Our college mission states in part that we “provide quality educational programs that promote the holistic development of a diverse student population to become healthcare providers.” Holistic development of our students involves more than just academics. As future healthcare providers you have learned that we deliver holistic care to our patients. As you know this means that we are assessing all aspects of our client’s life i.e. the physical, social, psychological and emotional and providing care for the whole person. Therefore holistic development of our students means that the educational experience at Methodist College extends beyond the purely academic.

We offer programs and activities to enhance our students’ development in all areas. This is done through co-curricular programming, and various organizations and clubs offered for our students. Our recent speaker Holocaust survivor Magda Brown is an excellent example of co-curricular learning. This very moving experience was well attended by our students. Ms. Brown’s presentation was truly an example of history brought to life. This most moving presentation was integrated into many of our courses and thus created an excellent learning and life experience. The

Dr. Kimberly Johnston, president

Living History Comes to Methodist College

Holocaust survivor Magda Brown (pictured below) spoke to a capacity crowd at Methodist College on September 30th. Her story is compelling, and her message is meaningful: Protect your freedom, stand up to the deniers, and think before you hate.

"I tell the children think before they hate," Brown said. "I'm not telling them to hate or not to hate. That's up to their conscience, but at least think before you hate because all the tragedies around the world whether it's the Holocaust, whether it's genocide, or any wars, it all stems from hatred."

Ms. Brown is 86 years old, but at 17 was taken to the Auschwitz concentration camp. As a prisoner there, she lost everything, including all her family. She was well received, and student after student lined up to have their picture taken with her.

Magda Brown, pictured (at right in the middle) with many of the students who came to hear her presentation.

Summer Semester Presidents and Dean’s

President’s List
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Brooke Turner
Joseph Welch
Holi Winckler

Dean’s List
Mohamad Cheaito
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In addition to co-curricular activities there are social activities such as the Kick off-Cook Out, the continuing Methodist College Cinema, and multiple activities for residence hall students. There are also opportunities for professional and personal growth through involvement with the Student Government Association, Student Nurses Association and multiple clubs such as the Running Club, Glee Club, Health and Fitness club and Pinterest club. These co-curricular, professional and governance organizations as well as social activities are all critical to your education. I hope that you are involved or will plan to join your peers in these many fun and educational activities!

New Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Services Joins Methodist College

Dr. Keith W. Branham has joined the Methodist College family as the Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Services at Methodist College. Dr. Branham earned the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida. His specialization is Higher Education Administration.

The past five years he was the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Ivy Tech Community College in South Bend, Indiana. In that capacity he was the chief student affairs officer for a student body of over 12,000 students in four campuses across three cities. His responsibilities included oversight for admissions, registration, student life, financial aid, academic advising, veteran’s services, disability support services, and diversity initiatives.

Dr. Branham has also worked in student affairs at Valencia Community College and the University of Central Florida, both in Orlando, Florida, as well as Western Illinois University (where he also taught management classes) in Macomb, Illinois, and Biola University in LaMirada, California. Dr. Branham also holds a Master of Divinity degree and a bachelor’s of science degree in religion.

New Director of Community and Alumni Relations Named

Methodist College Director of Admissions, Richole Ogburn, has been promoted to Director of Community and Alumni Relations. This announcement for The Buzz came from the president of Methodist College, Dr. Kimberly Johnston.

“Richole has ten years of experience in marketing and business with several national and local companies. She has also earned a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Midstate College,” said Dr. Johnston. “Her experience and drive will no doubt add value to our efforts to engage alumni as well as the community,” she continued.

Originally from the Peoria area, Richole attended Limestone Community High School. She now lives in Morton with her husband, Matt, and two sons, Gabriel and Colton.

Many new ideas are being implemented under Richole’s leadership. She will also be involved in many new recruitment activities, some new twists on some old ones, and working to increase awareness of Methodist College in Illinois.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is October

October is breast cancer awareness month. Student Life is asking that everyone “go pink” on Wednesday this month to show support for research, treatment, survivors and victims and their families. There are several activities planned to aid our awareness this month, including “Save Lids to Save Lives,” in which we are asking you to save pink lids from a variety of products you likely use every day, including Yoplait yogurt, General Mills cereals, Ocean Spray and Green Giant. And there is Pink Streaks, which is getting a pink streak in your hair for a donation to breast cancer research. That will be on October 17th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the first floor lounge.
Welcome Ginny Fletcher to Methodist College

Hi I am Ginny Fletcher. I am very new to the college just starting here in July of this year. I started as the Finance Assistant but have since taken the position of Admissions and Recruitment Assistant. I am a graduate of Black Hawk East College and currently working towards my Bachelors. I am a mother of two girls. Marci is a junior at North Central College and Lindi is a Freshman at Illinois State University. In my free time I like to spend it with my family and my pets. I am a proud owner of 8 cats and 2 dogs!

Holistic Students Promoting Health and Wellness at YMCA

Methodist College Holistic nursing students spent three days in July at the Greater Peoria Family YMCA promoting summer health and safety for Y patrons. Teaching topics included bicycle safety, home safety and accident prevention, hydration, sun-related skin exposures, nutrition, heat exhaustion, stroke recognition, hypertension and blood pressure checks. Students distributed water bottles and juice, sunscreen, sunglasses, coloring pages, hand sanitizer and a variety of healthy snacks to Y patrons. Students enjoyed honing their health teaching skills and interacting with the community. Approximately 250 participants, ranging in age from 5 to 80 years received personalized teaching and printed health promotion materials.

Have You Utilized the Methodist College Library?

Methodist College students, faculty, and staff have access to over four-hundred fifty electronic journals through the Library’s Wolters Kluwer Health’s Ovid collection. Wolters Kluwer, is a leading global provider of information, business intelligence and point-of-care solutions for the healthcare industry. Kluwer’s major brands include Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Ovid®, and UpToDate®.

The College Library e-journals are available online from within the Library module in Sakai, select Ovid, or through www.gateaway.ovid. Log-in is username: meth999 password: medical. Select Your Journals @Ovid to search, or select the Journals tab to browse the MC e-journal collection.


The Methodist College Ovid site also contains a collection of electronic books. Select the Books tab and browse the book collection or search by subject.

Halloween Activities Planned for Fun and Fright

Among the plans for Halloween on campus is the showing of the movie “Hocus Pocus” on October 25th. There will also be a college-wide “party” on October 28th. All are invited, but to attend you must bring canned goods to be donated to the local food pantry.
Courtney Bates New Recruiter

Courtney Bates, from Morton, Illinois, is the new recruiter at Methodist College. She began in June as the Admissions and Recruitment Assistant, but has recently transitioned into the Recruitment Coordinator position. Courtney is a Eureka College graduate, where she majored in Communications and minored in psychology. Courtney is the mother of Leighton, her beautiful four year old daughter. In her (sparse) spare time, she enjoys traveling, shopping, boating, and reading.

Scholarship and Research Day

Students who completed the Pre-licensure Nursing Program this past summer participated in Scholarship and Research Day. For this the students complete a research project, which is judged and graded by Methodist College faculty.

This past summer the winning team worked with MMCI personnel from the ICU. The purpose is to explore ways to make service delivery more efficient. Students access existing research and, working with MMCI staff, develop possible solutions by reviewing the existing literature.

Students enrolled in the nursing research courses, including N345 and N445, are both Pre-licensure and Second Degree students.

The students from this past summer event completed their program in the summer and graduated, though there is not a summer commencement ceremony. Summer graduates are eligible to participate in commencement on December 14. They have received their degrees, however, in the summer.

The winning team with Methodist College president Dr. Kimberly Johnston (pictured, center) with students (left to right) Holli Walker, Shawna Musselman, Dr. Johnston, Brooke Turner, and Adam Noe.

Hannah Morris passes on July 14, 2013

Hannah Morris began classes at Methodist College in the fall semester of 2011. Her dream was to be a nurse. Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with cancer in April of 2013, and passed away this past summer. Faculty, staff, administration, and students have expressed sadness at this loss for the college community and her family.

She was a dedicated student who took her studies very seriously. She dreamed of being a midwife. Her cheerful nature, passion for the healthcare field, and love of close relationships led her to develop many meaningful connections with her fellow students and instructors.