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What Campus Ministry Means to Me!

The following are statements sent to us by students across the state in response to the above question. Does United Methodist Campus Ministry make a difference? We ask this question concerning the viability of the United Methodist ministries on campuses across the state. The answer each time is affirmed—YES! Read the following and see how.

Megan Scott is an undergraduate student active in the Berry College Wesley Foundation. She writes:

"I recently read that a national poll (I can't remember which one) shows that only 25% of young people between the ages of 18 and 28 indicate that they are actively religious. This is disturbing information! But, our disturbance pushes us to be more and more fervent about reaching students on our college campuses with the message of redemption, grace, and hope that we have just received through Holy Week and Easter. The stories from students that you find in this newsletter remind each of us that the Holy Spirit is moving through our church's presence on college campuses in Georgia. We must keep that presence strong! The need is great and the yearning of God for every young life to know his love and life never wanes. In our commitment to higher education and campus ministry, we in the United Methodist Church have offered ourselves to be vessels through which God moves. Pray for God to use our colleges/

universities and Wesley ministries in new ways. Offer financial support to schools and campus ministries near you. Pay your Higher Education and Black College Fund apportionments. Let us be intentional about keeping our commitment strong!"
Caroline Pereria, is a sophomore and business major at Reinhardt College, and shares:



"Campus ministries matters to me because it's not only a way that we can connect with other students that has similar interests, but also is a way that we, college students, can get a closer relationship with God in a way that we never had before. Campus ministries unites the students and the faculty with one common goal: Preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ones that haven't heard."

Ashley Young, another Reinhardt College student said, *"I love our campus ministry program because the way everyone works together. Or club leaders come up with amazing programs and with the help of our team*

working together everything just seems to come together so simplistically. That's what I adore the most.

Steve Fazanbaker, Georgia Tech Wesley Foundation Director shares a word about his time as a college student on the Georgia Tech Campus:

I remember so vividly how lost and alone I felt when I arrived at Georgia Tech as a freshman back in 1982. I literally did not know a single person on the campus when I arrived. I got to know the people on my hall, and some people in class, but I really found my place and my peer group when I started attending the Wesley Foundation. Originally I went, not to worship, but to two weekly seminars I read about in the school newspaper: "Bach and Forth" (classical music appreciation) on Wednesday evenings, and "Philosophy for Non-Philosophers" on Thursday mornings. After a few weeks of attending these seminars, I checked out the Sunday morning worship service ... and I was home! Looking back now, it is easy to see that my experience at the Wesley Foundation that was the most important and enduring part of my time as a student at Georgia Tech. The academics at Georgia Tech equipped me to make a living in the lucrative field of electrical engineering; but the Wesley Foundation at Georgia Tech equipped me to build a life that has meaning and purpose.

A message from our Executive Director

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Did You Know....?

... that **LaGrange College** will have a week long celebration marking the inauguration of Dr. Dan McAlexander as the 25th president of LaGrange College?

... that **Wesleyan College** has been named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll? This is the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement. Wesleyan is one of the 115

schools nationally, and one of only four in Georgia, to receive the Honor Roll with Distinction Award.

...that Karen Kagiyama, University of West Georgia, and C J Harp, Valdosta are the new Georgia Wesley Student Movement Advisors ?

...that the **North Georgia College Wesley Foundation's** Golf Tournament is May 3rd at Achasta?



...that the **National Student Forum** is May 27-30 at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA? Registration deadline is fast approaching! Contact Karen Kagiyama for registration information.

Prayer Corner:



Quincy Brown, chaplain at LaGrange College.

Macon District Wesley Foundation as they search for a new Wesley Director

David Scott's (Kennesaw State Wesley Director) mother-in-law who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

Mark Your Calendars:

June 7—South Georgia Wesley Directors/Campus Ministers Lunch at Annual Conference—Pig Stop—12:15
 June 17—North Georgia Wesley Directors/Campus Ministers tentative Breakfast at Annual Conference—Place TBA
 July 7—9—Campus Ministers' Retreat—Beyond Retreat, Bowdon, GA
 August 2—Ministry Evaluations Due