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Wanda Lee, executive director of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, has been named an alumnus of the year by Samford University.

A 1969 Samford nursing graduate, Lee served as president of WMU from 1996 to 2000 when she was named to her current post. She is the first woman in WMU history to hold both positions.

Lee has been active at all levels of WMU—church, association, state and national. Early in her career, she worked as a registered nurse in hospitals in Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama and the Windward Islands, where she and her husband, Larry, were missionaries from 1979-81. WMU, an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, employs about 115 staff members at its Birmingham headquarters and has more than a million members of all ages in Baptist churches worldwide.

"As CEO of the premier woman's missionary support organization in America, Wanda

Lee applies all the sensitivity and care she learned as a nurse and nurse administrator to the promotion of missions," Samford President Thomas E.

Corts said. "In our diverse world, hers is an extremely important task and she fulfills it with a warm, genuine Christian spirit."

Samford University is affiliated with the Alabama Baptist Convention.

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