Record Freshman Class May Boost Samford over 5,000

A record freshman class of 810 students should help Samford open the fall semester with an all-time high enrollment of more than 5,000 at the start of its 174th year this month. The freshmen will move in Friday, Aug. 14, and the first day of classes will be Monday, Aug. 17.

Phil Kimrey, Samford’s vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, credited the efforts of the Samford admission staff led by Dean Jason Black for continuing to produce record enrollments of students of high academic quality and leadership.

Kimrey said the results demonstrate, “in an incredibly competitive market, the recognition of Samford’s rigor, Christian mission, personal approach and value to families who visit and select our campus for their college experience.”

He added that several factors have provided momentum recently for Samford, including the formation of the College of Health Sciences, the opening of the new Brock School of Business building and the acquisition of the Southern Progress property.

Business Building, Other Additions, Set to Open

Samford will open its new $25 million Brock School of Business next-generation building this fall. The imposing four-story structure will open for classes at the start of the semester and be formally dedicated Friday, Sept. 4.

The building will provide much-needed classroom, office and meeting space for Samford and the Birmingham business community. A breathtaking glass atrium will be at the center of the building, but, according to business Dean Howard Finch, “The real impact . . . will be an exciting learning and meeting environment that fosters outstanding business education for generations to come.”

Educational features include classrooms with advanced audiovisual capabilities and a portfolio management room featuring Bloomberg data terminals. A student incubator will provide support and facilities for students to launch their own new businesses.

The Academic Programs suite includes personal counseling and advisement for students, an internship office and employer interview rooms.

The building’s design highlights student independent and collaborative learning, with multiple breakout rooms designed to foster team projects and case analyses by groups, and two instructional computer lab rooms.

An endowment fund for future growth and maintenance has been established through room and area sponsorships throughout the

Quotable

Samford faculty share thoughts with the media.

Rusty Yerkes (Business) in al.com July 20 from his report on the feasibility of developing a hotel and conference center in Oak Mountain State Park. He reviewed a feasibility study conducted earlier by a group in favor of the project. The Yerkes review was commissioned by Keep Oak Mountain Wild, which opposes the development.

“These primary factors, in conjunction with the numerous other factors addressed earlier in this report, suggest the project would have great difficulty in achieving a satisfactory level of financial performance necessary to meet minimum debt service requirements.”

Stephanie Wynn (Nursing) to al.com July 17 on Samford’s $1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to help veterans with health-care training and experience earn degrees.

“Our program will afford these veterans the opportunity to transition into the civilian workforce while also giving credit for the valuable hands-on medical experience they already possess.”

By the Numbers

May Graduates 1,009
First Summer Term Enrollment 1,554

Sources: Registrar’s Office and Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Samford Welcomes New Provost, 40 New Faculty

Samford will welcome a new provost and 40 new full-time faculty members to campus for the fall semester.

Michael Hardin, former dean of Culverhouse College of Commerce at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, joined Samford as provost July 1. He succeeded Brad Creed, who became president of Campbell University in North Carolina.

In addition to his administrative duties as chief academic officer, Hardin will be professor of quantitative analysis in Samford’s Brock School of Business and professor of biostatistics in the School of Public Health. His appointment followed a national search that yielded more than 100 candidates. Hardin had been Culverhouse dean since 2011 and was an associate dean from 2007 to 2011.

A reception will be held for the new provost and his wife, Anna Kathryn, and the new full-time faculty and their spouses at the President’s Home (1994 Shades Crest Road, Vestavia Hills) on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 5–7 p.m.

New full-time faculty include the following:

AFROTC—Jacob C. Ringrose Arts—Emily Andrews, Susanne Burgess

Reflections of Generosity—Reflections of the Soul

Aug. 24–Sept. 29
Samford Art Gallery
Mon.–Fri., 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Marshall Cates (Pharmacy) received the Pharmacy Practice Faculty Member of the Year Award for 2015.

Stephen Chew (Psychology) delivered keynote addresses at the Southwestern Teaching of Psychology conference in Wichita, Kansas, and the Eastern Conference on the Teaching of Psychology in Staunton, Virginia. He presented an invited workshop on STEM education for the faculty of Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. He presented an invited workshop on teaching at the meeting of the Association for Psychological Science in New York City. At the same conference, one of his students, Niba N’TCHA, presented a poster based on her senior directed research project entitled, “Narcissism, Psychopathy and Competitiveness in Moral Actions during Sports Competitions.”

Danielle Cruthirds and Robert Wang (Pharmacy) presented a poster, “Post-Exam One-on-One Instructor Remediation Improves Student Retention in Pharmacy School,” at the fifth international conference of the Association of Biochemistry Directors in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in May. Cruthirds also participated in a panel discussion on “What Do Pharmacy Students Need to Know about Biochemistry? Biochemistry Learning Objectives in Pharmacy Education” at the conference.

Joel Davis (Music) presented and performed at the second annual Walker Percy Weekend Literary Festival in St. Francisville, Louisiana, June 5. An excerpt from his multimedia work The Last Gentleman received a preview performance at the festival’s opening event, “Art in the Ruins,” amid the historic Afton Villa Gardens. Later in the summer, he directed the Shades Mountain Baptist Church Orchestra in its annual Pops in the Park concert at Wald Park July 1.

Ronda Lacey (Pharmacy) was appointed to the editorial review board of The Consultant Pharmacist, the publication of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. Galdo presented “Effects of Drugs on Oral Health” for a Wake Area Health Education Center dental continuing education program in June. He also presented “Star Ratings” for the Alabama Pharmacy Association annual meeting.

Michael Hogue (Pharmacy) was awarded the 2015 Cardinal Health Generation Rx Award by the Alabama Pharmacy Association at its annual meeting in Sandestin, Florida, July 23. The award recognizes a pharmacist who has engaged in public education and health policy to combat prescription drug abuse.

Betsy Holloway (Business) published “Measuring Client-based Corporate Reputations in B2B Professional Services: Scale Development and Validation” in the Journal of Services Marketing. The article was coauthored with Sharon Beatty (University of Alabama) and Gianfranco Walsh (University of Koblenz, Germany). Holloway published a paper presented at the Academy of Marketing Science World Marketing Congress in Bari, Italy, in July entitled “Corporate Social Responsibility Authenticity: Investigating its Antecedents and Outcomes,” coauthored with Sarah Alhouti (Providence College) and Catherine Johnson (University of Toledo).

LeeAnn Reynolds (History) presented a paper entitled, “From Pariah to Heroine: Remembering the Radicalism of Lillian Smith, Virginia Durr and Anne Braden,” at the Southern Association for Women Historians conference in Charleston, South Carolina.
The new Brock School of Business building nears completion.
**Joys & Sorrows**

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Charleston, South Carolina, in June.

Fred Rogan (Human Resources) had his book on managing people included in the Recommended Reading column of The Higher Education Workplace Magazine published by the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources. The book, What Your Employer Meant to Tell You When They Made You a Manager, 2nd Edition, was published in 2014 by Aventine Press. It helps managers know how they should think and behave in their role as manager, and how they can be more successful in getting their employees to be more engaged in their jobs, said the magazine.


Charles Sands (Pharmacy) presented "A New Healthcare Initiative in North Korea—The Division of Medical Sciences, Pyongyang University of Science and Technology" at the Korean Federation of Greater Chicago meeting at Grace Church, Wheeling, Illinois, May 30.


Thom Thibeault (World Languages and Cultures) presented "Using FLAn to Create Instructional Materials for Less Commonly Taught Languages" at the annual conference of the National Council on Less Commonly Taught Languages in Washington, D.C., April 25.

Frank Thielman (Divinity) conducted a two-part seminar on "Preaching the Parables" July 7 at the E. K. Bailey Expository Preaching Conference sponsored by Concord Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

Terri Wensel (Pharmacy) presented a program entitled "Medication Adherence" at the Alabama Pharmacy Association's annual convention in June.

Heather West (World Languages and Cultures) was named Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes académiques (Knight of the Order of Academic Palms) April 29 by the Government of France. She will be awarded the medallion of the Order of the Consul General to the U.S. Southeast during a ceremony at a time to be arranged. The award recognizes those who have rendered eminent service to French education and have contributed actively to the prestige of French culture. It was created by Napoleon I in 1808. West also was named Contest Administrator of the Year May 2 by the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) for the Grand Concours [the National French Contest]. She has administered the contest in Alabama for the past four years. She was recognized at the AATF national convention July 8–11 in Saguayen, Quebec, Canada.

Tom Woolley (Business) and Marshall Cates (Pharmacy) presented "Pharmacy Students' Attitudes toward Provision of Pharmaceutical Care to Mentally Ill Patients Are Improved After Participation in a Psychiatric Pharmacy Clinical Rotation" at the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Virtual Poster Symposium May 19.

**FYI**

**Technology Services Has Moved to Davis Library Lower Level**

The Samford Technology Services Desk has moved to Davis Library. The new location on the lower level of the library is more centrally located to provide additional convenience for everyone.

Onsite staff members are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Calls are answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Email messages are answered during regular business hours. The email address is support@samford.edu.

All services provided by Technology Services staff may be requested by contacting the Service Desk at 726-2662, by sending an email or by stopping by the desk during regular office hours.

**New Faculty cont. from page 1**

**Arts and Sciences—**Brad C. Bennett, Joanna Bradley, Ashley George, Amanda R. Howard, Virginia M. Johnson, Jennifer M. McClure, Frank Patane, Kenda Rigdon, Mary Anne Sahawneh, Timothy Sutton, Dale Wilger

**Business—**Alan Blankley, Michelle Newberry

**Divinity—**Gerald R. McDermott, Grant Taylor

**Education—**Diana Cheshire, Julie P. Hannah, Steven Wall

**Health Professions—**Candice Adams-Mitchell, Kelly Bagby, Darrell Jon Gilliland, Carol Koch, Gilaine Nettles, Joseph Pederson, Hollea Ryan, Nicholas Washmuth

**Library—**William Lance Day, Lauren Young

**Nursing—**Moniaree Jones, Delta (Ren) Pate, Angela O. Wilson

**Pharmacy—**Jennie Katherine Boyd, John Anthony Galdo

**Public Health—**Rachel Copeland, Miriam Gaines, Rachel Hagues, Suresh Mathews