



Graduate Student Handbook

TRADITIONS & EVENTS

Alice in Wonderland

Once in every college generation 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 spring semester of 2024 and are open to undergraduate and graduate students only.

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, school, department, and program academic and leadership awards are presented. A number of these events, as well as the Undergraduate Research Conference, are held on a day of Celebrating Student Achievement, a tradition begun in 2003 through the cooperation of the Divisions of Academic and College Programs.

Cornhuskin'

In the fall, each undergraduate class presents for competition a skit, word parade, a tall tale, songs and a hog callin' skit, 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 Cornhuskin' service project. The Meredith Pride Spirit Stick is given by the Meredith Recreation Association (MRA) to the most spirited class. Additional activities scheduled throughout the week include Big Sis/ Little Sis "Bond" Fire, Scavenger Hunt, the President's Raid, hall raids and Cornhuskin' parade. Cornhuskin' is sponsored by the MRA and usually occurs during the first week in November. Cornhuskin' rules are available in the Office of Student Leadership and Service. Join us Friday afternoon for the Cornhuskin' parade's GRADUATE PROGRAMS float organized by the Graduate Programs Office.

Cultural Programs

Campus-sponsored cultural programs are generally open free of charge to Meredith graduate students. Such opportunities are part of the total educational experience.

- Convocations provide a forum for spiritual, intellectual, cultural, and social ideas through speakers or performances from various fields.

- Symposia are offered occasionally to explore in-depth ideas and issues of concern to the College community.
- Arts series include:
 - Meredith Performs Series—Student theater, music, and dance productions, as well as other outstanding artists, lecturers, and performers, enhance the College’s program.
 - Recitals—Meredith students, faculty, and guests perform in concert.
 - Art Exhibits—Student art majors and other artists display their works at the galleries in Johnson Hall and Gaddy-Hamrick Art Center, as well as other campus locations.
 - Lectures—Regionally and nationally acclaimed proponents of the arts speak on campus.
 - See the Cultural Arts Calendar at <https://www.meredith.edu/cultural-arts>

Founders’ Day

Each year, a day is set aside for Meredith to honor its founding on February 27, 1891. Founders’ Day often is marked by a convocation address and remembrance of Thomas Meredith, Baptist leader and advocate for women’s education. 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 founding the College.

Honor Societies

Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice)

Alpha Phi Sigma recognizes academic excellence of graduate students of Criminal Justice. The goals of Alpha Phi Sigma are to honor and promote academic excellence, community service, educational leadership, and unity. Alpha Phi Sigma is the only Criminal Justice Honor Society, is a certified member of the Association of College Honor Societies, and is affiliated with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Masters students shall be enrolled at the time of application in Meredith’s MA program in Criminal Justice, have completed four courses, and have a minimum GPA of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

Beta Gamma Sigma (Business)

For more information, contact Ele Roberts, Admissions Coordinator, MBA Program

Kappa Delta Pi (Education)

An international honor society that promotes excellence in and recognizes outstanding contributions to education. Kappa Delta Pi strives to maintain a high degree of professional fellowship among its members, to quicken professional growth, and to honor achievement in educational work. To these ends, it invites to membership persons who exhibit commendable professional qualities, worthy educational ideals, and sound scholarship, without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, or disability. Membership is composed of those students who excel and maintain excellence in the department of education. Students must be accepted into the department of education; additionally, undergraduate students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and graduate students must maintain a GPA of 3.75.

Kappa Omicron Nu (Nutrition)

Kappa Omicron Nu is a national Honor Society available for Master of Science in Nutrition students. To be admitted as a member, a graduate student must have a minimum GPA of 3.7 or above and completed 12 hours of graduate work at Meredith. Students must also have shown evidence of superior personal qualities and leadership potential. Students join Kappa Omicron Nu by invitation only. For more information, contact Tracy Smith, Program Director, MS Nutrition.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Meredith's athletic teams participate as members of the NCAA Division III/USA South Athletic Conference. Fall sports include cross-country, field hockey, soccer, and volleyball. With winter come basketball and indoor track and field while spring brings golf, lacrosse, softball, tennis, and outdoor track and field. See <https://www.goavengingangels.com/landing/index> for more information, including schedules, and help cheer on the Avenging Angels.

Meredith College Colors

The Meredith College official colors are maroon and white.

Meredith College Flower

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

Meredith Graduate Ring

The Meredith Class Ring was designed in 1953 by a committee including students Jean DulaFletcher, Ann Lovell and Mary Jon Gerald Roach. The undergraduate 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. The Meredith Graduate Ring is available in the same traditional oval shape or in a signet style. Both are available in a variety of silver and gold metal choices and price points. Rings can be purchased during one of the college's regular events or through Josten's. Sales are coordinated by the Meredith College Alumnae Office.

Meredith Mascot

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