

Athletes and performers receive honors for year's work

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Meredith's athletes and performing artists finally received their due in recognition and honor. This year's Athletic & Performing Arts Banquet, held Apr. 14, included welcome by Marie Chamblee, invocation by Mindy Belcher, dinner and a slide presentation. Individual teams assigned members special awards.

In the Aqua Angels, served this year by director Carol Brown, manager Lara Nosal and narrator Melissa Boyette, Rye Anderson won the Dean Burris Coaches Award, Mary Kathryn Tyndall won the Most Spirit trophy and Betty-Shannon Poates was recognized for her leadership.

These three were designated as scholar-performers, along with Rebecca Howard, Susie Mathes, Lisa Miller, Kaley Redmond and Tiffany Yokely.

Also on the Aqua Angels team this year were Sandra Dexter, Tracy Hall. Susan Heuser, Jennifer Laws, Jen-

nifer Phillips, Michelle Priddy, Hope Tapscott and Jennifer White.

Meredith Dance Theatre also represented the performing arts at the banquet. The MDT team of '98-'99 benefited from the guidance of David Beadle, artistic director, and Alyson Colwell-Waber, faculty choreographer.

Kim Clendenen and Andrea Martinez-Allen won the Dedication Awards. Scholar-performers among MDT were Martinez-Allen, Katie Dunn, Traci Monroe, Tami Necrason, Lilly Roberson, Nancy Smith, Misty Squires and Crystal Turnage. Also in MDT were Brianna Barros, Amy Carter, Patti Dunn, Natalie Ford, Judy Soltys and Anna Wheeler.

Meredith's soccer team, the largest of any of the athletic or performing teams this year, thrived under the coaching of Jose Cornejo and the management of Karen Wilson.

The team honored Jamie Stafford as Outstanding Player and Sara Dixon, who had won

All-Regional. Both of these women as well as Jodi Hayes, Hadley Stark and Ashley Taylor earned scholar-athlete recognition.

Also on the soccer team this year were Jessica Brooks, Paige Caviness, Shaimaa Diraz, Monisha Egerton, Kristie Gwaltney, Jennifer Currin, Amanda Knox, Cristy Lentz, Samantha Plume, Hannah Porter, Lacy Ross, Susan Suarez, Sara Takata and Jessica Walsh.

Tennis, coached this year by Dr. Melinda Campbell, who was assisted by Sarah Huffman, presented awards with the help of Carolyn Carter, '73. Ann Mebane's senior year record of 25-7 brought her record over her four years on the team to 73-26 and won her the Jay Masset MVP Award, while Angela Odom won the Jay Massey Tennis Award.

Kerri Wilson won the Dean Burris Coaches Award. Odom joined Amy Blackmon, Kelly Jones and Kristen Monaco in earning scholar-athlete distinc-

tion. Also on the tennis team were Andrea Dean, Collins Dineen, Hillary Green, Jessica Lewis, Julie Norris, Anne Stull and Jenny Whitfield.

Volleyball, coached this year by Kathy Mayberry, awarded an Intensity Award to Jenny Costa, a Leading Assists Award to Christie Evans and a Most Improved Award to Meredith Pittman.

Costa and Pittman, as well as Tamara Foulks, Emily Scott and Katharine Witt, earned scholar-athlete honors. Also on the team were Kelley Davidson, Allison DeRoock, Beth Gore, Lauren McHugh, Leah Putnam and Sarah Sloan.

The softball team is coached by Carl Hatchell with Assistant Coaches Jack Huber and Angela Pitts. Andrea Carver won MVP, Ginger Moore won Most Improved, and Shari Roberts won the Dean Burris Coaches Award.

Moore and Roberts, as well as Leigh Akers, Holly Allen and Tamara Foulks, also won scholar-athlete distinction.

Also on the softball team were Amy Parker, Jen Penny, Mary Catherine Pittman, Carla Pugh, Chrissy Wheeler and Kristina Wood.

This year's basketball team received assistance from what was a team in its own right, comprised of Coach Carl Hatchell, Assistant Coach Angela Pitts, Manager Margaret Ann Honeycutt, Scorer Anna Avery and Filmer Beth Hodgin.

Wendy Cooper won the Dean Burris Coaches Award, while Aedrin Murray won MVP and Mamie McKinney received honors for Best Sportsmanship. Each of these women earned scholar-athlete distinction, along with Leigh Akers, Jaime Claypool, Beth Goodale and Ginger Moore.

Also on the basketball team were Erin Cross, Beth Gore, Holly Lowman, Leslie Roberts and Julie Schramm.

Professor invited to Washington, DC

Meredith professors always earn the esteem of their students, but less frequently do they get national recognition.

Dr. Carol Hazard will represent the state of North Carolina, which the Sound Science Initiative calls "a particularly important one in the politics of climate change mitigation."

The issue this year's event focuses on is the fact that many members of the House and Senate are still unconcerned about the threats posed by climate change. SSI is concentrating its efforts on bringing outstanding reputable scientists to the Hill to make more clear the dangers of a changing global climate.

Delta Mu Delta inducts new members

Members of Delta Mu Delta, the business administration honor society, experienced an event more significant than the mere induction of new members might suggest. The induction ceremony, held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 9, at the Steak & Ale behind Crabtree Valley Mall, was for its senior members one of the last times they would formally meet with their society.

President Beth Sicora provided the evening's welcome, and Secretary Mamie McKinney offered the invocation. After dinner, Monica Hendricksen, senior manager of Nortel Networks Major Accounts in RTP, spoke about topics especially relevant to these women. Her audience included old and new members, the '98-'99 officers—Sicora, Katie Drescher, Secretaries McKinney and Amy Wade and Treasurer Heather Adkins—and faculty advisor Susan Wessels, an Irving H. Wainwright Professor of Business.

The new members inducted were Jody Banyas, Nicole Davenport, Brittany Davis, Catherine Edwards, Chatham Fralix, Elizabeth Greiner, Sandra Inkrote, Laura May, Traci Monroe, Katherine Nelms, Kristin Stewart, Sherrie Towne and Natasha Udaiova.

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Faculty and staff recognized at dinner

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Students are not the only ones who receive end-of-the-year awards. Friday night, faculty and staff gathered in Belk Dining Hall to recognize professors from many disciplines and staff members from various offices. Recipients had no prior knowledge that they were to receive awards.

The Pauline Davis Perry Award for Excellence in Teaching went to Michael Novak, history and politics department head.

"It's wonderful to hear that I am still effective in the classroom," said Novak. "Teaching is what matters most to me." He noted that his responsibilities as department head and leader of the Faculty Affairs Committee keep him very busy.

The Pauline Davis Perry Award for Publications and Artistic Achievement went to Sherry Shapiro of the dance, physical education and health

department.

Two professors received the Laura Harrill Presidential Award. Martha Burpitt of the human environmental sciences department received one. Eloise Grathwohl, English professor and director of the Honors program, received the other award.

Grathwohl said, "I was surprised and delighted," but she also said that she wished there was a way to share the award with all those who help in the Honors program.

Cathy Rodgers of the theater department and Glenn Chappell of the business and economics department received the Harry and Marion Eberly Awards for Faculty Development.

Chappell said, "My award was truly a result of a team effort," noting the encouragement he received from the department.

Lyn Aubrecht, psychology professor; Jack Huber, psychology department head; Alice McNeil, library staff; Anne

Pickard, administrative assistant to the Dean and Betty Webb, director of study abroad and English professor, were recognized for 25 years of service to the College.

Huber remembered beginning the Carolina Psychology Conference in 1976 as one of his best moments at Meredith since his arrival in the fall of 1974.

Pickard said, "My time at Meredith has been filled with so many wonderful things." She said that her fondest memories were of Meredith students and friendships. She called students "the golden threads of Meredith." Clea Johnson, Nell Meglaughlin and Carol Smith were recognized for their upcoming retirements.

The individual awards were the result of faculty, staff and student nominations give to Dean Allen Page who then reviewed the suggestions before giving final recommendations to Executive Vice President Charles Taylor.