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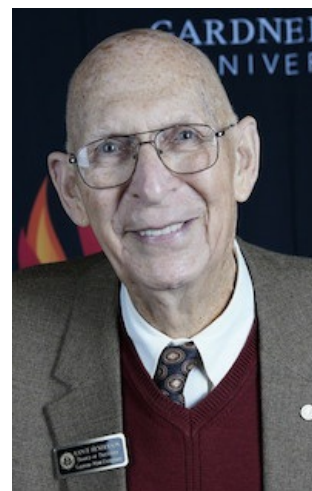
Five Honored with Title of Trustee Emeriti

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—The Gardner-Webb University Board of Trustees recently recognized five board members for their outstanding service to GWU and contributions in their communities. They were presented the title of trustee emeriti by Board Chair Jennifer Marion Mills at the University’s annual scholarship luncheon, which gives scholarship donors a chance to meet the recipients of their funds.

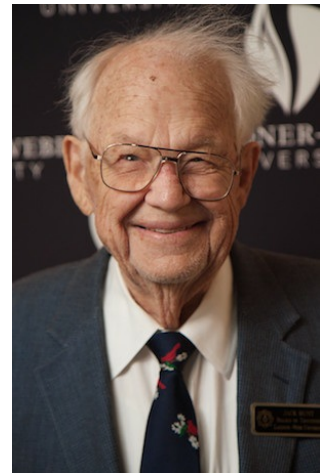
The following were recognized as trustee emeriti.

Rance Henderson, of Morganton, N.C.

Henderson started serving as a Trustee in 1980 and went on to serve several terms over the past 30 years. Both he and his wife, Betty, have been long-time friends and supporters of Gardner-Webb. They have contributed substantially to the field of deaf education and Henderson previously served as the superintendent and director for the North Carolina Schools for the Deaf. He is a Gardner-Webb honorary doctorate recipient and has received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award . He and his wife founded the Rance and Betty Henderson Endowed Scholarship Fund, which provides financial help to worthy students.



Rance Henderson



Jack Hunt

Jack Hunt of Lattimore, N.C.

Hunt has excelled at many careers in his lifetime—as a dentist, a farmer, an entrepreneur and a statesman. He has served the country through two wars and earned the rank of major in the United States Army. He went on to serve as an elected representative in the North Carolina General Assembly and earned a reputation in Raleigh as a peacemaker. Among his most notable accomplishments, he helped author legislation that secured state financial support for nursing students in North Carolina at a time when North Carolina had a shortage of nurses, legislation that was a catalyst for the growth of nursing education at Gardner-Webb and other institutions around the state. He was also instrumental in securing funding for Cleveland Community College. He received an honorary doctorate from Gardner-Webb in 2012 and is the namesake for the Hunt School of Nursing.

Sam McMahon of Charlotte, N.C.

McMahon has served two terms as a Trustee. He is the former President and CEO of Southeast Hotel Management. He is a generous supporter of the annual fund at Gardner-Webb University, which funds scholarships.



Sam McMahon



Jim Robbins

Jim Robbins, of Forest City, N.C.

Robbins has served four terms as a Trustee. He retired as President and Owner of Tri City Concrete in Forest City. He and his wife have been long-time supporters of Gardner-Webb University. In 1994, they established the James E. and Robin M. Robbins Endowed Scholarship Fund, which provides assistance to students in the School of Divinity. He and his wife are also active supporters of the Bulldog Club.

Bob Shepherd of Morganton, N.C.

Shepherd has touched and enriched countless lives through his work in ministry—which

includes a lengthy relationship with Gardner-Webb—for nearly 60 years. He published a book about his experiences appropriately titled, “A Shepherd’s Joys in Fields of Service.” Shepherd’s association with GWU began when he served as vice president for development in the 1980s and 1990s. He helped make history at the University when the Bob D. Shepherd Endowed Chair in Biblical Studies was established and named in his honor in 1998, the first of its kind at Gardner-Webb. Throughout his life, Shepherd has served in over a dozen churches, primarily as a pastor or interim pastor. In 1994, he retired from First Baptist Church Morganton where he was named pastor emeritus.

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Bob Shepherd