

A Message
From the Dean

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the hard work and talents of our students.

Orlean Beeson School of Education faculty and staff are passionate about preparing graduates who demonstrate keen knowledge and skills, commitment to their profession, strong moral character, leadership abilities and an unparalleled ability to enrich the communities in which they serve. Our graduates lead classrooms, direct schools, advocate for families, conduct research, serve organizations, and implement positive change across the country and around the world.

The students we honor tonight are those who meet and exceed our expectations. I invite you to join with me in congratulating them on their hard work and commitment to their professions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna E. McEwan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail.

Anna E. McEwan

Dean

2022 ORLEAN BEESON SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AWARDS CEREMONY

Welcome-Dr. Anna McEwan, Dean Orlean Beeson School of Education

Invocation—Dr. Monique Witherspoon, Associate Dean Orlean Beeson School of Education

Introduction of guest speaker-Dr. Jodi Newton, Professor, Education Leadership

Guest Speaker-Clifton Taulbert, author of *Eight Habits of the Heart: Embracing Values that Build Strong Communities*.

Presentation of Awards

Educational Leadership Department

Human Development and Family Sciences Department

Teacher Education Department

Closing Remarks -Dr. Amy Hoaglund

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEPARTMENT-

Maurice Persall Endowed Scholarship Meghan Denson

Established in 2011 in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Doctor of Education program within Orlean Beeson School of Education and named in honor of Dr. Maurice Persall, long-time faculty, chair of Educational Leadership and director of the Doctor of Education program. This scholarship is awarded to a doctoral candidate with demonstrated financial need, academic ability to succeed, and commitment to the completion of the doctoral program in Educational Leadership.

Charlotte Opal Herring Ennis Scholarship in Graduate Education Tyler Berryman

This scholarship is established by Dr. Leslie Ennis and his father, Raymond Ennis, in memory of Charlotte Opal Herring Ennis, mother and wife. The scholarship is awarded based upon need to students in graduate education in Orlean Beeson School of Education.

Jeanna King Westmoreland Scholarship John Cross

Established in honor of Jeanna King Westmoreland, by her husband, Dr. Andrew Westmoreland. They labored together in the cause of Christ-centered higher education at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas and at Samford University in Alabama. She served as the Dean of the Mike Huckabee School of Education at Ouachita and as the Chair of the Arkansas State Board of Education before moving to Alabama in 2006. Throughout her lifetime, she has been known as a world-class teacher, a skilled administrator, a caring friend, a devoted mother, and a loving wife. This scholarship is awarded to a student of financial need within Orlean Beeson School of Education.

Outstanding Dissertation Blair R. Inabinet

Outstanding Ed.D. students Cristy R. York, Chris B. Shaw, Mallory W. Kincaid

Outstanding Ed.S. student Jessica M. Hahn

Outstanding M.S.E./18 hr. Instructional Leadership student Sarah Grace Featherston

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

Distinguished Service Award Christa Chery

Outstanding Senior Sidney Chason

Undergraduate Assistant Scholarship –*Students will assist HDFS faculty with academic research and course management with a commitment of approximately 4 hours each week per semester. Evidence of service and potential contribution to the department, campus, and community, along with a minimum GPA of 3.2 are required. Funded by the Ralph W. and Orlean Bullard Beeson Scholarship Fund. Ralph and Orlean Bullard Beeson, for whom this school was named, have established several scholarship awards as a way to reward academic excellence. They also recognize leadership, participation in campus activities, and professional promise*

.....Caroline Brown (Dr. Hill)
.....Katie Cataldo (Dr. Davis)
.....Kaylee Snider (Dr. Chandler)
.....Faith Jones (Dr. Gerhardt)
.....Eva Labine (Dr. Wenth)

Departmental Scholarship –. *Evidence of service and potential contribution to the department, campus, and community required. Funded by the Ralph W. and Orlean Bullard Beeson Scholarship Fund.*

..... Olivia Whited
..... Heaven Colquiett

Academic Scholarship -- *Minimum GPA of 3.5 with evidence of service and potential contribution to the department, campus, and community required. Funded by the Ralph W. and Orlean Bullard Beeson Scholarship Fund.*

.....Christa Chery
.....Heaven Colquiett
.....Kaylee Snider
.....Eva Labine
.....Olivia Whited
.....Emma Stuebner
.....Faith Jones
.....Mallory Jones
.....Rob Rait

Alumni Relations Assistant Scholarship – *Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 required. Student will work with the Alumni Relations Coordinator in the School of Education and will begin communication with alumni. This scholarship is funded by the Ralph W. and Orlean Bullard Beeson Scholarship Fund. Libby Faucett*

Dr. Joan Gardiner Chambers and Home Economics Retailing Scholarships (3) – *Dr. Joan Chambers served as chair of the home economics department within the school of education. Dr. Chambers and her late husband, Mr. Carl Chambers, created these scholarships to provide financial assistance to support worthy students during their Samford experience. Lizzie Dunbar (Dr. Joan Gardiner Chambers Scholarship)
. Katie Cataldo (Home Economics Retailing Scholarship)
. Christa Chery (Home Economics Scholarship)*

ACADEMIC HONORS

Highest honors (GPA 3.75-4.0)

Bowman, Caroline Riley; Chery, Christa Amie; Colquiett, Heaven Aleigha; Higgins, Ellie Lyle; Snider, Kaylee Grace; Chason, Sidney Katherine; Jordan, Emma Grace; Whited, Olivia Madeline; Labine, Eva Grace; Levine, Bayley Elizabeth; Stoebner, Emma K, Jones; Faith Rose; Marino, Emma Danielle; Cline, Claire Julia; Mount, Mary Katherine; Jones, Mallory Ann; Wicktom, Meredith Leigh; Bardolf, Rainey E.; Defee, Collin Garry; Hill, Harmonie N., Jones, Anna Elizabeth, Queen, Sarah Grace, Reis, Julia Christina, Frank, Catherine Grace, Blastic, Grace Ann, Peebles, Emma Catherine; Phipps, Lucy Olivia; Rait, Robert Alexander; Strawn, Hannah Jean; Brown, Ann Caroline; Parks, Katelyn Dianne; Sluder, Catherine A., Parker; Sydney LeeAnn; Faucett, Elizabeth Page.

Honors (GPA 3.5-3.74)

Elliott, Elizabeth Sara-Grace; Cannady, Sterling Anna; South, Julia Faith; Lindsay, Meredith G.; Anderson, Kaylee Grace; Dyleski, Kate Gorman; Marsh, Rebekah A.; Stone, Tori Alexandra Hanger, Lauren Elise; Harold, Lilah Elizabeth; Cataldo, Kathryne M.; Giles, Kloey Gracen; Mechem, Sara Grace; Nott, Kaitlyn Grace; Roberson, O'Neil T.; Gazza, Kylie Taylor; Rooks, Breanna D.; Shepperson, Mallory Gates; Borcharding, Elizabeth Lorraine; Fischer, Stuart M.; Moore, Elizabeth Reece; Price, Lauren Caroline.

TEACHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

John and France Carter Awards -- *John and Frances Carter Awards for Excellence in Education are given each year to undergraduate students who show excellence in the K-12 classroom, based on their clinical experiences. Dr. John T. Carter joined the Samford faculty in 1956 and served until his retirement in 1987. He was dean of the School of Education from 1980 until 1986. His wife, Dr. Frances Carter, also served as a senior faculty member for many years. Over the years, the Carters have supported education programs by funding scholarships and sponsoring the Young Authors Conference held annually here at Samford. The Carters also led the International Book Project, which provided thousands of books to foreign university libraries.*

John and Frances Carter Award for Teacher Excellence in Early Childhood Education
.....Sarah E. Howe
..... (Mrs. Nell Brannum & Mrs. Myrtis Johnson)

John and Frances Carter Award for Teacher Excellence Elementary Education
..... Abigail Thornby
..... (Mrs. Nell Brannum & Dr. Tarsha Shepard)

John and Frances Carter Award for Teacher Excellence in Special Education
.....Ansley A. Dean
.....(Mrs. Nell Brannum, Dr. David Finn, & Dr. Mandy Hilsmier)

John and Frances Carter Award for Teacher Excellence in Secondary/P-12 Education
..... Abigail R. Hanby
..... (Mrs. Nell Brannum & Dr. Erin Gilchrist)

Ira F. Simmons Award Micaiah L. Collins (Dr. Jeanelle Day)

Kappa Delta Pi Chapter Award for Excellence in the Field of Education
..... Grace L. Cooper (Dr. Kate Scarborough)

Carol D. Dean Outstanding Service AwardRiley J. Lackey
..... (Drs. Joe & Carol Dean & Dr. Amy Hoaglund)

Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education Golden Apple Outstanding Alumni Award

..... Sabbath McKiernan-Allen (Dr. Karen Birkenfeld)

Sabbath McKiernan-Allen grew up and now lives in Indianapolis, Indiana. She came to Samford in 2009 on a soccer scholarship as a nursing major. At 18, she was really into “Grey’s Anatomy” and thought nursing would be like that. Two years into nursing school and three fainting spells later, she realized nursing was not in the cards for her.



After some soul searching, and a little bit of coaxing by her professor father, she found the education department and could not have made a better choice. “I am so thankful for my time at Samford. My professors helped me realize that I had a heart for urban education. They also prepared me so well for entering the teaching force. During a seminar my junior year I heard something that not only resonated with me but helped shape my career: your zip code should not determine the education you receive.”

Since graduating from Samford she has been teaching at Thomas Gregg Neighborhood School in Indianapolis. Thomas Gregg is a part of the Indianapolis Public School network. Sabbath has learned so much from being a teacher. In her own words “I have learned not to take myself too seriously. I have learned the importance of laughter. I have learned that connection in the classroom is the most important thing in an educational setting. I have learned that saying “I am sorry” to students is a sure way to shock them into forgiving you. I have learned that it is okay to make mistakes and start over. Most importantly I have learned that the trite statement is true. “If you love what you do, you never work a day in your life.” I have hard days for sure, but for the most part each day I get to see my 22 little weirdos, I know it is going to be an interesting and quirky day.”

Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education Dean’s Award for Outstanding Teacher

Education Graduating Senior Martha Rose Tarwater (Dr. Amy Hoaglund)

ACADEMIC HONORS

Highest Honors (GPA 3.75-4.0)

Bozeman, Joy Channell; Comans, Madison C.; Herndon, Amy McCall; Howe, Sarah E.; Lackey, Riley Joanne; McCannon, Ainsley Elizabeth; Meyers, Caroline Marie; Middendorf, Allison Rae; Smith, Mollie; Tarwater, Martha Rose; Ward, Molly Louise; Weaver, Abigail Elizabeth; Wolfe, Emma Grace; Hamrick, Ashlyn Brooke; Lankford, Emily H.; Rodriguez, Jacklyn Ruth; Alexander, Julianna Nicole; Lafave, Grace Kimberly; Patel, Meera Suresh; Collins, Micaiah L.; McAslan, Morgan Ashley; Sanders, Margaret A.; Cribb, Lawson Gail; Willcox, Elizabeth Law; Dilmore, Mariah Notley; Freeman, Hannah Michelle; Goolsby, Melissa Noel; Latham, Emma H. Snow, Shelby Faith; Tarifa, Madison Elizabeth; Dean, Ansley Allyn; Pilch, McKenzie Mae; Reese, Ansley S.; Conley, Ellen K.; Galbreath, Haley C.; Harvey, Emma Kathryn; Criss, Mikayla N.; Dietter, Raleigh Hope; Gier, Casidy Jo; Brewer, Lindsey G.; Sisk, Olivia Parker; Ward, Brianna; Berry, Ava M.; Copeland, Catherine Ann; Phillips, Emma Grace; Davis, Grace Samsel; Hull, Skylar Ann; Kirkland, Anna Caroline; Lunsford, Caroline Elliott; Patterson, Grace Jean; Nimnicht, Emma Elizabeth; Osborne, Carson Isabella; Snyder, Mary James; Ratliff, McKenna Lea; Rogers, Bailey Lane; Thomas, Sophia Sherri; Fulmer, Margaret Anne; Reynolds, Halle E.; Walker, Elizabeth Reed; Dunn, Marigrace A.; Key, Julia Elizabeth; Brooks, Audrey Lane; Cooper, Grace Linda; Mote, Hamilton Parker; Shepperson, Jordan; Woods, Tori Noelle; Cowden, Catherine DeBray.

Honors (GPA 3.5-3.74)

Burgess, Mary Brittan; Francine, Harper Elizabeth; Johnston, Emmaline Frances; Jones, Abigail Susan; Smith, Julianna Rose; Darnell, Linley Faith; Johnson, Margaret E.; Woodham, Jennifer Elizabeth; Brooks, Jenna Claire; Gross, Alyssa Marie; Moses, Sarah Grace; Kay, Melanie Frances; Lankford, Bailey Suzanne; Way, Ashlyn Faith; Gaddy, Jordan Elizabeth; Kardoos, Natalie Michelle; Key, Kellum Dulaney Walker, Hannah Grace; Dodgen, Sarah M.; Addison, Kayleigh Mychelle; Beaudry, Anna Kate; Carrell, Sarah D.; DeMarco, Katherine Elizabeth; Sharpton, Hannah S.; Parrish, Hannah Grace; Henshaw, Ethan R.; Park, Amelia B.; Pulley, Hannah McLaine; Thompson, Caroline Faye; Allred, Emily Maeson; Christensen, Caitlin Nicole; Lako, Amanda Grace; Salasky, Andrea Joy; Goldbach, Eva Louise; Jennings, Kirsten Breann; Mayfield, Elisabeth Ann; Moore, Rachel Ann; Leuenberger, Mary Grace; Holcombe, Kolby Grace; Kerr, Eleanor Lillian; Sobanski, Luci K.; White, Hannah F.; Alford, Rilee Anne; Hays, Abby Elaine; Moers, Maya Maria Conklin, Olivia Grace; Moren, Caroline Susanne; Robinson, Grace A.; Sechrest, Faith C.; Bechtold, Caroline Melinda; Peterson, Layne Bryce; Bohannon, Caroline Grace; Henry, Margaret Katherine; Jones, Emily Victoria; Fennimore, Grace Pearl; Jordan, Amanda Marie; Zeitvogel, Madison B; Thornbury, Abigail E.; Kelley, Annsley McCall

TEACHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Alabama Power School of Education Endowed Scholarship – *This scholarship was established to honor Rev. Terry W. DeFoor for many years of service to the Baptist Ministry and to promote the education of deserving students.* Amelia B. Park

Alto L. Garner Memorial Scholarship – *Dr. Alto L. Garner was a member of the Samford faculty for 34 years and served as the first Dean of the School of Education. This scholarship is established in his memory by his family and friends and is awarded to graduate education students dedicated to the field of education and embodying characteristics of Dr. Garner such as Christian character, moral and ethical standards, caring, respectful, cooperative, validating and a champion for students.* Brianna E. Nix

Anne Glaze and William C. Stone Scholarship -- *This scholarship was established in memory of Charles R. Glaze and to honor Ila G. Glaze. This scholarship is for undergraduate students preparing for a career in education, with preference given to students from Madison and Limestone Counties in Alabama.* . . . Marigrace A. Dunn (Anne Stone)

Bill and Pam Smith Family Foundation Scholarship – *This scholarship is awarded to students pursuing a career in elementary education, with preference given to those who are passionate about teaching mathematics and science.* Harper E. Francine

Brookwood Baptist/Nila Graham Campbell Scholarship -- *The Campbell Family and Brookwood Baptist Church established this scholarship in 2000 in memory of Nila Graham Campbell. The scholarship is awarded to a deserving undergraduate with preference given to those students pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education.*
 Sarah E. Howe (Bobby Campbell)

James H. Williams Endowed Scholarship -- *James H. "Jim" Williams attended Morgan County High School in Hartselle, Alabama before volunteering for the U.S. Navy. As a member of the crew of the USS Dennis, he received a presidential citation for "extraordinary heroism in action in keeping with the highest tradition of the U.S. Naval Service." After the Navy, Jim entered Howard College (now Samford University) where he earned a B.S. in Economics in 1949 and met Jean Daugherty Williams, to whom he was married for 55 years. Jim had a 30-year career as a contract negotiator for the U.S. Air Force which honored him with the Mark E. Bradley Award "for excellence in individual performance. He was a considerate person who exhibited solid Christian values, sincere patriotism, and loyal friendship. Jean Williams' objective in establishing this scholarship is two-fold: to honor the memory of her husband of 55 years and to assist worthy students in their effort to acquire a Samford education. Jean explains, "I have been blessed personally and it is my hope that this scholarship will be a blessing to future Samford students."* Hannah M. Freeman

Jewel Littleton Scholarship – *This scholarship was established by Orlean Beeson School of Education in honor of Jewel Littleton and is awarded to any minority student studying within any program within Orlean Beeson School of Education.* Micaiah L. Collins (Jewel Littleton)

Jo Cooper & Henry W. Dark Endowed Scholarship – *This scholarship was created through a series of gifts from Edwin W. and Billie B. Bleier, in memory of their aunt and uncle, Jo Cooper and Henry W. Dark. The Darks both served as teachers throughout their professional careers.* Mary J. Snyder

John & Frances Carter Scholarship for Teacher Education – *Dr. Frances Carter created a legacy of generosity in supporting our Samford students. In addition to her other contributions, she established the John and Frances Carter Endowed Scholarship to be awarded to rising juniors and/or rising seniors who are enrolled in a certification program for Teacher Education.* Micaiah L. Collins (Nell Branum)
 Hannah G. Parrish (Nell Branum)

Kathryn Abercrombie Scholarship – *Ms. Abercrombie and her family and friends have established an endowment to financially assist outstanding students in the school of education. This scholarship is based on academic performance, character, and worthiness of the individual* Ellen K. Conley
 Riley J. Lackey

Ms. Jewell Scholarship -- *This scholarship was created by Leon Zalenski in memory of his wife, Jewell Carmichael Zalenski. The purpose of the scholarship is to demonstrate to the recipient what the Lord will do for the recipients whose hearts and minds are dedicated to loving and serving the Lord all the days of their lives. It will serve as an illustration of what can and will happen in the lives of one, with a passion for demonstrating to the lives of the recipients, the fact that "JESUS IS LORD.* Margaret Ann Sanders

Orlean Beeson School of Education Legacy Scholarship – *This scholarship awarded to rising junior students who feel called to work within education and/or in work that enriches the lives of families.*
.....Eva L. Goldbach

Ralph W. & Orlean B. Beeson Scholarship – Emily M. Allred
..... Lawson G. Cribb
..... Alyssa M. Gross
..... Allison R. Middendorf
..... Carson I. Osborne
..... Molly L. Ward
..... J. Elizabeth Woodham

Raymond Christian Scholarship – *This scholarship was created in memory of Raymond Christian by his family and friends as the memorial to his life and service throughout our community and state. It is to perpetuate his motivation and character through succeeding generations of students that the scholarship is awarded to a student preparing for service in public education either as a teacher, counselor, or administrator* Abigail E. Thornbury

School of Education International Internships Scholarship *This scholarship was created by Drs. Joe and Carol Dean to support School of Education students enrolled in the Teacher Education Curriculum and enable and support their participation in international internships in developing countries allowing them to work as teacher assistants/interns in schools that serve local (primarily underserved) children.*
..... Emma L. Maddux
..... Jenna C. Brooks
(Drs. Joe and Carol Dean & Dr. Amy Hoaglund)

Twanna Caddell Powell Annual and Endowed Scholarship in Education -- *Established in honor of Twanna Caddell Powell. Since a large majority of students in the School of Education are female, the donor has expressed a strong desire to give preference to students that are male, of good character, in good standing with the school, and who have expressed intent to teach in the public school system after graduation.*
.....Ethan R. Henshaw

Velma Wright Irons Memorial Scholarship – *This scholarship is presented annually as a memorial to a beloved teacher and the wife of Samford professor, Dr. George V. Irons. The award is given to an education major who has strong goals towards pursuing a career in education* Grace A. Robinson