Example of service

IT WAS A HEARTWARMING AND TEAR-FILLED AFTERNOON on March 28 in Lower School Chapel when TCA parent Sergeant Freddy Hernandez returned home from his deployment in Africa. His surprised daughters, Ari (2nd) and Graci (3rd), raced to the stage to jump into his arms! What a blessing it was for our students to honor a member of our community who is truly committed to serving our country and all of us so selflessly! It’s hard to fully comprehend the sacrifices that he and his family make in this life of service they’ve chosen. We give thanks for his safe return and continue to pray for all of those in military service and their families.

While we are not all called to serve in the military, we are all called to serve—at home and around the globe. In this issue of Trinity Today, you will read about some of the many ways our students, faculty, administrators, alumni and families serve their greater communities. Using their unique gifts, they find countless ways to bless others, share the love of Christ and grow in their own faith. It is truly inspiring to see how willingly and joyfully our students serve and how so many of them spend their vacations and free time giving to others.

As we plan our days over the next several weeks of summer, I encourage all of us to look for ways in which we can serve others and make an impact for Christ in a world that desperately needs Him.
Three decades of service
Headmaster Dave Delph has spent 30 years leading and teaching at TCA. Faculty, students and alumni offer words of gratitude and appreciation for his years of dedicated service.

Features

 Called to Serve
Service is at the heart of a Christian life, and at TCA, it’s at the heart of our school. Read about the many ways our students, parents, administrators, faculty, staff and coaches are the hands and feet of Christ.

Pursuing Excellence
Becky Lewis, executive director of the TCA Foundation, shares exciting news about TCA’s upcoming 50th anniversary and the future of TCA through our new campaign, Pursuing Excellence.

In My Own Words
TCA alumnus Drew Crawford ’11 looks back on his days as a TCA student and how his love and appreciation for TCA brought him back to campus.
National Merit Finalists
Seniors Avery Schuster, Lindsay Bartol and Ashley McWhorter were named 2019 National Merit Finalists. As finalists, they were among the highest scorers on the PSAT in Texas and the nation. Lindsay was also named a National Merit Scholar.

Schmidt & Jones Awards
Congratulations to these TCA students for winning big at the Schmidt & Jones High School Musical Awards for their performances in The Sound of Music!

Best Female Ensemble Member: Mackenna Shults
Best Supporting Actress: Michelle Raybourn
Best Actress in a Minor Role: Emma Hodge
Best Actor: Clarke Pino

French Honor Society
Congratulations to the following students who were recently inducted into the French Honor Society for excellent academic achievement, active involvement and genuine interest in French: Sage Yassa, Zachary Coronado, Isabella Berthel, Jenna Larson and Landry Hays (not pictured).

2019 Duke University Talent Identification Program
This year, 80 TCA seventh graders qualified for the TIP/Duke program by demonstrating advanced aptitudes on grade-level assessments. Of these students, 22 chose to take the SAT or ACT. Annabelle Lee and Alexander Kim were awarded Grand Recognition, the highest recognition in the program, and will be honored at Duke University in a Grand Recognition Ceremony. In addition, eight other students qualified for State Recognition: Lucy Dennis, Ivy Jordan, Alyson Lee, David Meiser, Rachel Rader, Hannah Roquemore, Christian Yang and Molly Youn. Congratulations to all who participated!
Super Spellers

Congratulations to the following students who placed at the ASCI District Spelling Bee:

- **Kaden Handoko** – Second Place, Fourth Grade; Second Place, Overall
- **Trey Nunnally** – Third Place, Fourth Grade
- **Madison McKenna** – Fourth Place, Fifth Grade
- **Rosalind Chang** – Third Place, Sixth Grade
- **Karalyn Ehmke** – Third Place, Seventh Grade
- **Eliotte Lin** – Fourth Place, Seventh Grade
- **Kazia Handoko** – First Place, Eighth Grade

Math Olympians

The following Lower School and Middle School students placed in the ACSI Math Olympics this year:

- **Third Grade**
  - Will Anderson – Third Place, Reasoning
  - Ian Cho – Second Place, Computation
  - Jayden Lee – First Place, Computation
  - Daniel Russ – Fourth Place, Computation

- **Fourth Grade**
  - Kaden Handoko – Second Place, Computation
  - Reid Johansen – Second Place, Reasoning
  - Lucas McIntyre – First Place, Computation

- **Fifth Grade**
  - Nathan Youn – Second Place, Reasoning

- **Sixth Grade**
  - Rosalind Chang – Third Place, Reasoning
  - Karys Karlow – First Place, Reasoning
  - Daniel Yang – Second Place, Reasoning

- **Seventh Grade**
  - Nathan Chou – Fourth Place, Computation
  - Alex Kim – Second Place, Computation
  - Annabelle Lee – Third Place, Reasoning
  - Eliotte Lin – First Place, Reasoning
  - Molly Youn – Second Place, Reasoning

- **Eighth Grade**
  - Bethany Grimm – Second Place, Reasoning
  - Kazia Handoko – First Place, Computation
  - Richelle Kim – Second Place, Computation
  - Grace Kwon – Second Place, Reasoning
  - Jocelyn Youn – First Place, Reasoning

TAPPS Academic State Championship

Congratulations to the following Upper School students who placed in the TAPPS 6A Academic State Championship this year:

- **Katherine Novakovich** – Third Place, Ready Writing
- **Henry Ridley** – Second Place, Literary Criticism
- **Max Thomas** – Sixth place, Calculator Applications

Honored Artist

Eighth-grader **Kazia Handoko** was selected as one of 12 artists to be published in the Southern Teachers Association 2019-2020 school calendar. Her drawing, *Library Patio*, was selected out of 500 entries from the southern parts of the United States. Congratulations, Kazia!

Upper School Chemistry Teacher Honored

Upper School chemistry teacher **Debra Jones** was honored at the University of Rochester for winning the Singer Family Prize for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching. She was nominated by a former DISD student who graduated this year from the University of Rochester. Congratulations, Mrs. Jones!

All-State Band, Choir and Orchestra

Congratulations to the following students for being selected for the TPSMEA All-State Concerts:

- **All-State Choir**: Erin Clay, Bella Correa, Bryn Correa, Allison Jones, Michelle Raybourn, Kaleigh Wilkinson
- **All-State Orchestra**: Alan Fandrich

College Commitments

Congratulations to the following TCA athletes who will continue their sports at the collegiate level:

- **Michael Callahan** – Football, Lehigh University
- **Reid Stacy** – Football, Southern Methodist University
- **Xavier Brooks** – Football, Benedictine College
- **Isaac Agumadu** – Football, Trinity University
- **Hunter Balk** – Wrestling, Arizona State University
- **Justin Moore** – Football, University of Connecticut
- **Mia Gradick** – Equestrian, Fresno State University
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TPSMEA Band Awards
Congratulations to the following students for their TPSMEA band achievements:

TPSMEA Middle School Honor Band
Rex Day
Ayla Francis
Ally Gerard
Taylor Hervey
Kylie Jones
Dylan Kinley
Joshua Lim
Jake Nolan
Carson Roach
Lily Yassa
Andrew Yates
Molly Youn

Middle School Symphonic Band
Aly Kutz
Jillian Delp

Middle School Concert Band
Aly Kutz
Taylor Hervey
Kylie Jones

TPSMEA North Region High School Band
Elizabeth Branstetter
Zachary Coronado

ATSSB Region 24 Band
Zachary Coronado
Sarah Gerard

TPSMEA Vocal Music Awards
Congratulations to the following students for their TPSMEA vocal music achievements:

TPSMEA Region 1 Vocal Solo/Ensemble Contest
Superior Rating, Class 2 Song – Anna Kutz, Rachel Mills
Superior Rating, Class 1 Song (qualifying for state competition) – Bella Correa, Bryn Correa, Allison Jones, Clarke Pino, Hannah Plemons, Michelle Raybourn, Kaleigh Wilkinson

TPSMEA State Vocal Solo/Ensemble Contest
Superior Rating – Bryn Correa, Allison Jones, Clarke Pino, Michelle Raybourn, Kaleigh Wilkinson

TPSMEA Concert/Sightreading Contest
Excellent Rating in Concert/Superior Rating in Sightreading – TCA Chorale
Supervisor Rating in Concert/Competitive Rating in Sightreading (Sweepstakes Award) – TCA Choir

TVAA Awards
TCA Upper School visual arts students participated in the Texas Visual Arts Association Competition and had more pieces accepted and more award winners than any other participating school, public or private. Congratulations to the following students for earning awards:

Rik Massengale – Outstanding Sculpture
Caroline Millet – Best Of Show
Brielle Stein – Second-place Overall
Clarissa Wong – Outstanding Painting (pictured above)
Thomas Wyman – Dean’s Award

Young American Talent
Congratulations to the following students for placing in the Young American Talent High School Art Competition:

James Badger – Rising Star Award
Taya Burgett – Third Place, Printmaking
Sadie Ellis – Second Place, Printmaking (pictured left)
Gentry Jarrell – Third Place, Photography
Olivia Priest – Rising Star Award
Michael Ruch – First Place, Mixed Media
Laney Segert – Honorable Mention, Ceramics
Brielle Stein – Honorable Mention, Photography

2019 Art of Architecture Competition
Congratulations to the following students for being awarded in the 2019 Art of Architecture Competition sponsored by the Dallas Center for Architecture:

Upper School
Abby Coronado – Citation Award, Mixed Media
Jillian Delp – Honor Award, Mixed Media
Lauren Head – Citation Award, Drawing, Honor Award, Painting
Sydney Johnston – Best of Show and Honor Award, Photography
Luke Langford – Honor Award, Printmaking
Jordan McFarlane – Citation Award, Painting
Anna Muccio – Citation Award, Photography
Annie Xia – Honor Award, Sculpture
Landry Walton – Honor Award, Drawing

Middle School
Morgan Amison – Jurors’ Commendation and Honor Award, Drawing
Jana Elawar – Best of Show and Honor Award, Mixed Media
Greysan Findley – Citation Award, Painting (pictured left)
Richelle Kim – Citation Award, Drawing
Emma McIntyre – Honor Award, Painting
Carsen Prideaux – Citation Award, Mixed Media

PSI Art Competition
TCA students admirably represented our school in the 2019 Private School Invitational Art Competition this year. Award winners were:

Carsen Prideaux – First Place, Fifth Grade (pictured left)
Georgia Clay – First Place, Seventh Grade
National Latin Exam
Each year, seventh- and eighth-grade Latin students are given the opportunity to participate in the National Latin Exam with over 143,000 others from all 50 states and 24 foreign countries. Congratulations to these outstanding Latin students:

**Eighth Grade**
Summa Cum Laude – Gold Medal and only missing one question: Anastacia Chu, Ally Gerard and Sebastian Silva
Summa Cum Laude – Gold Medal: Zoey Ballard, Kate Barclay, Bethany Grimm, Kazia Handoko, Richelle Kim, Dylan Kinley, Joshua Lim and Emma McIntyre
Maxima Cum Laude – Silver Medal: Jenna Branstetter, Jack Drake, Jana Elawar, Ayla Francis, Grace Kwon, Jaxon Leithen, Parker Prideaux and Jocelyn Youn
Cum Laude: Zach Asche, Elleanna Berthel, Matthew Campbell, Gable Delp, Rose Duncan, Landon Ham, Joshua Liu, Trinity Martin, Max Merrifield, Wyatt Merrill and Joshua Staz

**Seventh Grade**
Only missed one question: Lucy Dennis, Kyle Jones and Grace Levertov
Achievement Certificate: Georgia Clay, Jared Courtney, Karalyn Ehmeke, Dylan Eubanks, Joseph Fitzgerald, Audrey Hestwood, Kate Hurley, Haley Janacek, Will Lehmaiter, Hannah Roquemore, Maddox Vines and Cate Woodward

**Eighth-Grade Awards**
Bible: Faith Huffman, Max Merrifield, Samantha Treadway
Choir: Gable Delp, Morgan Hausz, Seth Henegar, Lexi Meador, Noah Smith, Nick Wenzel
History/English: Jack Castello, Richelle Kim, Joshua Lim, Maddie McMullen, Lexi Meador, Parker Prideaux
Latin: Bethany Grimm, Kazia Handoko, Landon Littleton
Math: Bethany Grimm, Kazia Handoko, Richelle Kim, Grace Kwon, Joshua Lim, Parker Prideaux
Science: Kazia Handoko, Joshua Lim, Lexi Meador
Speech/Drama: Jack Castello, Cara Smith, Samantha Treadway
Technology: Faith Huffman
Visual Art: Elieanna Berthel, Jana Elawar, Kazia Handoko, Richelle Kim

**Grades 9-11 Awards**
Bible: Landry Hays, Blake Mercer
Drama I: Ainsley Ferrell, Jackson Rogers
Drama II: Bryn Correa, Austin Marquardt
Advanced Drama: Kyle Cotter
Spring Show Award: Allison Jones, Clark Pinto
Men’s Chorus: Christopher Woodhouse
Women’s Chorus: Madeline Prescott
Outstanding Musicians Band Award: Zachary Coronado, Sarah Gerard, Ethan Merrifield
Sculpture/3D Mixed Media/Ceramics: Rik Massengale
H Photography: Grace Weir
H Drawing/Painting/Printmaking: Caroline Cinatl, Sydney Johnston
H Digital Art/Electronic Collage/Video Animation: Leah Kegerreis, Adelaide Walker
H Drawing II/Printing II/Printmaking II: Audrey Gradick
History/English Grade 9: James Badger, Ainsley Ferrell, Juliana Voth
History/English Grade 10: Reagan Rodgers, Patricia Sharon, Annia Xia
History/English Grade 11: Anna Beth Lowrey, Mason Morland, Sage Yassa
Algebra I: Mary Neuhoff
Geometry: Sydney Wayte
Algebra II: Wilson Roe
Honors Trig/Intro Calculus: Henry Ridley
Pre AP Trig/Calculus: Savannah Sims
Pre AP Biology: Daniel Baker, Alyssa Clemovitz
Biology: Mary Neuhoff, Landrie Smith
Pre AP Chemistry: Dawson Chaffin, Annie Xia
Chemistry: Addison Willey, Sage Yassa
Physics: Riley Conine, Michael Heidelberg
AP Physics Mechanics: Matthew Harvey, Caleb Key
H Intermediate Technology: Blaine Grimes, Grace Weir
H Computer Science Foundation: Juliana Voth
H Web Programming: Cameron Gilmore
French I: Juliana Voth
French II: Seth Bator
H French II: Claire Shodeen
Pre AP French III: Zach Coronado
Spanish I: Daniel Baker, Katie Reding
Spanish II: Anna Kutz, Ryan O’Shea
Spanish II: Lauren Elms
Spanish III: Dutch McKay
Pre AP Spanish III: Natalie Konstans
H Spanish IV: Allie Knudsen

**Senior Awards**
Valedictorian: Lindsay Bartol
Salutatorian: Jessica Lee
Trinity Spirit: Kate Blocker
TCIA Good Citizenship Award: Abby Muschalek, Sam Norris
Trojan Heart: McKenzie Moore, Blake Marsh
Scholar Athletes: Abby Muschalek, Connor Williams
Tri-Athlete Award: McKenzie Moore, Lauren Sulzen
Bible: Macrae Smith, Scott Raybourn
AP English: Erin Clay, Daniel Jones
Senior Thesis: Kate Blocker, Avery Schuster
Drama Director’s Award: Charles Cash
Outstanding Theater Student: Molly Grace Beddiefeld, Macrae Smith
Outstanding Musicians: Isaac Agumadu, Michelle Raybourn, Caroline Tate, Elijah Westover
Choral Director’s Award: Erin Clay, Kaleigh Wilkinson
Louie Armstrong Jazz Award: Noah Morrison
John Philip Sousa Award: David Asche, Laura Pomerberg, Cailin Redden

Band Director’s Award: Beckett Myers, Riley Stringfield, Tanner Wayne
Trojan Band Award: Bobby Carstens, Jacob Powell
AP Art: Lindsay Bartol, Jillian Delp, Caroline Millet
AP Government: Noah Morrison
AP Calculus BC: Max Thomas
AP Calculus AB: Kate Blocker, Abby Muschalek
Trig/Intro Business Calculus: Molly Grace Beddiefeld
Finite Math: Gentry Jarrell
AP Biology: Lindsay Bartol
AP Chemistry: Max Thomas
H Engineering Design: Lauren Head
H Anatomy & Physiology: Molly Grace Beddiefeld, Emily Floyd
H Astronomy: Max Thomas
Field Ecology: Coleman Rector
H Tech Intern Award: Cailin Redden
AP Computer Science: Daniel Jones
Special Topics Computer Science: Bryce O’Brien
AP Spanish IV: Avery Schuster
Yearbook: Kate Blocker, Brijit Crosby, Clara Liu, Savannah Pate
Congratulations to all these students who made the third trimester honor roll:
ONE OF THE BOARD’S GOALS this year was to work with consultants to help us better understand our value proposition and to improve it, deliver on it and communicate it. To shed the business-consultant terminology, we wanted to use expert, outside help to examine how well our own community, prospective families and even some who have left our community perceive we are fulfilling our mission to educate and develop the whole person for the glory of God, and then, help identify what we need to do better to fulfill that calling.

To undertake this, we had several professional consultants in our community volunteer their time and expertise to the task (for which we are immensely grateful). We then used an experienced former colleague of theirs (a committed follower of Jesus) to serve as our project manager. With their help, we conducted a survey of families interested or enrolled in private schools in our area to study what was important and their perceptions of TCA. Our project manager talked with many of our own key administrators to understand TCA better. She studied other nearby schools to understand what they were doing and how they compared to us. And, she conducted several focus groups with some of our families and one-on-one interviews with some who have chosen to leave our community. All of this helped reinforce much of what we believed already, but it also gave us key insights into how we can better serve you.

We confirmed that the most important aspects of what we do, both for our own community and what distinguishes us in the marketplace, is to provide strong academics fully integrated with our faith in Christ. This is what our community wants, and it is why new families choose to join us. There were many wonderful observations about how we are doing on delivering this to you. For example, our average ACT score is 28.5, which is above or well above the scores achieved by what might be called “competitor schools” in our market area and above Highland Park ISD, too. Many people cited the differentiating joy they see on our campus, among students and teachers, reflective of how Christ infuses His life in all we do.

Our study also showed us key areas upon which to improve:

1) **Leadership development:** We offer many opportunities for this through our over 60 student organizations, including academic, service and spiritual opportunities, but we can do better and will prioritize this.

2) **Academic flexibility:** We are introducing an Honors-level history component starting next year, in addition to AP history, so that all of our major course offerings have multiple tracks in the Upper School. We will continue to evaluate this to serve our families well and maintain great academics for our students.

3) **Facilities:** We are working hard on raising the funds for a new Middle School and other upgraded buildings to deliver excellence to our students. The board and administration will continue to work on these and other priorities to serve the Lord and you.

We urge you all to join with us as we seek God’s glory through TCA. One key way to join in was reinforced by our study: tell your friends to come enroll here at TCA. Personal recommendations are, by far, the primary way that we attract new families and students. You are doing them a huge favor and will bless their family for generations.

Thank you for entrusting your children to TCA.
THANK YOU to the 2018-19 PTF Board: President Jackie Harrison, Vice President Jena Hattendorf, Secretary Susan Mattox and Treasurer Danylle Leeds. TCA is grateful for all the time you devote to the school and all of the support you provide through the Room Mother program, Mini School Night receptions, Uniform Resale, Rebate Programs and the appreciation luncheon that you hosted for the entire TCA faculty and staff. Thank you for your service and volunteering in such a mighty way.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

This year’s Junior-Senior Banquet took place on Sunday, April 8, at the Marriott Legacy. This banquet is a long-standing TCA tradition, where the junior class hosts a dinner to honor the seniors and present them with their individual character qualities. The senior parents were invited to join the students for the dinner portion, and we had a tremendous turnout. This year’s theme was “Follow Your Dreams to the Emerald City.” The hotel lobby and ballroom had fantastic decorations, spearheaded by Sheila Langford, Stacy Watts and Robbi Conine, and everyone enjoyed the faculty members dressed as Wizard of Oz characters. The senior highlight video was produced by Melissa Neatherlin, with the assistance of Teri Lynam, and Steve Williamson, Upper School Bible department head, gave an inspiring message.

Thank you to Sheila Langford, this year’s chair, and her entire committee, Stacy Watts, Robbi Conine, Shelly Cotter, Susan Gradick, Carrie Hackney, Becky Jones, Kim Pino, Molly Ridley and Tricia Westover, and thank you to all the junior parents who helped to make this event such a special night for the seniors and their parents!
Thank you to these special employees who are leaving us:

- Laura Bell (3 years), Erin Cunningham (12 years), Melissa Faulkner (3 years), Susie Feldman (12 years), Charles Ferguson (19 years), Julie Gossett (3 years), Jill Hall (6 years), Katelyn Manchester (8 years), Melissa Manos (12 years), Tami Merchant (2 years), Sue Morrill (28 years), Tiffany Mutlu (9 years), Jeni Parrent (10 years), Sam Peters (1 year), Hope Pfautz (4 years), Marshella Powell (10 years), Benedicte Rovel (7 years), Dennis Saffold (33 years), Elaine Tate (10 years), Alison Thomas (4 years), Sarah-Graham Turtletaub (7 years), Haley Van Cleave (1 year) and Steve Williamson (27 years).

THANK YOU and BEST WISHES
These dedicated employees who are leaving this year have served our TCA students, families and community with excellence and grace for over 25 years:

**DENNIS SAFFOLD, 33 YEARS**

“Dennis Saffold has been a faithful servant to TCA for over three decades, teaching in multiple grade levels, serving as head of Middle School and shepherding students in the classroom, as well as in multiple extracurricular activities. He will leave us with memories of many corny jokes, silly puns and the incredible basketball skills of his alter ego, Dr. Funk. He taught us that the key to having a part of the school named after one’s self is to simply proclaim it so, as he did with his end of the 7th-/8th-grade hallway, the ‘Saffold Wing!’

“In addition to all of the fun, ‘Mr. Saff’ has demonstrated what it looks like to live a life devoted to God’s Word and putting it into action. He began the tradition of the Middle School Bible Passage Memory Lunches, has held devotions for his students and has always been quick to connect what he’s studying or memorizing on his own. Through all of the years, all that he has contributed to the life of our school and all the lives he has influenced, Dennis has been mindful of living a daily life which echoes Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians 11:1, ‘Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.’"

—Scott Berthel, head of Middle School

**SUE MORRILL, 28 YEARS**

“Sue Morrill coached and served in the PE Department from 1982 through 1987, then returned to coach part-time in 1995, eventually rejoining the PE Department. During those 28 years, she has coached volleyball, track, swimming and basketball. Her commitment to making the world of PE excellent for our students has been evident throughout her time at TCA.

“At the heart of her teaching and coaching, Sue was gifted at helping students and athletes develop essential character qualities that would be necessary for all of life—teamwork, kindness, inclusion, encouragement, hard work and commitment. Sue participated as a sponsor on numerous Wilderness, Israel, Europe and Senior trips. I think it would be hard to find anyone in TCA’s history who has taught and coached more students than Sue. Thank you, Sue, for 28 years of serving TCA and for being a part of our community for 37 of our 49 years.”

—Dave Delph, headmaster

**STEVE WILLIAMSON, 27 YEARS**

“I’ll only be here one year,” said Steve Williamson when he first came to TCA 27 years ago. Famous last words! Steve has had a significant impact at TCA in a number of capacities. He taught Middle School and Upper School Bible, but for the last many years, he has taught Senior Bible. He has gone on many Wilderness, Senior and Amazon trips, served as the Upper School dean of students and coached varsity and Middle School football and tennis. Steve has overseen the energy conservation program at TCA and has been instrumental in saving our school over $2 million.

“Steve is known to be the life of the party and has the ability to make all those around him laugh. He is a gifted theologian, able to bring complex biblical concepts into the real world. He is comfortable with those who ask tough spiritual questions and gives thoughtful, gentle answers. Steve cares deeply that people see the goodness of the Savior and experience the grace of God as they navigate through life. Thank you, Steve Williamson. You are one of a kind, and you have made your mark on the TCA community.”

—Kyle Morrill, head of Upper School
Did you know the 2019-20 school year will mark the 50th anniversary for Trinity Christian Academy?

I can’t wait to celebrate this landmark event with you! Throughout the year, we will have several opportunities to gather as a community to celebrate our heritage and look toward the exciting future. I hope you will join us as we set aside time to reflect on God’s blessings at TCA and rejoice in His faithfulness.

Mark your calendar and join us to celebrate 50 years of TCA!

**NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY** September 19

**ALUMNI LEGACY BREAKFAST** September 26

**HOMECOMING ALUMNI DINNER**
and **FOOTBALL GAME** October 18

**PURSUING EXCELLENCE GALA**
with **PEYTON and ARCHIE MANNING** October 26

**LOWER SCHOOL GRANDPARENT DAYS** November 21 and 22

**50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** and **TCA COMMUNITY EVENT** April 18, 2020

And more to come!
Looking forward—the next 50 years

Compelled by their faith, TCA’s founding families made an investment that continues to impact the lives of young people today. Like our founding families, we have an opportunity to invest in the lives of our current students, as well as thousands who will follow over the next 50 years.

If we stand united in our commitment to pursue excellence—to be even better tomorrow than we are today—we will reach our potential to educate and graduate 6,000 students over the next 50 years. That’s 2,000 more students than we have graduated over the last 50 years. Can you imagine the impact 6,000 equipped Christian leaders can have on our culture? On our world?

As we look forward and approach a landmark anniversary, we realize there is much more to do. Now and in the future, everything we do at TCA has to be about pursuing excellence—from what goes on inside our buildings to what goes on outside our buildings to the buildings themselves.

Times have changed since our school was established in 1970, so it will require doing even more than we have in the past.

The TCA Board of Trustees, Foundation Board and school leadership have set a bold vision for the future of our school, the Pursuing Excellence Campaign. This new master plan outlines a multi-phase project that will transform our 40-acre campus over the course of several years. It sets in motion TCA’s course for the future, academically, spiritually and through athletics and the arts. It will advance our mission by supporting 21st-century learning and, at the same time, foster more pride, more interaction and more community.

The Pursuing Excellence Campaign is bold and ambitious, exciting and important. Just like the pioneering families who built our school, we need to follow with faith and prepare our campus for future generations of students. We turn to our TCA community to leave a legacy through their support, commitment and prayers.

I look forward to sharing the exciting campus plans with you in the coming months.
"FISH"Y FRIENDS
Third-graders experienced a firsthand lesson in nature as they explored the structures, functions and behaviors of crayfish. These classroom guests were the objects of many amazing student discoveries!

LESSONS IN LOVE
Students in preK put Scripture into action this spring as they learned about the Easter story and, like our Savior did, washed one another’s feet while sharing things they love about each other.

“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.”
—John 13:14 (NIV)
**AFRICA N MARKET**
Kindergarten students celebrated the beauty of Africa at their African market, where they traded and bartered their crafts and creations with their fellow students.

**A SLICE OF THE PIE**
Fractions are fun and tasty when combined with delicious food! Second-graders enhanced their study of fractions by creating construction paper pizzas and then enjoyed eating fractions of real pizzas.

**IN GOD WE TRUST**
Under the direction of Lower School Music Teacher Laurie Dickens, this year’s fourth-graders paid tribute to our founding fathers and their unwavering faith in the Lord in the annual spring production of *In God We Trust*. This marked the 18th year of this beloved TCA musical production.

**SCIENCE OF MOTION**
First-graders enjoyed their hands-on investigation of balance and motion as they designed roller systems with their classmates.
POETRY TAKES SHAPE
Fifth-graders created shape poems this spring. Students each picked a subject (noun) and then created a list of phrases and words to describe it, revising their lists of phrases to only include the most descriptive ones to create their shapes.

CHOOSE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY!
Seventh-graders reviewed noun endings by playing Latin Jenga. They drew a card from a set of ending categories and types of nouns, so they had to know their noun charts to determine which blocks they could play. It was a fun way to review all of the noun endings they have learned this year.

HOUSE EGG HUNT
Middle School students enjoyed an amazing 3,000-egg egg hunt this spring. Students searched for eggs with their house families to redeem for house points, jeans day passes and Sonic drink coupons. . . . It was an egg-cellent morning!
REVVED UP FOR ROBOTICS

Eighth-grade robotics students celebrated National Robotics Week by building and learning the programming for a robotic arm, a color sorter, a spinner-top creator and a stair-climbing robot. Students enjoyed learning these new programming skills!

MATH TO THE FUTURE

Sixth-grade students experienced math in the real world this spring as they traveled through Main Street, USA. Classroom rotations included an emergency room, where they put on scrubs and performed the order of operations on a blow-up dummy; the restaurant, where they placed orders for their tables, calculated tax, total, tip and split the checks; the bank, where they tested their various math skills in a high-intensity escape room and a sports arena, where they acted as general managers and competed against each other in creating the best possible salary-capped rosters for their pro-basketball teams based on actual player statistics.
TROJAN iFLY-ERS

The Honors Engineering Design class visited iFly Indoor Skydiving to experience an indoor wind tunnel that simulates skydiving. Students studied aerodynamics and calculated their terminal velocities before taking flight and even had Head of Upper School Kyle Morrill join them!

EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Upper School students visited France and Spain over Spring Break on this year’s Europe Trip. Students started on the beaches in Normandy, then visited Mont Saint-Michel, explored Paris museums, dined on the Eiffel Tower and biked at the Palace of Versailles. The journey finished in Spain, where they visited Madrid, hiked the Guadarrama Mountains and viewed the palace and monastery of El Escorial.

CLASS ACTS

ISAAC AGUMADU

Isaac is an impressive young man with strong interpersonal and leadership skills, and he is a trustworthy and responsible young man. His dedication to schoolwork, athletics and service to others is impressive. He is hardworking in the classroom and on the football field. As an integral member of the football team, Isaac has committed to play for the love of the sport, rather than the accolades he receives. He is a team leader and takes time to mentor and assist teammates, no matter their skill level or age. Isaac’s confidence and ease are apparent, and he’s comfortable getting up in front of a crowd. Isaac always looks for ways in which to assist others, rather than waiting to be asked.

LINDSAY BARTOL

Lindsay is a determined young woman, and her love for learning is evident. She is an expressive and passionate student who is heavily inspired by life around her. She is quite accomplished in the classroom, self-reliant and independent. She is not hesitant to explore new areas of her artwork. Besides her
**Pi Day**

Pi Day (3/14) this year meant finding Pi in freshman geometry class, and Pi shirts for the Math Department faculty!

**Sturdy Structures**

Led by freshmen Ryan Freese, Juliana Voth, Jackson Rogers and Katie Johnson, students in Upper School STEM Club were challenged to design bridges that had to survive an earthquake and the weight of several cars.

**The Sound of Music**

TCA’s Upper School Performing Arts Department presented Rodgers and Hammerstein’s family favorite, *The Sound of Music*, this spring. The incredibly talented cast entertained audiences with this timeless classic.

**Daniel Jones**

Daniel is an energetic and compassionate young man with a love for connecting and helping others. He has invested his time at TCA in mentoring and engaging with other students. As a DIGs leader, he worked with freshmen as they made the transition to Upper School. Daniel also served as a counselor for the eighth-grade Wilderness Trip. Outside of TCA, Daniel also engages in community activities. As a Boy Scout, he achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout before he turned 16. As a counselor at Camp Barnabas, he worked one-on-one with special needs campers. Daniel is capable of balancing rigorous classes, along with a full extracurricular schedule, choosing to participate in those activities about which he is truly passionate.

Schoolwork and her work in the AP art program, she finds time to give back to the TCA community as a Middle School Bible Study leader. Each Friday before school, she met with a group of Middle School girls for study and mentorship. Lindsay is not daunted by a challenge. She is driven, but also has a desire to make others successful.
CLASS OF 2019

133 GRADUATES (TCA’S LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS)

65 OF WHOM HAVE ATTENDED TCA SINCE KINDERGARTEN OR FIRST GRADE

1 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR

3 NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

4 NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED SCHOLARS

3 NATIONAL HISPANIC RECOGNITION SCHOLARS

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24,000
HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS

OVER
$7.5 MILLION
AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS

13
EAGLE SCOUTS

11
STUDENTS GOING ON TO PLAY VARSITY ATHLETICS IN COLLEGE
PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Isaac Chidera Chukwunwogu
Agudatu
Trinity University

Austin James Aiken
Baylor University

David William Asche
University of Oklahoma

Riley Chrystine Bagnall
Texas AM University

Hunter Gary Balf
Arizona State University

Georgia Nicole Ballew
Washington and Lee University

William Forester Barnes
Baylor University

Lindsay Laurel Bartol
University of Texas

Molly Grace Beddington
Auburn University

Benjamin Ryan Binkley
Baylor University

Katherine Ray Blocker
University of Texas

Jocson Hiburn Bowman
Auburn University

Xavier Alonso Brooks-Solomon
Benedictine College

Hayden Bonner Brown
Baylor University

Bryson Adair Byrd
University of Utah

Robert Hughes Caldwell
Southern Methodist University

Michael Reding Callahan
Lehigh University

Robert George Carstens
Texas AM University

Lauren Isabelle Head
University of Texas

Austin Le Huy Ho
Georgia Institute of Technology

Gracie Caroline Harris
University of Mississippi

Merridith Marie Alan Harwell
University of Oklahoma

Lauren Isabelle Head
University of Texas

Brooke Montgomery Hutzler
Texas A&M University

Gentry Brown Jarrell
Auburn University

Daniel Mark Jones
University of Texas

Catherine Lin Josephs
Baylor University

Arden Rose Kadane
Baylor University

Taylor Katelyn Kalahar
University of Texas

Grace Yeuk Won Lee
University of Texas

Jessica Nicole Lee
University of Texas

Michelle Yeuk Shun Lee
University of Texas

Anna Kathryn Lipe
Louisiana State University

Clara Elaine Liu
Texas A&M University

Sophia-Marie Nelson Lopez
Samford University

Michael Scott Mamou
Colorado State University

Blake James Marsh
Wichita State University

Kennedy Gabrielle Mason
Auburn University

Nicholas Cotter McCabe
Texas AM University

Jordan Nicole McFarlane
Texas AM University

Ashley Renee McWhorter
Wheaton College

Nath Robert Miller
University of Texas

Caroline Rose Millet
University of Texas

Justin Paul Hines-Moore
University of Connecticut

McKenzie Leigh Moore
Dallas Baptist University

Nath Andrew Morrison
Purdue University

Abby Kate Muschak
Texas AM University

Phoebe Pelm Mufti
Pepperdine University

Russell Zeki Mutlu
Pepperdine University

William Beckett Myers
University of Oklahoma

Georgia Rachel Nino
University of Alabama

Samuel Hensley Norris
Texas AM University

Brock Philip O’Brien
Texas A&M University

Bryce James O’Brien
Texas AM University

Rachel Sienna O’Brien
Baylor University

Arianna Jeanne Olson
Auburn University

Savannah Elizabeth Pate
Texas AM University

Jacob Dylan Payne
Texas AM University

Hannah Joy Plemons
Texas AM University

Jared Andrew Pate
Baylor University

Brooke Elizabeth Henegar
University of Texas

Lauren Mackenzie Sulzen
University of Oklahoma

Anna Caroline Tate
Mississippi College

Max William Thomas
University of Texas

London Avery Thornton
Texas AM University

Gregory Wayne Tiner
Baylor University

Tyler Joseph Townley
Grand Canyon University

Whitman Alexander Traweek
Clemson University

Ryan Rhoads Trought
Oklahoma State University

Emily Kate Useton
University of Oklahoma

Reid Michael Powers III
Baylor University

Jacob Alexander Powell
Texas AM University

Abigail Muschalek
Oklahoma State University

John Austin Wright
University of Texas

Morgan Lee Wright
Texas AM University

William Beckett Myers
University of Oklahoma

Katie Ellen Xing
Baylor University

Avery Michelle Schuster
University of Virginia

Sarah Katherine Williams
University of Arkansas

Clarissa Lauren Wong
University of Texas

John Austin Wright
University of Texas

Matthew Thomas Wyman II
Intership
EIGHT YEARS HAVE PASSED since I walked among the lockers of TCA’s Upper School. As a student, I lugged my backpack through the Commons, trying to get the attention of anyone and everyone while acting as though I didn’t care if I got it or not. Now as a substitute teacher and football coach, I walk along the halls trying not to spill coffee on my pants and hoping no one mistakes me for a new transfer student!

When I roamed the halls as a pseudo-rebellious teenager, I viewed TCA as any other school and expressed my opinions in brilliant, pithy statements like, “It’s fine” or “Our school never lets us do anything fun” and the classic, “I’m never going to use this again!” Now only a few short years after graduation, I realize TCA prepared me to thrive in college and post-graduate studies, it grounded my faith in truth and it supplied me with lifelong friendships. I never showed this institution the gratitude it deserved from me as a student. Now as an adult with intense appreciation for TCA, I want to make sure every student, alumnus, family and prospective student understands how much the TCA experience can impact a life.

Anyone associated with TCA will tell you the school excels as a college-preparatory school. It challenges its students to learn and grow, and its great attention to academics gives its graduates a foundation of knowledge that quickly puts them on a better path for success. In addition to its academic prowess, TCA also separates itself with the unique culture it creates on its campus.

With the belief that all truth is God’s truth no matter where it is found, teachers at TCA incorporate biblical truth into all their subject matters, from literature to chemistry. The school even sets aside specific classes to study the Bible. These classes equip students to understand their faith and to sink their roots into a strong biblical foundation. For example, during my senior year at TCA, we read Tim Keller’s book, The Reason for God. The ideas in that book, accompanied by the challenging instruction of my teacher and the lively discussions among my classmates, prepared me to defend my faith to my non-believing friends in the dorms of my college campus.
TCA’s Christian identity spreads beyond the classroom, as well and permeates through every aspect of the community. Whether you see parents praying together before athletic events, Upper School students leading Bible studies in the Middle School, the student-led worship chapels or the hundreds of mission hours the community does every year, one does not have to look far to see examples of faith in action. And it is in this type of community that edifying and life-long friendships form every year.

I entered TCA in the fifth grade as a new student in a new city anxious to make a good impression. I was assigned a “buddy” to show me around school and ease my transition into my new environment. My tour guide, Kyle Cox ’11, and I immediately became best friends, and more than fourteen years later, with many sleepovers, football games and movie marathons in between, I had the honor to serve as the best man in his wedding. Experiences like mine abound at TCA, and many lasting friendships have been forged in those florescent-lit hallways.

Truly special relationships at TCA extend beyond peer-to-peer friendships. The faculty and staff at TCA separate themselves from others because of their deep love of the Lord and their passion for students. These men and women made the biggest impact on me as a student because they cared about me, mentored me and taught me about life, but more importantly, they modeled how to live a robust Christian life. I never recognized it at the time, but in small yet meaningful ways, they changed my life. This only happened because my teachers at TCA took the time to chip away at my unpolished exterior and expose my potential within. The relatively small classes allow for teachers to know students on individual and personal levels, which lets them teach more effectively. It also provides opportunities for teachers to mentor, encourage and disciple students, helping them mature into adults.

For example, I have pursued a career in coaching because of the coaches who trained me at TCA. My cornerbacks coach, Will Pettis, worked with me every fall afternoon from the seventh grade to my senior year. He always encouraged me, even though I started my sports career slow and small. It meant the world to me that someone believed in me. As I grew older, got a little bit better and, unfortunately, became much more full of myself, he taught me about humility and how to conduct myself as a Christian man. All coaches teach how to excel in athletics, but at TCA, they also love the Lord, care for students and take a genuine interest in their students’ development as people. I returned to TCA as a football coach because I love the sport, but also because I want to work with a staff that seeks to help every student grow into a well-rounded person and a faithful servant of the Lord.

I attended Trinity Christian Academy as a teenage know-it-all who never truly appreciated the education he received or the people training him. Now, I walk down the hallways that I once tried to make into a giant slip-and-slide with a much different perspective. TCA molded me. The education I received, the friends I made and the people who taught me all changed my life for the better. I work at TCA now because I believe in what they do and because I know it works.

“...without spilling coffee on my pants.”
CALLED TO SER
“TRULY I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME.”

—MATTHEW 25:40
This year, TCA partnered with Family Legacy, and Headmaster Dave Delph and his wife, Rose, led a group of 36 students, parents, and faculty to Lusaka, Zambia, to minister to the children and women at Family Legacy’s Tree of Life. Tree of Life is home to over 750 children who are orphaned or have been rescued from abusive home situations and also provides education and care for area children living outside their walls.

Rose shared, “Dave and I loved this trip! In taking 17 trips to the Amazon, we have experienced firsthand how the Lord miraculously uses mission trips in the lives of our students, families, and staff. While our initial motivation in coordinating mission opportunities was to serve those in need, the Lord has used these trips to significantly impact our lives, as well!

“In seeking God’s will for this year’s trip, we were connected with Katie McGinnis ‘03 who is serving on staff with Family Legacy in Zambia. Katie’s vision and passion for a TCA Zambia trip was instrumental. As Katie shared Family Legacy’s ministry, which includes providing for 15,000 orphaned and vulnerable children to attend Legacy Academy Christian schools, we believed the Lord was clearly leading us to go to Zambia. What a blessing it was for our community to serve alongside the amazing Zambian staff as they share Christ’s love with ‘the least of these.’”

This year’s ministry included professional development and support of the Tree of Life and Legacy Academy Christian School teachers and administrators, orphan medical, dental, and vision care, leading VBS for the new orphans entering Tree of Life, encouraging the house moms who care for the orphans, building relationships with the older teenagers, drama ministry, sports, and work projects.

“The Lord knit our team together as the gifts of the body were so beautifully displayed as we served alongside one another. The sweet community we experienced on this trip is difficult to describe. Our faith was strengthened by seeing the faith and joy of our Zambian brothers and sisters in Christ. No matter where the Lord sends us, Dave and I love seeing our TCA community pouring themselves out as a drink offering and growing in their relationship with the Lord and one another as they step out of their north Dallas comfort zone,” said Rose.

Upper School

Upper School students average over 24,000 hours of community service each year. While students are only required to do eight hours a year, most go above and beyond that requirement, investing in causes and opportunities both at home and abroad and blessing countless lives with their service.

International mission trip opportunities have been a part of TCA for over 20 years. Students, parents, and faculty have served in countries around the world, including Mexico, Brazil, Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia, spreading the good news of Christ, building facilities, ministering to women and children, and offering medical assistance.
AMAZON

For 12 years, TCA students and adult volunteers ministered to villages along the Amazon River in Brazil over Spring Break, providing medical and dental care, Vacation Bible School activities, women’s ministries, door-to-door evangelism and children’s ministries. The group would live on a riverboat and travel down the Amazon River, bringing assistance and hope to the villagers.

MEXICO

Over 25 years ago, TCA was instrumental in establishing the Rio Bravo Orphanage in Reynosa, Mexico. For many years, TCA students served on mission trips to the orphanage to assist with the children and improve the facilities. TCA parents, students and faculty also collected clothing, toys, school supplies and other items that were taken each year to the orphanage.

In the last ten years, conditions in that area have deteriorated, causing TCA to stop its mission trips to the orphanage. However, students and community members still collect summer clothes and donations to buy Christmas presents every year for the children, which are taken down by volunteer parents and alumni parents.

AFRICA

Every year since 2003, TCA Visual Arts Chair Jon Millet ’84 and his wife, Jenni Green Millet ’84, have been leading mission trips to Africa. What originally started as a mission trip for art students has turned into a ministry opportunity for the entire TCA community. Students, parents, alumni and faculty have all joined in serving this ministry.

Over the past 16 years, the TCA groups have worked at over four schools for disabled children, at least six orphanages, completed countless building projects, installed two wells, provided a bus for the disabled school and painted many beautiful murals. They have held babies, prayed with their mothers, given testimonies in countless high schools, had some of our men and boys preach in village churches, done street evangelism and run an annual Vacation Bible School program.

They have worked with people in Machakos, Thika, Rongai and Nakuru in Kenya and planted and built churches with a group of Masai after building relationships with them over several years. They have been working in Arusha, Tanzania, for the past five years, doing the same type of ministry.

Jenni explains, “Jon and I have particularly been blessed to speak to the parents of the kids in the disabled schools since we have children who are disabled ourselves. Many people in Africa believe that a person with a disability is cursed or possessed or that the parents are being punished for doing something wrong. Jon and I are so delighted to share the good news of Christ and how their kids are a blessing. God can USE their families as pictures of how much Christ loves us. As others see their love and care for their children, they see God’s love acted out. Our trip in 2018 was perhaps the most meaningful to me, since our own children went with us and were able to share in their own words how God uses them and gives their lives meaning and purpose. Watching them share will never leave my memory.”

While TCA did not take a trip to Africa this summer, plans are in the works to resume these summer mission trips to Africa.

“Through the children, the Lord showed me what it looks like to love unconditionally and to reach out in kindness to others. I thought that I would be the one serving, but the girls that I met showed me deep kindness in their service to me. And by their kindness, I saw Jesus in a more beautiful way.”

—Allison Freet, TCA math teacher
CLOTHING, FOOD AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVES

In addition to the international mission trips and individual volunteer activities, Upper School students also spent time serving others by collecting clothes, food and supplies for local and international missions as their grade-level service projects.

SUMMER CLOTHES DRIVE – NINTH GRADE

The annual Summer Clothes Drive is sponsored by the freshman class and benefits the Rio Bravo Orphanage in Reynosa, Mexico. Students collect gently worn summer clothes, as well as new socks and underwear, which are then delivered to the children in the orphanage in Reynosa.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE – TENTH GRADE

Each December, the sophomore class collects canned and boxed foods for the Rhoads Terrace/Exline area of south Dallas. Students also collect monetary donations, which are used to purchase meats and other perishable foods for the area residents. Student and parent volunteers also deliver the food.

WINTER CLOTHES DRIVE – ELEVENTH GRADE

In addition to canned foods, the annual Winter Clothes Drive, sponsored by the junior class, provides gently worn winter clothes and blankets to the more than 400 families at the Rhoads Terrace/Exline neighborhood of south Dallas.

THREE SUMMERS AGO, I had the opportunity to serve at Camp Barnabas with my church, Watermark Community Church. Camp Barnabas is a Christian, special-needs summer camp, and in all honesty, I did not know what to expect my first time going. I think going into it, I just wanted to have fun with the campers and my friends around me, but by the end of the first day with my camper, I knew that Camp Barnabas was always going to be a part of my life.

The people who work there during the summer always like to call it “heaven on earth,” and they are not wrong. There is more joy and love that surrounds this camp than any other place that I have been. To me, going there is not just simply doing community service or getting the “hours” I need, but instead, it truly is just my favorite place to be.

At Camp Barnabas, we have the opportunity to share the gospel and spend time with the campers, getting to know them personally through our daily activities. By the end of the week, we develop incredible bonds with these amazing kids, and we have the BEST dance parties throughout the week!

I have learned something new about myself and about the Lord after each time. I have met so many campers and staff and have developed lifelong friendships. Over the course of only one week each summer, these campers have taught me more than I have taught them. Serving at Camp Barnabas these past summers has filled me with an abundance of joy that I don’t think I could get anywhere else, and it will always be another home away from home.

Shelby Niederhofer
12th grade
Special-needs camp volunteer
CARR ELEMENTARY – EIGHTH GRADE
Led by eighth-grade Bible teacher Robin Baker Rice ’85, different sections of eighth grade minister to students at Carr Elementary each month. The eighth-graders help tutor students in math, reading and science and also assist teachers with their classwork. This year, students also hosted class presentations on preventing bullying, perseverance during test-taking week, character, college emphasis and career development. TCA loves its partnership with Carr Elementary.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE – TWELFTH GRADE
The senior class runs the All-School School Supply Drive, which provides school supplies to the students of Anne Frank Elementary School, a nearby school with many underserved students, many of whom are from foreign countries, and English is their second language.

Middle School
TCA Middle School students continue the tradition of serving with grade-level service projects and House-System support of the Upper School clothing, food and school supply drives.

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TCA also hosted two MobilePack events this year for Feed My Starving Children, where volunteers hand pack scientifically formulated meals for undernourished children, which are distributed to a network of over 80 partners in more than 60 countries each. In addition to the students, parents and members of the community, TCA’s varsity football and baseball teams also participated in this volunteer ministry.
SEEING FAMILIES like single moms with crying babies or groups of immigrants who don’t speak any English standing for hours in line outside Seven Loaves Food Pantry should open our eyes to true need right here in our community.

God has given me the opportunity to experience and spread joy through working in hospitals like Medical City Plano and Children’s Medical Center, playing or doing crafts with sick and hurting children to distract them from the severity of their illnesses. Another opportunity is the Susan G. Komen Run, which supports breast cancer research to help find a cure. This strikes a chord with me personally, because my grandmother beat breast cancer after going through chemotherapy when I was younger.

In addition, working with disabled and mentally challenged children through Plano Parks and Recreation showed me the love these children have for everyone they encounter. It reminds me of what Christ teaches in the Bible—a message of unconditional love for everyone in our lives.

One of the most impactful events I’ve had the opportunity to take part in was the Feed My Starving Children food packing. Many friends came together at TCA to volunteer alongside each other while taking part in the fast-paced, fun goal of packing the most boxes. At the end of our time working, we were presented with a story of an impoverished child who had received the gift of the packed food, which saved his life. This allowed us to see the significant impact our efforts accomplished.

As a Christian having volunteered with nonbelievers at various philanthropies, I know it is an important lesson to learn that we must be the hands and feet of Christ in order to set an example for those around us. It is not important that people remember me or my face, but that they felt and remembered the love of God when going through a difficult trial or bleak time in their life.

Jessica Young
11th grade
Hospital and community volunteer

DALLAS LIFE – SEVENTH GRADE
Under the direction of seventh-grade Bible teacher Brian Spence ’98, students in seventh grade serve at Dallas Life, the largest homeless shelter in North Texas. While at Dallas Life, students serve lunch to the homeless, clean and organize the kitchen and cafeteria and wash the pots, pans and dishes. On some visits, students will help in the stock room or on the loading docks and also help with donations. Each seventh-grade section also takes a short tour of the facility and has a Q&A session with the head of the volunteers at Dallas Life to learn more about the ministry and the important work that it does.

SKY RANCH – SIXTH GRADE
Sixth-graders attending a week at Sky Ranch is a long-standing tradition at TCA. This week is not a traditional week at camp. Although filled with fun games, competitions, devotionals and water activities, one of the main goals of the week is to help Sky Ranch prepare for its summer full of campers. Sixth-grade students spend part of each day working in different areas of camp that could use the extra hands on deck. Projects include waxing saddles, washing camp vehicles, helping the camp store fold t-shirts, packing camper packs, cleaning the cafeteria, picking up trash and clearing areas of rocks and debris. One year, the students helped build one of the major amphitheaters. Along with the service provided by the sixth-graders and the Upper School counselors, each year TCA makes a donation toward the scholarship program to help underprivileged kids attend camp that summer. As with any service project, it is hard to know who gets more out of the time serving, Sky Ranch or TCA sixth-graders!
ROMAN FORUM DONATION – FIFTH GRADE

Roman Forum is a time-honored fifth-grade tradition, where students dressed in togas peddle food, crafts, toys and games to culminate their studies of the Roman Empire. Students then take a portion of the money they make from their sales and donate it to the TCA Africa mission trip.

Fifth-grade teacher Karen Fields, who has been on the Africa trip, works with Jon Miller '84 to educate students about what their donations will provide. “In the past when I teach the kids about tithing and where the money goes, I share with them pictures of my time on the trip,” said Karen. “We compare and contrast how the classrooms in Africa are to ours. We compare their uniforms and shoes to what we have. I share with them that the students have to have a uniform and shoes to attend school. That doesn’t seem like a big deal to us, but to many families, they can barely afford one uniform and one pair of shoes per child. There are also families that we met where the kids were sharing one uniform and taking turns going to school, because the family couldn’t afford more than one uniform for all three children.

“Sometimes the money goes towards helping family with uniforms, clothing and shoes. Other times, the money is used for needs at an orphanage. Mattresses and mosquito netting were purchased so that the orphans could sleep on beds instead of mats. Another time, money was needed for a well to be dug, and the money went toward that need. I also talk about the fact that we are greatly blessed and should pass on that blessing to others.

“The fifth-grade class has raised anywhere from $1,200 to $2,000 each year to give toward missions. I encourage all the students not only to give but also one day to go and continue to be a blessing!”
Lower School

Service at TCA is not limited to just the Middle School and Upper School. Lower School students also participate in serving others and sharing their gifts with those less fortunate.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – FOURTH GRADE**

Take an ordinary shoebox, fill it with toys and other presents, and you have an extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope. The fourth-grade mission project, Operation Christmas Child, is focused on sharing the love of Christ with children who might not receive any other Christmas gifts.

This annual mission project is a wonderful opportunity for TCA fourth-graders to experience a hands-on project that reflects the true meaning of Christmas—God’s greatest gift, Jesus Christ. Every student is involved in some aspect of this mission project, which is entirely student driven from start to finish. Students take part in marketing the project with posters, collecting boxes during carpool in Christmas attire, and classroom ambassadors visit every classroom several times to instruct and guide younger students in box preparation. At the completion of the project, the fourth-grade students pray over the boxes and then load them into trucks for delivery to a drop-off center for OCC.

Fourth-grade teacher Dawn Pownell commented, “Over the last 22 years, this special project has raised over 25,000 boxes for Christ’s kingdom through the generous participation of the TCA community and the leadership of our fourth-grade students. It has been my great joy to have the opportunity to watch God do great and mighty things though the willing hands and hearts of ten-year-old students.”

**COMMUNITY HELPERS AND LOVE LAMBS – THIRD GRADE**

As a way to say “thank you” to our local fire and policemen and women, TCA third-grade students send cards and treats to the stations throughout the year. Each class takes a different month, gathers goodies and writes cards to express gratitude for the way these men and women serve our community. The third-grade teachers also teach the students that this as a ministry opportunity, taking time to share Scripture and prayers with those who may not know Jesus.

In addition, third-grade students partner each year with a local hospital for donations of Love Lambs. Around Easter each year, third-graders have about a month to bring in

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**OVER THIS PAST SUMMER**

I have been blessed with many opportunities to serve. God gave me a passion for helping and spending time with others. I spend five weeks in the summer in Pennsylvania at Camp Haycock, a Christian boys camp, as a volunteer counselor. I serve in the kitchen, do service projects around camp and spend time with kids in their cabin. I love every moment I get to spend with kids and the impact I have in their lives emotionally and spiritually.

During the school year when I have less free time, I still serve as a Middle School Bible study leader at TCA and on lead team at my church. The relationships I’m able to develop allow me to share Christ with those I serve.

Serving is a big part of my life, and I see it as an opportunity and gift to better the lives of others. I serve because I love to see the impact Jesus can have on others through me.

Alan Fandrich
11th grade
Camp counselor and Bible study leader

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as many stuffed lambs as they can, which are then donated to children in the hospital. The hospital chaplain comes to TCA to talk about the ministry each year, and the students are able to ask all sorts of questions. Lambs are given to those who need some encouragement in a difficult season, and the smallest ones are even provided for the babies in the NICU. The chaplain delivers the lambs all throughout the year as he prays and shares truth with the recipients. Before the lambs are sent off, students and teachers pray over them and for the children receiving them.

“Our hope is that the kids will see outside of themselves through these service projects. Not only is our culture ‘me-centered,’ we are, by nature, self-centered people, in need of being rescued from that and having our eyes turned outward so that we can love as Jesus loved,” said third-grade teacher Erin Cunningham. “These are two opportunities to teach the kids these truths, as well as cultivate gratitude and compassion, as we thank those who serve our community and pray for those who are sick.”

**SERVING AT TCA AND BEYOND – SECOND GRADE**

In second grade, the service projects are framed around loving on our community inside TCA and extending that to the community outside the walls of the school. One act of second-grade service this year was to show appreciation for the SAGE dining employees. Students surprised them with a large poster of thank-you notes from the students, and they even got a tour of the kitchen! The students were surprised to learn how much work goes into preparing food and washing dishes, sparking lots of gratitude toward the SAGE employees.

To reach the world outside of TCA, our second-graders partnered with the Upper School through its Reach Every Corner club. Reach Every Corner (REC) meets regularly to pack bags of food and toiletries for the homeless. Second-grade students collected donations and made cards of encouragement for the bags. They then visited the Upper School to join in on a packing event. Second-graders were buddied up with Upper School students, and together they packed bags. The students loved it—young and old alike.

Second-grade teacher Bethany Simkins commented, “Lending a hand to help someone else is something that second-grade students are living out. They learn that there are people all around us whom we can love on and support if we just open eyes and hearts to see them.”

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—Bethany Simkins, TCA second-grade teacher
In the first grade at TCA, we focus on instructing the children to have servant hearts and to use the talents that God gives us to bring joy and love to others,” said first-grade teacher **Natalie Floyd**. “Part of the first-grade curriculum includes learning the classic hymns of our faith, as well as hiding God’s word in our hearts. Through their service project, visiting with the elderly at Parsons House, the students are able to become the hands and feet of Christ with their words and actions.”

First-grade classes visit Parsons House throughout the year, and students sing several hymns, recite Bible verses and pray with the residents. Many times the residents will sing along with them! In addition, the students will make cards, draw pictures, bring flowers and walk around and visit with the residents after their presentation. It is a sweet time of fellowship, and the students are able to be a part of the joy that comes from spreading God’s love.

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—Natalie Floyd, TCA first-grade teacher
SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ZAMBIA – KINDERGARTEN

After spending several weeks studying different countries in Africa, kindergarten classes at TCA were given a wonderful opportunity to do something that would directly impact some of the children in Zambia. The children studied several different regions and cultures across Africa, noticing how God has abundantly blessed the children at TCA with supplies both at home and at school.

To go along with the virtue of service, which students were learning about in chapel, the teachers started to look for ways the classes could serve others by sharing our blessings with the people in Africa. They were thrilled to find out that a group of Upper School students and parents from TCA would be going to Zambia over Spring Break, and they decided to collect supplies that could be sent with the TCA team and shared with different schools in Zambia.

“We made a list of the supplies that we need and use everyday and also some things that just make school fun. Our list included pencils, paper, scissors, glue, crayons, markers, tape and, of course, soccer balls and jump ropes. As a kindergarten, we filled more than five large duffle bags of new supplies to donate to the schools in Zambia,” said kindergarten teacher Ann Gilliland. “Before we sent the supplies off, we prayed that God would get the supplies to Zambia safely and that He would receive the glory for providing such an amazing gift. The look on the faces of our kindergarten friends as they brought in their supplies was a true testimony to the fact that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We were blessed just as much if not more than our friends in Zambia.”

No matter where they go or how they serve, we want our students to grow from their experiences. We want them to preach the gospel of Christ in word and deed, to speak boldly about their faith and to be the hands and feet of Christ wherever they go.
Experienced coaches have a keen eye for the countenance of their athletes. From facial expressions, most can detect the warning signs of emotional or mental challenges in the life of an athlete. Our TCA leadership team looks for this quality and instructs our coaches to hone their detection skills for the purpose of addressing the hearts of our athletes. Not only does an athlete with an unburdened heart perform better in competition, but an unburdened heart can also help an athlete process life’s cumulative stresses with a balanced and healthy perspective.
**ADDRESSING THE HEART** while coaching the body is critical to the development and preparation of our athletes in their readiness for life after TCA. Like an effective youth ministry, TCA encourages a partnership with parents for the purpose of shepherding athletes through the various life-stage struggles. Consider the value of teachers and coaches who can identify the signs of emotional struggle in the early stages before an athlete progresses too far into rebellion, passive aggressiveness, depression, eating disorders or even self-harm.

A player-coach relationship built on trust allows a coach to recognize a burdened heart and opens the door for authentic discussions. It is in these pastoral conversations where the heart is revealed and ministry begins.

Scripture reminds us that words and actions flow from and reflect the condition of the heart. Proverbs 25:23, “The north wind brings forth rain, and a backbiting tongue, an angry countenance,” reminds us that certain realities are coupled with the condition of the heart. Consider Genesis 4:5–6: When Cain’s sacrifice is rejected, verse 5 tells us Cain became angry, and his countenance fell. Verse 6 says, “Then the Lord came to Cain, ‘Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?’” Cain’s anger revealed the condition of his heart with a fallen countenance.

Jesus, in Matthew 15:18, reminded us that what proceeds out of the mouth originates in the heart. Most coaches can spot a change in countenance indicating a change in the heart. The coach’s unique opportunity, if relationally invested in the athlete, is his or her access to the heart of the athlete for meaningful conversation.

In recent years, a few of TCA’s athletic teams have experienced the devastating sadness of a teammate losing a parent during their seasons. One year, our Middle School athletes lost a teammate in a horrible accident. TCA coaches become mentors, and teammates became friends who served the needs of the surviving family. Frequently, coaches use the term “family;” for teams, however, that term becomes reality during periods of grief. TCA coaches were excellent at transitioning from preparing to win games to ministering to the needs of a hurting teammate. They applied Romans 12:15, “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”

**SOME PRACTICAL LESSONS** learned from coaches to help the hurting:

**DON’T OFFER ANSWERS.**
While tragedies eventually offer teaching opportunities, loving friends and teammates should try to avoid explaining the unexplainable.

One of our volleyball players who lost a parent commented, “Having my teammates support me and being there completely changed the situation. They helped me get through it (heavy grief) and made a huge difference. They supported me when I had to miss games and practices, texting me every day to see how I was doing. Coaches were supportive by letting me miss games and practices, but also letting me right back when I could. They removed the stress of balancing volleyball, school and home.”

**MAKE SURE THE HURTING KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR THEM.**
Make sure those hurting know they’re loved and others (you) are there to serve. These simple words, “I love you, I’m praying for you and would love to serve you,” are comforting and promote healing. Take actions without being asked, such as offering meals or helping with tasks. Sit with those hurting and simply be present. A well-timed hug communicates immeasurable comfort. Text them you’re praying for them and share a sympathetic Bible verse. Proverbs 16:24 tells us, “Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and healthy to the body.”

**MAKE THE TEAM A SAFE PLACE TO MOURN.**
The team should become a safe place for a suffering teammate. “Safe” means a place free from advice and helping with tasks. Sit with those hurting and actions without being asked, such as offering meals or helping with tasks. A well-timed hug communicates immeasurable comfort. Text them you’re praying for them and share a sympathetic Bible verse. Proverbs 16:24 tells us, “Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and healthy to the body.”

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**TALK ABOUT THE TRAGEDY AS A TEAM.**
Experienced transformational coaches discuss struggles as a team. They mourn together, taking the tragedy to God and admitting that, in our finite minds, it does not make sense and seems unfair. Continuing to prepare on the field is a healthy escape from the struggle, yet at the same time, we cannot pretend everything is okay and no one is hurting. Paul reminds the body of Christ how to endure and carry excess burden in two passages, Galatians 6:2, “Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ,” and Romans 15:1, “Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves.” The coach should model how to walk through these struggles together as a team.

Another volleyball player who lost her father added, “I will never forget the love and encouragement that I received from my teammates and my coaches. I am very thankful and grateful for having the opportunity to play for TCA.”

There is no better compliment for our coaches and teams than having a player reflect on his or her time at TCA with gratitude for healing and recovery. It adds more definition to what winning really means.

**WHILE WE DON’T HAVE ANSWERS** for why tragedy occurs in the lives of those who love and follow Christ, Paul gives us insight into dealing with hard times in Romans 5:3–5, “Suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

In the midst of tragedy, we are reminded of God’s presence, just how much He loves us and that He strengthens us.

When our coaches hear of a tragedy in the life of our athletic family, we pray for the Lord to lead us to serve the hurting to assist in the process of healing, and for every story of tragedy to become a story of God’s redemption and glory.
THE VARSITY BOYS SOCCER PROGRAM had an incredible run this season, winning the first round of the area playoffs and finishing second in district. The boys worked hard and achieved an impressive overall record of 15-6-1, posting 14 shutouts and scoring 48 goals. Even more impressive than their record was how this group of boys defined the words “team” and “family.” From meeting up to train on their own, to team cookouts, to the road trips to Tyler, these boys cultivated something beyond soccer and created a brotherhood among them.

The level of support from parents, fans and the TCA community was phenomenal throughout the season and playoffs. We are extremely thankful for the play from our senior players this year and wish TREVOR DOUGLASS, HARRISON GOSSETT, DANIEL JONES, COLE MCCABE, JD POWERS, COLE REA, SLADE SAVAGE, CONNOR WILLIAMS and THOMAS WYMAN all the best as they move on to the next chapter in their lives.

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

Trevor Douglass — First Team All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State, District Defensive MVP, Defensive Team MVP

BRENDAN WILLIAMS — Second Team All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State

Connor Williams — Second Team All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State, Offensive Team MVP

COLLIN GROEZINGER — First Team All-District

Cole McCabe — First Team All-District

JD Powers — Second Team All-District, Academic All-State

Cole Rea — Second Team All-District, Academic All-State

Slade Savage — Second Team All-District, Academic All-State

REX AH CHU — Second Team All-District

JAMES BADGER — Honorable Mention All-District

COLIN CUNDARI — Honorable Mention All-District

LUKE MAYS — Honorable Mention All-District

DREW SODERSTROM — Honorable Mention All-District
ANCHORED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF NINE SENIORS, the TCA girls soccer program had a historic season, winning the District Championship for the first time in over ten years and going undefeated in district play. The girls went on to host a home playoff game and beat Parish, 3-2, in front of a great home crowd. Every girl on the roster contributed to the team, ready to play any role that was needed to help the team and her teammates. Fifteen different girls scored at least one goal this season, and the team recorded seven shutouts. Coach TRUMAN BLOCKER was also named District Coach of the Year.

All of the seniors on this team have played together for TCA since seventh grade, and many of them have played together since Lower School. The seniors selected 2 Timothy 1:7 as the team verse for the season: “For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.” To encapsulate that message into one word, they chose the word “fearless.”

“The girls on this team have always brought a sense of humility and desire to learn, an intensity to compete and a joy for the sport and their friends. This unique balance has been a platform to create relationships, shape character and experience life lessons that will be with all of us for a lifetime. It has been a true blessing to have a front-row seat to watch them grow,” said Coach Blocker.

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

CHANDLER WOODS – First Team All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State, District MVP
ARDEN KADANE – Second Team All-State, First Team All-District, Team MVP
EMILY USELTON – Second Team All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State, District Keeper of the Year
MCKENZIE MOORE – Honorable Mention All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State
SUMMER CHAFFIN – First Team All-District, Academic All-State
KATE BLOCKER – Honorable Mention All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State
MADDIE JACKSON – Honorable Mention All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State
MAGGIE HARRISON – Second Team All-District, Academic All-State
LAUREN SULZEN – Second Team All-District, Academic All-State
KATHERINE DEWEESE – Honorable Mention All-District
RILEY HAMILTON – Honorable Mention All-District
KAKKIE WALDROP – Honorable Mention All-District

VARSITY BOYS   SOCCER
THE 2018-19 TROJAN WRESTLING SEASON was a rebuilding one for the team. With several first-year wrestlers on the squad, combined with returning some key veterans, the Trojan wrestlers finished in fifth place at the TAPPS State Wrestling Championships and fifth place at the Texas Prep State Wrestling Championships. The Trojans finished in 35th place at the National Prep Wrestling Championships and 19th place at the prestigious Prep Slam in Atlanta, Georgia.

At the TAPPS State Wrestling Championships, Trojan wrestlers earning TAPPS All-State honors were ALAN FANDRICH (first at 120 pounds), HUNTER BALK (first at 152 pounds), NOAH MILLER (first at 160 pounds), MASON MORLAND (second at 132 pounds) and CALEB KEY (third at 138 pounds). Noah Miller was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler for the tournament. Alan Fandrich, Noah Miller, Mason Morland, and Caleb Key also earned TAPPS Academic All-State honors.

At the Texas Prep State Wrestling Championships, Trojan wrestlers earning Prep All-State honors were Alan Fandrich (first at 120 pounds), Hunter Balk (first at 152 pounds), Noah Miller (second at 160 pounds), Mason Morland (second at 132 pounds), and Caleb Key (second at 138 pounds). Noah Miller was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler for the tournament.

Alan Fandrich, Mason Morland, Caleb Key, Hunter Balk and Noah Miller participated in the National Prep Wrestling Championships. For the second year in a row, Hunter Balk earned Prep All-American honors when he placed sixth in the 152-pound weight class.

Noah Miller became the first TCA wrestler ever to win four consecutive Texas Prep State Wrestling Championships. He also became the fourth TCA wrestler to win four consecutive TAPPS State Wrestling Championships.

Congratulations to the following athletes for earning team awards:

Hunter Balk – Wrestler of the Year, Team Captain, Team MVP
CAMDEN FINDLEY – Newcomer of the Year
LUKE TOWNLEY – Most Improved Wrestler
NOAH MILLER – Coaches’ Award, Team Captain
MASON MORLAND – Coaches’ Award, Team Captain

THE START OF A NEW ERA began this year with an increase in the number of girls participating this season, thus allowing for a JV team, which is paramount for a program to develop players. This year’s players embraced the “we over me” standard and exemplified their selflessness for one another on and off the court.

The Lady Trojans compiled a 13-16 record this year, a successful season for such a young team that was without team leader and only senior LYRIC DENSON. The Lady Trojans will be the team to watch in the 2019-20 season. Team season highlights include a second-place finish at the St. Michael’s Tournament, a third-place finish at the Wills Point Tournament, a team service opportunity for Feed My Starving Children and Lyric scoring the first two points on Senior Night.

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

OLIVIA BRENNAN – First Team All District, District Newcomer of the Year
SCHUYLER NOORDHOFF – Second Team All-District, Team MVP
CAROLINE MURZIN – Honorable Mention All-District
THE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM had a challenging season this year, going 15-17 on the year and 3-5 during district play. The Trojans made it to the playoffs and were defeated in area play by John Paul II, 50-37. Once again, TCA held the tradition of being one of the best defensive teams in the Metroplex, giving up just 42.1 points per game.

JOHN SHAW led the Trojans in scoring, followed by BRETT KAUFFMAN. SAM NORRIS contributed to the team with his overall hustle, teamwork and uncanny ability to get rebounds. All three of these seniors, along with BROC O’BRIEN, showed great qualities of leadership and loyalty.

GAVIN THORNTON, WILL DUNCAN, BRAYDEN MAKSIMOVICE, MAJOR WHEELESS and WILL COMPTON all made important contributions to the team. In addition, the Trojan basketball program was strengthened by JACKSON BUSER, MATTHEW HARVEY, JAYCE FRAYEY, JP LIPE, PEYTON HALL and MARCUS SCHUMACHER. These young men worked extremely hard every day to make the team better.

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

John Shaw – First Team All-District, Academic All-State, Team MVP
Brett Kauffman – First Team All-District, Academic All-State, Fighting Trojan Award
Sam Norris – Second Team All-District, Academic All-State
Gavin Thornton – Second Team All-District
Brayden Maksimovich – Second Team All-District
Will Duncan – Honorable Mention All-District, Most Improved Player
Major Wheeles – Sixth-Man Award
Broc O’Brien – Great Teammate Award
THE TCA VARSITY CHEERLEADERS were led this year by six seniors, Captain RILEY RICE, Co-Captain BETHANY WHITE, Co-Captain PAYTON WILLEY, MADELYNN COTTER, KYLIE NELSON and LAUREN SULZEN. These seniors have been on the varsity team together for three years and did an incredible job leading their team through six pep rallies, 11 football games, eight basketball games and the TAPPS State Cheer Competition, where the team placed third out of 33 teams.

Riley Rice, Lauren Sulzen and ANNA KATE PARRENT were named First Team All-State. HALEIGH BROWN was named Second Team All-State. In addition to their awesome performances, the cheerleaders also worked hard behind the scenes to generate school spirit and encourage our athletic program by decorating the high school, hosting send-offs for playoff games, making posters for teams and volunteering at various events on campus. KRISTIN REDING and Payton Willey were named "Most Spirited" for 2018–19. SAVANNAH SIMS was awarded "Unsung Hero," and Riley Rice was named MVP. We are so proud of all that the 2018-19 varsity cheerleaders have accomplished together!
THE VARSITY SWIM TEAM had a great season with a seasoned group of returning swimmers, as well as a group of eager-to-learn freshmen. The season of six meets kicked off at the Hebron Hawks Invitational in October and concluded with regionals and state meet in January and February. A number of swimmers advanced to the state meet, including WESTON HAGGARD, who won the 50 freestyle at regionals. The Trojans performed very well at state, and many swimmers placed higher than they were seeded. Best wishes to our seniors, Weston Haggard, EMILY FLOYD and JORDAN McFARLANE; we will miss you next year!

Congratulations to the following athletes for earning state and team awards:

Emily Floyd — Academic All-State, Girls Team MVP
Weston Haggard — Academic All-State, Boys Team MVP
JENNA LARSON — Academic All-State
Jordan McFarlane — Academic All-State
JESSICA YOUNG — Academic All-State

THE TROJANETTES had an awesome 2018-19 season. During officer camp, the officers earned both a superior and an excellent rating on their two routines and won a precision award. While at line camp, the team received numerous awards, including the Diamond Sweepstakes Award, the Gussie Nell Davis Team of the Week and the Gussie Nell Davis Team of the Day. The team was also awarded the Get Poms Giving Back Award for its work on the Days for Girls community service project. At the conclusion of camp, freshman AUBRIE AMADO and sophomore VICTORIA DAHNKE both received the All American Dancer Honorable Mention award, while sophomore GEORGIA LEEDS and senior CAROLINE TATE both received All American Dancer Awards. Caroline Tate also received the Outstanding Performer Award.

During football season, the Trojanettes performed many amazing half-time routines, including the rocking-horse routine. Once football season was completed, the team immediately transitioned into competition season, where they won many awards. During the TAPPS state competition, the girls took home fifth place overall in a very competitive field of 15 teams. The Trojanettes then moved on to the DFW Dance Classic, where both the team and officers took home second place. The officers also won a Sweepstakes Award, the Gussie Nell Davis Award for Excellence, two Judges Awards for their novelty and contemporary routines and the Best Overall Gold award for their superior choreography, precision and presentation. The team also took home a Sweepstakes Award, three Judges Awards for their jazz, pom and novelty routines and Best Overall Award for their superior choreography, presentation and precision. The team also won an Academic Award for its overall team GPA. In the solo division, Caroline Tate won second place, and Georgia Leeds won first place.

AUBRIE AMADO and sophomore VICTORIA DAHNKE both received the All American Dancer Honorable Mention award, while sophomore GEORGIA LEEDS and senior CAROLINE TATE both received All American Dancer Awards. Caroline Tate also received the Outstanding Performer Award.
THE GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM verse was Proverbs 27:17, “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” United as teammates, the girls challenged each other to be better on and off the track this year. The girls started the season with an exciting win at the Scurry Rosser Meet. In the last race of the meet, they came from behind to win the whole thing. Each time they stepped onto the track, they challenged each other to push harder and to run faster to keep accomplishing their goals together. They pushed each other to win the Tom Landry Invitational for the second year in a row. The girls finished the season strong with personal bests and the most state qualifiers the team has had in several years.

At the TAPPS Regional Meet, the 4x400 team broke the school record that had previously been set in 1998. The relay team went on to compete at the TAPPS State Championship and broke its own record again. In addition, freshman JENNA LOWREY qualified for the TAPPS State Championship and placed third in the 400m, while also breaking the school record. The varsity girls track team had a successful year and is looking forward to continuing the tradition of success next season.

Congratulations to the following athletes for TAPPS and team awards:

- McKENZIE MOORE – Academic All-State, Trojan Heart Award
- LAUREN SULZEN – Academic All-State, Team Field MVP
- Jenna Lowrey – Honorable Mention All-State, Team Track MVP, Rookie of the Year
- BROOKE HUTZLER – Leadership Award
- LAUREN ELMS – Most Encouraging
- AVERY OVERBERG – Most Improved

VARSITY GIRLS Track & Field

THE LADY TROJAN GOLF TEAM had a busy and successful year, competing in seven tournaments, winning four and placing second in the other three. JORDAN KARRH had one first-place individual win and three second-place honors, finishing her season with an average round score of 78. After a team win at district, and with Jordan Karrh (70), BRIJIT CROSBY (74) and NYOMI THOMAS (77) sweeping the top honors for the individual titles, the Lady Trojans headed to regionals and placed third.

Varsity players Jordan Karrh, Brijit Crosby, Nyomi Thomas, EMMA HODGE and LEAH KEGERREIS successfully placed fourth at state, missing third place by one stroke, a significant improvement from last year’s fifth-place showing. Jordan Karrh placed eighth individually with scores of 78-77; Leah Kegerreis posted a personal best of 82 on day one of the tournament. Brijit Crosby completed her successful four years as a varsity golf team member with scores of 88-78 at the state tournament. Coaches SUSAN CANNON and ABBY SHAPARD ‘12 are very proud of the performance of all the members of the team this year. Way to go, Lady Trojans!

Congratulations to the following players for TAPPS and team awards:

- Brijit Crosby – All-State, Academic All-State
- Nyomi Thomas – All-State, Academic All-State
- Jordan Karrh – All-State, Team MVP
THE VARSITY BOYS TRACK TEAM was young this season, consisting mostly of freshmen and sophomores. The boys won three track meets this season and improved each week individually. The 4x200m relay team of JACKSON HINCKLEY, LUKE TREDENNICK, ANTHONY CUNDARI and DREW SODERSTROM qualified for the State Championship meet and broke the school record. Congratulations to the team. It was a great season. The future is extremely bright.

Congratulations to the following athletes for TAPPS and team awards:

Jackson Hinckley – Academic All-State.
Drew Soderstrom – Team Track MVP
MAX THOMAS – Team Field MVP

THE VARSITY BOYS GOLF TEAM earned its third consecutive TAPPS 6A State Championship this year, posting an outstanding 36-hole score of 595, finishing 19 strokes ahead of the second-place team. This team title marks the 17th state title in school history and the ninth title in the past 12 seasons.

The Trojans enjoyed an excellent 2018-19 season, competing in 13 tournaments and capturing six titles, including the District, Regional and State championships for the second straight year. In addition, the Trojans were invited again to play in two of the top high school golf tournaments in the country, the Antigua National Invitational in Chandler, Arizona, and the Champions Invitational in Palm Springs, California.

This year’s team was led by junior MICHAEL HEIDELBAUGH, who finished the season with an outstanding 72.3 stroke average. Even though Michael missed several months with an injury, he still won four individual titles and had six top-ten finishes. Senior co-captains COLE McCABE and ROBERT CALDWELL had excellent years, finishing with excellent stroke averages of 76.1 and 77.5, respectively.

Michael and Cole, along with senior RYAN TROSTEL and freshman WESTON McCABE, earned All-State honors by finishing in the top ten at the State Championship. Both Ryan and Weston improved significantly during the season and aided the Trojan cause at state, finishing seventh and ninth, respectively. Rounding out the TCA team were juniors RJ RIEMAN and BEN HOWARD, sophomore JACK MCNEILL and freshmen CONNOR WINES and LUCAS WALSH.

Congratulations to the following players for TAPPS and team awards:

Michael Heidelbaugh – All-State, Academic All-State, Team MVP
Robert Caldwell – All-State, Academic All-State
Cole McCabe – All-State, Academic All-State
Ryan Trostel – All-State
Weston McCabe – All-State
THE 2019 TCA VARSITY BASEBALL SEASON was a huge success! The Trojans defeated 11 playoff-bound teams, along with losing to #1 nationally ranked Argyle High School, 6-3. The Trojans finished the year as Area Champions, defeating PCA, 1-0, eliminating the #1 team in TAPPS. Senior co-captains NICK CLIFT (P) and BLAKE MARSH (1B/P) led the charge for the Trojans, along with fellow seniors DAVID ASCHE (2B), BRYSON BYRD (3B), BECKETT MYERS (P) and ELIJAH WESTOVER (SS/P). Also making major contributions were juniors CALEB ROBBINS (P/1B) and CARTER GETZ (CF), sophomores IAN COLLIER (C) and RYAN O’SHEA (LF) and freshman BEN FRANCIS (DH).

The TCA baseball staff would like to sincerely thank these hard-working volunteers: Jeff Westover (Facebook Live and marketing), Tom O’Shea (GameChanger and Pressbox), Kris Clift and Deahn Marsh (hospitality and events) and Keith Mawhee and Cammie Heflin (photography).

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

Blake Marsh – First Team All-District, First Team All-State, Academic All-State, District Offensive Player of the Year
Elijah Westover – First Team All-District, Second Team All-State, Academic All-State
Ian Collier – First Team All-District, Honorable Mention All-State, District Newcomer of the Year
David Asche – Second Team All-District, Academic All-State
Caleb Robbins – Second Team All-District
Ryan O’Shea – Honorable Mention All-District
THE TCA VARSITY TENNIS TEAM continued to reach new heights as the 2019 season came to a close. TCA advanced a record eight players to TAPPS 6A State Competition. **ABBY MUSCHALEK** and **KAYLEE CONNELL** were District Champions, dropping only five games in three matches. **avery schuster** and **natalie konstans** placed fourth at district, **lynnson fort** placed fourth in girls singles at district, and **daniel baker** placed third in boys singles at district, earning them all tickets to state. Finally, **Austin Ho** and **Mark Johnson** won the boys doubles consolation, placing fifth at district and earning alternate status at state. Abby and Kaylee posted the best state result, reaching the doubles semifinals.

In addition, **Austin aiken, cole rea, Tanner wayte** and **kate yanof** competed with Trojan spirit and hustle. Well done, athletes! The “Belief Train” continues to gain momentum as the team looks ahead to another successful campaign next season. Seniors Austin Aiken, Austin Ho, Abby Muschalek, Cole Rea, Avery Schuster and Tanner Wayte will be missed.

Congratulations to the following players for TAPPS and team awards:

- Austin Ho – All-State, Academic All-State, Team MVP
- Mark Johnson – All-State, Academic All-State
- Abby Muschalek – All-State, Academic All-State, Team MVP
- Natalie Konstans – All-State, Academic All-State
- Avery Schuster – All-State, Academic All-State
- Kaylee Connell – All-State

The last time TCA’s softball team earned a playoff berth, Ronald Reagan was still president; the year was 1988. Over 30 years later, the softball team was back in the playoffs. What a memorable year!

The highlights this year included a sweep of Midland Christian in the middle of West Texas sandstorms, great pitching performances from **Mikaela Weiss**, **Brianna Queen** throwing out runner after runner trying to steal, **Sydney Johnston** running rampant on the bases, **Kate Yanof** making plays no other shortstop in the district could even dream of making and **Elizabeth Williams** performing her daily stand-up comedy routine. Our three seniors, **Jillian Delp**, **Laura Pomberg** and **Cailin Redden**, worked hard every day for four years and exemplified our team motto, “Trust the Process.”

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**Varsity Softball**
Thank you, TCA community, for your generous gifts!

Funds from your donations in 2018-19 blessed and equipped our student-athletes and programs this year with the following:

- Over $5000 in ATC equipment
- Basketball video service, warm-up pants and jackets
- Cheer flags, signs and protective headgear
- Cross Country warm-up pants and jackets
- Dance Team poms and streamers
- Football Middle School film room improvements
- Football Aerial Attack machine
- Girls Golf skills clinic
- Soccer goals, warm-up pants, jackets and training equipment
- Softball iPads, speakers and camera pack
- Swimming kickboards and backpacks
- Track warm-up pants, jackets and pole vault grid
- Volleyball coaches training tower and ball bags
- Wrestling warm-up pants and jackets
- Campus team banners
- Training and resources from Positive Coaching Alliance
JOIN THE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB ON NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY, SEPTEMBER 19, TO SUPPORT TCA ATHLETICS and ENJOY THESE GREAT BENEFITS

$10,000 Level
- VIP reception and dinner with Coach Mike Singletary (Date TBA)
- Jersey autographed by Mike Singletary suitable for framing (choice of TCA, Baylor or Chicago Bears)
- One reserved parking place at the Field House for TCA athletic events
- Donor plus guest pre-game activities; date TBA
- “Best Seat in the House” sideline passes for two for all remaining home football games
- Two car decals
- $10 in concession bucks
- Two @Home passes (free admission to all home athletic events)
- $150 Big Blue gift card

$5,000 Level
- Dinner with Coach Mike Singletary (Date TBA)
- Football autographed by Mike Singletary
- “Best Seat in the House” sideline passes for two for all remaining home football games
- Two car decals
- $10 in concession bucks
- Two @Home passes (free admission to all home athletic events)
- $150 Big Blue gift card

$2,000 Level
- Football autographed by Mike Singletary
- Two car decals
- $10 in concession bucks
- Two @Home passes (free admission to all home athletic events)
- $150 Big Blue gift card

$1,000 Level
- Two car decals
- $10 concession bucks
- Two @Home passes (free admission to all home athletic events)
- $100 Big Blue gift card

$500-$999 Level
- Two car decals
- $10 concession bucks
- Two @Home passes (free admission to all home athletic events)
- $50 Big Blue gift card

$250-$499 Level
- Two car decals
- $10 concession bucks
- Two @Home passes (free admission to all home athletic events)

$100-249 Level
- Two car decals
- $10 concession bucks
EVERY YEAR, Janie Heard, the assistant head of the Upper School, and I visit our alumni at some of the nearby universities where we have a large number of students attending. This past spring, we visited the University of Texas, Texas A&M, Baylor University, the University of Arkansas, the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. We usually treat over two hundred of our alumni to dinner and have great conversations about their college days.

Janie and I are so proud of our alumni and all they are doing on their college campuses. It is so interesting to hear about their classes and their majors and minors. They are involved in Greek life, including AMC (Aggie Men’s Club) and BYX (Brother’s Under Christ), Young Life leadership organizations and creating service projects for their college communities. They are running for and winning elections on their campuses for student government positions, and they are active in their college-town churches. In addition, they are traveling abroad all over the world, interning for companies around the country and studying hard for their classes. The only thing they are not doing enough of is sleeping!

Our alumni always ask about their teachers at TCA, and they always comment on how they miss the great conversations they had and the attention their teachers gave them. They are so appreciative of the time these teachers spent with them, especially considering it’s easy to feel more like a number than a name in college. They ask about which seniors are coming to their colleges and are excited to hear the names. They want to know what is new at TCA, who is still there and who is retiring. We also try to help connect them with alumni for internships, mentoring, etc.

All of my children started TCA in kindergarten, and I often thought about what kind of students they would be once they graduated and went to college. What kind of young adults would they be after attending TCA all these years? I can tell you that it is a wonderful sight to see our graduates leave TCA and blossom in college! Their faith continues to grow and shine on these campuses, and it just makes me so proud to see them during these visits every year. I am honored to spend this time with them and thankful I get to view firsthand their successes in college!
The Second Annual Spring Alumni Weekend was held April 26 to 28. Several hundred alumni attended our weekend festivities, and it was wonderful to see so many classes represented.

On Friday night, the TCA varsity baseball team (the young guys) defeated the alumni baseball team (the old-timers), 5-4. It was such a fun evening! Long-time TCA faculty member Dennis Saffold threw out the first pitch, while alumni, parents and friends cheered from the stands.

Thank you to our alumni coaches, David Purcey '01 and Craig Stites '97, and our alumni players:

- Reed Bastie '12
- Paxton Kelso '99
- Matt Craig '99
- Brian Kinzey '02
- Caleb Getz '18
- Tom Postma '12
- Corbin Getz '15
- Scott Rooker '01
- Ben Gross '97
- Mark Stratton '00
- Kevin Joseph '94

While the game was going on, alumni and their families also enjoyed our bounce house, face painter, pitching and batting games, Ruthie’s food truck and Kona Ice snow cones! Sunshine, baseball, kid’s activities and seeing old friends and families made for a wonderful evening at the TCA Ballpark!

On Saturday night, alumni gathered at the City View Roof Top Bar. Alumni enjoyed great food, music, a fun photo booth and a beautiful view of the Dallas skyline. It was a great night to reminisce about all their fun memories of TCA!

On Sunday, we had close to 50 alumni attend the Upper School Performing Arts Department production of *The Sound of Music*. This classic musical in the Performing Arts Center of the TCA Upper School was a great way to end this amazing weekend for our alumni and their families!

Thank you to the TCA Alumni Association and to all our alumni who attended; we look forward to seeing everyone at the Homecoming dinner this fall on Friday, October 18, 2019.

Spring Alumni Weekend 2020 will be April 17–18.
Letter from the Alumni Association President

Christian community

AS I WIND DOWN MY TWO-YEAR TERM as president of the TCA Alumni Association, I look back and think, “Where has the time gone?” It seems like just yesterday that I was given the opportunity to serve our amazing community in this capacity. I have been privileged to work alongside so many committed people who love our school and love our Lord.

We have done some amazing things and had a few “learning opportunities” along the way, as well. We have been able to build the next building block in the continued growth of our Alumni Association. I know that others will come behind and continue to build on what we have done.

While all of this is important, what is truly integral to our school and the Alumni Association is the Christian community that we have here at TCA. Our community is built first and foremost on the foundation of Jesus Christ—He is what gives us our name—Christians. We also have the foundation of each other, a group of fellow believers, bearing each other’s burdens and sharing each other’s joys.

I was particularly struck by the value of our Christian community as I recently attended memorial services for two beloved members of our TCA community. One had lived a long and fruitful life of service to others, and the other’s life was tragically cut short by the scourge of disease but still impacted so many people with love and joy. Each service was moving, and both individuals had amazing lives—lives from which we can all learn. Both invested in others, and both were loved by so many members of this community. In both cases, the TCA community showed tremendous support and love for the families and fondly remembered our dear brother and our dear sister. When these families needed our love, our community responded with love and support.

While we may have our differences with each other at times, let us not forget what a beautiful blessing we have in our Christian community here at TCA.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, and may God continue to bless our wonderful school!

Blessings to each of you,

Stephen P. Konstans ’83
TCA Alumni Association Board President

UPCOMING EVENTS & ALUMNI NEWS

SEPTEMBER 26: Alumni Legacy Breakfast at TCA

OCTOBER 18: Homecoming
6–9 p.m. – Trinity Art Gallery (TAG) Alumni Reception in the Upper School
6:30–8:30 p.m. – Alumni Dinner for ALL alumni, their families and alumni parents under the big tent in the parking lot north of the football field
7 p.m. – Varsity Football Game against Fort Worth All Saints’

OCTOBER 19: Trojan Football Experience
9 a.m.–1 p.m. – The TCA Athletic Department and the Office of Alumni invite you to Tom Landry Stadium to remember your Friday night lights experience at TCA. We will be hosting an alumni flag football tournament, a free luncheon and more! If you were a football player, coach, cheerleader, Trojanette, band member or simply a fan of the Trojans, join us!

SPRING ALUMNI WEEKEND 2020
APRIL 18: All alumni, alumni parents, current parents and their families are invited to attend an on-campus event celebrating the 50th anniversary of TCA!

PAVERS
A brick paver is the perfect way to honor a student, alumnus, faculty, staff or family member. 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 Director of Alumni Beth Harwell at bharwell@trinitychristian.org or 972-447-4747.

CALLING FUTURE TROJANS!
Alumni and alumni parents—have you considered TCA for your children or grandchildren? We invite you to discover how TCA can serve your family today. Spots are available for the 2019-20 school year. We are also hosting a preview specifically for alumni on Tuesday, October 29.
Contact Amy Edwards Prideaux ’89, at 972-931-8325, ext. 2922, or visit www.trinitychristian.org/admissions to schedule your tour today. Come see what’s new at TCA and what traditions are still around!

► NEW LEGACY FAMILIES
Welcome back! We have several alumni who will be returning to TCA as current parents next year:
Ashli Burbridge Avery ’98
Caroline Roush Ermakov ’08
Kristen King Gray ’05 and Dylan Gray ’05
Bryant Kim ’98
Carrie Garoute Kunkel ’00 and Mike Kunkel ’00
Amy Bastian Richards ’01
Sheila Dyer Trigg ’01
Tiffany Chastain Wilmer ’94

► ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD
Thank you to our Alumni Association Board for serving during the 2018-19 school year. We are honored to have you serve our alumni!
Stephen Konstans ’83, President
Lane Conner ’99, Vice President of Social Media
Jackie Schimmer Harrison ’86, Vice President of Alumni Parents
Bunny Heard Mitchell ’94, Vice President of Community
Lane Wells Wiggins ’04, Vice President of Contributions
Jacy Witt ’12, Vice President of Communications

Ashli Burbridge Avery ’98
Chad Baldwin ’13
Michael Novakovich ’13
David Purcey ’01
Hillary Price Taylor ’07
Sarah-Graham Turtletaub ’07
Brandon Waddell ’97

► STAY CONNECTED
Be sure to follow us on social media:
www.facebook.com/TCAAlumniAddison
www.instagram.com/tca_alumni_addison

2019 LEGACY GRADUATES
Seventeen 2019 graduates are children of TCA alumni. See their senior photos below, along with their alumni parents’ senior photos. Congratulations to these legacy graduates!
Where are they now?

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

1996

JENNY VODVARKA SHAFAE and Darren Shafae welcomed their second child, Merrick Joseph Mir Shafae, on November 16, 2018, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and 19 inches long. Cyrus (2 years) is enjoying being a big brother. The family recently moved from San Francisco to Santa Barbara, California, where Jenny continues to work remotely for biotech firm Genentech, and Darren runs his own business, Papercheck, LLC.

2005

Hadley Page Troop was born on December 11, 2018, to ASHLEE PAGE TROOP and TIM TROOP.

2007

Brothers Colton and Turner are excited about their new little sister!

2007

RAWLES BELL and his wife, Laura, welcomed their first child, Ryan Ruth Bell, on April 2, 2019. She was 7 pounds, 6 ounces. Laura has taught the past three years at TCA in the Science Department, and Rawles currently works at Benchmark Private Wealth Management.

2007

Brooks Robert Taylor was born to ROBERT TAYLOR and HILLARY PRICE TAYLOR on March 29, 2019. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 21.25 inches long, the perfect little bundle of joy! The Taylor family resides in Dallas.

2010

SCOTT WESTFALL married Lillie Rupert on May 11, 2018, in Cape Henry, Virginia. The best man was his brother, DREW WESTFALL ’13. Groomsmen included CALE SHIVERS and JOSH KEMP ’12. Also included in the wedding party were PHYRE BURNS, RYAN DOERHOFF and SALEM HARRY. Scott is the founder and owner of CGP Real Estate Consulting in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he and Lillie, a physical therapist, reside.

2010

SCOTT WESTFALL

TRAVIS BEACH and GRACE MARTIN met in their fifth-grade class at TCA. They enjoyed their time at TCA as friends and even attended their junior prom together. Travis attended the United States Naval Academy, and Grace attended the University of Alabama. In their senior year of college, they reconnected and built upon their long friendship. They enjoyed dating as Travis attended Naval flight school in multiple states, while Grace worked as a financial advisor in Tallahassee, Florida. They married March 16, 2019, in Dallas. They were thankful to have so many family members and friends gathered to celebrate the occasion. They had standing by their side many TCA alumni: STEPHANIE MARTIN OSBORNE ’05, WADE MARTIN ’08, MORGAN BEACH ’10, REED BASTIE, KATHERINE KONSTANS BASTIE, MICHAEL CRÈME, ADDISON DEBTER, MATT HUGGINS, TOM POSTMA, CONNOR THOMPSON and TRENT WIEN. Travis

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 October 15, 2019, and that all submitted electronic photos must be in high-resolution jpeg format to be suitable for printing.
and Grace reside in Meridian, Mississippi, until the Navy moves them to their next adventure.

MADISON FIELDS married JEFF WRIGHT on November 17, 2018. They began dating after they graduated from TCA. Alumni in the wedding included maid of honor KARA CROSBY, CHRISTINE FARES, EMILY JARVIS, ANNA BERGMAN, RACHEL KWONG, ASHLEE FERGUSON and LINDSAY WRIGHT HIRANI ’09. Groomsmen included DAWSON FIELDS ’16, HARRISON FIELDS (11th) and usher TY TAMLYN. They currently reside in Dallas.

NATHAN MATHAI spoke to TCA Middle School student council members in December 2018 about his experiences teaching in Malaysia through a grant from the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Nathan graduated from Furman University in 2017 with a degree in accounting and was one of three Furman 2017 graduates to become a Fulbright Scholar.

2013

MADISON FIELDS

2014

DALY WITT and PATRICK REA were married in Dallas on April 6, 2019. The two were friends in high school at TCA and started dating their sophomore year at Texas A&M University. Several of their TCA friends joined them in their wedding, including JACY WITT ’12, ANNIE REA KELLY ’11, SARAH GRANT PORTER, ANNA HARRINGTON, BECCA POLK, KATHRYN SPRINGFIELD, CHASE REA ’16, BROCK BACON, TREVOR POWNELL, DRUE ALLEN, WILL TROOP, KYLE HARDESTY and JASE MILLER.

The Reas are now living in Richardson. Patrick is a global procurement analyst for PepsiCo, and Daly is a graphic designer for Plano Magazine.

2015

CHRISTOPHER FOX graduated with highest honors from Georgia Tech last December with a degree in electrical engineering from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. He returned to Georgia Tech to pursue a master’s degree in electrical engineering while working as a teaching assistant. He will graduate in December 2019. He received an award from the Roger P. Webb Awards Program honoring the accomplishments, dedication and excellence of the students, faculty and staff. Christopher is a also member of the Georgia Tech Glee Club (the oldest glee club in college history).

Food for thought

Matthew Marks ’14 remembers his days in high school when he was overseeing the TCA food and clothing drives to help people in Dallas. Flash forward six years later, and he never thought he would be overseeing the first-ever food pantry at the University of Oklahoma.

“It has been an honor to serve as the student director and now the graduate director for the OU Food Pantry. Our mission is to serve all students, staff and faculty on the Norman campus who face food insecurity and hunger,” said Matthew. “Before I started on this project, I had no idea that students and even staff on a college campus would be in need. It’s a problem throughout our nation. I have been fortunate to serve with a great group of students as we try to lend a helping hand.”

Matthew started the food pantry as a junior in college, where his team of students planned, organized and developed the structure of the pantry alongside some faculty and staff. After a year of preparation, the OU Food Pantry officially opened its doors in March 2017. Since then, the pantry has had over 4,000 visitors.

“Nothing is better than serving your community. Meeting the great people on this campus who use our pantry and building those relationships has been truly special. Developing partnerships with local businesses who have assisted us in our mission has been incredible. I enjoy my job because I get to help others,” said Matthew.

When he ran for TCA student council president in 2013, his motto was “doing more to make a difference,” and it’s still something he has kept to this day.

Matthew said, “It’s been a wonderful blessing being able to serve the University of Oklahoma and, in turn, making a difference in the lives of our community. If you would like to join in the fight against hunger and support our cause, please visit our website, ou.edu/foodpantry.”
## In Memoriam

Robert Richard “Rick” Fountaine, alumni parent  
**August 21, 2017**

Hope Dakel, alumni parent, past TCA faculty member  
**June 28, 2018**

Jim Kalahar, alumni parent  
**September 6, 2018**

Patti Gibson Bradley, faculty spouse  
**September 21, 2018**

Malinda Elizabeth Dickey ’87  
**October 18, 2018**

Frank Ramirez Sr., alumni parent  
**December 15, 2018**

Mark Wiggins, alumni parent  
**December 20, 2018**

Charles “Bo” Miller, alumni parent, past TCA board member, TCA Foundation board member  
**December 25, 2018**

Shawn Kathleen Heath Weiss, parent, TCA employee  
**February 26, 2019**

John David Hammonds, MD, parent  
**March 17, 2019**

Monica Kathleen Conner ’02  
**March 21, 2019**

Mark Lewis Deen ’85  
**April 26, 2019**

Benjamin Paul Robinson ’89  
**May 2, 2019**

Carol Frost Ferrell, alumni parent  
**May 7, 2019**

Craig Gordon, alumni parent  
**June 15, 2019**

Sharron Shaw, past TCA employee, alumni parent  
**June 20, 2019**
THE UNSTOPPABLE “DR. FUNK”

Dr. Funk, beloved Middle School teacher DENNIS SAFFOLD’s alter ego, made his final appearance in this year’s annual Teachers vs. Seventh-graders basketball game. Mr. Saffold is retiring after 33 years of service to TCA. We will all miss him!
Note to parents

If this publication is addressed to a graduate who no longer maintains a permanent address at your home, please notify Joy Konstans at jkonstans@trinitychristian.org of his or her new mailing address. Thank you!