It has been a cold start to the second semester of 2015, but this inclement weather affords me some more time for reflection and perspective. As you know, we have built many buildings at MBA over the past several years. In many respects, the campus has never looked better. Our campus is the envy of many other schools and communities when they see our facilities. In particular they are struck by how we have balanced both the beauty of the outside spaces and the indoor facilities. I appreciate the many ways we have enhanced MBA with important quotations and images throughout the campus. Boys often learn visually, so these additions have the added value of providing another source of education and perspective for our students, faculty, and community.

We will continue to build other projects and to enhance the campus over time. These imperatives are part of our strategic plan. It is also the nature of schools and educational institutions to maintain their facilities and to find the ways and the resources to provide the best opportunities for our students and teachers. For example, we are currently working on plans to renovate our art area this summer. We also hope to add some important facilities to the athletic areas of the campus and to enhance our Long Mountain property.

Physical facilities are important, but they are not as important as the programs and opportunities in the community. They will never replace or supplant the importance of people and our programs. MBA has invested a great deal in our programs and opportunities. Some of the greatest benefits of an MBA education are the Wilson grants and the Warner exchange programs. Literally, we send boys throughout the world and to programs in every academic discipline around our country. We are seeing each year more students who are proficient in language, are greater mathematicians and scientists, are better writers and historians, and are artists with more depth and perspective. These programs and opportunities will continue to transform MBA and attract the greatest students in Middle Tennessee.

Our most important mission is building people. At this point in my career, I have become increasingly interested in finding ways to instill certain values, character, and a greater spirit within our boys. There has always been a great sense of camaraderie at MBA. This care is as strong as I have ever seen. The sense of brotherhood is tangible. If we can continue to strengthen the interior lives of our young men and provide the kinds of foundations and inner strength within them, then we will build the best kind of school and community. That spirit is palpable in the MBA community. When we won the football championship, our team rushed to the stands to thank our fans. The moment was all about caring for one another and expressing community. I see this same attitude in every sport and activity at MBA. I value that spirit of building boys into better men above everything else.

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David McClellan has joined the MBA Board of Trustees. He graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy in 1975 and holds a B.S. degree from the University of Tennessee and a Master’s Degree in Hospital and Health Administration from the Medical College of Virginia (Richmond, Va.). He began his healthcare career as an associate administrator with the Hospital Corporation of America in 1983.

In 1986 he co-founded Heritage Group, LLC with Rock Morphis and has served as a Managing Director of the firm since 1989. Heritage Group is a privately-held investment and advisory firm focused on early-stage healthcare opportunities. Over the past 28 years, Mr. McClellan has served in numerous executive and operating positions within Heritage Group’s portfolio of companies. Today he oversees the firm’s strategic venture capital initiative involving corporate healthcare investors from across the U.S. In that capacity, he sits on three of its portfolio company’s board of directors.

McClellan resides in Nashville with his wife Mary Catherine and their three children — 16 year old daughter Gray (Ensworth) and 15 year old twin sons Alex and Carter (MBA ’18).

McClellan serves on the Board of Directors for the Family Foundation Fund (a ministry for fatherless boys), and is a deacon at First Presbyterian Church (Nashville).
On October 10, MBA once again opened up its campus for the 70th Spaghetti Supper. The school’s largest community event and fundraiser was the culmination of a week filled with events for MBA homecoming. Thanks to the leadership of Spaghetti Supper Co-Chairs Mary Kay Hunt and Lauren Luster, and the tireless effort of hundreds of volunteers, the event was a tremendous success.

Between on-campus diners and a steady stream of take-out customers, the Spaghetti Supper served more than 5,000 helpings of pasta, salad, bread, and cookies. The event raised more than $100,000 that will be donated directly back to programs that include Science Olympiad, Chess, student publications, and the Service Club, as well as athletic needs such as microbe helmets and uniforms.

Following the Spaghetti Supper, the Big Red Football team hosted Homecoming opponent Father Ryan. Despite a torrential downpour and a weather delay of close to two hours, the Big Red was able to defeat the Fighting Irish for the 21st consecutive time.
In a new tradition to MBA, members of the Class of 2018 were presented with patches for their blazers in a special ceremony in September. Now in its third year, the Patch Ceremony serves as a welcome to high school for the freshman class.

Headmaster Brad Gioia welcomed the freshmen and their guests and introduced a video clip from To Kill a Mockingbird that focused on the topics of empathy and compassion. Following the video, senior Sam Bellet offered a charge to the Class of 2018. The text of Bellet’s speech is printed below.

Hello, my name is Sam Bellet, and after attending MBA for six years now, I’d like to share with you some advice I wish I had received when I was sitting where you are today. Two of the biggest challenges you will encounter at MBA are keeping a sense of identity and being confident in your character. You probably won’t encounter these challenges in some huge event in your life. These struggles will most likely come in the form of little, everyday setbacks. My goal today is to prepare you for these situations. The next four years of your life will be the most important in determining who you are. Again, the forming of who you are won’t come in one fell swoop, it will come little by little, but you should still keep in mind that even the smallest decisions in your everyday life can add up and form who you will be.

Most of you are well grounded in regard to character; you wouldn’t be at MBA if this were not the case. One of your biggest challenges won’t be determining what’s right or what’s wrong; it will be gathering the confidence to do what’s right. You all have a strong moral compass but that doesn’t mean you will not be tempted in your day-to-day life. When you are faced with situations where you have to make a choice, the biggest deception you need to watch out for is the idea that your friends want you to act one way or another. Right now you are, maybe without even knowing it, trying to figure out what’s acceptable in the eyes of your friends. What I came to terms with throughout high school is that these guys aren’t watching you to see whether or not you are cool, they are watching you because they want to know how they should act. Friends subconsciously set standards for each other, and the moment someone does something stupid, that action lowers the standard for what is ok to do. So basically, don’t think that your friends are constantly rating you on a scale of one to cool. Be mindful that your actions have just as much of an effect on them as theirs do on you. Be confident in your character and don’t be afraid to act the way you should. All of you probably know Cole Euverard; some of you may know him as the quarterback, or that guy on the “High-Five a Microbe” video. Well, Cole is probably one of the most likeable guys in our grade. Probably anyone in our grade you ask will say that they love Cole. And the most remarkable thing about Cole’s popularity is that he is simultaneously one of the most virtuous people in our class. Cole is a living example of someone who is well loved simply because he is confident in who he is and will never compromise his character for anything in the world. He doesn’t have to prove he’s cool by going to parties or doing stupid stuff; people just respect him for who he is because he’s proud of it.
The second danger in high school is thinking that everyone around you goes through life with no trouble at all and any mistakes they make don’t faze them. If you get discouraged during high school, which you will, realize that your friends go through the exact same difficulties in their life. The true men here at MBA are those who realize that when they are discouraged, the easy way out is not always the correct way. Last December, after losing ten pounds and a bunch of wrestling matches, I went to the doctor and discovered I have type-1 diabetes. Luckily, I had received the same advice I just gave you, and I did not let this get me down. I was able to recognize that, although maybe in different ways, other people have problems just as bad as mine. What separates each one of us is how we deal with these problems, and those who get caught up in how bad they have it will be the ones who fail. So, whenever you feel like maybe you should just lay down and give up, keep in mind these words from Dale Carnegie: “Discouragement and failure are two of the surest stepping stones to success.” Just remember that your problems will make you stronger as soon as you realize that these setbacks are nothing but setbacks.

Lastly, I want to express to you guys the importance of identity, especially at a place like MBA. When I first came here, I was following in the footsteps of my five older brothers. This was very irritating for me because everyone I met who knew of my brothers immediately placed me in this category of the “Catholic wrestler.” Although I do not deny that I am both of these things, I remember being so upset that people didn’t think twice about who I was after I told them that I was a Bellet, because, if you know my family well, you know that all of us are so different from each other. As I progressed through MBA, though, I realized that identity is not so much about what other people think you are as it is about what you know you are. I encourage you never to settle for what people call you or presume you to be. You determine that for yourself. This doesn’t mean that you have to get up at assembly one day and announce to everybody who you are, it just means that you should live your life as you, not as somebody else’s perception of you. As a senior, I still encounter this temptation to change the way I do things in order to look more like something I am not. Thankfully, I get sick of putting on an act like that very quickly because you can’t be comfortable constantly making sure you appear to be somebody you are not. Be resilient in your day-to-day life, focusing less on your setbacks and more on solutions. Soon enough, you will be confident in living life as yourself, and people will begin to respect you for who you are. The more you block out discouragement, the easier being yourself will be. While living in this way, you should also help others to do so and recognize those in your class for who they are. When you walk out of this building with your patches on, look around and see that others are wearing patches, too. Others have difficulties they are encountering, others are forming their identity, and others are going through MBA, just like you. So I want to challenge you to try and recognize each one of your classmates for whom they truly are. Most of the classes before you did not really have a sense of unity until senior year came around because, until then, nobody realizes what I’m telling you now. So, if you ever catch yourself assuming that one of your classmates fits some category of people, clear that idea from your mind and really try to get to know him.

Following Bellet’s talk, Dr. Rick Seay (’79), the Director of the High School, offered some thoughts on the patch and what it means. He told the class that the patch helps to clarify who they are and what they believe. At the conclusion of the ceremony, each member of the class was presented with a patch that he will wear at all coat and tie events until the Class of 2018 graduates.
In an event anticipated by grade school children throughout the city, hundreds of boys, girls, and parents flocked to the MBA campus to take part in the school’s annual carnival. One of the largest events on campus, the carnival featured rides and games for children of all ages, as well as face painting, a dunking booth, music, and thousands of prizes. Both the Sloan and Gambill quads were filled with activity, and the highly popular pony rides were once again stationed between the Massey Building and Ingram Science Building. The carnival is a free event hosted by the MBA Student Council with the help of the faculty, and serves as an unofficial kick-off to each school year.
Seniors Aaron Kaplan and Ian Scholer were thrilled to be selected as MBA’s delegation to the third-ever TiltShift Summit, held this fall at the Daly College in Indore, India. As the lone representatives of the continental United States, Kaplan and Scholer were joined by delegations from countries around the world, including Austria, Finland, Holland, Japan, Australia, and Singapore.

Since the theme of the TiltShift Summit was human rights, each delegation was charged with presenting a hero in civil rights from their own community. The MBA delegation chose John Seigenthaler, one of the most interesting and influential men in recent Nashville history.

Seigenthaler rose to fame when he joined the The Tennessean in an age in which newspapers were the primary source of news. The papers at the time were very partisan, so prominent journalists like Seigenthaler had the power to sway public opinion. When Robert F. Kennedy was asked to testify in a trial in which Seigenthaler was involved, John Seigenthaler met and became close friends with Kennedy, for whom he worked as administrative assistant when Kennedy was the Attorney General. He later managed Kennedy’s campaign for president in 1968, which ended in the assassination of his good friend. He likely would have been appointed White House Chief of Staff, one of the most important jobs in the world, if Kennedy had not been assassinated.

After the assassination, he returned to journalism as editor-in-chief of The Tennessean. Seigenthaler used this immense power of the press to bring attention to civil rights cases in Tennessee, as well as consistently endorsing the candidacy of his friend and fellow civil rights advocate John Jay Hooker (‘49) for governor. Seigenthaler was later promoted further up the ranks in The Tennessean. After retiring, Seigenthaler created the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt where he continued to teach the importance of the free

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in India

by Aaron Kaplan and Ian Scholer
press. Shortly before passing away, the Shelby Street Bridge (the spot where he, as a young journalist, had saved the life of a suicidal man) was renamed in his honor.

Most importantly, Kaplan and Scholer chose to do their presentation on Seigenthaler because he had the rare combination of an inherent desire to do good in the world, the guts to fight for his beliefs, and the skill set to accomplish what needed to be done.

Their video presentation (which is available online at https://vimeo.com/116035831) includes segments from interviews they conducted with Hooker and Seigenthaler’s son John Michael, an anchorman for Aljazeera News.

The conference in India itself was structured so that the delegates could sit down to discuss human rights issues in an organized setting, immerse themselves in the topic by visiting a local slum neighborhood, watch video projects made by the other delegations, and hear from relevant guest speakers.

This multicultural event was capped by a cultural night during which each delegation was responsible for a performance or demonstration. In order to combine the festive nature of the night with a very American cultural aspect, football, Kaplan and Scholer demonstrated several different touchdown dances, much to the amusement of the crowd.

More than the conference proceedings themselves, Kaplan and Scholer’s brief immersion in Indian society (including their visit to the slum of Shiv Nagar, commuting through the local streets, and exploring Hyderabad during a lengthy layover) had an indelible impact on their understanding of the world and their place within it. To experience first-hand the very different ways in which other people live was eye-opening and gratifying. The trip was made even more insightful by sharing their experiences with other people from around the world, each of whom brought inherently different perspectives and points of comparison with which to absorb the experience.

The delegates want to thank everyone at MBA, Mr. Gioia, and their chaperone Mr. Connor Kamm, for making their journey possible. They would also like to express their gratitude to Vedant (their student host) and the Daly College for its hospitality and coordination of the program.
MBA Dean of Students Will Norton (’99) then introduced his classmate Matt Woolsey. Woolsey, an Apache Helicopter pilot, was deployed to Iraq in 2007, where his unit provided support for combat missions in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Woolsey earned both the Bronze Star and the Combat Action Badge for Engaging in Hostile Attacks. After his deployment, Woolsey led a company of Apaches at Ft. Carson in Colorado. Woolsey then served as an Aide de Camp to Major General James Rogers in Huntsville, Alabama. Woolsey, now a Major, works on a team that is helping to improve the target acquisition on the Apache.

Woolsey shared that he felt he had the best job in the Army, and that he was honored to work with so many men and women who truly understand dedication. He asked the crowd to reflect and truly honor the sacrifice of those who serve, but also the people who provide guidance and support for our veterans. Woolsey shared his feelings that the events of the past 15 years have helped our nation recognize the importance of our veterans and makes November 11 a very special day. Woolsey closed with a story about meeting a Vietnam Veteran who earned a Silver Star in battle, but did not receive his award until 45 years after the fact. Woolsey attended the ceremony and was overwhelmed by the selflessness of the recipient and his appreciation for Woolsey’s own service.

Scan code to see video of Veterans Day program in the MBA Media Library.
At a recent MBA Assembly, current Honor Council President Richard Thornton and Vice President Anthony Swenson spoke about the importance of maintaining the tradition of Honor at MBA. Swenson, whose older brothers Brian (’09) and George (’13) also served on the Honor Council, is particularly suited to speak on this topic. Anthony began by telling the students “I want to remind us all of the importance of our honor code, and how vital it is that we as students uphold it. We must hold each other accountable for our actions, and we must encourage each other to finish this school year with honor and integrity.” He then reminded the students that “it is our responsibility to uphold the honor code. By allowing your friend to cheat, you are hurting him in the long run, not helping him.”

Thornton echoed these sentiments of history and camaraderie. He added “everyone in this school is part of a Long Red Line — one that stretches to 1867. It is our duty and our privilege to uphold the tradition of honor and excellence that defines this school. Do your part. Be a force for good and give your all for the Long Red Line.” It is this attitude that pervades much of the philosophy at MBA. Students embrace the expectations that have been passed down from previous classes while encouraging each other to maintain high standards.

At the beginning of each MBA school year, all students sign the celebrated MBA Register. The school’s register, a tradition dating back to MBA’s very first class, symbolizes each MBA student’s enrollment at MBA and affirmation of the MBA ideals. As both Thornton and Swenson mentioned in their speeches, the capstone of these MBA ideals is Honor.

Although the principals of Honor and Integrity have long been emphasized on MBA’s campus, it was not until the 1945–1946 school year that the school actually adopted an Honor Code. Like many of the Honor Codes at the time, MBA’s Honor Code was initially based on its counterpart at the University of Virginia. MBA’s initial Honor Code stated that its mission was “to promote...a strong sense of certain ideals associated with gentlemanly conduct.” The same Honor Code Constitution defines honorable conduct by stating: “Each MBA boy is a person of honor who will not lie, cheat, or steal.” MBA’s Honor Constitution, under the leadership of then-president Scott Dalton (’12), was updated in 2011. Although the updated Constitution clarified several points of procedure and addressed changes in technology, its overall purpose remained the same: “Individuals must trust and respect others while promoting equitable treatment. Articulating, guarding, and maintaining these ideals constitute the shared responsibility of all members of the MBA community.”

Since MBA instituted its initial Honor Code, each MBA student has become familiar with the MBA Honor Pledge: “On my honor as a gentleman, I have neither given nor received aid on this work.” The essence of the Honor Pledge is that each student will abide by the guidelines of MBA’s Honor Code.

Marc Stengel (’74) served as President of MBA’s Honor Council his senior year. Stengel recalls the pervasive and yet subtle way the
MBA Honor Code fit into daily campus life during his time on The Hill. He also recalls that the school’s Honor Code was embodied by Headmaster Francis Carter. Stengel believes his most important role on the Honor Council was in being a representative among his classmates about the school’s value of Honor. Stengel also believes that these values have pervaded his view of life after MBA: “There is no vision of an active, responsible adult life that, for me, does not resurrect the lessons of the MBA Honor Code and the MBA Honor Council at virtually any time, in virtually any setting.”

Rob Alley (’85) served on MBA’s Honor Council from eighth to twelfth grade. He also served on the Honor Council at Vanderbilt. Alley remembers the way in which Mrs. June Bowen impressed upon all of her seventh-grade students the importance and seriousness of abiding by the Honor Code. He recalls the way that Honor became a cultural expectation at the school. He was impressed by the way the entire student body adhered to the Honor Code as a part of gentlemanly behavior. Alley remembers that “in general, the Honor Code was taken pretty seriously by the majority of the students — that violations didn’t occur, but that was the exception rather than the rule. But it was just a given — we have an honor code and boys should strive to be honorable — that is what gentlemen do.” Alley also recalls that the expectation of adhering to the Honor Code became a “self-fulfilling system” on campus. Because the ethical standard of honor had become set and even expected among the students, the student body’s momentum conducted most of the enforcement of the Honor Code.

After Alley’s time on the MBA Honor Council, one notable change was made in the structure of the Council — the addition of a faculty advisor. Up to this point, the MBA Honor Council had operated under the oversight of the Headmaster. However, an adult faculty member had heretofore not been present in the actual Honor Council meetings. In 1990 the school decided to add an adult presence in the Honor Council meetings. Faculty member Beatie O’Connell was named to this position, where she served through the 2011–2012 school year. Madame O’Connell speaks with pride about her role in advising the Honor Council members for 25 years: “The Council has the support and respect of the students, which is exactly as it should be.” She also spoke about the Honor Code’s relevance on campus by noting “the fact that year after year excellent representatives are chosen in every class speaks to the seriousness of the student body in that they WANT good leaders who will be fair. I think most boys want to be honest.”

Brew Davis (’97), who served on the Honor Council at both MBA and Davidson College, recalls his introduction to MBA’s Honor System similarly to Rob Alley’s. Davis “still remember[s] very vividly the experience of signing [the MBA Register]” and claims “there was a lot of gravitas to that occasion.” In looking back on his time at MBA, Brew claims that “I…valued the experience more than any other I had at MBA.” He also believes his time on The Hill taught him that “honor is more than not cheating on a test or not lying to a teacher or administrator. It’s much broader than that. It’s how you carry yourself — whether you are seen by people as someone with integrity, someone who unilaterally tries to ‘do the right thing,’ someone who is at his very essence good and thoughtful and caring.”

Davis also commented on the evolving nature of the Honor Code at MBA. To remain relevant, the Honor Code must continually adapt to the needs of the MBA student body. However, it must also remain consistent to preserve the traditions and standards that have proven so important to past MBA students:

“I think the Honor Council and the Honor Code is an incredibly noble undertaking. To challenge young men to make constant decisions about honesty and integrity and to somehow instill this in them seems even more important.”

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more difficult now than when I was at MBA in the 90s. But I really think it’s the most important thing MBA does.”

It is this balance of the past and future that continues to galvanize the MBA Honor Code today.

Having served on the Honor Council as a student, MBA teacher and alumnus Will McMurray (99) is also in a unique position to observe the importance of MBA’s Honor Code. McMurray says he “felt like honor was very much cherished on the campus and that the Honor Code was something that the student body was proud of. I did not feel like we were fighting an uphill battle on the HC, and that its intentions were understood and appreciated by the students.” He described a process in which he and other students at first acted honorably because it was the expected cultural norm. The system eventually became internalized for McMurray when “beyond MBA, as you have grown up under such a system, it is ingrained in you what is right and wrong, honorable and not.” As an adult, McMurray believes that “the Honor Code at MBA gives you the confidence to know what the right thing to do is and not even to think twice about it for the rest of your life.”

Through its 70-year history on MBA’s campus, the Honor Code has certainly left an indelible mark on the school. As is the case with many ideals on campus, the ideal of Honor begins for many as a rule or expectation to be followed. Through emphasis in the classroom by teachers and among the student body in the hallways, Honor and Integrity become values that both distinguish and enrich the MBA experience.
Several hundred MBA alumni, fathers, and sons gathered in the Paschall Theater on Wednesday, November 26, for the school’s annual Thanksgiving Breakfast. Several generations of the MBA community received the latest news from The Hill, and heard a message of gratitude from Raymond Mkhulisi, who last visited MBA as an exchange student in 2009. Mkhulisi was born in South Africa and attended Michaelhouse, a school in Balgowan, South Africa, with whom MBA has had a longstanding relationship. He has become an entrepreneur and is co-founder of several global renewable energy and investment companies.
On December 4, members of the MBA Class of 2016 gathered in the Paschall Theater to receive their class rings. The MBA Ring Ceremony, now in its second decade, has become one of the more meaningful traditions for MBA students and their families. Senior Richard Thornton greeted the juniors and their families. He encouraged the juniors to complete their remaining months at MBA with no regrets. He urged them to contribute, act on good ideas, and make the most of being leaders. The ceremony was highlighted by an address by Andrew Powell ('11), the text of which is printed below. Adding to the excitement of the ceremony was the fact that many of the juniors would take part in the football state title game later that day. Powell’s speech references that excitement and anticipation, along with several tongue-in-cheek barbs at the Big Red’s opponent.

Following the speech, a representative of the senior class — a group that included Nicholas Hiem, Henry Rogers, Akiem George, Ben Kelly, Hunter Wims, and Anthony Swenson — presented each junior his ring. If the recipient was the son of an alumnus, his father could present the ring.
ood morning. I am Andrew Powell, Class of 2011, and I am honored to address you today. I am the second of the four Powell boys, but most of you probably know me as Owen and John’s brother. I speak to you this morning fully expecting that some of you will be receiving two rings today. How many guys do we have on the football team in here? Can you stand, for a moment? Hope you went to bed early and are well rested. Let’s give them a round of applause.

Congratulations on an incredible season and great run so far. I’m excited to see you take it to Ensworth tonight. I really dislike those guys. You would think it kind of fades after you leave MBA, but it doesn’t. I mean I’m student body president at UNC and I still hate Ensworth more than I hate Duke. I was here for the regular season game, and man they’ve got it coming tonight. You are going to take it to them. I wish I could be there to cheer you on but I have to fly back to Chapel Hill for an exam this evening.

I remember three years ago, in fact, I was at UNC during my freshman fall, and I was gearing up to watch the MBA-Ensworth game online. I pulled out my MBA shirt and grabbed my class ring out of my box of things from home. I hadn’t worn it regularly at that point; I had not yet gotten acclimated to the feel of wearing a ring. But for that game, I put it on. It reminded me of who I am and where I came from. I felt at home, and I have worn it every day since then.

I am really pleased to be here this morning as you — the Class of 2016 — receive your rings. The MBA ring is an object, a symbol, an image. But it represents something of great meaning — your MBA experience, and everything that involves. The ring speaks. It speaks volumes about your life on The Hill. It says that hard work matters, that honor should be cherished above success. It says that discipline is difficult, but it bears much fruit. The ring speaks about the importance of truth, beauty, and excellence. It reminds us to be courageous and resilient — to be steadfast and persever to the end.

It’s a shared bond, a shared experience — early morning workouts, the late night themes. It reminds us of games won and games lost. It tells us to never, ever, ever, give up. It speaks of resilience and the fulfillment of coming back from 14 down to score 31 straight unanswered points and win the state semi-final. It’s a home, a community, a calling. It’s a lifelong blessing that grows more significant and more impactful with each year — at least that’s my perception four years out. The ring reminds you of who you are, and where you come from. It reminds you of what you value, and no matter where you are, that there is a community here of faithful friends, coaches, and mentors where you are valued and loved.

As a senior at UNC, I’m currently getting a bunch of emails about ordering a UNC class ring, but I actually don’t plan to get one. I already have my MBA ring, so my right hand ring finger is permanently occupied. I am aspiring to be one of the awesome old guys who (well into his 80s) comes back to MBA football games (and of course cross country meets, too, for all my XC runners out there) still wearing his MBA ring. I want to be one of those guys — so I don’t plan to take it off anytime soon.

I will say (don’t let my lack of Carolina ring plans deceive you) I have had an incredible experience at Carolina. MBA prepared me very well. One thing the two places share in common is having lofty ideals. North Carolina’s state motto is esse quam videri — which as any MBA man knows, means to be rather than to seem.
MBA builds boys into good men — men of character. MBA has a sterling reputation, but reputation is ephemeral. Reputation is how you seem. Character is what you are. The ring is about what MBA is and who you are; despite being something you wear, it’s not about appearances. It’s about what MBA is at the core. What MBA has been for 148 years, and what it will be for the next 150. It’s about being, and not just seeming to be, a Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete.

So, as you take your ring today, I encourage you — strive to be gentlemen rather than to seem to be a gentleman. Aspire to be a scholar, not just perceived as smart. Work to be the best athlete you can be, not just thought of as athletic.

First on being a gentleman, rather than seeming to be one. If you ever prize your reputation over your character, you will surely bring about your own demise. UNC learned this lesson the hard way recently. As some of you may know, we had a massive academic scandal that came to light this year. It’s been a tough year to be student body president. A former federal prosecutor named Ken Wainstein released a report that described in detail two decades of significant academic fraud at UNC. We had to endure headlines like “Over 3000 students implicated in UNC Academic Scandal,” “UNC Nabbed by Probe for Allowing Culture of Academic Dishonesty,” and “NCAA’s response to damning UNC report will define its future.” The aftermath of the report’s release has completely consumed my time; everything from press calls and on camera interviews, to meetings with the faculty council and student town hall forums. I was constantly asked what I thought, and what the university needed to do next. At its core, what the report showed is that the bad actions of a few created the scandal, and the inaction of many enabled and perpetuated it. All these people prioritized reputation over reality — prioritized seeming rather than being. They forgot Carolina’s ideals, and for decades protected the image of a flawless university rather than fixing the flaws that were steadily getting worse and worse. Let the ring be a reminder that character trumps reputation every time — to not only be seen as a gentleman, but also always to be a gentleman. And if ever the two are in conflict — be, rather than seem.

Second, you should also work to be a scholar, rather than to appear as one. Your integrity is the most valuable thing you own. Serving on the Honor Council throughout high school here taught me so much. Doing the right thing, telling the truth — all of those ideals ought to be embedded in our character, in being a gentleman as I just discussed.

Education is about forming your mind, feeding your spirit, and enabling you to fulfill your potential. The grades we get are not nearly as important ultimately as the lessons we learn.

But in the vein of truly being a scholar, one thing my service on the Honor Council illuminated for me was the value of education itself. Education is not about homework grades, test scores, or even the diploma you get at the end. Students who cheat to get a better grade are not only betraying the trust of this community (not being a true gentleman, so to speak), but also cheating themselves out of their own education (failing to be a true scholar). Education is about forming your mind, feeding your spirit, and enabling you to fulfill your potential. The grades we get are not nearly as important ultimately as the lessons we learn.

Now, that is not to say that prestige and reputation are not important. We certainly pride...
ourselves on our academic reputation, on the fact that we get more national merit scholars in one year than Ensworth would get in a decade, but that’s because here we strive to be scholars, not just to be perceived as academically rigorous. We believe in gaining strength through knowledge (fortitudo per scientiam) not just college acceptances through good grades and high test scores (plus that phrase would not make for much of a Latin motto).

At Carolina this year I’ve been reminded yet again of the difference between the value of education and the value of a degree — the importance of being a scholar, rather than just being perceived as one. After the Wainstein report came out, I sent an email out to the whole university community, asking for their thoughts and concerns. Tons of parents sent me emotional emails expressing their distress over how the value of the UNC degree would be diminished by the scandal. (By the way, I don’t think that’s actually the case. It is as strong as ever — so to all of you, definitely still consider UNC!). Their concern struck me as strong as ever — so to all of you, definitely keep that in mind.

Going to MBA is the best thing that has ever happened to me, perhaps with the one exception of having the family I’ve been blessed with. I can’t imagine my life had I not attended MBA. So much of who I am I owe to this place. As a very small example, my job for the next few years came through a connection I made in a Monday morning Assembly during my senior year on The Hill. Chris Bradford, from the African Leadership Academy, spoke one morning, and I was very inspired by his stories of the students he worked with at ALA. Afterwards I asked if I could have a business card, to email him and write a story on him.

MBA, of course, scores well on both; but we always prioritize the being. Our teachers push us and hold us to incredibly high standards. The MBA demands are significant, but the results are great. In a world that values extreme specialization, the MBA ring speaks of the balance embodied in the Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete.

Finally, for Athlete — to be rather than to seem — I’m not actually entirely sure the example would be here. I guess the lesson here is don’t skip leg day to just focus on the glamour muscles? My dad jokes since (you wouldn’t be able to tell) I recently stopped running as much and started lifting weights. I’ve put on at least like five pounds. I ran XC and track while here, and proudly was part of the team that swept the state meet in 2010. So I naturally did not spend much time in the weight room, and instead ran about 50 miles a week. But as my dad says, now that I’ve switched from running to lifting, I will now go from actually being in shape to starting to look like I’m in shape. So maybe my whole argument breaks down on the athlete part, but I’d say just beat Ensworth tonight and that’ll cover the athlete part.

So, as you receive your ring in a moment, please accept my greatest congratulations. You’ve worked for it and earned every bit. You all have so much to be proud of. But you have also been given a lot. And as we know, to those whom much is given, much is required. MBA is a place that pushes you to your limits, but supports you relentlessly. This place believes in you more than you believe in yourself. Going to MBA is the best thing that has ever happened to me, perhaps with the one exception of having the family I’ve been blessed with.

So, let this be a reminder — at MBA, even the small things can end up being really significant. Just last week I was here for the Thanksgiving alumni lunch, and a classmate of mine pulled me aside. He said he had something he wanted to tell me. He reminded me that senior year I was helping to put together the agenda for the Leavers Dinner, a traditional event just before graduation celebrating the senior class. Each year a number of seniors get up and talk, and I asked him if he would be willing to be one of the speakers for the night to address the rest of the class. He gave the speech and it was great. But he told me at lunch this past week, nearly tearing up as he said it, that in that moment (when I asked him to talk) he was really confused. He asked himself why was he asked to speak, what did he have to give to this class when everyone is so impressive? But then as he thought more about it, he felt a wave of confidence. He started to believe in himself and to think that he had something meaningful to share with his peers. He told me that that moment, that small gesture of asking him to speak, changed his life. A seed of belief in him by someone else enabled him to believe in himself, and that has grown and blossomed over the past four years to where he’s really in a great place now. Small moments (whether an assembly speech or a simple request from a friend) can have major impacts.

Knowing all that this ring represents, and how hard each and every one of you has worked to earn it, I hope that this moment (when you are given your ring) may be that small moment for some of you. You’ve earned it; and with that well-earned confidence, let us aspire to be rather than to seem from this day onward. I can’t wait to see how your own journeys unfold. Thank you for allowing me to share this special moment with you all.

and his school for The Bell Ringer. I never ended up reaching out, sadly, but a year later (at UNC) I found that I still had his card. I had the upcoming summer still free, so I emailed him to ask if I could come intern with ALA in Johannesburg, SA that summer. After Mr. Gioia graciously put in a good word for me, I found myself on my way down to ALA for 10 weeks, where I developed a passion for education. While there I got to know a Ghanaian man by the name of Fred Swaniker. Now the next summer I went out to California to work for an education technology company called Coursera, connecting with many MBA alumni while I was out there. This past summer (two years after my time at ALA) Fred reached out
Under the strong leadership of Service Club Officers Kang Huh, Gage Anderson, Michael Milam, and Nicholas Heim, the first semester has offered many opportunities for students to experience the rewards of helping the community. Every class has been busy participating in Loaves and Fishes Meals, Vandy Parking, Urban Housing Solutions’ Last Saturday of the Month Dinner, the Autism Speaks Walk, Hands On Nashville Day, and the Nashville Food Project, as well as tutoring at Preston Taylor and Paragon Mills each week.

Under the leadership of Zac Jernigan (’16), a new initiative this fall has been raising funds for Canine Companions for Independence, a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. The MBA efforts this fall contributed more than $2,000 to the training of a puppy.

After winning International Chapter of the Year this past summer, the Best Buddies Program (both Sports and Arts Saturdays) is going strong under the leadership of Nick Dreyer (’16) and Jackson Hughes (’15). In October, MBA and Harpeth Hall had over 200 participants in Race for the Cure. Our thanks to Mr. Steve Rundberg, Dr. Tim Boyd, and project leader Nathan Sharp (’15) and his team of volunteers for their efforts.

The MBA Wounded Warrior events in November raised nearly $10,000 this year. Congratulations to project leaders Gregory Quesinberry (’15), Matt Hopp (’16), Warner Lamar (’17), and Mark Floyd (’16) for their highly successful efforts. Coach Dan Cooper’s advisory continued the long-running success of their fall coat drive, and Jess Darnell (’15) led a toiletries drive for prison inmates during the holidays. After exams, a large MBA group helped with The Last-Minute Toy Store, providing much-appreciated gifts to children throughout Nashville.
and Jake Macey ('13) ran a Christmas tree removal fundraiser to continue their support for Room In The Inn, where both interned as part of the Sophomore Service Internship. The funds raised also went to support Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital in support of Macey’s classmate J. Carlton Smith.

With over 1,500 hours of work this semester, many MBA students have certainly made serving the community a high priority. In the new year, the Service Club looks forward to continuing these efforts, as well as volunteering for the Eighth Annual Richland Creek Run, the Tenth Annual Shakespearathon in April, and the Dominican Republic Spring Break Service Trip over Spring Break.

There are approximately 16,000 National Merit Semifinalists across the country chosen from the 1.4 million entrants from more than 22,000 schools in the competition. About 90 percent of the students selected as Semifinalists are selected as Finalists, and approximately half of that number attains the National Merit Scholar title.


In addition, Francis and George were named Semifinalists in the National Achievement Scholarship Program. These students, 1,600 in number, scored in the top one percent of Black Americans who requested consideration for the program when they took the PSAT/NMSQT. Fellow seniors Tobi Kehinde and AC Carr were also named Outstanding Participants in the program, an honor bestowed on the students who score in the top three percent. The National Achievement Scholarship Program was initiated in 1964 specifically to honor academically promising Black American high school students.
Thirteen members of the Class of 2014 earned the Advanced Placement (AP) National Scholar distinction in the fall. To qualify as an AP National Scholar, a student must have an average score of 4 or above on all AP examinations with an actual score of 4 or 5 on a minimum of eight exams. AP National Scholars are:

- Benjamin Barton
- Benjamin Chen
- Andrew Dupuis
- John Hicham
- Clark Hooks
- Sam Hurd
- Wesley Jennings
- Denny Lackey
- Davis Lowborn
- Tarun Mallipeddi
- Rahul Ramanna
- Sam Weien
- Ben Yahian

In addition, MBA had 110 boys recognized for their performance on AP examinations.

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

- Taylor Adams
- Ferriss Bailey
- Benjamin Barton
- Samuel Bellet
- Brad Bennett
- Drew Benson
- Adam Biesman
- Ross Blackwell
- Christopher Burrus
- Brandon Carpenter
- Caleb Carpenter
- Clay Cavallo
- Kalyan Chadalavada
- Ben Chen
- Joseph Downey
- Andrew Dupuis
- Cal Fisher
- Tyler Forcum
- Jack Grant
- Wells Hamilton
- John Hicham
- Clark Hooks
- Kang Huh
- Charles Hunter
- Sam Hurd
- Henry Ingrum
- Wesley Jennings
- Aaron Kaplan
- Denny Lackey
- Davis Lowborn
- Mac Mackey
- Tarun Mallipeddi
- Thomas Maroisz
- Chase Mathews
- Matt Miccoli
- Michael Milam
- DJ Mott
- Bates O’Neal
- Nilay Patel
- Rahul Ramanna
- Grey Reames
- Josh Rotker
- Pat Sanders
- Will Singer
- Harry Stewart
- Anthony Swenson
- Jack Thompson
- John Triplett
- Faris Wazim
- Sam Weien
- Ben Yahian

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

- Alex Bars
- Sam Carey
- Tristan Charb
- Keon Cleary
- Harrison Davis
- Alex Dunn
- Rem Houghton
- John Lafreniere
- German Martinez Roja
- Houston Morris
- Henry Moyle
- Oren Powell
- Jordan Puch
- Nathan Sharp
- Richard Thornton
- Cameron Travis
- Joe Wetheram
- Stephen Wood

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

- Eric Anderson
- Clay Andreen
- Nick Boney
- Russell Carpenter
- Ryan Carr
- Arthur Churchwell
- Jack Coyle
- Miles Curry
- Billy Deitsch
- Wes Duke
- Chip Evans
- Paul Garrard
- Gaines Garrett
- Jack Goodrum
- John Michael Gould
- David Harrison
- Fred Harwell
- Charlie Harksins
- William Holbrook
- Armanu Jala
- Max Katseff
- Coleman Kelley
- Bill Leopold
- Billy Lynch
- Christopher Mowery
- Nick Obremskey
- James Owen
- Sam Papel
- Reid Parker
- Sam Pensky
- Greg Quesinberry
- Tejas Reddy
- Nathan Roberts
- Heyward Rogers
- Ian Scholer
- James Throckmorton
- John Tipps
- Nick Troccolino
- Curtis Turner
- Braden Welborn
- Harrison Wheeler
THEATER

ON THE HILL

The Servant of Two Masters
Actors at MBA and Harpeth Hall returned to school at the end of July to begin working on our 17th musical collaboration — Damn Yankees. Light, fast-paced, and devilishly clever, Damn Yankees was a home run with four sold-out performances. The musical tells the story of a middle-aged baseball fanatic named Joe Boyd (James Matthews ('15)) who is willing to sell his soul to the devil (Jess Darnell ('15)) for the chance to regain his youth (Jack Duke ('15) played the younger Joe) and lead his favorite team to the World Series.

The fabulous cast featured the antics of the Senators baseball team, including seniors Donny Abel, Clay Andreen, Billy Deutsch, Neal Hawkins, Michael Milam, Henry Rogers, and William Snow with Andrew Porter (in his theatrical debut) as their beleaguered coach. Director Cal Fuller praised the entire cast and crew: "We have been blessed with a very bright, creative, and hard-working cast and crew. They understand that theater is a collaborative art wherein we unite together as a team or we fall apart. They know that if we don’t take care of our teammates and support each other throughout, we won’t triumph on opening night or in life.” One of the special highlights of the rehearsals and performances was a reunion with the cast and crew from the 2000 production.

On October 24, MBA’s production of Nick Patricca’s play, The Fifth Sun, came in second-place in the state at the Tennessee Theater Association’s one-act play competition, held at Maryville College. As a result, the play, directed by Rick Seay ('79), will be representing Tennessee at the Southeastern Theater Convention’s annual conference in March. This is the fifth time since 2006 that MBA has represented Tennessee at this prestigious competition. MBA was very fortunate to have had the playwright as the school’s fall artist-in-residence, working with our theater students for the week leading up to the presentation. The Fifth Sun is a highly theatrical piece that tells the story of Oscar Romero. On March 24, 1980, Romero, archbishop of San Salvador, was assassinated during mass. The very powerful play presents the story of the people and the forces that transformed an ordinary man into a courageous leader. It combines elements of ancient tomb rituals, Mayan temple dramas, and medieval morality plays into a contemporary structure in which the audience witnesses a human being ultimately embody the moral voice and vision of his people. Besides the second-place trophy at the state competition, both James Matthews and Eliza Trost were named to the All-Star Cast List. The judges created a special ensemble-acting award for the four guardians (Donny Abel, Alec Giammalvo, William Hall, and Daniel Maynard). Senior Jess Darnell was named Best Actor for the entire competition. As a sophomore, Darnell won Best Actor at the Southeastern Theater Convention’s competition for his portrayal of Frederick Treves in The Elephant Man. We hope he can repeat this accomplishment in March at SETC. Congratulations to all the cast and crew on their numerous awards and accomplishments, and good luck in March!

On November 20–23, the MBA Players presented Carlo Goldoni’s comic classic The Servant of Two Masters. It all begins in the Venetian house of Pantalone (Henry Rogers ('15)), where a party is underway to celebrate the engagement of his daughter Clarice (HH’s Summer Kapanka) to Silvio (Donny Abel ('15)). The daffy Truffaldino (Jess Darnell ('15)) announces the arrival of his master, Federigo Rasponi (HH’s Eliza Trost in disguise). This news comes as a surprise to all, since Federigo has recently been killed in a duel. Mistaken identities, big appetites, and happy endings made the performances delightful with standing-room-only crowds! According to Director Cal Fuller, “My cast and crew have embraced the characters and the commedia dell’arte style of the show from the beginning. They amaze me with their talent and initiative. I’m especially pleased that they really take chances and make me laugh. What a gift!”
Untitled by Corbitt Dicker
The Visual Arts Department at MBA is in the midst of undergoing a number of physical changes since the opening of school this fall. The most obvious changes are visible in the spaces where we teach due to the music department moving into new spaces on the first floor. While we have been able to utilize the vacated areas for extensive drawing, painting, and clay work, the anticipation is mounting as we begin to plan and anticipate how the new and improved rooms can enhance the existing program. This has added an air of excitement for all to think about.

We began the year with an exhibition of student portraits drawn from the MBA collection in the Davis gallery for the International Boys School Conference at the end of June and beginning of July. Upstairs we exhibited pieces that are representative of the work MBA students produce. The remodeling of the Gibbs Room provided a new setting for the Annual Mothers Art Club show, followed by a display of the work of R. B. Kitaj.

Additionally, the Frist Center for the Visual Arts is currently holding its biannual exhibition of Young Tennessee Artists that features work by Jack Coyle ('14), Ross Blackwell ('14), and Wes Duke ('14). The Middle Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibit to be held at Belmont this winter features a painting by Corbit Dicker ('16) and a photograph by Steve Wood ('15).

One of the newest and most exciting additions to the fall was an evening honoring and highlighting the work of students in the junior school enrichment programs from music, theater, and the arts. Staged before Thanksgiving, a packed crowd in the Paschall Theater saw examples of student performances followed by a reception and showing of junior school art in the gallery.

On a final note, it has been extremely gratifying to see the enthusiasm and interest generated by the addition of the Wilson Art Grants throughout all areas of this department. The level of work and the intensity of interest generated by this gift is witnessed by all on a daily basis.
DEBATE

Big Red Debate had a fall semester that was well worth the summer camps, August meetings, and hard work during our debaters’ full class loads. The culture of preparation, passion, and competition is evident in the squad room from our new seventh grade debaters to our seasoned Varsity teams. For the 1st-Year and Junior Varsity teams, this fall has been one of the best semesters of success in recent memory and bodes well for the next few years. The new portrait of Senator Frist in the coach’s area had to have been motivation for the team to represent MBA Debate well at tournaments from Atlanta to Dallas to Chicago. In addition to its competitions, the team was able to complete its annual service project, Ambassadors Training for the Best Buddies program, where our debaters help coach the Ambassadors to give speeches. Our thanks to the students, teachers, staff, administration, parents, and alumni who all support the coaches and our great team.

1st-Year Results

Starting from the first tournament of the year, the novice squad of seventh through ninth graders showed that they were ready to match the success of last year’s 1st-year group. At Emory University’s August Season Starter, eighth grader Julian Habermann and ninth grader Mac Fleming took home first place and ninth graders Ben Jablonski and Jack Capizzi finished third, with Habermann receiving a standing ovation as the top speaker. October saw accolades as well, first at the Sandra Silvers Invitational at Calhoun High School in Georgia, with three teams crowding the pedestal by winning first, second, and third, including Capizzi, Jablonski, Habermann, eighth grader Paul Lee, ninth grader Patrick Dennis, and tenth grader Magnus Campos. Then at the big Southeastern regional tournament of the semester at Chattahoochee High School, Jablonski and Capizzi again came away victorious — their second straight victory. In
November, at the University of Michigan, Capizzi and Jablonski earned fifth place among 72 teams, and they both earned top 10 speaking awards. To cap off the semester, Jack and Ben won second place among 60 top novice teams at The Glenbrooks Invitational in Chicago, the top national tournament of the semester. At the same tournament, Habermann earned a seventh place speaker award.

**JV and Varsity Results**

Starting the year off in September at Wake Forest University, two MBA debaters won the JV division among competitors from Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Oklahoma, Virginia, Maryland, and Tennessee. Sophomores Ben Rosenthal and Liam Jameson swept through the field with near-perfect results. In October at Calhoun High School in the Varsity division, the team of junior Adam Young and Jameson won the tournament, with sophomores Vincent Zhang and Thomas Daniels reaching the semi-finals. MBA’s win in Varsity earned the squad the honor of housing the Sandra Worthington Silvers traveling trophy for a year, a special honor given that the tournament and the award are named after a debate coach who was a close friend of Mr. Billy Tate. At the Chattahoochee tournament in Atlanta — with over 200 debaters competing — the upperclassmen won a JV co-championship, in addition to a Varsity finish in the sweet sixteen. The JV teams who shared first place were Daniels, Zhang, tenth grader John Glover, and eighth grader Atticus Glen.

In Dallas, two teams were invited to compete among the top tenth grade teams in the country at the Sophomore Hoe Down at The St. Marks School, with sophomores John Cooper and Andrew Kaplan earning fifth place. In November at the University of Michigan, juniors Andy Zhu and Alvin Zhang were invited to compete as one of the top eight junior teams in the country. Finally at Glenbrooks, the squad earned historic results in Junior Varsity with Jameson, Rosenthal, Cooper, and Kaplan going into the elimination rounds as the second and third seeds, eventually meeting in the Final Four and advancing Cooper and Kaplan to the finals.
Thanks in part to its newly renovated space and adjusting to an improved schedule, the MBA Music department has risen to a new level. The choral program has expanded from one choir to three high school choirs and one junior school choir. The orchestra has expanded from one ensemble into a Junior School and a High School ensemble. This expansion allows MBA’s top ensembles — Chamber Choir, Sinfonia, and Ellington Band — to rehearse at the same time, which allows for more collaboration.

Recently at Mid-State auditions, the choir placed the most students in honor ensembles in school history. Daniel Lee, Henry Rhodes, Brady Slinger, and John Spurgeon were named to the Freshman Honor Choir. Hayes Alley, John Fioravanti, Drew Gordon, Nicholas Heim, Zac Jernigan, Jackson Maradik, Andrew Porter, Greg Quesinberry, Matt Remke, Wes Richardson, Luke Rochford, John Triplett, and Richard Thornton earned Mid-State honors.

Alley, Gordon, Porter, Remke, Richardson, and Triplett received All-State honors, and Porter, Quesinberry, Richardson, and Triplett had the privilege of singing with the All-National Choir. In addition to these impressive results, the entire Choral Program has maintained a performance schedule that included performances at Vine Street Church, a special featured concert on the First Presbyterian concert series, and caroling in the community to support Fannie Battle.

Most recently the orchestra had its most impressive honor ensemble results in program history. Kang Huh, Ivan Franco, Brian Lu, Samuel Kirkpatrick, Paul Lee, Jack Rankin, Ray Lee, and Charles Hunter from the orchestra made Mid-State honors. Huh, Franco, and Lu were selected All-State, and Huh participated in the All-National Orchestra.

The orchestra has collaborated with the Chamber Choir most recently for the Ring Ceremony and the Jazz Band at the Winter Concert. Up and coming events include the Annual School Combined Concert in March and a special Music Recital in April that will feature string quartets composed by the AP Music Theory class.
In early November, four students were inducted into Totomi, MBA’s honor fraternity. Totomi recognizes individuals who have shown outstanding leadership in academics, athletics, service to the school, community service, and appreciation for the arts. Induction into Totomi is among the highest honors an MBA student, alumnus, or faculty member can receive. Current members Sam Bellet, Kang Huh, Cole Jones, Aaron Kaplan, Matt Miccoli, Michael Milam, Richard Thornton, and John Triplett conducted the ceremony by giving a brief history of Totomi, tapping each new member, and providing an overview of each new member’s accomplishments.

New inductees from the Class of 2015 are (L-R above): Steve Wood, Anthony Swenson, Henry Rogers, and Jermaine Francis.
Henry Rogers being tapped by Kang Huh.
FOOTBALL With two straight losses in the TSSAA football semifinals over the past two years, coupled with the loss of two solid senior classes, the prospects for the 116th team in MBA football history looked doubtful. However, this team and this community went on to experience a remarkable and entertaining season that culminated in the school’s first state title since 2007.

The season began with 6 a.m. summer workouts led by head strength coach Sean Brock and facilitated by the rest of the football staff. Through the running, lifting, and non-padded practices, a strong bond was formed within the team. This bond would carry them into the 7 on 7 passing competitions throughout the summer. The summer came to an end when Team 116 opened its annual football camp at The Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tennessee. Throughout camp, MBA was looking to find its identity as a football team, the search would continue into the scrimmage season as MBA took on Siegel High School, Henry County High School, and, finally, Franklin High School.

MBA opened up their season with a 26–7 road victory over Christian Brothers High School, a team that would end the season as the top seed in the West region. The next week, MBA opened up its home schedule with a decisive victory over Memphis Hamilton High School to push its record to 2–0. The Big Red would face its first taste of adversity the very next week with a tough and disappointing 23–20 loss to Baylor School. The team was still searching for its identity as a football team, the search would continue into the scrimmage season as MBA took on Siegel High School, Henry County High School, and, finally, Franklin High School.

Pearl-Cohn team. The turning point in the Big Red season occurred the very next week as MBA visited an undefeated Brentwood Academy team that was coming off a huge victory over national power St. Xavier (OH). MBA was able to win its second straight shootout by the score of 52–44 over the Eagles. This victory gave the players and coaches confidence for the remainder of the year.

Following another road victory over a solid Millington Central High School team, MBA entered the Ensworth game with a 5–1 record. With three minutes left in the game, MBA found themselves down by 14 with the Tigers on the MBA two yard line. After stopping Ensworth on a fourth down play, MBA found a way to make the plays that were needed, as quarterback Euverard connected twice on touchdown throws with wide receiver Rolfe to push the score to 44–44 and force the game into overtime. Unfortunately for the Big Red, MBA was not able to maintain their momentum in the overtime period and Ensworth came out on top with a 50–44 victory. The team would not let the loss distract it from its ultimate goal as it rallied to finish the season with victories over a feisty Father Ryan squad, Pope John Paul II, and a talented McCallie team. The strong finish to the season allowed MBA to earn the second overall seed in the TSSAA state playoffs.

MBA advanced to the semifinals of the Division II-AA playoffs with a decisive 43–14 victory over the visiting Blue Tornado of McCallie on a frigid night on The Hill. In the semifinals, MBA found itself in a rematch with Baylor. After falling behind 14–0 to the Red Raiders, MBA went on to score 31 unanswered points and held on for a 31–29 victory and a trip to the state championship game and another rematch with Ensworth.

One of the most exciting and memorable seasons in MBA Football history concluded with MBA earning a 10–7 victory over Ensworth in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Bowl at Tennessee Tech University. With an enormous student section and a determined squad of players, the MBA community shone brightly.

For a team that averaged more points per game than any MBA team since 1927, the championship game was highlighted by an inspired defensive effort that saw the Big Red hold an explosive Ensworth offense that had averaged 39.6 points per game to just 7.

MBA capitalized on an interception by defensive MVP Lake Bullock in the first quarter that led to a three-yard
touchdown grab by sophomore tailback Ty Chandler from the game’s offensive MVP Euverard. MBA had a number of chances to increase the lead in the first half, but the Tiger defense stayed solid to hold the Big Red lead to just seven at the break.

In the third quarter, MBA forced another Ensworth turnover deep in its own territory that led to a 27-yard field goal by senior Davis Luster. The Tigers rallied in the fourth quarter to produce their own touchdown with nine minutes to go. The offense was able to earn a few first downs and drain precious time off the clock on the ensuing drive, but ultimately had to punt the ball back to the Tigers. Ensworth was able to drive the ball into MBA territory on the last drive, but their last second field goal sailed wide right, as MBA was able to capture its seventh State Championship in the TSSAA playoff era (since 1969).

Head Coach Marty Euverard cast a vision for the team that allowed the players to believe that they could achieve a state championship and that goal came to fruition. It was a season that will not soon be forgotten and Team 116 is proud to be a part of MBA Football history.

Offensively, MBA proved to be explosive throughout the season. The unit was led all year by dual threat quarterback Euverard, who was honored as the Mr. Football winner for Division II-AA. Sophomore tailback Chandler, senior tailback Derrick Tusie, and senior all-purpose back Mike Lacey who combined for over 2,200 yards of total offense and 33 touchdowns paced the running game. The running game was made possible by an offensive line that grew by leaps and bounds each week and allowed the offense to improve. Senior tackles Chad Mitchell and James Throckmorton led the group. Juniors Phelps Gambill, John Kelly, Joseph Scowden, and KP Frazier rounded out the group. Junior tight ends Jordan Wilson and Parker Bryan proved to be multitalented in both the run game and the passing game as they added over 300 yards and three touchdowns to the offense. All State receiver Rolfe and senior Parks Ball, who combined for nearly 1,000 yards and nine touchdowns, led the wide receiver core.

MBA’s defense had its resolve tested on multiple occasions, as the opponents’ offenses were extremely talented this year. Undersized but resilient, the Big Red defense saved its best performance for last with a stellar effort in the state title game. Senior linebacker Jefferson served as the leader for the unit along with junior linebacker Sam Sullivan. Up front, MBA played a multitude of players throughout the season but seniors Zach Roberts, Harrison Lien, and AC Carr led the group. In the defensive backfield, seniors Bullock, Owen Powell, and sophomore Montgomery Owen formed a formidable group.

Senior kicker Davis Luster anchored the kick units as his field goal kicking and punting provided a huge special teams advantage.

With the tremendous success of the football team came a number of individual honors. The following boys were recognized for their outstanding efforts:

**Cole Euverard** — Middle/East All Region, Middle/East All Academic Team, Middle/East Player of the Year, All Midstate, TWSA All State, Blue Cross Bowl MVP (Offense), Division II-AA Mr. Football

**Ty Chandler** — Middle/East All Region, TWSA All State, USA Today All-USA Tennessee Football Team

**Austin Rolfe** — Middle/East All Region, TWSA All State

**Chad Mitchell** — Middle/East All Region, All Midstate, 2014 East West All Star Game selection, TWSA All State

**James Throckmorton** — Middle/East All Region, Middle/East All Academic Team, TWSA All State

**Harrison Lien** — Middle/East All Region, TWSA All State

**T.J. Jefferson** — Middle/East All Region, TWSA All State

**Michael Lacey** — Middle/East All Region, All Midstate

**Davis Luster** — Middle/East All Region, All Midstate

**Luke Bullock** — Blue Cross Bowl MVP (Defense)
CROSS COUNTRY  Other MBA Cross Country teams have achieved greater competitive success than the 2014 Big Red Harriers, but thanks primarily to the leadership of seniors Richard Thornton and Cole Jones, no group has ever been a stronger team. These two seniors initiated daily huddles, awarded runner-of-the-week recognitions, organized team dinners, and exhibited a genuine interest in runners of all ages and abilities. Just as past MBA Cross Country greats like Michael Peters (’11) helped raise the bar on what is possible in training, Richard and Cole have raised the bar on team leadership. Though the 2014 team was disappointed with its sixth place finish in the TSSAA State Meet and does not believe that finish to be indicative of its competitive standing in the state, the runners certainly earned the right to hold their heads high as they trained vigorously, competed fiercely, and forged lasting bonds with one another.

Though most of the boys had been training since early June, official practice began in late July with daily runs in the Warner Parks. Just before school began, the team traveled to its annual camp at St. Mary’s Sewanee for twice-daily runs, teaching sessions, and evenings of the gallon challenge. The competitive season began with a return to the Cherokee Classic in Knoxville in mid-September, a meet where the team first showed the grit that would characterize its performances all season. Learning the day before the meet that Virgin Islander Evan Jones (’17) would not be eligible to race with the varsity and learning during warm up that number two runner Tom Peters (’17) had an injured foot (that would take him out for over a month), the remaining five varsity runners pulled together and managed a strong fifth place finish against a solid field featuring two eventual state champion teams. Evan won the JV race, leading the JV group to a first place overall finish.

Following middling finishes at the McCallie Invitational in late September and the Jesse Owens Classic in early October, the team enjoyed a solid training phase highlighted by the annual running of the Tour de Pants, with the 2014 pants claimed by senior Michael Milam. For both varsity and JV teams, the competitive highlight of the year was the Metro Championship meet where the varsity claimed its eighth consecutive Metro title and the JV reclaimed the title it has held for most of the past 35 years. Feeling healthy for the first time all season and primed after the solid performance at Metro, the Harriers entered State with high hopes and bolstered by the largest fan base of any team in the meet. Though disappointed with the outcome on November 1, the 2014 team was certainly not a disappointment. It’s a good day to run!

GOLF  The 2014–2015 MBA Golf team had another solid season with several key wins and its third consecutive State championship appearance. The Big Red had big shoes to fill given the loss of several key players from a historic season one year ago. However, right away the team showed that it was up to the task in a strong match play win against Ensworth in a Ryder Cup-style match at the Golf Club of Tennessee. MBA came back from a 4–2 deficit to win 11–7. The team’s top two seeds, sophomore Cal Rieke and senior George Hite, won 3.5 out of a total 4 points from Ensworth’s top two to lead the team.  

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Next the Big Red played in the Baylor Preview, which typically has the strongest field MBA sees all year, and is a good gauge of where the team stands relative to its rivals. Injuries and other school commitments prevented the Big Red from fielding its strongest squad, resulting in an eighth place finish. However, the very tight stroke differential indicated that MBA could still compete with the best in the state.

The rest of the regular season consisted of dual matches (mostly 9-holes) in preparation for the post-season. Wins and losses are not as critical this time of year as compared to giving everyone an opportunity to earn their spot on the post-season team. The “tryout” sessions culminated with two dual matches against Baylor and McCallie at the regional tournament site—Bear Trace at Tim’s Ford. The students earning spots on the team were seniors Hite, Ethan Freije, Reid Parker; junior Connor Downey; and sophomore Rieke. Eighth grader Zachary Jackson was the alternate.

The post-season began with the region championship at Tim’s Ford. A strong front nine holes enabled MBA to play fairly conservatively on the back nine and comfortably qualify with a fourth-place finish. While the team would have liked to successfully defend its Region championship, it met its goal of qualifying for the State Championships. Downey led the Big Red scoring with a 71 (fifth place overall), while Freije added a 75, Rieke earned a 76, and Hite and Parker both shot 77.

The State Championships were characterized by tough playing conditions consisting of high winds and cold rain. Despite the weather, the Big Red was able to play solid and finished Day 1 in third place, just two shots back from the leaders. The quest for the school’s first golf championship in over 30 years ended on day two with a tough round from many of our boys, resulting in a fifth-place finish. In spite of the disappointing finish, the 2014–2015 MBA Golf team showed that it could withstand key losses from graduation and still compete with the best programs in the state.

Seniors Freije, Hite, and Parker deserve special recognition for their strong leadership during the season, as well as for playing their best at the most important parts of the season. Special awards for the year went to Rieke (MVP), Conner Gray (Most Improved), and Freije (Coaches Award).

CREW The Big Red Crew kicked off the 5k fall racing season with a scrimmage against the East Tennessee Rowing Organization in Maryville, Tenn. The team had a strong showing with the Varsity 8s and 4s both sweeping first and second in their events. The Novice eight also finished first in their event.

Next, the team competed at the Chattanooga Head Race, which was the first official race of the season.

The Secret City Head Race was the next stop for Big Red Crew where they posted a strong day of racing. The First Varsity 8 earned a Bronze medal in field of 13 boats. The Second Varsity 8 finished eighth in the same field and ahead of all but one B boat.

The team next headed back to Chattanooga for the Head of the Hooch Regatta. Unfortunately, due to extreme high
winds and cold temperature, all Saturday races were can-
celled this year. As a result, the Big Red Crew team’s
Novice 8 and Varsity 8 were not able to compete. The
Varsity Lightweight 8 took to the water in the first event the
next morning. The Lightweights raced a strong race in a
very competitive field. In the end, they placed 17th of 30
boats with at time of 17:08. MBA was very competitive with
the scholastic boats in competition. Schools represented
included: Belen Jesuit Prep School, Plant High School,
Winter Park High School, and Lake Brantley High School
(all from Florida), as well as Jesuit College Prep of Dallas.
The Head of the South Regatta was the last race of the fall
season. The team kicked off the day with two boats racing
in the Lightweight Varsity 4s, one entire boat of freshman,
and the other a mixed boat of juniors and sophomores. The
freshman placed fifth and the mixed boat finished sixth.
Next to race for the Big Red was the Varsity 4+ comprised
entirely of juniors. The boat placed seventh out of 15 boats.
For the first time in the season the team raced a Novice 4
that included three freshmen, a sophomore, and an
eighth-grade coxswain. The boat also placed seventh in a
field of 15.

The Varsity 8s took to the water next. The first Varsity 8
placed fifth with a season-best time, and the second
Varsity 8 took ninth.

The team is now indoors and training hard for the upcom-
ing spring season, which will open at home with a dual
against the Baylor School on Friday, March 13. ■
Out Of Town Alumni Events

D.C. — August 26, 2014

New York — October 15, 2014
Los Angeles — November 17, 2014

Brad Gioia and Edmund Ball ('61) at the grave of Isaac Ball.
Nearly 150 college-age alumni returned to campus on the day before Thanksgiving to share a meal and catch up with each other. The alums had a chance to hear about the latest happenings on The Hill, show off their newly grown facial hair, and reconnect with some of their favorite MBA faculty and staff members.
On September 24, 2014 MBA held a special Assembly to honor John Cain Carter ('84), as the school’s Distinguished Alumnus for 2014, and J. Barry Banker ('69) as the recipient of MBA’s Distinguished Service Award.

After graduating from MBA, Carter attended the University of Texas, majoring in geology. He then served in the Long Range Surveillance Detachment of the 101st Airborne Division; a U.S. Army modular light infantry division trained for air assault operations. He later attended the Ranch Management Program at Texas Christian University, where he met his Brazilian wife, Kika.

Carter’s vision of a conservation movement led by frontier producers and backed by science manifested itself in Aliança da Terra (AT), a Brazilian conservation non-profit organization. Formed by farmers, researchers, and entrepreneurs in the agribusiness industry, AT works with landowners to further land stewardship, to promote correct management of natural resources, and to foster respect for rural workers. Developed by Aliança da Terra, the Registry of Social-Environmental Responsibility (RSR) serves to support producers in the social and environmental management of their lands. For the first time, transparency facilitates a positive feedback system that allows consumers to support those who are growing the food while providing crucial ecosystem services to society.

In 2009, Carter founded a wildland firefighter organization, the Aliança Brigade, trained by the USFS Smokejumpers. In six years, it has trained 600 volunteers, including six Indian tribes, fought 172 wildfires, and dramatically reduced fire’s impact across a vast area. Now recognized as the Volunteer Wildland Firefighting Unit of Brazil, the Aliança Brigade is expanding across the Amazon Basin to include the creation of a Wildland Firefighter Training Center in partnership with Brazil’s Federal Government.
Banker has spent a great deal of his life in service to MBA. He grew up in Nashville and entered MBA in the seventh grade. He had a stellar career on The Hill, and then went on to Vanderbilt University, earning a B.A. in 1973. He earned an M.B.A. in Accounting and Finance from the University of Chicago in 1975.

Banker returned to Nashville and served as Treasurer, and later President, of Mid-State Steel, Inc., a family-owned steel distribution center in Nashville and Lexington, Kentucky. After selling the business in 1986, Banker became president of The Stewart Home and School, a private residential home and school in Frankfort, Kentucky that features 355 year-round students, ages 15–90 from 38 states and several foreign countries. Stewart Home specializes in students with special needs and intellectual challenges.

Banker has been an active member of the MBA Board of Trustees since 1990. He served as chairman of the Forging a Generation Ahead capital campaign that raised funds for the Joe C. Davis Building, an expansion of the school’s Arts programs, a dining facility and kitchen, and additional classrooms on campus.

Banker serves on the board of Hope Through Healing Hands, Senator Bill Frist’s (’70) Foundation for Global Health.

Following the ceremony, both Carter and Banker were joined by their families for a lunch in their honor in Zimmerman Hall.
Admiral Wilson Prueher met MIDN 1/C Ian Sharbel ('11) at the United States Naval Academy’s first formal parade of 2014–15 year. Midshipman Sharbel is the Training Officer for the Brigade of Midshipman and is listed on the Superintendent’s list for academic achievement and leadership.

Trevor Evans is the author of the book Forest Trees of Vermont which is being released in February 2015.

Don Benson was named Radio Executive of the Year by Radio Ink. Benson is currently the President and CEO of Lincoln Financial Media. A 35-year veteran of the industry, Benson currently oversees the operation of 15 radio stations in Atlanta, Miami, San Diego, and Denver. He has been named to Radio Ink’s 40 Most Powerful People in Radio for a decade.

William Collins was named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in November. The honor recognizes distinguished efforts in the scientific and social applications of science. Recipients are nominated and elected by their peers.

Tim Kurtz, who is believed to be the oldest active fighter pilot in the United States Navy, retired in February. Kurtz, 54, made a ceremonial landing of his F-18 strike fighter jet at New Orleans’ Lakefront Airport. Kurtz’s squadron traveled the country instructing younger pilots in war game exercises. Kurtz was commissioned in 1987 and piloted an F-14 Tomcat in Operation Desert Storm in Iraq.

Kevin Shahrokhi was promoted to Vice President of the International Program Office at Emerging Markets Communications. His responsibilities include managing the implementation of satellite telecommunications projects for United Nations agency missions worldwide, which include emergency relief missions in regions and countries such as Mali, South Sudan, Chad, Syria, Iraq and Kurdistan region, Myanmar, the Horn of Africa, and Afghanistan.

Frank Bennett and Paul Hirshberg have continued their entrepreneurial business partnership by thinking outside the box and opening the Camel Premium Express Car Wash in Marietta, Ga. Frank and Paul plan to open more car wash sites after perfecting their business model and learning about this new industry segment. Frank and Paul are also in the childcare franchise business.

Lyn Robbins has been named president-elect of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel. The NARTC is a 60-year-old organization made up of approximately 1100 outstanding railroad trial attorneys from across the United States and Canada.

Since 2003 Robbins has been senior general attorney for BNSF Railway Company, primarily responsible for BNSF personal injury claims litigation and major damage collection litiga-

tion, with additional responsibilities for appellate matters, commercial dispute resolution, arbitration, and some employment issues. He is also an adjunct professor of law at Baylor School of Law, teaching Advanced Trial Advocacy Skills.

Jim O’Neil received the Order of the British Empire in recognition of his work with UK Financial Investments, a division of the British Treasury. The ceremony took place in Buckingham Palace in February. The award recognizes distinguished service to the arts and sciences, public services outside the Civil Service, and work with charitable and welfare organizations of all kinds.

Robby Bueno has returned to Nashville as chief of Pediatric Plastic Surgery at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt and as director of the Plastic Surgery Residency Program. Bueno last served as director of Pediatric Plastic Surgery and the Plastic Surgery Residency Program at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

Jay Stroman recently accepted the position of Senior Associate Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations at the University of Georgia. He previously was Vice President for Development at Mercer University and later Vice President for Advancement at Young Harris College in Georgia. Jay and his wife Tonya have two daughters — Allie Baker, a freshman at Mercer University, and Holly Beck, a sophomore at Union County in Blairsville.

Jim Harwell has collected and edited pieces from his grandfather, legendary sportswriter Fred Russell, and published them as Sidelines –
Classic Humor from the Golden Era. The book, five years of research in the making, “resulted in a priceless, entertaining collection of rich humor, history, profiles and stories, a walk through the Golden Era, full of quotes, jokes & anecdotes, and stories, tales and yarns about the Greatest Generation.” The book is available directly from Harwell at harwelljd@gmail.com

Alex Rice coached his Taney (PA) Dragons Little League team all the way to Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. Rice’s breakout star was pitcher Mo’ne Davis, who became the first girl to earn a win and pitch a shutout in Little League World Series History.

Marc Smith, DVM, is publishing books about holistic animal care and related topics. His media company is growing fast, with about 150,000 unique visitors to his websites annually. He credits MBA with developing his writing, research, and analytical skills, among many things. He was recently invited to be one of the veterinarians for the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Alaska. He and his partner’s pet food, Pet-Tao, is a truly pioneering and trendsetting pet food, and animal wellness food and concept.

Dr. Smith’s Blog: http://franklintnvet.com/blog/
Pet-Tao’s website: http://pettao.com/

1990
Artist Drew Heitzler was featured in an exhibition at the Marlborough Chelsea Gallery in New York.

1993
Greg Holyfield, a Disaster Operations Specialist at the United States Agency for International Development/Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance spent part of the fall in Liberia as a member of the disaster response team working to control the outbreak of the Ebola Virus.

In September, Baker Eadie, Frazer Buntin, and Jim Uden were part of a group that climbed Grand Teton in Wyoming. The group has done a different trip every year for the past 10 years. Trips have included kayaking the Salmon River in Idaho, canoeing the Yellowstone River in Montana, hiking through the 10th mountain division hut system in Colorado, snowmobiling in the upper peninsula of Michigan, driving jeeps in Moab and Telluride, and sailing in Exuma. Over the years, several MBA alumni have been part of the trips including: Austin Koon (’93), John Bass (’90), Shannon Durrett (’93), and Shooter Stein (’93).

1996
Grant Martin was inducted into the Belmont University Athletic Hall of Fame in January. Martin was a dynamic mainstay in the Belmont Baseball program’s transition from NAIA to NCAA Division I. Martin rewrote the Belmont offensive record book, graduating as the school’s career leader in hits, doubles, and at-bats, while holding single-season standards in hits and doubles.

Artist Matt Reasor recently had an intaglio etching print called Tennessee Musicians Map acquired by the Tennessee State Museum. Rene White, a curator at the Museum, commented, “Matt Reasor’s Tennessee Musicians Map is one of the newer artifacts accepted into the permanent collection of the Tennessee State Museum. His knowledge of the history of Tennessee’s musical heritage is detailed and well-researched. The use of hand-etched metal plates in a dry point technique and inked in an intaglio style makes it a unique artifact in itself. Reasor’s interpretation of the three stars in the State flag exhibits his creative vision. It is beautifully done. We are very proud to include it in our collection.”

1997
Matt Beasley and his wife Louise welcomed daughter Laura Elizabeth on October 29. She weighed 6.7 pounds and measured 18.5 inches long.

David Sanders and his wife welcomed Richard Harris Sanders on June 28, 2013. He joins his sister Virginia Chenault Sanders (July 1, 2011). David joined DaVita HealthCare Partners in November 2013 as Government Affairs Director.

In December, KJ Schumacher’s work was a part of The Miami Photo Salon, an international juried photography show exhibited during Art Basel Miami Beach. He also had seven pieces in the show, “The Artist Alphabet” that was curated from a national call by Nashville-based painter Jodi Hays. The exhibit opened December 18 at The Ground Floor Gallery in Nashville.
1998
Will Alexander and his wife Louise welcomed Margaret Blair Alexander on January 16, 2015. She weighed 7 lbs, 1 oz, and was 20 inches long. Her brother Houston (2) is excited to have a baby sister and several alumni have noted that her initials are MBA.

Phillip Berry is now the Director of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys.

Wes King’s Tahoe Trail Bars cut a deal in August to put its products on the shelves of more than 350 grocery stores in Nevada and California. The agreement will expand the reach of the product to the San Francisco Bay area and Central California.

Brian and Jennifer Morgan welcomed their first child, Mason Nash Morgan, on December 20, 2013. Mason was 8 lbs, 4 oz, and 19 in. The Morgans live in Carrollton, Tex.


John Ozier was featured in the October issue of Music Row magazine. Ozier is general manager of the ole Records Nashville office, while also continuing his career as a successful song writer. The article details how he has “learned to balance the role of executive and creative tunesmith in perfect harmony.” Ozier scored a #1 hit earlier in the year with Tyler Farr’s “Whiskey in My Water.”

1999
Stuart and Julie Burkhalter are pleased to announce the arrival of daughter Virginia Lowry Burkhalter on September 30, 2014.


Will and Heather Norton welcomed their third son, John Kingsley, on February 5, 2015. He weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

2000
Brent Burish and his wife, St. Cecilia alumna Kathryn (Camarata), welcomed their first son, Adam Charles Burish, in August. Adam and his two big sisters recently relocated with their parents near Disney World outside of Orlando, Fla.

2001
Ryan Holt and his wife Erin welcomed Walker James Holt on September 16, 2014. Walker was 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and 22 inches.

Scott and Mary Gwen Sagen welcomed the arrival of Henry Williford “Ford” Sagen on November 5, 2014 in New York City. He weighed 8 lbs, 6 oz, and measured 21 inches long.

Jim and Tricia Ward are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter. Skylar Ashland Ward was born on June 23 weighing 6 lbs, 11 oz, and 19.5 inches.
2002

Adam Floyd and his wife Marion welcomed son James Franklin Floyd on July 29, 2014. He is named after his grandfathers, Jimmy Granbery and Frank Floyd (’72), and will go by Franklin. His arrival proved to be the catalyst in moving the family back to Nashville. Both Adam and Marion said goodbye to their jobs at the Walmart Home Office, as well as many dear friends, and moved the family home on October 11.

Ryan Mirian graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law with a concentration in Advocacy & Dispute Resolution. While in law school, he served as an Executive Board Member and Acquisitions Editor for the Tennessee Law Review. After passing the Tennessee Bar exam, he accepted a clerkship with the Tennessee Supreme Court and is currently clerking in the chambers of Chief Justice Sharon G. Lee.

Clark and Lyndsey Rollins are excited to announce the birth of Sarah Margaret Rollins on July 1, 2014. Sarah measured 20.5 inches and weighed 7.5 lbs.

Deke and Alice Shearon welcomed daughter Stella Fort Shearon on July 3. She weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces, and measured 21 ¼ inches.

Patrick Warfield and his wife Catherine welcomed young James Patrick Warfield, Jr. on September 26, 2014. He weighed 6 lbs, 7 oz, and measured 19 inches.

Michael and Stephanie Wennerlund welcomed Harrison Michael Wennerlund on December 22, 2014. He was 8 lbs, 10 oz, and 20.5 inches long. His older sister, Charlotte, is very happy to finally have a sibling.

Professionally, Michael is currently representing creditors in bankruptcy litigation in Nashville, and was recently accepted into and

has started a program offered by the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard Law School called CopyrightX. The course explores the current law of copyright; the impact of that law on art, entertainment, and industry; and the ongoing debates concerning how the law should be reformed. Through a combination of recorded lectures, assigned readings, weekly seminars, live interactive webcasts, and online discussions, participants in the course examine and assess the ways in which the copyright system seeks to stimulate and regulate creative expression. Michael will complete the CopyrightX course in May 2015.

2003
Bennett and Amy Graham are pleased to announce the birth of their son Turner Alan Graham on July 30, 2014. He weighed in at 7 lbs and measured 21 inches.

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2004
Cutler and Liza Averbuch welcomed son Harvey Davis Averbuch on September 9, 2014.

2005
Jack Eakin married Sarah Wideman at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn. on August 2, 2014.

William Smith married Concetta Caroline Wilson in Williamsburg, Va. on June 21, 2014 followed by a honeymoon in St. Barth’s. His brother, Matt Smith (’06), was a groomsman. Will and Concetta currently live in Nashville where he is a commercial real estate attorney at Gullett Sanford Robinson & Martin PLLC and she works at Belmont Law School.

2006

2007
Everitte Barbee spoke to students at Assembly on October 13 about his work and his life as an artist and Arabic calligrapher in Beirut, Lebanon. His work was on view in the Gibbs Room art gallery in the Davis Building from October 3–13. You can find out more at www.everitte.org

John Fontaine, a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the United States Navy, just returned from the maiden deployment of the USS California, a Virginia-class attack submarine. Fontaine earned his “Dolphins” (submarine warfare badge) over the six-month deployment and is the Quality Assurance Officer onboard.

2008
Mike Byrne graduated from the U.S. Navy Nuke School in August and then went on to Saratoga, N.Y. for Prototype training in the operation of nuclear submarines.

2010
Corbin Williams graduated on the Dean’s List from Rhodes College on May 10, 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in Theater and a Minor in Music. He received the Outstanding Senior Award from the Theater Department as well as the Louis Nicholas Award in Vocal Music from the Music Department. Following graduation, he has been working as a Resident Actor with Charleston Stage in Charleston, S.C. In addition to performing in multiple shows throughout their season, he also teaches a portion of their theater classes as well as in local schools through a partnership with Engaging Creative Minds (an organization funded by Boeing to bring arts programs and local artists back into schools). He will be finishing his season with Charleston Stage by playing the title role of Frank Abagnale, Jr. in the musical Catch Me If You Can, an adaption of the 2002 DreamWorks Film, this coming April.

2011
Christopher Sandwith is one of five petroleum engineering students selected to represent the University of Texas-Austin in the International Petrobowl in Amsterdam. The Petrobowl is an annual quiz bowl competition run by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) held at the Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition (ATCE) of SPE. The University of Texas is one of 36 international teams to reach this final competition. Christopher is a senior at the University of Texas majoring in Petroleum Engineering with a Business Foundation certificate.

Will Farrar graduated from Marine Corps Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Va. on August 16, 2014. He is currently a senior at Virginia Tech and anticipates being commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant of Marines upon college graduation this spring.

Warren Smith was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society at Furman University. Fellow MBA Alum Tee Griscom (’10) was inducted last year. In 2013 Smith was the recipient of the Alfred S. Reid Memorial Award, which is presented to the student in each class who “has demonstrated the most outstanding qualities of leadership, scholarship, and service to the university.”

2012
Vaughn Hunt’s NYC band, The Roofers Union, and Nashville’s What Up, English (Preston Evans, Noah Fardon, Jamie Joyce, and Rob Edwards) played a joint show at Pianos in Manhattan on August 20, 2014. Hunt is the co-founder of Flat Box Records, which is based in Brooklyn. His production company brought the bands together for the performance.
Freshman Kalyan Chadalavada and his Pomona-Pitzer Mens Doubles partner senior Connor Hudson upset the top-seeded team from Johns Hopkins in the quarterfinals of the USTA/ITA National Small College Championships in October.

Jack Coyle was featured on the Frist Center web page for the 2014 Young Tennessee Artists show. The show began in November and runs through March. In addition, the artwork of Ross Blackwell and Wes Duke was featured in the Nashville Arts magazine in January as a part of the publication’s “Young Tennessee Artists” article.

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

Several decades of MBA Alumni took to the ice on December 21 at Centennial Sportsplex.

Brothers Alex (’14) and Blake (’12) Bars together following the Notre Dame – Michigan football game in September. Alex earned bragging rights thanks to a 31–0 win by the Fighting Irish.
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Alumni Days & REUNION WEEKEND

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 24
Lunch and Campus Tours
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. • P Hale Plaza
Come by MBA to enjoy lunch, see the campus improvements since your last visit to The Hill, and visit with the faculty.

Friday, April 24
Class Parties

Saturday, April 25
Alumni Soccer Game
9:30 a.m. • Soccer Field

Saturday, April 25
ENDADA Music & Arts Festival
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

REGISTRATION

Register for all events online. Go to www.montgomerybell.edu/reunion, then click on “Register Now”

Please register by Monday, April 13.

For event questions, contact Courtney Travis in the Alumni Office at courtney.travis@montgomerybell.edu or 615-369-5374.

Saturday, April 25
11 a.m. • Zimmerman Hall
Honoring Alumni who graduated 50+ years ago
Hosted by the Class of 1965
Spouses/guests welcome • Casual attire

Saturday, April 25
Alumni Dinner
6:30 p.m. • Drinks, Dinner, and Live Music
All Alumni and their guests are invited.
$35 per person.