



2009 Distinguished Alumni Recipients

Rev. Robert Edmond Boggan, Jr. '55

Rev. Robert Edmond Boggan, Jr. was born September 11, 1935, in Greensboro, NC, educated in the Greensboro Public Schools, graduated from Greensboro Senior High School (now Grimsley) in 1953.

He attended Brevard College 1953-1955, graduating with an Associate in Arts Degree in 1955. At Brevard he served as a hall monitor in Taylor Hall, served on the student council, was the social chairman for two years (planning special events and teaching basic dance lessons to those students who had never danced), washed dishes in the dining hall, worked on the college newspaper, lettered as the back up catch on the baseball team, played on Brevard's first soccer team, served as a member of the cheerleading squad, and was the head cheerleader the second year.

After Brevard, Bob finished his undergraduate studies at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, graduating in 1959 with a B.A. degree in religion and philosophy. Having answered God's call to ministry, he headed for the Divinity school at Duke University where he received his Masters of Divinity Degree in 1966. Bob served two appointments in the Western NC Conference of the Methodist Church prior to entering Divinity School: Aldersgate in Mt. Holly and the Fines Creek Charge in Waynesville District. While in Divinity school, he served as pastor at Pleasant Green Methodist Church in the Durham District of the North Carolina Conference.

Following graduation from Duke, he returned to the Waynesville District to serve the Shady Gove Charge (Shady Grove, Hemphill, and Peachtree churches). During those years he also served through out the tourist season as the preacher in the little church at Ghost Town in the Sky. Bob made a mid-year move to Oakley church on the Biltmore side of Asheville, he made his first mission trip to India, was on the Advisory Board at Brooks Howell Home for missionaries and deaconesses, worked with two other ministers to found the ABCCM (a huge ministry in Asheville and Buncombe County today) and served as chairman of the Board of the Opportunity Corporation, a federally funded anti-poverty agency for Buncombe and Madison Counties. New Hope in the Winston-Salem District was next, and then onto Central UMC in Kings Mountain, Gastonia District.

From there, Bob was involved in another mid-year move in 1976, this time to St. Andrews UMC in the Charlotte District. This was an exciting appointment in many ways. Then, in 1985, Bob was appointed to the program staff of the Western NC Conference as the Director of Missions and Outreach.. For seven years he traveled to many parts of the world, planning, initiating, monitoring

and evaluating the mission programs and mission support at the United Methodist Church and the Western NC Conference.

When Bob began work as Conference Director of Missions and Outreach, Bob's conferences had gone through a period of nearly twenty years without sending anyone to the mission field. Between 1987 and the time he left this staff position in 1992, twelve persons were commissioned as regular missionaries, Three commissioned as US-2s, and four other who had been approved for missionary service but had not been commissioned pending future placement. Four young adults were placed in countries around the world as volunteers in mission for up to a full year. Bob's conference led the denomination in giving to missions.

One of the perks of Bob's job was the opportunity to establish friends with people from every corner of the globe. Key church leaders from around the world were guests in the Boggan. Some of those were: Bishop Lawi Imathiu, the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church in Kenya and President of the World Methodist Council; Bishop of Stanley Magoba, then presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and prominent leader in the fight against apartheid; Bishop Abel Muzorewa, then presiding Bishop of the United Methodist Church in Zimbabwe and the first President of Zimbabwe following their independence. Perhaps the icing in the cake came with the United Methodist Church's effort to establish the new Africa University on property in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe. Millions of dollars were raised for the building of the university until the parliament of Zimbabwe approved its charter and the charter was signed by President Robert Mugabe. This would be the first private, international university ever in Zimbabwe, and members of the parliament were not quite sure how to handle that. The date of March, 1992 was set as the projected opening of the university, but that was looking very unlikely since there was no charter, no money, and work even begun on the buildings. Bob called Tom Curtis, the SEJ Director of Volunteers in Mission, in Atlanta to ask the projected cost of the first phase of construction on the university. When told approximately \$30,000, he then asked if he could take a team now if the Western NC Conference would give the first \$20,000. After a call to Nashville, Tennessee, permission was given to begin work. Bob served as team leader for a team of 18 people who did a magnificent piece of construction work as well as being messengers for Christ and the United Methodist Church. President Mugabe signed the university charter while this team was at work. At the direction of President Mugabe, the Vice Chancellor of the university, Professor John Jurewa, presented the first publicly distributed copy of the university charter to Bob as a way of thanking him and his team (Boggan's Heroes) and the Western NC Conference for making it possible for the Africa University to open as planned in March of 1992. There is an interesting footnote to all of this. The building team was housed in an apartment complex in Mutare, the location of the temporary offices of the university. Behind those apartments was a grassy area with a stream running through it. Each day a cluster of stone carvers gathered there to work. Bob went there whenever he had free time and became acquainted with the master carver and several of his apprentices. The master carver's name was Thomas Mtasa, and Bob had him carve several pieces for him. The last piece Bob had him carve for him was the Africa university logo. Bob told Thomas about the university being built and suggested that he talk with Vice Chancellor Kurewa about doing some work for the university. Today, Thomas Mtasa is the artist in residence at Africa University and does most of the stone carvings related to the school.

Bob left the conference in 1992 to become the senior pastor of Central UMC in Monroe, NC, and then was appointed senior pastor of Guilford College UMC in Greensboro. From there he returned to Charlotte to serve Calvary UMC until his retirement in 2002. After one year of retirement he was appointed to First UMC in Charlotte as Minister of Congregational Care. After four years in that position, he retired again and was named Pastor Emeritus at First UMC.

Bob has loved Brevard College since the day he first stepped foot on campus in August 1953. He returned to campus only a few times following graduation, because he was so involved in finishing his

education and beginning ministry. For a number of years he served as class agent for the class of 1955, and as class reunion chair for the last twenty five years. Then one day, Betty Neals, Alumni Director at Brevard, asked him to serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. He served as Chairman of the Homecoming Committee for two years. He served on the Alumni Board for eight years and as President of the Board for one year. During that time, he was selected as a member of the Brevard College Board of Trustees, and served proudly in that capacity until 1994.

Bob is married to the former Patricia Kirkpatrick from Haywood County, NC and they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on October 24, 2009. Bob and Pat have three sons: Jeffrey Scott, Stephen Wayne, and Patrick Ryan (BC class of '90). They have three grandchildren. As you can see Bob Boggan is very deserving of being named a distinguished Alumni of Brevard College.

Michael Collins '96

Born in Rosman, N.C., Michael Collins grew up in South East Asia during his elementary education years.

His first career was in Technical Theatre. Michael has 86 productions on his resume and toured with 11 touring companies in seven years as a lighting designer and technical director.

Michael returned to Brevard and attended Brevard College to study business with the plan to open a coffeehouse. The Essence of Thyme was on Main Street in downtown Brevard for 11 years.

A local Communitarian Michael is a mediator with the Center for Dialogue- a conflict resolution center. Since the day the Transylvania Free Medical Clinic opened, Michael has logged 1,500 hours of volunteer time assisting the clinic and is proud of Transylvania Free Peoples Pharmacy that started 3 years ago.

Michael operates and is director of The Bread of Life Soup Kitchen that he has been involved in for eight years. He also has a Jazz Show on the local station 1240 am called Jazzylvania twice a week.

This year, Michael plans on being part of the Homeless Shelter coming to Transylvania County and the Affordable Housing Coalition.

Dr. Rachel Harris '89

Dr. Rachel Harris began her education in Brevard. She graduated from Brevard College in 1989 with an Associate Arts Degree. She continued her education at Appalachian State University, where she earned her BA in psychology and MA in Counseling. Shortly thereafter she returned to Brevard College as a Resident Director, then going on to continue her career at BC as the Associate Dean for Campus Life. After proudly holding that office for five years, she facilitated the transition of Brevard College from 2-year to 4-year institution as the Director of Career Services. During her seven years at Brevard College she served as a Learning Skills Instructor. Her passion for academia then led her to expand into educating other age groups, through working as a school counselor at Rosman Middle and High Schools.

In 2003, Dr. Harris' love of learning led her to pursue her doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology at the Georgia School of Professional Psychology in Atlanta, GA. During her training she gained experience with diverse patients and services, including work with college students at Kennesaw State University and Georgia State University, as well as providing services for the chronically and severely mentally ill in the Atlanta community. In recognition of her work, she received a Volunteer Services Scholarship Award from the Georgia School for Professional Psychology. She was selected

for an internship in clinical psychology at Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, Maryland. She graduated with her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology in August of 2008. She is currently completing her postdoctoral fellowship in Psychiatry at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA and hopes to continue her career serving patients suffering from severe trauma as well as chronic and severe mental illness. Her research interests include trauma, health psychology, and psychodynamic therapies.

2009 Distinguished Faculty Recipients

Ken Chamlee

Brevard College Iva Buch Seese Distinguished Professor of English and Johnnie H. Jones Distinguished Professor in Teaching. Teaching since 1978.

Ken Chamlee is a native of upstate South Carolina and began teaching at Brevard in 1978. His main interests are American and British literature, especially poetry, and nature writing. He also teaches environmental composition, literary criticism, creative writing, and interdisciplinary courses like Nature and the Arts, and has taken students to London three times. Ken was co-leader of the 2008 Voice of the Rivers trip down the Savannah River, teaching a course in river literature along the way. He has two books of poetry--*Logic of the Lost* and *Absolute Faith*, and has been published in many magazines; recently his work appeared in two editions of *Kakalak: An Anthology of Carolina Poets*. He is currently serving as the Poetry Editor of the *Pisgah Review*.

Outside the classroom, his primary passions are camping and outdoor photography. He has made recent trips to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Minnesota's North Shore, and the Galapagos Islands.

2009 Athletic Hall of Fame Recipients

Danny Bost '62

Danny H. Bost was born in Cabarrus County and grew up in Kannapolis, North Carolina. He graduated from A.L. Brown High School in Kannapolis before receiving his A.A. Degree from Brevard College in 1962. He went on to receive A.B. Degree in English from Catawba College in 1964 and a M.A. Degree in Student Services from Appalachian State University in 1971.

At Brevard College, Bost served as Freshman Class President; Phi Theta Kappa member; Assistant Admissions Recruiter (1998); Men's Delphian Society member; Admission Satellite Recruiter(1998); S.G.A. Officer; 1962 Class Reunion Chairman; Methodist Youth Fellowship member; Alumni Association Board Member; Baseball/ Cross-Country Team; and BC Alumni Ambassador.

His professional career included holding the position of Head Baseball Coach & Admissions Officer at Brevard College from 1964-1968 as well as Admissions Counselor & Residence Manager at Appalachian State, Assistant Baseball Coach at Appalachian State University and Director of Student Services at Blue Ridge Community College. He also served as an Educational Consultant for NC Dept. of Public Instruction, Division of Veterans Education; a Physical Director of Cannon Memorial YMCA in Kannapolis; and Division Sales/Training Manager with U.S. Tobacco Company. In 2008, he

retired as Student Services Counselor at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. Bost is currently a Major League Baseball Scout for the Cincinnati Reds.

His lifetime achievement include All-Star First Baseman in Little League and Pony League; All-Conference, All-State Third Baseman at A.L. Brown High School; Shortstop for Kannapolis 1958 American Legion State Championship; Runner-Up Team All-Conference Shortstop at Brevard College (Freshmen Year); All-Star Shortstop for Olin Indians Summer Semi-Pro team in Brevard; and All-Conference 2nd Baseman Catawba College 1964 Conference Champs

Bost has been recognized as an Outstanding Employee Award by Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and is a Lifetime member of Major League Baseball Insiders Club.

He is married to Lind H. Bost. Together, they have a daughter Brooke B. Beam and two grandchildren, Carson and Chloe Beam.

Of all my lifetime honors, I am proudest of my graduation from Brevard College. I love Brevard College!

Alice Gaines-Coddington '89

While at Brevard College, was a two time National Junior College Athletic Association All American in cross country, winning the national individual title. Also a two time All American in track, earning honors in the indoor mile and 3000 meters outdoors in 1987.