families, students, and members of Operation Stand Down (a nonprofit resource for veterans in Middle Tennessee providing a wide range of life changing social services) gathered at the flagpole in front of campus. Bass served in the Marines for seven years and deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He recognized the crowd of the origins of Veterans Day and remembered the traditions of service at MBA and as a nation.

"While we gather to recognize those who have fought for our nation, we understand that this practice of respect, duty, service, and thanksgiving is a fine tradition that has been passed down over the decades in our country. It has been a tradition of appreciation and gratitude for those who have given so much so that we could live peaceful lives. It is a celebration and remembrance of what it is that makes our country and her people so great. If it weren't for our veterans' sacrifices, we would be a nation without a backbone, a nation who would have faltered at the slightest threat or show of danger. However, Americans did not back down and they continue to rise to the challenge when their mates are called. They stood their ground and have fought the good fight — defending those who could not defend themselves. This tradition of self-sacrifice, duty, service, and honor continues to this day.

"During my deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, I had the pleasure of leading an Amphibious Assault Platoon with approximately 40 to 60 Marines — a responsibility that was both rewarding and challenging at the same time. Mission planning, accountability for weapons and military equipment, safety, mission accomplishment, and getting all of our Marines and sailors home alive and healthy were all things that constantly weighed on our minds. My Marines were from all walks of life and they had come together with one goal in mind — service and duty to country. Some were poor, some were rich; some were uneducated; some came from our finest academic institutions. I was overwhelmed by their discipline, commitment to each other, love of our great nation, and desire to get into the fight. We expected the best from each other and we knew that we could only accomplish our missions together and with each other. However, we knew that we weren't alone in our fight. We felt the prayers and support from family, friends, former teachers, and strangers alike. We witnessed this support through care packages, letters, and miracles on the battlefield that cannot only be explained through the power of prayer for our safety.

"As we observe Veterans Day, we must live our lives to the fullest out of appreciation to those who could not make it home. Thank you for your time this morning and may we live on in the traditions of duty, honor, courage, and thanksgiving out of respect for those who have given so much to us.

"One could argue that tradition is one of the key ingredients to what makes our nation, institutions, and us as individuals so great. Tradition is described as the "handing down of something" or the idea of passing something along. We must be resilient in our efforts to pass down these traditions of thanksgiving, duty, courage, honor, and self-sacrifice to ensure that our great nation continues to stand strong. I would argue that I absolutely would not be standing here if it were not for traditions that were passed along to me.

"To the members of Operation Stand Down — thank you for what you do for our veterans. Deployments and time in the military can take its toll, on all of us affected. What you do has a direct impact on the lives of so many people. Thank you.

"So today we come together on this special day to celebrate those service members who make sacrifices for the defense of our nation in a time of war. Many served to protect those who could not protect themselves and paid the ultimate sacrifice. They did not return home to live the full lives they had envisioned. However, there are multitudes who did return home. For those of us survivors, we must live our lives to the fullest out of appreciation to those who could not make it home. Thank you for your time this morning and may we live on in the traditions of duty, honor, courage, and thanksgiving out of respect for those who have given so much to us."
The family of MBA senior Teju Reddy hosted an authentic Indian dinner for the members of the Class of 2014 and the MBA faculty and staff on the evening of Sunday, November 17. The event, in the MBA Dining Hall, included appetizers of Lassi, Samosas, and Onion Pakoras. The main course included Chicken Biryani, Vegetable Biryani, Lamb Tikka Masala, Chana Masala, Beef Kebabs, assorted Naans, and Raita. The meal concluded with Mango/Pistachio Kulfi and Gulab Jamun. The Reddy’s served nearly 100 guests at the event.
Good morning. Thank you, Mr. Gioia. It’s good to be here with you all on this important day for your jewelry collection. MBA has meant a lot to me since I was in your seat seventeen years ago and it’s a privilege to have this opportunity.

Last year, a few months before our son was born, my wife and I visited Guatemala on what expecting parents call a “babymoon.” A babymoon is the last vacation a couple takes before they have their first kid. Getting around Guatemala involves long car trips, and one day when I was not hanging on for my life as we hurtled past buses belching black smoke, I passed the time on the road listening to a podcast about commencement speeches. María Shriver talked about the need to press your own “pause button.” Mike Bloomberg described the intersection of technology and freedom, and Colin Powell praised the power of compromise. As I listened to these and other accomplished people dispense advice to the Class of 2012, I asked myself what I might achieve during my career to cause someone to think it would be a good idea for me to talk to students about their futures. I thought long and hard but couldn’t come up with any possible scenario in which I would ever be asked to give a speech like that. To say that I was surprised when Mr. Gioia invited me to address you all today is a major understatement.

I was not your traditional MBA student when I arrived on campus as a sophomore in the fall of 1995. I didn’t know a single person in my grade and I was one of only two new students in my class. Coming from USN and (before that) a school in Washington where students addressed teachers by their first names, MBA’s formality confused me. I remember my first day well because I had so many questions. Why is everyone wearing hiking boots? What is a microbe? Did I really just see the Texas state, however, is usually a mix of confusion and disapproval.

In Texas, my work with Bevo still gives me instant credibility with anyone I meet. The response I get outside of the state, however, is usually a mix of confusion and disapproval.

By looking at me, you’d probably be surprised to learn that one reason that I came to MBA was to play football. My career did not turn out as I had planned, and when I retired from the sport after my senior season, my varsity stats were zero catches and two punt returns, one of which ended with a fumble. Knowing how to “fail quickly” and move on to the next thing is a strategy often touted by Silicon Valley entrepreneurs, but I found it applicable to high school sports, too. I turned my attention to track. At 140 pounds this was a better fit for me and anchoring the state champion 4 x 100 relay team my senior year ended up being one of my top moments at MBA.

Like my athletic career, I also hit a few bumps on my way to fulfilling the “scholar” part of the MBA motto. Although Dr. Springer was kind enough to tutor me before the school year began, I still got a 40 on my first Spanish test. When I eventually made the Headmaster’s List, one of my top moments at MBA.

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comprehend the plight of its victims until I volunteered at an orphanage for HIV positive children in a Cape Town township. Likewise, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is in the news almost every day, but visiting Jerusalem and the occupied territories gave me an understanding of the issues driving this dispute that could never be captured in print.

Michelle Obama sparked a lively debate when she said that she only became proud of her country when her husband launched his presidential campaign. While the First Lady’s quote may have been taken out of context, there is little doubt that many people take being a citizen of an American for granted. Those who don’t understand what makes our country great should simply follow Twain’s advice and spend some time somewhere else.

The majority of the world’s people live in countries that are not functioning democracies. Absolute monarchs, dictators, and unelected political, religious, and military bodies call the shots in these places and many basic freedoms that we enjoy every day are suppressed. The fundamental ideal that success is based upon merit is also not central to many other societies. I remember the CEO of a multinational company based in Paris telling me why he likes the United States so much. “Americans,” he explained, “admit wealth people because they believe they have the chance to become rich, too. In France, however, the rich are envied.” He said, “and wealth is considered to be something attainable only by those lucky enough to be born into the right family.”

During my time abroad, I even began to see our own political scandals as emblematic of our strengths. While we are embarrassed when a corrupt official figure is convicted of a crime, I am proud to know that this could only happen in a few countries with a strong rule of law like our own. No person is above the law in the United States, regardless of his or her resources or political influence. Can you imagine a Russian court handing down a judgment against an ally of Vladimir Putin?

It was in Dubai that our country’s strengths became most evident to me. The United Arab Emirates is an incredibly wealthy country and its rapid rise on the world stage may be unmatched in history. Living there, though, allowed me to compare our institutions to those in the UAE. The UAE, which is ruled by a Sheikh and his family, has an official religion and a state controlled press. Under this system, you could wind up in jail for making critical comments about the government or even for kissing your girlfriend in public. When I lived there, I saw the law applied differently to people based on their nationalities, with Emiratis given the most latitude.

The comment I heard time and time again in Dubai was “Why are you here when you could be in America?” Despite its flaws, there is no question that Dubai is an incredible place. It offers everyone from Indian construction workers to Moldovan stewareesses an opportunity to earn a living in a secure environment that would not be possible in their home countries. This chance at social mobility is helping raise entire families out of a cycle of poverty that we cannot even imagine. Dubai, however, is not the United States, and almost everyone living there today would become an American if they had the chance. Opnics who say the American Dream is dead need to get out and see the rest of the world.

What makes the United States the country that it is? It is not our laws but our institutions and the leaders who uphold them. Almost every country, including Iran, has a constitution that purports to protect free speech and laws meant to combat corruption. Most countries, however, do not have a 235 year history of presidents gracefully yielding power to those elected to replace them and a judiciary that holds firm against political pressure.

I moved back to Nashville three years ago and began work for the State of Tennessee. My dad served as governor and he is currently one of our senators, but I had not envisioned working in government myself. After my experiences abroad, however, I now view public service one of the most important ways in which one can contribute to society.

In my favorite commencement speech that I listened to during our babymoon, former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates quoted a letter from John Adams about the importance of having the right people serve in government: “Public business, my son, must always be done by somebody. It will be done by somebody or other. If wise men decline it, others will not; if honest men refuse it, others will not.”

When my dad became governor, he was sworn in early because his predecessor, Ray Blanton, was literally selling pardons to criminals for cash. This abuse of power reinforced the worst stereotypes people around the country had about Tennessee and set us back on many fronts. An unfortunate fact is that there is no guarantee that people like Ray Blanton aren’t vying for office today and won’t be in the future. Those who wield political power in the wrong way can inflict tremendous harm and it is critical that we choose those who represent us carefully because the stakes are so high.

Each of you will take a different path when you turn your ring around and graduate. Some of you will stay close to home while others may leave Nashville and never look back. Every one of you, however, will have the opportunity to make a significant contribution to society. I ask that you consider serving in the public sector at some point in your career to help make sure our country remains the special place that it is.
The homework assignment for the sophomores in The Principles of Chemistry class was a little different than usual. The boys in the class were asked to click on a link at home or in study hall and watch a brief lecture on the introduction to gas laws. The lecturer in the video was Dr. Michael Marro — their teacher — and the location of the lecture was their classroom in the Ingram Science Building. At the conclusion of the lecture the boys were given an 11-question quiz on the same website that covered the subject matter. The quiz results were emailed to Marro, who then planned topics for discussion and problems that could be worked on during class the following day based on what the students did not understand. Marro hopes this “flipped classroom” will allow students to absorb repetitive material at their own pace and use the feedback from it to shape the face-to-face contact he has with his students.

Marro and several other MBA faculty members are taking part in a series of classroom experiments that blend the use of technology and traditional teaching techniques. The project calls for the use of both flipped classroom methods and massive open online courses (MOOCs). The flipped classroom portion of the project will be developed to benefit MBA teachers by presenting resource guides and best practices for teachers who would like to implement online content in their own classes. The plan also calls for visits to schools that have experienced success with the flipped classroom model. The small size of the typical MBA class (about 13) will be a great benefit to the technique, as the teacher can easily spend classroom time working with individual students.

The second portion of the effort to promote new ideas in the classroom involves developing online courses for the larger MBA community. In order to get up to speed on the world of MOOCs, the school has enlisted the help of 2011 MBA graduate Andrew Powell. Powell, a Morehead-Cain Scholar at the University of North Carolina, spent the summer after his sophomore year at Coursera, the leader in open online course development. The company works with many of the leading universities around the world to make their courses available online. They have more than 5.8 million users worldwide and nearly 60 employees, including MBA alum Steven Syverud ’02, who works in business development.

In addition to possible courses related to the school’s strengths in character development, writing, and the foundations of grammar, Powell and MBA Headmaster Brad Gossia have extended the scope of the plan to involve several of the schools with which MBA has international exchanges. Gossia sees the possibility for “…Winchester contributing a course on history, Raffles Institution providing a math course, and the African Leadership Academy contributing some of the remarkable things they are doing to develop leaders throughout the continent.” The courses would provide MBA students access to a wide array of teachers from some of the finest schools in the world, as well as a view of the learning cultures of those institutions.

While MBA remains steadfast in its commitment to classical education, it must remain nimble enough to navigate through the ever-changing world in which we live. The effort to blend the modern world with the traditions and proficiencies that are already a part of the core of the school should serve MBA for years to come.
Six new faculty chairs were named at MBA’s annual holiday party in December. History teacher Dr. Tim Boyd was named The Ridley Wills Chair; Dr. Jim Dickens — The Dr. Thomas Frist, Sr. Chair of Science; Mike Davidson — The Eugene Shanks Mathematics Chair; Dr. Cal Fuller — The Frank Novak Chair for Humanities; Haywood Moxley — The Mary Helen Lowry Chair of English; and Thomas Wims — The Cecil Pain Hackett, Jr. Chair for Distinguished Teaching and Service in the MBA Junior School. Jamie Tillman and Jim Womack retained The Tommy Owen Chair and The Jackson Family Chair of Fine Arts, respectively.

The six new chairs gave a special presentation on their approaches to teaching in January. To view the presentation, visit the media gallery at: https://www.montgomerybell.edu/podium/default.aspx?u=52562&a=306887. Or scan the QR code below.

Scan code to see video of New Chairs in the MBA Media Library
During Homecoming week in September, the MBA community donated more than 29,000 pounds of non-perishable food items to Second Harvest and area food pantries. The total more than doubled the second place finisher in the Food 2 Families High School Challenge for the small school division, and was the second-highest total in the region.

In October, MBA had over 200 participants in Race for the Cure and raised over $15,000 for research. Thanks to project leader Josh Rotker ('14) and his team of volunteers, MBA was once again among the leading fundraisers in Middle Tennessee.

The MBA Wounded Warrior events in November raised $10,000 this year, and $35,000 in the last three years! Congratulations to project leaders Miles Curry ('14), Stephen Richey ('14), and Gregory Quesinberry ('15) for their highly successful efforts.

With over 2,200 hours of work this semester, many MBA students have certainly made serving the community a high priority. In the New Year, the Service Club looks forward to continuing these efforts, as well as volunteering for the Seventh Annual Richland Creek Run.

Under the strong leadership of senior Service Club officers Sam Weien, Clark Hooks, Wesley Jenkins, and Ben Vlahnian, the first semester has offered many opportunities for students to experience the rewards of helping the community. Every class was busy participating in Loaves and Fishes Meals, Vandy Parking, Urban Housing Solutions’ Last Saturday of the Month Dinner, the Autism Speaks Walk, Hands-On Nashville Day, the Nashville Food Project, as well as tutoring at Preston Taylor and Paragon Mills each week.

Under the leadership of senior John Wheeler, a new initiative this fall has been monthly Sports Saturdays with Best Buddies, an organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
Thanksgiving Breakfast

Several hundred MBA students, alumni, and fathers packed the Paschall Theater for the school’s annual Thanksgiving Breakfast on Wednesday, November 27.

The MBA Chamber Choir began the program with a rendition of Hall & Oates’ “You Make My Dreams Come True”. MBA senior Cal Fisher followed with an introduction of Nashvillian David Meador, the morning’s speaker.

Meador is a two-time National Blind Golf Champion. Following an accident that robbed him of his sight while in college, Meador heeded the advice of his father to, “Let go of the past and turn to a brighter future.” He went on to complete his college degree at Southern Illinois University where he met his wife, Connie, who served as a reader for him.

Meador found that with every challenge there comes opportunity — that “when we are looking our worst, sometimes we are looking our best.” He went on to a 20-year career at Northwestern Mutual and later used his story of perseverance to become a successful motivational speaker. [1]

As part of their welcome to high school, the Class of 2017 was presented with patches for their blazers in a special ceremony in September. Senior Cal Fisher welcomed the freshmen and Class Sponsor Dr. Ed Tarkington delivered the keynote address. Tarkington warned about avoiding the pitfalls that face boys growing up in today’s world. He stressed the importance of the MBA mission, what makes the school a special place, and the need to appreciate its ideals. He charged them to:

"Use your imagination to broaden yourself and your experience, take the right kind of risks, don’t be afraid to fail, be resilient and resilient, celebrate the accomplishments of others, and use them as inspiration to pursue your own higher achievement. When things don’t come easily, remain steadfast and optimistic rather than slipping into apathy and cynicism. Own up to mistakes when you make them and resolve to grow in both wisdom and character from every experience — positive and negative. Find strength through knowledge."

Following the speech, each member of the class was presented with a patch that he will wear at all coat and tie events until the Class of 2017 graduates. [2]
MBA once again had a strong showing on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test. The Class of 2014 had 13 members selected as Merit Semifinalists. The list includes: Ferris Bailey, Ben Barton, Ross Blackwell, Kalyan Chadalavada, Benjamin Chen, Andrew Dupuis, John Higham, Rem Houghton, Wesley Jenkins, Davis Lovvorn, Tarun Mallipeddi, Jordan Pugh, and Rahul Ramanna.

Another 12 seniors earned the distinction of Commended Students. They are: Taylor Adams, Drew Benson, Sam Gregory, Wells Hamilton, Clark Hooks, Sam Hurd, Henry Ingram, Sam Patel, Nilay Patel, Tejas Reddy, Sam Weten, and Ben Yahnian.

This year there are approximately 16,000 National Merit Semifinalists across the country chosen from the 1.5 million entrants from 22,000 schools in the competition. About 90 percent of the students selected as Semifinalists are selected as Finalists, and approximately half of that number attains the National Merit Scholar title.

In addition, Samuel Bamigboye was one of 3,100 students in the U.S. to be named an Outstanding Participant in the National Achievement Scholarship Program. These 3,100 students scored in the top three percent of more than 160,000 Black Americans who requested consideration for the program when they took the 2011 PSAT/NMSQT. The National Achievement Scholarship Program was initiated in 1964 specifically to honor academically promising Black American high school students.
A school record, 24 members of the Class of 2013 earned the Advanced Placement (AP) National Scholar distinction in the fall. To qualify as an AP National Scholar, a student must have an average score of 4 or above on all AP examinations with a minimum of eight exams. The previous high mark for MBA was 15 AP National Scholars in 2005. Nearly 20 percent of the entire Class of 2013 achieved this high ranking, a mark of distinction to go along with 38 percent of the class being recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The AP National Scholars are:

Adam Bowman
Tom Bu
Hunter Crabtree
Lucas Fortune
Barry Goldsmith
Chris Habermann
Benjamin Haynes
Chris Hooks
McLean Hudson
Andrew Karpos
Alan Liang
Bradley Long
Mark Lowe
David Maynard
Will McKelhen
John Mellow
Hamilton Milbro
Connor Murphy
Michael Piens
McKay Proctor
Jonathan Sallerberg
George Swainson
Hunter Talbott
Kevin Yang

Fifty-eight (including the AP National Scholars) students earned AP Scholar with Distinction with an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams:

Mattison Asher
Ferris Banky
Colin Billingyous
Colin Caldwell
Will Campbell
Benjamin Chen
Hayden Drakins
Andrew Dupais
Andrew Einsmann
Will Emerson
Ryan Ferm
Mitchell Fant
Jackson Flores
Andrew Graham
Connor Griffin
Chris Habermann
Furman Haynes
Sam Hoel
Wesley Jenkins
Lucas Littlejohn
Henry Lynch
Jake Macey
Taran Mathendic
Pres Mulher
Wesley Nealy
Sal Nigro
Robert Opel
Parth Preet
Rahul Ramanna
Tom Rummel
Andrew Scott
Jake Simms
Ethan Vath
David White
William Yang

Thirteen students received AP Scholar with Honor an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more exams:

Adam Bessman
Kboland Gerada
John Higham
Clark Hooks
Ryan Houghton
Henry Ingram
Tom Kaiser
Deryn Mackey
Desta Mebrito
Adam McSherry
Paul Mine
Rites O’Neal
Jordan Pugh

Twenty-six students were named AP Scholar with scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams:

Trip Adams
Taylor Adams
Ben Barton
Brad Bennett
Jack Benton
Gray Bryant
Chris Burreas
Brad Callahan
Miles Carey
Jack Emerson
Alexander Floyd
Jack Grant
Nicholas Green
Ammun Paul
Ameul Qamal
Ciel McLemore
Byke Owen
Nikyl Patel
Nick Peterson
Jack Prentice
Christian Sargent
Will Sanger
John Teffy
Sam Wait
Sam Weiss

In addition, MBA had 97 boys recognized for their performance on AP examinations.

AP SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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Tom Bu
Hunter Crabtree
Lucas Fortune
Barry Goldsmith
Chris Habermann
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Actors at MBA and Harpeth Hall returned to school at the end of July to begin working on our 16th musical collaboration — Anything Goes. In this story of high jinks on the high seas, Billy Crocker (Caleb Coker) was a stowaway in love with heiress Hope Harcourt (Morgan Dentz), who was engaged to Lord Evelyn Oakleigh (Jess Darnell). Nightclub singer Reno Sweeney (Lark Morrison) and Moonface Martin (Henry Rogers) join Billy in his quest to win Hope. Highlights included Darnell’s hysterical, over-the-top performance of “The Gypsy in Me” with Morrison, including boxer shorts and a “bull-fight” and, of course, the energetic title number with the entire cast. Rogers’ comedic rendition of “Be Like the Bluebird” also kept the audience in stitches. Janette Fox Klocko directed this madcap ocean adventure and praised the efforts of her cast and crew: “We have had unbelievably ‘smooth sailing’, and that is the result of the dedication and commitment of all on board. As we reach our final ports-of-call, we also hope all have grown in their friendships, loves, and understanding among themselves.”

MBA’s fall competition show was the hilarious comedy A Tuna Christmas, written by Joe Sears, Jaston Williams, and Ed Howard, and directed by Rick Stay (’79). Playing 12 roles between the two of them in the space of only 45 minutes were senior Coleman Sorenson and junior James Matthews. Sorenson and Matthews were terrific playing the various zany characters, but just as important were the behind-the-scenes crew of Bryce Ardoin, Rush Gorney, William Hall, Neal Hawkins, Jamie Payne, William Snow, and Hank Thomas. On October 28, the cast and crew traveled to Maryville College to compete in the Tennessee Theatre Association’s state one-act play competition. Sorenson was awarded a place on the state’s All-Star Cast list. Both cast and crew represented MBA very well with this challenging piece. Breaking with the tradition of performing before state competition, A Tuna Christmas was performed at MBA during the Christmas season. Two performances on December 13 and 14 were highly successful and helped raise holiday cheer throughout the MBA community.

On November 21–24, the MBA Players presented William Shakespeare’s Henry V. Set in the early fifteenth century, charismatic young Henry (Josh Rotker), England’s new king, sets out to repair his fractured nation with a common purpose: war with France. But Henry’s small army of bumbling country militia and petty thieves seem to be no match for the slick French war machine. While Henry sets out to secure his crown, he finds humility, true leadership, and the power to inspire a nation. The production combined movement, original music, and media displays with the main action. The Chorus (Darnell), Princess Katherine (Meredith Welborn), Dauphin (Braden Welborn), and Alice (Jocelyn Sitton) were particular standouts along with Rotker as Henry V. Many of the cast played as many as three or four characters in this fast-moving, colorful production. According to Director Malcolm Morrison, “The cast and crew have been (in all respects) as professional as possible, and I salute their wonderful interpretation of a complex Shakespeare classic.”

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Several students received special recognition for their work:

Jay Shackleford — Best in Printmaking
Will Glover — Best in Photography
Web Hunt — First Place for work in Seventh Grade
Cannon King — Second Place for work in Seventh Grade
Michael Lee — First Place for work in Eighth Grade
Jay Shackleford — Third Place for work in Ninth Grade
Ross Blackwell — First Place for work in Eleventh Grade

The semester also included collaboration between Junior School artists and actors who combined their talents to tell two Anansi tales. Seventh graders in Theater Enrichment collaborated with these actors to build costumes and masks for their performance. The classes read through the stories in class and watched video of costume designer Julie Taymor as she discussed the process of designing for The Lion King. Theater Department head Cal Fuller remarked that, “Collaboration is one of my favorite things about theater as an art form. It was wonderful to collaborate with Catharine Hollifield and the young artists in her class. We looked at the work of Taymor and the inventive ways she presents animals onstage. We also talked about the Anansi stories themselves and how to convey the African culture and the characters visually. The results were stunning. My actors understood what was funny about these trickster tales and conveyed it clearly to the audience. The entire process was exciting and fun.”

Their work culminated in beautiful masks and a fabulous performance on December 6, 2013. The costumes and masks can be seen in the Davis Gallery.
This fall the Big Red Debate team had well-earned success across the board, from the youngest novice Policy debaters to senior students participating in Extemporaneous Speaking. Head coach Kevin Hamrick and assistants Will Hannon and Bobbi Quinn were excited to welcome seasoned national debate coach Josh Clark to the coaching crew in August when Clark moved from Juan Diego High School in Utah to coach for the Big Red. His impact on the team was felt immediately as the team had a strong fall season, especially for the younger grades. For the first time in MBA Debate’s recent history, Junior School students had an opportunity to try out Policy Debate before they reach high school. This new participation, as well as a talented freshman group of debaters, propelled the team forward in 2013. The youth of the team overall, along with a critical mass of passionate debaters across all divisions, created a good energy in the debate wing of the Lowry Building from August through December.

The Policy squad, led by seniors Adam Biesman and Rahul Ramanna, started its fall run off with a bang. Biesman and Ramanna held their own in national competition, and their winning record throughout the semester propelled them into the national conversation, with an especially strong performance in the top five at the University of Michigan Round Robin, a tournament that invited eight of the top senior duos in the country. They also saw success at every regional and national tournament they attended, beating numerous teams from across the country that rank in the national top 25. Their focus coming into the spring season looks to earn them a trip to April’s Tournament of Champions in Kentucky and June’s National Forensics League Championship in Kansas City.

In addition to the Varsity’s performance, the tenth grade class of JV debaters showed their ability to compete with other national JV teams. In October, sophomores Alvin Zhang and Andy Zhu were invited to the Sophomore Hoe-Down Tournament at St. Mark’s School in Dallas, where they came away with a winning record. At the John’s Creek Invitational in Atlanta, sophomores Yavin Alwis and Adam Young were declared co-champions.

The strongest showings of the semester can definitely, however, be credited to the middle- and high-schoolers on the novice squad. At almost every tournament they attended, one novice team either won or nearly won the division, including major tournaments in Chicago, Michigan, and Atlanta. At the Calhoun High School tournament in Georgia in October, the team even placed three teams on the winning podium, earning first, second, and third place overall. While the whole novice class – the largest one in the past decade – deserves recognition, special attention goes to top placers John Cooper, Thomas Daniels, Liam Jameson, Andrew Kaplan, Ben Rosenbahl, and Vincent Zhang, as well as seventh graders Atticus Glen and Jack Rankin. These young orators will definitely be a menace to other debate programs in the region and across the country for years to come.

The Extemp squad, led by seniors Armand Jhala, Sam Hurd, and Sam Wrenn, also demonstrated their years of experience throughout the semester. At Calhoun High School, Jhala placed first and Hurd third, with junior Kang Huh earning fourth place. At St. Mark’s School, the biggest national test of the fall, the squad also performed well, with Hurd reaching Quarterfinals in the International division and sophomore Tony Ding reaching Quarterfinals in the Domestic division. Both showings not only recognize the strong class of seniors, but also hard-working underclassmen soon to come into their own.

Last, but certainly not least, Big Red Debate, for the second time in three years, was able to send a team to the Raffles Cup World Debate Tournament in Singapore. Extemporaneous speakers Jhala and Hurd, along with senior policy debater Ben Barton, represented the U.S. MBA at the 30-team competition held in November.
During the fall semester the MBA Music department performed 57 times on campus and around Nashville! In addition to this active schedule, 17 members from the Big Red Chorus and Chamber Choir were selected to the Tennessee Mid-State and Freshman Honor Choirs. The choir is especially proud of six members who have been selected to participate in the Tennessee All-State Choir. These singers will spend four days rehearsing and performing with the state’s top high school musicians under the direction of some of the best conductors in the country. Hayes Alley, Turner Johnson, and Jackson Maradik earned Freshman Honors. Christopher Burrus, Andrew Dupuis, Drew Gordon, Jack Grant, Charlie Hawkins, Nicholas Heim, Bates O’Neal, Blake Patton, Andrew Porter, Gregory Quesinberry, Matt Remke, Wes Richardson, Henry Rogers, and John Triplett received Mid-State Honors. Burrus, Heim, O’Neal, Porter, Richardson, and Triplett earned All-State Honors.

MBA also was well represented at the three weekends of auditions for Orchestra and Band Mid-State. Kang Huh and Tony Ding qualified for All-State. Huh’s audition placed him as principal cellist in the Mid-State Orchestra. Yavin Alwis made Silver Band Mid-State. Brian Lu, Ivan Franco, Robert Li, Josh Cheng, Ray Lee, and Lucas Pan all made Mid-State Orchestra. Jack Duke was named Mid-State Alternate.

Scan code to see video of the 2013 Holiday Concert in the MBA Media Library
The latest phase of MBA’s campus redevelopment has transformed the lower level of the Davis Building from cafeteria and kitchen space into an area devoted exclusively to the school’s growing Music Department. The Jazz Band, Orchestra, and Choir moved from their previous home on the second floor of Davis early in the fall of 2013. The hallways of the new facility now boast the names of myriad composers and beautifully framed portraits of venues such as the Ryman Auditorium and the Schermerhorn Symphony Center.

The new facility reflects the tremendous growth of the Music Department. Over thirty years ago, a few boys wanted to form a choir as an extracurricular endeavor and started meeting first period at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The addition of the Jazz Band over twenty years ago has blossomed into four current performing ensembles. Four years ago, Orchestra was added to the curriculum and now has three sequential levels by skill set. The Choir program has developed into four classes by grade and music interest. Of MBA’s 715 possible students, over 30 percent are currently enrolled in a music class. This new space yields three larger rehearsal spaces, a large humidified instrument storage area, two practice rooms, and a song-writing room, as well as a conference room for AP music theory, music history, and meetings.

The Orchestra, Choir and Jazz Band can now all meet in their own respective spaces. The addition of windows to the rehearsal space allows visitors and students to witness the day-to-day music making and polishing. Equipped with enough soundproofing, these rooms make simultaneous rehearsals a reality. Throughout the day, boys can independently take private lessons in the practice rooms with instructors specific to their discipline, initiate their own jam sessions, or just relieve some stress after a big test.
Seniors Ferriss Bailey, Miles Curry, Andrew Dupuis, Sam Hurd, and Ben Yahnian were inducted into Totomoi, MBA’s honor fraternity, in a special ceremony in early November. Totomoi recognizes individuals who have shown outstanding leadership in academics, athletics, service to the school, community service, and appreciation for the arts. Induction into Totomoi is the highest honor an MBA student, alumnus, or faculty member can receive. 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.
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FOOTBALL

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CROSS COUNTRY

Determined to improve on a mediocre 2012 season, the 2013 cross country team approached the off-season with a much greater sense of purpose and a much more specific training plan than in previous years. Boys received individualized workout programs in May with the expectation that they would log many miles (appropriate to their age and experience) before official practice began. More boys ran more mileage over the summer than ever before, with immediate pay-off in improved times and improved depth this season and anticipated pay-off in runner development for several years to come. We also intro-
The rest of the regular season consisted of dual matches in preparation for the post-season with one exception — the inaugural MBA Invitational at the Westhaven Golf Club. This tournament consisted of five of the top golf programs in the mid-state and was unique in that all players had radars. Eighteen of the radars were from MBA’s junior school program and they represented the school very well. Given that the tournament was a big hit amongst all the teams and coaches, we are hopeful it will be an annual event.

The post-season began with the region championship at Timo Ford. While MBA was not favored (we had just lost convincingly to McCallie the week before) we knew with our top lineup, we were capable. As he had done most of the year, senior Cal Fisher led MBA to a strong start – going under par on his first nine. However, to win golf matches requires depth, and the Big Red had it with all five golfers finishing in the 70s. This feat enabled the Big Red to edge Baylor by one shot and McCallie by four shots to win the region championship. This feat enabled the Big Red to edge Baylor by one shot and McCallie by four shots to win the region championship. Given that the tournament was a big hit amongst all the teams and coaches, we are hopeful it will be an annual event.

MBA continued its momentum through the first day of the two-day State Championship. After 18 holes, MBA was in second place, just one shot back of Baylor. However, the quest for the school’s first state golf championship in over 30 years ended on day two with a tough round from many of our boys. Still, the 2013–2014 MBA Golf team made its mark with an historic regional victory and put in place a springboard for more success from the golf program in future years.

Special attention ought to be mentioned for our seniors — Fisher, Mathews, John Yoder, and Miles Curry — for strong leadership, both during the season and in pre-season workouts. Special awards for the year were: Fisher (MVP), Mathews (Comeback Player of the Year), and Hite (Newcomer of the Year).

**CREW**

Last spring the first four-year seniors graduated from the program. During their time on the team they took up a lot of space, fueled by their pursuit to build a program into a solid sport at MBA. Their absence this fall created a void. This transition in leadership left our upperclassmen searching within themselves for a new identity and a new ownership of their program. We had the largest varsity squad to date, fielding three varsity eights,

The MBA Crew team hit the water at the Chattanooga Head Race on Saturday, October 12, competing in their first 5k race of the season. It is clear both the state and the SE Region are gaining in size and speed. The team as a whole had a strong showing and the First Novice Four (Hayes Alley, John Floravanti, Heyward Rogers, Neil Richardsom, and coxswain Connor Krumm) earned a silver medal in their race.

The team next headed to the Secret City Head Race in Oak Ridge, Tenn. on October 26. After a three-hour fog delay Saturday morning, the MBA Crew team took to the new course with strong showings. The Novice Four (Joe McMahan, Rogers, Bronson Ingram, Alex Stevens, and cox Krumm) continued to post strong results, earning its second silver medal of the season. The Varsity Lightweight 8 (Ethan Long, Harrison Kaminsky, Jack Duke, Grayson Lester, Conner Huff, Alex Boone, T. Whitton, Davis Voecks, and cox Owen Hughes) also earned a silver medal in its division.

At the November 2 Head of the Hooch — the second largest Head Race in the United States — MBA had its strongest showing in the Varsity 8 race in the team’s history. The boat posted a time of 16:23.9, tying for 25th place of 61 boats. The Varsity 8 (sophomore coxswain Davis Voecks; seniors Stroud McMahan, Henry Ingram, Taylor Adams, Harrison Davis, and Sam Gregory; and juniors St. Deane, Gage Anderson, and Cameron Travis) placed 10 spots higher than a year ago and closed the gap on rival McCallie.

The MBA Crew team captured five medals at the Head of the South on Saturday, November 9, earning a medal in every race the team entered. The most impressive race of the day came from the Varsity 8, earning silver and just missing gold by one second to The Episcopal School of Jacksonville, Fla. The boat had the second fastest time of the 493 entries — faster than all of the college eights. The Novice 4 once again turned in an impressive performance, earning its third medal of the season.

Award winners for the fall season were Seth Cook for Outstanding Improvement; Henry Ingram for Passion, Loyalty, and Love of the Sport; Stroud McMahan for Leadership; and Harrison Davis for the Most Valuable Oarsman.

**RIFLE**

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

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

Looking ahead, the Big Red Rifles will have a full schedule with matches against local and regional rivals throughout the winter and spring as they prepare to defend their Tennessee state title in April.
A number of special guests highlighted the MBA weekly Assembly during the fall semester. Chef Hugh Acheson—a successful restaurateur, author, and Top Chef judge—visited in September. After hosting a cooking demonstration and dinner for more than 300 guests in the MBA Dining Hall the night before, Acheson encouraged the students to work hard, to experience the world through travel, and to develop knowledge in a variety of fields. He stressed the importance of local support and how he is most proud of building a business that employs and supports the community.

October featured a visit from Paul Assaiante, the winningest coach in college sports history. As coach of the men’s squash team at Trinity College in Connecticut, Assaiante has led his teams to 14 NCAA Championships and a consecutive winning streak of 252 matches. In addition, he has twice served as coach of the U.S. Olympic team. Assaiante is the author of the book *Run to the Roar: Coaching to Overcome Fear*. The book is a visionary reflection on leadership and mentoring that teaches that goal setting, while important, is secondary to helping people first learn to deal with their fears.

Rosalind Wiseman—internationally recognized author and educator on children, teens, parenting, education, and social justice—spoke at Assembly on November 4. Wiseman works with thousands of students, teachers, parents, counselors, coaches, and administrators each year to create communities based on the belief that each person has a responsibility to treat themselves and others with dignity. She discussed her new book *Masterminds and Wingmen: Helping Your Son Cope with School Yard Power, Locker Room Tests, Girlfriends, and the New Rules of the Boy World*, as well as offered a guide for teenage boys to deal with the pressures of growing up.
Out Of Town Events

MBA Headmaster Brad Gioia and Director of Alumni and Development Jody Johnson ('79) made several stops across the country this fall, sharing news from The Hill, and catching up with out of town MBA alumni. Visits in 2013 included New York, Washington D.C., Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

D.C.

New York

San Francisco

Los Angeles
More than 100 recent graduates returned to the MBA campus on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to enjoy a home cooked meal, show off their beards, and share recent college stories. Many graduates were able to eat in the MBA Dining Hall for the first time, while several enjoyed finding their names among the list of graduates that decorates the walls. The annual event is a great way for alums to keep in touch during their years in college.
In a special ceremony and luncheon on September 26, MBA honored Paul Worley (‘68) as the school’s Distinguished Alumnus for 2013. Worley has had a legendary career in the music industry as a guitarist, producer, and executive. He has been a part of nearly 70 number one singles, and his music has sold more than 120 million albums.

Worley was a National Merit Finalist at MBA, and he went on to earn a degree in Philosophy from Vanderbilt University. He began his career in music as a session guitarist in the 1970s. Worley served as Vice President at Tree Publishing Company, where he worked for Donna Hilley and the late Buddy Killen. Worley went on to become Executive Vice President of Sony Music, where he signed Martina McBride and the Dixie Chicks. In his role of producer, Worley earned two Grammy Awards for Best Country Album with the Dixie Chicks’ “Wide Open Spaces” and “Fly.”

Worley was named Chief Creative Officer at Warner Brothers Records in 2002, and he continued in that role until leaving to produce Lady Antebellum — a pairing that resulted in four more Grammy Awards in 2010. “MBA is pleased to recognize the significant contributions that Paul Worley has made to the music industry and to the Nashville community,” said MBA Headmaster Brad Gioia. “Paul’s commitment to his craft serves as an inspiration to aspiring musicians on the MBA campus and beyond. We are thrilled to have him join the ranks of our school’s Distinguished Alumni recipients.”

The school also honored Brownlee O. Currey, Jr. (‘45) with the Award for Distinguished Service. Currey is the longest serving member of the MBA Board of Trustees, and has served as Vice Chairman and headed up numerous committees. His contributions to the school can be seen throughout the campus. From the gymnasium that bears his family’s name, to the four generations of his family that have attended MBA, Currey has had a far-reaching and lasting impact on The Hill.

Scan code to see video of Mr. Worley and senior Caleb Carpenter

Paul Worley

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

1960
Craig M. Nelson will attend Harvard College 50th reunion in Cambridge, Mass. this spring. Craig and Peter Garman both are members of the Harvard College Class of 1964.

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1971
Tom Neff was profiled by the Murfreesboro Daily News Journal for his nomadic lifestyle and is planning to visit every country and territory on the planet by 2025. He is now in Gibraltar en route to North Africa.

If anyone is interested in learning more, his travel blog tells the story: www.xoa.com/map.

1973

1977
Nelson Griswold, president of Bottom Line Solutions, was honored by the Voluntary Benefits Association (VBA) with the prestigious 2013 Industry Leadership Award. The VBA Awards program recognizes dynamic individuals that have helped launch the industry forward in a positive direction and whose achievements have enhanced and brought innovation to the voluntary benefits industry.

1988
Jack Tate is currently reading The Book of Life, Thinking Like Jesus. The book teaches readers the important concepts from the humanity of Jesus. He draws on five basic concepts critical in the development of the self-image for any child. These concepts include awareness of self, recognition of age, living in the moment, living with intention, and man’s eternal journey.

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

1991
George Adams took part in his tenth dental mission to Gobert, Haiti. This year his team of three dentists removed more than 1,000 teeth!

1995
David Berry and his wife Emily welcomed the arrival of a baby boy, James Cummings Berry, on October 16. Three-year-old Evelyn James, their second child, flew the nest this summer. They have a new home in Dallas.

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Patrick and Rachel Simpson welcomed Tristan Michael Simpson on September 26, 2013. He weighed 7 lbs, 2 oz, and measured 20 inches long.

2003
John Ed Auer assumed command of the Silent Drill Platoon on December 16, 2003. He will rep- resenting the Marine Corps in front of hundreds of thousands of Americans across the country for the next year. The Platoon’s two biggest shows so far were the half-time shows for the Indianapolis Colts/Kansas City Chiefs and Denver Broncos/San Diego Chargers NFL Playoff games. In addition to this duty, Auer has served as a White House Military Social Aide working at the White House for over 25 events over the past six months. Prior to his arrival in Washington D.C., Auer spent three and a half years with the Second Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, including two tours (totaling 15 months) to Southern Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

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Chip and Hillary Howorth welcomed Charles Linwood Howorth IV on December 20, 2002.

Wes and Jordan Williams announce the arrival of Charles Welker Williams, born December 19, 2013. He weighed 8 lbs, 4 oz, and measured 21 inches long.

2001
Edward Cable and Allie Matthews were married in November 2013. They will be living in Nashville.

2002
Charles and Catherine Anderson welcomed daughter Catherine Shaw Anderson on July 31, 2013. She weighed 8 lbs, 4 oz, and measured 21 inches long.

Rob Delaney just completed a two-year stint in the Peace Corps. He has been serving in Jordan, where he helped to build the character of young men and helped them set goals for their future through a camp called Boys Respecting Others (BRO). The camp invited 30 students from across Jordan to attend. Ten counselors, with both English and Arabic language skills, led the activities. Prior to working in Jordan, Delaney had been in Senegal on a Fulbright Grant.

Jim Griffith graduated from the University of Missouri’s School of Medicine in 2013. He is a pre- liminary year resident in internal medicine at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. He will be going to Henry Ford Medical Center next year for a Dermatology Research Fellowship.

2000
Guy Jackson and Minnette Bordin welcomed Edward & Allie Coble on September 28, 2013.

James Pittman and his wife Katherine welcomed daughter Lauren Katherine on July 29, 2013.

Carlton and Tish Stewart welcomed Radford “Rad” Carlton Stewart V on July 17, 2013. He weighed 9 lbs, 4 oz, and measured 20.5 inches long. Sister Evie was very excited to meet her brother.

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2004
Michael Edwards and W.B. Parents just received their MBA’s at the University of Tennessee in December 2013.
We are compiling a list of class representatives who will assist MBA with providing class news. Please email Chris Smith at chris.smith@montgomerybell.edu if interested.
David S. Huggins, Jr. (’40) 1924–2013

David died peacefully on March 2, 2013. After graduating from the Wallace School, he enrolled at Vanderbilt University, but with the start of World War II, he joined the U.S. Air Corps and spent time training at Keeler Field in Mississippi and Maxwell Air Force Base. Due to an injury, he was permanently discharged. He then re-enrolled at Vanderbilt and worked during this time as an usher at Vanderbilt University, and although he was a founding member and elder at Presbyterian Church, he was a PCA. After retiring from Christ Church in America and on the Vanderbilt University Board of Corporation, he opened a woodworking shop at home and joined the Tennessee Association of Woodworkers.

E. Miller Robinson, Jr. (’43) 1923–2013

E. Miller Robinson, Jr. passed away June 25, 2013. After graduating from MBA, Robinson attended Vanderbilt University (1941–1953), and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1954. He decades-long military career included tours of duty in Japan, Germany, and Korea. As an artillery officer, instructor, and battery commander, he was stationed in many locations throughout the U.S. From 1963 until 1965, he served at the Pentagon as Special Assistant for Military Space and Technical Intelligence Officer. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, he was directly involved in advising government agencies at the highest level. He retired from the Army in 1980. From 1980 until 1984, Miller worked for Third National Bank (now SunTrust), first as Vice President and Director of Personnel, and later as an Investment Officer. He was proud of his efforts on behalf of many organizations as a board member, volunteer, or fund-raiser including: Nashville Exchange Club, Nashville Chamber of Commerce, American Red Cross, United Way, Nashville Urban League, American Cancer Society, Tennessee State University, Tennessee Performing Arts Center, USA, Mid-Tennessee Retired Officers Association, and the Tennessee World War II Memorial.

Eldridge W. Cos (’44) 1922–2013

E.W. Cos passed away on December 9. Following graduation from MBA, Cos attended Vanderbilt University on a football scholarship where he played varsity as a freshman. He was a certified public accountant, and served two terms as the chairman of the Belle Meade Country Club. In retirement, he set up a woodworking shop at home and joined the Tennessee Association of Woodworkers.

Charles J. Harwood, Jr. (’60) 1939–2013

Charles J. Harwood, Jr. passed away peacefully surrounded by family January 30th, 2013. Following MBA, he rose to a national ranking in rowing at Amherst College as an undergraduate, serving as the American rowing captain on the Cambridge University team while there as a Commander-in-Chief in graduate neurophysiology. During his career, Cambridge continued to be a seven-generation tradition of sell where Stephen graduated from, and served as a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church in America and on the Administrative Committee of the PCA. After retiring from Christ Presbyterian Church, he was a founding member and elder at Goodpasture Presbyterian Church.

Michael D. Davis (’64) 1945–2013

Michael Davis passed away after a short illness on December 12, 2013. Davis graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in archaeology and anthropology. He served for 17 years with Insurance Company of North America and then took over the family business, Southern Insurance Company, in Birmingham, Alabama. He retired in 2003. Davis was an avid hunter and enjoyed his hunting trips with his good friends. He enjoyed trout fishing, learning about photography, making repairs on just about anything, and watching his beloved horse, Hummingbird. He enjoyed helping neighbors, too, by power washing, using his chainsaw to trim trees, and tending family portraits with his amazing photography equipment. He loved visiting his friends often, continuing as the American rowing captain on the Cambridge University team while there as a Commander-in-Chief in graduate neurophysiology. During his career, Cambridge continued to be a seven-generation tradition of sell where Stephen graduated from, and served as a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church in America and on the Administrative Committee of the PCA. After retiring from Christ Presbyterian Church, he was a founding member and elder at Goodpasture Presbyterian Church.

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