From the President

It seems like it was just yesterday that we began this academic year but here we are preparing for Spring graduation! This past year was surely an eventful one. We began our year with 508 students and ended with over 590. We saw many of our students graduate and move to the role of Methodist alumni. In fact 25 students graduated in December and there are an additional 58 scheduled to graduate next week. Congratulations to all graduates! I am sure you will definitely represent Methodist College well.

This year we all witnessed the “birth” of Ollie our college mascot and our new cheer: Methodist Pride Methodist Proud! We had many educational and interesting programs such as Holocaust survivor Magda Brown and the panel discussion on the changing environment in healthcare. We had fun together with the Kick off Cook Outs, the Awareness Movie series and entertainers such as the Mentalist who amazed us with his ability to read our deepest thoughts and our own students who shared their hidden talents.

We saw an increase in student activity and involvement with the college through service in the Student Government Association and the Student Nurses Association as well as the very successful First Annual Edge Run.

Our academic division has shown much positive growth with the addition of several new courses, online course offerings and new travel courses. We had a very positive visit from a team from the Higher Learning Commission for our proposed Master of Science in Nursing degree program and following final notification from the HLC plan to begin offering this.

Dr. Kimberly Johnston, President
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Nora Sullivan is Retiring After Ten Years at Methodist College

Dr. Nora Sullivan, beloved professor of nursing, is retiring from Methodist College at the end of the current school year. Dr. Sullivan began teaching at Methodist College in 2004.

Hannah Morris Still Making a Contribution to Methodist College

Team Hannah participated in the EDGE Run this past November, 2013. Some 88 participants, representing students and others, ran the distance in honor and memory of Hannah Morris, a Methodist College student whose life was cut short by cancer a year ago in April. These 88 runners and walkers, many of them students, accounted for over 25% of the total race participants. Proceeds from the run in the name of Team Hannah totaled $2,115.91. Team Hannah has planned to run again this fall 2014, and is looking forward to growing Team Hannah in the years to come.

The real winners are the students who will benefit from the scholarship money raised by this great event. EDGE stands for Everyone Deserves Great Education, and is designed to raise much needed scholarship money for students at Methodist College. The EDGE Run is planned for November 2 this fall.

Congratulations Spring 2014 Graduates!
Saturday, May 17, 2014, 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.
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program Spring semester 2015. I hope you consider graduate education at MC in the future. All in all this has been a great year for all of us at Methodist College. Many of you will be graduating this May and we wish you well, many are enrolled in summer courses and will continue your study while others are planning to work or simply enjoy their summer. To everyone I wish you a wonderful summer. No matter what you have chosen to do this summer please take some time to relax and enjoy this special season. There is nothing like the buzzing of insects and the warm darkness of a summer evening or the excited cries of children as they splash happily in the swimming pool that remind us all to relax and enjoy the summer season. Please make sure you take time to enjoy your summer!

Kick-Out Cookout

Methodist College celebrated the end of the school year with the Kick-Out Cookout. Over 200 students, faculty, staff, and family members came out to enjoy free food and fun!

Safety Tips:

- If you lose your student ID, which allows you entry into the building, report that loss immediately. Never give your ID to another person.
- In the residence halls or in your classroom be aware of emergency exits. If a fire alarm sounds exit the building immediately. In case of a tornado warning take shelter in the basement. Take all alarms and warnings seriously.
Whoo’s It Going To Be?

The Methodist College community has spoken!

During the week of April 7-11, students, faculty, and staff voted on the design and name of the new owl mascot. With over 459 votes counted, we have a winner!

Meet Ollie, the Methodist College mascot.

Ollie

The Funny Bone
Your daily dose of laughter

I told my nurse that I broke my leg in two places. She told me to quit going to those places.

Want to see something printed in The Buzz?

Have a story, event, joke, recipe, or any interesting tidbit you want printed in The Buzz?

Send your submissions to:

Dr. Keith W. Branham
kbranham@methodistcol.edu
PRESIDENT’S OFFICE HOURS

In order to increase her availability to students, President Johnston will hold open office hours each month. All students are welcome to stop by; there is no need to schedule an appointment.

Office hours will take place in room 632 from 4:30-6:00 pm on the following dates:

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ADMINISTRATIVE OPEN DOOR OFFICE HOURS

To increase our availability to all students in all programs, a member of the President’s Cabinet will hold office hours every Tuesday between 4:30 & 6:00 pm. All students are welcome to stop by; there is no need to schedule an appointment.

Here are the details for the upcoming weeks:

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