

You made it! Congratulations!

The Office of Alumni Affairs is excited to welcome you to the ranks of over 9,000 proud Methodist University alumni! You may have graduated, but you will always be a part of the Methodist University family. We are always available to serve you and we look forward to working with you!

There are many benefits that Methodist alumni are entitled to, and all of them are offered free of charge. We hope you take advantage of each of these Methodist University alumni benefits!



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What's in it FOR ME?

The Benefits of Being a Methodist Alum



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1 We are very excited to offer you **Monarch Connections, the new online MU alumni directory and community.** This secure online community is for MU alumni, faculty, and staff, so you can stay in touch with your classmates and favorite professors!

Monarch Connections enables you to:

- Update your personal record and create a profile, with a photo
- Search the directory for your friends and faculty by name
- Search by year, by geographic region, and more
- Click on any alumni e-mail address to send an e-mail
- Post and read Class Notes, including photos (Class Notes will automatically be published in the next *MU Today* magazine)
- Search for a mentor, and, as you gain knowledge and experience, volunteer as one.
- Receive the MU alumni e-newsletter and other updates
- View and update your address information so you never miss an issue of *MU Today*

To log in to Monarch Connections, go to www.methodist.edu and visit the Development and Alumni Affairs page.



2 As an MU graduate, **you automatically become a member of the MU Alumni Association.** As a member of the Alumni Association, you are represented by a Board of Directors. The Board meets quarterly to identify and implement ways to keep alumni informed and involved. All alumni are eligible to serve on Board committees and as members of the Board. Learn more on the Alumni Affairs web page.

3 Make sure we always have your current e-mail address, and you will receive the **Monarch Monitor, MU's monthly Alumni e-newsletter.** The e-newsletter is filled with timely news and useful links to keep you connected to your teams, organizations, faculty, and friends at Methodist!



4 You can get an **alumni parking sticker for your car** so you may return to campus anytime you like. All you have to do is contact the Alumni Affairs Office!

5 As a Methodist University alum, you can give one **Greatest Gift Scholarship (GGS)** each year to a full-time incoming freshman or transfer student. The GGS is good for up to \$1,000 a year for four years.

In 2007, a record 145 new Greatest Gift Scholarships were awarded to incoming students. Returning students with Greatest Gifts brought the total to 329. As a result, \$193,747 was awarded in scholarship aid – all because alumni told prospective students about Methodist and were willing to fill out a one-page form!

GGS applications must be received by the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs by August 1 for fall admission, and by January 2 for spring admission.

Your GGS is a wonderful way for you to share your Methodist University experience with others, so please take advantage of it. All it costs you is 15 minutes of your time to fill out the form! Contact the Alumni Affairs Office to give your Greatest Gift!

6 As an MU alum, you have **access to Davis Memorial Library** and all of its resources. See the front desk of the Library to receive your alumni library card.

7 The **Methodist University Career Services Office** is available to you for life. If you visit Career Services on the MU website, you will find a special area for alumni where you can upload your resume, search for opportunities, and track your job search. As an employer, you may also use the website and Career Services to hire Methodist interns and graduates. Visit www.collegecentral.com/methodistuniversity to register and learn more.

8 As an alum, you will receive the **Methodist University quarterly magazine, MU Today**, which will keep you up-to-date on alumni and campus events. When you find that first job, get engaged, or have children, we invite you to submit a Class Note for publication in the magazine to keep your classmates current on all your news.

9 The Office of Alumni Affairs sponsors a number of special **alumni events throughout the year**, including Homecoming, a golf weekend, the Alumni/Ministers Luncheon at the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church Annual Conference in June, and others. We also coordinate alumni participation in service opportunities with your alma mater, including career mentoring of other alumni and MU students, serving as host families to international students, Calling all Monarchs, and Monarch Movers.

