

President Hartford Takes Four-Month Break

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Meredith College President, Dr. Maureen Hartford, has been on a sabbatical the past couple of months, college officials said.

A sabbatical provides a break from the routine and often allows professionals such as Dr. Hartford the opportunity to engage in professional development opportunities as well as to recharge and reflect on issues.

Dr. Hartford began her paid mini-sabbatical on Oct. 1. It will conclude on Dec. 31. She has spent this time hosting family at her home in Hilton Head, South Carolina, and has traveled on business to places such as Chicago, Dallas, Houston, New York City, and Washington, D.C. She

has also made occasional trips back to Meredith's campus.

While Dr. Hartford has been gone, Allen Page, interim vice president for academic affairs, has been in charge of administration. The four vice presidents of the college have been in charge of day-to-day events.

Dr. Hartford has devoted 7 1/2 years as Meredith's president. She assumed this position on July 1, 1999. She is the first female president of Meredith College. She served as vice president for student affairs at the University of Michigan as well as a faculty member of the Center for the Study of Higher and Post-Secondary Education. She has also served in senior



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administrative positions at Washington State University, Case Western Reserve, the University of Arkansas, and the University of Maine. She attended UNC where she received her BA in

French and History and her MA in College Teaching. She received her Doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Arkansas. She is a native of Charlotte. She has

Meredith's first woman president will be returning from sabbatical next semester.

been instrumental in the implementation of numerous programs at the various universities she has been a part of and has received many awards because of her accomplishments.

Club News

Society for Human

Resource Management Organization.

Being a member of the Meredith's Society for Human Resource Management Organization not only are you a member of one of the top ten chapters in the nation, but you build on the skills and knowledge that you are learning and using today. This chapter gives you the opportunity to gain leadership and business skills by offering leadership roles, attending educational meetings, participating in

site visits, and providing you with access to the national chapter where you receive magazines, internet access, and newsletters. SHRM also gives you the option to partake in the monthly Raleigh Wake Human Resource Association, where you will assemble a network full of HR professionals. Other activities include, but are not limited to; participating in the mentor program, writing legislative letters, Human Resource Games, and studying for the PHR. This organization provides great opportunities that will shape and mold your professional

skills and stay with you forever.

To be a member of this organization you do not have to be a Human Resource major. You can become a member by filling out an application and paying a \$35 fee to become part of the national SHRM organization. Doing these few simple steps sends you down a road that will help design your professional skills to enter the workplace. If you have any questions please e-mail this year's President, Brittany Buchanan, at Buchanan@meredith.edu or Kristy Eubanks at Eubanksk@meredith.edu

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