Welcome From the College President

Dr. Kimberly Johnston, President

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest students to Methodist College and welcome back all of our returning students. It is great to have you here!

We are welcoming both a new year and a new academic year. New means a fresh start or beginning. As the New Year begins many people make resolutions about how they will improve in some way or another. Some resolve to lose weight others to quit smoking and others yet to get into shape. The resolutions are as varied as the individuals. One resolution I would like to discuss here though is the resolution to become a better student. Each semester brings with it the opportunity for a new start. Have you ever resolved to do better in your classes or generally to be a better student? I would like to propose that you make a resolution to be the best student possible. Review your study habits, how well you prepare for class or clinical, and the amount of time you place on your course and your class participation. Do you have some weaknesses? Spend time working to improve those. You are dedicating your time and money to your education and it should be a priority in your life. Do you place the importance on your student role that you should? I know many of you work to help pay for your college expenses but do you put your work responsibilities before those associated with your role as a student? Many of you are doing very well and have committed to your student role. Others may need to resolve to focus on how to improve in this role. That is where the college staff and faculty can help. The Center for Student Success (CSS) staff will help you determine where you may have weaknesses and how to best overcome those. They will also

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Classes Are Not Just in the Classroom at Methodist College.

This past Saturday, the students of HST 301: Suffering and Forgiveness, visited the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie, IL. Magda Brown met with the students and spoke about hate and forgiveness.

(Magda Brown at left with students from fall 2013)

Abby Reel is Now the Director of Advising and Admissions

Abby Reel, Director of Academic Advising here at Methodist College (pictured at right), has added admission and recruiting to her responsibilities. This created a shake up in Enrollment Management and Student Services. Combining two units is not always easy, but Abby comes with the education and, importantly, experience in both areas.

Other changes include adding another recruiter (now there are two) and another advisor. “The intent is to better prepare students to be successful as well as self-sufficient” said Dr. Keith Branham, Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Services. “We will also add a receptionist and have the 616 window open during lunch” he continued. “Our plan is to teach the new students what they need to know to plan their education in their first year at the college, then faculty can take a more mentor type or roll with them.”

Spring 2015 Graduation is May 16th!

Saturday, May 16, 2015, at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in East Peoria. Processional starts at 10:00 AM, pictures at 9:00 AM, robing at 8:30 AM.
help you with tutoring or time management skills. Our student counselor is here to assist you with test anxiety or just to talk about things that may be causing stress and thus keeping you from doing your best. Our advisors are here to help guide you in course planning and also to help you find the right person or area to help you. All of these individuals are located on sixth floor. If you need help with your clinical skills please visit the Simulation Center or Learning Resource Center (LRC) both located on the eighth floor at UnityPoint Health Methodist hospital. These are two very high tech environments where you can practice skills and get assistance from our excellent nurse educators. And finally, please work with your faculty. They are very eager to help you to be successful in their classes. If you are having some problems please take some time and talk with them. They can provide suggestions about how you can improve your learning and answer questions you may have about course material. Everyone here at Methodist College wants you to be successful. Please don’t wait until you are overwhelmed to seek help.

Your college years will fly by but the education you get here is that on which you will base your life’s work. Please make sure you get the best education possible. To do that you will have to truly invest yourself into your learning. To borrow a phrase from a past advertisement for Army recruiting: “Be All You Can Be.”

Student Government Association

Methodist College students have elected new officers for the Student Government Association. They are Brittany Cashdollar, president; Steve Hausler, vice president; and Janel Knight, secretary.

Brittany Cashdollar (left), a junior, is a full-time dedicated nursing student. She is also married with four kids. Living in Morton, she likes to travel and spend time outdoors for fun. She has been involved in SGA during her time at Methodist College, believing it to be a positive organization that works to make a difference not only in Methodist College, but in the community as well.

Getting involved is the key to SGA. There are so many ways to be involved through SGA, any student can find a place to fit in.

Steve Hausler (right) would like to help the student body be heard in one facet or another. As a new student he is an energetic and optimistic person, and wants to represent the student body in a beneficial way. His goal is to help in raising funds to help students with textbook funding, tuition, and possibly work on getting more parking here at the school.

Janel Knight (left) is in 361 this semester and will graduate in December of 2016. Involved in SGA for 2 semesters now and am hoping to continue to be involved with SGA until graduation, she really wants to help out the student population. She is always here to listen and try and help in any way possible. Your concerns will be heard in the SGA, and she and the rest of the SGA will do their best to help out the students.

Parking Lot TIPS:

* Know the location of the 7 blue light call boxes around campus. Pushing the button will summon the police.
* If it is safe to do so, you can talk to the 911 operator through the call box to give police information about the emergency prior to their arrival.
* In the residence halls or in your classroom be aware of emergency exits. If a fire alarm goes off exit the building immediately. In case of a tornado warning take shelter in the basement.
* Please take all alarms seriously.
Parking On Campus and At The Hospital

By now everyone should have an appropriate parking pass. Please remember to park only in designated Methodist College parking lots. Near campus that include the lot surrounding the building and directly behind the day care. There is also a gated lot one block away behind the building where Nick’s Deli is.

There are an additional 25 parking spaces assigned for Methodist College students. These spaces have been added directly across from the Dream Center, right in line with the assigned Methodist College spaces in the Atrium lot.

Please be sure to park only in the appropriate spaces designated for Methodist College students. To do otherwise will risk having your vehicle towed at your own expense. Also, please remember that St. Francis parking is not open to Methodist College students.

The Funny Bone

A hospital posted a notice in the nurses’ lounge that said: “Remember, the first five minutes of a human being’s life are the most dangerous.” Underneath, a nurse had written: “The last five are pretty risky, too.” —nursinghumor.com

Methodist College Students at the Trivia Night (below)

Trivia Night: Fun For A Great Cause

Methodist College hosted its first ever Trivia Night on January 30 at Kickapoo Creek Winery to raise money for student scholarships. Over 150 people attended, including alumni, students, staff members, faculty, and community members. Attendees gathered in teams of 3-8 people to test their trivia knowledge, with questions spanning various categories such as U.S. presidents, TV personalities, sports history, human anatomy, and even famous owls! The winning team walked away with bragging rights and new Methodist College sweatshirts.

Tickets to attend Trivia Night were $5 in advance and $10 at the door, with all ticket proceeds supporting student scholarships. Drinks and a buffet were available for an additional charge, and Kickapoo Creek Winery donated 25% of their profits from the evening to the scholarship fund, which will help provide financial assistance to students seeking to become healthcare professionals.
SPRING 2015
ACTIVITY
SCHEDULE

January 13- Welcome Back: Hot Cocoa & Caricatures
January 14- Minute to Win It Challenges (with PRIZES!)
January 15- Mario Kart Tournament
January 27- Spirit Squad- Photo Booth in lobby
February 19- Chinese New Year Celebration
February 25– Awareness Movie Series: Lee Daniels’ The Butler
February 26- Spirit Squad
March 4- Hypnotist: Frederick Winters
March 19- Fondue Night
March 25- Spirit Squad
April 6-10- Ollie’s Birthday Celebration Week
April 15- Poverty Simulation
April 20- Open Mic Night (National Poetry Month)
April 27- Spirit Squad
April 30- Kick-Out Cookout
May 6— Brain Food
TBD- Peoria Rivermen Game