Samford Legacy League presents
An Evening with David Phelps
Thursday, May 7
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Quotable

Howard Finch (Business) to the Birmingham Business Journal April 21 on his advice to 2015 graduates

“My advice to new graduates concerns how they position themselves to seek and maximize their first full-time position. Approach each opportunity in terms of what you can contribute to help the firm succeed, not what the firm can offer and do for you. No one is owed a job; employers are looking for people with talents and ability who can provide solutions to problems.”

Jonathan Bass (History) to The Birmingham News/al.com April 16 on the 52nd anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr’s “Letter from Birmingham Jail”

“King and [Wyatt] Walker had discussed writing a jailhouse epistle while in Albany, Ga., in 1962. In addition, King had previously preached a sermon entitled ‘Paul’s Letter to Christians in America.’ This was something they wanted to do, but the occasion never presented itself until Birmingham."

Samford To Graduate About 1,000 during May Commencement

Samford University expects a graduation class of about 1,000 seniors during commencement activities in May. Beeson Divinity School will hold its commencement in Hodges Chapel. All other programs will be in Wright Center. The schedule and speakers:

Wednesday, May 6
• 11 a.m. Beeson Divinity School, Travis Coleman, senior minister, First Baptist Church, Prattville, Alabama, and president, Alabama Baptist Convention

Thursday, May 14
• 6 p.m. McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Lucinda Maine, executive vice president and CEO, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

Friday, May 15
• 12 p.m., Brock School of Business, Bill Stevens, recently retired CEO, Motion Industries, and chair, Samford board of trustees
• 3 p.m. College of Health Sciences, Nena Sanders, associate provost, College of Health Sciences
• 6 p.m. Cumberland School of Law, Woodrow Hartzog, associate professor of law, Cumberland School of Law

Saturday, May 16
• 10 a.m. School of the Arts and Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education, Micheal Flaherty, president, Walden Media
• 1 p.m. Howard College of Arts and Sciences, Brad Creed, provost and executive vice president

Business School Maintains AACSB Accreditation

Samford’s Brock School of Business has successfully maintained its accreditation for its undergraduate, master of business administration and master of accountancy degree programs, according to an announcement by AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business).

AACSB International is the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools. AACSB accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business education and has been earned by less than 5 percent of the world’s business programs.

“Our reaffirmation of business accreditation provides external assurance that our students and programs benefit from the highest standards in terms of faculty qualifications, curriculum content and educational resources,” said Howard Finch, Brock School of Business dean.

Achieving accreditation requires a process of rigorous internal and external review, and continuous improvement efforts to meet the 15 standards AACSB requires, Finch explained. Standards include a high-quality teaching environment, a commitment to continuous improvement and curricula responsive to the needs of business.

Marketing and Communication Earns Awards

Samford University’s Office of Marketing and Communication team has won several national and regional awards in recent weeks. The Religion Communicators Council presented a Best of Class in the Public Relations category for the 2013–14 Annual Report. It was one of 11 Best of Class awards presented during RCC’s recent national convention in Washington, D.C.

Other honors earned during RCC’s annual DeRose-Hinkhouse Memorial Awards were awards of excellence for the annual report and for the Know It, Share It information cards, as well as a certificate of merit for the “Shoe a Nation” promotional video produced by Brad Radice, director of broadcast media.

The same three projects also were honored in the Baptist Communicators Association’s Wilmer C. Fields Awards competition: first place for the annual report, third place for the Know It, Share It card, and third place for the “Shoe a Nation” video.

Mary Wimberley, senior news and feature writer, received a first place award in the feature writing category from the Alabama Media Professionals for her story about Samford employee Susan Nolin and her daughters, who are Samford students. The Nolins and other family members were featured in a vignette about adoptive families on CBS television’s annual A Home for the Holidays special.

The Old Howard 100 drew 332 riders to Marion April 17.
Kristin Bakkegard [Biological and Environmental Sciences] presented her research on “The Yawning Behaviors of the Red Hills Salamander (Phaeognathus hubrichti)” at the 76th annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists in Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 1–4.


Stephen Chew [Psychology] delivered two keynote addresses, one to faculty and one to Student Services personnel, at Palm Beach State College as part of its Spring Development Day. He also gave an invited presentation for the Center for Teaching, Learning and Assessment at the University of West Florida in Pensacola. Finally, he presented an invited address at the Southwestern Teaching of Psychology conference in Wichita, Kansas.

Cyndi Cortes and Andrea Collins [Nursing] presented “A Pilot Study to Incorporate Interprofessional Education with Family Nurse Practitioner Students in an Online Program and Pharmacy Students in a Traditional Program Using a Blended Approach” at the Interprofessional Health Care Summit in Savannah, Georgia, April 10. Cortes and Debra Whisenant [University of Alabama] presented “Interprofessional Process for Developing Community Health Promoter Curriculum in Haiti” at the same conference.


Carolyn Crocker [World Languages and Cultures], one of 16 consultants selected from across the nation, participated in the by-invitation-only McGraw-Hill Intermediate Spanish Digital Editions Symposium in Miami, Florida, March 26–27. The 16 members consulted on the successes and pitfalls of the current digital platform that McGraw-Hill uses for student learning, and the use of short films as the basis for an Intermediate Spanish course. They also critiqued an innovative text/product that is in production, due to publish within two years.


Betsy Dobbins and Kristin Bakkegard [Biological and Environmental Sciences] presented a poster, “Negative Effects of Rock Vane Installation on Local Macroinvertebrate Populations in Shades Creek, Jefferson County, AL,” at the 76th annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists in Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 1–4.

Rosemary Fisk [Arts and Sciences] and Larry Thompson [Arts] have been chosen as Samford’s 2015 nominees for the U.S. Professor of the Year Program. Deans submitted nominations for their respective schools, and a committee led by the Center for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship then selected this year’s nominees. Campus colleagues, outside supporters and undergraduate students provided letters of support for each nominee.

Jake Galdo [Pharmacy] was appointed to workgroups for the Pharmacy Quality Alliance. He was reappointed to the Patient-Centered Advisory Panel and appointed to the Stakeholder Advisory Panel, Group C, for the National Community Pharmacists Association. He attended the White Coat Ceremony and presented an invited address at the American Pharmacists Association for Next Generation Pharmacists Journalists, April 9. Gassner serves as chair of the organization, which has members at both K–12 and higher education levels.

Greg Gorman [Pharmacy] was appointed to the American Pharmacists Association for Next Generation Pharmacists Journalists, April 9. Gassner serves as chair of the organization, which has members at both K–12 and higher education levels.

Monty Hogwood [Advancement] presented a program on fundraising ethics at the Alabama Association of Nonprofits Annual Summit, REACH, April 22 in Montgomery, Alabama.

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Roger Lander [Pharmacy] was appointed to a three-year term on the International Services Professional Advisory Group of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. He presented a three-hour workshop on interprofessional education, and a presentation on “Formulary Management and its Role in the Educational Development of Medical Professionals and Students,” at the first International Conference on Clinical Pharmacy in Saudia Arabia in El-Qassem, Saudia Arabia, Feb. 15.

Erin Mauldin [History] was named a 2015 Mellon Research Fellow by the Virginia Historical Society. She also presented the following papers: “The Environmental Consequences of Economic Autonomy in the Post-Emancipation South,” at the Southern Forum for Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History, Mississippi State University, April 11, and “Labor and its Discontents: Labor Contract Disputes and Ecological Change in the Postbel- lum South, 1865–1875,” at the third annual Emerging Scholars Workshop, the Richards Center for Civil War History, Penn State University, April 25.

Gretchen McDaniel, Christy Daffron and Debbie Duke [Nursing] presented at the Westberg Symposium in Memphis, Tennessee, April 10 on “Spiritual Teaching/Learning Strategies: Preparing Faith Community Nurses to Embrace Eloquent Spiritual Care in the Church and Community.” Duke also presented “Taboo Topics of the Church: Ministering to the Forgotten” at the Westberg Poster Presentation session.

Chris Metress [Associate Provost for Academics] served as a judge for Widener University’s annual faculty awards for research and teaching innovation.

John Mitcham [History/Core] chaired a panel on “Race and the

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May Calendar

(Birthdays are listed in red.)

Friday, May 1
Patricia Kuntz (ret.), Ginger Robertson, Will Walsh
6 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. The Citadel, Griffin Field
7:30 p.m. Michael J. and Mary Anne Freeman Theatre and Dance Series presents Jane Eyre, a musical production, Harrison Theatre, tickets.samford.edu

Saturday, May 2
Charlie Cope, Senobia Crawford, Susan Prentar, Roy Swatzzell, Lydia Tharston
2 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. The Citadel, Griffin Field
7:30 p.m. Michael J. and Mary Anne Freeman Theatre and Dance Series presents Jane Eyre, a musical production, Harrison Theatre, tickets.samford.edu
8 p.m. Alabama Symphony Orchestra, superPOPS! The Music of John Williams from the Movies of Steven Spielberg, Wright Center, alabamasymphony.org

Sunday, May 3
Jack Berry, Annamaria Ceravolo, Michael DeBowe, Konda Koebler, Bob Schrimscher (ret.)
1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. The Citadel, Griffin Field
2:30 p.m. Michael J. and Mary Anne Freeman Theatre and Dance Series presents Jane Eyre, a musical production, Harrison Theatre, tickets.samford.edu

Monday, May 4
Jesse Baker (ret.), Bob Greene, Joyce Johnson (ret.), Raymond Johnson, Ashley Mims

Tuesday, May 5
Matthew Aiken, Rita Cantrell, Warren Jones, Evelyn Lynn (ret.), Heather Mitchell, Benson Orcutt, Jeff Whitcomb
7:30 p.m. Division of Music Honors Recital, Brock Recital Hall

Wednesday, May 6
Missi Bennett, Marc Calhoun, Mike Morris, Margaret Springfield, Becca Wilson
11 a.m. Beeson Divinity School Commencement and Service of Consecration, Hodges Chapel
5 p.m. Graphic Design Review of work by seniors, Swearengen Hall Art Gallery

Thursday, May 7
Gail Barton (ret.), Regina Coleman, Ralph Gold, Rick Hinkle
7:30 p.m. Samford Legacy League Scholarship Celebration: An Evening with David Phelps, Wright Center, secure.touchnet.com
7:30 p.m. Samford Jazz Ensemble Concert, Brock Recital Hall

Friday, May 8
Rachel Cohen, David Parks
Spring semester classes end
6 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Western Carolina, Griffin Field

Saturday, May 9
Timothy Banks (ret.), Jason Black, Eva Click, Bradley Harris, Preston Hite, Jeanette Lincecum (ret.), Amy Spade
1:30 p.m. Birmingham area alumni event, lunch and Samford vs. Western Carolina baseball game, first pitch 2 p.m., Griffin Field, alumni.samford.edu

Sunday, May 10
Kathryn Champion (ret.), Nancy Hartin, Glenda Martin, Jeff Wallace
1 p.m. Baseball: Samford vs. Western Carolina, Griffin Field

Monday, May 11
Candia Cole, Stan Davis, Faye Howell (ret.)
Final exam week
Graduating Senior Art Exhibit, Swearengen Hall Art Gallery, Mon.–Fri., 9 a.m.–4 p.m., through May 15; reception Saturday, May 16, following School of the Arts commencement

Tuesday, May 12
Tim Covington (ret.), Rosemary Fisk
Final exam week

Wednesday, May 13
Joe Davidson, John Mitcham, Annie Wheeler (ret.), Jim Williams (ret.)
Final exam week

Thursday, May 14
Bo Cole (ret.), Josh Reeves
Final exam week
2 p.m. Samford Air Force ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, Hodges Chapel
5 p.m. McWhorter School of Pharmacy commencement, Wright Center

Friday, May 15
Bo Glenn, Janice Lasseter (ret.), Jimmy McGowan, Elaine Moody, Kimberly Perkins, Karlo Senasi
7:30 a.m. Graduation Prayer Breakfast, Cafeteria
10 a.m. Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Shades Mountain Baptist Church
12 p.m. Brock School of Business commencement, Wright Center
3 p.m. College of Health Sciences commencement, Wright Center
6 p.m. Cumberland School of Law commencement, Wright Center

Saturday, May 16
Robert Cameron, Patricia Outlaw, Jarrett Rice, Bill Strickland (ret.)
10 a.m. School of the Arts and Orlene Bollard Beeson School of Education commencement, Wright Center
Reception, Graduating Senior Art Exhibit, Swearengen Hall Art Gallery; following the 10 a.m. commencement program
1 p.m. Howard College of Arts and Sciences commencement, Wright Center

Sunday, May 17
Kristie Chandler, Kenneth Mathews, Lisa Morton, Anethia Reliford (ret.), Gregg Still, Tam Yolling

Monday, May 18
David Clyburn, Keith Deakle, Paul Hall (ret.), Eric Olson, Robin Snyder, Deborah Young

Tuesday, May 19
Ernestine Bodie (ret.) Patricia Sillavan (ret.), Allison Taylor

Wednesday, May 20
Jack Brymer (ret.), Carolyn Crocker, Lori Hill, Stephanie Sides, Isaac Trujillo, Josh Tivitty

Thursday, May 21
Keith Abrams, Frances Carter (ret.), Patrice Donnelly, Mary Hudson (ret.), Angelene Jackson, Scott Leigh, Alice Martin (ret.), Michelle Newberry, John Ray (ret.), Monique Witherspoon

Friday, May 22
Linda Connor, Angie Elia, Karen Stinnett, Karen Thatcher, Gina Walker, Becca Williamson (ret.)

Saturday, May 23
Margaret Johnson

Sunday, May 24
Christy Averill, Sandy Brinsson (ret.), Leslie Carlisle, Ken Cook, Sheri Heasley, George Keller, Jackie Long

Monday, May 25
Keri Burns, Shayana Davis, Jane Holston, Paul House, David Miles
Memorial Day holiday, university closed

Tuesday, May 26
Angela Ferguson, Mike Grace, Ronda Lee (ret.), B. Keith Pitt, Robert Smith, Judith Vinzant (ret.)

Wednesday, May 27
Paige Mathis, Andy Montgomery, Marione Nance (ret.), Jonathan Parker, Vicki Portis, Scott Thigpen

Thursday, May 28
John Arnold, Jane Caswell, Chris Diss (ret.), Sue Grogan, Mary Evelyn Holloway, Kara Kennedy, Bee Lewis

Friday, May 29
Aaron Farrow, Mike McCormack, Ann Elizabeth Moore, John Morgan, Fred Morris, Travis Trickett

Saturday, May 30
Sean Hammel, Kevin Troyer

Sunday, May 31
Kathryn Fouse, Mitzi Laftooty, Betty Legg (ret.), Marta Parker, Cynthia Ritter, Marilyn Wright (ret.)

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• Ed Landers (Marketing and Communication) in the April 14 death of his uncle, B. F. Wear, Sr., of Decatur, Ala.  
• Nora Ousley [Music, ret.] in the April 24 death of her husband, Lee, of Birmingham  
• Randy Pittman (Advancement) in the April 25 death of his uncle, John Pittman, of Birmingham. John Pittman was a Samford graduate and served as a Samford trustee for 62 years, including service as chairman of the board.  

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All 2015 commencements will be live-streamed in high definition at samford.edu/live. The programs will be available for replay on the Samford website three weeks after graduation.

Other Commencement Weekend activities will include the Samford Air Force ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, Thursday, May 14, at 2 p.m. in Hodges Chapel; the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Friday, May 15, at 10 a.m. at Shades Mountain Baptist Church; and the Graduating Senior Art Exhibit Reception, Saturday, May 16, following the 10 a.m. commencement program in Swearingen Hall Art Gallery.

Seven Present Papers at Core Conference

Seven faculty members presented papers at the annual meeting of the Association of Core Texts and Courses April 9–12 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Participating were Lynette SANDLEY [Core], Steven Epley [English], Jennifer Speights-Binet [Geography], Carol Ann Vaughn Cross [Core], Keya Kraft [English], Betsy Dobbins [Biology] and Jason Wallace [History].

Samford will cosponsor next year’s conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

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PACIFIC” at the International Britain and the World Conference in Austin, Texas, April 4. He also presented a paper entitled “The Admiralty and International Maritime Law” at the annual meeting of the Society of Military History in Montgomery, Alabama, April 11.

Susan Nolin (Technology Services) gave presentations at two conferences in New Orleans. She presented “Argos Dashboards and OLAPs 101” at the 2015 Evisions User Conference April 11.

Angeline Jackson and Steve Smith (Technology Services) also attended the conference. At the Ellucian Live 2015 April 12–15, Nolin presented “Mass Uploading Biographical Directory Data.” Also attending the conference from Technology Services were Jackson, Smith and Doug Rigney. In addition, Julie Stewart [Payroll], Jennifer Epperson [Financial Aid] and Jay Flynn [Student Records] represented Samford at the conference.


Terri Robinette [Public Safety and Emergency Management] was one of two counseling students selected to present a proposal at the seventh annual Educational Studies in Psychology, Research Methodology and Counseling graduate symposium at the University of Alabama. She presented a poster April 9 entitled “The Effects of an Eclectic Approach on Bullying Behaviors as Measured by a Behavioral Checklist” based on work created collaboratively with Charlotte Freeman [Education] at Samford.

Adam Roebuck [Marketing and Communication] spoke to students at Jacksonville State University April 7 during its 14th annual Communication Week. The program was hosted by the Department of Communications in the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Ken Roxburgh [Religion] co-led three sessions with his wife, Gwen, during a spiritual retreat with Vestavia Hills Baptist Church at Shocco Springs Conference Center April 23–24.

Charles Sands [Pharmacy] presented a two-hour lecture and discussion March 5 on “The Status of Public Health in North Korea” with master’s in public health students and faculty at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health.

Robin Snyder [Art] will have mixed media artwork entitled “Life and Death Series B” showing in the Transformation: Art of All Mediums exhibition May 1–31 at the Pyramid Atlantic Gallery in Washington, D.C. The artwork was selected by a panel of judges. The opening reception will be May 2. Snyder also will participate in the Five x Seven Art Exhibition at the Morris Graves Museum of Art in Eureka, California, May 2. The sale of her mixed media artwork will be part of a gala fundraiser for the Humboldt Arts Council.


Delane Tew [History] received the W. O. Carver Distinguished Service Award from the Baptist History and Heritage Society at its annual meeting in April. The award recognizes and pays tribute to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the cause of Baptist history. Previous winners include theologian Bill Leonard (2007) and historian Wayne Flynt (1999). Tew also published a book review of Torches in the Corridor: 125 years of Tennessee Woman’s Missionary Union by Melody Maxwell in the spring 2015 issue of the Baptist History and Heritage Journal.

Elizabeth Wells [Special Collection and Archives] was awarded the Virginia Hamilton Award by the Alabama Historical Association at its annual meeting in Mobile, Alabama, April 9. The award is presented to honor contributions that promote appreciation and better understanding of Alabama history among the general public. The award is named for the historian and author of biographies of Hugo Black, former member of the U.S. Supreme Court from Alabama, and Lister Hill, longtime senator from the state.

Terri Wensel [Pharmacy] has received Tobacco Treatment Specialist certification.

Heather West [World Languages and Cultures] presented a paper entitled “The Quest for Freedom during Quebec’s Quiet Revolution and Beyond: Resistance in Pierre Falardeau’s Speak White and October” at the annual conference of the College Language Association at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, April 9–11.

Whitney White [Pharmacy] was appointed Pharmacy Delegate for Alabama to the American Pharmacists Association House of Delegates annual meeting in San Diego, California, March 27–31. She was appointed to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Council on Education and Workforce Development for 2015–16.