The Old Howard 100 is one of Samford University’s initiatives to promote awareness of and appreciation for Alabama’s Black Belt. The university began there in 1841 as Howard College in the town of Marion. The magnificent antebellum homes still standing throughout the Black Belt bear witness to the region’s great wealth and cultural importance at the time of Howard’s founding. The area is also at the heart of historic civil rights struggles.

The Black Belt was unable to recover economically after the Civil War, so the Alabama Baptist State Convention accepted an offer from Birmingham and moved the college in 1887. It became Samford University in 1965. Howard College of Arts and Sciences pays tribute to the long connection with its first home.

The Old Howard 100 is part of the Alabama Backroads Century Series. The series of rides seeks to promote the growth and development of long-distance cycling in the state of Alabama, and benefit the charities and advocacy efforts supported by each of the events.

alabama-backroads-cycling.com
The Old Howard 100 is a ride through three counties in Alabama’s historic Black Belt sponsored by Samford University’s Howard College of Arts and Sciences. The event benefits Sowing Seeds of Hope, a partnership between Perry County and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship that seeks to enhance the quality of work and life in Perry County through improved educational opportunities, health care, tourism, transportation and economic development.

Proceeds assist Perry County residents who receive care through Samford’s year-round health programs. Students and faculty in Samford’s nursing, pharmacy, and exercise and sports medicine programs offer regular health care screenings, evaluations and monitoring services. Sowing Seeds of Hope Executive Director Frances Ford notes that such funds fill a critical void in health care distribution by providing medication or supplies to newly diagnosed patients.

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Directions to Judson College
302 Bibb Street • Marion, AL 36756
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