



# 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, open to undergraduate and graduate students only, are scheduled for 2028..

### Celebrating Student Achievement

Typically held in early to mid-April, this day recognizes research, leadership and academic awards, music and art performances, and a variety of other forms of achievement. Families and other guests 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.

### 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. Graduate program directors can help coordinate if there is graduate interest in participating in this annual tradition.

### 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](https://www.meredith.edu/cultural-arts) (<https://www.meredith.edu/cultural-arts>)

## 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.

## 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 [Go Avenging Angels](https://goavengingangels.com) (<https://goavengingangels.com>) 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 Balfour & Co. 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.