Reasons to Celebrate the Class of 2014
On the Cover:
The Class of 2014 boasted the largest number of graduates in the 44-year history of Greensboro Day School. One hundred students received their diplomas on June 6, 2014.

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It's hard to believe that our 44th year has come and gone! With so much dynamic activity every day, it seems to have flown by.

Just a few weeks ago, we graduated 100 students - our largest senior class ever. As you'll read throughout this issue, the Class of 2014 was remarkable in many ways.

Our new Upper School Deans completed a successful inaugural year. With their support, our seniors completed 50% more applications than usual, with a denial rate decreased by 6%, and a 13% increase in graduates heading to colleges outside North Carolina. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill once again accepted 30% of our seniors. Most remarkably, this class earned a record-setting $5.8 million in merit scholarships.

GDS continues on the forefront of education innovation. A feature article on page 24 on Design Thinking, is just one example of the new programs we offer to challenge our students to develop the skills they will need to become constructive contributors to the world.

As we move toward our 50th year in 2020, we are naturally seeing the retirements of veteran faculty, many of whom have spent their entire careers teaching at GDS. A new feature in this magazine highlights what these teachers are doing in their lives now that they are not in a classroom with students every day. Enjoy reading “Where are they Now?” which this issue features GDS’ very first teacher Bob Satterfield. I believe you will agree that he continues to embrace learning, and is enjoying some well-deserved travel and relaxation.

Though this magazine focuses on the achievements of the GDS community – students, faculty, and alumni – there are enormous changes taking place on campus! Please check our Web site at www.greensboroday.org for the Live Construction Camera to see the nearly complete Bell Family Middle School. See the schedule on the back cover for the Grand Opening this August 16 and 17, and plan to join in celebrating the results of the hard work and generosity by our current and past parents, alumni, grandparents and friends. It’s sometimes easy to forget that the wonderful educational environment we enjoy – our nice buildings and beautiful grounds – were made possible by the vision and generosity of those who came before us.

I hope each of you will stop by and say 'hello' and take the time to see all of our exciting changes on campus.

Here’s wishing you and your family a summer filled with fun and adventure!
Faculty and Students Honored for Outstanding Accomplishments

At the end of each school year, Greensboro Day School honors faculty and students whose achievements are considered extraordinary. To follow are the recipients of this year’s awards:

Alexa Schleien ’14 was announced as this year’s Founders’ Award recipient for best exemplifying the characteristics of scholarship, sportsmanship and leadership implicit in the founding of our school. During her Upper School career, she has received many honors including the 2013 Bates Merit Award, 2014 Thespian of the Year Award, induction into the Cum Laude Society, and Outstanding Achievement in AP Spanish Language, Advanced Biology, and Advanced Chemistry. Beyond GDS she has participated in social justice seminars in Washington, D.C., where she learned how to present political issues and lobby Congressional staff. In addition, she has been a strong advocate for the homeless in Greensboro. As the Community Service Chair for her B’nai Brith Youth Group, she is credited with coordinating several service projects benefiting underserved populations in our community.

Charli Kelly was honored as the 2014 James P. Hendrix, Jr. Excellence in Teaching Award. Kelly’s strong rapport with her students and the rigorous standards she sets while helping each student reach his/her highest potential, are some of the traits which set her apart from her colleagues. She has been the GDS 7th grade English teacher for the past seven years. Most recently, she has dedicated herself to a student’s academic recovery following an extended absence from school. With great compassion, she has stepped outside her role as a teacher to become a primary force in his life. This award was established and named in 1986 for former Headmaster Jim Hendrix to honor annually one teacher who exemplifies the highest standards of teaching and professionalism.

Senior Ellie Dougherty was the recipient of the Maureen B. Gerhardt Award. This award is made in memory of Maureen Gerhardt, GDS parent and trustee, and given to a member of the Upper School who best exemplifies the values of honor, personal integrity, responsible citizenship, and service to the community. Committed to social justice, she has initiated programs within her school community and abroad. She spent the fall semester of her junior year in Washington, D.C. attending the School for Ethics and Global Leadership, she has worked with township students in South Africa, and, in her senior year, she launched “Girls for Girls,” a peer mentoring program that connects Middle and Upper School girls in conversations that explore gender stereotypes and other human rights issues.

Bitty Bengals assistant teacher, Linda Mansfield, was named the Carla D. Dowler Tradition of Caring award recipient. She is the picture of patience and calmness in the midst of our youngest Bengals. The parents who nominated her consistently highlighted her kindness as the reason their children already love school at this impressionable young age. The Carla D. Dowler award was established to honor a LS parent, teacher, or any other staff member who reflects an approach to learning and life which values kindness and sensitivity to others, a determination to succeed, a love for learning, and an abiding respect for teaching children.
Juniors Marquelle McIntyre and Rachael Wilson are the recipients of the Lenwood Edwards Award. The Lenwood Edwards Endowment Award is made in memory of the school’s first director of athletics. It is given to two students of diverse background whose personal achievement and values exemplify our school motto of Friendship, Scholarship and Sportsmanship. McIntyre is a leader on the basketball court and one of the fastest runners in our conference in track. While he is an outstanding individual competitor, his coaches say he is always focused on what’s best for the team and he leads by example. Described as a leader in the classroom, his teachers say he is always asking what more he can do to improve himself academically, and he takes charge when working in a group, delegating tasks, and respectfully offering feedback to his classmates.

Wilson’s hard work has culminated in being recognized on the Head’s List or Honor Roll since 9th grade. This summer, she will pursue her science and math interests while participating in a pharmacy program at the University of Toledo. She is also a talented runner, who is a member of the GDS cross country and track teams, and hopes to pursue this passion in college. In addition to her academics and running schedule, she plays the cello in the GDS StringEssence group.

Upper School science teacher, Mary Rosa, was honored with the Edward G. Dickinson Award for Environmental Leadership and Responsibility. Rosa’s students in biology, chemistry, marine and environmental science know first-hand her passion for the environment and have benefited from activities such as the marine bio trip to the coast, kayaking on the Dan River to collect water samples for analysis, visiting Greensboro’s mixed recycling facility, or studying the science of composting. This year, she also initiated the Terracycling campaign which extends our school’s efforts at recycling and reducing waste that would otherwise be sent to the landfill.

Juniors Annalise Graves ’15 and Rachael Wilson are the recipients of the Kimberly Susan Bates ’84 Memorial Award, as well as the John F. Johnson Scholar-Athlete Award. The Bates Award recipient is selected by the Upper School faculty for his or her joy of learning - in our school and surrounding community - and for the way he or she demonstrates the school’s values of honor, leadership, friendship, sportsmanship, and scholarship. According to her teachers, Graves is a humanitarian who is willing to work hard to make life better for others, and she is a dedicated student who is willing to help classmates think through complex problems. As the Johnson-Scholar Athlete, she exemplifies the best combination of outstanding sportsmanship through involvement in the GDS athletic program, and she consistently shows excellent scholarship in the classroom. Graves has been on the Head of School’s list every semester of her Upper School career and has one of highest weighted averages in her class. Additionally, she has played a varsity sport since 9th grade.

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“First, remember that failure is always an option, so plan accordingly. Live every day as if you could get hit by a bus tomorrow, and live your life virtuously,” he said.

“Second, keep your family close. It is your family that will make up for all of the bad stuff you will encounter in life, and you will encounter bad things.”

“Finally, take some chances, get creative and act upon your ideas. Taking the road less traveled can be hard, so you need to learn the difference between being creative and being foolish,” he added.

Since graduating from GDS, Sharpless has authored more than 100 research papers and holds ten patents. He has been designated by the Burroughs-Welcome Foundation as one of the nation’s leading translational researchers, and his fundamental science is published in the world’s top journals and is recognized by the nation’s leading scientists. Sharpless has received numerous awards for his work, including Greensboro Day School’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 2011.
For the past 33 years, Dr. Ed Dickinson has led the Middle School Division which he founded in 1981. After providing a remarkable educational experience to almost 2,000 students, Dickinson will be retiring after the 2014-15 school year.

“The Middle School is well-positioned for a change in leadership. The division has both great strength and stability. The academic program is rich and deep, and the faculty and staff are outstanding,” Dickinson said.

After years of work in considering what a specially designed Middle School building might look like, Dickinson will be guiding the move to the new Bell Family Middle School building this summer, along with welcoming the addition of the 5th grade to our MS program. Having lived in the current building, which has also served the school as our library, Upper School, cafeteria, and as a place for drama and all-school assemblies, Dickinson is excited about the move to a building specially designed for the developmental needs of middle school students.

Dickinson is looking forward to spending more time with his family and grandchildren, along with the opportunity to pursue other interests and caring for his son, Seth.

“I hope we all celebrate the many years which Ed has spent in developing a remarkable Middle School program,” said Head of School Mark Hale. “I wish to thank him for the incredible contributions he has made to the success of Greensboro Day School and its students.”

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE met in May and began the nationwide search process for our next Middle School Director who will begin July 1, 2015. The overall search process will include the posting of the job with search firms and other web sites, the vetting of resumes by the committee followed by phone and, in some cases, Skype interviews. Once we have narrowed down the field of candidates, they will be invited to visit the campus. During their visits they will meet with faculty, administrators, the search committee and parents. Everyone will have an opportunity to provide information to the committee regarding the qualities that each candidate brings.

The following people will serve on the search committee for Middle School director:

- Angela Ballou - Middle School Learning Resource Specialist
- David Blake - Middle School 8th Grade History
- Ruth Watakila-Jackson - Lower School Parent
- Leigh Ann Poole - Parent in all three divisions
- Robin Schenck - Parent in Upper School and Middle School
- Robert Smith - Lower & Middle School Parent, and GDS Trustee
- Susan Feebelman - Upper School Division Director
- Gillian Goodman - Lower School Division Director
- Tommy Webb - Assistant Head of School

Retirees for the 2013-14 Year

We bid farewell to the following dedicated faculty and staff members at GDS:

- Sherry Dove - Payroll Administrator, 1972-2014
- Maude Cauble - Lower School Computer Specialist, 2005-2014
- Molly Mullin - 7th Grade Culture Studies Teacher, 1992-2014
- Lee Roane - 1st Grade Teacher, 1998-2014
- Ann Adams (Adams.jpg) - 2nd Grade Assistant Teacher, 1982-2003, 2010-2014
- Zvonko Nikolic - Property & Plant Services, 1998-2014
- Carol Putnam - Lower School Assistant, 2008-2014
Celebrating 25 Years of the Bates Scholarship

The Class of 1984 gathered for its 30th Reunion this past April. In the midst of celebrating lifelong bonds formed at GDS, there was sadness, too, as they remembered the special classmate who died in a car accident in 1987. Through their efforts, and the generosity of her family, the spirit of Kimberly Susan Bates ’84 has been alive for the more than a quarter century since.

June 2012 marked 25 years of the Kimberly Susan Bates ’84 Memorial Merit Scholarship, a full tuition merit scholarship and distinction coveted by upperclassmen. GDS students have been inspired and challenged to stretch academically and with extracurricular activities in hopes of qualifying for this prestigious award. From 1988 to 2012 Kim’s parents, Joan and Louis Bates, provided the funding for the scholarship in memory of their only daughter. A generation of Bates Scholars remembers the thrill of receiving this distinction and agrees it was a capstone of their experience at GDS.

Dr. Mark Dransfield ’89 was the first recipient of the scholarship in 1988 and one of the few Bates Scholars who knew Kim; she was his camp counselor in 7th grade. “I remember how much interest she took in us pre-teen clowns and how much we all liked her immediately,” Dr. Dransfield recalls. “When I received the award, I was honored and humbled. I have tried to live up to its ideals.”

Kim Bates was a central student leader in the development of the school’s Honor Code, guided by Kathy Davis, who still teaches math in GDS’ Upper School. News of her former student’s death hit Mrs. Davis especially hard. “She was such a special person who embraced life with affection, honor and dedication to give her best. Her friends and I wanted to make sure she was never forgotten here at GDS.”

Kim’s 1984 classmates Lynn Callicott Baranski and Charlotte Horner Carrere, worked with class president David Maynard and then-President of the Alumni Association Mary Copeland ’79, and Mrs. Davis, to establish a scholarship in her honor in 1988. Their goal was to provide a full merit scholarship for a top student in each junior class to provide tuition their senior year. They raised enough to establish a nice endowment – but not enough to fund a full tuition – so Kimberly’s parents made up the difference for 25 years by providing most of the tuition for each Bates Scholar.

As Nic Brown ’95 prepares for his new job as a professor at Clemson University, he reflected on the timing of the Bates Award, in his life and others’. “By selecting rising seniors, they recognized the hard work of young men or women just figuring out who they can be. It’s an important time to be told that you’re on the right path and it’s been noticed,” Brown said. “I am forever indebted.”

Anna Dorsett ’11, now a rising senior at Washington and Lee University, “felt the room standing up around me as I walked to the stage to receive the award. I think I cried; I know my mother cried. I knew it was quite prestigious but more so an honor to know that a community of people that I so admire – the Day School teachers and staff and the Bates family - really believed in me. I was proud to be thought of alongside Kim, and it is because of her legacy that I am who I am today. I am able to carry the confidence of my Day School family with me always.”

The Greensboro Day School community is grateful for the 25 years that the Bates family supported this scholarship. Last year, the scholarship became the Kimberly Bates ’84 Memorial Award, totally supported by the endowment that was funded by gifts from the GDS community just after Kim’s death. The award comes with a stipend for books and supplies for a deserving rising senior. The requirements for the award are the same as they had been for the full merit scholarship.

This award reminds us of the lasting impact one student can have on the life of our school. The Kimberly Bates ’84 Award helps us remember this special alumna as one who embraced life with affection, honor and dedication and allows us to honor a current student who is making a similar important impact on us today.

Members of the Class of 1984 challenged each other – and any member of the GDS community who is interested - to continue to grow the Bates Endowment Fund so that this award will always be an important part of our legacy in remembering a special classmate. More information can be found at www.greensboroday.org/support.
If you've never experienced the true feeling of knowing that you've changed someone's life, you've never felt true happiness. You don't have to banish world hunger; you can simply bring a few cans of food for Greensboro Urban Ministries to feed a family for a day. Just doing seemingly little things can make a big difference in the lives of others. The 5th grade project, Reaching Out, teaches students just that. In this program 5th graders learned that even we can make a difference and change a life.

During Reaching Out, the 5th graders learned about one of seven organizations (Children's Home Society, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and Habitat for Humanity. Ronald McDonald House, Backpack Beginnings, Viviendo Verde, and Red Dog Farm). During a 4-week period, we completed a volunteer application, participated in mock volunteer interviews, researched and visited a service organization, created interview questions, and participated in a mock volunteer fair.

During the mock volunteer fair, we used display boards and videos to teach others we can all make a difference in our community, no matter how big or small our contributions. At the mock volunteer fair, tables representing each organization were set up along the 5th grade hallway and classrooms. Parents, grandparents, and other friends were invited, and they all learned about each organization. Not only were the parents and grandparents learning, the students were, too. We had the pleasure of experiencing the other groups' projects and learning what we could do to help. Volunteers from Red Dog Farm and Backpack Beginnings also attended the mock volunteer fair and invited groups to participate in future fundraisers.

Reaching Out was one of the most significant experiences during our time at GDS. It helped us learn not to take things for granted and to be grateful for what we have. We know that it was meaningful not only for us, but for the many others who were able to experience it. Many of our peers reflected on their Reaching Out experience, and they were willing to share with us why this project was meaningful to them…

- Albert Einstein

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."
The Parents’ Association announced that 12 faculty members will benefit from the Teacher Enrichment Endowment Fund (TEEF) in 2014. This year the PA awarded $14,235 to 12 recipients and 9 grants. The recipients and programs are:

Amanda McLaughlin (ipad/Computer Specialist, LS) and Elizabeth Wilson (Kindergarten Assistant) will attend the International Society for Technology in Education Conference in Atlanta, which focuses on the evolving use of technology in the classroom.

Emilee Transou and Melissa Lehman (Early Childhood Team) will attend the National Association of Young Children Annual Conference and Expo in Dallas. They will gather with other early childhood professionals to collaborate and explore cutting edge technology, pedagogy and research.

Karen Radecki (LS, MS, US Physical Education) will attend the National Physical Education Institute Conference in Asheville to learn tools, strategies and information on developing K-12 curriculum aligned with student assessment.

Kristen Tuma (LS, MS, US Physical Education) received the Dancing Dogs Yoga 100-hour intensive yoga training certification to continue her goal of becoming a Registered Yoga Teacher. Through her yoga classes in the LS and MS, Kristen has witnessed the positive benefit of yoga in both the physical components, and in improved confidence and self-esteem.

Chrissy Olson ’85 (Technology Coordinator) will attend the Gardner Carney Leadership Institute in support of her roles as lead faculty advisor to the Honor Board and Honor Code Committee. This conference will help in developing programs and opportunities to exemplify the themes of leadership and engagement in our students.
Mary Rosa (US Science) will explore the ecosystems of the Pacific Coast, focusing on kelp forests. Her grant will allow her to explore and observe four national marine sanctuaries which contain kelp forests and the organisms who depend on them for survival.

Ayesha Swinton (US Spanish) will travel to Europe and spend 1-week in Spain at a language school and live with a host family. This trip will provide enriching cultural experiences which will directly impact her effectiveness as a teacher.

Estelle Bowden (US Spanish and World Language Department Chair) will attend the SAIS Administrative Leadership Institute in Atlanta whose purpose is to provide enrichment and training to educators who lead and supervise others, building on ways to provide meaningful support, guidance and constructive feedback to develop educational leaders.

The goal of TEEF is to provide funding for teachers to participate in unique, enriching learning experiences. Applications are submitted every year to a committee consisting of the Parents’ Association President, President-Elect, Board Treasurer, Fundraising Treasurer, Secretary, Past Fundraising Chair(s), the Assistant Head of School, and one or more recipients of grants from the preceding year.

Four Earn Top Marks on National Latin Exam

Twenty-one Greensboro Day School students excelled on the National Latin Exam in March. Four of these students earned the highest ranking of Gold Summa Cum Laude (9 or more correct answers above the national average). There are three other levels of recognition on the exam: Cum Laude (1-2 correct answers above the national average), Magna Cum Laude (3-5 correct answers above the national average), and Silver Maxima Cum Laude (6-8 correct answers above the national average).

Receiving Gold Summa Cum Laude awards were Ayden Hochstein ’18 (Latin I), Grant Rohlfing ’16 (Latin I), Emily Brown ’17 (Latin II), and Pearce Landry ’17 (Latin II). Caroline Jessup ’16 (Latin II) received a Silver Maxima Cum Laude award. Magna Cum Laude awards went to Evan Tanner ’16 (Latin III), Nich Duehring ’15 (Advanced Latin Poetry), Gray Rucker ’18 (Latin I), Lindsey Cooke ’17 (Latin II), and Cannon Robinson ’17 (Latin II). Cameron Sharpe ’15 (Latin III), Nyia McCree ’17 (Latin II), Taylor Bair ’17 (Latin II), and Gray Robinson (Latin I) received Cum Laude awards.

Seven 7th graders took an Intro to Latin exam, and here are their results: Libby Philion, David Kim, Mary Brown, Brooke Sanders, and Ben Wilcox received certificates and ribbons, and Elsa Rose Karcher and Karlton Gaskin received certificates of honor.

The exam assesses a student’s general knowledge of vocabulary, English derivatives, grammar, culture, Roman history and the ability to read passages at sight. On average, over 150,000 students take the exam each year.

Oh What a Night!

A special ‘thank you’ goes to Kim Browning and Liza Lee, along with their dedicated committee of parent volunteers, for organizing a successful Parents’ Association fundraiser. “A Night at the Drive-in,” was more than a success…it was a blast!

Preliminary numbers show $35,000 was raised towards our Teacher Enrichment Endowment Fund, as well as general PA allocations to be used for campus improvements, student enrichment and more.

The PA thanks all of the parents who attended the event, and specifically the large number of parents, faculty and staff who donated fabulous items for the auction.
During Spring Break, several Upper School students traveled to San Ramón, where they lived for four days with local families, and visited our sister school “El jícaro 2,” a rural school in the outskirts of San Ramón. Our students prepared activities to do with the children of El jícaro, including making planes, jewelry boxes, puppets and photo frames. They also delivered over 150 care packages donated during a ‘drive’ led by our Middle School students. Our students also visited with children at “Los pipitos”, a school for children with physical and mental disabilities, helping them with activities to improve their motor skills and encourage social interaction. They spent the last three days of the trip at the finca “Esperanza verde,” where they hiked several paths under the canopy of a world preserve forest. Five miles from the forest, they helped children of a rural elementary school make crafts and play baseball.

During their last evening in town, a group of local musicians walked seven miles in the dark to play especially for our students.

Holly Jones was honored with the 2013-14 Parents’ Association “Making the Difference” Volunteer of the Year Award. This award recognizes a volunteer who has given exceptional service to GDS during the current school year, and represents the following volunteer qualities: commitment to the PA mission, superior support for projects and initiatives, a positive attitude, and service that “makes the difference” in creating an outstanding school community.

As co-chair of Bengal Paws for Service for the past two years, Jones has been instrumental in organizing over 250 volunteers for this annual day of service. Her volunteering carries through every aspect of the GDS community, including as a LS classroom helper, and as a member of the back-to-school supply, carnival, Annual Fund, and Parent Ambassador Council committees. She also organized the Bengal Town action during this year’s Bengal Dash.

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Senior Ellie Dougherty was recognized by the Greensboro Civitan Club as a Guilford County High School Best Citizen. The Civitans annually recognize one senior from each high school in Guilford County based upon the qualities of character, leadership, scholarship, service, loyalty, cooperation and sincerity. Ellie started the Girls for Girls mentoring program at GDS.

Senior Emily Bohrer was presented the Presidents’ Award for her contributions to the Junior Guild of Family Services. Emily has been very active in the Guild this year: she was on the executive board, was secretary to the Senior Guild’s newsletter, active in fundraising and a model in the Big Hair Ball, which was a joint effort between the Junior and Senior Guild that raised over $70,000 for Family Services of Greensboro.

Michael Drusdow ’19 performed in New York at Carnegie Hall in June as a member of the Honors Junior Orchestra. His audition piece was the upper voice of the Bach Double Violin Concerto.

Following a 3-year service project, Janse Schermerhorn ’14 donated $2,800 to the Newcomer’s School. During his freshman year, he began designing and selling GDS logo ties and bags made exclusively by Vineyard Vines. All of the money he raised, he donated to the school which helps prepare immigrant children in Greensboro for successful transition into American schools.

Cassie Burroughs ’15 and Patti Hazlett ’14 were cast in the Open Space Cafe Theatre’s production of Rent. The show runs July 16-19 at the Crown Stage at The Carolina Theatre.

Our 7th and 8th grade Latin students scored an overall 2nd place against middle schools from across the state in the North Carolina Junior Classical League Convention events in April. GDS was also given an OMNI Award for participation in all events throughout the year and for having two state officers (Emily Brown ’17 and Gray Rucker ’18).

Junior Addy Anderson has been invited to participate in the 2014 US Naval Academy Summer Seminar program, a leadership experience for rising seniors. Summer Seminar teaches students about life at the Naval Academy.

Rachel Hayes ’14 won a National Silver Medal for her digitally manipulated photo, “Held,” in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

Lower School Director Gillian Goodman won the Junior League of Greensboro’s Kathleen Price Bryan Award. This award is given to an active League member who provides outstanding leadership and service to the Greensboro Community.

Ten Upper School students led 6th graders through a meaningful dialogue about a Truth vs. Loyalty dilemma in May. Chris Hilliard ’01 and the GDS Ethics Team worked together to facilitate this opportunity for our students as we deepen our focus on developing ethical literacy.
The power of three proved to be the highlight of our varsity spring sports season. Add this to the six all-state athletes and 29 all-conference athletes, and you’ve got an equation that equals immense success and pride in Bengal athletics.

The boys’ tennis team had a stellar year, losing only one match all season and going undefeated in the PACIS conference. This impressive record earned them the conference title, and conference player of the year honors for senior Christian Taylor. In fact, Taylor was undefeated this season in both conference and non-conference play. Unfortunately, the Bengals lost a hard fought match in the state semi-finals against Charlotte Country Day. A rising crop of stars will continue to keep the Bengals tennis program at the top of their game.

Our Bengals placed 3rd (boys’) and 4th (girls’) in the PACIS track championships. Senior Caroline Spurr won the conference triple jump title and was named female conference athlete of the year. Junior Kaitlyn Lingard won the 800 and 1600 meters conference title, and Lingard, Spurr, Emily Beane ’17, and Brandi McLean ’14 won the 4x400 meter conference title. Lingard also finished 4th in the 800-meter run and 5th in the mile at the state meet, two of the best finishes we’ve ever had in those events. With several top runners returning next year, the girls’ track team looks forward to another strong season in 2015.

The boys’ track team also had a strong season this year. Tyler Sudbrink ’14 continued his strong showing in the distance events, and Marquelle McIntyre ’15 proved he is one of the fastest athletes in our conference. Newcomer James Millner ’16 also showed he will be a strong competitor in the jumping events for the next couple years.

The boys’ varsity lacrosse team finished the regular season ranked 1st in the PACIS conference and 9th in the state. The Bengals continue to improve year-after-year and did so this season with their toughest schedule to date. This young team played nine top ten opponents in the state, which has provided needed experience for 2015. This year’s team lost a lot of leadership from the 2013 season, which showed early with an 0-7 start to the season. The boys stayed the course, worked hard as a group and finished the season with impressive wins over Forsyth Country Day, Page High School, and the Cannon School. Although graduating another productive group of seniors, the boys’ lacrosse program has a bright future ahead, returning 18 players from this year’s team.

The girls’ varsity lacrosse team also won the conference title, despite finishing their season 4-7. The Bengals earned a spot in the NCISAA State Tournament but unfortunately lost in the first round, bringing an end to a much-improved season.

After graduating five seniors and losing starters Aerin Hickey ’15 and Marion MacPhail ’15 for the season to injuries, making it to the NCISAA State Finals for a 3rd year in a row would be a monumental task for the our varsity girls’ soccer team. The season began on a positive note as the Bengals defeated conference foe High Point Christian 7-2, and then traveled to Raleigh to defeat North Raleigh 2-1 and Ravenscroft 3-0. The first set-back of the season came from conference rival Wesleyan Academy, when the Lady Bengals lost 2-1. With an overall record of 10-1-2 and a conference record of 7-1, the team faced a re-match with Wesleyan, and the PACIS Conference title at stake. This time, the Lady Bengals recorded a 3-0 victory and a piece of the conference title. Their state title...
hopes came to an end with a 2nd round loss to Charlotte Latin. The Bengals baseball team finished 11-8 and 3rd in the PACIS conference, losing a tough game in the first round of the state playoffs to Cannon School 1-0. The Bengals were ranked first in the state or top five for eight straight weeks this season. Although the program will be graduating five seniors, the baseball team has a bright future returning a lot of great young talent.

The varsity golf team finished 4th in the conference and had one senior, Layton Schiffman, qualify for the state tournament. This year’s team showed dramatic growth as demonstrated by their improved team scores throughout the season. With a strong nucleus of young players and an impressive Middle School team, the future looks strong for GDS golf.

**In other sporting news:**

Varsity boys’ lacrosse standout, Donnie Proper ’16, broke the school’s single season scoring record with 87 points.

The Middle School girls’ soccer team won the PACIS championship for the first time ever when they defeated Wesleyan 3-1 in the conference finals.

Two senior spring athletes will continue to play in college: Ashley Kesselring (Lacrosse- Berry College) and Justin Pegram (Baseball- UNC Pembroke). A complete list of our seniors who signed National Letters of Intent can be found on page 14.

Ellie Baldwin ’18 was honored with the Davis-Richmond Award for her excellence on and off the basketball court.

Josh Markwell ’14 is the 2014 recipient of the FACEOFF award, given to a boys’ varsity lacrosse player who represents excellence in scholarship and sportsmanship.

**BOYS’ TENNIS**

Overall Season Record: 15-1
2014 PACIS Conference Champions

**TRACK**

PACIS Conference Athlete of the Year:
Caroline Spurr ’14

**BOYS’ LACROSSE**

Overall Season Record: 9-11
2014 PACIS Conference Co-Champions

**GIRLS’ LACROSSE**

Overall Season Record: 4-7
2014 PACIS Conference Champions

**GIRLS’ SOCCER**

Overall Season Record: 12-4-3
2014 PACIS Conference Champions

**BASEBALL**

Overall Record: 11-8

**GOLF**

Overall Season Record: 13-25-2

**Boys’ Tennis**

Overall Season Record: 15-1
2014 PACIS Conference Champions

**All-Conference:**
Connor Cooke ’14, Christian Taylor ’14, Scott Taylor ’15, Ross Gaines ’14, Chris Caffrey ’14, Connor Dean ’15

**PACIS Coach of the Year:**
Jeff Campbell

**All-State Team:**
Connor Cooke, Christian Taylor

**Coach’s Award:**
Connor Cooke

**Most Improved:**
Steven Melson ’16

**MVP:** Christian Taylor

**Carlton Harris Award:**
Connor Dean

**Boys’ Lacrosse**

Overall Season Record: 9-11
2014 PACIS Conference Co-Champions

**All-Conference:**
Donnie Proper ’16, Matt Lowe ’14, Jackson Clark ’14, Collier Echols ’17, Alex Paris ’15, Adam Schner ’16

**Conference Player of the Year:**
Donnie Proper

**PACIS Coach of the Year:**
Ira Vanterpool

**All-State:**
Donnie Proper

**Most Improved:**
Collier Echols ’17, John Drake Karcher ’16

**Best Defensive Player:**
Chris Scerbo ’17

**Best Offensive Player:**
Donnie Proper

**FACEOFF Award:**
Josh Markwell ’14

**Girls’ Lacrosse**

Overall Season Record: 4-7
2014 PACIS Conference Champions

**All-Conference:**
Ashley Kesselring ’14, Britany McGroarty ’15, Caroline Pinkelton ’15, Julia Solomon ’15, Genna Singer ’16

**Coach of the Year:**
Meghan Wienecke

**All-State:**
Ashley Kesselring

**MVP:** Ashley Kesselring

**Coach’s Award:**
Jessica Thomas, Eliza Schenck ’18

**Most Improved:**
Genna Singer ’16

**Girls’ Soccer**

Overall Season Record: 12-4-3
2014 PACIS Conference Champions

**All-Region:**
Cameron Keating, Caroline Sherwood, Kelsey Supple

**All-State:**
Cameron Keating, Kelsey Supple

**All-Conference:**
Cameron Keating, Emily Perkins, Caroline Sherwood, Kelsey Supple

**Coaches Award:**
Emily Perkins, Julia Cook

**Most Valuable Player:**
Kelsey Supple, Caroline Sherwood

**Baseball**

Overall Record: 11-8

**All-Conference:**
Zac Schner ’14, Justin Pegram ’14

**Coaches Award:**
Evan Tanner ’16

**Evan Tanner ’16**

**Best Pitcher:**
Justin Pegram

**Most Valuable Player:**
Zac Schner

**Golf**

Overall Season Record: 13-25-2

**All-Conference:**
Layton Schiffman ’14

**Most Valuable Player:**
Layton Schiffman

**Coaches Award:**
Max Weingold ’14
**2013-2014 Athletic Season Summary**

**FALL 2013**

**PACIS Conference Champions:**
- Girls’ Tennis, Girls’ Cross Country, Boys’ Soccer

**All-Region**
- Janse Schermerhorn (Soccer), David Stern (Soccer), Pearce Veazey (Soccer)

**All-State**
- Ana Bolson (Tennis), Kaitlyn Lingard (Cross Country), Janse Schermerhorn (Soccer), David Stern (Soccer), Pearce Veazey (Soccer), Angelica Warren (Tennis), Mariah Warren (Tennis)

**All-Conference**
- Addy Anderson (Golf), Ana Bolson (Tennis), Beau Burns (Cross Country), Delaney Daldorf (Tennis), Annalise Graves (Field Hockey), Ashley Kesseling (Field Hockey), Kaitlyn Lingard (Cross Country), Josh Markwell (Soccer), Clarke Phillips (Tennis), Davis Richmond (Cross Country), Janse Schermerhorn (Soccer), Caroline Sherwood (Tennis), Lauren Smir (Cross Country), Caroline Spurr (Cross Country), Tyler Sudbrink (Cross Country), Clayton Swords (Soccer), Layton Schiffman (Soccer), Pearce Veazey (Soccer), Angelica Warren (Tennis), Mariah Warren (Tennis), Katie Wyatt (Field Hockey)

**PACIS Player of the Year**
- Janse Schermerhorn (Soccer)

**PACIS Coach of the Year**
- Jeff Campbell (Tennis), Bill Welch (Girls’ Cross Country), Jeff Campbell (Tennis), Taylor Johnson (Soccer)

**NEW SCHOOL RECORD**
- Eric Rosenbower (Swimming), 100 Freestyle and 50 Freestyle

**WINTER 2013-14**

**NCISAA Runners-Up:**
- Boys’ Basketball, Girls’ Basketball

**PACIS Conference Champions**
- Boys’ Basketball, Girls’ Basketball, Boys’ Swimming, Justin Cash (Wrestling), Alex Balabanov (Wrestling)

**All-State**
- Alex Kunar (Swimming), Darius Moore (Basketball), Bryan Rouse (Basketball), Eric Rosenbower (Swimming), Ethan Smith (Swimming), Caroline Spurr (Basketball), Grayson Thompson (Swimming), Tamera Thorpe (Basketball)

**All-Conference**
- Peter Agba (Basketball), Imani Atkinson (Basketball), Alex Balabanov (Wrestling), Justin Cash (Wrestling), Connor Dean (Swimming), Alex Kroeger (Swimming), Darius Moore (Basketball), Bryan Rouse (Basketball), Eric Rosenbower (Swimming), Ethan Smith (Swimming), Caroline Spurr (Basketball), Grayson Thompson (Swimming), Tamera Thorpe (Basketball)

**PACIS Player of the Year**
- Grayson Thompson (Swimming), Ethan Smith (Swimming), Caroline Spurr (Basketball)

**PACIS Coach of the Year**
- Jeff Campbell (Tennis), Bill Welch (Girls’ Cross Country), Jeff Campbell (Tennis), Taylor Johnson (Soccer)

**NEW SCHOOL RECORD**
- Donnie Proper (Lacrosse), Single Season Scoring Record- 87 points

**SPRING 2014**

**PACIS Conference Champions:**
- Girls’ Lacrosse, Girls’ Soccer, Boys’ Tennis

**All-Region**
- Cameron Keating (Soccer), Caroline Sherwood (Soccer), Kelsey Supple (Soccer)

**All-State**
- Connor Cooke (Tennis), Ashley Kesseling (Lacrosse), Cameron Keating (Soccer), Donnie Proper (Lacrosse), Kelsey Supple (Soccer), Christian Taylor (Tennis)

**All-Conference**
- Emily Beane (Track), Chris Caffrey (Tennis), Jackson Clark (Lacrosse), Connor Cooke (Tennis), Connor Dean (Tennis), Collier Echols (Lacrosse), Ross Gaines (Tennis), Cameron Keating (Soccer), Ashley Kesseling (Lacrosse), Kaitlyn Lingard (Track), Matt Lowe (Lacrosse), Brittany Mcgroarty

**PACIS Player of the Year**
- Connor Cooke (Tennis), Donnie Proper (Lacrosse), Caroline Spurr (Track)

**PACIS Coach of the Year**
- Jeff Campbell (Tennis), Bill Welch (Girls’ Cross Country), Jeff Campbell (Tennis), Taylor Johnson (Soccer)

**NEW SCHOOL RECORD**
- Donnie Proper (Lacrosse), Single Season Scoring Record- 87 points

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**NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT**

- Caroline Spurr (Basketball- Emory)
- Imani Atkinson (Basketball- NCCU)
- Bryan Rouse (Basketball- Wingate)
- Ashley Kesseling (Lacrosse- Berry College)
- Marshall Macheledt (Basketball- Duquesne)
- Justin Pegram (Baseball- UNC Pembroke)
- Angelica Warren (Tennis- Connecticut College)
- Connor Mansfield (Soccer- Elon)
- Katie Ognovich (Rowing- Oklahoma)
- Reid Smith (Soccer- Vassar College)
ATHLETES, COACHES HONORED WITH END-OF-YEAR AWARDS

Spurr, Markwell Named Athletes of the Year

Seniors Caroline Spurr and Josh Markwell were named the 2014 Athletes of the Year in recognition for their outstanding contribution to Bengal athletics, and their demonstration of leadership, honesty, integrity and sportsmanship.

According to his coaches, Markwell is “an invaluable team leader and a great motivator who always gives his all.” He is “a great mentor to the younger players and an all-around great kid to have on the team.” A three-sport athlete, Markwell was a member of our boys’ varsity soccer, basketball and lacrosse teams, and was selected to the all-conference team in soccer.

Spurr’s coaches also have high regards for her leadership. She “leads by example and always gives 120%. She is an “all-around great person,” and she has “an incredible work ethic.” Also a three-sport athlete, Spurr was a leader on our cross country, girls’ basketball and track teams. She was also named Conference Player of the Year in both basketball and track. She will continue her basketball career at Emory University next year.

Katie Watson ’14 was named the 2014 recipient of the Jon Woods ’78 Award for spending hours each week at practices and games as manager of both the varsity boys’ basketball and baseball teams. The Woods Award is given to a student who volunteers to help the athletic department through managing, being a statistician or a videographer.

Varsity baseball coach Kyle Gilmer won the 2014 Frank Brenner Award, presented to a coach who has gone above and beyond in his/her expectations to raise the bar within his/her given sport. The Brenner Award carries with it a financial stipend to support the deserving coach in pursuing further knowledge and education within their given sport specialty.

Angela Ballou, MS Learning Resource Specialist and MS girls’ soccer coach, is the 2014 recipient of the OB Teague Handshake Award, given to a member of our community who greatly contributes to the GDS athletic program as a coach or faculty member.

THE CHARLES McLendon Founders Society

The Charles McLendon Founders Society recognizes those individuals who have made provisions for GDS in their estate plans. Such provisions may take the form of a bequest, the designation of GDS as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, the establishment of a charitable trust with GDS as the beneficiary, the assignment of a title to a primary residence or other planned gift arrangement. Gifts are designated or restricted according to the donor’s wishes. Most often, donors choose to direct planned gift dollars to the School’s permanent endowment, or to provide their own named endowment fund for a specific purpose.

Membership in the McLendon Society is a special distinction, signaling the donor’s understanding that the future of the Day School is a priority now in planning for the ultimate gift upon their death. It is a lifelong commitment to the School’s future welfare. Because of the great variety of gift vehicles and giving opportunities available, donors can make a very personal statement about their care and concern for the children who attend the school.

For more information about planning a gift to Greensboro Day School, visit www.greensboroday.org/plannedgiving, or contact Anne Hurd, Director of Advancement, 336-288-8590, ext. 235.
Hear the steps to take to inspire ethical development in your children while juggling life’s busy schedule. By supporting ethical development, we will help lead our children to more fulfilling lives. Andy Core has a master’s degree in the science of human performance and has spent the last 17 years mastering what it takes to become energized, healthy, motivated and better equipped to thrive in today’s hectic society. He is a high-energy, humorous individual who tackles a serious topic and gets results.

This event is free and open to the public.
Welcome to the Bengal Zone!

$4,923 was raised for local charities during Bengal Games 17 in April.

Here is the breakdown of money raised by each team for their charity:

- **RED TEAM**: $982 for Triad Health Project
- **GREEN TEAM**: $994 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- **BLUE TEAM**: $975 for Greensboro Urban Ministry
- **BLACK TEAM**: $989 for Hospice & Palliative Care Center
- **YELLOW TEAM**: $983 for United Way of Greater Greensboro

We couldn’t translate our points to dollars without the support of our sponsors: Lake Jeanette Orthodontics & Pediatric Dentistry, PC & MacHelp Centers, Southeastern Orthopedics/Murphy Wainer Division, Fairystone Fabrics, and the Richardson Corporation.

This year’s theme took on a construction theme with “Bengal Zone” t-shirts, and also featured a new team color... orange. JK’ers wore orange and were special ‘spirit spies’ for the games. They handed out spirit points to the teams they thought showed the most spirit.

Thank You!
In April, the Upper School performed Metamorphoses, a play by Mary Zimmerman which was adapted from the classic Ovid poem of the same name.
TUITION SAVINGS TIP:

Did you know?
Tuition paid directly to GDS by a Grandparent may be Tax Exempt.

• This tuition payment can reduce future estate tax liability because it does not count against the annual tax gift exclusion amount or the lifetime gift tax exemption.
• Grandparents can give a large monetary gift and control how the gift is used.

CONSULT YOUR TAX ADVISOR FOR DETAILS.

For more information, contact:
Anne Hurd
at 336-288-8590 or AnneHurd@GreensboroDay.org
Over 483 registered runners took part in our 7th annual Bengal Dash on April 5. Race proceeds go to service learning programs at GDS. In addition, we collected 281 cans of food which was donated to Greensboro Urban Ministry in honor of the Lower School’s canned food drive campaign. A special ‘thank you’ goes to event organizers, Lana Greenberg and Rebecca Coltrane, and their entire committee of volunteers.
1. Sophomore Service Week included projects at ArtQuest, Guilford College Farm, Goat Lady Dairy, the Edible Garden, Sternberger and Jesse Wharton Elementaries, Lifespan (pictured here: Katie Glaser ’16 with some new friends), the Interactive Resource Center, and more. Bryce Willis ’25 reeled in a big one during the 1st grade’s fishing trip to Lake Higgins. Maggie Dator ’23 challenged her Lower School classmates to collect 2,014 cans of food for Greensboro Urban Ministry during the month of May. For even more encouragement, LS Director Gillian Goodman (pictured here), and several faculty members, agreed to get pied in the face by any student who brought in at least 10 cans of foods. Hundreds of pies later, the final tally of collected food was 3,927! 8th graders visited dozens of monuments and museums during their annual trip to Washington, D.C. 7th graders, including Michael Trentini ’19, released hundreds of trout they raised into the Smith River. Afterward, they enjoyed some R&R kayaking down the Dan River. Lower School Field Days are always a splashing good time! Pictured here: Logan Phillips ’26. Beautiful Carolina skies greeted our juniors for their annual week-long backpacking trip during Activities Week. Our 3rd graders took to the stage in May to share their musical production Tell me a Story: Timeless Folktales from Around the World. Our 2nd graders shined on stage in their production of Fables & Fairy Tales. 6th graders spend two nights at science teacher Craig Head’s farm each spring. This is a wonderful opportunity for the class to be together in an outdoor setting, learn a little about the world around them, step out of their comfort zone, and just have some fun.
We have all heard it many times: When our children leave college, they will be vying for jobs which do not yet exist. How do we prepare them? While we certainly need a bank of knowledge from which to begin, rote memorization is no longer necessary or valuable.

Children, especially young children, possess a natural curiosity coupled with a sense of boundless possibilities. As we grow, we begin to develop barriers which inhibit our creativity. Design Thinking not only encourages the natural curiosity children have, it provides a framework for developing active listening, empathy and entrepreneurial spirit, all of which are important parts of our mission and desired results for student learning at GDS.

Sarah Soule, a professor at Stanford University’s Graduate School of Business, tells a story about a group of students:

“Six years ago, a team of students at Stanford University used a problem-solving method called design thinking to develop a simple, portable device — a sort of sleeping bag for newborns — that so far has helped 22,000 low-birth-weight babies around the world stay warm. The Embrace Baby Warmer, which includes a phase-change material that maintains its temperature for six hours after heating, is an amazing innovation. Had it not been for a crucial shift in the way the students were thinking, the warmer might never have existed.” Design Thinking is a unique way of solving problems because it is human-centered. Students must empathize with the people for which they are solving the problem. It is a shift in thinking about others’ needs and wants, rather than their own.

A brief outline of the DEEP Design Thinking process:

D – Discover – In this stage, students are immersing themselves in learning about issues. They ask questions and they observe to define problems in their world.

E – Empathize – In this stage, students gain insight by carefully crafting questions and interviewing stakeholders about the problems they identified. They must listen carefully and avoid using their own bias or needs to frame the problem.

E – Experiment – Here, students think. They begin by asking “How might we....” as they explore the problem and the feedback. They brainstorm ideas for possible solutions, and they begin to build prototypes.

P – Produce – This is the point in the process where students present their prototypes to stakeholders. They use storytelling to convey how the prototype solves the problem. During this phase, students receive feedback from stakeholders and iterate, or

“It was fun to come up with a problem at school and then think outside of the box to create a solution and then pitch our ideas to people that work in the areas of the problem.”

– Frannie Goodman ‘22

“…only the jobs of innovators and entrepreneurs will be immune to outsourcing or automation in the new global knowledge economy”

– Thomas Friedman and Michael Mandelbaum in That Used to Be Us
modify, the prototype based on what they hear.

One might hear about students participating in a Design Thinking Club at Greensboro Day and think they are students in the Upper School or Middle School. However, we have a group of 4th and 5th graders who dove into this methodology of problem-solving as part of an after-school club.

In Summer of 2012, 4th grade teacher Megan Judy attended //FUSE 2013, an intensive 2-day workshop in Atlanta. This past summer, LS director Gillian Goodman participated in an online Design Thinking course through Stanford University. Together, Judy and Goodman launched the Lower School Design Thinking Club, in which students had to apply to take part.

The first meeting in the fall was dedicated to students understanding how they personally go about solving problems, classifying themselves as “North,” “South,” “East” and “West,” based on outlined characteristics. Students were very reflective about what strengths they brought to a group and what challenges the other “directions” might have with them.

Next, students identified problems they saw around the school which were meaningful to them. Then came the empathy piece – students developed a list of peers, faculty and staff who would be appropriate to interview for their particular problem. Interviewing these various members of our GDS community allowed them to see multiple perspectives and needs. They stepped out of their own shoes in order to better solve the problem.

After discussing people’s needs with their group members, they finally came to the part that they had been waiting to do since their first meeting – prototype a solution! Using cardboard, pipe cleaners, Styrofoam, paper plates and other odd objects, students built a prototype to illustrate the solution to their problem. At the end of April, students presented their problems and solutions to a group of observers:

**How might we improve the speed at which cafeteria food is served?**

Ticketmaster 3000 - a machine that issues you a ticket. You get all the “other” items such as drink, sides, or dessert and go to your seat. When your number is called you go up to the serving station to pick up your hot lunch.

**How might we improve the 4th grade laptops (in terms of charging power and speed of processing)?**

One group designed a computer that was actually your desk and operated on solar panels.

“My daughter said she feels it was very educational, because it helped her to think in a different way.”

- Parent

“I think more kids should have participated, because they were given more responsibilities and a chance to be themselves making their own decisions.”

- Alyse Wilson ’21
Another group created a super-charging multi-station dock. It would store a lot of unnecessary memory to help the computers run faster, and their charging system would charge your laptop in 3 minutes.

**How might we improve locker size?**
This group created a locker that had a compartment in the bottom that had a latch that would open up and you could store small items such as books, electronics, etc. The large space would then just hold your backpack and books.

**Design Thinking: The Future at GDS**
Space is critical to the Design Thinking process. Students need a place where they can create and be a bit messy. They need a place to store works in progress and they need lots of tinkering materials. Fab labs, maker spaces, design labs – all are current lingo for the space where entrepreneurial spirit is born. While creativity certainly happens in many places on our campus, we are in the process of developing intentional spaces for this kind of thinking and learning to take place. The new Bell Middle School will have two Design Labs – one for 5th and 6th grades and one for 7th and 8th grades. In the Lower School, part of the space vacated by the 5th grade moving to Middle School will be transformed into a Think Tank/Inspiration Lab. These spaces will have varied work spaces and seating, and plenty of materials for tinkering.

GDS has already been approached by local businesses, creativity consultants and other schools who have heard we are exploring Design Thinking, opening the door for great collaboration. Stay tuned for the great things that are bound to happen!
While an undergraduate at the University of Notre Dame, Tom Szott, Upper School English teacher, encountered one of those rare teachers who took a real interest in connecting with his students. And although Szott had always excelled in school and been an avid reader, this particular professor was the first to help him make personal connections to literature. It was his influence that first peaked Szott’s interest in pursuing teaching as a career.

Szott moved to North Carolina to pursue his Master’s degree in English at Wake Forest University. It was here that the Pittsburgh native sealed his future. “During graduate school, I tutored undergraduates and realized that what I enjoyed the most was connecting with these students,” Szott said.

Right after finishing graduate school, Szott landed a position teaching at GDS and is now in his 20th year in the Upper School English department. Currently, Szott also serves as Chair of the department, which involves helping manage six other teachers and planning curricula. But what Szott still loves the most is teaching.

Throughout his two decades at GDS, Szott has taught all Upper School grade levels. “I really enjoy teaching 9th grade,” Szott said. “That age group is so excited to be in high school and are fresh and eager to learn.” Ninth graders are introduced to literature and writing at the high school level, while the course follows the theme, The Quest. Through books like The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, as well as a unit on mythology and poetry, Szott helps them discover their own personal quest by helping them reflect on where they’ve been and what has influenced them.

Szott also teaches an AP literature course for seniors, where he gets to share some of his favorite books like The Odyssey, Hamlet, and A Brave New World.

In addition to being a teacher, Szott is also a GDS parent. His son, Matthew, is a rising 4th grader, and his other son, Andrew, just finished his Bitty Bengal year. “Being a GDS parent the last four years has given me more perspective as a teacher,” Szott said. “I see things through a different lens and have a better understanding of where parents are coming from.”

When he’s not teaching, Szott’s other passion is running. He coached cross-country and track for 14 years and hopes to get back into coaching one day, but right now he is enjoying spending time with his family.
LOWER SCHOOL CLOSING
Sitting against the wall, I scanned through the faces of the 6th graders as the teachers read out a list of the new students and upcoming activities of the following week. It was the first day of Middle School and on everybody’s faces were the look of curiosity crossed with anticipation and fear. To have an older sister in the Middle School was already an advantage since the summer before was spent listening to stories and advice about 6th grade: how to act, latest news on the teachers, and what to expect. Now, as I sat on the unfamiliar carpet of the Bengal Den, all the stories that were meant to prepare me for this moment meant nothing. No matter how much I had heard of past student’s experiences, I had to pave my own path in this new territory. The first of many Middle School assemblies proceeded and soon came the time to begin our first classes. Everyone seemed to walk ten times slower now that all the stories they had heard and the movies they’d seen about Middle School were becoming a reality. The time had come to begin the long and rewarding journey through Middle School.

Writing about this essay now and looking back through every story, important event, and memory, I can only be sure about one thing. No matter how bad things may seem in the moment, those moments are only one small piece in the puzzle of Middle School and an even smaller piece in the rest of one’s academic career. The tests I failed from which I thought I would never recover, the speeches I gave in which I stuttered and mumbled, and every moment that hadn’t gone exactly as planned, they all prepared me for greater things. Every struggle to finish assignments, late night studying for tests and quizzes, and last minute procrastination helped to make me the better student that I am today. Even if a moment seems like the end of the world, there is a light at the tunnel. However the journey doesn’t end there, that light leads you into the next tunnel and so on until you reach the final light and your journey throughout life slows to a stop.

Middle School has been the greatest adventure of my life. The past three years have been unbelievable and I have learned a lot about myself as well as the world around me. Throughout my journey from 6th grade to where I am now, almost in high school, the amount I’ve learnt cannot even be expressed in words. Not only have I gained educational knowledge, I have also gained knowledge through each of my new experiences. Through each of my triumphs and failures, I have been able to learn my strengths and weaknesses. Every different experiences throughout Middle School helped shape me into the person I am today. Many teachers always preach that Middle School is the best time to learn new things, and I strongly agree that these few years are very crucial to learning, whether academic or new life lessons.

Middle School has felt like a choose your own adventure book. In 8th grade, for the first time in my life, I have gained so many new freedoms as well as responsibilities. 6th grade was a time to dip my toes into the waters of the Middle School, while 7th grade was like swimming in the shallow end. Reflecting back on the three of my Middle School years, 8th grade has been drastically harder and different, like diving straight in the deep end! Now that the end of the year is approaching, I have slowly been learning how to swim and am almost to the end of the Middle School, only to soon start swimming laps in the upper school.

The end of Middle School is coming so soon, all my Middle School memories and all the things I love about it will soon be in the past. From 6th grade farm trips to lively teachers, there are so many things I will miss about Middle School. However, I feel that Middle School has done an exceptional job preparing me for any challenges that upper school presents me with. I can not only use the knowledge I’ve gained in all my classes, but also the lessons I’ve learnt from past experiences. My journey through Middle School at Greensboro Day school is one that I will never forget, and that I will cherish throughout the rest of my life.
AWARD WINNERS: June 5, 2014

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MIDDLE SCHOOL CLOSING/AWARDS

Reasons to Celebrate the Class of 2014
100 Reasons to Celebrate the Class of 2014
College Acceptances and Intended Matriculation

One hundred members of the Class of 2014 submitted 681 applications at 181 different institutions. Colleges accepting GDS students are noted with multiple acceptances in parentheses:

University of Alabama (10), American University (2), Appalachian State University (6), Auburn University, Baldwin Wallace University, Bard College (2), Barry University, Bates College, Belmont University, Berry College (2), Boston College, Boston University (3), Bradley University, Bridgewater College, Bucknell University (3), UCLA, California Institute of the Arts, Campbell University, Case Western Reserve University, The Catholic University of America, University of Central Florida, Centre College (2), Clemson (4), Coastal Carolina University, Colgate University (2), College of Charleston (3), College of the Holy Cross, University of Colorado-Boulder, Colorado State University, Connecticut College, Davidson College, University of Dayton, DePaul University, Dickinson College, Drexel University (4), Duke University (3), Duquesne University, East Carolina University (7), Eckerd College (2), Elon University (21), Emerson College, Emory and Henry College, Emory University (4), Fashion Institute of Technology, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida State University, Fordham University (2), Franklin and Marshall College (2), Furman University (7), George Mason University, George Washington University, Georgetown University, University of Georgia (20), Georgia Institute of Technology, Gettysburg College, Goucher College (2), Guilford College (4), Haverford College, High Point University (5), Hobart and William Smith Colleges, University of Houston, University of Idaho, James Madison University (3), Johns Hopkins University, Kenyon College (3), University of London, Loyola University-Maryland, Mars Hill University, Mary Baldwin College, Maryland Institute College of Art, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, University of Miami (4), University of Michigan, University of Mississippi (4), New York University, University of North Carolina at Asheville (5), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (30), University of North Carolina at Charlotte (6), University of North Carolina at Greensboro (4), University of North Carolina at Pembroke, University of North Carolina at Wilmington (11), North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University (31), North Carolina State University School of Art and Design, University of North Florida, Northeastern University, Oklahoma City University, University of Oklahoma (2), Pennsylvania State University, University of Pennsylvania (2), Purdue University (3), Queens University, Randolph-Macon College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Roanoke College (2), Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design, Rollins College, College of St. Benedict, University of San Diego (2), Santa Clara University, Savannah College of Art and Design, School of Visual Arts, Sewanee: University of the South (3), Sienna College, Skidmore College (2), University of South Carolina (17), University of South Carolina - Aiken, University of South Florida, Southern Methodist University (6), University of St. Andrews, St. Johns College, St. Lawrence University, St. Olaf College, Syracuse University, University of Tampa, University of Tennessee (4), Vanderbilt (2), Vassar College, University of Vermont, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (3), University of Virginia (5), Wake Forest University (6), Warren Wilson College, Washington and Lee University (5), Wellesley College, Western Carolina University (4), Whitman College, Wingate University (3), Winthrop University, Wofford College (6), College of Wooster
Members of the Class of 2014 intend to enroll at the following colleges and universities:

Lexy Ackerman  Purdue University
Tyler Aluisio  Clemson University
Renee Anderson  North Carolina State
William Armstrong  Southern Methodist University
Imani Atkinson  NC Central University
Miranda Bachicha  New York University
Karson Bankhead  University of Georgia
Lauren Beane  UNC-Chapel Hill
Halie Biggs  UNC-Greensboro
Emily Bohrer  Wofford College
Claire Burns  UNC-Chapel Hill
Chris Caffrey  Duke University
Kevin Carty  Georgetown University
Jackson Clark  North Carolina State
Kullen Clark  UNC-Greensboro
Julia Cook  North Carolina State
Connor Cooke  UNC-Chapel Hill
Noah Corbett  Elon University
Natalie Curry  Furman University
Gina Dick  University of Tennessee
Marilyn Dick  University of Tennessee
Elizabeth Dougherty  Wellesley College
Quentin Doutt  North Carolina State
Ross Gaines  UNC-Chapel Hill
Matthew Gasiorek  North Carolina State
Mary Glaser  Haverford College
Elizabeth Haenel  Purdue University
AJ Haggarty  James Madison University
Haley Harrill  Appalachian State University
Clay Hawkins  North Carolina State
Rachel Hayes  Elon University
Patti Hazlett  School of Visual Arts
Myra Henderson  Campbell University
JR Hudgins  Guilford College
John Jennings  University of Alabama
Ashley Kesselring  Berry College
Amina Khan  UNC-Chapel Hill
Jamie Kleckowski  Eckerd College
Haley Klinger  Fashion Institute of Technology
Jordan Klinger  University of South Florida
Olivia Knox  Whitman College
Alex Kunar  UNC-Charlotte
Maksym Kurgan  UNC-Greensboro
Sarah Lindsay Liebkemann  UNC-Chapel Hill
Matt Lowe  Dickinson College
Rachel Luce  UNC-Asheville
Marshall Macheledt  Duquesne University
Connor Mansfield  Elon University
Josh Markwell  Centre College
Laura McGee  University of Pennsylvania
Kit McGinley  UNC-Chapel Hill
Matthew McIvor  College of the Holy Cross
Brandi McLean  Virginia Tech
Matthew Melhem  Furman University
James Murray  Furman University
Nick Nelson  Boston College
Katie Ognovich  University of Oklahoma
Justin Pegram  UNC-Pembroke
Emily Perkins  Wofford College
Matthew Petrinitz  North Carolina State
Sam Pulitzer  High Point University
Walker Roe  University of Colorado-Boulder
Carole Roman  North Carolina State
Eric Rosenbauer  UCLA
Bryan Rouse  Wingate University
Chase Rowland  East Carolina University
Mary Kathryn Sapp  Southern Methodist University
Janse Schmerhorn  Franklin & Marshall College
Layton Schiffman  University of Mississippi
Alexa Schleien  UNC-Chapel Hill
Caroline Schlosser  UNC-Chapel Hill
Zac Schner  High Point University
Rachel Schomp  UNC-Chapel Hill
Shivani Shah  Duke University
Caroline Shaw  East Carolina University
Caroline Sherwood  University of Virginia
Joshua Siar  University of Georgia
Katherine Sipes  North Carolina State University
Lauren Smir  University of Georgia
Ethan Smith  North Carolina State
Reid Smith  Vassar College
Caroline Spurr  Emory University
Tess Stark  North Carolina State
David Stern  UNC-Chapel Hill
Megan Stonecipher  UNC-Chapel Hill
Tyler Sudbrink  University of Virginia
Kelsey Supple  UNC-Chapel Hill
Clayton Swords  UNC-Chapel Hill
Nikos Tarasidis  UNC-Asheville
Zax Tate  Clemson University
Christian Taylor  UNC-Chapel Hill
Grayson Thompson  Vanderbilt University
Pearce Veazey  UNC-Chapel Hill
Raj Vyas  George Washington University
Angelica Warren  Connecticut College
Max Weingold  UNC-Chapel Hill
Trey Weston  UNC-Charlotte
Grace Williams  Belmont University
Catherine Wright  Goucher College
Micah Zimmerman  Elon University
Fifty-five members of the class of 2014 were offered merit scholarships at 63 colleges. The total four year value as of June 10 is 5,586,010. Awards reported are as follows:

**TYLER ALUISIO**
Wofford College
*Merit Scholarship*

**KARSON BANKHEAD**
Oklahoma City University
*Music Scholarship, Theater Scholarship*

**LAUREN BEANE**
Furman University
*Bell Tower Scholarship*

**HALIE BIGGS**
Virginia Tech
*Merit Scholarship*

**EMILY BOHRER**
Wofford College
*Merit Scholarship*
Sewanee: University of the South
*Oley Award*

**CLAIRE BURNS**
Drexel University
*Drexel Dragons Award, J. Drexel Scholar*
University of Miami
*Presidential Scholar*

**KEVIN CARTY**
Georgetown University
*Georgetown Scholarship*

**KULLEN CLARK**
Guilford College
*Performance Award*
Wingate
*Presidential Scholarship*

**JULIA COOK**
North Carolina State
*Merit Scholarship*

**NATALIE CURRY**
Furman University
*Bell Tower Scholarship*

**ROSS GAINES**
Furman University
*Bell Tower Scholarship*
University of Georgia
*Classic Scholar*
Elon University
*Presidential Scholar*

**ELIZABETH HAENEL**
University of Miami
*Merit Scholarship*
University of San Diego
*Merit Scholarship*
University of Dayton
*Merit Scholarship*

**CLAY HAWKINS**
University of South Carolina
*Sims Scholarship*

**RACHEL HAYES**
Savannah College of Art and Design
*Academic Honors, Achievement Honors*
University of South Carolina
*Sims Scholar*

**PATTI HAZLETT**
School of Visual Arts
*Academic Honors, Art Scholarship, Creative Vision Award*

**JR HUDGINS**
Goucher College
*Merit Scholarship*
Guilford College
*Merit Scholarship*

**ASHLEY KESSELRING**
Bridgewater College
*Merit Scholarship*
Roanoke College
*Merit Scholarship*
Berry College
*Merit Scholarship*

**AMINA KHAN**
East Carolina University
*Passage Scholarship*
University of Georgia
*Classic Scholar*
Barry University
*Merit Scholarship*

**JAMIE KLECKOWSKI**
Eckerd College
*Presidential Scholar*

**MATT LOWE**
Centre College
*Merit Scholarship*
Sewanee: University of the South
*Merit Scholarship*
Rollins College
*Merit Scholarship*
University of Tampa
*Merit Scholarship*
Dickinson College
*Merit Scholarship*

**RACHEL LUCE**
Mary Baldwin College
*Merit Scholarship*
Emory and Henry College
*Merit Scholarship*
Guilford College
*Merit Scholarship*
Wofford College
*Merit Scholarship*
Warren Wilson College
*Merit Scholarship*

**KIT MCGINLEY**
Southern Methodist University
*World Changer Scholarship*

**MARSHALL MACHELEDT**
High Point University
*Merit Scholarship*
Guilford College
*Merit Scholarship*
Randolph-Macon College
*Merit Scholarship*
Baldwin Wallace University
*Merit Scholarship*
Dusquesne University
*Merit Scholarship*

**JOSH MARKWELL**
Furman University
*Bell Tower Scholarship*
Centre College
*Trustee Scholarship*
MATTHEW MCIVOR
University of Vermont
Trustees Scholarship,
Sugar Maple Scholarship
Sienna College
Presidential Scholarship
Fordham University
Fordham Jogues Scholarship,
Merit

MATTHEW MELHEM
University of South Carolina
Woodrow Scholar
Furman University
Merit Scholarship

JAMES MURRAY
Wofford College
Merit Scholarship
Furman University
Merit Scholarship
High Point University
Merit Scholarship

NICK NELSON
Syracuse University
Merit Scholarship
Gettysburg College
Merit Scholarship
Hobart and William Smith
Merit Scholarship
St Olaf College
Deans Scholarship, St. Olaf Grant
St Lawrence University
Merit, Presidential Achievement
Catholic University
Merit Scholarship
St Johns College
President’s Scholarship,
Saints Scholarship

EMILY PERKINS
Wofford College
Merit Scholarship

SAM PULITZER
High Point University
Merit Scholarship

WALKER ROE
DePaul University
DePaul Scholars’ Award
Bradley University
Deans Scholarship

CAROLE ROMAN
Furman University
Bell Tower Scholarship
Eckerd College
Merit Scholarship

ERIC ROSENBOWER
University of Miami
Presidential Scholarship
University of Georgia
Classic Scholar

ALEXA SCHLEIEN
North Carolina State
Darryl Daniels Memorial Scholarship
University of Miami
Presidential Scholarship
Drexel University
Presidential Scholarship
Virginia Tech
Presidential Scholarship

JANSE SCHERMERHORN
University of San Diego
Alcala Scholarship
University of San Diego
USD Merit Scholarship

ZAC SCHNER
Florida Gulf Coast University
Merit Scholarship
University of North Florida
Merit Scholarship
High Point University
Presidential Scholarship
Winthrop University
Global Ambassador Scholarship

RACHEL SCHOMP
University of South Carolina
McKissick Scholar, Honors Scholar
Elon University
Presidential Scholar, Honors Fellow

SHIVANI SHAH
University of Virginia
Jefferson Scholars Foundation Finalist Award

CAROLINE SHERWOOD
University of Georgia
Presidential Scholarship

JOSH SIAR
Univ. of Massachusetts-Amherst
Chancellor’s Scholarship

KATHERINE SIPES
Virginia Commonwealth
Merit Scholarship

DAVID STERN
Bucknell University
Merit Scholarship

MEGAN STONECIPHER
University of South Carolina
Merit Scholarship

TYLER SUDBRINK
University of Georgia
Classic Scholar

KELSEY SUPPLE
University of South Carolina
Woodrow Scholar

CLAYTON SWORDS
Case Western Reserve University
Merit Scholarship
University of Alabama
Honors Scholar
University of Georgia
Classic Scholar

ZAX TATE
University of South Carolina
McKissick Scholars Award
Clemson University
Merit Scholarship

CHRISTIAN TAYLOR
University of South Carolina
Woodrow Scholar

RAJ VYAS
George Washington University
Presidential Academic Scholarship
Drexel University
A.J. Drexel Scholarship
Elon University
Elon Engagement Scholarship
Elon Experiences Grant

PEARCE VEAZEY
University of Georgia
Classic Scholar

ANGELICA WARREN
Connecticut College
Merit Scholarship

MAX WEINGOLD
Elon University
Merit Scholarship

TREY WESTON
Roanoke College
Deans Award Scholarship
Coastal Carolina University
Merit Scholarship

CATHERINE WRIGHT
Goucher College
Trustee Scholarship
DEPARTMENT AWARDS

ENGLISH
Laura McGee
Matthew Armstrong
SYBIL DAVIS AWARD: AP EUROPEAN HISTORY
Natalie Curry
HERODOTUS AWARD: 4-YEAR SOCIAL SCIENCES
Chris Caffrey
FRENCH
Mary Kathryn Sapp
LATIN
Haley Klinger
SPANISH
Alexa Schleien
STUDIO ART
Tess Stark
DRAMA
Noah Corbett
MUSIC
Vocal: Laura McGee
Instrumental (Band): Matthew McIvor
Instrumental (Strings): Alex Kunar

HIGHEST ACADEMIC AVERAGE
Natalie Curry

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS
Amina Khan, William Armstrong

ENGLISH
ANALYTICAL COMPOSITION
Outstanding Achievement
Jordan Klinger, Walker Roe
Outstanding Progress
AJ Haggarty
AP ENGLISH LITERATURE
Outstanding Progress
Josh Markwell, Carole Roman, Rachel Luce
Outstanding Contribution
Gina Dick, Rachel Luce, Catherine Wright
CREATIVE WRITING
Outstanding Achievement
Ashley Kesselring

SHAKESPEARE SENIOR SEMINAR
Outstanding Achievement
Kevin Carty, Natalie Curry

VISUALIZATION OF LITERATURE
Outstanding Achievement
Emily Bohrer, Jordan Klinger, James Murray
Outstanding Progress
Ashley Kesselring, Brandi McLean

MATHEMATICS
ALGEBRA III
Outstanding Achievement
Emily Perkins
Outstanding Progress
Imani Atkinson
AB CALCULUS
Outstanding Achievement
Janse Schermerhorn
Outstanding Progress
Tess Stark
BC CALCULUS
Outstanding Progress
William Armstrong
AP STATISTICS
Outstanding Progress
Megan Stonecipher, Angelica Warren
Outstanding Contribution
Eric Rosenbower
INTRODUCTION TO CALCULUS AND STATISTICS
Outstanding Achievement
Zax Tate
Outstanding Progress
Noah Corbett
Outstanding Contribution
Zac Schmer
PRECALCULUS
Outstanding Progress
Micah Zimmerman

SOCIAL SCIENCE
AP EUROPEAN HISTORY
Outstanding Achievement
Chris Caffrey, Kevin Carty, James Murray, Rachel Schomp, Catherine Wright
Outstanding Progress
Miranda Bachicha

SCIENCE
AP BIOLOGY
Outstanding Achievement
Alyssa Altheimer, Jonas Proctor, Grayson Thompson
Outstanding Contribution
Laura McGee, Sam Pulitizer
BIOLOGY I ADVANCED
Outstanding Achievement
Alex Kroeger
Outstanding Contribution
Claire Burns
ENGINEERING
Outstanding Achievement
Lexi Ackerman, William Armstrong, Matthew Melhem, Alexa Schleien, Caroline Spurr, Zax Tate, Christian Taylor
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
Outstanding Achievement
Haley Klinger, MK Sapp
Outstanding Progress
AJ Haggarty, Micah Zimmerman
Outstanding Contribution
Tyler Aluisio, Renee Anderson, Connor Cooke, Marilyn Dick, JR Hudgins, Olivia Knox, Josh Markwell, Emily Perkins, Layton Schiffman, Josh Sier, Caroline Spurr, Tess Stark, Pearce Veazey, Angelica Warren
MARINE SCIENCE
Outstanding Achievement
Natalie Curry, Haley Klinger
Outstanding Progress
Noah Corbett
Outstanding Contribution
Karson Bankhead, Lauren Beane, Jackson Clark, Killen Clark, Quentin Douit, Matthew Gasiorek, Ashley Kesselring, Jordan Klinger, Marshall Macheledt, Nick Nelson, Carole Roman, Chase Rowland, MK Sapp, Caroline Schlosser, Katherine Sipes

WORLD LANGUAGES
FRENCH LITERATURE
Outstanding Achievement
Natalie Curry, Laura McGee, MK Sapp
AP SPANISH LANGUAGE
Outstanding Achievement
Caroline Spurr
AP SPANISH LITERATURE
Outstanding Achievement
Mary Glaser, Amina Khan, Kit McGinley, MK Sapp
Outstanding Progress
Gina Dick
SPANISH IV
Outstanding Progress
Myra Henderson

FINE ARTS
ART II
Outstanding Achievement
Brandi McLean
AP DRAWING
Outstanding Achievement
Lauren Smir
AP 2D DESIGN
Outstanding Achievement
Sarah Lindsay Liebkemann
AP 3D DESIGN
Outstanding Achievement
Gina Dick

DRAMA
BEGINNING ACTING
Outstanding Contribution
JR Hudgins
CABARET
Outstanding Achievement
Karson Bankhead
PUBLIC SPEAKING
Outstanding Achievement
Angelica Warren
Outstanding Contribution
JR Hudgins
MUSIC
Vocal
Outstanding Contribution
Alexa Schleien
# Head’s List

**7th grade**
- Katie Barton
- Mary Brown
- Charlotte Carr
- Julia Davis
- James Decker
- Logan Fortenberry
- Karlton Gaskin
- Caroline Gramig
- Carter Green
- Cole Harris
- Madison Head
- Natalie Jones
- Elsa Rose Karcher
- Maddie Ketner
- Steven Key
- Bennett Lewis
- Brodie Nishan
- Catherine Olin
- Ben Peters
- Libby Phillion
- Cameron Pinkelton
- Ben Regester
- Zack Risdon
- Pierce Rohlfing
- Jenny Rowlett
- Lindsay Rucker
- Cooper Sanders
- Brooke Sanders
- Catherine Sar
- Jacob Schulte
- Sahil Sethi
- Jessica Sprague
- Michael Trentini
- Laura Watson
- Abbey Whittle
- Ben Wilcox
- Lily Yamagata

- Davis Leonard
- Ian McIvor
- Davis Richmond
- Gray Rucker
- Kelsey Saunders
- Eliza Schenck
- Sam Schulte
- Pooja Sharma
- Levi Smith
- Walker Trevey
- Sasha Varlamov
- Cole Vincent
- Hugh Walton
- Lauren Whitley
- Daniel Yamagata

**9th grade**
- Gabrielle Aluisio
- Matt Amend
- Taylor Bair
- John Ball
- Emily Beane
- Dylan Boles
- Emily Brown
- Macks Caviness
- Lindsey Cooke
- Sandra Davis
- Emily Dean
- Davis Dunham
- Collier Echols
- Ace Ellseweig
- Maggie Epes
- Pete Gresens
- Camille Herring
- Cameron Keating
- Stephanie Kesselring
- Drew Knauss
- Pearce Landry
- Ike Mango
- Caroline Moore
- Caitlin Murray
- Luke Newsom
- Isabel Paris
- Nan Perry
- Amanda Peterson
- Hayley Rafkin
- Gray Robinson
- Cannon Robinson
- Kristen Rosenbower
- Chris Scerbo
- Allen Schiffman
- Alec Smir
- Betty Tu
- Laura Tutterow
- Kelsey Weissburg
- Maris Whitley
- Michael Williams
- Claire Williams
- Yanchu Zhou
- Crystal Zhou

**10th grade**
- Jeremy Akin
- James Bennett
- Dillon Bowman
- Mercer Brady
- Austin Brantley
- Jesse Burris
- Jizelle Campbell
- Rakene Chowdhury
- David Chung
- Grayson Clark
- Jack Cote
- Kenneth Deterding
- Qianxu Ding
- Kayla Gaskin
- Anna Gilbert
- Katie Glaser
- Will Gramig
- Sally Hayes
- Nelson Huang
- Michael Jacobson
- Caroline Jessup
- Karson Jin
- John Drake Karcher
- Sarah Lowe
- Connor McGinley
- Steven Melson
- Aylin Memili
- Alley Milam
- James Milner
- Ben Palmer
- Grant Rohlfing
- Shreya Shah
- Anisha Sharma
- Grace Sherrill
- Genna Singer
- Mac Stark
- Abby Stern
- Evan Tanner
- Jessica Thomas
- Max Villing
- Clara Walton
- Ryne Wang
- Grace Wilson
- Jiawen Zhang

**11th grade**
- Alyssa Altheimer
- Addy Anderson
- Caroline Attayek
- Kassi Browning
- Madi Caviness
- Delaney Daldorf
- Connor Dean
- Katerina Forbis
- Annalise Graves
- Sabrina Greer
- Aerin Hickey
- Libby Knowles
- Annabelle Kramme
- Alex Kroeger
- Tom Kubitz
- Mariana Lawrence
- Marion Macphail
- Marquette McIntyre
- Laura Nam
- Harrison North
- Rachel Pfenning
- Caroline Pinkelton
- Jonas Procton
- Jessica Pusch
- Kayla Reardon
- Olivia Register
- Zoe Rosen
- Isabel Seifert
- Julia Solomon
- Paul Sprick
- Tyler Steen
- Allie Tice
- John Trentini
- Tannie Wang
- Shang Wang
- Emma Weissburg
- Daye Williams
- Katie Wyatt
- Yibo Zheng

**12th grade**
- William Armstrong
- Miranda Bachicha
- Karson Bankhead
- Lauren Beane
- Emily Bohrer
- Christopher Caffrey
- Kevin Carty
- Connor Cooke
- Natalie Curry
- Gina Dick
- Elizabeth Dougherty
- Quentin Doult
- Matthew Gasiorek
- Mary Glaser
- Elizabeth Haenel
- Rachel Hayes
- Patricia Hazlett
- Amina Khan
- Jamie Kleckowski
- Jordan Klinger
- Haley Klinger
- Olivia Knox
- Sarah Lindsay Liebkemann
- Marshall Macheledt
- Josh Markwell
- Laura McGee
- Kit McGinley
- Brandi McLean
- James Murray
- Katie Ognovich
- Emily Perkins
- Walker Roe
- Eric Rosenbower
- Mary Kathryn Sapp
- Janse Schermerhorn
- Alexa Schleien
- Caroline Schlosser
- Zaz Schner
- Rachel Schomp
- Shivani Shah
- Caroline Sherwood
- Katherine Sipes
- Lauren Smir
- Reid Smith
- Caroline Spurr
- Megan Stonecipher
- Tyler Sudbrink
- Zax Tate
- Christian Taylor
- Grayson Thompson
- Pearce Veaey
- Catherine Wright

2013-14 Semester 2
Students who maintain an average of 90 with no grade below 70.
7th grade
Matthew Akin
Peter Brown
Cooper Crosby
Logan Forsib
Justice Gardner
Nicholas Grapay
David Kim
Sawyer Kolls
Moritz Kramme
Maddy Murdock
Patrick Murray
Summer Needham
Leah Shea Peraldo
Thomas Powell
Taylor Robertson
Catherine Vaughan
Claire Walthall

8th grade
Lexi Allen
Alyssa Bigelman
Ann Wilson Brown
Justin Cash
David Cox
Sierra Delk
Connor Duggan
Luke Hayes
Andrew Hilgendorf
Thomas Jones
Hannah Kohler
John Le Houillier
Adam Lovelace
Roxanne Pfennig
Clarke Phillips
Thomas Poteat
Sarah Price
Lekha Ramachandran
James Roman
Grace Ruffin
Ryan Spencer
Morgan Winstead

9th grade
Jaime Aronson
Adrian Bachicha
Riley Becker
Kate Calhoun
Spenser Clapp
Allie DuBois
Christopher Fenger
Shelby Finch
Whitney Forsib
Will Groce
Connor Haggarty
Madeline Jones
Joseph Kim
Henry Knox
Ally Majestic
Apoorva Mangipudi
Nyia McCree
Brooklynn Needham
Caleb Nitka
Zach Shue
Luke Steen
Ethan Wagener

10th grade
Brian Apple
Jacob Dubs
Matthew Hudson
Walker Miller
Sahil Patel
Nick Peterson
Corey Simonds
Aj Spruill
Kody Stonecipher
Alec Whyte

11th grade
Hunter Allen
Alexander Balabanov
Ana Bolson
Lily Brown
Paul Coady
Hunter Coleman
Lucy Dunham
Alex Fenger
Shepard Griswold
Christianna Hairston
Jonathan Hirsch
Scott Hollowell
Jesse Joyner
Sarah Kahn
Sam Kolls
Antonina Lawrence
Kaitlyn Lingard
Alyssa Mack
Trevor Mayo
Brittany McGroarty
Mary Kathryn Midgett
Henson Milam
Carter North
Alex Paris
Tom Perry
Carleigh Roach
Scott Taylor
Tamera Thorpe
Mariah Warren
Madison Watson
Katie Watson
Rachael Wilson

12th grade
Lexy Ackerman
Tyler Aluisio
Renee Anderson
Claire Burns
Kullen Clark
Jackson Clark
Noah Corbett
Marilyn Dick
Ross Gaines
AJ Haggarty
Haley Harrill
Clay Hawkins
Myra Henderson
John Hudgins
Ashley Kesselring
Alex Kunar
Matt Lowe
Matthew McIvor
Nick Nelson
Carole Roman
Bryan Rouse
Layton Schiffman
Tess Stark
David Stern
Kelsey Supple
Clayton Swords
Angelica Warren
Max Weingold
Looking back at my time spent in the Upper School, it can all seem like a blur. Awkward dances, APUSH readings, sports practices, scrambled tests, late nights...if I met my freshman self today, there would definitely be a few minutes of staring; trying to decipher the effects four years of high school had on me.

Now, these changes didn't happen so easily, but the word regret never crossed my mind. I am okay with who I am — in fact I'm a little proud. And each bump along the road helped shape that person I am today.

But there are a few things I wished I had realized sooner that would have made life that much easier. This is by no means a comprehensive list, but it does carry some weight nonetheless.

First and foremost: grades are important, yes, but they do not define who you are. The classes you take don't; the numbers on your transcript don't; your SAT and ACT scores don't. The college you end up at doesn't. Education is a never ending pursuit; it is essential to finding both a passion and a purpose in life. But it cannot be summed up by letters at the end of each semester. Get outside of the classroom. Volunteer. Travel. See things none of your friends have seen and work on a truly comprehensive education.

With this being said, take advantage of the academic opportunities you have. Greensboro Day School is a unique environment where each and every teacher wants to see you succeed. Enjoy this academic environment. Thrive in it. Classroom education should not become your founding characteristic, but it is a fundamental building block for your future. Speaking of the future.... Start the college search early! Visit as many colleges as you can. Each college offers a distinct environment with its own mix of academics, social endeavors and sports teams. Don't be afraid to talk to current students. Google is a very important resource when it comes to the college search, but current students can give you a realistic, first-hand account of student life at the university.

You are what you eat, but you may also be who you hang out with. This is by no means encouraging exclusive behavior or selective social circles. Get out there and make some friends! But when it comes to whom you spend your weekends with, use a little caution. Find people with common interests and who are accepting of your nuances and idiosyncrasies rather than those looking for people to roll up to a party with.

One of the hardest things I had to learn was how to say ‘no.’ I promise it’s okay to stop playing tennis - even though you have done it since you were little; even though your parents want you to continue playing; even though you think it will look good to colleges. Maybe that person you see in the mirror everyday may not be a part of your future? And that’s okay! It’s okay to want to try something new for a change. In turn, you may discover someone else in the mirror you like a little more.

And finally, find yourself. High school is a time to get involved in as many extracurriculars as you can. Discover what you like, what you don't like, and what gets you excited. It's dangerous to make decisions impacting your future without a true sense of self. In that case, the external force pushing you the hardest may win. So take a personality test. Learn to embrace your quirks. Surround yourself with an environment that nurtures your interests and individuality.

High school is an exciting, wondrous place. Students undoubtedly come out more mature and ready for the next step in life. Take advantage of these tips and make the high school experience what you want it to be!
### HIGHEST ACADEMIC AVERAGE

**9TH GRADE**
- John Ball

**10TH GRADE**
- Grace Sherrill

**11TH GRADE**
- Alyssa Altheimer

### CITIZENSHIP

**9TH GRADE**
- Ace Ellsweig and Nan Perry

**10TH GRADE**
- Jack Cote and Katie Glaser

**11TH GRADE**
- Trevor Mayo and Rachel Pfenning

### 9TH GRADE

**ENGLISH**
- Whitney Forbis

**MATH**
- Crystal Zhou

**SCIENCE**
- John Ball

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**
- Scott William Patterson ’08 Award
  - John Ball, Kelsey Weissburg

**FRENCH**
- All Majestic

**LATIN**
- Lindsay Cooke

**SPANISH**
- Emily Beane

### 10TH GRADE

**ENGLISH**
- Abby Stern

**MATH**
- Grace Sherrill

**SCIENCE**
- Shreya Shah

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**
- Mercer Brady

**FRENCH**
- Abby Stern

**LATIN**
- Grant Rohlfing

**SPANISH**
- Katie Glaser

### 11TH GRADE

**ENGLISH**
- Alex Kroeger

**MATH**
- Tannie Wang

**SCIENCE**
- Alyssa Altheimer

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**
- Ted Sturm Award
  - Jonas Procton

**LATIN**
- Lucy Dunham

**SPANISH**
- Alyssa Altheimer

**STUDIO ART**
- Katie Glaser

**MUSIC**
- Vocal: Jessica Thomas
  - Instrumental: Anna Gilbert

To view a complete listing of individual recognition in specific courses, visit www.greensboroday.org/news.
Dear Greensboro Day School Families,

One of my first responsibilities as President of the Parents’ Association was to speak at orientation for the new families in the spring of 2013. The focus of my message was that GDS is a community that works together to enrich the education and experience of our children. I encouraged all parents to become involved and to make connections which would provide support, encouragement and friendship during their children’s years at GDS. I believe those three words sum up the overall mission of the Parents’ Association.

Our incredible volunteers supported our faculty through countless classroom hours of hanging art, planning parties, chaperoning field trips, and shelving books in the library. The Hospitality Committee organized monthly lunches and two wonderful teacher appreciation events. We supported our parents through our back-to-school supply sale, GDS PA Cares and the Advisory Committees, which met monthly with divisional directors to discuss topics of interest and concern. We supported our students through student council funding, volunteer opportunities, and enrichment programs, such as writer’s-in-residence and special campus speakers. We also funded the Philanthropy Council with the proceeds from the Green and Gold Carnival and Bengal Dash.

For 44 years, Greensboro Day School parents have played an integral part in supporting and strengthening our community, and this year was no exception. Our dedicated volunteers shared their tremendous talents and precious time planning events which promoted these relationships through social events such as the parent evenings at The Tasting Room and our Bengal Network classes. The spring fundraiser, A Night at the Drive In, was a great success and in keeping with our goal of making our events community building, the committee succeeded in keeping the ticket prices reasonable. Since our children are what bring us to GDS, the PA sponsored several family-oriented events such as Carnival, Bengal Dash and our annual day of community service, Bengal Paws for Service.

I am very pleased with all we have accomplished this year, none of which would have been possible without the support and guidance from the President’s Council. I would like to thank all of the parents who give so tirelessly of their time and talent, and I am grateful for the friendships I have made this year.

Cindy Knowles
Parents’ Association President, 2013-14
Special Projects, led by Diane McDowell, is a year-long initiative. This year, we raised a record $5,267 with a well-organized campaign for Box Tops (10,235 total collected), the Harris Teeter VIC program (222 participants), and Target red cards. In August, don’t forget to re-link your Harris Teeter VIC card to Greensboro Day School.

We once again offered Innisbrook wrapping papers and gifts as a fundraiser in September, chaired by Jean Kohler and Julie Wagoner. Their enthusiastic support helped sales top $19,000. The money raised goes directly to supporting the programs which are important to the mission of the PA and we feel good offering a high quality product from a local Greensboro company who uses recycled materials and vegetable dyes.

It was a beautiful day for our Green & Gold Carnival in early October. Co-chaired by Nyla Khan and Kevin Pusch, this event was supported by over 140 volunteers on the day of the event, and countless volunteer hours in up-front preparation. Over 700 people had great fun playing games, riding the rides, and dunking their favorite teachers and staff. Many thanks also to the parents who contributed wonderful baked goods to the bake sale and supported the book sale. We work very hard to provide a fun environment for a variety of ages, and our thanks go to the US student clubs who provided volunteers to ensure the enjoyment of all. Any proceeds from this “fun-raiser” are split with these clubs, and the balance goes to support service-learning initiatives such as the Philanthropy Council.

The weather this year impacted numerous meetings and it seemed to be cold forever, but by April it was beautiful for two of our major events, Bengal Dash and the spring fundraiser, A Night at the Drive-In.

Bengal Dash was sunny and a little breezy, which made it perfect for over 310 runners for the 5K and 156 runners for the one-mile run. Chaired by Lana Greenberg and Rebecca Coltrane, the event was flawless and is a wonderful showcase of GDS to the greater Greensboro community. For the second year, Bengal Dash was part of the Greensboro Race Series, which attracts runners from all over the area. We had runners from the littlest Bengals to an 86-year-old 5K participant. Once again, due to the generous support of our sponsors we kept the entry fee low compared to similar races. While Bengal Dash is not a fundraiser, any profits go directly to supporting service learning initiatives through the Philanthropy Council, an organization run by the students to fund grant applications for service learning projects in all three divisions.

Elvis arrived, poodle skirts were donned, and 50’s hairdos recreated for our fundraiser, A Night at the Drive In. The vision of co-chairs, Kim Browning and Liza Lee, the Pavilion at the Coliseum was repurposed as a Drive-In theater complete with classic hot rod cars, old film clips, a hair salon staffed by former GDS parents from Indigo Salon, and retro food and entertainment by Elvis. Special thanks to emcees, Jim Rucker and Bert Davis, and to the many parents, faculty and staff, who donated items for the live and silent auctions. Over $36,000 was raised to support PA programs such as the Teacher Enrichment Endowment Fund.

One of the highlights of spring is the awarding of the Teacher Enrichment Endowment Grants (TEEF). Since 1982 the Parents’ Association has awarded over $280,000 to our teachers to pursue enrichment in the summer. The applications vary from traditional continuing education classes and conferences to supporting
adventures that energize our teachers and enrich the curriculum for all of our students. This year, we awarded $14,235 to 13 Teachers. You can read about all of the grants in the news section of this edition of GDS Magazine.

CAMPUS LIFE

The Parent's Association begins planning for the new school year the prior April with our Back-to-School Supply sale, this year chaired by Kelly Stanley. In all, 249 packs of school supplies were delivered to LS and MS classrooms before the students arrived on the first day of school. The PA organizes this sale as a convenience to our parents, and while it is not a fundraiser, it does require many volunteer hours of coordination to organize the supplies and ensure delivery to the correct classroom. Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, this service will be an offering of the new Bengal Bookstore and will continue to provide an invaluable service to our parents.

Our LS Grade Parent Chairs, Katie Hanbury and Sandra Schulte, helped the teachers get off

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ALLOCATIONS

Each year, the Parents' Association works with school administration to determine the best use for the funds raised by the PA in the previous year. Last year, our community raised over $87,000 which was allocated for the following:

- Remote Controlled Sunshades for the Theatre Lobby
- Faculty Lounge Improvement for the LS and US
- Security Camera and Buzzer System for the US
- Canopy Cover for a New Kiln in the Ceramics Studio
- LS Design Thinking Space
- Post Prom subsidy
- 10% of the Spring Fundraiser proceeds to TEEF
- $11,156 to the Philanthropy Council/Service Learning

A NIGHT AT THE DRIVE IN

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to a fast start by ensuring 38 grade parents were in place to organize the classroom volunteers. The past few years we have used Sign-Up Genius as an efficient, electronic tool to fairly manage the various opportunities and teacher needs within the classroom. Our parent (and grandparent) volunteers help chaperone field trips, organize class parties, and assist specialists and classroom teachers while connecting with old friends and making new ones. Volunteering in the classroom is a wonderful way to make a real impact and enrich all of our children’s experiences.

Our Hospitality Committee works from summer through the last of the graduation receptions planning social events which support our parents, students and teachers. Over 180 parents attended three socials held this year at The Tasting Room. These events help parents connect with old friends and make new ones. The Hospitality Committee members also planned special meals and treats for faculty each month. A special teacher appreciation event was held in February with an Olympic theme, featuring competitive WII games, s’mores and lots of great food. A second event during the last week of school had a Mexican theme and was a wonderful way for our parents to say a final “thank you” to our faculty and staff for their devotion to our children. Many thanks to our committee members Sallie Bett Theall, Kara Penfield, Ruth Watakila-Jackson, Tracey Fisher, Jenny Sar, Terri Rafkin, Susie Fenger, Betsy Clark, and Claire Sullivan for their hard work!

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT

Bengal Paws for Service, our campus-wide day of community service held November 16, continues to be a wonderful day for families to work together to give back to the community. Over 270 volunteers worked on 15 service projects, led by Miriam Forbis, Isabelle Kramme, Holly Jones and Brook Wingate. Families worked on campus making blankets for Mary’s House, Pathways and the Animal Shelter, 100 sandwiches were assemble for a local shelter, and the LS garden was prepared for the next season’s plantings.

Off campus, we helped at Habitat of Humanity, cleaned kennels at the Greyhound Rescue, and created new trails at Horse Power, to name just at few. Everyone met back at GDS for lunch, pictures and stories.

The fall also brought new classes for the second year of Bengal Network, our parent-to-parent education initiative, and was once again chaired by past parent, Adeline Talbot. Cooking classes were offered focusing on healthy lunches and other tasty treats. A rain free tennis social was enjoyed and US Director Susan Feibelman offered a second knitting class, due to popular demand. No classes were offered the second half of the year, but plans are in the works for a full array of classes next year. Let us know if there are any suggestions for classes. They can be a one-time offering or a multi-week commitment.

GDS strongly values and is strengthened by open, two-way communication link between parents and administrators. One of the quieter PA Committees is also one of the most important. GDS PA Cares, chaired by Erica Procton, supported our families and employees in times of celebration and at times of hardship. We reached out in each situation and tailored the level of support to the wishes of the family. We let them know they were thought of and cared for through the delivery of cards, plants and hot meals, arranged carpools, delivered balloons and much more. Those who assisted in this support truly strengthened our community.

As parents, we all face time constraints and competing priorities, but our children learn from our example that taking time to give back to our school and our community is so important. Thank you all for your support and participation in the many things the PA does which add so much to this school community and to our children’s experiences.
GDS ALUMNI
ALUMNI CALENDAR 2014-2015 Events

August 7 Wilmington, N.C. Alumni Social: 5:30-7:00 p.m., Dockside Restaurant
August 17 Bell Family Middle School Ribbon Cutting & Open House
August 19 GDS Alumni at the Durham Bulls
Tickets available at www.greensboroday.org/durhambulls

September 10 1st Alumni Board Meeting: 6:00-8:00 p.m., GDS Board Room
September 14 Bengal Legacy Sundae: 4-5:30 p.m. (Homes of Craig ’98 and Beau ’97
Mcintosh & Jon and Katherine Wood ’93: 309 & 311 Kimberly Dr.)

Fall or Early Spring Charlotte-Area Social

October 18 Green & Gold Day Carnival, 12:00–6:00 p.m.
October 23 NYC Alumni Social

November 25 Varsity Basketball Games (Reception in celebration of Coach Johnson’s 900th win)
November 26 Alumni Party, Speakeasy Tavern
November 28 Alumni Basketball Open Gym, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
November 28 2009 5-Year Reunion, Speakeasy Tavern, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

December 26, 27, 29 TIMCO ‘Little 4’ Invitational Basketball Tournament

January 14 2nd Board Meeting, 6:00-8:00 p.m., GDS Board Room
January 23 Homecoming

February 18 Alumni Giving Day, 6:00–8:30 p.m.

March Class Giving Competition

April 8 3rd Alumni Board Meeting: 6:00-8:00 p.m., GDS Board Room
April 24-25 Alumni Reunion Weekend

May Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill Social
May 7 Washington, D.C. Social

June 1 Senior/Alumni Luncheon, 1:00 p.m., Proximity Hotel
June 5 Commencement, 9:00 a.m., Dillard Gymnasium

Dates and locations subject to change. Please visit www.greensboroday.org/alumni for updates on venues and additional information.

2015 ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND
Saturday, April 25, 2015
All-Alumni Cocktail Reception: 5:00 p.m. Sloan Theatre
Reunion Parties for the classes of ’75, ’80, ’85, ’90, ’95, ’00 and ’05:
7:30 p.m. Various Locations
For more information, please visit: www.greensboroday.org/reunion

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Friendship has always been one leg of the GDS motto along with Scholarship and Sportsmanship. As I talked to many of our alumni during Reunion Weekend, I was reminded of just how important the Friendship component is. As we all leave GDS and go on our separate paths, the friendships we have during our time on campus carry with us as we take the giant next step in life.

I remember being told at high school graduation that the next four years would be the best years of my life, and I would make the friends I would keep forever. While those years were absolutely amazing and I met some amazing people whom I do still keep company with, my most cherished friendships and memories are the ones from Greensboro Day School.

As my friends and I sat up late into the wee hours of the morning on the eve of our 10-year class reunion, they pleaded with me to practice my speaking parts for the next day. I told them they would all have to wait and so they took it upon themselves to do their own rendition of what they thought I should say. Though everyone said something different, the one lasting impression of each speech I heard was how grateful we all were that we met each other at GDS and the friendships that had begun at GDS were still intact years later!

During Alumni Reunion Weekend, I enjoyed seeing so many of our alumni return to see their classmates, who they may not have seen in person or spoken to in 10-20 years, but they picked up conversation like it was yesterday. It is amazing to see how powerful friendship remains after our academic time at GDS is done. Even though we aren’t students at GDS anymore, ONCE A BENGAL, ALWAYS A BENGAL!

Michael Sumner ’04

In each issue of the GDS Magazine, we will feature a different city where some of our recent alumni live. While this is not intended to be a complete list, we hope you’ll enjoy catching up with folks in our choice for this issue: Chicago.

Michael P. Kates ’82: Certified Personal Trainer/Lifestyle and Weight management counselor, and Founder/Owner of Corfit Fitness Solutions, LLC. Laura Sturm Lain ’86: UNC-CH (undergrad), MFA in Theatre at Northern Illinois University; Instructor of Acting, Voice and Movement at North Central College, Oakton Community College, and the Acting Tank. Larry Mann ’88: Executive Vice President, rEvolution, a sports media group. Susan Mann Flosi ’92: Tulane University (undergrad), Loyola University (grad); Our State Magazine. Rebecca Hassell O’Donnell ’95: College of Charleston; Currently in the RN, BSN program at St. Francis Medical Center College of Nursing. Morgan Diamond ’03: UNC-Chapel Hill; Professional Development Training Specialist, New Moms, Inc. Ryan Maxwell ’04: Duke ’08, Fuqua School of Business at Duke ’11; Associate, Huron Consulting Group. Lindsey Stuckey ’06: Indiana University – Bloomington; Associate (Leveraged Finance), Madison Capital.

Are you currently living in Chicago, but have fallen out of touch with GDS? Update your information by emailing alumni@greensboroday.org. Our next city will be Richmond, Va. If you’re there or heading that way, catch us up!

Do you want to help strengthen the GDS Alumni Association? Maybe you want to help plan alumni events or recruit alumni volunteers? If this sounds like something you would be interested in, we are now accepting nominations for new Alumni Board Members.

This board is open to all GDS alumni. Please e-mail Michael Sumner ’04 at michaelsumner@greensboroday.org if you are interested. If you know someone who you believe would be an asset to our board, please e-mail their name to us and tell us why you think he/she would be a good addition to our board.

ALUMNI BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.
KARA MEDOFF BARNETT ’96 NAMED 2014 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA

Kara Medoff Barnett ’96 was honored with the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award during Commencement in June. Barnett serves as the managing director of Lincoln Center Global, a consulting practice launched in 2012. The group advises other arts organizations around the world on issues from strategic planning and programming to branding and fundraising. She joined Lincoln Center in 2007 and has held a variety of positions there, including fundraiser and internal consultant.

She is a founding producer and a board member of Ars Nova, a theater production company in New York. She received a 2003 Tony Award for the Best Revival of a Play as a producer of Long Day’s Journey Into Night. She also serves on the Advisory Committee of the American Theatre Wing, the Wing’s National Theatre Company Grants Committee, and the Tony Administration Committee.

After graduating from GDS, she graduated summa cum laude from Duke University and then received her MBA from Harvard Business School in 2007. In April, she was selected as Crain’s Business Magazine 40 under 40 in NYC in 2014. She and her husband, Dov, live with their children, Riley (4) and Audrey (2), in New York City.

KEELEY AND RUCKER RECEIVE ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Chuck Keeley ’81 and Jim Rucker ’82 – alumni, current parents, and former members of the Board of Trustees – were recognized with the Alumni Service Award during Alumni Reunion Weekend. Keeley and his wife, Merrill, and Rucker and his wife, Melinda, were the volunteer leaders of the Generations Capital Campaign to provide funding for the new Middle School, front entrance, tennis courts, and new quadrangle.

Director of Advancement Anne Hurd, who worked closely with the Generations Campaign Cabinet, presented the award to “these leaders who worked tirelessly and enthusiastically on behalf of GDS to raise capital funds during a recession and slow economic recovery, a rainy campaign kickoff event, and other challenges, with optimism and great humor.”

Alumni whose children are members of the Class of 2014: Melinda Powell Morgenstern ’85, Catherine Wright ’14, Jim Murray ’75, James Murray ’14, Virginia Harris Knox ’83, Olivia Knox ’14, Laura Wagg Gasiorak ’82, Matthew Gasiorak ’14, Carole Roman ’14 and Sara Knox Roman ’87.

SENIOR/ALUMNI LUNCHEON

An annual tradition, the Senior/Alumni Luncheon welcomes our graduating seniors into the Alumni Association.

David Henson ’91 served as the keynote speaker during the 2014 Senior/Alumni Luncheon at the O’Henry Hotel. David delivered a powerful message about finding passion in what you do in life.

Over 300 people attended some part of the 2014 Alumni Reunion Weekend. It was another great turnout and truly shows how important GDS has been in the lives of our alumni. We hope everyone will plan to attend next year on April 25, 2015. It truly is the MUST attend event of the year for GDS Alumni!
A great turnout for the 2014 Alumni Reunion Weekend

Members from the Class of ‘04 enjoy the program

Tess Stakias ’04, Jane Andrews Nelson Brantley ’04, Merrill McCarty ’04

Members from the Class of ‘89 listen closely to the program


Bluegrass music, good food and old friends and teachers, what more could you ask for?

Derek Pugh ’03, Taylor Pugh, Carrie Hagan Stewart ’05

Tom White ’00, Kate Long Stevenson ’99, Bettie Parson Barger ’99, Tyson Pugh ’01

Milos Korda ’04, Tyson Pugh ’01, Ryan Parker ’04, Charlie Walker ’04, Jeff Finn ’04, Zach Mullinax ’04
Members of the baseball team from the Class of ’04 threw out a ceremonial first pitch before the varsity baseball game.

Alumni enjoy a BBQ cookout before the varsity baseball game.

A great turnout at the Alumni Soccer Game
25 Years...A Milestone

25 years may have passed, but the memories are fresh in their mind. As many members of the Class of ’89 returned to campus for their 25th class reunion, some for the first time since graduation, they were immediately reminded of their love for GDS! A few were seen on the basketball court, a few on the soccer field...just like it was yesterday. The Class of ’89 had one of the most successful athletic years in the school's history winning four state championships (the only other class to reach this feat was the Class of ’00). We would like to take this opportunity to remember, recognize and honor the Class of ’89 for their accomplishments on and off the field, 25 years after they left their mark at GDS!

‘88 Boys Soccer Team

- Record: 18-2-3
- 1988 NCISAA State Champions
(back row): Danny Wright, William Holt, Paul Davis, William Presson, Chad Oakley, Scott Windham, Jon Bell, Scott Manchester, Christoff Heindenhein, Coach Kim Burroughs.

‘89 Boys Basketball Team

- 1988 GDS Holiday Tournament Champions
- 1989 PACIS Regular Season Champions
- 1989 NCISAA State Champions
- 2nd Place in the Showdown in Hagerstown

‘89 Boys Golf Team

- Record: 40-4
- 1989 PACIS Regular Season Champions
- 1989 NCISAA District III Champions
- 1989 NCISAA State Champions
Coach Rob Goodman, Wes Owen, Sean Gioffre, Buddy Milks, Chad Oakley, Mark Pohlman, Jack May, Bart Whicker, Coach Newton Cowan.

‘89 Boys Tennis Team

- 1989 PACIS Regular Season Champions
- 1989 PACIS Tournament Champions
- 1989 NCISAA State Champions
Jackie Bollini, John Olin, Jon Bell, Robert Lesley, John Moody, Kristen Lancaster, John Ferguson, Tyler Owen, Dan McNairy, Wells Brabham, Mark Dransfield, Michael Sullivan, Craig Glasheen, Jamie Pickard.
1976
Wayne Robinson received Virginia Tech’s 2014 Alumni Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his contributions to the university. Wayne arrived at Virginia Tech in 1976. He played on the basketball team and earned his bachelor’s in finance in 1980 from the Pamplin College of Business. His record of service to the Virginia Tech community includes membership on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and chairing both the Multicultural Alumni Advisory Board and the Virginia Tech Foundation Board. He established a scholarship to support the academic endeavors of underrepresented, non-athletic students, which is now part of the Virginia Tech Presidential Scholarship Initiative. He is currently the chief diversity practice leader with Wyndham Mills International, and the senior pastor of the New Millennium Christian Center in Greensboro.

1979
Dr. Cynthia Green appeared on the Dr. Oz Show in April. She discussed three new studies on Alzheimer’s disease and what people can do to potentially lower their risk.

1989

1990
Noni Thomas is the Assistant Head of School at Ethical Culture Fieldston School in New York City.

1991
David Henson was the keynote speaker at the GDS Senior/Alumni Luncheon on June 2.

1992

1994
Anne Haldeman Blackmon was named Teacher of the Year at Darden Middle School in Wilson, N.C. where she teaches 6th grade. She now in the running for the Wilson County Schools (NC) Teacher of the Year Award.

1995
Rashaun Graves received the prestigious President’s Club Award with his company, Teva Pharmaceuticals. The President’s Club is recognized within the Pharmaceutical Industry as an elite honor awarded only to the top sales professionals. In 2013, Rashaun ranked #3 out of 255 Sales Professionals within his division.

1996
Ashley Finn Volpenhein and Jeff Volpenhein. Daughter: Elise Virginia Volpenhein, March 24. She joins older brother, James. They reside in Charlotte.

1997
Edo Mlatac and Angela Strong were married on May 23, 2014 at Bella Collina Mansion in Stokesdale, N.C. The wedding party included Carson Collins ’24 and Karys Collins ’26. They live in Stokesdale.

Grier Booker Richards became the Executive Director and Chaplain for UKirk Ministries of Greensboro, a ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA) which serves and supports college students and young adults in the Greensboro area. This past year Grier was twice selected to write for the online daily devotional website, D365.org with a viewership of over 1.5 million, and was published in the book PAUSE, a collection of 52 weeks of devotions produced by Passport, Inc. and jointly sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA), Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and The Episcopal Church. In May, one of her articles about youth, the church and popular culture was featured in the nationally syndicated magazine, Presbyterians Today.
After a 25-year career in aviation, Todd Ford ’80, completely left that for the brewing industry. The Charlotte-based NoDa Brewing Company opened in October 2011 after Ford and his wife Suzie, who was in banking, agreed to try something new.

“We just decided it was time for a change,” Ford said. “We weren’t particularly happy with the path our companies were going down, we’d worked very hard for them.”

Home brewing had been a hobby of Ford’s since 1994. He and Suzie regularly invited friends over for tastings of his creations.

North Carolina is home to at least 84 craft breweries, making it that much more important for NoDa Brewing to distinguish itself from the rest.

“There are a lot of formidable breweries here,” Ford said. “We knew for us to be successful, we had to offer something different. We had to have something that was tangible for us that wasn’t being offered by somebody else.”

When NoDa Brewing opened, there were only two other production breweries in the area. However, one only focused on German-style beers, and the other was located a little further out of town.

“We knew it was a wide-open range for us,” Ford said. “We were confident in the recipes we were planning, knew they would be popular. We were members of the Charlotte Home Brewing Club, so we knew from talking to friends that they were very interested in having a brewery opening up that wasn’t making German-style beers — looking for something a little bit different, and that is what we provided.”

In late 2010, they put together a business plan and executed it during the first and second quarters of 2011. Nestled in the North Davidson (“NoDa”) district, the arts and entertainment neighborhood, NoDa Brewing fit in as soon as it opened its doors.

“The area where we are right now is the area where the mills were in the 1990s — lots of old buildings here,” Ford said.

NoDa Brewing’s property was originally built in 1946. Ford noted the interesting character to it and very little has been done to it since it was constructed. Nowadays, NoDa’s location is considered an up-and-coming area of town with many art galleries, music venues and fun restaurants.

Ford’s past job as an airline pilot for a freight company allowed him to travel, especially to the West Coast. He toured many breweries and tried different beer styles, and he believes that region of the country is two, maybe
three, years ahead of North Carolina in brewing.

“We’re noticing the very popular styles in Oregon and California, even Colorado and Washington, are the ones pushing the style boundaries,” Ford said. “Whether really hoppy ales or using really unique ingredients, those are the ones really piquing the interest of the brewers and drinkers.”

NoDa Brewing’s IPA, “Hop, Drop ’n Roll” is one of the company’s best sellers. It and four other brews are year-round offerings, with three or four seasonal brews rotated throughout the year. That adds up to over 15 beers, but only five or six are available at a time.

Brewing requires many chemistry skills, which was a major interest of Ford’s beginning in high school, then onto college at Washington & Lee University.

“When I was at GDS, I thought I was going into medical sciences… my core focus was on biology and chemistry,” Ford said. “Then once in college, I majored in chemistry but discovered flying, so I dedicated the next 25 years to that. When I got into brewing, it gave me an opportunity to dust off the chemistry book and look back at that.”

Ford, who transferred to GDS in 7th grade, recalls the flexibility to do independent studies and the parental support that was given to the faculty and staff which allowed for the best learning opportunities available.

“Even though we were small, we had a lot of the resources you’d typically only find in a much bigger school,” Ford said.

Reminiscing on his complete career change, Ford emphasized the flexibility in the working world today. “We’re no longer in the age where you come out of college and get a job and retire from that job 40 years later. That gives us an incredible amount of flexibility, we can chase a tremendous amount of dreams,” Ford said.

He frequently reminds his kids of this. Whatever job you land when you graduate from college most likely won’t be what you do for the rest of your life.

“Even if you’re very young and you think you know what you want to do the rest of your life, the really exciting thing is you can do so many different things,” Ford said. “I was a pilot for 25 years and dropped it and did something completely different.”

Ford welcomes GDS alumni to visit the brewery. NoDa Brewing has a Tap Room open for tasting current brews, and free brewery tours are offered Monday through Saturday. For more information, check out www.nodabrewing.com.
2002


2003

Emily Moore and Bryan Tyler were married on April 12, 2014 in Greensboro. Carrie Moore Guthrie ’05 served as the Maid of Honor. The couple lives in Raleigh.

Francis ‘Franco’ Donohue ‘02 founded FIREWALKER Hot Sauce Company in Asheville, N.C. FIREWALKER Hot Sauce, combines the pure taste of citrus and garlic with a lucid habanero kick, and is crafted from the freshest all-natural ingredients to enhance every bite. He made the first batch in a small apartment kitchen in Asheville and he is still committed to handmade small batch production with locally grown produce to brighten and intensify food. Find out more at www.firewalkerhotsauce.com You can find FIREWALKER Hot Sauce in over 40 grocery stores and restaurants in Western North Carolina.

2005

Katelyn King and Stephen Taylor ’05 were married on July 13, 2013 in Athens. The wedding party included Greg Carrick ’05, Sarah Cunningham ’05, Worth Holleman ’04, Chris Irvin ’05, Julianna King ’08, Graham McNeil ’04, Molly Moore ’05, Barton Parker ’06, Matt Taylor ’98, Phillip Taylor ’00, Claire Thomas ’05, and Jon Worth ’04. The live in Nashville, Tenn.

Celia Glass graduated from Duke University School of Law with her Juris Doctor degree. She will begin a clerkship with the Honorable Anthony J. Scirica of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia in August.

Whitney Fore graduated with honors from George Washington School of Law with her Juris Doctor degree. She works at Carlton, Fields, Jorden, Burt in Washington, D.C.
2006
Caitlin Smith and Jacob Nikolayevsky were married on June 29, 2013 at Starmount Forest Country Club. The couple resides in Franklin, Tenn.

2009
SAVE THE DATE: 5 year reunion:
Friday, November 28. 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Speakeasy Tavern

2010
Elijah Cone has been awarded the Frank Capra Prize for Comedy for his senior thesis film, The Asswhoopin’, at Wesleyan University. The prize goes to the film that best exemplifies the famed director Capra’s “skill in telling a human story that contains both humor and pathos.” His film also won honors from the Department of Film Studies.

Emily Siar was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa chapter at UNC-Chapel Hill. Phi Beta Kappa is the nation’s oldest and most honored college honor society.

2011
Ashley Woods is working as a Summer Analyst in Marketing and Product Development at the JP Morgan Chase Bank headquarters in NYC, NY.

Liz Obermeyer will be working with the North Carolina Department of Administration this summer as a Policy and Legislative Affairs Intern.

Parker Stewart is traveling the western United States doing documentary work for the Western Environmental Law Center. He is making documentary photographs and videos of current environmental issues happening in the United States. Parker is a junior majoring in photography at Savannah College of Art and Design.

Lucy Smith was accepted to the Teach for America Program and will teach in Charlotte.

2012
Tenesha Connors was accepted to complete an REU summer research project at NYU for 10 weeks. The Center for Neural Science hosts a summer research experience program for undergraduates with an interest in neuroscience. This program is designed to foster entry into a neuroscience research-centered career. They only accept ten students for the program.

2013
Montrel Goldston received the Player of the Year award at Northwest Georgia Tip-Off Club’s End-of-Year Banquet for his role on the basketball team at Georgia Highlands College.

Ronata Rogers is a member of the Winthrop University women’s basketball team. They won the Big South Tournament Championship, and, for the first time in school history, they participated in the NCAA tournament.

Marco Sunol was named to the U20 Costa Rica National Soccer Team roster.

ClassNotes

Tell us about your new job, marriage, or new baby by email:
alumni@greensboroday.org

Please include specifics like:
- new job title
- who you married and when
- your new address
- new baby’s name and date of birth

And, don’t forget to include your name, address, class year and picture!
Sisters Jacquelyn Stafford Buckner '00 and Elizabeth Stafford White '97 Launch Successful Jewelry Line

By Cristi Phillips Driver ’86

Sisters and GDS alumnae, Jacquelyn Stafford Buckner ’00 and Elizabeth Stafford White ’97, never planned to go into the jewelry business.

After GDS, Jacquelyn graduated from the College of Charleston with a degree in early elementary education, and Elizabeth earned a degree in graphic design from UNC-Chapel Hill. Both lived in Atlanta where Jacquelyn attended Paul Mitchell – The School and became a hair stylist, while Elizabeth worked in graphic design and product development. In 2006, both sisters returned to North Carolina, settling in Charlotte. Both had since married and taken some time off work to raise their children.

So it was quite by accident that a few years later, the sisters found themselves launching a successful line of jewelry called Twine & Twig.

“Our jewelry line was really a happy accident. A lot of things happened that led up to us starting Twine & Twig without us even realizing it at the time,” Jacquelyn said. “Sometimes the best things start when you don’t actually sit down and try to plan it.”

The early roots of Twine & Twig began many years ago, when Jacquelyn and Elizabeth would collect African beads from flea markets. Inspired by a stylish aunt, the sisters made their own necklaces and between the two of them, had accumulated more than 300 beads.

Then last year, the unthinkable happened – Jacquelyn’s two-year-old daughter, Banks, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Jacquelyn and her husband, Jonathan, went through several weeks of fearing the worst — fortunately, tests revealed the tumor was benign, but surgery was still necessary to remove the growth. In February 2013, Banks underwent a craniotomy at Duke Medical Center and is now doing fine.

Throughout this whole ordeal, Elizabeth was by her sister’s side for every doctor’s appointment, medical test and the six-hour surgery. On their trips back and forth to Duke, Elizabeth began talking about going back to work and both talked about making jewelry, more as a distraction than anything else. Later, as a thank you to her sister, Jacquelyn took Elizabeth to a jeweler to have a necklace made from some of the beads they’d collected. But the jeweler could only string the beads on a standard metal necklace and Elizabeth really wanted something more natural and organic. So she went home and used twine, but it was not very comfortable. Jacquelyn had the idea to use suede to string the beads so the necklace wouldn’t hurt. Both sisters began wearing strands of the necklaces and received many compliments — and everyone wanted to know where to get them. Soon, Twine & Twig was born.

The jewelry line reflects both designers’ love for natural, organic beauty as well as their southern roots and world travels. Every piece is one of a kind, hand-crafted and designed by the two sisters. Each necklace is hand-tied with their signature suede strap, and features unique and naturally sourced eco-friendly materials from regions throughout the world.

Social media has played a huge role in their success. Every day for two months, the sisters posted a photo of a necklace on Instagram, and their followers and orders just kept growing. In October 2013, they held a Twine & Twig launch party in Charlotte with 200 guests.

“Elizabeth and I work well together. We really complement each other,” Jacquelyn said. “Elizabeth handles a lot of the business side of things and I handle web promotions, photography and social media. We both are creative and spend lots of time making necklaces.” Jacquelyn still works as a stylist a few days a week, and both sisters are balancing their new venture with raising young children.

“Neither one of us have a background in
jewelry making, so we can really credit GDS with exposing us to art early on and always fostering our creativity,” Jacquelyn added.

Both sisters work out of their home offices in Charlotte. Jacquelyn and Jonathan have an 11-month-old son, Stafford, in addition to now three-year-old Banks. Elizabeth and her husband, Ian, have six-year-old twin daughters, Tyler and Harper, and a four-year-old son, Court.

A love of the rustic outdoors, combined with a great appreciation for the casual calm offered by the North Carolina coast, inspired sisters Elizabeth Stafford White and Jacquelyn Stafford Buckner, to begin designing jewelry. From there, the sisters collaborated on the launch of Twine & Twig in late 2013, creating a line of jewelry that reflects both designers’ love for natural, organic beauty, as well as their southern roots and extensive worldly travels.

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Twine & Twig, designed with a neutral color palette in mind, offers several collections including TRAIL, SHORE and little TWIG. Collections are carried in boutiques across the United States.

To learn more about Twine & Twig jewelry, visit www.twineandtwigstyle.com

MEMORIALS

Adelaide Holderness, December 14, 2013. She was the grandmother of Anne Holderness ’91, Fletcher Hassenfelt ’93, Alexandra Hassenfelt ’95, Craig Hassenfelt McIntosh ’98, Julie Holderness ’99, Louisa Hassenfelt ’01, Molly Hassenfelt ’03 and Anderson Holderness ’07. She was the great-grandmother of Adelaide McIntosh ’26, Sandra Davis ’17, Julia Davis ’19, Eli Davis ’27, Frances Davis ’27, Ben Wilcox ’19, Henry Wilcox ’22 and Ellie Wilcox ’22.

Jacqueline Jackson, February 20, 2014. She was the grandmother of Katherine Obermeyer ’07 and Elizabeth Obermeyer ’11.

Connie Overstreet Davis, February 20, 2014. She was the mother-in-law of US faculty member, Kathy Davis, and the grandmother of Mary Katherine Davis Durham ’99 and Hilary Davis ’03.

William Morrisette, March 4, 2014. He was the father of Bill Morrisette ’75 and David Morrisette ’78. He was the grandfather of Taylor Stockdale ’00, Morgan Morrisette ’09, and John Morrisette ’13.

Eva “Mimi” Tillman Blue, March 5, 2014. She was the grandmother of Bryan Jones ’94 and Lauren Jones Martin ’96.

Betty Mooney, March 22, 2014. She was the grandmother of Jason Pavoris ’04.

Christopher Singer, March 22, 2014. He was the brother of Genna Singer ’16.

Elizabeth Clay Smith, March 23, 2014. She was the mother of Kathryn Smith ’13.

Tim Schwarz, March 31, 2014. He was the father of Chandler Schwarz ’20 and Josh Schwarz ’22.

Sally Newton, April 17, 2014. She was the mother of Matt Newton ’01.

Gwendolyn Murray, April 26, 2014. She was the grandmother of Magen Murray ’04.

Margaret Graves, May 5, 2014. She was the mother of Richard Graves ’82 and Andrew Graves ’84.


Leland Richter Phelps, May 15, 2014. He was the father of former faculty member, Christine Phelps.


Gary Holbrook, Sr., May 30, 2014. He was the father of Shannon Holbrook Burris ’90, Gary Holbrook ’95 and David Holbrook ’99.
Bob Satterfield says that retirement is “the dessert of life.” Having taught at Greensboro Day School since its founding, and retiring in June 2007 after 37 years of service as both a teacher and an administrator, Bob has lots of different desserts on his plate. The best thing is being able to set his own schedule and to pursue his many hobbies.

First, there’s his love of gardening. Spring is his favorite time of year when he and his wife, Vada, can go to flower shows and nurseries, and work in their yards both in Greensboro and at their small cottage on Rockingham Lake (which they share with retired chemistry teacher K Windham). This retreat is very important to this former tobacco farm boy because, as he says, it has brought the sense of country back into his life. After almost eight years of his and K’s landscaping there, the yard is in full bloom now and boasts several abundant blueberry bushes.

Another of Bob’s passions is re-purposing old furniture and in collecting. If Bob is anything (and he is many things), he is a collector. Both of his homes are abundantly and lovingly decorated with southern pottery, folk and outsider art, and practically anything handmade.

Bob and Vada’s love of travel was on hold after she suffered a fall a few years ago. It took five major operations and four years of rehabilitation to get her walking again, during which time Bob found himself entering a new profession as a trained home health care provider. Now that Vada is able to travel, they have made two big trips. They went with a group to the Canadian Rockies and especially enjoyed touring Buchart Gardens. On an old rock quarry, the gardens are 200 acres of sunken gardens, and a wonderful variety of flowers including the highlight, 600,000 roses which were all in bloom the day they visited. Next they went to Australia, where they were fascinated by the aboriginal people, New Zealand, and three magical nights on Fiji. Their favorite moment was air-ballooning across the Australian Outback at sunrise. As the balloon was taking off it brushed through a patch of a spicy plant, whose fragrance floated right up with them.

Another highlight of Bob’s retirement was the addition last April of a beloved grandson, Cash, who lives in Asheville with mom, Christy, and dad, Jeremy. Proud grandparents get to visit once a month or so. As Bob says, “retirement also brings the excitement of a new tooth!” He is also very proud of his older son Derick ’92, who lives in Reidsville and is the Director of Enrollment for Rockingham Community College. Derick is currently finishing his doctorate in Community College Leadership.

Bob and Vada enjoy monthly lunches with other GDS retirees, continuing the Day School tradition of camaraderie, a strong feeling that made working there so wonderful. To all of his students and school friends, he says, “I can’t tell you what it meant to have such a supportive, warm place to work. It was the best experience. My thanks to all.”

A Man for All Seasons

By Jane Gutsell, Retired GDS Upper School English Teacher
I AM A BENGAL

Nathan Tilley ’09

At GDS:

- Headmaster’s List
- National Honor Society
- Cum Laude
- AP Scholar with Honors

After GDS:

- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Honors Program
- Morehead Merit Scholar
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Received one-year liberal arts degree from Augustine College in Canada

Nathan Tilley, credits several teachers and experiences he had while at GDS as the reason he has chosen to pursue graduate studies in the humanities, namely Philosophy and Religious Studies, as well as a minor in Ancient Greek. “GDS provided me with a rigorous work ethic and passion for reading, in particular, that have enabled my studies and research to flourish at Chapel Hill,” Tilley said.

Tilley recalls his 10th grade history teacher, Mr. Mimms, taught him how to read texts closely and to learn to discern patterns of thought. In addition, classes with Dr. Gutsell had a significant impact on his early intellectual development and turned a childhood love of reading into a lifelong engagement with texts and ideas.

While at GDS, Tilley was a member of the varsity cross country and baseball teams, performed in the jazz and pep band, and served on the Honor Board. His time on the Honor Board propelled him into working with the UNC-CH Honor Court, where he is currently serving as Chair. After graduating from Greensboro Day, Tilley took a gap year and attended a one-year liberal arts college in Ottawa, Canada, which surveys the history of Western Culture through a variety of particular disciplines. He is currently applying to masters programs in Theology and Early Christian Studies, hoping to work on Early and Medieval Christian usage of Greek philosophical concepts and language or other philosophical aspects of Patristic writings.

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