Dear Parents and Families,

Over the past month, we have welcomed over 300 new freshmen and transfer students to the Martin Methodist College family. Along with these new students, we also had the opportunity to meet many of their parents, siblings, grandparents, and other extended family members and friends. We know that behind every successful student is a critical support system of family and friends, and we are proud to call you RedHawks as well!

College is a time of transition, perseverance, and growth, and this is true in 2020 more than ever. While we have encountered unprecedented challenges in the world as COVID-19 has spread, we have also seen resiliency, creativity, and the power of community. Martin Methodist College has been no exception. We at Martin Methodist have your student’s health and safety at the forefront, and we are taking all appropriate measures to protect them while also ensuring that their education is of the quality you know and expect from us.

We are actively monitoring information and guidance from the CDC, the Tennessee State Department of Health, and many higher education associations, and our Emergency Response Team is in constant communication. We have implemented a number of strategies to keep this community safe, and we have plans in place to address future contingencies, should situations change as time moves on.

Finally, if only to further demonstrate that 2020 is a year of change, we have recently announced that we are in formal discussions with the University of Tennessee System to explore becoming the fourth campus in the system. More information is below, but I wanted to take a moment to personally express my excitement for the possibility this brings. This partnership offers our students more opportunities, more programs, and lower tuition, in addition to the added long-term stability for the school. By joining the University of Tennessee System, we would have the opportunity to find synergies, reduce costs, and build toward an even brighter future. I hope you will join me in my enthusiasm for this exciting partnership!

As always, thank you for allowing us to help your student discover and develop their passion and potential for a life of service in the world. It is our blessing and joy to care for your student.

For the College,

Dr. Mark La Branche
President, Martin Methodist College

MMC & UT

Earlier in September, Martin Methodist College and the University of Tennessee System signed a nonbinding letter of intent, the first step in a negotiation for MMC to become the fourth undergraduate campus in the UT System and the first since the establishment of the UT Chattanooga campus 50+ years ago. The potential partnership between Martin Methodist College and the University of Tennessee System would not only provide long-term stability for MMC, but also create additional opportunities for southern Middle Tennessee families, who would have access to more graduate programs and more affordable tuition.

While we are still in the very early stages of this process, we know that many families have questions about what the merger may mean for their students. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us, and though we may not have the answers yet, we will get to them as soon as we have them!

Dr. Scott Richardson
Provost, Martin Methodist College

How Can You Pray for Martin Methodist College?

• Pray for students—students who may be feeling the loneliness of being away from home and on their own for the first time in their lives. Pray that they will experience the nearness of God’s presence and that they will be cared for. Pray that they will find a balance of work and recreation that will help them to live well.

• Pray for families—families who enter this school year feeling financially challenged or burdened by the overwhelming challenges of COVID-19 and have seen their term stability for the school. Pray that each one will experience God’s peace in the midst of those challenges.

• Pray for faculty, staff, and administration—families who guide and support our students in their academic, social, and spiritual lives. Pray that their work continues to bring them joy and pride, and pray that God will provide them with wisdom and steadfastness.

• Pray for the health and safety of our entire community, and indeed, the world. As our Chaplain Reverend Laura McMasters has reminded our students:

Inhale the presence of God, loosely cover nose and mouth with elbow, and exhale the Chaos within. Inhale the presence of God, loosely cover nose and mouth with elbow, and exhale God’s Peace.

Care Packages

Wishing you could visit your student? Is their birthday coming up? Maybe they’re feeling a little homesick?

Send a care package! Located right here in Pulaski, LewLew’s Boutique creates personalized, one-of-a-kind care packages that are delivered to your student three times a school year. For more information please contact Jodie@lewters.com or call 931-363-6375.