his morning I heard from members of our Ireland trip. It has become an annual tradition for a large group of seniors to celebrate their last time together on a trip to Ireland with three to four faculty members.

The memory of the senior class with arms wrapped around one another singing our alma mater at Commencement remains firmly imprinted in my mind. One of the distinguishing characteristics of the MBA graduate is the camaraderie and strong friendship he has developed during his time on The Hill. Nothing could be more pleasing than to see that kind of care, respect, and intimacy among a group of 113 individuals.

We have spent some time over the last year considering our strategic plan and the pillars of education and formation that will best prepare our students. These eight pillars, we believe, are critical to developing MBA’s young men into individuals of strong character who will ably and nimbly deal with the future.

MBA has upheld the value of integrity since our school’s inception. We have relished the importance of a student-led Honor Council since 1915. Our curriculum shows the value of a strong classical education because it yields the knowledge that will help undergraduates to be lifelong learners and to understand much of the complexity ahead of them in this world. We strive for excellence as a school in every arena, and we believe that pushing students to find the right balance in what they do and how they respect others will make them better men and citizens. We understand the power of creativity — whether in academics, athletics, or the fine arts. This trait gives our students greater vision in their vocation and avocations. We realize that when our students, faculty, and families understand the power of collaboration, they find ways to work more positively with others in our society and with different cultures and customs around the world. Diversity (of thought, of people, and of ideas) allows the boys to see themselves within a bigger fabric. By understanding the value of good stewardship over their resources and their opportunities, makes them better people.

All of these characteristics — combined with a strong sense of friendship, intimacy, care, and empathy, and undergirded by exceptional principles and good character — define the MBA graduate. In short, we believe that these graduates will be better people if they have these advantages and perspectives; and they will be incredibly nimble and resilient in meeting a changing and complex world because they have this foundation of friendship and character. I salute the Class of 2014 and wish for MBA always to have this vision.

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His influence is evident in groundbreaking projects throughout the region, including Montgomery Bell Academy’s recent campus expansion projects, New Tractor Supply Headquarters, LifePoint’s Hospital Support Center, SunTrust Plaza, Roundabout Plaza, and Schermerhorn Symphony Center.

He currently serves as board chair of YMCA Camp Widjiwagan, executive committee member of Nashville Downtown Partnership, board member of Nashville Public Television, deacon at First Presbyterian Church, MDHA Design Review Committee member, and Metro Planning Commission Design Review Committee member. Notable past board positions include McNeilly Center for Children, treasurer of the Nashville Civic Design Center, and Downtown YMCA.

William is a 1994 graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He and his wife Tricia have one daughter — Cole (13), and two sons — Max (10) and Owen (5).

Lee Noel (’65) Lee Noel has been elected to the MBA Board of Trustees. Noel is a graduate of Vanderbilt University. He has had a long and successful career in real estate focused on the acquisition, ownership, management, and disposition of apartment complexes, office buildings, and land. Noel and his partners have real estate holdings in Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. He is a past member of the Board of Governors of Nashville Chamber of Commerce, as well as a former Board Member of Harpeth Hall, Nashville Vanderbilt Club, and Junior Achievement. Lee and his wife Emily have three children — Tina, Emy, and Lee Jr., a 2004 graduate of Montgomery Bell Academy.
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BUT
EAT AND DRINK
AS FRIENDS.

SHAKESPEARE
In late June the MBA campus was opened up to visitors from around the world as the school played host to the 21st Annual Conference of the International Boys’ Schools Coalition. More than 500 educators from across the globe — as well as invited guests from schools in Middle Tennessee — arrived in Nashville for the four-day conference built around the theme of Building Boys Into Good Men.
The conference opened with a musical performance by Boy Named Banjo on the Sloan Quadrangle, followed by a welcome from MBA Headmaster Brad Gioia and a special video presentation of boys’ choirs from around the globe singing the song “Homeland.” The opening concluded with a live performance of the song by MBA’s combined choirs.

Some of the highlights of the conference included keynote sessions from the Boys Hope/Girls Hope Project, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jon Meacham, author Alice Randall, Vanderbilt professor Amy-Jill Levine, and singer Amy Grant. Undergirding the entire program was music from featured artists like Mike Reid, Tom Douglas, Rivers Rutherford, Julia Sinclair, Dead King Cotton, Love and Theft, American Young, and MBA’s own vocal and instrumental groups. Individual conference sessions were held across the MBA campus, while Vanderbilt University opened its doors to host lunch and several breakout sessions. Visitors were also treated to a reception at the Country Music Hall of Fame and a sampler of music from Curb Records.

Running concurrently with the IBSC conference was the Student Forum, an activity begun last year at the Richmond conference. Student representatives from member schools across the world worked together on the forum theme of Building Stronger Servants, Building Stronger Communities. MBA instructors Cal Fuller and Joe Sharbel did a tremendous job coordinating this effort, and the MBA student representative was junior Kang Huh. The boys, who stayed in dorms on the Vanderbilt campus, worked closely with groups like Thistle Farms, Greenways of Nashville, the Watershed Alliance, and Last Saturday Dinners. A fun highlight was Tuesday evening’s “Battle of the Bands” at Rocketown, which also served as a fundraiser for the W. O. Smith School of Music.

The success of the conference was made possible by the tireless efforts of Chairs Greg Ferrell and Rick Seay (’79), along with a host of MBA faculty and staff, including committee chairs Marc Ardisson, Tim Boyd, Rob Dougherty, Sarah Ellery, Cal Fuller, Kevin Hamrick, Wendy Holmgren, Jennifer Howell, Camellia Howorth, Sean Jackson, Angela Klausner, Brandy Lamb, Kit Lechleiter, Ginny Maddux, Mike Martin (’98), Jody Mattison, David Norton, Will Norton, Scott O’Neal (’84), Daniel Paolicchi, Maggie Raines, Joe Sharbel, Stephen Shone, Chris Smith, Courtney Travis, Beth Warner, and Annie B. Williams.
Tom Douglas, Julia Sinclair, and Rivers Rutherford

Tom Douglas

Rivers Rutherford

Amy Grant
MBA’s All-School Read for the 2014–15 school year is Ruta Sepetys’ *Between Shades of Gray*, the story of fifteen-year-old Lina Vilkas and her family’s deportation from Lithuania to Siberia in 1941. MBA has a connection to the novel, as its author is the cousin of junior school English teacher Cherie Roberts. In the past, the All-School Read has been a topic of discussion to start the year in English classes at MBA. This year, the school will add an online component to the summer assignment.

Students will have the option of completing a 500–700 word traditional essay responding to prompts written by English Department Chair Haywood Moxley and posted on MBA’s online LibGuide, or a student can opt to take a more unorthodox approach in his response by creating a video, a work of art, or a piece of writing in response to the novel, accompanied by a shorter essay explaining his project and its significance.

The hope is that this shift from the classroom and the option for more creative responses will create a good springboard for discussion in the first few weeks of school.
MBA alumni from five decades returned to campus on the last weekend of April to reconnect with each other and catch up on the latest happenings on The Hill. The weekend began on Friday afternoon with more than 100 people touring the campus and enjoying lunch on Patrick Hale Plaza. Friday evening events included individual parties for the Classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, and 2009.

The following morning several dozen alums and their guests celebrated the Gold Brunch in Zimmerman Hall. Hosted by the Class of 1964 and Reunion Chairs Frank Bass, Jim Ezzell, David Buttrey, and Frederick Billings, the brunch welcomed all alums who graduated from the school 50 or more years ago. The guests included graduates from 1942 to 1964.

After a host of activities on campus (including the Carter Tennis Invitational, Alumni Soccer, and the ENDADA Arts Festival), all alumni were invited back for cocktails and dinner on Zimmerman Terrace and in the Dining Hall, followed by musical entertainment by Minnie Murphy on Patrick Hale Plaza.
ALUMNI
DAYS 2014
The dates of April 9–15, 2014 marked the culmination of a year long process of essay writing and discussions about architecture and society for Armand Jhala ('14), Steve Wood ('15), and Art Department Chair Jim Womack. For the past four years, MBA has participated in the Winchester International Symposium along with nine other schools: Shiyan Cooperation High School, China; Nada High School, Japan; Garodia International Centre for Learning, India; Karachi Grammar School, Pakistan; African Leadership Academy, South Africa; Johannes Kepler School, Czech Republic; Colegio Claustro Moderno, Colombia; Raffles Institute, Singapore; and of course Winchester College, United Kingdom. Each school chose two students and one teacher to represent each school in this yearlong study.

Prague is a destination city for anyone wanting to delve into the relationship between architecture and society. Beginning in October, essays were written once a month, usually falling during theme week. The first essay was on “Architecture as a reflection of its time and place.” A common essay was emailed to each participant to serve as a common document for which to respond. Other themes included: "Architecture as a testimony to artistic and cultural evolution," "A reflection of ideology," and "The effect of and on the individual." The responding essays from each group were shared amongst all the participants. The strength of the program was the opportunity to hear a variety of voices and perspectives about this subject from the European tradition of America and the United Kingdom to those whose points of view reflected none of that influence. The most interesting dialogue occurred from those countries whose architectural heritage included the colonial imposition of a European tradition.

By February 2014, each group chose a personal project to take to Prague in April. Jhala and Wood chose to focus on issues of sustainability in architecture stemming from MBA’s incorporation of it in its recent building projects and the way this effort was incorporated in the new Music City Center downtown. A great deal of thanks goes out to the architectural firm of Tuck Hinton for their invaluable advice, interest, and time in presenting the participants with a wealth of information about the LEED program in America, as well as the ways in which the design of this new structure took into account the necessary changes to accommodate its inclusion in the program. From this information, Jhala and Wood generated a PowerPoint presentation outlining their investigations.

Upon their arrival in Prague, the schedule was a mix of classroom work, studio work, visits to local sites, lectures, and discussions. Each group had the opportunity to comment on site visits that were organized to coordinate with the essays they wrote during the year. They also presented their personal projects. In a coincidence of sheer luck, Jhala and Wood presented their project on sustainability in architecture stemming from MBA’s incorporation of it in its recent building projects and the way this effort was incorporated in the new Music City Center downtown. A great deal of thanks goes out to the architectural firm of Tuck Hinton for their invaluable advice, interest, and time in presenting the participants with a wealth of information about the LEED program in America, as well as the ways in which the design of this new structure took into account the necessary changes to accommodate its inclusion in the program. From this information, Jhala and Wood generated a PowerPoint presentation outlining their investigations.
the day before the group visited the first LEED Gold Certified building in Europe. It was clear from all of these presentations that much work and thought went into their making. It was also astounding to see students from around the globe presenting their reports in English. One could easily tell how this event changed the view of participants about his or her relationship with the manmade world around them. It did not take long before the group came together as a working committee with the goal of pulling together a final paper on this topic. The details of this week along with the specific essays can be viewed by visiting this website: http://winchester.gjk.cz/
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Five Things I Didn’t Know in 1972

Commencement Address to the Class of 2014
by Bill Carpenter (’72)

MBA welcomed Bill Carpenter (’72) to campus as the speaker for the school’s 147th Commencement. Carpenter may have as many connections to MBA as anyone. His father, three uncles, a brother, a brother-in-law, and three nephews all attended MBA. His son Russell is a member of the Class of 2014. Carpenter joined the MBA Board of Trustees in 2013.

He matriculated at Vanderbilt after MBA and then continued his studies there, earning a law degree from Vanderbilt. For 15 years he was a member of the law firm Waller Lansden Dortch and Davis until he joined LifePoint Hospitals in 1999. He has served as CEO and now Chairman of LifePoint since 2006, and he is a trustee and past Board Chair for the Federation of American Hospitals, the national public policy organization for investor owned hospitals. He is currently Chair of the National Healthcare Council Board of Directors, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and WPLN Nashville Public Radio. Carpenter frequently appears on Modern Healthcare magazine’s annual 100 most influential people in healthcare.

Thank you, Mr. Gioia. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with all of you this evening. To the Graduates of the Class of 2014, guys — I want you to know what an honor it is for me to share in your graduation celebration.

This is an amazing class. I’m glad I’ve had the chance to get to know many of you well. It’s been a little confusing. You see, there are three Carpenter boys in the class. In fact Brandon, Caleb, and Russell have been in school together since kindergarten. And guys (Brandon and Caleb), I’ve enjoyed accepting compliments for you when you get an award or performed well in a play. I’m very proud of you. And Russell, I’m proud of you, too.

This group of 113 started kindergarten just before the 9/11 attacks in 2001 and now will attend 47 different colleges and universities next year.

Eleven of you are Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Sixteen of you will play intercollegiate sports. Over 50 percent of the class has traveled on some sort of international experience through MBA grants and trips. I’m blown away by your commitment to the community and to service.

It is difficult for me to believe that I sat where you’re sitting 42 years ago as a member of the Class of 1972. This place is different now than it was then.

Campus has changed a lot since I graduated in 1972.

The Ball Building was here. Our cafeteria was in the basement of Ball. Now you have such a beautiful new dining hall where our study hall used to stand. The library was built while we were here. And the gym is pretty much the same. We didn’t have the Ingram Hall; the labs were in the basement of the gym. When you combined the smells from the Biology labs with the smells from the locker rooms, it was overpowering.

Andrews Field was our football field where the lacrosse field is today and we didn’t have a baseball field or a soccer field or a track. Coach Owen was our football coach but he retired our senior year. Coach Tillman took over the baseball team (by the way — we were State Champs that year) and Mr. Carter was the Headmaster.

I learned a lot here — and I’ve learned a lot since. We’re all on a journey of learning that never ends. I learn something new every day and I know there are things I appreciate differently today than I did when I was a student at MBA. Tonight I thought I’d share with you—

Five Things I Didn’t Know and Understand in 1972.

Appearances Matter

When I was a senior, we voted on Senior Superlatives, which were included in the Annual. We had superlatives for things like: “Most Popular, Most Athletic, and Most Likely to Succeed.”

I was voted Best Dressed. Really? Best Dressed? What about Smartest or Friendliest or Most Likely to Succeed? I was Best Dressed?

It was little embarrassing really. I remember standing on the steps of the Ball Building for the picture that would go into the Annual. Instead of Best Dressed, the Senior Superlative that year could have been for Biggest Bell Bottoms.

Now, I think I was voted Best Dressed because I had a part-time job working at a men’s clothing...
I’m proud to stand here today and wear my VU colors — including the beret and chevrons of the law school indicating my Juris Doctor degree. VU is a great law school, but I didn’t get in the first time I applied.

After MBA, I went to Vanderbilt for college, along with a number of my classmates. We had a great time there. And we learned some; maybe not enough.

When I graduated from college, I had a chance to work in Washington, D.C. for a few years. I always thought I would go back to law school. I should have thought about that more when I was in college.

Anyway, when it came time to apply to law school, I didn’t get into Vanderbilt. I don’t blame them. I didn’t give them enough to work with. But it wasn’t the end of the world. I was able to go to the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University for my first year. Cumberland is a very good school, but I had still hoped to go to Vanderbilt. That had always been my plan and I intended to execute on that plan.

I worked really hard at Cumberland, and after the first year I applied to VULS and was accepted and transferred there. So what did I learn? I learned that I should have worked harder in college and I wish that I’d done better on standard-ized tests. And I learned that if you want something badly enough, you should stay with it, with grit and determination, and keep trying. Persevere — even if you don’t succeed at first.

Care About Someone Else More Than You Care About Yourself

When I was younger, I was a smoker. In my defense, when we were young, the research wasn’t conclusive about how bad cigarettes are for you and the people around you. Thankfully, people today have learned.

Smoking is an addiction. I was addicted to nicotine. Stopping smoking may be the hardest thing I’ve ever done. I stopped several times and started back before I finally stopped for good when Mary Clare (our first child) was born.

When Trudy was pregnant with Mary Clare, I went with her to one of her prenatal visits, and I asked the doctor about the harmful effects of second hand smoke. I wanted to know if my smoking was going to harm our baby. Of course, I suppose I knew the answer. But he gave me a bit of a break that day.

He said that if I really wanted to protect our new daughter, I wouldn’t smoke after she was born, when those new lungs were trying to breathe on their own. So, that gave me a bright line point in time to stop smoking. Mary Clare was born December 18, 1986 and I haven’t smoked for 27½ years.

So what did I learn from this? I knew smoking was bad. What I learned is that I cared about someone else more than I cared about me. I hope you care for someone else more than yourself — your family, and someday your wife and kids.

Caring more about someone else than about yourself is a great feeling.

Prepare in Advance So You Can Deal With the Unexpected when it Happens

My parents are both pretty remarkable people. I describe them as being interested and interesting. They are always learning — from books, from travel, from experiences, and from other people. I’ve learned a lot from them, too.

About 15 years ago my parents got on a health kick. It turns out it may have been one of the smartest decisions they ever made. Mom and dad started working out right here at MBA and they got in good shape.
A few years later, Dad was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. The prognosis was bad. He was a 75-year-old who was facing having his esophagus removed. Now, when they remove your esophagus, they build a new one by taking your stomach and pulling it up to connect to your throat to make the new esophagus. When you’re older and more brittle, the rehab following that surgery is painful and very hard.

I remember seeing John Nesbitt, MBA Class of 1973, one night at a MBA Football game. He hadn’t seen Dad in years. I told him Dad was coming to see him the next week and why. You see, John is a surgeon and the one who might operate on Dad. John’s advice to me was not to get my hopes too high. “Bill, this is a tough surgery and not one we typically do on someone your dad’s age, but I’ll look forward to seeing him in my office next week.” After that visit, I ran into John. “Bill, your dad is very fit – we can do this surgery on your dad.”

Well, the surgery went great. Dad writes John a letter every year and thanks him for saving his life. But John says Dad did the work by being in shape and giving him something to work with.

Since then, both Mom and Dad have continued to work out at MBA. Some of their best friends are Coach [Dan] Cooper and Coach V (John Vernacchio), Coach [Dick] Klausner, Coach [Giles] Cheevers, and Minna Gioia (who is a regular).

They’ve each also survived open heart surgery, including multiple bypasses and valve replacements. They’re still interested and interesting. I think they’re here tonight because they worked out and were in shape and were able to endure surgery and the following rehabs.

So what did I learn? I learned from Dad’s cancer that you can help your chances of dealing with the unknown by preparing in advance, by doing the work to be ready when bad things happen.

Through preparation and hard work, you’ll be able to deal with life’s unexpected twists and turns. As far as exercise, it is fun and you get in shape. And if Russell still wonders (even a little bit) whether he can take me — then my workout regimen has been a great thing.

Forgiveness Heals

My brother Russell was a good guy. He was MBA Class of 1974. In football, he was the center on offense and nose guard on defense. He was the centerfielder on the baseball team. He was the first guy to help whenever anyone needed anything. That’s why his class honored his memory with the Russell Carpenter Award for Community Service, and he’s who my son Russell is named after.

In 1983 on the day before New Year’s Eve, my brother Russell was killed when a drunk driver crossed the center line on Woodmont Boulevard (not too far from here) and hit Russell’s car head...
on. During the trial, the guy said the beer he was drinking dropped out of his hand into his lap and that distracted him, and that caused the wreck.

Oh yeah, he left the scene of the accident and ran through a bunch of yards to his house where he hid in his bedroom. Not such a good idea. His car was still at the scene, so it wasn’t too hard to track him down. Russell’s car, on the other hand, burst into flames and he was trapped inside. His wife Amy was in the passenger seat and, thankfully, she survived. It was a bad day. I hope you don’t ever go through anything like it. This kind of catastrophe makes a big impression. You kind of go through the motions afterwards, including the motions of grieving. I really don’t remember the funeral.

I do remember sitting in the courthouse for days during the trial for vehicular homicide — that means you killed someone with a car while drunk, and then he ran away from the scene. The whole court thing was surreal.

So I learned a lot of things from Russell’s death that I wish I’d never had to know, and one really important thing — about forgiveness. You see, sometime later (not too long ago) I learned that you never put something hurtful behind you until you forgive the person who hurt you.

When I look back on all of this, one of the most empty parts of all of it was the trial. I really don’t know what good it did. We had to relive the night of the wreck through the testimony of witnesses. And the guy who caused the wreck had to go to jail for a while. I really don’t know what good that did. But until I forgave him (not face to face, as I never saw him again, but in my heart), I carried that night around with me. By forgiving him, I was released from it.

“Forgive us as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Why did we learn that? Why do we say that? Forgiveness releases us from the pain that we impose on ourselves. It’s really not about the other person. It’s about releasing us from our own pain.

I can’t tell you that I’m completely over it. I worry every time one of my kids pulls out of the driveway, but I can’t be consumed by it.

So, I’m still learning. When I was thinking about this speech, these were five of the things from my own personal journey that I wanted to share with you.

• Appearances Matter — how you present yourself to others matters
• Stick with it — set goals, go for it, even if you don’t succeed at first
• Care about someone else more than you care about yourself — the return is ten-fold.
• Do the work to prepare in advance for the unexpected, and
• Forgiveness heals — you.

I said at the beginning that MBA has changed a lot since I was here, but in a lot of important ways it is very much the same. The experiences you’ve had here, the friends you’ve made here are some of the most important you’ll ever have. You’ve got a great foundation for the journey you’re about to embark upon when you leave this place. Some of it won’t be fun, but the things you’ll learn on your journey will shape who you are.


Thank you. ■
Good evening and thank you to our Board of Trustees, Mr. Gioia, our faculty, distinguished guests and friends, and my Class of 2014.

I remember sitting in those seats for the past three years fidgeting around and having immense trouble paying attention to the speakers. Honestly, before this week, if you had asked me to recall one aspect of any of the previous commencement addresses I have attended, I could not do so. Now I am one of the speakers and my challenge is to hold your attention while still imparting some wisdom or inspiration.

Each academic year at MBA is a marathon, and we are all at the last tenth of a mile of the marathon. We have already run over 26 miles and none of them have been easy, but these last few strides — they are bittersweet. We are so close to the end that we can sense the finish line, but we also feel a sense of nostalgia for the past four or six years we have spent with one another. It’s time to move on, however, to the new destinations and goals we have set for ourselves.

From our Latin background, we remember that a valediction is a farewell address. The thought of this being the last time we are together as a class made me sad until I remembered we would be together for another few hours at Project Graduation later this evening. This is, nevertheless, a bittersweet moment.

We are as prepared as any other graduating class from around the country or even the world for these next years of our lives because of MBA’s immense resources, capable teachers, and classical foundation. To all the underclassmen drifting in their thoughts right now, if there is one piece of advice that you can remember from this speech, it is to take full advantage of the resources here at MBA. By seizing these opportunities and stretching yourselves outside of your comfort zones, you have the greatest opportunity for success.

My time at MBA has been characterized by an eclectic set of pursuits to say the least. Starting with my freshman year, I joined the rowing team for a short stint and then debate for a slightly longer time. But that is the great thing about MBA; as I bounced from activity to activity, I found my passion in tennis, initially as a bench-warmer, until I slowly rose up the ladder and became a regular starter this year.

But my MBA experience has not been a perfect tale. I am at times a woeful procrastinator. Many of you may already know this and it may come as a surprise to some, but it’s true. Coming to MBA, I was forced to change my habits to adapt to this demanding environment and came out the better for it.

Most importantly, let’s thank our families for sending us to a school like MBA that teaches us resilience. I know many of us, including myself, have questioned resilience as a school year theme, but MBA truly prepares us for failure more than success. It is impossible to be successful in every aspect of life on or off The Hill, especially because of the wealth of talents here. Somewhere, sometime, every one of us will experience a setback. Somewhere, sometime, each and every one of us has picked ourselves up and walked away with increased self-awareness.

It’s time to move on... to the new destinations and goals we have set for ourselves.
Each MBA graduate probably remembers his time here as challenging and fulfilling. So let me take on one more challenge: relating this quotation to a serious speech. The favorite white-haired wizard mentor of our generation, Gandalf, says these words “It’s a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don’t keep your feet, there’s no knowing where you might be swept off to.” But in the real world, there are no monsters coming to kill us, so don’t be afraid to be swept off your original path. Relish every moment as it comes, don’t procrastinate too much, and always be resilient.

I am grateful for these past four years of opportunity from science to math to rowing and tennis and Latin and English, as well as the friendships and support of my class and family. Thank you for listening to these thoughts that I hope will be remembered at least slightly, and good luck always to the Class of 2014.
Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, Mr. Gioia, distinguished guests, Mr. Carpenter, Class of 2014, faculty, staff, fellow students, ladies and gentlemen.

Three months ago, I gave a speech behind where I stand right now in the Dining Hall at the 100 Days to Graduation Breakfast. The topic of that speech was coping with my many failures with women. My talk was generally well received because I was brutally honest with myself. I think you would all agree with me that graduation is not the most appropriate time to talk about my failed relationships with women, nor would it be appropriate to mention that I am now 0/7 in these relationships instead of being 0/5 just one hundred days ago.

Today I would like to share with you a different kind of failure that I experienced very early during my time on The Hill. When I was in elementary school, I had the typical sixth-grade dream of starring in every sport I played and going to Duke to play basketball for Coach K. At the time, my two favorite sports were basketball and baseball. During my seventh, eighth, and ninth grade years, I tried out for basketball and baseball and never made any of the teams. In fact, I have never made a sport that cuts players during my time at MBA. I quickly realized that because of my size, quickness, ability, and general coordination, or lack thereof, that I was not up to speed with the Alex Barses, Jashons, DJ Motts, and Eric Andersons of my class.

I was not going to play a sport at MBA. I became lost, disillusioned, and, simply put, crushed. My dreams of being the star athlete were shattered. I then realized that I would have to find my own...
way at MBA. But what makes MBA exceptional is that it is so easy to find your way here, as I quickly learned. First, I found a sport and became a year-round runner for the cross country and track teams. I discovered that I had a passion for running and thoroughly enjoyed my time with the team. Without my failures, I never would have discovered basketball broadcasting, an activity which I hope to continue in college. Without my failures, I never would have begun to coach youth sports, my favorite activity. Without my failures, I never would have started mock trial and been a part of a team that won a city championship. Without my failures, I never would have developed a passion for language, never would have traveled to Costa Rica on a Wilson Language Grant, or taught English at Paragon Mills to Hispanic immigrants, and never would have considered Spanish as my college major. Without my failures, I probably would not be standing in front of you today as the salutatorian and I probably would not get to live my lifelong dream of attending Duke University in the fall.

As a last word, I would like to thank all my classmates and teammates for being there for me unconditionally. I love all of you. Underclassmen, remember to cherish the time you have left at MBA, because it has disappeared like Duke’s title hopes when they played Mercer. But also, find the vision and grit and sense of humor within yourselves to turn failure into success. I appreciate your attention, and for one last time as a student on the glorious Hill of Montgomery Bell Academy, Roll Red.

You must learn to fail.

These opportunities make Montgomery Bell Academy a unique institution. You must learn to fail. Whether it is losing a game to Ensworth or failing Coach Pruitt’s fish quiz, at some point you will fail at MBA. It is inevitable. MBA teaches us to adjust that disappointment into new forms of inquiry and discovery. In other words, there is such a diversity of opportunities to choose from here that you will eventually find something that turns into a success.

Failure is an integral, necessary part of our journey in life. When we fail, it is important to reflect on who we are and what we may need to change about ourselves. This reflective process, however, is often difficult because as human beings we tend to be stubborn and fearful of change. I have been trying to get through this speech without mentioning the word “resilience,” but with failure comes a need for resilience or perhaps something even more complex. In short, failure provides an understanding of ourselves at a much greater level than even our biggest successes. Although it is so critical to find your own way when you fail, do not hesitate to seek the help of others. My family, friends, coaches, teachers, and advisor, Mr. Gioia, have all played that role in my life and have undoubtedly helped me transform from a brazen microbe into the man I am today.
The Class of 2014 gathered together on the morning of April 7 to further explore life beyond The Hill. MBA’s annual Career Day gave seniors a glimpse at a variety of different career choices. More than 30 alums and friends of MBA volunteered their time to speak in breakout sessions that covered more than a dozen career paths.

The morning began with breakfast and a panel discussion with architect William Hastings (’90), U.S. Navy Veteran Wilson VornDick (’98), and William Meyer (’87), owner of a New York City-based design boutique specializing in residential, hospitality, retail, and workplace environments.

Assembly and keynote speaker Jesse Bull (’01) followed. Bull is the Senior Vice President, as well as Chief People Officer, at Tough Mudder LLC. Tough Mudder hosts a series of events involving 10–12 mile obstacle courses based on the training regime of the British Special Forces. The events have taken place across three continents and have had more than one million participants interested in testing their all-around strength, stamina, and mental grit. Bull recounted his path to such an interesting career and challenged the boys who were able to participate to take part in the June Tough Mudder event in Spring Hill, Tennessee.
Following Assembly, seniors took part in two breakout sessions that covered their prospective career interests. The sessions were led by:

Cole Barfield (’99)
Jarratt Bell (’92)
Lee Bryant (’83)
Jeffrey Buntin (’91)
Edward Coble (’01)
Andy Corts (’95)
Billy Crawford (’90)
Bruce Dobie
John Eason (’70)
John Eason, Jr. (’03)
Chris Ferrell
David Fitzgerald (’92)
Jason Franke
Wendell Harmer (’88)
Beth Harwell
Stratton Huggins (’95)
Tom Loventhal (’73)
George Lynch (’83)
Stephen Maggart (’00)
Mark Manner
John Ozier (’98)
Whit Polley (’96)
Sam Porter (’55)
Todd Prevost (’99)
Tate Rich (’00)
Rivers Rutherford
Nick Sieveking (’86)
Adam Solesby (’93)
Jack Tyrrell
Ryan Tyrrell (’92)
Andrew Warfield (’06)
Chris Whitson (’76)
BA continues to take advantage of its rural campus at Long Mountain near McMinnville, Tennessee. During the past year, members of the school community have made several improvements to the property. To complement the ropes course and zip lines that were previously added, a new giant swing off the bluff has been added. Several Eagle Scout projects are in the works, including trail development and the construction of a permanent fire pit.

The property has been frequented by a number of school groups, including two leadership retreats with more than 150 boys, a group of student artists, and a Father-Son campout attended by dozens of boys and their fathers. Long Mountain has also become an annual destination for the senior class as graduation nears. This year the 113 members of the Class of 2014 spent an April day on the property fishing, rappelling, and tackling the ropes courses.

As the 2014–15 school year begins, the incoming Class of 2020 will travel as a group to Long Mountain for a three-day retreat to get to know each other. The seventh graders will participate in a wide variety of activities, including a visit from astronomer Mike Brown, the Caltech professor whose work led to the declassification of Pluto as a planet.
On April 24 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 Honor Council President Will Singer addressed the student body with his reflections on the traditions of MBA and his personal experience during his six years on The Hill. (See below)

Following the Assembly, students gathered on the quad outside for the Founders Day Bell Run. The race, run in memory of Vann Webb ('00), pits four high school sprinters (one from each respective class) against each other.

In a tightly fought battle, junior Andrew Conwell edged out freshman Ty Chandler to win the race. Senior Chase Matthews gave a valiant effort before a late tumble near the finish line. Sophomore Winston Hewitt gave a strong effort, but the day belonged to the Class of 2015.

"As we celebrate Founders Day, you might expect me to be a student with several generations of men in my family that have attended MBA. Well, I'm the first person in my family to go to school here. And entering this school in seventh grade, I knew the place only by name and reputation — the prestigious all-boys school rich in traditions of academic excellence and respected dominance on the football field. My innocent 12-year-old mind was immediately hooked. I wanted to tackle the academic challenges and enjoy an illustrious football career. Six years later, I've grinded through the schoolwork, but you may be surprised to learn that my lanky frame didn’t support a successful football career. In these past years, I have found that MBA is indeed rich in tradition, but the traditions extend beyond the classroom and sports field.

Tradition can be a word that is as vague and cliché as the ambiguous motifs that label our school years. But on The Hill, I have seen that tradition is given a concrete meaning. Standing to welcome assembly speakers, struggling to keep shirt tails tucked in, marching with the Big Red Army on Friday nights, receiving our class rings junior year, and triumphantly smoking a cigar at graduation to mark the end of our MBA career are all age-old traditions that are unique to Montgomery Bell Academy. These customs, and countless others, highlight the experience that makes up our time on The Hill. They are traditions that were established before us and that will be carried on by students long after we are gone.

What I think, perhaps, is most important about the timeless traditions that exist at MBA is the people with whom we share these rituals. It is my friends, teachers, and coaches who give weight and meaning to the things I have experienced at MBA. As classmates, we become brothers as we tackle the challenges and celebrate the victories of good grades and sports triumphs. I have made friends at MBA that will surely outlast my time on The Hill. I have developed close relationships with some of my teachers and coaches and have found that they are invested both in our academic and personal lives as well. In Mr. Kelly’s English class junior year, he routinely greeted us on Monday with, “So boys, did you do anything legal this weekend?” Despite the humor of it, the question does reflect how the teachers here care about their students outside the classroom.

The people here at MBA make up this singular community. Without the community supporting the school, our rituals would merely fade away. It is the people that make our traditions meaningful. Standing alone, the class ring is merely a ring, and Rack City is an empty section of bleachers. The students that wear the rings and cheer in the student section, however, bring the traditions to life.

In my time at MBA, I have bought into the traditions here. I like the known and unspoken habits that each class shares. Not only do I like the traditions, but I appreciate the friends I share them with. As I anxiously await smoking a cigar at graduation, I hope that I will continue to appreciate the caring community that surrounds this place. So, today as we celebrate the founding of the school nearly 150 years ago, let's recognize not only the timeless traditions here, but also the spirit of the community that makes MBA so special."
More than 1,000 boys and their dads packed Currey Gymnasium on April 11 for the MBA Father-Son Dinner. The crowd was treated to a hearty dinner courtesy of Jim ’N Nick’s Bar-B-Q, as well as music from the MBA Jazz Band.

Six seniors offered tributes to their fathers and reflections on their relationships. Tejas Reddy spoke about his father’s penchant for breaking stereotypes. Ferriss Bailey expressed admiration for his father’s enthusiasm, his hatred for video games, his collection of interests, and his love of MBA.

Tucker Voges commented on his father’s work ethic and involvement in his life. Brandon Carpenter thanked his father for his support, love for learning, and help in the college decision process.

Nick Trogdon paid tribute to his father’s sense of humor, jokes, and pranks. He also thanked his father for attending every match, practice, and regatta, as well as pushing him to finish his Eagle Scout project. Samuel Bamigboye praised his father for never telling him, “I told you so,” even though he was given plenty of occasion to do so, and teaching Samuel to always treat people with respect.

The keynote speaker for the evening was bestselling author Robert M. Edsel. Edsel, whose book *The Monuments Men* had just been released as a major motion picture, detailed his childhood in Dallas, Texas, his career as a businessman, and the transition to being an historian and author.

The MBA Combined Choirs closed the evening with a rendition of U2’s “Sleeping with the Fishes” and Adele’s “Rolling in the Deep.”
Hundreds of MBA mothers and their sons packed Currey Gymnasium on April 30 for the annual Mother-Son Breakfast. The morning began with a welcome from Headmaster Brad Gioia, and then seniors Josh Rotker and John Yoder followed with reflections about their mothers. Rotker reflected on his mom’s protective nature, her unyielding support, and her ability to make him laugh. Yoder expressed his admiration for his mother’s toughness, particularly her strength in dealing with her parents’ diagnosis of Alzheimer’s.

The MBA Jazz Band entertained the crowd with performances of “Hawaii 5-0” and “Getting’ in the Mood,” which featured Armand Jhala and Henry Rogers on vocals. After the band, Eric Anderson and Rem Houghton continued with tributes to their mothers. Anderson thanked his mom for continually sacrificing her time for him, and laughed at the volume of pictures she constantly takes of his family. He closed by taking a photo of the crowd for his mom from the podium. Houghton thanked his mom for loving him despite broken windows and other boyhood mischief. He told the boys in the audience to never regret spending time with family.

The featured speaker for the event was renowned songwriter Rivers Rutherford, whose son Rhys is a rising ninth grader. Sophomore William Hall introduced Rutherford with a rendition of his song “Real Good Man.” Rutherford then spoke about relationships with mothers and sons and played several of his songs, including “Old School Country Song,” “These Are My People,” and “When I Get Where I’m Going.”

The final two student speakers were Miles Curry and Ben Yahnian. Curry thanked his mom for her interest in his day-to-day activities, motivating him to “have a plan,” and pushing him to be the best he could be. Curry closed by dancing to his mother’s favorite song, “That’s the Way of the World,” by Earth, Wind, and Fire. Yahnian paid tribute to his mother’s resolve, kindness, and competitive nature. He thanked her for teaching him that the most important thing in life is the quality of relationships and friendships.

Music from the MBA Chamber Choir and Combined Choirs closed the breakfast. The Chamber Choir performed “Shenandoah,” and the Combined Choirs performed “Pompeii,” featuring solos from Chris Burrus and Bates O’Neal.
Event Highlights

Rivers
Rutherford

Mekayle and Rem Houghton (’14)

William Hall (’16)
The MBA Service Club had another amazing year. The school participated in a number of projects on and off campus that made a tremendous impact on the community. More than 73 percent of the boys in the high school took part in one or more voluntary service projects. Overall the boys logged more than 4,500 hours in service to the community.

Some of the projects included providing race staff for the Richland Creek Run, feeding Nashville residents in need through the Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen and the Nashville Food Project, providing tutoring at Preston Taylor Homes and Paragon Mills, and clean up at Fort Negley.

A number of boys tested their culinary skills preparing and serving a delicious three-course meal as a part of the “Last Saturday Dinner” program. The project helps those on a limited income make sure they can eat at the end of the month. The Service Club prepares one meal each semester. The April menu featured crostini of goat cheese and avocado, authentic lasagna from scratch, a salad of fennel, blood orange and black olives with a honey vinaigrette dressing, and a dessert of baked fruits of the season with ice cream.

MBA also continued its new relationship with the Best Buddies program, a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Under the leadership of senior John Wheeler and faculty sponsor Alex Dean, MBA took part in eight events with Best Buddies in the second semester of the school year. These events included Arts Saturdays, a Friendship Walk, Sports Saturdays, and Best Buddies Prom. More than 50 MBA boys took part in the events, forging lasting friendships along the way. For his work with the program, Best Buddies of Tennessee honored Dean as Advisor of the Year.

In addition to the work in Nashville, MBA once again headed to the Dominican Republic during Spring Break to work on several projects. The contingent consisted of 45 volunteers from MBA and 15 from Harpeth Hall. The group built two houses — one for a family who was overcrowded in their current conditions, and one for a family who did not have a home. They visited a leprosarium where a community of people with leprosy are outcast and not visited very frequently by family and friends. The group held a sports camp for the children...
in the community, visited homes of poor families to establish an inter-cultural community, attended a Dominican cultural night put on by the community, and toured the colonial district where the first major settlement was established by the Spanish Conquistadors. Each evening ended with reflections as a group. Freshman John Glover expressed his thoughts about the trip by writing, “In the West, we are not hungry in the literal sense of the word, but we are hungry in the sense that we have all these material objects that we try to fill our lives with to try and get some sense of satisfaction, when really it’s these same objects that give us this feeling of loneliness to begin with. If the people in the Dominican Republic are poor in material objects, they are rich in happiness and contentment.”
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Dominican Republic Trip

Best Buddies Program
Service Club

Nashville Food Project

Loaves and Fishes

Last Saturday

Last Saturday Dinner

Last Saturday
On February 25, nine students and one former faculty member were inducted into Totomoi, MBA’s honor society. 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 of the society 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 included senior Josh Rotker and juniors Sam Bellet, Kang Huh, Cole Jones, Aaron Kaplan, Matt Miccioli, Michael Milam (who was on exchange at Eton and could not attend the ceremony), Richard Thornton, and John Triplett. Legendary MBA Debate Coach Billy Tate was also inducted posthumously and received a standing ovation from the entire assembly honoring his great career at the school.

Chess

The MBA Chess team enjoyed a very good year. For the third straight year, the team had a second place finish at the state competition in the Junior High Division. After the state chess tournament, the team traveled to Atlanta for Nationals and performed incredibly well, earning fifth place at the competition in the Junior High Division.
In a special ceremony on January 21, nine 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. The ceremony was highlighted by a speech from Dr. Andre Churchwell, the Associate Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt University.

New members inducted were Clay Andreen, Taylor Asher, Adam Biesman, Werner Bradshaw, Jermaine Francis, Wesley Jenkins, Cole Jones, Diego Martinez-Rojas, and William Snow.

Current King Society members Miles Curry, Clark Hooks, Max Katseff, Harrison Lien, and Sam Weien conducted the induction ceremony.

Membership in the King Society is comprised of sophomores, 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 laid out in the society’s charter.

The MBA Chapter of the Cum Laude Society welcomed 18 new members in a ceremony during an Assembly in February. Founded in 1906, the Cum Laude Society honors individuals with superior academic achievements. Dr. Abram W. Harris of the Tome School in Port Deposit, Maryland, founded the first chapter of the Cum Laude Society in 1906. The Cum Laude Society evaluates secondary schools for membership by examining the school’s academic qualifications, the credentials of the school’s faculty, and the college choices of the school’s graduates. MBA’s chapter was founded in 1981.

The inductees included nine members of the Class of 2014: Taylor Adams, Ben Barton, Wells Hamilton, John Higham, Sam Hurd, Henry Ingram, Grey Reames, Josh Rotker, and Will Singer; and nine boys from the Class of 2015: Sam Bellet, Clay Cavallo, John Lafranchise, Thomas Marosz, Matt Miccioli, Michael Milam, William Richardson, Richard Thornton, and John Triplett.

The featured speaker for the ceremony was Dr. Ed Gaffney.
This past semester, the Big Red Debate team continued riding its streak of successes from the fall, showing off the talent of its young debaters and the experience of its senior leaders. From Birmingham to Berkeley to Utah to Atlanta to Kansas City, the team traveled to high schools and universities across the country to demonstrate its mastery of this year’s topic — Economic Policy Toward Cuba and Mexico. Major highlights from this year’s competitions included:

- Varsity debaters and seniors Adam Biesman and Rahul Ramanna reaching the Sweet Sixteen at NDCA Nationals in Utah in April, with Ramanna earning 20th speaker honors,
- Novice debaters Liam Jameson and John Cooper reaching the Final Four at Ninth Grade Nationals in Atlanta in March; sophomores Alvin Zhang and Cole Campbell also had a breakout performance at JV Nationals on the same weekend,
- Qualifying the maximum number of debaters and speakers to NFL Nationals in June; two debate teams and two individual extemp speakers will travel to Kansas City to represent MBA at the week-long tournament, and
- Winning the JV division at the Milton Eagle Classic, and seventh grader Atticus Glen earning top speakers in the ninth grade debate division.

The team has been energized by the talent and sheer volume of the ninth and tenth grade debaters, but it is also indebted to the leadership and work ethic of its graduating seniors. Work has already begun on next year’s Oceans topic, and most of the squad will be traveling to debate camps all over the country this summer. Congratulations to the whole team and coaching staff for a fruitful year.
Varsity and JV debaters attend the University of California Invitational in Berkeley, California.
The MBA Science Department had another very successful year in interscholastic competitions. In the spring, eight students traveled to Georgia Tech to compete in the 2014 TSA TEAMS competition. “TEAMS” stands for Tests in Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science. During this one-day competition, students apply math and science knowledge in practical and creative ways to solve real-world engineering challenges. This year’s theme was “Engineering Tomorrow’s Cities.” After a multiple-choice test, an engineering challenge, and an essay portion – MBA was announced as the winner of the competition. MBA’s team consisted of Joseph Downey, Andrew Dupuis, John Higham, Tarun Mallipeddi, Thomas Marosz, Matt Miccioli, Nilay Patel, and Harry Stewart.

In May, the MBA high school Science Olympiad team won its fifth consecutive state championship at the University of Tennessee, finishing ahead of 19 other teams to advance to the National Tournament at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Seniors Ferriss Bailey, Ben Chen, John Higham, Sam Hurd, Tarun Mallipeddi, Sam Papel, and Nilay Patel, provided team leadership. The team won medals in 14 of the 23 events, including four state championships and five second-place finishes. Captain Hurd led the pack with four medals.

**State Championships**
- Brinton Hoover and Sam Hurd (Boomilever and Mission Possible)
- Ben Chen and Sam Papel (Bungee Drop)
- Tarun Mallipeddi and Nilay Patel (Chemistry Lab)

**State Second Place**
- Matt Miccioli and Michael Milam (Astronomy)
- Sam Hurd (Elastic Launched Glider)
- Yavin Alwis and Tarun Mallipeddi (Material Science)
- Brinton Hoover and Sam Papel (Scrambler)
- Sam Hurd and Harry Stewart (Water Quality)

Additionally, the MBA Envirothon teams placed first and third in their region. The MBA “A” team went on to state competitions and placed sixth overall after a two-day competition.
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music
The music department has been greatly enjoying its new space. The camaraderie and ability to easily combine ensembles is an amazing teaching tool. The boys continue to give excellent performances at concerts, music recitals, mother and father ceremonies, alumni, fundraising, and sporting events. The MBA Jazz Band gave several exciting performances, including their annual Jazz Concert in February and a number of outdoor concerts in the spring.

The Big Red Chorus and Chamber Choir did well at their regional competitions earning, respectively, an excellent and superior ranking. The Chamber Choir continued on to the ACDA State Choral Festival earning a superior ranking with an impressive 11.3 out of 12.

In addition, the Chamber Choir was invited to perform as part of Lipscomb University’s annual concert calendar. At MTVA Solo and Ensemble Festival, two soloists (Bates O’Neal and Andrew Porter) received superior ranking along with The Headmaster’s Singers, who earned a superior ranking for the fourth straight year.

The MBA orchestra continues to improve and grow; orchestra members have been a key aspect to the growth of the music department. The boys in orchestra continue to be very involved in music recitals, including exploring new music through chamber ensembles. In addition, their support in the combined March Concert and Spring Concert has led to immense growth in the overall quality of the performances.

This semester MBA was proud to send seven boys (Tony Ding, Nicholas Heim, Bates O’Neal, Andrew Porter, Greg Quesinberry, Wes Richardson, and John Triplett) to participate in the Tennessee All-State Conference. This is the largest number of boys the school has ever had participate! In addition, we are excited that six of the seven boys who attended All-State this year are underclassmen. The future is bright for the MBA Music Department!
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THEATER

The Great Gatsby

Jess Darnell (’15)
This year’s junior school play was The Jungalbook, a hauntingly beautiful and meaningful script written by Edward Mast. Mast based his play upon Rudyard Kipling’s The Jungle Book, but he set this version on a playground where humans represent the many animals rather than being costumed realistically as animals.

Many boys in MBA’s Junior School were involved this year. Students in the production included Ben Wood, Andrew Falls, John Powell Cooper, Harrison Kidd, Isaac Sedek, Andrew Sutphin, Lucas Pao, Jack Capizzi, Henry Rhodes, Julian Habermann, Carson Reisinger, Gray Williams, Kanayo Offodile, Sam Funk, Will Trotman, Will Gordon, Chris Hawkins, Parker O’Neal, William Gilliland, Billy Thomas, Harrison Avery, Rashad Townsend, Tillman Dean, and Thomas DeRoache. Rick Seay (’79) directed and Nelson Berry (’07) was the assistant director.

Along with the Theater Enrichment classes, the annual junior school production is an excellent training ground for MBA’s vibrant high school theater program, and this year’s participants showed great promise of what’s to come in future theatrical seasons.

Such vibrancy was evident in the February production of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s The Great Gatsby, wonderfully adapted by Simon Levy. In this beautifully crafted interpretation of the novel that defined the Jazz Age, Jay Gatsby (played by junior Jack Duke) is imprisoned by his romantic fantasies and newly gained fortune. He pursues the elusive Daisy Buchanan (played by HH senior Brianne Morrow). Nick Carraway (played by junior Jess Darnell) is drawn into their world of greed and obsession. The cast also included strong performances by Bates O’Neal (’14) as Tom Buchanan and Jack Thompson (’14) as George Wilson. While Gatsby’s story is inherently dramatic, staging a novel is challenging. According to director Cal Fuller, “My cast and crew have been creative and patient, offering wonderful suggestions that enable them to embody with grace the people, places, and objects of Gatsby’s invented world. We hope this show enables the audience to look freshly at this classic.” With sold-out performances on Thursday and Friday, audiences seemed to have enjoyed the fresh approach.

In April, seniors in Dr. Fuller’s Studio Theater class finished the season strongly with an evening of student-directed one acts entitled “In the Unlikely Event.” Josh Rotker directed the highly relevant “This is a Test,” Stephen Gregg’s humorous look at the pressures of school and what happens when an all-nighter turns into an absurd classroom nightmare. With impressive performances by Daniel Maynard (’15) and Caleb Carpenter (’14), this play was particularly popular with students. Coleman Sorenson directed “Black Comedy” by Peter Shaffer. In this British farce, a young artist named Brindsley tries to impress his girlfriend’s father and an art collector interested in his work. Nothing goes as planned, especially when the lights go out! Brindsley makes one bad choice after another and hilarity ensues. Brilliant performances by Henry Rogers (’15) as Brindsley and Tanner McCormick (’16) as his would-be father-in-law stole the show.

Ending the year on a high note, Darnell travelled to Lincoln Center in New York City on May 4 to represent MBA and the state of Tennessee in the National Shakespeare Competition. In addition to performing on the stage of the Vivian Beaumont Theater, Jess participated in workshops at Julliard and New York University.

Please join us in August for our revival of Damn Yankees — a funny look at the Washington Senators Baseball team and their race for the pennant with the help a devoted fan. With a cast of 50 and crew of 30, this show will be bursting with energy and a real crowd-pleaser! Dr. Fuller is working on a reunion of the 2000 cast of the show Labor Day weekend. Look for more information! ■
This past school year has marked another banner year (although we are no longer in the business of making signs) in the Visual and Performing Arts Department, providing MBA students with a complete range of opportunities in music, the theater, and the visual arts. As in the past, students who pursue their passions in this area end up going above and beyond the minimal course requirements for an MBA student. The joy of teaching the arts at MBA is a result of the background each student brings to the easel or the stage. Each student learns to express individual thoughts and interpretations through the variety of languages the arts provide. This is a challenge these students quickly begin to master. Thanks to the generosity of the departmental Wilson Grants, 11 high school students will travel to a variety of summer programs throughout the world to improve their skills and understanding of their discipline beyond MBA.

What each brings back to the classroom is invaluable in its enthusiasm and interest on the part of other students who can begin to dream about these experiences for themselves.

The most noticeable change in the Visual and Performing Arts Program was the renovation of the Davis Building. The previous kitchen and dining hall were converted into a new space for music. Dedicated rooms were created for choral music, the jazz bands, and the orchestra. Spaces were also dedicated for individual practice rooms, a songwriting room, and seminar room. There was even a new storage area for the instruments of music students.

This renovation meant that upstairs in the Davis Building, the vacated spaces became new studio space for all aspects of the Visual Arts program from the seventh grade onwards. It was a needed addition. While the heart of this program lies in the day-to-day instruction in the classroom, the numbers of students who received recognition throughout national and state competitions continued to be strong. Nineteen students throughout all grade levels had 24 works featured in the Middle Tennessee Regional Art Competition held at the Renaissance Center in Dickson in the fall. At the end of the first semester, 25 students in grades 7–12 had 34 works selected to be included in the Scholastic Competition at Cheekwood. Finally, this spring MBA students were highlighted at the Congressional Art Show sponsored by Jim Cooper, as well as three works placed in the Young Tennessee Artists show at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts in the fall of 2014.

Artwork by students continues to be displayed throughout the school. In addi-
tion to regular student shows throughout the year, the fall opened with an art show featuring works of Myles Maillie and Matt Reasor ('96). The Mothers Club Art Show was later in the fall and organized to provide donations for the Wounded Warrior Project. In the winter, Jack Coyle ('14) and German Martinez-Rojas ('14) worked with Mr. KJ Schumacher ('97) to create a work displayed in the Nashville Arcade during one of the First Saturday art crawls. Another highlight during the year featured the work of senior art student Coyle who composed and completed a portrait of R.A. Dickey ('93), which was presented to him at the Alumni Board meeting. The school and Dickey enthusiastically received the painting. (Coyle is headed to the Maryland Institute of Art in the fall.) The spring featured a visiting artist on campus, Alex Lockwood, whose folded paper sculptures provided an intriguing display for the entrance to the dining hall. His work throughout the week, involving all students, included a sculpture made from the pages of an old annual that was given to the school. His work, along with other Nashville painters, ceramic artists, printers, thespians, and musicians came together again at the ENDADA event held on the last Saturday of April. Senior Will Glover, Ms. Catharine Hollifield, and countless other volunteers worked tirelessly throughout the year raising money and organizing this event. ENDADA has become a way for Nashville artists to demonstrate their techniques and for students to perform. It is an event for all ages.

New this year, students initiated and organized a monthly arts outreach program called “Art Saturdays” involving our Best Buddies chapter, pairing MBA students and individuals with mental and physical challenges. This quickly became a very meaningful art experience for our MBA students and new friends from Best Buddies. As in previous years, students were taken to our campus at Long Mountain to draw and photograph. In all ways the art department continues to find ways to integrate itself into the total life of the school.

During the junior school and high school graduations, the school purchased for the junior school a Scholastic Gold Award-winning piece by Fenner Pollock ('18), a mixed media work by Ross Blackwell ('14), as well as another large painting by Coyle. Each of these works is on display at the school.

Fenner Pollock ('18) self-portrait

“Three Stephens” by Jack Coyle ('14)
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ENDADA
Art & Music Festival
BASEBALL  The 2014 Big Red Baseball team got off to a great start by sweeping rival Ensworth. The varsity squad then headed on the Spring Break trip to Orlando, Fla. via Atlanta and Perry, Ga. They lost in the bottom of the seventh inning to Douglasville and lost to The Westfield School 6–2 in Perry. The team then journeyed to Orlando to play two very talented teams in Boone High School and nationally ranked First Academy. They lost both with scores of 5–0 and 5–1 respectively.

After Spring Break, the team ventured to Chattanooga to play The Baylor School and split (1–1) after battling Mother Nature the entire weekend. The Big Red took the series against in-town foe Brentwood Academy, but proceeded to lose three straight series to finish the season in fifth place in the region.

MBA hosted Brentwood Academy in the first round of the playoffs. The Big Red came up short after a hard fought battle and was eliminated from playoff contention.

BASKETBALL  The 2013-2014 Varsity Basketball team had a very productive and enjoyable season, completing the year with a 17–8 record. Led by seniors Alex Bars, Vinny Gaglione, Charlie Hawkins, Elliott Morrissey, Jonah Rappuhn, Murphy Smiley, and Duncan Smith the team finished third in the region before ultimately concluding its season in a quarterfinal loss in Memphis to Briarcrest.

The Big Red opened the year by defeating Ezell-Harding soundly, beating MUS on a late game shot, and pulling away from Antioch in the second half to go 3–0. After a disappointing loss against a very good, young Station Camp team, the Big Red bounced back with victories over Franklin, MICDS (St. Louis), Harpeth, and Marshall County. An early January trip to Memphis saw the Big Red defeat St. Benedict and defending DII-A champion Lausanne on the road.

After opening league play with two tough losses, the group showed great resilience in bouncing back and going 6–2 in the remaining league games. The Big Red swept Father Ryan, and split games with Brentwood Academy, Ensworth, JPII, and the Chattanooga schools. Among its victories during the year were also wins over DII-A runner-up FRA and Metro district champion Cane Ridge.

Unselfishness and contributions from many were hallmarks of this year’s team. The results were strong, but the way in which this team played was more memorable. It was a fun team to watch and one that represented the school and community well.
**BOWLING** During the regular season, the MBA Bowling team finished with a 12–10 record in the very competitive middle district. MBA qualified for the District Tournament, advancing to the semi-final round with a victory over Ezell Harding before falling to longtime rival Father Ryan. The team consisted of five seniors, one junior, and three sophomores. Nilay Patel ('14) qualified for the State Individual Tournament for a second straight year. The boys on this team were always great sportsmen, gentleman, and their performances as student athletes were a credit to the school.

For its Spring Break trip, the Big Red travelled to Annapolis, Maryland, to take on national power St. Mary’s and The Calverton School. Despite leaving The Old Line State without a win, the team learned some valuable lessons about sustained effort and how to play the game. MBA returned home and recorded wins over Zionsville (IN), Pace Academy (GA), and regional foe Pope John Paul II.

In its biggest game of the year to date, MBA dismantled longtime rival McCallie 11–5 and looked to be peaking at the right time. MBA continued its winning ways in the next two games, but injuries to several key players began to take their toll on a promising season. An overtime loss to Ensworth and a defeat to three-time state champion MUS left the team looking for a return to its early season form. The Big Red found its winning ways against USN and Cambridge (GA), and then dropped a tough decision 5–4 to Georgia 6A semifinalist Walton.

Just as it appeared the team was ready for a playoff run, two more starting players were sidelined for the year in the final week of the regular season. The team managed to come together for a convincing win in the first round of the TSLA playoffs before falling again to eventual state champion MUS in the second round of the playoffs. While the end result was not what the team had in mind, the journey together through the highs and lows of the season will certainly be remembered.

At the conclusion of the year, several players were recognized for their outstanding performances. All Region selections included Samuel Bamigboye ('14), Russell Carpenter ('14), Benjamin Graves ('16), Sam Harwell ('14), Rem Houghton ('14), Bailey Perrone ('14), Grey Reames ('14), Austin Rolfe ('15), and Davis Wise ('16). Bamigboye, a defenseman headed to Johns Hopkins, was...
also named to the All-State Team, as well as earning distinction as an All-American for the second consecutive year.

RIFLE  The Montgomery Bell Academy Rifle team started off the 2013 season with big wins at the MBA Kick-off Invitational in August and a dual match win over long time rival Shelby County High School in early September. In October the team turned in a superb performance to win the country’s largest high school-sponsored air rifle three position match at the MBA Rifle Classic.

As the season progressed, the team continued to win in dual match competitions over Mount Juliet High School and Blackman High School. The Rifles finished the first semester with a November small-bore win at the Ole Mill Invitational and by hosting the USA Shooting Jr. Olympics qualifications for Tennessee in December.

After a well-deserved break for exams and the Winter Break, the Big Red Rifles returned to action in late January, powering through the winter schedule with outstanding performances in tournament action and doubleheader wins against St. Louis University High School.

Having completed the highest performing season in team history with three 2300 plus performances since August, the Big Red Rifles entered the 2014 State Championship with confidence despite tough competition offered by powerhouse Harpeth Hall. When the shooting was over, the Big Red squad of Andrew Dupuis, Nathan Sharp, Josh Cheng, and Luke Rochford turned in a team and state record-setting score of 2314 to win the state title for the fourth year in a row. MBA shooters Luke Rochford and Andrew Dupuis claimed the individual gold and silver medals respectively.

The team’s hard work and determined effort paid handsome dividends in 2014 including naming of six MBA shooters to the Tennessee High School All State Team. Dupuis, Sharp, and Rochford were named to the first squad while Matt Miccioli, Luke Giancilo, and Cheng were named to the second squad.

While the team and personal accolades achieved by the Big Red Rifles in 2013–14 are noteworthy, the team takes particular pride in the growth and development of its individual members as they accepted and overcame tough challenges in their collective quest for excellence.

ROWING  The MBA Rowing team has progressed quickly in its first five years. The Varsity Eight was able to row essentially the same line-up for the entire year and have cultivated a chemistry that contributed directly to boat speed. Also, for the first time, the team was able to field a Lightweight Eight. The team began the season with winter training for the Varsity Eight in Orlando, Florida. They met up with Edgewater High School, another scholastic program based out of Orlando.

The first race of the spring was the John Hunter Regatta. For the first time in the history of the crew program, the Varsity Eight both qualified for and medaled in the grand finals. The boat earned a bronze in a very competitive race. The oarsmen of the history-making boat: Taylor Adams, Gage Anderson, Seth Cook, Harrison Davis, Sam >>
Gregory, Henry Ingram, Stroud McMahan, Heyward Rogers, and Davis Voecks. The Varsity Lightweight Eight raced in a final only flight and placed third, also earning a bronze medal.

At the Williams Island Duals against Baylor and Nashville Rowing Club, the Varsity Eight won by open water, the second Varsity Eight just missed placing first after fighting side by side with Baylor all the way down the racecourse. The Varsity Fours placed second, third, and fourth out of five boats.

Next the oarsmen of the first Varsity Eight hit the road for the Cincinnati High School Invitational on Harsha Lake in Ohio. Many fast crews were present, including several Midwestern club teams. MBA and McCallie were the only Tennessee crews in attendance, as well as the only scholastic programs present. The Varsity Eight raced in the first heat of the day and posted a time of 6:42.6, finishing third in their heat. Their result marked the first time in program history that the Varsity Eight has posted a faster time than McCallie.

The Big Red Crew took to the racecourse on April 26 at the Dogwood Regatta in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The regatta was the biggest to date with 33 high school teams in attendance. Of the 33 teams represented, 24 were club programs and nine were scholastic programs similar to MBA.

The second Novice Four started the day off strong by earning a bronze medal in a field of six boats. The Lightweight Varsity Eight claimed the Big Red’s second bronze medal of the day in their flight event. The final medal of the day came in the Under 15 Novice Eight event, where the junior school boat earned silver.

MBA next faced off with Baylor and McCallie for the first rowing state championship in Tennessee. The Big Red raced hard and it is clear the program is moving forward and getting faster. McCallie took first place with MBA in a fighting and solid second.

In late May the Varsity Eight boat comprised of seniors McMahan, Ingram, Adams, Davis, and Gregory; juniors Rogers, Cook, and Anderson; and sophomore coxswain Voecks competed at the Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The event is the largest high school regatta in the world. This year the regatta hosted 950 entries from 187 high school crew programs. The regatta has been running continuously since 1927. The MBA Varsity Eight placed 29th out of 37 boats during its time trial. It was a solid race for the boat and a good starting point for the young program.

SOCCER The 2014 Soccer team had another successful season, posting a 9–4–2 record, scoring 31 goals, and conceding only nine goals throughout the season. The team, coached by Giles Cheevers and Alan O’Connor, finished second in region play and advanced to the state semifinals before suffering a heartbreaking loss on an own goal in overtime to eventual champion Christian Brothers.

The boys brought a high work rate, passion, and energy to every practice and game. This trait (complimented with playing the possession and passing game) became very pleasing on the eye. Senior goalie Drew Benson had another outstanding season between the posts and made a number of superb saves throughout the season. The back four was superbly marshaled by senior Ross Blackwell and sophomore Christian Williams in the central defensive positions, flanked by seniors Sam Smith and Chase Duffey in the full back areas.

The midfield consisted of steady sophomore Will Emerson and by dynamic and powerful senior Jonah Rappuhn. In the wide areas, senior Nick Obremskey gave the team a high energy and work rate on the right side, while junior Louis Brown supplied some great crosses from the left. With great team understanding and discipline from the midfielders, junior Andrew Conwell was allowed to roam and play behind the main striker, junior Curtis Turner. Both players scored many superb goals throughout the season.

While the team was disappointed to lose in the semifinals, there can be no doubting the legacy left to the soccer program by all the seniors with their commitment, leadership, and hard work.
SWIMMING The MBA Swimming and Diving team enjoyed another successful season in 2013–14. The team once again swept through its local competition and captured the Region Championship, and finished seventh in the state meet. The team was led by Wes Duke, who earned team MVP honors, by scoring points for the team in the 50 freestyle, the 200-medley relay, the 200 freestyle relay, and the 100 backstroke. Seniors Andrew Dupuis and Ryan Carpenter also helped pace the team with key performances in several events, while fellow senior John Barringer contributed with points in 1-meter diving in both the region and state meets.

TENNIS The 2014 Varsity Tennis team had a much different look than the teams of the previous five years. Four seniors, all either playing significantly higher in the lineup than in 2013 or playing in the starting lineup for the first time, were joined by six freshmen, a sophomore, and two juniors. Two of the freshmen, George Harwell and Ben Ramon, played in the starting lineup for singles and doubles.

The team started off 3–0, with all three victories coming against non-league teams (Brentwood High School, Ravenwood, and USN). The first loss of the season came in heartbreaking form, as the Big Red lost to McCallie by a score of 4–3 in a match that lasted nearly three and a half hours. A trip to Baylor resulted in a loss a few weeks later. Lopsided league wins over Ensworth, Brentwood Academy, and Father Ryan allowed MBA to conclude the regular season with a record of 6–2.

In tournament play, MBA finished in second place at the St. Xavier Jamboree, losing to St. Xavier (Louisville) in the finals. Along the way, an impressive victory was picked up by the Big Red (5–4) against a team from Cincinnati. A fourth place finish at the Rotary Tournament in Chattanooga was followed by a close fourth place finish at our own Carter Invitational. At both the Rotary and Carter events, freshman George Harwell won his singles division (#3). In winning these brackets, Harwell beat seniors from TSSAA state champion MUS and state runner-up McCallie.

In the Playoffs, after receiving a first round bye, MBA defeated Briarcrest (Memphis) by a score of 4–0. In the semifinals, however, the Big Red came up short against McCallie.

George Harwell qualified for the TSSAA state singles individual tournament, losing in the quarterfinals. Tarun Mallipeddi and Wilson Vaughan, both seniors, qualified for the TSSAA state doubles individual tournament. They lost in the quarterfinals.

TRACK The 2014 edition of the Big Red Track and Field team was another success, improving on last year’s state finish with a stirring come-from-behind surge over the last two events to capture third place in the state. High points included continued excellence by the relay teams, hurdlers, and...
and the distance corps, along with significant improvements by the weight men and the sprinters.

For the fifth year in a row, and the 11th time in the last 13 years, the Big Red handily won the City Championship. Eric Anderson (14) led a three-man sweep in the 3200 along with Will Peters (17) and Caleb Carpenter (14). The win in the 3200, combined with a school record (4:16.88) in the 1600, garnered Anderson the co-most-valuable runner in the meet for the second year in a row. The other high point was all three discus throwers placing for the first time ever, led by D’On Coofer’s 132’11” heave.

At the region meet, MBA placed second with a solid team performance. The team qualified all of the relays, and at least one Individual qualifier in all of the running events with the exception of the 300 IH and the 800m. Anderson once more led the way with another school record — this time in the 3200 — eclipsing a mark almost 25 years old with a time of 9:25.79. He was loudly encouraged by the entire senior class that came out to cheer on the record attempt.

At the team banquet, three special awards were given out, all to seniors. Jay Robertson, the season leader in points scored, won the Most Valuable Field Athlete; two-time school record holder Anderson was given the Most Valuable Track Athlete; and Travonte Easley was given a Coaches’ Award for an unselfish attitude, always placing team above self, and four years of exemplary service.

In the State Meet, field event placers were Mike Lacey (’15) in the long jump, Trevor Patton (’15) in the triple jump, Robertson (’14) in the discus throw, and Sam Carey (’15) in the pole vault. Early points were scored in the meet by the 4x100 relay [Montgomery Owen (’17), Travonte Easley (’14), Steve Wood (’15), and Ty Chandler (’17)], the 4x200 relay [Geoffrey Holland (’15) joining Easley, Wood, and Chandler], the 4x800 relay [Haynes Young (’15), Tom Peters (’17), Will Pearson (’15), and Carpenter]. Chandler also picked up important points in both the 100 and 200, scoring in four different events, an impressive showing for anyone, especially a freshman. Anderson and Will Peters (’17) warmed up for the 3200 by placing in the fast-paced 1600, with the top three runners all at 4:20 or better. Sam Curry (’16) and Owen Powell (’15) both added points in the windy hurdles. Lacey finished a close second in the 400 with another school record time of 49.19. Anderson won the 3200, just ahead of top five finisher Will Peters. The always-exciting ultimate event of the night, the 4x400 relay, saw another school record (3:23.31) and another state championship effort by the quartet of Holland, Will Pearson, Easley, and Lacey.

**WRESTLING**

The 2013–14 MBA Wrestling team surpassed all expectations and surprised many with an outstanding year. Led by seniors Ben Barton, Wells Hamilton, Stephen Johnson, Sam Papel, Blake Patton, Nick Trogdon, and Ridley Wills, the Big Red finished the season with a record of 18–5. Tournament finishes included fifth in the Tullahoma Duals, first in the Beech Invitational, first in the Independence Duals, fifth in the Ryan Invitational, and ninth in the prestigious Southeastern Prep Slam.

The wrestlers had a rebuilding year in many ways with the loss of many state placers from last year. Freshmen sensations Gabriel Elkin, Michael Elkin, and John Michael Glover provided a glimpse of great things to come in the lower weight classes. Sophomores D’On Coofer and John Kelly anchored the upper weights with as much power as anyone in the state. The teams’ stability came from the middle weight classes as Johnson, Wills, Sam Bellet (’15), Blake Solarek (’15), Mark Floyd (’16), Hamilton, Barton, Patton, and Ben Kelly (’15) provided the leadership necessary for so many victories this year.

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Retiring Faculty

With the announcement of their retirements prior to the start of the school year, MBA had an entire year to celebrate the achievements and contributions of legendary teachers Andy Gaither and Ed Gaffney.

Gaither joined the MBA Faculty in 1971 and has been a mainstay on The Hill ever since. Gaither has served as a Latin teacher, department chair, coach, Bell Ringer sponsor, class chair, and trusted advisor to hundreds of boys who passed through Wallace Hall. As a tribute to Gaither, a group of his current students compiled more than 150 of his famed aphorisms and presented a copy to him on Honors Night.

Like Gaither, Ed Gaffney has devoted much of his life to sharing his love of language and learning to MBA. Gaffney joined the MBA Faculty in 1976, and served in a variety of different roles, including Academic Dean, Director of the Junior School, Website Content Manager, and Cum Laude Society sponsor. Gaffney is largely responsible for building the school’s computer network in the 1990s and ushering MBA into the Internet age. While his contributions are indeed widespread, Gaffney will be most remembered for his abilities as a teacher of Latin and Greek (among other languages) and his knowledge of the Classical world.

Friends, colleagues, and students were welcomed back to campus in May to celebrate both Gaither and Gaffney and wish them luck as they enjoy their retirements.

Andy Gaither
Alumni with
Graduating Seniors

Steve (’82) & Eric Anderson

Bill (’72) & Russell Carpenter

Charlie (’78) & Chase Duffey

Tom (’66) & Keith Gambill

John (’84) & David Harrison

Sam & Sam (’81) Harwell

Bill (’78) & Charlie Hawkins

Henry & David (’81) Ingram
ALUMNI EVENTS

BOSTON

Brad Gioia with R.A. Dickey (’93)
with the Toronto Blue Jays
CHICAGO
Gentlemen, Good morning.

First I would like to thank Mr. Gioia for having me here today and to you for sitting here while I fumble my way through my many thoughts and feelings. Mr. Gioia helped me make the Paschall Essay Competition a reality, so Mr. Gioia, thank you again for working with me on this. I hope to explain at least in part today why honoring Dr. Paschall means so much to me. I usually find it difficult to talk about Dr. Paschall without tearing up. As the cantankerous Jeffry Lebowski says in *The Big Lebowski*, “Strong men also cry.” So if that happens, please just be patient with me and maybe even encourage me a little bit. I also want to acknowledge my parents and my amazing wife Erin, who are all three here today. Without their support, I simply wouldn’t be here.

When I think back to my time at MBA, sitting here on the floor as a senior and listening to our guest speakers, I must admit that I wondered then — would I ever return to speak at a morning assembly? If so, what the heck would I say? At the time, I imagined myself speaking about what I knew—which is to say, I figured I would regale you with tales from professional baseball, and all of the crazy experiences I had. At least the ones that were socially acceptable to tell in public. How I was made fun of for reading books on our long bus rides, and being known as the team’s designated bookworm, who loved Shakespeare and Whitman as much as my teammates loved Texas Hold ‘Em and cheap beer. So here I am today, approaching 20 years after my graduation, speaking to you not about baseball, but about life instead. Well, life as it relates to Dr. Paschall, leukemia, and resilience. These are topics I hope to weave into my speech that, if written on paper as an MBA theme, would receive at minimum a passing grade from Dr. Batten. Considering he was my senior year English teacher, I know this is a tall order.

First I want to talk about Dr. Paschall. He’s the reason the Paschall Essay Competition exists, and the reason we are gathered today. I’m not really sure where to start or how to talk about him without selling the man incredibly short. He came from a tiny town here in Tennessee, went to college at Sewanee, was captain of the football team, was pretty much the smartest guy at the entire school, and then went on to be a Rhodes Scholar in Oxford. If that weren’t enough, he returned to Sewanee as an English professor and eventually landed here at MBA as headmaster. He was my junior year English teacher — teaching the difficult subject matter of British lit and Shakespeare — and during the entire year, I never once witnessed him carry a textbook. He taught all of the classics, from *Hamlet* to the *Canterbury Tales* to all of the Sonnets, from memory. And he had them all nailed, down to the last punctuation mark. If we didn’t pause at the correct moment in a poem, he would stop us and make us repeat it properly. If we continued to make mistakes, he would stop us again, and then bang his head slowly against the chalkboard and turn around looking so emotionally distraught. This was serious stuff to Dr. Paschall, and he wanted us to take it seriously and appreciate it as well. After roughing it out in his class, my British Lit course at Rice University seemed like a cakewalk.

Resilience

*by Stephen Bess (‘95)*

Stephen Bess (‘95) helps sponsor MBA’s Douglas Paschall College Essay contest, in which seniors present the essays from their college applications to a panel of judges and the MBA student body. Sam Papel, Wells Hamilton, and Ben Barton were the 2014 contestants. Papel spoke on the leadership lessons he learned from mistakes he made in a robotics competition. Hamilton detailed his experience playing guitar one night on a street in downtown Nashville, as well as the self-realizations he made that night in taking ownership of his own work. Barton recounted the bold purchase he made of a Monte Carlo car when he was sixteen, and how the car did not reflect his own personality. After careful deliberation, Barton was declared the winner and received a cash prize.

Prior to the contest, Bess addressed an Assembly and offered his thoughts on lessons he learned from Dr. Douglas Paschall, MBA’s Headmaster from 1988–1994.
Not only was Dr. Paschall smart, he also had an incredible sense of humor. He even knew in advance when one of us would make a mistake, and set us up for what some people might call “a teachable moment.” One of my favorite memories from Dr. Paschall’s class was a period when we were learning about Shakespeare, and Dr. Paschall called specifically on my classmate Andy Corts to read a passage. Andy started reading, and read a passage as such: “The Globe Theater is located near the River ‘TH’ames…” We then heard Dr. Paschall moan a painful sigh. He tilted his head back, eyes closed, and once again banged his head against the chalkboard and asked Andy (whose father, Thomas Corts, Dr. Paschall knew) the following question: “Miiiiister Corts, do you call your father ‘TH’omas?” Dr. Paschall was something else.

It was also during this time, my junior year here at MBA, that Dr. Paschall was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer. I had basically begged Dr. Paschall to get into his English class the year before, and all of us in that class were mesmerized daily with his knowledge. One day during Assembly, he called the entire school in here, into the theater that bears his name, and he stood right here — I’ll never forget it as long as I live — and he told us all that he had been diagnosed with a terminal disease. You could hear a pin drop from a mile away. It was like all the oxygen had been sucked out of this auditorium. Yet Dr. Paschall said he had made the decision to finish out the year at MBA, and that he wanted us to enjoy the year and continue to enjoy learning. To say that we were all shell-shocked is an understatement.

Over the remainder of the year, Dr. Paschall conducted business as usual. We had Assemblies, we had his daily English class, and we even celebrated his 50th birthday in the gym with a surprise party. Dr. Paschall was the very embodiment of resilience, pressing on to provide a “normal” school year for us. To say that he handled the remainder of the school year masterfully and gracefully would be a gross understatement. I just couldn’t believe what was happening before my eyes. Dr. Paschall was dying, and he knew it, and we all knew it — but he insisted on being with us, the student body and faculty and staff, rather than take time off or go on a vacation. He said that MBA was his love, and there was nowhere he’d rather be. In his typical
style, Dr. Paschall even managed to help us deal with the issues of mortality by keeping things light in the classroom. During class, he would slowly thread his way around the small classroom as we read passages of text. One day, not long after he announced that he was sick, he tripped over one of my classmate’s feet, and fell to the floor. The room went silent. He picked himself up quickly, dusted himself off, and turned to my classmate and said with a straight face, “What are you trying to do? Kill me?!” And then he let out a booming laugh, and said, “Gentlemen, it’s ok — you’re supposed to laugh!” My junior year English class was the final class Dr. Paschall taught, and I am so honored to have been a part of it. Dr. Paschall made the choice to stay at school, and he had a profound impact on all of us. Later that next winter, Dr. Paschall passed away. I can’t remember being so heartbroken since then. I’ve often told my wife Erin that if there was one person I wish she could have known who isn’t here anymore, it would be Dr. Paschall.

In November of 2012 I was diagnosed with ALL leukemia. It’s a blood cancer that affects the white cells in the blood. My body had decided it would stop making normal white cells, and begin making what my doctor said were “immature and misshapen white cells.” Oh the irony, considering that most of my friends had told me for years that I had one of the worst cases of immaturity they had ever seen.

For my first chemo cycle, I was in the hospital for 37 days. My second round lasted 50 days, and when I received my life saving bone marrow transplant, I was in for another 35 days — that time in isolation. I had two quotes printed and plastered on my hospital room wall that I read countless times every day. The first is from William Faulkner and I’ll share it now; it said, “Man performs and engenders so much more than he can or should have to bear. That’s how he finds that he can bear anything.” I read this quote every day, and often thought of Dr. Paschall, and the fight he put up that year to be with us here at MBA. The second quote is one I’ll tell you about in a moment.

**I BEGAN TO LIVE A LIFE OF SURVIVAL DURING THAT TIME, AS A RESULT OF MY OWN INTERNAL COMPASS TELLING ME WHAT TO DO, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE EXAMPLE I HAD SEEN IN DR. PASCHALL.**

So many of those first 37 days are days I don’t even remember. By the end of my first stretch in the hospital, I was so weak and atrophied that I couldn’t walk on my own. To get to my bedroom at home, I had to crawl on all fours up the stairs, and scoot on my butt to get back downstairs. This was just over a year ago. I was so weak that I required a shower stool, because I couldn’t stand up for more than 30 seconds at a time without falling over. Walking from the bed to the bathroom and back required a walker, and I felt like my heart would explode when I returned and fell back into bed. I was bald, I had a sickly white tint to my skin, and I felt like I had been brought to the brink of death. As it turns out, I had been brought to the brink of death… intentionally, as part of the treatment.

I began to live a life of survival during that time, as a result of my own internal compass telling me what to do, but also because of the example I had seen in Dr. Paschall. And after having written themes here at MBA and having learned Latin declensions for Mrs. Christeson’s eighth grade Latin I class, I knew what it meant to have to fight tooth and nail to succeed.

What I remember about Dr. Paschall is that even after being given a terminal diagnosis, he taught us about resilience in the choices he made. He chose to live his life the way he wanted to live it, however much time he had left, and he chose to control certain parts of his life — like his attitude, his positivity, and his sense of humor — while other parts of his life were completely out of his control. This is what made Dr. Paschall the embodiment of resilience to me. He was a walking case study in resilience, and I remember watching him closely that year, amazed that a man could remain so positive. He helped model my attitude for what was to come for me.

It is my opinion that a big part of resilience is about remaining positive, and choosing to see the glass as half full. As Henry Ford once said, “Whether you think you can, or whether you think you can’t — you’re right.” Dr. Paschall’s example demanded an attitude of optimism.

I can’t tell you how many times I thought of Dr. Paschall during my treatments and during my darkest times. I couldn’t believe that I was given a chance — no matter how small — to survive. I had remembered a quote that became the sec-
ond printout on my hospital room wall, one from controversial author Charles Bukowski. He said, “We are here to laugh at the odds and live our lives so well that Death will tremble to take us.” He also said as part of that quote that “We are here to drink beer,” but that’s another story for another time when you’re all a bit older.

So after worrying about the odds, I reached a point where I asked my doctor not “what are the percentages of success?” but rather, “Do I have a chance at all?” Her answer was yes, and that’s all I needed to hear. I decided to laugh at the odds, and live my life so that if there were a chance, I would be the data point in the success column. If someone had survived this before, then I would survive it too. I would fight and continue to fight until I couldn’t fight anymore.

In my opinion, being resilient during any major life event means that you fight. It doesn’t matter what the event might be, whether it’s a health issue, the loss of a loved one, or a problem at work — we all have problems. And they’re all horrible to us, in our own ways. When dealing with these events, it’s not about being unafraid — Lord knows that I was and still am in many ways very afraid — but in my opinion it’s about facing that fear head on, acknowledging it, and deciding to conquer it.

This is the type of attitude that I believe MBA instills in all of us as students. Being a man isn’t about being totally unafraid; it’s about staring down what scares us, confident that we are prepared to fight through it, and to come out the other side. I learned so many things when I was a student at MBA. A short list would include improved study habits, self-discipline and honor, competitiveness with my peers, and of course the endless desire to crush Father Ryan (and nowadays, Ensworth) convincingly in any and all competitions. I learned a lot about British lit from Dr. Paschall, but most importantly I learned how to take life’s ups and downs in stride, with grace and with honor. His influence on my life is the reason I’m so proud to have started the Paschall Essay Competition, and it is the reason I am here speaking about him today. It is my hope that as each year passes, the Paschall Competition will serve as a reminder of Dr. Paschall’s great knowledge, his impact as a teacher of literature and writing, and his embodiment of what resilience truly is.

In closing, I would like to urge all of you to explore what it means to become a bone marrow donor. I would be remiss to stand here today and not mention the Be The Match program, as it’s the program that saved my life by matching me with an anonymous marrow donor who shares my genetic makeup. Every day, hundreds of patients are diagnosed with blood cancers, and their only hope for a cure is a bone marrow transplant. To receive a marrow transplant, the registry must find a suitable donor, which is incredibly difficult — especially for those of mixed and minority races. And being a marrow donor requires no surgery — just a stem cell donation. You could take an active part in saving someone’s life by donating your healthy cells once you’re 18. Could you say no if you were called upon to save a life? Please check it out by googling Be The Match or visiting marrow.org, and encourage your parents and relatives to do the same. I am resilient to honor the gift of life I was given by my donor, to honor Dr. Paschall’s memory, and to honor my supportive family. It’s my hope for all of you that when you face whatever adversity is coming for you in your life, that you can draw upon those who inspired you here at MBA. Remember that by being an MBA student, you are fully prepared to pass through the toughest of times. Resilience is an unavoidable byproduct of the MBA experience, and it’s a trait I learned from Dr. Paschall. I hope that wherever he is today, he’s proud of the impact he had on me, and on this school. I would not be who I am today without him, and MBA would not be MBA. Thank you for your time, and Roll Red.
accepted a faculty position in the Department of Plastic Surgery at Vanderbilt. He has appointments as Associate Professor, Chief of Pediatric Plastic Surgery at Monroe Carell Children’s Hospital, and Program Director of the Plastic Surgery Residency. His position as Program Director holds special significance because his father was the very first graduate of the Plastic Surgery Residency Training Program at Vanderbilt in 1973.

1988
Patrick Roberts is serving as Head of School for Palmer Trinity Episcopal School, a coed, day school of 720 students in Palmetto Bay, Florida. His children Cook (6), Hagan (4), John Patrick (3), and Katherine Anne (2) are very excited about swimming in the Bay of Biscayne and enjoying Miami Beach! Roberts’ stepson, T.J., will be a junior at Michigan State.

1991
Jason Ritchason launched his own businesses — The Skyline Group in 2010 and Consolidus Group Purchasing in January 2014. He was married in June 2013 to Tiffany Starling and had his first child, Beau, in April 2014.

1993
R.A. Dickey’s latest book, Knuckleball Ned, was published in May 2014. The children’s book tells the story of Ned the baseball, who is very nervous on his first day of school. He isn’t a fastball or a slider and the Foul Ball gang makes fun of Ned to come to the rescue with his unique abilities. Not only does Ned realize he’s a knuckleball, but he discovers that he can be a hero, too!

Dickey’s autobiography, Wherever I Wind Up, is being developed into a motion picture by TriStar Pictures.

1994
Joseph DeLemos and his wife Aleja welcomed son Pablo on April 14 in Nashville. He weighed 6 lb 8 oz. Older brothers José (8) and Max (5) are excited about having another brother.

1999
Stuart Burkhalter’s book, Catawampus: The Fertility Process from a Man’s Perspective, was released in the spring of 2014. The book is a memoir from the husband’s perspective that details the experiences of Burkholder and his wife through approximately two years of fertility treatments and the struggles to have a baby.

2000
Will Corbett graduated from Notre Dame business school this spring and took a job with Priceline in Conn. Prior to his graduation, Corbett travelled to Africa as a part of Notre Dame’s Business on the Front Lines course in which MBA, Law, Peace Studies, and GLOBES students study real-world issues and try to rebuild economies after wars and violent conflict. In 2014 BOTFL students will travel to Cambodia, Guatemala, Rwanda, Ghana, and Lesotho. Details of Corbett’s trip can be found at http://botfl.tumblr.com/post/77071421494/sometimes-its-the-little-things-that-matter-most.

Taylor Sutherland and three partners have started the law firm of Sutherland & Belk, PLC in Nashville. The firm specializes in injury law.
2001

Andy Gryll and his wife welcomed Temima Raizel Gryll, a baby girl, on June 21 in Baltimore. She weighed in at 7 lb 11 oz. Her three older siblings, mommy, and daddy are all doing well.

Hunter Huston and Jessica Ann Harris were married July 5 in Snowbird, Utah. Both are doing their residency in internal medicine at the University of Utah before moving on to specialty fellowships. Hunter will serve as chief resident at the University of Utah beginning in 2015.

2002

Nick Reid is currently on staff at University of Chicago Medical School and Hospital as a Psychiatrist.

Porter and Graham Meadors welcomed daughter Clay Killeen Meadors on March 22. She was named for her grandmothers on both sides.

William and Leanna Sisk welcomed daughter Sarah Marie Sisk on June 10, 2014. She weighed 7 lb 11 oz and measured 20.6 inches long.

2003

On April 19, 2014, Captain John Ed Auer (USMC) married Navy Lieutenant Monica Noce in the Commandant’s Garden at 8th and I in Washington, D.C. Auer also got the chance to play fiddle on An All-Star Salute to the Troops, which aired on CBS on May 20, 2014.

In October Jimmy Love founded Distribution Realty Group LLC, a Chicago real estate development firm. The company’s first project is a 220,000 square foot warehouse in Bolingbrook, a southwest suburb.

Peter Power and his wife Krista welcomed son Bennett Drew Power on April 29, 2014. He weighed 8 lb 7 oz.

2004

Benson Sloan and Caroline Rhett were married in Nashville on June 29, 2013. MBA classmates in the wedding party included Tom Santi, Brad French, Matthew Jacques, Lee Noel, Charles Webb, Matthew Eaves, Charlie Morgan, Walker Mathews, and James Dade.

2005

Brock Becker won the North Carolina United States Track and Field Men’s Open Division championship for 2013. Baker compiled 13 points in a series of distance runs throughout the year, easily besting his next competitors who finished with six. Baker is currently in his third year of medical school.

2006

Gray Palmer married Bentley Hammet on September 14, 2013. Supporting the groom were MBA classmates Wynne Barton, Drew Carney, Regen Jewett, Tyler Moore, Mitchell Williams, and Jim Witherspoon.

Derek Pitman was awarded a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Biophysics in May 2014 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is now doing postdoctoral research at UCLA, studying the structure and pathology of amyloids in disease.

2007

Alec McGuffey graduated cum laude from Wharton Undergrad School of the University of Pennsylvania with a B.S. in Economics in 2011. He worked for two years, both in San Francisco and New York, for international consulting firm Accenture. In May he made a big change, accepting an offer at a Brooklyn, New York-based start-up Squarespace.com. The company specializes in building custom websites.

Andrew Triggs, a pitcher for the AA Northwest Arkansas Naturals in the Kansas City Royals organization, was named to the 78th Annual Texas League All-Star Game. The game was played on June 24 in North Little Rock, Arkansas. At the time of his selection, Triggs sported a 3–0 record, five saves, and a 1.96 ERA in 21 appearances.

2008

Brendan Mayhew and Lauren Colbert were married March 1, 2014 in a beautiful ceremony surrounded by family and friends in Nashville. Among the grooms-men were his brothers Joshua (‘03) and Justin. The couple is living in Nashville.

Corey Metzman was honored at a reception in May for the 60th Anniversary of the Marshall Scholarship. The Prince of Wales, Honorary Patron, Association of Marshall Scholars, attended the reception to meet with Metzman and other current Marshall Scholars, alumni, and representatives of British Universities, and the United Kingdom and United States Governments. Metzman became a Marshall Scholar in 2012. Currently, he is finishing his M.Sc. in Law and Finance at the University of Oxford this year. He recently
completed his M.Sc. in Development Studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2013.

2009

Jimmy Balser received a Helton Fellowship from American Society of International Law. Helton Fellows each receive micro-grants from $2,000 to pursue fieldwork in or research on issues involving human rights, international criminal law, humanitarian affairs, and other areas of international law. Balser is a second year law student at Vanderbilt, having graduated Summa Cum Laude from Tulane in 2013 with a degree in Philosophy and International Studies.

Aaron Barrett and Camille Bentz were married on October 12, 2013. The couple is living in Paducah, Kentucky.

Jamie Cooper graduated from the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia in May with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree focusing on Economics. He has been hired as a financial representative at Northwestern Mutual in Nashville. He helps clients reach their financial goals with comprehensive financial planning. Jamie is grateful to return to the city where he grew up and is excited about all the potential here in Nashville.

Jeff Eberle has moved to Midland, Texas to be the Sports Director at the ABC affiliate. He will anchor five nights a week, as well as be in charge of a two-man sports department. Eberle recalls being inspired by author Buzz Bissinger when he spoke at the school during his tenth grade year. He told Bissinger that he wanted to be a sports broadcaster and the author told him to look into Syracuse University. Eberle graduated from Syracuse and will now be going back to the place Bissinger made famous in his book, Friday Night Lights.

Connor Shope graduated from UVA last year and is currently living in Nashville, employed with St. Jude Medical, Inc. as an electrophysiology technical specialist. He is responsible for programming pacemakers and other cardiovascular devices that are implanted in the operating room.

2010

Despite the torrential downpour at the 130th Commencement Exercises, Danzel Caldwell and Daniel White both graduated from Morehouse College with honors, culminating a total of ten years of attending school together. Caldwell graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in the Economics with a double minor in Mathematics and African American Studies. In the fall, Caldwell will attend Duke University, where he will pursue a Master’s Degree in Economics with the ultimate goal of helping improve the economic disparities in minority communities. White also graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. He will begin his career as a Project Coordinator in the Human Resources Transformations Program at The Moody’s Corporation in New York City. He will help innovate, streamline, and transform Human Resources processes and systems throughout the firm.

Thomas Moore is graduating from Oxford University this year with a B.A. in Literae Humaniores (Philosophy and Ancient History). He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Philosophy at Brown University beginning in the fall.

2011

Andrew Powell, a Morehead-Cain Scholar at the University of North Carolina, was elected student body president in an election held February 18. Powell received 62.9 percent of the vote.

Class Secretaries Wanted

If you would like to help keep us up to date on the latest news from your class, contact Michael Bass (michael.bass@montgomerybell.edu) to become a class secretary.
Montgomery Bell Academy has learned of the following deaths. We extend the deepest sympathy to the families of the graduates of MBA whose passings are recorded here.

Samuel C. Loventhal (W’32)  
May 2, 2014

William M. Blackie, Jr. (’49)  
March 9, 2014

Raymond C. Whiteaker (’47)  
April 9, 2014

Marion G. Smith, Jr. (’50)  
December 29, 2013

Charles M. McDaniel (’51)  
July 4, 2014

William J. Elliston, Jr. (’52)  
March 15, 2014

Brantley B. Paget (’54)  
July 4, 2013

Marion G. Smith, Jr. (’50)  
December 29, 2013

Wirt C. McKnight (’58)  
May 24, 2014

Phillip H. Henderickson (’61)  
May 2014

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IN MEMORIAM

Matthew G. Horner ('64)
March 4, 2014

Jeffery B. Ledbetter ('03)
May 19, 2014

Jerry M. Loftin ('66)
February 11, 2014

James R. Jewett ('06)
July 4, 2014

Samuel A. Butts III ('67)
February 2, 2014

Connor J. Gawaluck ('12)
April 27, 2014