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EDITOR'S NOTE

Looking back on rich blessings



AS WE CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF TCA,

I am reminded of the many ways this school and the people here have impacted my life, my husband's and the lives of our children. TCA and its community of educators and believers have been

such a blessing to our family over the years. Before bringing our children to TCA, I knew how important TCA was to Stephen and the impact his teachers, coaches and administrators had on him. His high school experience was very different from the one I had at a large, public high school in Oklahoma, and we both knew that we wanted our children to have an experience like his, from kindergarten through graduation.

At TCA, our children were educated, nurtured, encouraged, inspired and grounded in their faith. As they went on to college and beyond, they were not only prepared academically, but they were also equipped to share the gospel and defend their beliefs. TCA came alongside us and provided an environment for our children to thrive.

In this milestone year at TCA, I am reminded of the many faithful families and educators who have helped TCA grow and thrive for the past 50 years. We have thousands of graduates who are impacting their communities for His glory, and they all have that TCA experience in common.

In this issue, we look back on many memories and favorites from Lower, Middle and Upper School, we relive some of the great moments in TCA sports and we reflect on the incredible visual and performing arts programs at TCA. As you read these articles, I hope you will remember your TCA favorites, too.

The Lord has richly blessed our school, and we have much for which to celebrate and be grateful!

JOY KONSTANS

**EDITOR OF TRINITY TODAY
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Under the direction of **Justin Zappia**, director of auxiliary programs, TCA's new after-school enrichment program provides a multitude of lessons, experiences and learning opportunities for students in grades preK-8.





AS I CONSIDER ALL GOD HAS DONE in and through TCA these past 50 years, two significant aspects come to mind: God's faithfulness through His people and the community. TCA is a special place. God called several key people in the 70s to pioneer a vision for a Christian school in north Dallas that would educate and develop young people to make a difference in the world for His glory. Those pioneers prayed, strategized, planned, sacrificed and provided for TCA to be birthed, nurtured and grow. Stories of God's grace and faithfulness abound if you talk to the early families and trustees who participated firsthand in the formation of a new school.

Former trustee **Bo Miller** (who has recently gone home to be with the Lord) talked about the first building going up in the midst of rain all around the property but nowhere on the property. **Bill Millet**, another former trustee, helped start our Student Tuition Aid program by asking a few trustees to donate funds so a few families could stay at TCA the next year. Little did he know at the time that act of compassion and grace would spur others to give over \$25 million, serving hundreds of families since those first gifts. Then there was a lady in her 70s, part of a founding family, an honored guest for the opening of the "new" Lower School building in 2002, who told me with tears in her eyes that she was so moved by God's faithfulness above and beyond what she and her husband had dreamed TCA would be—that the investment they made early on produced such a blessing in so many people's lives. Leaving the legacy of TCA, to her, was one of the most important commitments they made in their lifetime, one that would have eternal significance for generations to come.

As the parent of three alumni, I know firsthand the blessing the TCA community is—teachers, administrators, coaches, staff and parents all coming alongside one another to partner in the ministry of "educating and developing the whole person for the glory of God" and bearing one another's burdens in difficult times. One of the consistent messages I hear from parents of alumni is how much they miss the TCA community when their last child graduates. Living life together during those child-rearing years was such a blessing to our family. Knowing our children were prayed for, encouraged, disciplined and supported by a host of people proved to be instrumental in how our children view the gifts of the body of Christ coming together to create an environment, a community, that would prepare them for a life of service and devotion to Jesus.

Fifty years of God's faithfulness, 50 years of thousands of students, families, teachers and coaches sharing in the joys and challenges of life, 50 years of commitment to a mission of preparing the next generation to be salt and light. It's a mission worth investing in for the next 50 years.

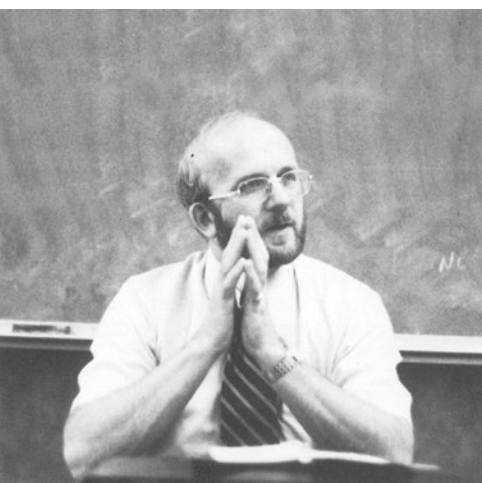
Thank you for your faithfulness and willingness to entrust your children to us. May we all carry the torch forward in His name in the time He gives us here.

"Those early pioneers of our school prayed, strategized, planned, sacrificed and provided for TCA to be birthed, nurtured and grow."



Dave Delph

DAVE DELPH, HEADMASTER



AS WE REFLECT ON 50 YEARS OF GOD'S

WORK AT TCA, certain core elements from the beginning have been the foundation that the Lord has used in our students and families to make such a profound difference.

Most importantly, it is evident that the Lord Himself is at work in this school. Indeed, it is **His school**.

Nothing of significance has happened at TCA from its founding until now without the Lord accomplishing it. "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior . . . for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name" (Luke 1:46–47, 49). "For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose" (Philippians 2:13). To see child after child transformed by a TCA education is truly God's work. We see it in what our students do while they are here, for example, in service: just this past year students came together to prepare bags every week to give out to the homeless we see around us. And we see transformation in what they do as they go out from us: generations of young men and women serve in every profession imaginable, become godly husbands and wives and parents, serve in their churches and act as His transforming presence in countless ways.

A critical element of the enduring impact of TCA is **what we teach**. From preK to senior apologetics, we constantly integrate a gospel worldview into the curriculum. In every class, we seek to show God's work and plan in Christ to our students. We want them to see God at work in history, literature, language, science and even math. In a world that is so confused and angry, our students need to know that God is faithful, powerful, loving and full of grace in Christ. As truth is built into them, brick by brick, they are prepared to engage the world around them. "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).

Our **excellent and godly teachers, coaches and administrators** are the next critical element of how TCA has continuously made such a powerful impact over 50 years. Our teachers teach with excellence; our coaches coach with excellence. Our kids have always been challenged to learn, play, perform and create at the highest level to the glory of God. But, not only are our teachers excellent, they put on display the life of Jesus to our kids. Learning the Christian life becomes real when you see it in front of you every day. To start to list all the examples of these godly men and women over our history goes beyond the space for this short article. "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1).

Finally, our **community**—each of you—has made a tremendous difference in TCA's impact over its history. Driving carpool, chaperoning dances, serving as room moms, bringing food to families with health challenges, praying for one another, participating in Dads Club, serving as volunteer coaches, serving a family who loses a loved one, contributing to STA, giving generously to capital campaigns and simply loving other families and their children in addition to your own have made a tremendous impact. All these ways and countless others are truly precious. A family recently told me they never anticipated how blessed they would be by being a part of this amazing community when they brought their children here to school. That has been true from the beginning and remains true today. "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

This is what TCA has been, is and will be. "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

Praise God for all He has done for 50 years and will do for the next 50!



DAVID HARPER, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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Gala celebrates great things ahead

BY BECKY D. LEWIS,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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ACADEMY FOUNDATION

The *Pursuing Excellence Fundraising Gala* was a special evening of reflection, inspiration and celebration with over 1,500 guests at the Hilton Anatole on October 26. It was wonderful to see so many new and old friends—parents, alumni, alumni parents, board members, faculty and staff.

The evening was a memorable celebration of God's goodness to TCA over the past 50 years. The event showcased the 2010–20 mural with remarks from Visual Arts Department Head **Jon Millet '84**. The new mural highlights school events and faculty and staff who have impacted TCA over the last decade.

The featured speakers, **Archie** and **Peyton Manning**, were introduced by TCA graduate and current parent **Candice Crawford Romo '05**. TCA Headmaster **Dave Delph** interviewed the Mannings as they shared about football, education, faith and family. What a fun experience to hear from Archie, the patriarch of America's favorite football family, and Peyton, one of the greatest quarterbacks in history!

Dave Delph presented the "Headmaster's Vision," sharing the courage and vision of the first families that founded TCA and how they helped transform the lives of more than 4,000 students in 50 years. God is calling us to follow their lead and be bold and courageous as we look toward the next 50 years.

Dave also shared a multi-phase project that will transform TCA's 40-acre campus over several years. The *Pursuing Excellence Campaign* is a campus master plan that will make an important statement about who we are and what we value. Phase I will include a new Middle School for seventh and eighth grades, a new library and robotics lab for grades 5–8, a new campus chapel, a preK center and a dedicated campus entrance. Dave said, "Today, God is giving us an opportunity to ensure that TCA is here for the next generation and the next. This is your opportunity to leave a legacy of eternal significance."

David Harper, alumni parent and chairman of TCA Board of Trustees, invited the TCA community to be a part of what God is doing at TCA. He asked us to lead with boldness, just as the founding families who started TCA did over five decades ago. David shared from Nehemiah, "He called the people together and explained the situation and the need and said, 'Come, let us rebuild.' And the people replied, 'Let us start rebuilding.' So, they began their good work. God's people heard God's call and responded by joining Him in His work." David asked that we join together, give abundantly as we have been blessed abundantly and prayerfully consider a gift to the *Pursuing Excellence Campaign*.

The evening concluded with a beautiful benediction from TCA alumnus **Baker Flagg '06**. Baker shared how TCA impacted his life. While at TCA, Baker overcame dyslexia and discovered his love for military history. He attended West Point and went on to serve as a lieutenant for the U.S. Army in Afghanistan. Today, Baker attends Harvard Business School and said, "I desire to be a good steward of the gifts and opportunities God has given me and to be excellent in those things."

Thank you to all who attended the *Pursuing Excellence Fundraising Gala* and helped make it a wonderful celebration. We praise God for His protection, provision and blessings on TCA over the last 50 years and look forward with excitement for the next 50 years to come!

PURSuing EXCELLENCE

The Campaign for Trinity Christian Academy

50 YEARS

The TCA Board of Trustees, Foundation Board and leadership have set a bold vision for the future of our school, the ***Pursuing Excellence Campaign***. More than a building campaign, this new master plan outlines a multi-phase project that will transform our 40-acre campus. It sets in motion TCA's course for the future: academically, spiritually and through athletics and the arts.

The ***Pursuing Excellence Campaign*** is bold and ambitious, exciting and important. Just like the pioneering families who built our school 50 years ago, we need to lead with faith and prepare our campus for future generations. Now, we turn to our TCA community for your support, commitment and prayer.

Phase I of the campus master plan—\$23.8 million:

Middle School for 7th and 8th Grades – A modern learning environment will enrich the educational experience.

- Larger classrooms and storage
- Larger science labs with a rooftop deck for outdoor projects
- Robotics classroom
- Collaborative learning space
- Library, choir and drama rooms for 5th–8th grades

TCA's future campus plan allows 5th- and 6th-grade classrooms to be added to the new Middle School.

Campus Chapel – The symbolic heart of TCA will provide a place for community worship and more.

- Approximately 500 seats
- State-of-the-art auditorium
- Used for school assemblies, chapel, fine arts performances and events

PreK Center – Creating a new center will enhance our increasingly popular preK program, allowing us to continue to attract area families and further position the preK years as a key entry point to a TCA education.

- Four spacious classrooms designed for preK learning
- Classrooms with direct bathroom access and sinks in each classroom
- PreK activity room

Campus Entrance – A dedicated entrance will provide a welcoming environment to TCA's 40-acre campus.

- Covered walkway between buildings
- Gathering area for middle school students during drop-off and pick-up
- Improved carpool flow

Visit tcapursuingexcellence.org to learn more about the campaign, view a video, explore the FAQ section and to make a gift. *#transformTCA*



National Merit

Senior **Savannah Sims** was recently named a 2019 National Merit Semi-Finalist. Semifinalists are among the highest scorers on the PSAT in Texas and represent less than one percent of our state's top high school seniors.

In addition, eight seniors were named as National Merit Commended Students: **Zachary Coronado, Cameron Gilmore, Blake Mercer, Mason Morland, Henry Ridley, Logan Rock, Ruth Turner** and **Sage Yassa**, which

places them in the top 5% of the 1.6 million students who entered the 2019 competition.

Zachary Coronado was also honored by the National Hispanic Recognition

Program for scoring among the top two-and-a-half percent of all Hispanic and Latino seniors in this region who took the PSAT.



Homecoming Queen and Court

In a first-ever tie at TCA, seniors **Mikaela Weiss** and **Caroline Spears** were crowned the 2019 Homecoming Queens. Their peers elected them based on the character qualities of gentle spirit, compassion and integrity. The classes also vote for their representatives based on these qualities. The 2019 Homecoming Court also included freshman **Kathryn Richardson** (gentle spirit), sophomore **Mary Margaret Bell** (compassion), junior **Kathryn Callahan** (integrity) and seniors **Catherine Binkley, Avery Cotter** and **Ella Kate Cotter** (all three qualities).

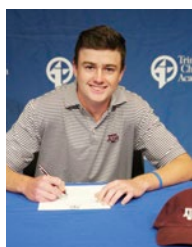
North Texas Giving Day

Just under a half-million dollars was raised for TCA's Student Tuition Aid program and the Athletic Booster Club through North Texas Giving Day on September 19, 2019. Thank you for your support!



College Signings

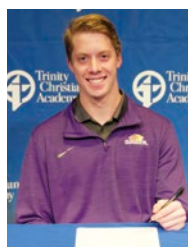
Congratulations to these seniors for signing a National Letter of Intent to continue their sports in college:



Michael Heidelbaugh
Golf –
Texas A&M
University



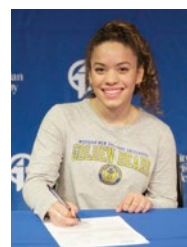
Jordan Karrh
Golf –
Dallas
Baptist
University



Caleb Robbins
Baseball –
Ouachita
Baptist
University

College Commitment

Senior **Amelia Brown** will continue her hockey career at Western New England State University. Congratulations!





Congressional Youth Advisory Council

Sophomore **Katherine Novakovich** and



freshman **Sam White** were among 45 Texas high-school students selected to serve on Congressman Van Taylor's 2019-20 Congressional Youth Advisory Council.

Upper School All-State and All-Region Choirs

Congratulations to the following students on their selection to a TPSMEA All-State and All-Region Choirs:

All-State Choir

Soprano I – **Allison Jones**
Soprano II – **Anna Kutz, Emily Watters**
Alto I – **Mikaela Weiss**
Alto II – **Bryn Correa**
Bass I – **Clarke Pino**

All-Region Choirs

Treble Choir
Ariana Asrawi, Amelia Brown, Reagan Havel, Georgia Leeds and Rachel Mills

Mixed Choir

I Sopranos – **Gable Delp and Allison Jones**
II Sopranos – **Aubrie Amado, Anna Kutz and Emily Watters**
I Alto – **Emily Clay and Mikaela Weiss**
II Altos – **Bryn Correa and Madeline Prescott**
I Tenor – **Matthew Harvey and Mark Johnson**
II Tenor – **Barrett Jessen**, second alternate, and **Ben Murphy**, third alternate
Bass I – **Clarke Pino**
Bass II – **Harrison Fields, Luke Treddenick and Grant Winslow**



All-State Jazz Band

Sophomore **Joey Fedro** was selected to play the drums in the All-State Jazz Band. Congratulations, Joey!

Middle School Honor Choirs

Congratulations to the 2019 TPSMEA Honor Choir participants!

Sixth-grade Choir: **Lacie Betts, Reese Cherry, Henry Fulford, Grace Fuller, Chloe Francois, Olivia Hammonds, Summer Jakubek, Collin Kilgore, Campbell Laible, Chloe Mae Kimbrough, Megan McMullen, Beck Nelson, Samantha Niederhofer, Bo Sykes, Jude Tredennick, Kendall Truitt, Holden Turner and Katelyn Westover**



Seventh- and Eighth-grade Choir: **Allie Arthur, John Badger, Tripp Black, Avery Booker, Harrison Brown, Audrey Bryant, Max Burchett, Walker Davis, Aidan Dortch, Bailee Dortch, Ryan Elms, Jack Harwell, Donya Kinley, David Kramp, William Lehman, Dillard Leeds, Sloan Nelson, Taylor Rasor, Shealy Seitz, Peyton Townley and Tex Walliser.**



The Honor Roll

Congratulations to all these students who made the **First Trimester** Honor Rolls:

Summa Cum Laude

GPA of 4.2 or higher

Seniors

Amara Asrawi
Olivia Baldwin
Isabella Berthel
Catherine Binkley
Haleigh Brown
Jo Anna Bryans
Carter Burgoon
Jonathan Chock
Elle Clark
Olivia Clark
Riley Conine
Abigail Coronado
Zachary Coronado
Avery Cotter
Kyle Cotter
Lindsey Crow
Alan Fandrich
Harrison Fields
Jayce Frady
Carter Getz
Colton Hackney
Matthew Harvey
Mason Hinckley
Kyndal Hinton
Barrett Jensen
Mark Johnson
Caleb Key
Allie Knudsen
Natalie Konstans
Mali Krone
Jenna Larson
Alexis Locke
Anna Beth Lowrey
Cameron May
Katherine McLain
Dutch McStay
Blake Mercer
Ethan Merrifield
Jasmine Miller
Mason Morland
Ben Murphy
Garrett Orten
Danielle Parker
Anna Kate Parent
Clarke Pino
Henry Ridley
Logan Rock
Zoe Schiefer
Savannah Sims
Caroline Spears
Nathan Stara
Ruthie Turner
Ella Ward
Gracy Watts
Lily Westover
Major Wheelless
Audrey Wines
Grant Winslow
Sage Yassa
Elizabeth Yearly
Jessica Young

Juniors

AClaire Andrews
Lexy Babler
Luke Babler
Seth Bator
Molly Berryman
Elizabeth Branstetter
Taya Burgett
Hannah Burke
Brianna Byrd
Kathryn Callahan
Dawson Chaffin
Emily Clay
Jack Courtney
Charlie Crawford
Anthony Cundari
Victoria Dahncke
Kelly Dance
Daniel Delp

Connor Dewey
Brady Doyle
Trey Dyess
Lauren Elms
Sarah Gerard
Jake Gore
Connor Graham
Collin Groezinger
Reilly Hanna
Reagan Havel
Evan Hennes
Emma Hodge
Cade Holliday
Luke Jun
Leah Kegerreis
Lauren Lee
Georgia Leeds
Hannah Little
Morgan Locke
Austin Marquardt
Luke Mays
Will McIntosh
Sophie McNeill
Ryan O'Shea
Avery Overberg
Reagan Pierce
Peyton Prideaux
Brianna Queen
Reagan Rodgers
Wilson Roe
Patricia Sharon
Claire Shodeen
Boone Simms
Joel Smitherman
William Sullivan
Adelaide Walker
Landry Walton
Emily Watters
Grace Weir
Jackson Wells
Conner Williams
Ashley Woo
Jackson Wood
Caroline Woodward
Lauren Wright
Annie Xia
Jason Yang
Kate Yanof

Sophomores

James Badger
Daniel Baker
Isabela Barrientos-
Figuerola
Aly Bayliss
Elie Blocker
Shannon Burchett
Caroline Cinati
Collin Dewey
Lauren Elvebak
Ainsley Ferrell
Lynnson Fort
Ben Francis
Ryan Freese
Mary-Michael Graham
Anna Heidelbaugh
Halle Hermes
Isabella Jackson
Emily Jones
Emily Keramidas
Brooks Krantz
Emma Layman
Jack Layman
Katelyn Long
Allie Mays
Mason Merchant
Kayla Meyer
Justin Miller
Jayden Moore
Emily Morris
Mary Neuhoff
Schuyler Noordhoff
Katherine Novakovich
Luke Peron
Olivia Priest
Josie Raffels
Markus Schumacher
Caroline Sharp
Landrie Smith
Preston Spears
Sheridan Thexton
Luke Tredennick

Parke Turner
Juliana Voth
Sydney Wayte
Mary Lauren Westover
Max Wheelless
Camden Williams
Emelie Wong

Freshmen

Courtney Anderson
Kate Barclay
Elleanna Berthel
Cece Bogda
Jenna Branstetter
Jake Callahan
Matthew Campbell
Lauren Deaton
Gable Delp
Jack Drake
Rose Duncan
Ayla Francis
Ally Gerard
Bethany Grimm
Kazia Handoko
Morgan Hausz
Aly Heidelbaugh
Shea Hinckley
Sydney Hinckley
Faith Huffman
Richelle Kim
Dylan Kinley
Caroline Laible
Landon Littleton
Trinity Martin
Emma McIntyre
Maddie McMullen
Lola McNeill
Lexi Meador
Max Merrifield
Olivia Ouimette
Gabrielle Parker
Hailey Parmenter
Parker Prideaux
Daniel Richardson
Jordan Rutledge
Sebastian Silva
Alana Soileau
Joshua Staz
Samantha Treadway
Ruby Watts
Lily Yassa
Andrew Yates
Brian Yates
Jocelyn Youn
Samantha Zuniga

8th Grade

Morgan Amison
Nathan Chou
Lucy Dennis
Kylie Jones
Donya Kinley
Ally Lee
Molly Youn

7th Grade

Ava Dewey
Lily Gossett

Magna Cum Laude

GPA of 3.8–4.19

Seniors

Olivia Berggren
Andrew Buser
Adrianna Cortez
Ella Kate Cotter
Chloe Floyd
Madeleine Floyd
Bethany Forde
Claire Franke
Cameron Gilmore
Audrey Gradick
Jackson Hall
Thomas Hand
Maggie Harrison

Landry Hays
Harrison Hefflin
Michael Heidelbaugh
Belle Holden
David Hudgins
Faith Johnson
Allison Jones
Jordan Karrh
Luke Langford
Gracie Massinger
Austin Mattox
Philip Petersen
Kristin Reding
Ashleigh Rutledge
Erin Smith
Lauren Smith
Drew Soderstrom
Samantha Starnes
Hayden Stone
Nyomi Thomas
Elihu Ventura
Kakkie Waldrop
Mikaela Weiss
Jack Wenzel
Brendan Williams
Michael Wilmotte
Clara Woodward
Dylan Young

Juniors

Rex Ah Chu
Blake Beal
Luke Chan
Zach Cliff
Ian Collier
Bryn Correa
Paige Cotter
Luke Crain
Claire Floyd
Will Greenstein
Blaine Grimes
Jaxx Hatton
Riley Herzog
Andrew Ho
Sydney Johnston
Anna Kutz
Eva Kutz
Jack Maust
Evan Mawhee
Jackson McFarlane
Jack McNeill
Delaney Meiser
Will Mercer
Anna Muccio
Caroline Murzin
Daniel Nelson
Kjirsta Olson
Jake Schneider
Lukas Schumacher
Lindsay Shipley
Mackenna Shults
Ashton Karoline Waldrop
Kate Walliser
Addison Willey
Christopher Woodhouse
Catherine Yates

Sophomores

Mary Margaret Bell
Madyson Benschnieder
Heath Booker
Annie Burke
Matthew Clifton
Avery Copple
Amelia Corliss
Cooper Getz
Kate Goodman
Riley Hamilton
Payton Harper
Hannah Helt
Katie Johnson
Lila Johnson
Jonah Key
Annabel Lee
Johnny Lipscomb
Will Martin
Derek Martinez
Mark Nilson
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Madeline Prescott
Jianna Redden
Katie Reding

Jackson Rogers
Lili Rolfe
Gehrig Scott
Jad Sewaiseh
Henry Smith
Lucas Walsh
Avery Williams
Connor Wines

Freshmen

Will Bowling
Hannah Buford
Tanner Conine
Cole Coronado
Hunter Daughdrill
William Ferem
Hannah Garcia
Caitlyn Hackney
Peyton Hatfield
James Jeter
Carnie Jobe
Luke Johnston
Charley Kate Ledebur
JJ Leverton
Joshua Liu
Aidan McCauley
Emily Mercer
Wyatt Merrill
Sophia Miller
Bo Miltenberger
Blake Muschalek
Evan Olson
Tyler Osterloh
Seth Pinto
Lilly Pool
Dhamar Ramirez
Jack Rea
Kendall Reding
Kathryn Richardson
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Cara Smith
Kate Smith
Hunter Stegman
Emma Kate Sullivan
Justin Sunwoo
Sofia Tavaréz
Collin Truitt
Logan Walters
Sydney Weatherford
Nick Wenzel
Sam White
Josie Wilder

8th Grade

Carolina Anderson
Allie Arthur
John Badger
Finn Barton
Harrison Brown
Kassadi Brown
Heather Brownlee
Georgia Clay
Jared Courtney
Zach Dodgen
Karalyn Ehmke
Ellie Eisenberg
Owen Ellis
Bailey Ellsworth
Joseph Fitzgerald
Audrey Hestwood
Haley Janacek
Ivy Jordan
Alex Kim
Annabelle Lee
Grace Leverton
Eliotte Lin
Avery Marsh
David Meiser
Aidan Mills
Ava Mills
Jake Overmann
Ava Rodriguez
Hannah Roquemore
Anna Sharpe
Avery Sulzen
Cate Woodward
Christian Yang

7th Grade

Jenna Barker
Eliot Brookshire

Lyla Brown
Avery Castleman
John Clark
Jackson Dean
Jackson Duke
Ryan Elms
Ella Eubanks
Annabella Hays
Emma Helt
Alexa Herrington
Abby Jun
Karys Karlow
Sophia Latham
Brynn Lawrence
Elijah Liu
Carlos Luna
Shelby Martigan
Molly Mattox
Max McConathy
Logan McIntyre
Ava McNaught
Sean Meador
Alexis Meyer
Claire Millet
Blair Nelson
Sloan Neumayer
Maya Nguyen
Luke Oliver
Caleb Olson
Addy Orozco
Tee Parker
Lilly Parrill
Sophia Pfannstiel
Reagan Ramsey
Brayden Rice
Rachel Rice
Noah Rodgers
Shealy Seitz
Takashi Shaw
Parker Springer
Ella Stewart
Avery Wells
Daniel Yang
Ana Sofia Zuniga
Sergio Zuniga

Cum Laude

GPA of 3.5–3.79

Seniors

Ariana Asrawi
Jackson Barringer
Jackson Buser
Chase Colquitt
Will Compton
Sadie Ellis
Lindsey Fish
Hallie Harvey
Cooper James
Caleb Robbins
Michael Ruch
Lilly Stanton
Kendall Stewart
Chandler Woods

Juniors

Libby Barnes
Cade Barringer
Blake Birmingham
Ben Branning
Kent Causey
Peyton Dewey
Peyton Hall
Ella Grace Hattendorf
Vivi Hatton
Brian Morris
Gavin Thornton
Jackson Thornton

Sophomores

Grace Anderson
Zoe Binkley
Olivia Brennan
Abigail Crane
Claire Grimes
MacLean Hays
Luke Hoerner

Sophie Hunt
Hollis Jarrell
Emma Neeman
Rhett Rice
Anna Claire Somich
Ben Sorgen
Will Spivey
Elizabeth Williams
Sterling Wyman

Freshmen

Luke Berglund
Sadie Blue
Kyle Causey
Harrison Crow
Rex Day
Will Gallagher
Michael Graham
Landon Ham
Owen Hattendorf
Taylor Hervey
John Montgomery
Maxwell Morland
Jack Mullis
Charlie Nine
Jake Nolan
Ella Kate Priest
Hannah Schneider
Mason Smith
Chance Snyder
Hunter Springer

8th Grade

Natalia Ah Chu
Cody Baker
Payne Bator
Chloe Borud
Bretton Brantley
Jacob Brennan
Blake Broekemeier
Audrey Bryant
Teegan Burgett
Catherine Coppel
James Crawford
Olivia Cundari
Walker Davis
Aidan Dortch
Dylan Eubanks
John Henry Flatt
Ryleigh Habern
Jazz Henderson
Kate Hurley
Lauren Janson
David Kramp
Jace Lamb
Olivia Ledebur
William Lehman
Sam Martin
Lexi Mikula
Erick Mills
Luca Palazzo
Annika Powers
Rachel Rader
Sydney Ridnour
Dylan Rock
Hank Valenta
Maddox Vines
Tex Walliser
Luke West

7th Grade

Hannah Belf
JoVahn Bernard
Taylor Clarke
Anna Garcia
Lauren Greenstein
Addison Haggard
Colin Hamilton
Vivi Hatton
LaTajah Lewis
Kelsey Long
Everett May
Brennan McNaught
Ellie Neeman
Lexie Ronde
Mae Sharpe
Gigi Simmons
Noah Simpson
Jack Van Duinen
Parker Walton
Brett Yanof



Hospitality from the Heart

The PTF annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon was held Tuesday, November 12. PTF hosts this luncheon for the entire TCA faculty and staff with the help of many volunteers. This event would not be possible without everyone coming together with such teamwork. Many thanks to everyone in the TCA community who cooked, served or volunteered to make this such a special day. This day is one of the favorite events of the year for the faculty and staff at TCA. The buffet is under PTF Secretary **Danylle Leeds** and was headed by Coordinator **Molly Dorsey** and Assistant Coordinator **Shawnnah Parrill**. An enormous thank-you to these ladies!



Mum Moms

A huge thank-you to our freshman-class moms, led by **Allison Sullivan** and **Robbi Conine**, for their work on the class fundraising project. Over 400 Homecoming mums and garters were created for our Upper School students. Homecoming was AGLOW because this year's mums and garters lit up! The Mum Room requires a lot of planning and organization, and these ladies did a fantastic job. They sacrificed much of their personal time to this project, and we are so grateful. We appreciate the great contribution all our volunteers make to our TCA community. All monies collected from the sales of mums and garters go to the freshman-class account to be used for that class's senior trip.

I'M WHAT YOU CALL A "LIFER"—someone who attended TCA from kindergarten or first grade all the way through twelfth grade. Then, I came back to teach and have been a faculty member for 27 years now.

One day when I was in fifth grade, my dad, who was on the Board of Trustees, told us that the Town of Addison came to the school and gave us the opportunity to name the road that was south of the campus – what is now Sojourn Drive. I was so excited, and my fifth-grade self started making my list: Trojan Way, Trinity Way, Academy Boulevard! How about We are the Champions Boulevard?

A couple weeks later, my dad came home and said that they named the road Sojourn. **Mike Beidel**, TCA's headmaster at that time, had come up with the name and convinced the Board of Trustees to go with it. I was so deflated. Sojourn—what? Why not Trojan Way?

Well, it's funny how God's providence works. Now, for 27 years, I've driven on that road and seen that sign, and for probably half of my career, I'd see that sign and just cringe. But, I realized while doing a study of Abraham, that when God called Abraham to sojourn, it wasn't to go on vacation or have fun. He was to go out, and, wherever he sojourned, he was to make that place better—to plant, to harvest, to grow crops and to leave that place better than he found it.

And that's actually been something very convicting for me over the years in my life and my tenure at TCA. How am I sojourning? Am I leaving TCA better than I found it? As I look at the many faces on the murals of five decades of TCA history, I see my heroes. So many of them have sojourned so well at TCA and have given so much to this school, and in doing so, they have made it a better place.

The Road to

BY JON MILLET '84,
VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT HEAD





Photos: Kendall Ellis

Grandparent Days

Lower School students hosted their grandparents on campus on Thursday and Friday, November 18 and 19. Nearly 1,000 grandparents and grand friends came to share in this special TCA tradition of classroom fun, songs and Bible verses with their Lower School grandchildren.

NATURE WALK ▶

Kindergarteners and their third-grade pen pals enjoyed a nature walk and scavenger hunt around campus while they enjoyed God's creation and searched for different color leaves, acorns and even squirrels!



BALANCING ACT

First-graders learned all about balance, stability and counterweights in science this fall by balancing apples, pencils and paper crayfish.





◀ STEM CHALLENGE

In STEM Lab this fall, second-graders mastered their design STEM challenge of building the tallest towers possible using only index cards and tape. They did a great job!

▼ BOXES OF LOVE

Lower School students collected over 1,200 boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. These boxes, filled with toys, books, notes and hygiene items, were packed with love, prayed over and sent to children in war-torn countries around the world. TCA fourth-graders were also featured in a video for Samaritan's Purse promoting this nation-wide ministry.



Photo: Jeff McWhorter '05



◀ THE PUMPKIN GOSPEL

PreK classes read the *The Pumpkin Gospel* this fall and investigated the slimy seeds and stringy insides of the pumpkin, compared that to the "ick" in our hearts that is sin and then learned how Jesus replaces that "ick" with His light when we put our trust in Him as our Savior.



▲ PHOTOS IN TIME

Eighth-grade students stepped back in time as they created snapshots of historic events in time, dressed in period clothes and gave presentations as the people from those time periods.



▲ MATH TO THE FUTURE

TCA sixth-graders experienced math in the real world during Math to the Future Day. This day teaches real-world math while incorporating fun, hands-on activities in classrooms set up as different locations like an operating room, restaurant and grocery store.

MAKE IT OR FAKE IT ►

Middle School students used hand tools to deconstruct old electronics in this fall's unit of "Make It or Fake It," led by **Holly Hatton**, Middle School library media specialist. Students had a blast taking apart land-line phones, DVD players, smoke detectors, wall thermostats, speakers, subwoofers, receivers, remote controls, Guitar Hero guitars and more.



RUBE GOLDBERG CHALLENGE

Seventh-graders were tasked with building compound machines inspired by Rube Goldberg's wacky designs in science this year. Machines had to include all six simple machines, have at least five steps and pop a balloon at the end.





Photo: Jeff McWhorter '05



▲ TASTY TREASURES UNEARTHED

Fifth-graders learned about one of the most famous archeologists, Howard Carter, this fall and how he discovered King Tut's tomb in 1922 as an introduction into the study of ancient Egypt. They practiced being archeologists by "excavating" chocolate chips out of hard dry soil (crunchy cookies) and soft soil (chewy cookies).

◀ FROZEN JR.

Middle School students did an outstanding job in their live performance of the story inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale, "The Snow Queen." Filled with unforgettable music, including the Academy Award winning song "Let It Go," *Frozen Jr.* centered around the love of two sisters and the central message: "An act of true love will thaw a frozen heart."



Photo: Brad Newton, BN Photo

▼ SPAGHETTI GRAPHS

To aid in their study of trigonometric functions, Trig/Business Calculus students used spaghetti to model graphs for the sine and cosine functions.



▼ BROADWAY BOUND

This fall, Advanced Drama students showcased outstanding singing and choreography in their presentation of *Broadway Bound*, a musical revue featuring favorite numbers from Broadway shows such as *9 to 5*, *Wicked*, *Hairspray*, *Waitress*, *Grease* and *Chicago*.



Photo: Jeff McWhorter '05

HOMECOMING
DRESS-UP DAYS

Upper School students celebrated Homecoming week with special dress-up days to show their school spirit. This year's dress-up themes were Memories Monday, Consignment vs. Couture Tuesday, Theater Thursday and Far Out Friday.



CELL STUDIES ▼

Freshman Biology used bubble membranes to explore the unique properties of a cell membrane and compare and contrast its properties.



Photo: Julie Francis

ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER



DANIELLE PARKER

Articulate, academic and driven are words that describe Danielle Parker well. In addition, Danielle has a wonderful sense of humor and a love for life.

Whether she is performing with the TCA cheerleaders, playing piano or studying with friends, this young lady is living life to the fullest.

Determined and highly motivated, Danielle does not stop until she accomplishes the tasks set before

her. She is a leader and a self-starter. Her peers consider her a role model, as she excels in both her academic and extracurricular activities. She initiated and supervised a new club at TCA, Reach Every Corner, which organizes need bags for the homeless, and has touched many people in our community.

Danielle is passionate in everything she does. Her zeal for the Lord is evident in her daily life. Danielle will excel in whatever career field she chooses and will continue to be a shining light to those around her.

NOVEMBER



ISABELLA BERTHEL

Isabella Berthel has a gentle spirit and ease that draw others to her. She is respected by peers and teachers alike. Whether she is leading the cross country team or adding to the discussion in

her AP English Literature class, she pursues excellence.

Besides maintaining a challenging course load each year, Isabella participates in band, represents TCA on the literary team at the yearly TAPPS Academic Com-



◀ VOTING VOLUNTEERS

Diane Harmon's senior government class served our Denton County neighbors and saw our democratic process in action as they served as election clerks for the November election. Students rotated in shifts throughout the day, helping set up and tear down voting stations, check in voters and answer questions. They also conducted exit polls.



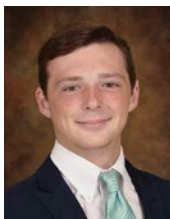
LEARNING ON LOCATION

Field Ecology students spent a day at John Bunker Sands Wetland Center in Seagoville, Texas, this fall, learning about how aquatic plants help clean our drinking water as it moves from the East Fork of the Trinity River up to Lake Lavon. They spent time testing the water quality, collecting plants for a future project and simply enjoying the great outdoors.

petition and works as an after-school library aide. As a senior member of the cross country team, she not only leads underclassmen, but also assists in meet set-up and tear-down. She is also a faithful volunteer at the school supply and clothing drives.

Isabella has spent the last two summers honing her writing talent, attending an investigative journalism workshop and a two-week program at the School of the New York Times. Isabella stands out as a superb example of a young person who has a level head, a kind heart and an ambitious spirit.

DECEMBER



BLAKE MERCER

Blake Mercer is the epitome of an academically strong, diversely talented high school student. As a student in a very competitive class, Blake has maintained a highly competitive GPA, while maintaining a rigorous course of study. Furthermore, Blake was named as a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

Blake possess strong leadership skills and is a dedicated advocate for causes in which he believes. He has been a member of the varsity football and basketball teams. Additionally, Blake was elected to student council by his peers, serving as class vice president for the past three years. Blake is an active member of yearbook and participates in the Young Men's Service League, giving countless volunteer hours.

Blake is a young man with character and integrity and strives to serve the Lord in all that he does. It is without a doubt that Blake will find future success wherever God leads him as he graduates and leaves the halls of TCA.

THE TROJAN TROOP



SCOUT TROOP 815 CELEBRATES 20 YEARS AT TCA

BY DREW DICKENS

ALUMNI PARENT AND FOUNDING SCOUTMASTER OF TROOP 815

SINCE 1999, MORE THAN 200 BOYS have joined the TCA Troop 815. They have spent over 300 nights on weekend campouts and High Adventure camps around the country. The Scouts have contributed thousands of hours of community service, and more than 100 TCA Scouts have achieved the rank of Eagle, the highest advancement level in scouting and only attained by one percent of all Scouts. It all started 20 years ago when five Middle School boys banded together to form Troop 815.

From 1989 to 1999, boys that had advanced through Cub Scouts at Trinity Christian Academy didn't have a Boy Scout troop to join. From first-grade Tigers through fifth-grade Webelos, boys had enjoyed camping and adventurous escapades with their buddies from school, but there was no TCA troop to move on to, so they often dropped out in middle school or found other troops to join. But in the fall of 1999, TCA fifth-graders **Brad Dickens '07, Ben Holder '07, Trevor Robinson '07, Robert Taylor '07** and **Brian Wright '07** asked their parents if they could start a TCA troop, and the journey began!

Brad Dickens '07, the first Eagle Scout from TCA Troop 815, said, "As a boy navigating his way through Middle School and Upper School, Scout meetings were safe, stable and constant. It was a space where I could camp, build fires and forge bonds with other boys whom I still call friends to this day. Twenty years later, I have grown to appreciate the troop as a place where I also learned personal responsibility, independence, a love of country and a sense of respect for others and the world around me. Whatever success I may find in life, both personal and professional, I owe much of it to the journey from Tenderfoot to Eagle in Troop 815."



“From service projects to campouts, scouting strengthened my leadership skills and taught me how to be resourceful.”

—Stathi Pakes '13

While various activities and youth groups teach necessary skills and promote teamwork, scouting goes beyond that and encourages youth to achieve a deeper appreciation for service to others in their community. Robert Taylor '07, a founding member of TCA Troop 815, said, “Scouting was the catalyst for so much growth in my life growing up. My experiences in the troop led to many invaluable skills, life lessons and memories. Still, more than anything, they were the basis for many formative friendships for which I am very grateful.”

For more than 100 years, national scouting programs have instilled in youth the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives. Ben Holder '07, another founding member of TCA Troop 815, said, “Troop 815 taught me a lot of confidence. Whether it was taking roles of responsibility within my peer group, managing a heavy pack over many miles or planning my meals and gear days in an advance, it created a fun environment to learn and develop that I still remember fondly.”

Over the years, Troop 815 has continued to help TCA boys grow into young men and teach lessons of leadership, service and personal responsibility. **Stathi Pakes '13**, another Troop 815 Eagle Scout, commented, “From service projects to campouts, scouting strengthened my leadership skills and taught me how to be resourceful. I am grateful for Troop 815 and the Scout leaders who gave me the opportunity to hone those skills and apply them in scouting and beyond.”

Eagle Scout and TCA senior **Jackson Hall** commented, “Spending 12 years in the TCA Cub Scout/Boy Scout troop has been a very rewarding experience. I gained a love for nature and made lasting friendships while spending many nights under the stars at numerous campouts and two treks to Philmont Scout Ranch.”

Parents are also a critical part of both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. While in Lower School, a Cub Scout's parents are expected to assist with planning and usually take a leadership role. In Middle and Upper School, a Scout's parents are expected to help the troop by supporting the boys and participating only in those tasks that the Scouts cannot do themselves, such as transportation or shopping. Scouts are taught to follow the “chain of command” with questions by first going to their patrol leader, then their senior patrol leader and finally, the adults. I would often comment that Scout-led troops might not be as organized





SCOUT OATH

ON MY HONOR, I WILL DO MY BEST

TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY
AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW;

TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES;

TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG,
MENTALLY AWAKE AND MORALLY STRAIGHT.



or efficient as if adults were running things, but how else will young Scouts learn if not from their mistakes and personal experiences? An added benefit is that the adult leaders have the opportunity to watch first-hand as their sons grow in confidence and independence and become young men of God.

In addition, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout is an accomplishment that garnishes respect and favor for years to come. Eagle Scout **William Morris '15** said, "As the years go by, I often find myself telling stories of my time as a Scout in interviews or casual conversations. Folks especially like hearing about my unique experiences outdoors, such as my time sailing the Caribbean at Sea Base or sleeping outside with no camping gear to earn my Wilderness Survival merit badge. Professionally, earning the rank of Eagle Scout is the oldest accomplishment still listed on my resume. Whether talking with Congressmen, government officials or my peers in some of our nation's most elite law schools, my achievements as a Scout are universally respected and admired. In short, my time as a Scout was formative and rewarding and continues to pay dividends to this day."

Over the years, scouting has changed around the world, but one thing remains consistent, a Scout is reverent, and that is never truer than at Trinity Christian Academy. God is affirmed in the Scout Oath, and TCA Scouts uphold their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior in prayer and devotions on campouts.

We congratulate the Scouts and adult leaders of Pack 714 and Troop 815 for thirty years of fun, dedication and service! 📍



Current Scoutmaster Mike Fields '84 presents award to Drew Dickens for 20 years serving TCA Scouts since founding Troop 815 in 1999.

"I gained a love for nature and made lasting friendships while spending many nights under the stars at numerous campouts."

—senior
Jackson Hall



ENRICHMENT@TCA

THE PERKS OF PROGRAMMING



BY JUSTIN ZAPPIA,
DIRECTOR OF AUXILLIARY
PROGRAMS

MY FAMILY AND I NEVER IMAGINED last Christmas that the Lord had bigger plans for us than the lives we were living in suburban Boston, Massachusetts. I was working for an independent school in Manchester, Massachusetts, while Jen, my wife, was working hard at home to raise our three-year-old daughter Izzy, two-year-old son Zander and 11-month-old son Tyler. As the director of auxiliary programs at Brookwood School, I was responsible for leading a variety of programs on campus, including summer camps, after-school care and various enrichment programs. Little did I know that a Christian school just north of Dallas would happen to be looking for someone to invigorate the activities offered to the students on campus outside of the regular school day and during the summertime. When I learned that TCA was making a commitment to enhance these programs, I felt called to explore the opportunity.

Jen and I never imagined that the school or the area would be a match for us. However, the more we explored Dallas and TCA, and the more conversations we had with members of the community, we began to fall in love. We felt a strong calling to be involved in a community of believers. We saw the benefits of immersing our own children into such an amazing community. We also loved the prospect of being in such a child-friendly area that has great growth potential. We were thrilled to accept an offer to

join TCA in March of last year and have loved every bit of our experience in the area and at the school (yes, even the heat!).

My background is in education. I spent nine years as a lead teacher in a self-contained fifth-grade classroom at Canterbury School in Greensboro, North Carolina. After that, I accepted the role of director of athletics at Canterbury, where I spent five years gaining valuable administrative experience. Among my various roles at Canterbury (outdoor education instructor, volleyball coach, leadership team member, etc.), my role as summer camp director was the one constant. When an opportunity to move to Boston, Massachusetts, presented itself, my wife and I jumped at the chance to be closer to family. As the director of auxiliary programs at Brookwood School, I gained immense knowledge in the world of enrichment-class planning, in addition to building on my knowledge of the summer camp world. Ultimately, however, my family and I decided we had a preference for the South, which included a longing to be immersed in a community of faith once again (which we had not had since our time in Greensboro). Fast forward to today. . . .

Since arriving on campus in April of last year, I have been thrilled by the positive response to what I have been called to do at TCA. Based on conversations with parents, children, employees of the school and others in this field of work,



“All the work we do behind the scenes for our auxiliary programs is worth it when children are happy, teachers are able to share their passions and families are being served in a way that is enriching to their lives.”



we have set some very specific goals for the future of auxiliary programs at TCA. First and foremost, we want programs that are created on campus to be an extension of the amazing programs that the children receive during the academic day. We want these programs to challenge the curiosity of the children (Future Problem Solvers, Destination Imagination), serve classroom teachers by supporting what they do daily (Homework Helpers, Grasp Class, Feed the Artist) and/or to provide a recreational outlet that children may not normally associate with their school-day experience (Hip Hop Dance, Tae Kwon Do). The fall term introduced over 270 children to 45 new classes and activities after school. Adding classes, clinics and lessons on campus offers parents a very convenient way to allow their children to try things they might never find the time to do outside of school. It also allows teachers to connect to their current, former or future students in a very unique way. For example, kindergarten teachers **Candace Redden** and **Megan Solis** have enjoyed leading several of their former

students in their pursuit to bless to the local community through their class, Sunshine Girls: Girls on a Mission.

The addition of enrichment classes after hours highlights the school's need to provide excellent general after-school care around these new programs. Many children attend AfterSchoolCare@TCA before and/or after attending an enrichment class. Several enhancements to this general care program have been added in recent months. We've added several new, highly qualified staff members to our already outstanding group of childcare workers. In addition, we've added a digital check-in/out and billing platform, more play time for all children after school, and we now provide students with unique snack options on a daily basis. All of these enhancements are intended to best serve an ever-growing population of parents who need care for children beyond regular school hours.

In addition to the convenience after-school classes and general care might provide to our families, TCA also recognizes the need to enhance the options on campus for families

during the summer months. Plans are in place to revamp TCA's summer offerings. In a “new” program called Summer@TCA, we hope to offer the same great Upper School courses as always, expand our Middle and Lower School enrichment classes, and also seek to provide a day-camp option for kids in grades K–5. By creating more standardized pick-up and drop-off times and providing early-morning and lunchtime options for our summer patrons, TCA hopes to become a destination for families seeking the highest quality programs in the Dallas area during the summer months.

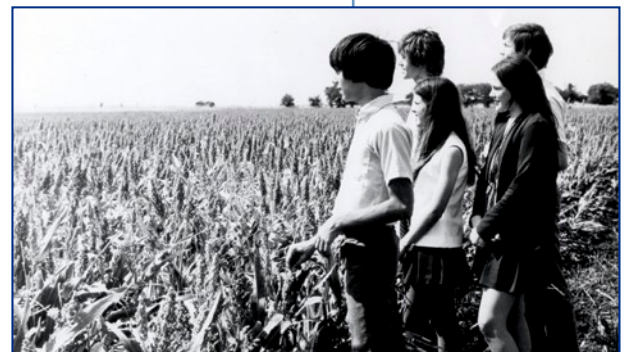
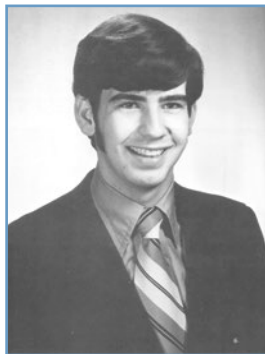
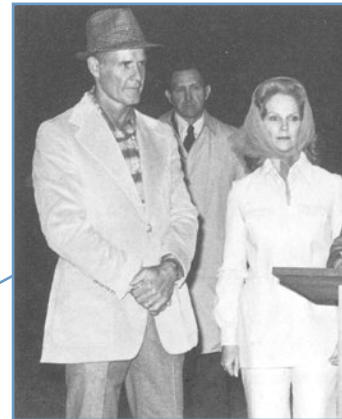
I can't begin to express how blessed I feel to have the opportunity to create these programs for such a caring and kind community. All the work behind the scenes is worth it when children are happy, teachers are able to share their passions and families are being served in a way that is enriching to their lives. My family and I are blessed to be part of this amazing school. The Lord had bigger plans for us last Christmas. We're now living out those plans, and we're loving every moment!



50 YEARS

1970-2020

A PROUD HERITAGE



1970

TCA opens its doors, grades 7-12, at Grace Bible Church.

TCA's Parent-Teacher Fellowship (PTF) is formed.

1971

TCA's first graduating class—one senior!

1973

Uniforms are required for all students.

1974

TCA purchases 40 acres in Addison for \$975,000.

Board member Bill Millet starts the Student Tuition Aid fund at TCA.

TCA wins its first varsity football game.

1976

TCA moves to the new Addison facility.

Tom Landry Stadium and the Field House are completed.

1978

TCA's first Visual Arts program is started. It's now one of the most decorated school programs in the state, public or private.

TCA's first auction is held to raise money for the Athletic Booster Club (\$7,000).



1980

TCA sells a portion of the property and uses the funds to retire debt and pay for MCB (multi-component building).

1982

MCB opens—auditorium, gym, cafeteria, library, music and art rooms.



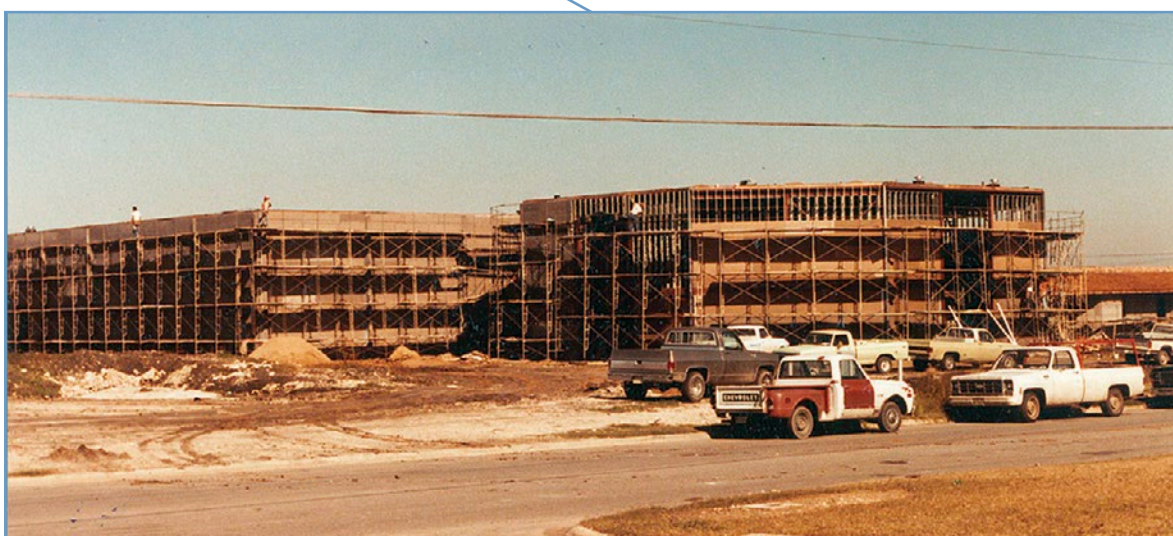
1984

TCA's hallmark History/English program begins.

"The Rock" is moved onto TCA's campus. This large piece of concrete had been left in a lot across Addison Road, and Upper School students would go over and paint it all the time. The tradition still continues today.

1985

TCA eighth-graders take the first Wilderness Trip to the Buffalo National River in the Ozark Mountains. Eighth-graders still go today; however, they now have bathroom facilities!



50 YEARS

1970-2020

A PROUD HERITAGE



1986

TCA opens its first computer lab.

Town of Addison provides nearly \$3 million in capital improvements to use athletic facilities after hours.

1987

TCA debuts its first musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*.

1989

TCA students take first mission trip to Mexico.

1991

TCA helps establish the Rio Bravo Children's Home in Reynosa, Mexico, and sends students and staff down every year to volunteer for over 15 years. Students still support this orphanage now with school supplies, Christmas gifts and monetary donations.

1992

Sixth-grade holds its first Medieval Faire to culminate its study of the Middle Ages.

1994

Administration building is completed, and Middle School classrooms are renovated.

TCA seniors take the first Senior Trip to Glyn Eyrie, Colorado.

1995

Fifth-grade holds its first Roman Forum to simulate a Roman marketplace; this tradition still continues.

TCA acquires land to the north to build a new Upper School.

1996

Big Blue, TCA's school store, opens.

1997

New Upper School building opens.

Fourth-graders first participate in Operation Christmas Child with Samaritan's Purse, donating over 25,000 boxes in the past 22 years.

2002

New Lower School building opens—over 90,000 square feet, with classrooms, activity rooms, cafeteria/gym and KTCA studio.

The Rock student magazine publishes its first issue. Upper School students have been producing this student magazine ever since.



50 YEARS

1970-2020

A PROUD HERITAGE



2003

KTCA studio opens in Lower School for daily student-run morning broadcasts.

TCA Upper School students and faculty go on their first mission trip to Africa to share the gospel, build facilities and paint murals at orphanages.

2005

TCA students and faculty go on their first Amazon mission trip, ministering to villages along the Amazon River in Brazil.

2007

TCA purchases gymnastic center on Sojourn and transforms it into the Athletic Training Center.

The first issue of *Trinity Today*, TCA's community magazine, is published.

2010

New Performing Arts Center opens—35,000 square feet, with a 900-seat auditorium, band and choir rooms and a black box theater.

TCA hosts President George W. Bush at its annual fundraising dinner for Student Tuition Aid and TCA facilities.

2012

TCA adds new High Tech Robotics class in Middle School.

2014

TCA adds preK to its grades offered.



2015

TCA launches new Upper School Honors Engineering Design Class.

TCA launches new Middle School House System, creating four houses (Honor, Wisdom, Justice and Courage) to foster community and mentoring in middle school.



2018

TCA's Lower School STEM Lab and Makerspace open.



2019

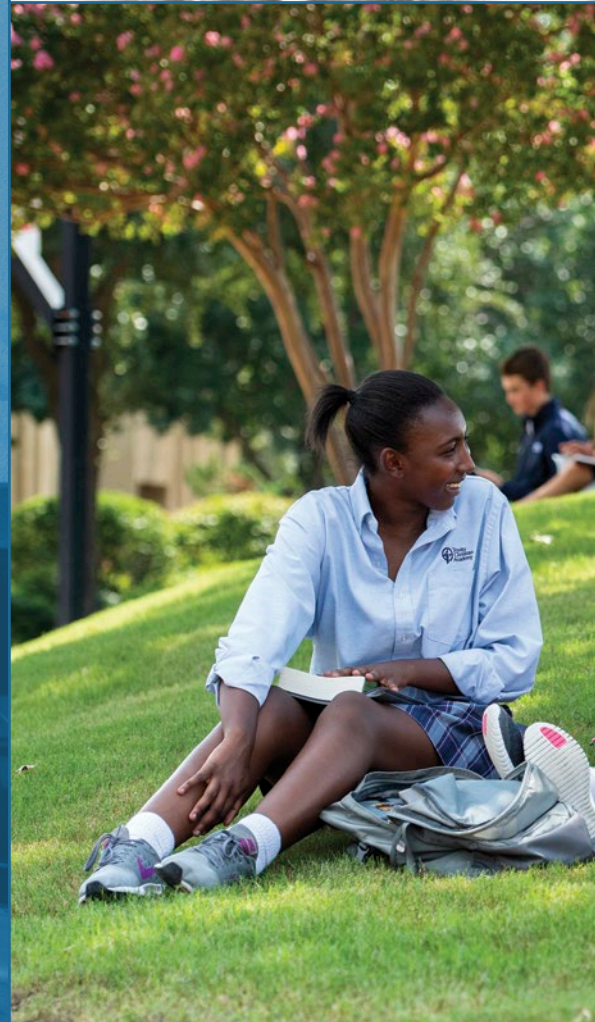
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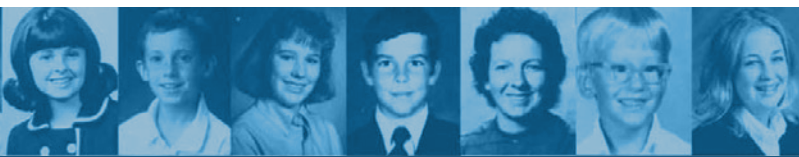




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UPPER SCHOOL





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Life in the Upper School... Then and Now

BY KYLE MORRILL,
HEAD OF UPPER SCHOOL



PEOPLE ASK ME ALL THE TIME, “WHAT HAS CHANGED AT TCA, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS?” or, “Is this still the same place that it has always been?” I have been here for 37 of TCA’s 50 years, so I do have a lengthy perspective. I also know that fundamentally, TCA has never changed its mission, and the outstanding nature of our students and families has not changed either. Let me update you on some of the things that students experience here in everyday life and how they have or haven’t changed.

CHAPELS

When I arrived at TCA in August of 1983, we had one chapel per week. Students all wore ties on chapel days; girls wore ribbon ties, and boys wore “TCA ties.” I have great memories of our headmaster, **Mike Beidel**, leading us in singing “And Can it Be” and other great hymns. The time of singing was followed by a speaker, who was often a teacher or administrator. We discontinued the ties in the late 1980s. For a brief period of time, we experimented with an 8 a.m. chapel every morning; that was pretty short-lived. For the last 30+ years, we have been using a rotating schedule, where we have a 20-minute chapel on Tuesdays, which is usually a speaker, and a 20-minute chapel on Thursdays, which is usually a time of singing led by our student worship team. From 1996 to 2010, we had



our chapels in the Upper School Commons. We set up over 500 chairs and took them down again many times during the week, because that space also served as our cafeteria. We all thought that we had died on gone to heaven when we opened our Performing Arts Center with a 900-seat auditorium with all the lighting and sound “bells and whistles.” In here, we have student-led worship, student and faculty testimonials and school assemblies.

UNIFORMS

The year before I arrived on campus, even the teachers wore uniforms! I’m glad I missed those days. Students mostly wore saddle oxfords or penny loafers, and there were not many options. The “TCA plaid” skirts were the only real option for girls. I was involved in many of the changes that have evolved over the last 30 years. Boys and girls were allowed to wear shorts beginning in the early 90s. The boys wore gray shorts and looked like a bunch of postmen. Walking-style shorts were the rage in American culture, so girls were happy to gain that option. However, as the style evolved, the length quickly became shorter, so that became less of an option and eventually went away altogether. We also changed the shoe options to add running shoes and other casual shoes. We added khaki pants, which many of our girls wore, as well. Today, most of the girls still wear our plaid skirts, but there is a navy option. Boys wear shorts most of the time, even if it is freezing outside. And, of course, we still have our “jacket rule”—TCA jackets only. No hoodies, sorry. Crew length socks are a must, and we wear jeans every Friday.

SENIOR PRIVILEGES

I don’t really remember when senior privileges came onto the scene. I do remember that the senior parking lot was the long skinny lot in front of the MCB Gym, which we now refer to as the “Jesus Statue lot.” It had a limited amount of spaces, first come, first served. When we moved to the new Upper School in 1996, we had a section by the baseball field for seniors to park. At that time, on the north side of the Upper School, we had a huge wildflower field. Several years ago, we paved that field and turned it into a large parking lot that became the senior lot. It has around 135 parking spots, so it has plenty of room. Seniors also get to leave campus during lunch or study hall, as long as they sign out and back in. Seniors also get to wear jeans every other Wednesday. The Senior Prank used to be a “sanctioned” event. That went away quite a while back. However, we still have Senior Skip Day in the spring. The funny thing about that is that we tell the seniors when their skip day is. We call that irony.

SENIOR TRIP

We’ve covered the senior trip in other issues of *Trinity Today*, but it has changed dramatically. We went to Destin, Florida, all through the 80s and up through the Class of 1994. We had it in May right before graduation. Students bonded, graduated and, in many cases, never saw each other again. The beach scene was difficult to supervise, and kids were often bored and looking for something “more interesting” to do, so we researched new options. Beginning with the Class of 1995, we now go to Colorado Springs and stay at Glen Eyrie, which is the world headquarters for the Navigators, a Christian discipleship and book-publishing organization. It is a gated oasis. We whitewater raft, drive to the top of Pike’s Peak and do





some leadership training. We still have a campfire share session on the last night, and the seniors still receive letters from their parents. The trip now takes place in August, right before they start their senior year. The seniors hit the ground running and inspired, as they take on the role of being the new leaders of the Upper School.

AND MORE...

Norma Browning rewrote our “**Alma Mater**” back in the early 90s, and we still sing it with our pinkies up. **The Carrot** is still around and is still the best kept secret at TCA. **The Rock** has changed locations several times and is now located behind the Upper School. My theory is that it is really the size of a basketball but has about a million layers of spray paint, which gives it its current size. We still have fun **dress-up days** during Homecoming Week. We don’t have convertibles at Homecoming halftime anymore, but we still elect the **homecoming court** based on character qualities. Our **Visual Arts Department** is still highly decorated. **Junior-Senior Banquet** is alive and well. The **cheerleaders** still spell out TROJANS with their pom poms at the pep rallies, while the band plays “The Horse.” And, **Hank Harmon** still says, “Rise and shine, it’s another beautiful day in the Ozarks,” on the **Wilderness Trip**.

A couple of new things: Students are allowed to have their **phones** with them in between classes, at lunch and during unsupervised study hall. All of our students have **Surface Pro tablets**, so we are much more technologically advanced than ever before. And, we have a fantastic **dining service** called SAGE, which is an all-you-can-eat, high quality food-service program, similar to a food court with great hot food, fresh fruit, panini makers, sandwiches, salad bar and soups.

GRADUATION

Finally, there is no better measure of our school than what we see at graduation. We have been holding graduation at Prestonwood Baptist Church for the last 20 years. Teachers walk in first, followed by the seniors. There are less speeches, but we still have senior memory reflections and character qualities read for each senior. There are lots of hugs on stage, and it is still a great time of celebration of our students, our families, our Lord and the great place that we call Trinity Christian Academy.

- 1 - Boys uniforms included ties in the 1970's & early 1980's.
- 2 - Singing during Upper School chapel, 2011
- 3 - Seniors of the class of 1989 in the senior parking lot, located in front of the MCB gym in the 1980s
- 4 - Girls from the class of 1995 (including current visual arts teacher **Adria Johnson Warner '95**, pictured on the left) were part of the first TCA trip to Glen Eyrie, Colorado.
- 5 - Senior boys from the Class of 2017, during the Glen Eyrie senior trip
- 6 - The Rock, 1987
- 7 - Graduation, 2019

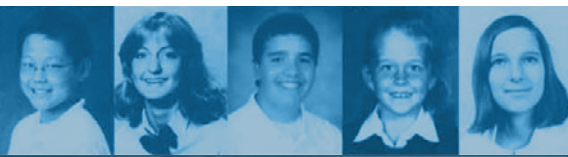


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The Same Old, New: TCA's Middle School

BY SCOTT BERTHEL,
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I BEGIN WITH SOME REALLY, REALLY, GOOD NEWS:

No matter how old you are or how old you may feel, you are actually much younger than you realize! While there are a few parts of your body which have been with you since your body began to form in the womb (e.g., the cells which make up the central core of the lens of your eyes and the neurons in your cerebral cortex), most of the cells you currently have in your body are younger than your chronological age.

Some examples:

- The cells in our bones regenerate over the course of about ten years.
- Hair lasts about six years for women and three years for men.
- The cells lining our stomachs regenerate about every five days.
- As our liver detoxifies our system, it renews its cells every 150–500 days.
- Our skin cells replace themselves about every two to four weeks.

As part of being “fearfully and wonderfully made,” as noted in Psalm 139, our bodies regenerate most of their cells so that we are being re-created little by little, again and again, over the course of our lives. And yet, by the wonder of God’s genetic design, I remain me, and you remain you. While my hair



and skin have been replaced many times over (even though some of my hair has disappeared along the way!), I am still recognizable to those who met me years ago. Even though my bones, muscles and most other internal systems have been regenerated along the way, my size, shape and essential outline remains as that of Scott Berthel. My circumstances, perspective, thinking, values, hobbies, etc., can and do change, but I am still me.

In the same way, the traditions and culture of our Middle School at TCA serve as the “genetic design” which keep us the same inside, even as we change and develop in different ways. Looking back at the 40th anniversary feature in the *Trinity Today* publication, many of the “Top 40” list of traditions included for the Middle School are still alive and well and would be easily recognizable to past students: Roman Forum, the eighth-grade Wilderness Trip, building mousetrap cars and bridges in eighth-grade science and completing an NCAA basketball tournament bracket provided by Mr. **Dan Mills**. Other items on the list from a decade ago are still alive and well—they just look a little different: Medieval Faire is now Renaissance Day, and rather than heading to Sky Ranch at the end of this year, our sixth-graders will serve at Camp of the Hills just outside Marble Falls, Texas. To those TCA classics, we have added many others in the past decade: Narnia Day in the fifth grade, Math to the Future in the sixth grade, the year-end Faculty vs. Seventh-Grade Basketball Game Day in honor of Christian Sanchez, the House Lip-Sync competition and many more.

But underneath all those programmatic and curricular traditions, the ones which matter the most are found inside and within our people. In the same way our individual cells carry our unique genetic code, the lives of our students, faculty, staff and parents carry the presence, work and truth of the gospel which makes our school what it is. Though veteran teachers retire and new ones are called, though kids quickly grow and progress through their Middle School years and new students enter, though some families move elsewhere and others come to discover the unique joys of life in this community, it is the presence and reality of God in our midst that matters most.





No one ever proclaimed the following as traditions in the Middle School at TCA, yet these stand as some of the best:

GRATITUDE IN DAILY LIFE: We still have students who thank teachers after class sessions and practices.

INTENTIONALITY IN RELATIONSHIPS: We still have teachers who seek to invest deeply in the lives of students, and we still have students who seek out their teachers—not only coming to visit from their next grade level, but also from the Upper School, as college students and even as adults.

JOY IN COMMUNITY: We still have students and teachers who welcome others into a community that desires to include and wants kids and adults to feel safe as they learn, grow and discover.

GIVING IN SERVICE: We still have students who care about and contribute to the life of our school and their classmates.

HUMILITY IN GROWTH: We still have students and teachers who recognize that no matter how gifted they might be, sharpening our gifts through learning is a lifelong process which honors the Giver.

The traditions that matter most are alive and well at TCA. As different people come and go, as curriculum is tweaked and programs are changed, God is faithful to provide for and protect the presence of these Christ-centered qualities, which serve as the DNA and genetic code of our school. God's faithfulness in the work of redemption and reconciliation continues to be seen, reflecting the best of His kingdom.

- 1 - Former history/English teacher **Dennis Saffold** talking with fifth-graders, 2003
- 2 - Science teacher **Bill Lipman** helping students build bridges, 2006
- 3 - Science teacher **Charlotte Thompson** during the faculty vs. seventh-grade basketball game, 2019
- 4 - Choir teacher **Sharla Davidson** with sixth-grade choir, 2005
- 5 - Science teacher **Steve Megison '06** with sixth-grade boys, 2013
- 6 - Bible teacher **Brian Spence '98** with students at Dallas Life Foundation, 2015
- 7 - Math teacher **Dan Mills** talking with eighth-grade boys during class, 2011
- 8 - History/English teacher **Michelle Bain** helping sixth-grade students, 2019



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Lower School Traditions and Favorites

BY ANNE BADGER,
HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL



THE LOWER SCHOOL CELEBRATES EACH AND EVERY DAY WITH OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS.

It has been 50 joy-filled years in the Lower School. Our students often return years later, reflecting on their favorite moments from their early school years. We treasure being a child's first school experience. As the head of Lower School for the past five years, it is my privilege to carry on many traditions each year, and we look forward to seeing how God continues to bless this community in the coming years.



KTCA

“Good Morning, Lower School! We are coming to you live from Morris Studio.” I love that we start every day together with a KTCA broadcast led by our fourth-grade students. Recent studio renovations continue the vision set forth by former head of Lower School, **Rod Morris**, in 2003. The original studio used bulletin boards with maps, and now we have teleprompters, specialized lighting and a green screen. Each broadcast ends with a Bible devotional and prayer to bring our community together and start our day with joy (and an occasional bloopers!).

CHAPEL

Worship in song, dance, prayer and Scripture bring our community together each Thursday afternoon in the Performing Arts Center. Administrators and teachers have led weekly chapel services for many years, and now fourth-graders help lead this sweet time of corporate worship. Silly games, skits, puppets, multi-media and awesome Bible stories create a sacred place for our students and faculty to draw closer to God. Past students also remember epic Bible Bowl challenges. This is my favorite time of the week.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Christmas comes early in the Lower School. Each November, Lower School students fill over 1,000 boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan’s Purse. This annual fourth-grade mission project encourages our community to be the hands and feet of Christ. I love that all of our fourth-grade students and faculty gather to pray for the children around the world who will receive the boxes. We were thrilled this year when Samaritan’s Purse created a video highlighting this treasured tradition of service at TCA.

LITTLE TROJAN PEP RALLY

“Who are you yelling for? Trinity! Trojans!” Each fall, the Lower School comes together with the Upper School cheerleaders, dance team, band and football team to cheer on our Trojans. Our little Trojans are the loudest fans around, and we love to show our school spirit. The drum line leads this yearly tradition as Lower School students parade over to the gym and enjoy a noisy afternoon pep rally (bring your ear plugs!).



1 - KTCA broadcast on the first day school, August 16, 2006

2 - Lower School chapel, 2016

3 - Operation Christmas Child collection, 2008

4 - Lower School cheerleaders during Little Trojan Pep Rally, September 2005

5 - PreK playdough time, 2015

6 - The concrete tubes have been a favorite of the Lower School playground, seen here being enjoyed by students in 1975.

7 - First-grader (**Jordan Jones '17**) reading, 2006

8 - Lower School boys learn basic computer-programming skills in the STEM Lab, 2018.



PREKINDERGARTEN

In 2014, we welcomed prekindergarten students into our Lower School family. I have so enjoyed the addition of four-year-old children into our building. Sand tables, blocks, home centers, adorable sailor dresses and lots of singing highlight our days together. Children thrive in this program, and five years later, we now have four preK classrooms. I look forward to seeing how this program grows and continues to bless our community.

PLAYGROUND

I often hear students say recess is their favorite subject. Soccer and football games, four-square and games of chase are still popular activities for our children. The playing fields, swings, climbing structures, slides and a recently installed tricycle path create a vibrant backdrop for play. I can always hear squeals of laughter as students develop friendships, learn cooperation and just have fun together. We continue to value play every day in the Lower School.

READERS AND WRITERS

Our curriculum and instruction foster a love of literature, where students read, talk and write about books every day. One of the hallmarks of a Lower School education is our literacy program. This passion for literacy also includes our teachers, who dedicate themselves to ongoing professional development as we elevate our craft. I am so proud of our continued efforts to develop outstanding readers and writers.

STEM LAB AND MAKERSPACE

One of the most exciting spaces on campus now is our STEM Lab and Makerspace. I enjoy watching students explore the design process, collaborate on science and engineering projects, develop technological skills and learn to be upstanding digital citizens. We continue to move forward with programming that meets the needs of our 21st-century learners. I can't wait to see what's next!

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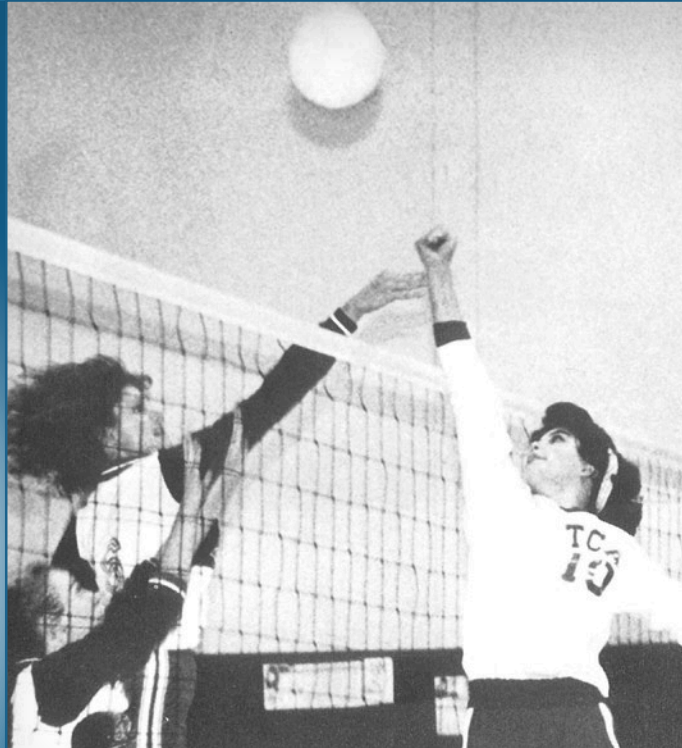
We wanted to offer families opportunities for their children to stay after school and enjoy a variety of fun activities. TCA now offers over 40 after-school enrichment classes for Lower School students. Hip-hop, art, chess club and golf are just a few of our fun, new afternoon offerings. Students can enjoy a snack, develop and practice a new skill, fellowship with friends or just kick back in after-school care. The fun is just beginning when the school day ends.

Some traditions have changed or gone away, many are still around, and new traditions are being created each year. What has not changed and will not change is our commitment to providing a joy-filled, Christ-centered Lower School experience.



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TCA'S Greatest Sports Memories

TCA HAS AN INCREDIBLE SPORTS HISTORY!

We asked some past and present coaches and athletes to share what they believe are some of TCA's greatest sports memories in our 50-year history. Here's what they said:

1996 TCA VS. FT. WORTH NOLAN FOOTBALL GAME

"**Jesse Gremminger '97** blocking a field goal attempt that would have given Nolan the victory into the arms of his twin brother, **Jason Gremminger '97**, who returned it 90 yards for a touchdown. Interesting note is that neither brother played football the previous year."

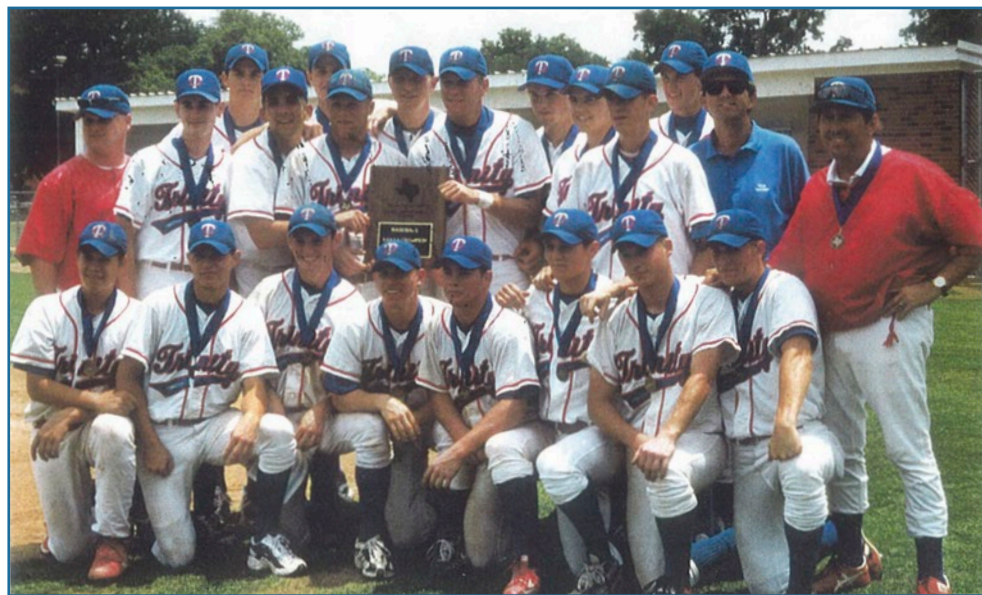
—**Craig Stites '97**, TCA football player and current Middle School football coach



1999 BASEBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

"We were playing Beaumont Kelly, and it was the top of the seventh inning. We were down two runs; the score was 3-5. We managed to fight back and get the tying run to third base with the go-ahead run on first base with two outs. Kelly made a pitching change and brought in its number one pitcher to get the last out. **Mark Stratton '00** hit a 2-1 curve ball over the left-field wall for a three-run homerun and give us a 7-5 lead. We held on in the bottom of the seventh to win the state championship."

—**Matt Craig '99**, TCA baseball player and current TCA baseball assistant coach

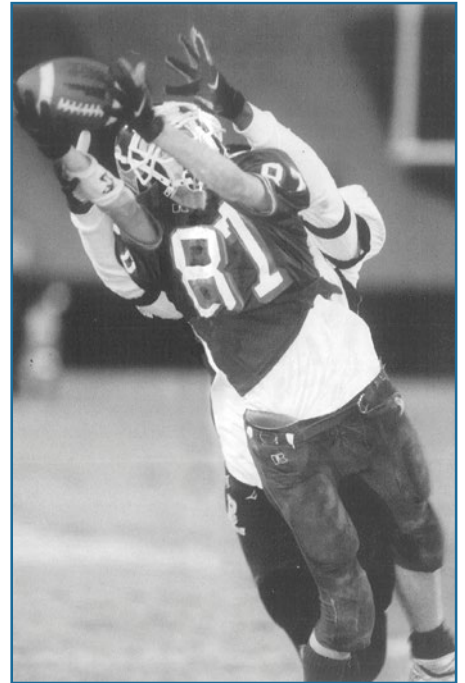




2000 FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – TCA VS. BISHOP LYNCH

“In the state championship game, we beat Lynch, 42-13, after they had defeated us in district play. We ultimately went 11-1 and won district. Bishop Lynch had several Division I players that year, including quarterback Matt Nordgren (6’5”, 220 pounds, high school All-American, The University of Texas and the Philadelphia Eagles), running back Ryan Moats (Louisiana Tech Eagles, Arizona Cardinals and Houston Texans). We lost our starting middle linebacker and fullback, **Jude Littleton ’01**, in the first series; he was replaced by then sophomore **Aaron King ’03**. Our starting defensive end, **Matt Larsen ’01**, played with an injured knee. The MVP was our quarterback, **Mark Greer ’01**, and he was only about 5’11”, 165 pounds! Pretty fun!”

—**Steve Kimbrough**, former football assistant coach



2001 GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

– TCA VS. INCARNATE WORD

“We came in third in a really tough district that year, and we were 19-3 in non-district. We had some huge comeback wins in the first two playoff rounds, fifteen-point deficits in both. Then we beat Ursuline to get to the Final Four. It was an emotional win.



Ursuline’s point guard started for us for two years, then transferred to Ursuline “to win state.” Incarnate Word from San Antonio smashed Bishop Lynch in the semis, and Mardi Gras broke out. We were doomed! We changed our entire defense for the final. It was a Cinderella story – up by 13 at half, hung on to win by 7. There were many tears of relief and celebration.”

—**Kyle Morrill**, head of Upper School and former girls basketball head coach

2004 BOYS BASKETBALL – TCA VS. PLANO WEST

“**Matt Williams ’05** scored 70 points against Plano West. TCA won 106-102!”

—**Kyle Morrill**, head of Upper School

2008 TCA INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

“At our TCA Invitational Tournament, a wrestler from Plano Senior High dislocated his elbow. Russ Betts checked him out and said that the bones around his elbow appeared to be crushed and immediately sent him to a Plano hospital. About 30 minutes later, I felt an overwhelming urge to stop the tournament and have the entire gymnasium pray for the wrestler. When the wrestler arrived at the hospital in Plano, he was examined by an emergency room doctor, who confirmed Russ’s diagnosis and had the wrestler sent to Children’s Hospital. When the wrestler arrived at Children’s, he was examined, and the doctor said that it was a simple dislocation and that he would be back on the mat within a week. God chose to heal that young man that day!”

—**Charles Ferguson**, former wrestling head coach





2009 BOYS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – TCA VS. PRESTONWOOD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

“Our state championship run was especially sweet because of the teams that we had to face, starting with an unlikely 13-point comeback against Beaumont Kelly to win in overtime, a one-point win over district champion Bishop Lynch, a last-second three-point shot to win by one at the buzzer against Austin St. Michaels and, finally, the state championship win over Prestonwood. Prestonwood had defeated us twice that year, the last victory over TCA coming just three weeks before in the final district game. PCA beat the Trojans by 20 in that game, and playing them in the finals of the TAPPS State Tournament appeared to be a monumental task. **Preston Branson '09**, who would score 37 points, said to me prior to the opening tip-off, ‘Don’t worry, Coach; we got this.’ And was he right! The Trojans went on to win the game by a score of 64-50.”

—**Randy Feemster**, varsity boys basketball head coach



2010 TCA DISTRICT BASEBALL

Reed Bastie '12, our ace pitcher, won 11 of TCA's 12 district games that year! That feat will never happen again, because following the season, the district coaches voted to create a three-game, consecutive-series to prevent an ace pitcher from ever dominating like that again.

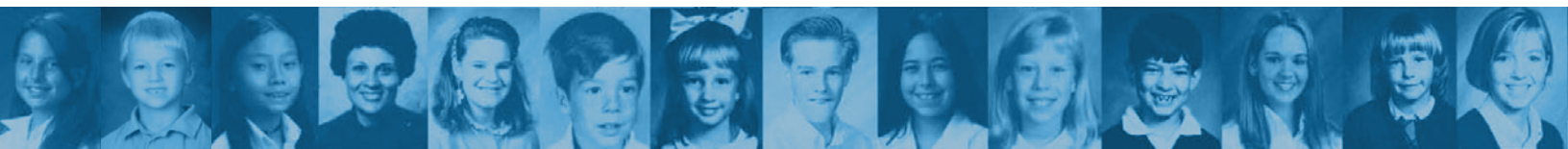
—Craig Stites '97, assistant baseball coach

2011 VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – TCA VS. INCARNATE WORD

“Our girls rolled through area and regional playoffs, ending up in San Antonio playing the former two-time State Champion, Antonian, in the semi-final match. We fought hard in front of Antonian's enormous crowd and won the match in four games. Our girls finished the season going 40-1, with a school game record of 104-8! Ultimately, we defeated Incarnate Word of San Antonio for the State Championship after initially being down in game one, 18-21.”

—**Karen Wright**, former volleyball head coach, and **Steve Collins**, current volleyball head coach





2013 NATIONAL PREP WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

“In the National Prep Tournament, **Jack Mueller ’16** won his first National Prep Championship. Going into the third period in the finals and down by three points, Jack fought back and tied the match, sending it into overtime. Then, in the first overtime period, Jack gets the takedown and wins the match. It’s also pretty cool to have coached a wrestler who ultimately made it to the finals in the NCAA Division I National Championships.”

—**Charles Ferguson**, former wrestling head coach



2015 TAPPS 6A TRACK AND FIELD

“**Nahshon Ellerbe ’15**, **Jack Savage ’17**, **Parker Oliver ’16** and **Karsten Wilkinsin ’15** broke a ten-year-old school record in the 4x100M relay at the 6A Regional Championship. Then, in the state meet, Parker Oliver won gold in both the 100M and Triple Jump.”

—**Marcus Moore**, track and field head coach

2016 BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER PLAYOFFS

“Our boys and girls varsity soccer teams had playoff games on the same day. The girls were down 0-2 and tied it up to go into overtime. Meanwhile, the boys won, jumped in the team bus and rushed over to Prince of Peace, adding to an already great crowd, to cheer on the girls. TCA scored in the second overtime to win on a “golden goal,” and the boys rush the field. It’s still my favorite moment of our TCA community, and I still show the photo at every parent meeting.”

—**Truman Blocker**, varsity girls soccer coach





2016 BOYS SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – TCA VS. JP II

“Having come up short twice versus JP II in regular season play (aided by the absence of key starting players on both occasions for the Trojans), the boys soccer team found itself healthy for the first time all season for the state championship game. The majority of our team had been together since kindergarten. At the championship, the stands in San Antonio were packed, and after a scoreless first half, JP II scored the first goal of the match with 32 minutes left in the game. Eight minutes later, the Trojans tied the game 1-1 on a breakaway goal by **Matthew Springfield '17** with an assist from **Jack Savage '17**. With less than nine minutes left in regulation,

Hamilton Tarbett '17 sent a cross deep into the penalty area that Matthew Springfield headed past the goalkeeper for his second goal of the night to take the lead 2-1, eventually becoming state champions!”

—**Russ Tarbett**, former varsity boys soccer head coach



2017, 2018 AND 2019 GOLF STATE CHAMPIONS

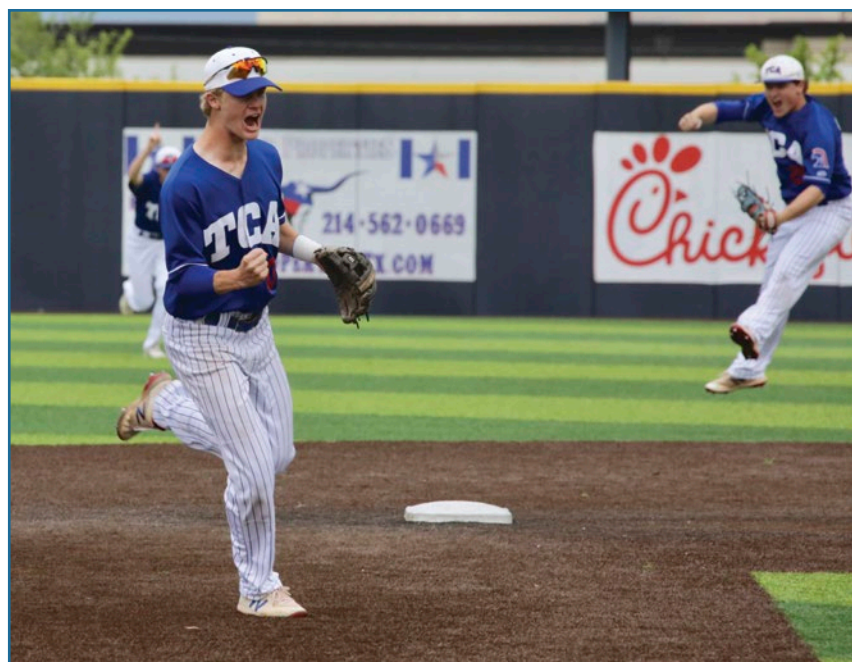
“Winning the state championship three consecutive years and eight times in 11 years has been an incredible blessing.”

—**Marshall Edwards**, varsity boys golf head coach

2019 BASEBALL PLAYOFFS – TCA VS. PRESTONWOOD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

“A great team moment was defeating number-one ranked Prestonwood in the baseball playoffs behind the dominant pitching performance of **Caleb Robbins** and outstanding team defense. **Blake Marsh '19**, a Wichita State signee, doubled-home **Elijah Westover '19** with the go-ahead run after an excellent sacrifice bunt by **David Asche '19**.”

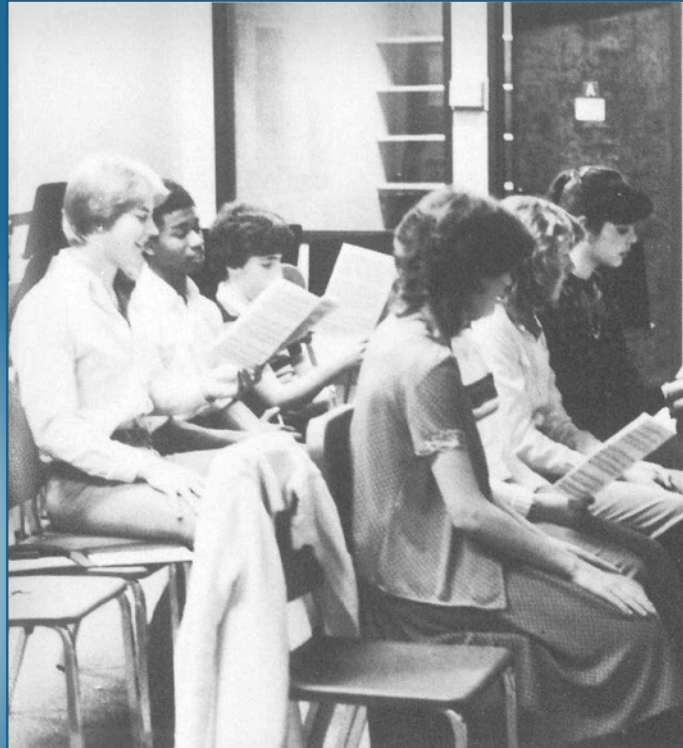
—TCA Baseball Coaching Staff



While TCA has had countless great moments in every sport during our 50-year history, it is the friendships, athlete/coach relationships, life-lessons of hard-work and perseverance and the support of the TCA community that remain constant in them all.



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50 Years of Visual and Performing Arts at TCA

ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN AROUND TCA during the past 50 years knows that the arts have played a significant role in the history of TCA.

Jon Millet '84, visual arts department head, and **Norma Browning**, performing arts department head, have both been part of the tremendous growth experienced by the arts programs. Certain moments stand out for each of them as the programs experienced strides and some growing pains over the years:

Jon recalled, "When the school began, TCA had no formal art program. My mother and a few volunteers would visit the classrooms and teach the students about famous paintings and artists. In 1978, under the guidance of **Wally Linebarger**, an art program was started."

When a fine arts credit was first offered at TCA, only about 40 students participated in the fine arts programs, but those involved entered competitions, put on concerts and performances and competed in TAPPS events.

Keith Christopher was the first band director, and **Stan Hayes** (pictured left) was the first choir director.

After the MCB auditorium was built in 1982–83, the Upper School put on its first play in the 1983–84 school year. In 1987, TCA put on its first musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and the stage had to be extended in order to accommodate the dancers and sets. Plays, concerts and performances continued in the MCB until the new Performing Arts Center (PAC) opened in 2010.

Anonymous parent donations allowed the Performing Arts Department to hire extra musicians and rent a revolving stage for the 2011 production of *Les Misérables*, the first production in the new PAC.

The AP (Advanced Placement) Art Program was originally called the Master Show until 1994–95 when the school moved from semesters to trimesters, and the current AP art curriculum was first developed.

"**Billie Nero** was the band director when I came to TCA in 1986," recalls Norma. "I remember we even had parents who played some of the instruments, because we didn't have enough students in band."

Former TCA art teacher and professional artist **Lee Chu** and TCA alumna **Christina Beckett '01** organized and chaired two art auctions during 2000 and 2001 to raise money to renovate the classrooms and facilities in the art wing. Student artwork from grades K–12 and professional artwork from alumni and faculty were included in these silent and live auction events.

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As the programs grew, the arts at TCA continued to garner more and more respect and recognition, as the awards and accolades accumulated. In addition, many students have gone on to pursue their arts passions in college and beyond. While TCA is extremely proud of its students and the success of the arts programs, the blessings of these programs goes far beyond numbers and awards.

HONORING THE LORD

The arts programs at TCA illustrate the school's commitment to doing all things for the glory of God. Students are encouraged to explore their interests, hone and share their God-given talents and use them for His purposes. The pursuit of excellence through the Lord is the foundation of success. Teaching Scripture, exploring its meaning and application, examining universal truth and integrating it into everything, including the arts, allows for His creativity to be revealed.



Jon shared, "The primary goal of our department and the other arts programs at TCA, which I first learned as a student at TCA, is the acknowledgement of our creativity being a gift that was first demonstrated to us by our Creator God. My prayer is that the Visual Arts Department at TCA will continue to be a shining star that reflects the beauty of a wonderful, loving and mysterious Creator."



- 1 - **Kelly McTavish '07** creating charcoal drawing of guitarist, 2006
- 2 - *Choir members performing in 1982–83*
- 3 - Former TCA art teacher **Anita Horton** helping **Katie Baker Babb '07** with pottery project, 2006
- 4 - Band director **Jeremy Knight** directing Upper School band, 2014
- 5 - **Blake Henri '12** and **Emily Browning Pons '11** in *Les Misérables*, 2011



BUILDING COMMUNITY

The arts programs at TCA have been instrumental in building a strong, close-knit community, both within each discipline and with the greater TCA community. Events and activities like the AP art retreat, Middle School choir and band trips and drama trips help students and faculty bond while exploring shared interests. In addition, as a preK-12 school, faculty members can build consistency in their programs, nurture students through their fine arts choices and get to know their students personally.

Shows like the alumni art show in the Trinity Art Gallery, musicals, drama productions and band and choir concerts bring students, parents, faculty and alumni together and bind our community together not just in the actual moments, but in the memories of them for years to come.

"The memories created by these art shows and performing arts productions never occur by chance," shared Norma. "They are the product of the talent of the students, the diligence of the faculty and directors and the support of the parents and the TCA community. But mostly, they are a gift from God. To Him alone be the glory."



6 - **Cliff West '88** and fellow cowboys in *Oklahoma!*, 1988

7 - Members of the TPSMEA Middle School All-Region Band, 2003

8 - Former TCA art teacher and alumnus **David Connolly '93** helping **Autumn Sonju '18** during painting class, 2016

9 - Choir director **Norma Browning** directing the TCA Chorale, 2017

VARSITY FOOTBALL



THE TROJAN FOOTBALL TEAM, despite a tough season, had many positive moments on which to build for the future. The team learned to fight hard every game, never gave up and came close to winning several games. The most exciting game was on senior night, where the game came down to the last few minutes, and the undefeated Nolan Vikings took the lead to win the game. Although the Trojans fell short, it was one of their best games of the season. The season ended in a playoff loss to Houston St. Thomas, but it was another hard-fought game.

The Trojans were led by senior captains **ANDREW BUSER**, **MASON HINCKLEY**, **BLAKE MERCER** and **CLARKE PINO**. The offense was led by quarterback **CONNER WILLIAMS**, who threw for over 1,800 yards for the season. The leading receivers were **WILL COMPTON** and **JOEL SMITHERMAN**, who each had over 700 yards receiving. The leading rushers were **KIONE ROBERSON**, **JOSEPH NASH** and **MARKUS SCHUMACHER**, who shared the load at running back. Defensively, the Trojans were led in tackles by linebackers **Clarke Pino**, **Mason Hinckley** and **JAMES BADGER**. The offensive MVP, as voted on by the team, was **Will Compton**, senior receiver.

The defensive MVP, as voted on by the team, was **Clarke Pino**, senior linebacker. The special teams leader, voted special teams MVP, was sophomore **CONNOR WINES**. Congratulations to the following football players for earning district awards:

Clarke Pino – District Defensive Co-MVP, First Team All-District Defense

Will Compton – First Team All-District Offense

Andrew Buser – Second Team All-District Defense

HARRISON FIELDS – Second Team All-District Defense

Kione Roberson – Second Team All-District Offense

Joel Smitherman – Second Team All-District Offense

Connor Wines – Second Team All-District Offense, Honorable Mention All-District Defense

James Badger – Honorable Mention All-District Defense

Joseph Nash – Honorable Mention All-District Offense

PHILIP PETERSEN – Honorable Mention All-District Defense

Markus Schumacher – Honorable Mention All-District Offense

HAYDEN STONE – Honorable Mention All-District Offense



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



THE LADY TROJAN VOLLEYBALL TEAM

had a great year filled with good team chemistry and big team wins! This year's team was an even balance of seven upper classmen and seven under classmen, bringing quite a different dynamic to the team with young enthusiasm and calm leadership. The team was led through a great season by our one senior and team captain, **CAROLINE SPEARS**. Early season wins came against Plano East and Midland Lee, and the girls competed well against the 2019 6A state runner-up, Plano West. The team had a thrilling preseason win over Prestonwood in front of a great crowd. The team finished third in district and lost in the first round of playoffs in a close match. The girls are excited to bring back all but one player for next year and want to thank all of the fans for a great season!

Congratulations to the following volleyball players for earning district, state and team awards:

Caroline Spears – First Team All-District, Honorable Mention All-State, Academic All-State, Team MVP

KATHRYN CALLAHAN – First Team All-District, Honorable Mention All-State, Academic All-State

ANNA HEIDELBAUGH – First Team All-District

COURTNEY ANDERSON – Second Team All-District

SYDNEY WAYTE – Second Team All-District

TRINITY MARTIN – Second Team All-District

LAUREN ELMS – Honorable Mention All-District

VARSITY CHEERLEADING

THE VARSITY CHEERLEADING TEAM

had a fun, busy fall season from cheering at the football games, leading the school pep rallies and competing at the TAPPS state competition. The girls kicked off the year with a patriotic-themed performance at the fall sports pep rally, where all of the fall sports teams were introduced.

Season highlights included the blackout pep rally, the Homecoming pep rally and Homecoming game. The girls performed crowd-pleasing routines to build school spirit and cheer on the Trojan football team.

The varsity and JV cheer teams recently returned from the TAPPS State Cheer Competition, where they performed well and had many fans who showed up to cheer for them.

Congratulations to the following cheerleaders for earning state awards:

ANNA KATE PARRENT – First Team All-State

KRISTEN REDING – First Team All-State

HALEIGH BROWN – Second Team All-State

AVERY COTTER – Honorable Mention All-State

CLARA WOODWARD – Honorable Mention All-State

Photos: Jeff McWhorter '05





VARSITY GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY



VARSITY BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

THE VARSITY GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM had another successful year with many great accomplishments. The girls team placed in the top five in team standings five times this season and finished sixth at the 6A TAPPS State Championships. The highlight of the season was winning the 6A TAPPS District 1 Championships for the second consecutive year. **AVERY OVERBERG** finished 5th at the 6A TAPPS State Championships, and this season, she moved to number one on the TCA all-time list for the 5000m and number two on the all-time list for the 3200m.

The team's chosen theme was "Decide to decide," and the team's verse was 2 Thessalonians 3:13, "And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good."

Congratulations to the following runners for earning district and team awards:

Avery Overberg – First Team All-District,
First Team All-State, Academic All-State,
Most Valuable Runner

ABBY CORONADO – First Team All-District

RACHEL MILLS – First Team All-District,
Most Improved Runner

LILLY STANTON – Most Christ-like Award

THE VARSITY BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, despite a number of injuries, had several good individual performances each week of its season. The team finished fourth at the 6A TAPPS District 1 Championships and 15th at the 6A TAPPS State Championships. The Cleburne Invitational race was a season highlight, with the boys posting their fastest cumulative time as a team.

The team's chosen theme was "Decide to decide," and the team's verse was 2 Thessalonians 3:13, "And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good."

Congratulations to the following runners for earning district and team awards:

LOGAN ROCK – First Team All-District

SETH BATOR – Most Valuable Runner

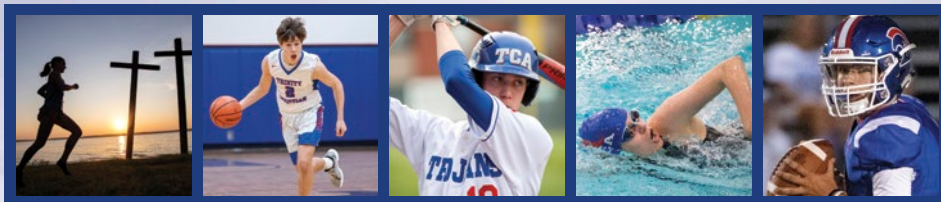
SAMUEL RODRIGUEZ – Most Improved Runner

MASON MORLAND – Most Christ-like Award



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ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB



THANKS FOR HELPING US MOVE FORWARD!

Thank you for your generous donations and participation in the Athletic Booster Club this year! We had a record year of giving!

The TCA Athletic Booster Club greatly contributes to the overall quality of the athletic program experience by promoting school spirit, reinforcing the Champion Creed and providing financial support above and beyond the athletic budget.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Athletic Booster Club supports and funds sports and spirit, campus-wide, for

almost 1,500

Lower, Middle and
Upper School students.

Each year, TCA's Athletic
Booster Club purchases new
equipment for ALL

**21 sports
and
60 teams.**

80%

of TCA's Middle and Upper
School students participate in
TCA Athletics.

For 2019-20, the Athletic
Booster Club was able to grant

100%

of TCA's athletic wish lists,
including the following:

**Hudl for football, basketball,
volleyball and soccer**

**Athletic Training Center
equipment**

**Garmin watches for cross
country**

**Girls and boys soccer
equipment**

**GoPro equipment, TV screen
and cart for volleyball**

Legacy Families



BY BETH HARWELL,
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI

I WENT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL, and my graduating class was over 1,600 students. I still meet people from my graduation class whom I did not know in high school, and I only remember a handful of my teachers' names. Even though I am not an alumna, I have three daughters who are, **Audrey '12**, **Hannah '16** and **Meredith '19**, and a son, **Jack**, who is in seventh grade. When I first sent my oldest daughter to kindergarten at TCA, graduating class sizes averaged 120–125 students. I thought about what that would look like for my children and how their experience would be so much different from my own.

We currently have 100 legacy families with 169 students on campus this year. A legacy family is one where one or both parents graduated from TCA and now their children attend TCA. As the director of alumni, I have often considered the reasons why our alumni bring back their children to attend school at TCA. I reached out to our current legacy parents and asked them why they returned to TCA with their children and what is special about the experience. Here are a few of the responses I received:

“ My husband and I believe a strong foundation in Jesus starts young. I didn't start at TCA until seventh grade, but my husband attended a Christian school from kindergarten through eighth grade. We both thought our time in Christian schools was the most important. My kids are so happy at TCA. I love that they will have the faculty and staff of TCA as examples of intelligent, educated, loving followers of Christ as they venture out into the secular world.” **LINDSAY HARRIS CRAWFORD '94**

“ I came back to TCA because I knew the quality of the education my children would receive. . . . After serving on the Alumni Association Board, I learned that the Board of Trustees spends a great deal of time in prayer for our school, and that impressed me. I also learned how much time the faculty and staff spend in prayer. And, as I am getting older, I'm realizing how much our parents were praying for us when we were students there. You cannot underestimate the power of prayer, and the emphasis on prayer at TCA is evident.” **ANNE WILKERSON BURNS '00**

“ I had a fabulous experience as a student and wanted my kids to have the same opportunities I did. I still did 'due diligence' and looked at other schools to be sure, but nothing even came close to being able to offer what TCA could.

The education is second-to-none, and that, combined with the biblical values and teaching, is a combination found nowhere else. I love that teachers and administrators who knew and influenced me are now having an impact on my children. I love the longevity of those relationships and the community that comes with having multiple generations of relationships. It's a small-town community in a big city.”

JENI McCABE PARRENT '87

“ I came back to TCA because of my experience here. Being able to forge deep relationships, the ability to get involved in a lot of different activities and the preparation the school does to get you ready for the world are all reasons I wanted my son at TCA.” **WILL WALTERS '82**

“ We made the decision to put our kids in TCA because we were looking for a K–12 school in our area that had the highest academic standards taught from a biblical worldview. Years later (Kate is a junior, and Tex is in eighth grade), our experience is our proof that we made the right decision. One of the things that I have always appreciated about my time at TCA was the lifelong friendships that I developed with both classmates and teachers. I attribute this mostly to the smaller class sizes, as well as the tenure and care of the teachers, which fosters a more family-like environment. I am so incredibly thankful that the Lord has given our kids the opportunity to experience this exact same thing.” **JOHN WALLISER '86**



“Our daughter was in public school through seventh grade, and we could tell she needed an environment where teachers and administration knew her by name, gave her the attention she needed and deserved and truly cared for her as a person and a student. Since starting TCA in the eighth grade, she’s had more opportunities to be involved in her school, her teachers love and support her, and the friendships she has made are irreplaceable. I love the Christ-centered environment at TCA. The school supports the values and beliefs that we are teaching at home, and the families around us share those beliefs, as well.”

JILL KILLION KARRH '92

“We came back to TCA, first and foremost, because we wanted our children to grow up in an educational environment where they would receive a Christian education on a daily basis and be taught by teachers who know and love the Lord and would pour that godly love into our children each and every day. I wanted our children to have the same experience that I had of being around godly Christian families who help one another and support one another and their children.”

RYAN LONG '98

“Three reasons we came back: 1—The Bible. 2—The Bible. And 3—The Bible. Short of attending seminary, I really don’t think my kids could get a better understanding of the Bible than through TCA. I wanted my children to have what I had when I graduated and was able to carry with me throughout the rest of my life. Even though I grew up in a Christian school, I wanted to see what it was like outside TCA. We put our kids in really great schools and went to really great churches, and they had really great friends. Even so, it was almost impossible to achieve what we wanted for our kids. Since being back at TCA, we feel the girls have really flourished academically, socially, artistically and athletically. But most of all, we are thrilled to see a depth of biblical understanding and knowledge far beyond their previous academic/social environment.”

CHRISTIAN MILLET '82

“Bringing my kids back felt like coming back home. We knew TCA would deliver a challenging academic environment, while at the same time, provide a faith-centered atmosphere where my kids grow. I love the fact that a lot of the same faculty, teachers and staff who poured into me spiritually and academically are also doing the same for my sons now.”

CANDACE CRAWFORD ROMO '05



“My wife, Megan '94, and I both graduated from TCA. We came back so that we could provide our kids with a Christ-centered education, and we like being back for the Christian community, which we have found in abundance. We are loving what we have found coming back, which we feel vastly outweighs the financial sacrifice we are making to have them here.”

NICK ROOSSIE '91



“I know that the values I’m teaching at home are being reinforced at school.

That wouldn’t be the case in public school nor at many private schools.”

JUSTIN SIMMONS '00

“My family came back in 2013, when my oldest daughter was in sixth grade and my younger daughter was in third grade. We moved back from Houston at that time. I had always hoped and prayed that God would bring us back to Dallas so that my kids could attend TCA. I wanted them to have the same wonderful, positive experience in school that I had during my time at TCA. It’s neat to see them walk down the same hallways and use the same bank of lockers that I used so many years ago. I see them surrounded by friends that I know will be in their lives for the long haul, just like my lifelong friends from TCA. As my oldest works through her senior year, I know she is fully prepared to enter college with a strong academic background and a faith rooted in Christ.”

TANYA WILEY RUTLEDGE '89



“The education and love I received from my teachers was absolutely incredible,

and I felt like it completely prepared me for college. I want my daughter to have that same experience and richness in learning. She is in preK now, so we are just getting started with her TCA career. I love how responsive her teachers are!”

SHEILA DYER-TRIGG '01

So many of these answers are similar and are confirmation what a constant TCA is in so many lives and continues to be for so many alumni. In 50 years, TCA has educated many students and has had a major impact on many families. Our prayer is that TCA will continue impacting the students and families of our community for many years to come.

THE TCA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION held its annual Homecoming Alumni Dinner on Friday, October 18, and the Trinity Art Gallery (TAG) in the Upper School held its opening reception of the 2019 Alumni Show that same night. Then TCA hosted the Trojan Football Experience: Remembering Friday Night Lights for our alumni on Saturday, October 19, headed up by **Justin McGee '06**, current Upper School history/English teacher.

The dinner had close to 400 in attendance in the tent north of the football field. Thank you to our sponsors Texas de Brazil (owners and current TCA parents **Salim and Shaundra Asrawi**) for the amazing dinner and to Sky Ranch for the tent for our families to gather. We had a face painter, children's games and a photo booth for our families to enjoy.

This year, we had a first: two homecoming queens as a result of a tie in the voting. Congratulations to seniors **Caroline Spears** and **Mikaela Weiss**.

A great time was had by all at the Trojan Football Experience on Saturday. Four teams competed in the flag football tournament, and the drum line performed, led by **Jeremy Knight**, band director. We had children's activities and lunch that was provided by our concessions team, led by **Camille Langford Walker '82**, director of volunteer services. **Kyle Morrill**, head of Upper School, emceed the game and the lunch. The players talked about their favorite coaches, teachers and TCA memories. We look forward to hosting this event next year and to adding even more teams to the tournament!

We celebrated TCA's 50th year at Homecoming this year, and we want to thank all our alumni families who came to the dinner, the art reception and the flag football tournament. It made our Homecoming Weekend very special to have our alumni back on campus!





HOMECOMING 2019



Letter from the Alumni Association President

I AM HONORED to have the opportunity to serve as the president of the TCA Alumni Association Board for the next two years. I would be remiss not to acknowledge our outgoing president, **Stephen Konstans '83**. Stephen has led the Alumni

Association with grace and wisdom. He dedicated himself to leaving the position and the organization better than he found it, and he realized that goal.

As I take the reigns from Stephen, I am incredibly proud of the accomplishments that the board has achieved over the past several years; however, we have great work in front of us. As we were planning for these next two years, I met with various stakeholders at TCA and the alumni community to discuss improvements that we can make. What positive impacts could this group of alumni board members have on the larger TCA community over the next two years, and how could I, as Stephen did, leave the organization and role as president better than I found it?

As a team, we defined four main goals outside of our normal day-to-day operations.

Goal 1: Planning and executing our Third Annual Spring Alumni Weekend, which includes the 50Fest (50th Anniversary) event for the entire TCA community on April 17 & 18. 50Fest is going to be such a unique experience for everyone. What an incredible time to reflect on everything that TCA has provided to us and our community, as well as look forward to the impact that we can make in the future! This will be an event for current families and alumni families to come together to celebrate 50 years of TCA.

Goal 2: Developing and implementing a plan to update our alumni data on a regular basis. Some of our data is not as up-to-date as we'd like, and we want to investigate new ways to interact with our alumni and to keep you informed of what is going on at TCA. We will be reaching out to you in the coming months to update your information.

Goal 3: Implementing beginning stages of our internship program and job fair. We want to be able to foster more interaction between our younger alumni and those alumni that are established in the business community. And, we want to make it easier to hire a TCA alumnus.

Goal 4: Spending more time cultivating our current and potential legacy families. Our legacy families (current families where one or both parents are alumni) are so important to the culture and future of the school. They have seen TCA evolve and are helping to shape it for the future.

These goals are ambitious; however, your alumni board is committed to reaching them. In order to do that, we need your help! If you have ideas surrounding one of these four goals, please reach out to me, **Beth Harwell**, director of alumni, or a member of the alumni board. We would love to hear from you!

Again, I am honored to serve as the president of the Alumni Association. I am looking forward to these next two years.



Lane Conner '99



SPRING ALUMNI WEEKEND

April 17-18, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS & ALUMNI NEWS

► SPRING ALUMNI WEEKEND

APRIL 17 & 18

This year, the TCA Alumni Association presents its Third Annual Spring Alumni Weekend on April 17-18, 2020. ALL Alumni are invited, and we will be celebrating the following reunions: 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

We will kick off the weekend with an evening at the Star in Frisco from 7 to 10 p.m. for ALL alumni.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

We will have our big 50th celebration, "50Fest," for the entire TCA Community from noon to 3 p.m. for alumni, alumni families, alumni parents, current families and past and current faculty and staff. Games, food, stage acts and the alumni baseball game will take place, plus all three schools will be open to welcome guests.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Reunion classes will meet individually to celebrate their reunions.

► **MAY 12:** TCA Graduation

► ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

(AUGUST 2019–JULY 2020)

Lane Conner IV '99, President

Stephen Konstans '83, Past President

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Jackie Schimmer Harrison '86, Vice President of Alumni Parents

Michael Novakovich '13, Vice President of Data

Brandon Waddell '97, Vice President of Community

Jacy Witt '12, Vice President of Communications

Tyler Galvin '15

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Jo Ann Ferrell Hodges '87

Kate Lynch '97

Hillary Price Taylor '07

David Purcey '01

► STAY CONNECTED

Be sure to follow us on social media:



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Moved? Changed your email and/or cell number? Go to www.trinitychristian.org/page/alumni-update-your-contact-info to update your info or email Beth Harwell, director of alumni, at bharwell@trinitychristian.org.

► PAVERS

Honor a current student, alumnus, faculty, staff or family member with a brick paver. For \$150, a paver may be purchased and placed in the Alumni Garden next to the TCA Performing Arts Center. All proceeds benefit the Alumni Association and Student Tuition Aid. For more information contact Beth Harwell, director of alumni, at bharwell@trinitychristian.org or go to www.trinitychristian.org/alumni for an order form.

Where are they now?

THE LATEST ON WHAT YOUR CLASSMATES ARE DOING
BY BETH HARWELL, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI

LOVE CONNECTION:

Jo Ann Ferrell Hodges '87 and Craig Hodges '82

Craig and I met in 1993. He was 29, and I was 23. We met through mutual TCA friends. **Steve Mabery '87** graduated from TCA with me and was one of my good friends. One of Steve's friends from Baylor that I knew was living with Craig at the time. We all ran into each other out in Dallas, and that's how Craig and I met.

We hit it off right away! We did not know each other when we were at TCA at all. He jokes that he can't

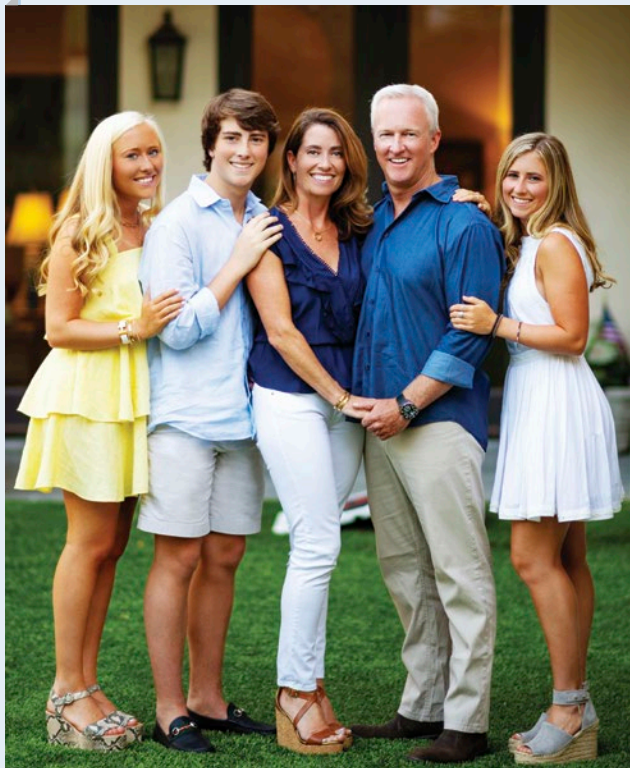
believe I didn't know who he was since he was the quarterback of the football team, but when he was a senior, I was only in seventh grade!

We got married on July 20, 1996. We'll be celebrating our 24th anniversary this summer.

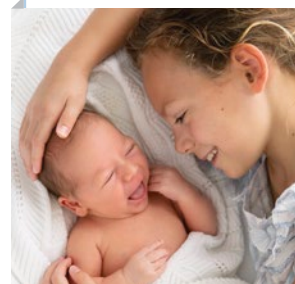
We have three children, twin girls—**Haley '17** and **Kaki '17**, and our son, **Case**, who will graduate from TCA this year, 2020. Haley attends the University of Oklahoma, and Kaki attends Auburn University.

It was really a no-brainer about where we wanted our kids to go to school. We both knew we would send them to TCA. It is so nice to have that love for TCA in common. It was one of the reasons we clicked so immediately when we started dating, too. Just knowing that we shared the same upbringing with our faith and knowing we'd had the same Christian education and what it meant to us was such a strong bonding foundation for our relationship.

I don't think you can find another school that pours the scriptures into your children like TCA does. If we had to do it all over again, we wouldn't change a thing. We hope someday we can be TCA grandparents, too!



1997



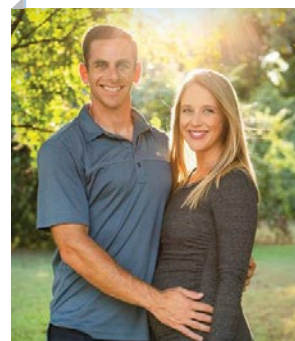
BRANDON and Stacie Waddell welcomed their second child, Elijah (Eli) Michael, on July 12, 2019. He joins big sister, Willa, who is in second grade at TCA.

2000



ANGIE SPENCE MOSIER and her husband, Drew, are happy to announce the birth of their baby boy, Jake Andrew, on August 3, 2019. Jake weighed in at 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Their daughter, Brynn (2), is a proud big sister. Angie and Drew live in the Dallas area.

2009



SOPHIA HORTON COUCH and her husband, Matt, moved back to Texas (Austin) in July and had a baby boy in November 2019. Matt is the new strength and conditioning coach for the University of Texas.

Got news?

► Drop us a line and let your classmates know what you are doing.
Email **Beth Harwell** in the Alumni Office at bharwell@trinitychristian.org.

Please note that all submissions for the next issue of *Trinity Today* must be received by April 15, 2020, and that all submitted electronic photos must be in high-resolution jpeg format to be suitable for printing.



JAMES RIMER got engaged in December 2018 to Katy Emory James of Kansas City, Missouri. James graduated from Baylor University in 2013 and returned to Dallas to live and work. Katy graduated from the University of Missouri in 2014 and moved to Fort Worth in 2015 to pursue a job in graphic design. James and Katy met that same year, began dating and were engaged in 2018. James and Katy were married on October 26, 2019, at University Park United Methodist Church. The couple resides in Dallas.

2011



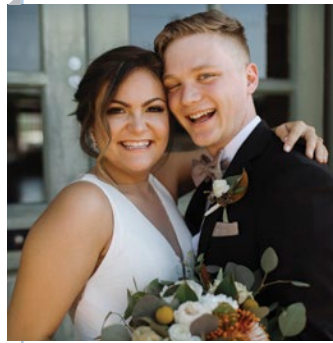
PAIGE GILBERT married Will McKay on March 16, 2019, at Perkins Chapel in Dallas. The bridal party included maids of honor **MEGAN BURNS** and **MELISSA PAIR '10** and bridesmaids **KATIE MORRILL TURNER '10**, **ABIGAIL SIMNACHER HURT**, **ANNIE REA KELLY**, **TYLER ALLEN SNOW**, **STEPHANIE MASTOR WALLACE**, **KIMBERLY WELWOOD ROGERS** and **KARALINE COATS**. **KYLE MORRILL**, head of Upper School, officiated the wedding.

2015



SAMANTHA SADLER is now attending Harvard Medical School in Boston after graduating from Duke University Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa.

2016



ADDISON HERRITAGE married Bailey French on June 8, 2019, at the Eagle Historic Warehouse

in Hillsboro, Texas. TCA alumni in the wedding party were best man **HOGAN HERRITAGE '13** and bridesmaid **RACHEL BOLTON '15**.

The couple enjoyed the support of many TCA alumni who joined them in their wedding celebrations. Addison met Bailey his freshman year at the University of Arkansas, where they are currently completing undergraduate degrees. Addison is preparing to become a youth minister and Bailey an art teacher.

CALLED ABROAD

by Allison Knott Nance '03

"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'" —Isaiah. 6:8

IT STARTED WITH JUST A WORD. A word that came to my heart in the midst of prayer over two years ago: Japan. Knowing that it was the Spirit's voice, I felt this word press on me and began to fuel something. I told my husband, Zac, the next day, and he didn't have an immediate reaction beyond, "Oh, that's cool. I've always wanted to visit Japan!" There were a ton of things happening in our lives at the time: being part of a church-planting team in Houston, volunteering for a nonprofit ministry in Pakistan, grad school and keeping up with our toddler, just to name a few. In all honesty, I didn't feel we could add anything else to the mix. We couldn't begin to understand the weight of that one word—Japan—until later.

When Zac and I began feeling the Lord impress Japan further into our lives, we began volunteering locally with OMF International (formerly China Inland Mission) and learned several staggering statistics:

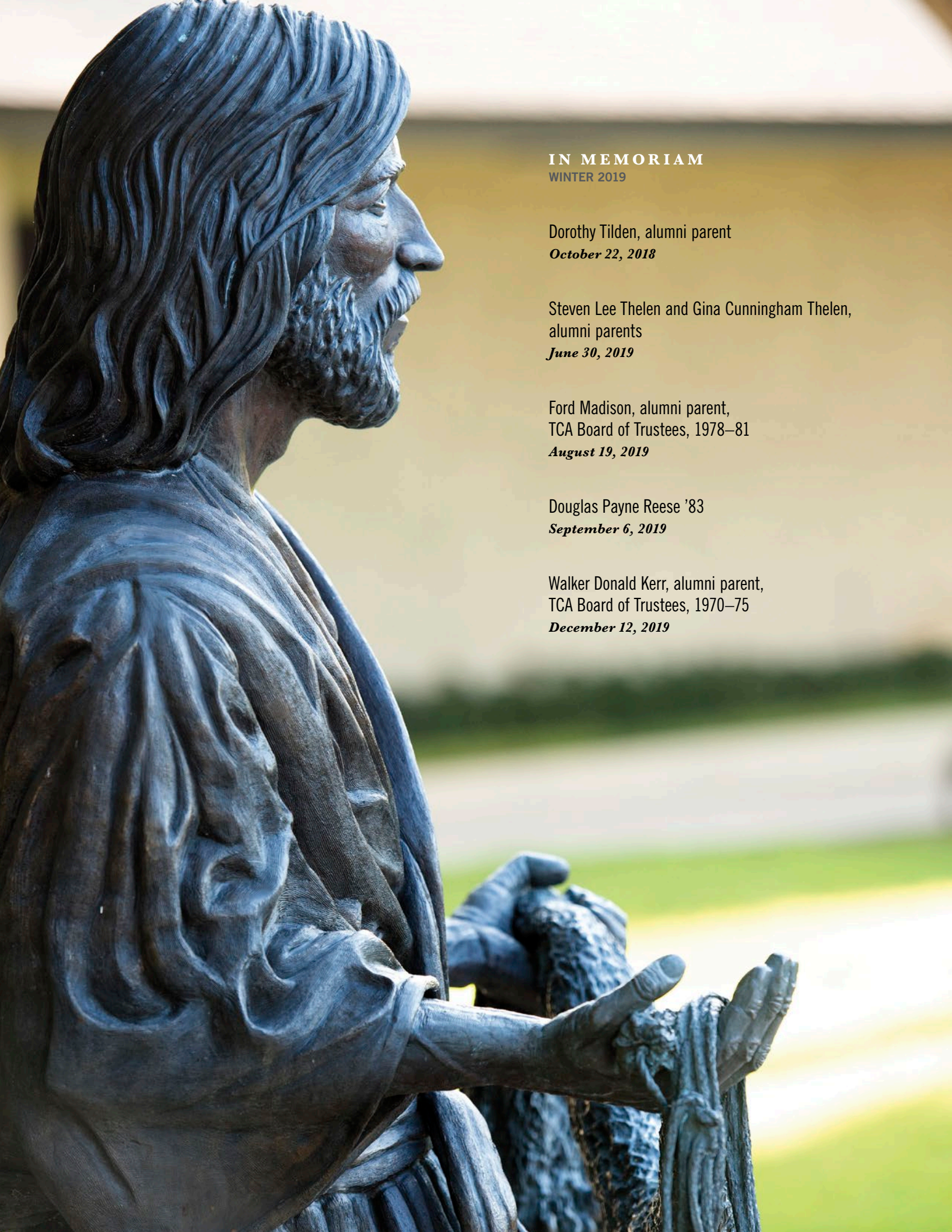
- Less than one percent of Japan's population of 127 million knows Jesus as their savior.
- The above statistic makes Japan the second largest unreached people group (UPG) in the world.
- Eighty-nine percent of the pastors in Japan are over age 50.

A tension arose between the things we knew we were called to do, things the Lord had placed in front of us and the control we tried to maintain over our lives. Despite a challenging and surprising 2017, including multiple moves within Houston, a flooded home and a cancelled prayer trip to Japan, together, the Lord has led us here. Every plan, every method and every expectation we would come up with on our own strength fell short of satisfying. We had expectations and hopes of how our life would look, but the Lord has a better purpose, which stands above anything we could devise.

We have become confident that the Lord's purpose for our family lies with the country and people of Japan. In November 2018, we were appointed by OMF International (U.S.) for service in Japan. It is our hope to be in Sapporo, Japan, by November 2020! Ultimately, we long to see miraculous gospel transformation among the Japanese. We hope to aid in church revitalization and the planting of new churches in Japan. We pray that through our family, the truth and love of Jesus would be made evident to those He places in our lives. The Japanese church faces unique challenges, and meeting these challenges in the name of Jesus will only happen by His strength and His grace. My family and I are humbly echoing these words from Isaiah: *Here we are Lord, send us.*



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IN MEMORIAM
WINTER 2019

Dorothy Tilden, alumni parent
October 22, 2018

Steven Lee Thelen and Gina Cunningham Thelen,
alumni parents
June 30, 2019

Ford Madison, alumni parent,
TCA Board of Trustees, 1978–81
August 19, 2019

Douglas Payne Reese '83
September 6, 2019

Walker Donald Kerr, alumni parent,
TCA Board of Trustees, 1970–75
December 12, 2019

SPIRIT OF SERVICE

Upper School students blessed the residents of the Rhoads Terrace/Exline area of Dallas during the Christmas season this year with the canned foods they had collected, sorted and delivered during the All-School Canned Food Drive, the sophomore class service project.





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► Note to parents

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Saturday, April 18

**Noon to 3 p.m.
on the TCA campus**

Calling all TCA families,
alumni and alumni parents to
join us for a fun family event
celebrating 50 years of TCA!

- Interactive games
- Photo booth
- Bounce houses
- Food trucks and treats
- Face painting
- And much more!