



2024-2025 Undergraduate Student Handbook

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Alice in Wonderland

Once every four years since 1924, the faculty and staff perform Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* for the students. Students are hard-pressed to identify their elaborately costumed instructors who act out this literary fantasy. The next performances are scheduled for 2028 and are open to students only. In 2024 the Meredith community celebrated the 100th anniversary of *Alice in Wonderland* at Meredith College.

Awards Presentations

Each year as the spring semester comes to a close, Meredith celebrates the achievements of its outstanding students at an annual Academic and Leadership Awards program. College-wide academic and leadership awards are presented.

In addition, many departments and schools host awards ceremonies scheduled during the second semester. A number of those events, as well as the Undergraduate Research Conference, are held on a day of Celebrating Student Achievement, a tradition begun in 2003 through the collaboration of the Divisions of Academic and College Programs.

Bathtub Ring

Three members of the Class of 1970, Betty King, Ayn Sullivan, and Peggy Timmerman, founded The Bathtub Ring singing group in the spring of 1968 and first performed for Phi Luau during Rush Week. Their blend of rebellion against and honoring of Meredith traditions has made The Bathtub Ring a perennial favorite at numerous campus events. Membership is by audition, and selections are made by the graduating Bathtub Ring members of their little even-year class.

Big-Little Program

The Big-Little Program forms mentoring relationships that help students adjust to college life. New students may opt to participate in the program and be assigned a Big until the Big student graduates. Program enrollment is rolling, though enrollment primarily occurs at the beginning of each semester. Students who enroll at the beginning of the fall semester receive their matched pair announcement on Big/Little Share Day during the second week of classes. Throughout the year, paired classes participate in events such as ice cream socials, pizza parties, and class serenades.

Celebrating Student Achievement

Typically held in early to mid-April, this day recognizes undergraduate research, leadership and academic awards, music and art performances, and a variety of other forms of achievement. Families are invited to join in the celebration. Students do not have regular classes on this day as it is designated to celebrate all types of student achievement across the college.

Class Colors

The colors of all odd classes are blue and white until their junior year when they adopt rainbow colors. Even class colors are green and white. Leap year classes' colors are purple and gold.

Class Day Activities

Sophomores honor the members of the senior class (the Big class) and the seniors highlight their college years on the day before graduation. Members of the sophomore class spend the

morning constructing two 100-foot daisy chains to be used for the afternoon's Class Day exercises. The white-clad sophomores hold two daisy chains and singers sing the Daisy Chain Song as the seniors walk past the chains. Class historians recall and depict key events of the graduating class' four years at Meredith. The sophomore and alumnae sibling classes sing traditional songs to the seniors. During even years, sticks and stones are presented to the sophomores; during odd years, they receive wishbones. At the conclusion of Class Day, the chains form the class numerals of the graduating class, and the seniors form a circle and celebrate with their classmates.

Class Events and Activities

Each class participates in a variety of annual events.

- Senior events include a senior appreciation breakfast celebration night of the days remaining until graduation based on the class' graduation year, a senior family night, a Baccalaureate service, and Class Day, the day before the commencement ceremonies. Seniors also have the privilege of painting the tunnel below Wade Avenue each year.
- The junior class sponsors a Ring Week and a Ring Dinner. At the dinner, juniors celebrate the wearing of their class rings and the accomplishment of being halfway through their degrees.
- The sophomores sponsor a Guardian Angel Dance in the fall and Tea for Two in the spring, both an opportunity to honor their mentors/role models. The sophomore class also hosts Charming Evening, often referred colloquially to as the bling before the ring—the piece of jewelry the class shares before receiving their class ring as a junior. Sophomores also participate in Class Day.
- Freshmen participate in the Fire and Water Dinner in April, an evening for first-year students to celebrate and reflect on a successful transition to college.

Class Ring

The Meredith Class Ring was designed in 1953 by a committee including students Jean Dula Fletcher, Ann Lovell, and Mary Jon Gerald Roach. The ring is an oval onyx ring surrounded by silver or gold with the Meredith seal engraved on the onyx and oak leaves impressed on the band. As undergraduates, students wear the ring on their fingers with the seal pointing toward them. At graduation they turn the ring around so that the seal faces the world. Degree-seeking undergraduate students who have completed 60 hours of coursework (typically by the first semester of the junior year) are eligible to purchase the ring. Sales are coordinated by the Meredith College Alumnae Office.

College Colors

The Meredith College official colors are maroon and white.

College Flower

The Meredith College official flower is the iris. Loleta Kenan Powell, '41, developed the Meredith Hues iris planted around the Elizabeth Triplett Beam Fountain Plaza, near the Cate Center, near the Alumnae House, and at other locations around campus.

Corn

In the fall each class presents for competition a series of productions including skits, songs, and dances, all of which are related thematically. The four classes are judged on these performances as well as on other related activities such as participation in the Corn service project. In addition to the overall winner of Corn, MRA celebrates the outpouring of spirit that is exhibited during Corn Week by awarding both a unique Class Superlative to each class (known as the Angel Awards) and the Meredith College Spirit Stick to the class who has garnered the most Spirit points. Additional activities scheduled throughout the week typically include a theme reveal, a parade, can art, and more! Corn is sponsored by the Meredith Recreation Association (MRA) and Corn Week usually occurs during the first week in November. Corn rules are available during the semester that the event is held on the Office of Student Leadership and Service MyMeredith page.

Crook Hunt

Each spring the seniors hide a wooden crook from the juniors. The juniors, aided by enigmatic clues, spend a week searching the campus for this stick and very rarely find it. If the crook is found, it is brought into Class Day with a black ribbon. If it is not found, the crook is brought into Class Day with a ribbon of the Senior Class colors. Crook Hunt rules are available in the Office of Student Leadership and Service. The event began in 1906 when the crook was presented by an instructor to the seniors. This elaborate hide-and-seek has been staged annually since it was revived in 1929.

Founders' Week

Each year, a week is set aside for Meredith to honor its founding on February 27, 1891. Founders' Week often is marked by activities that celebrate the history of the College. The College's name was changed in 1910 from Baptist University for Women (Baptist Female University, 1891–1905) to honor Thomas Meredith's work in the founding of the College.

Meredith Mascot

During the fall semester of 2007, the College launched the Avenging Angels as the official Meredith College mascot.

The Oddballs

The Oddballs is a spirit group of four very enthusiastic students in an odd class. To be an Oddball, a student must be a member of an odd class and audition at the end of their sophomore year. Upon being selected as an Oddball member, a student will be inducted into Oddball status at the following Class Day, held the day before graduation. The Oddballs entertain by doing cheers and amusing activities at special events.

Sizzlin' September Street Fest

The Meredith Activities Board sponsors an on campus festival featuring a band, food trucks and fun activities.

Stunt

The Meredith Recreation Association (MRA) has sponsored this event of class rivalry since 1915, its form changing from original plays to a variety of recreational competitions. Stunt promotes class unity through class competition, creativity and fun. Points are awarded for each event and are used in determining the overall winner of Stunt. Recent events in Stunt have included bat spin, tug of war, lip sync, limbo, and a three-legged race. The event usually occurs in mid-April. Rules for Stunt are available in the Office of Student Leadership and Service.

Spring Formal

The freshman, sophomore and junior classes sponsor a formal dance in the spring in honor of the senior class. Seniors attend the dance free of charge. All students are welcome.

White Iris Ball

The Meredith Activities Board sponsors the White Iris Ball, a semi-formal dance held off campus each fall for all students.