# **ALUMNI** CLASSNOTES





- 1. Class of 1979 reunion attendees
- 2. Class of 1979's GREG DEEN-**ER, JIM KILGORE, SKIPPER**

DAY, JACK PUCKETT, DAVID COZART, TOM RICE, BILL CO-**ZART '80** and **TOM GIBBONS** at their annual golf outing

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Alumni Celebration Weekend, kicking off Oct. 9, 2020, with something fun for everyone! See p. 44 for more details. If you're interested in helping plan this exciting weekend, please email DAN RESSNER '99, Alumni Engagement Officer, at dressner@ravenscroft.org.

1975

**Cindy Poole Roberts** cindy@cindypoole.com

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1970s

1976

Joel Reames joel@joelreames.com

JAMES SAMSON served as a trustee at Durham Nativity School, where he was honored with a service award at the school's annual celebration in April 2019.

1977

**Terry Wallace Chambliss** terrv.chambliss@duke.edu

**DIANE GUPTON BECTON has** joined United Community Bank as a regional treasury solutions consultant. In this role, Diane will help businesses in the Triad, Triangle and Eastern North Carolina markets manage their finances, payments and services through tools offered by United Community Bank.

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1979

**Allison Gilbert Holmes** allisonholmes@nc.rr.com

JOHN HOGAN and his family went to Spain for Christmas. They all had a great time.

BETH THOMAS TRIPP let me know that her son, Noah, married Margaret Elizabeth Bowell (Maggie) on April 13, 2019, at Hope Church. They honeymooned in Jamaica. Noah and Maggie will be working and living in Richmond.

**SUE FINLEY COTTON** has moved

back to Raleigh with her family. She has a new job at SearStone Retirement Community in Cary.

I heard from TOM RICE, who sent me a photo from a recent golfing weekend at Pinehurst with GREG DEENER, JIM KILGORE, SKIPPER DAY, JACK PUCKETT, DAVID COZART, BILL COZART '80 and TOM GIBBONS. I know they had a great time.

I met BYRD RAWLINGS and his wife, Jenny, for drinks while Tom and I were in Asheville this summer. Byrd is still selling custom clothes from Brooks Brothers. Jenny has a catering business. Their daughter Emily has a daughter named Isabel Grace. William is working at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Asheville. Sarah is working at Ward and Smith as a paralegal. Caroline is married and in medical school at LSU. Her husband is studying law at Loyola. Margaret is a senior at UNC-Charlotte in the journalism school.

We had our 40th high school reunion on Saturday, Oct. 12, at Valerie and DAVID COZART's house. It was a glorious night that we could spend outside on their fabulous porch. Twenty-seven of our classmates attended (see photo at left): (front row) SUE FINLEY COTTON, MARY DENNIS HART FOGLEMAN, BETH THOMAS TRIPP, ANITA DANIEL KRAYNIK, JIM KILGORE (in front), ANNE SIGMON MCDONALD, KELLY **CORPENING THORNTON, SALLY** KING CHAPPELOW, TOM RICE, **BILLY SIMPSON, WORTH HAR-**RIS; (middle row) NYLE WAD-FORD, WILLIAM PARRISH, ALLI-SON GILBERT HOLMES, EDITH **WOOTEN BAILEY, LISA PHILLIPS** PERKINSON, DIANNE JONES HY-**NEMAN, CATHY EDWARDS LULL;** 

(back row) STEPHEN GUPTON, SKIPPER DAY, GREG DEENER, TOM GIBBONS, ALLEN MAS-SEY, DAVID COZART and CHUCK **DUNCAN**. Not pictured: **GEORGE** ANDREWS.

Can't wait until our 45th. I hope to see more of you at our next one. Please be sure to thank **CATHY** LULL for all that she did. She keeps me organized and on track.

1980

1980s

**Marianna Bass** mariannabass@icloud.com

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WILLIAM STROUD'S son, CLAY '13, married Paige Johnson on March 9, 2019.

Read what Ravenscroft Sports Hall of Famer EDWARD BOYLES has been up to lately in 3 to Watch, p. 28.

#### 1982

**Gene Daniel** gdaniel@ramclinton.com

JOE JEFFREYS is teaching an undergraduate course at The New School in New York City called "'RuPaul's Drag Race' and Its Impact." The class has been featured in the New York Post, various blogs and on local TV WPIX news.

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ADAM JONES shared, "My girls attend our dreaded rival school, Durham Academy, but it's been a good fit. Ainslie is 7 (second grade) and Lilly is 11 (sixth grade). My company, Mill House Properties, has grown nicely, and we now buy/sell/rent around UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Asheville and Western Carolina. Also, I recently acquired a Homeowners Association management company, so we now manage HOAs in Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Pittsboro. My 2016 novel, "Fate Ball," has been adapted into a screenplay and we are shopping it to several interested producers. It's a long and arduous process, but exciting. I will begin my next children's book, "Cecil and the Soccer Match," next year as part of the "Cecil the Littlest Ant" series.

**Caroline Day Plummer** carolinedayplummer@gmail.com

#### WILLIAM ("BENJYE") ROSE

lives in Durham and serves as the director of social services for Durham County. He said, "I was recently appointed interim general manager over Goal 2 services in Durham, including overseeing the library, health department, veterans and cooperative extension. My daughter Anna is a freshman at NCSU, majoring in communications and media."

#### 1984

John Parham iparham@tcfnmail.com

JOHN PARHAM joined South State Investment Services in May 2019 as a senior vice president, regional manager. John and his team are tasked with growing the company's wealth management presence from Raleigh to Wilmington. John's son, RHETT '20, will soon join his sister, JORDAN '17, as a second-generation Raven graduate.

WHIT PROCTER got married on Nov. 2, 2019. He and his wife, Kathy, currently reside in Beaufort.

#### 1985

Dene Dawson dhdiii@yahoo.com

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**DENE DAWSON** shared, "In June, classmate CHRIS HAGA and I departed Concord on our motorcycles for eight days on the TransAmerica Trail, a 5,000-plusmile route that runs from Hatteras to the Oregon coast. Utilizing backcountry roads (and as many dirt roads and trails as possible), Chris and I covered 1,200 miles



A FAMILIAR FACE FOR '80s ALUMNI: Former Director of Upper School Joe Beasley (back row, center) enjoyed a surprise 90th birthday party with his former Ravenscroft colleagues Mary Moss, Bruce Miller, Carol Miedema, Ned Gonet, Angela Connor, Libby Godwin, Sylvia White, Dianne Lawler and Marcia Jones. Beasley's Duke Divinity School classmate Harmon Smith (far right) joined the fun. Happy birthday to Mr. Beasley!





1. JOE JEFFREYS '82 at RuPaul's Drag Con, a fan convention held in New York City

2. DENE DAWSON '85 and CHRIS HAGA'85 on the TransAmerica Trail

## Easter Maynard '89 and Michael C. Hall '89 Honored by Alumni Association

**SURROUNDED BY CLASSMATES**, former teachers and family, two Ravens from the Class of 1989 were recognized with the school's prestigious alumni awards during the annual Alumni Association meeting and luncheon on Friday, Oct. 11, which kicked off the 2019 Alumni Celebration Weekend.

Distinguished Alumni Award recipient EASTER MAY-NARD '89 is the director of community investment for Investors Management Corporation, executive director of their ChildTrust Foundation and board chair of Golden Corral Corporation. She has received the 2017 Triangle Community Foundation Catalyst Award for visionary philanthropy and the 2018 Vernon Malone Friend of Education Award.

Earlier this year Maynard wrapped up seven years of service on the Ravenscroft Board of Trustees. She also cochaired the successful five-year, \$15M Embrace Possibility campaign. Her children — LILA MAYNARD PARKER '22, JAMES PARKER '24 and SAWYER PARKER '26 — are current Ravenscroft students.

MICHAEL C. HALL '89, the star of television series including "Six Feet Under," "Dexter" and "Safe" and acclaimed theater productions from Shakespeare to David Bowie's "Lazarus," became the newest member of the Alumni Fine Arts Hall of Fame.

Inspired by early experiences at Ravenscroft, Hall pursued acting in college and earned a Master of Fine Arts at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. He made his Broadway debut in 1999 as the Master of Ceremonies in Sam Mendes' revival of "Cabaret" and went on to portray Billy Flynn in 2002 in the revival of "Chicago." He has since earned a Golden Globe, three Screen Actors Guild awards and numerous Emmy nominations.

While on campus, Hall met with Upper School and fine arts students to talk about his career, favorite co-stars and most challenging roles.

Enjoy more photos from the luncheon and other Alumni Celebration Weekend events on Ravenscroft's Flickr page, flickr.com/photos/ravenscroftnc.

- 1. Distinguished Alumni Award recipient EASTER MAYNARD '89 with daughter LILA MAYNARD PARKER '22 and parents Connie and James Maynard
- 2. MICHAEL C. HALL '89 answering questions about his acting career during an assembly with Upper School students in Jones Theatre
- 3. Alumni Fine Arts Hall of Fame inductee MICHAEL C. HALL '89 with his mother, Janice (second from left), and fine arts staff Elisabeth and David McChesney







on the trail. We stopped in Helena, Arkansas, when we crossed the Mississippi River. Our plan is to pick up where we left off next summer and complete the entire trail over three summers. During our week on the trail, we rode through rain and mud, over mountains and through creeks, and enjoyed rural America. Over two years in the making, our trip was full of adventures and lots of laughs. Good times!"

#### 1986

**Ashlev Allen** ash.allen68@gmail.com

TODD HARRIS, president of Skillshot Media and co-founder of Hi-Rez Studios, was recently voted one of Atlanta's Most Admired CEOs. Read about Todd's pioneering work in esports in Makers, p. 8.

#### 1989

Sonya Smith Beacham (sbeacham@cfcc.edu) **Amy Copeland Petitfils** (acpetitfils@yahoo.com)

**EASTER MAYNARD** and **MICHAEL** C. HALL were recognized during the annual Alumni Association meeting and luncheon on Friday, Oct. 11, kicking off the 2019 Alumni Celebration Weekend. Classmates on hand to celebrate their awards (see photo at right) included (front row) MARY CATH-ERINE HALL, SONYA SMITH **BEACHAM, AMY COPELAND PE-**TIFILS, ANNE LEHMAN MEHR; (back row) STEVEN PEDEN, HALL, TROY DREYFUS, TOM **HELTON, FRANK LORIA, SUSAN-**NAH QUINCY BEARD, MAYNARD, **BETH PURRINGTON ALLEY** and JENNIFER SOUZA SHIMER.

1990

1990s

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Read what Ravenscroft Sports Hall of Famer JOHN ("BUC") WILLIAMS has been up to lately in 3 to Watch, p. 28.

Please contact Dan Ressner (dressner@ravenscroft.org) if you would like to be the class agent.

Shelli and ROB RICE welcomed Wyler Kendrick Rice on June 18, 2019.

#### 1993

**David Rountree** david.r@psychorockproductions.com

DAVID ROUNTREE shared, "Still living out in Los Angeles, working in the entertainment industry and in development on several upcoming feature films. I am currently directing/producing a television series pilot that started filming in January. My film "CUT!," which ran in U.S. theaters back in 2015, is now in theaters in India.

Via Instagram, I was also able to stay in contact or reconnect with **DEVIN DOWNEY '92. NINA** DANE YOUNG '92 and DOUG MYERS '92. Devin continues to remind me of old stories from back when we were Ravens. Nina is very proud of her kids' athletic and academic achievements, and Doug's son (15) is playing middle linebacker on his high school football team. On a recent trip back to NC. I was able to catch up with PENNY ABRAHAMS '92 and even talk filmmaking with her daughter, who is exploring the world of music and sound in film.

My brother BENJI '95 and I took some time to go over to the Ravenscroft football field and relive our past by kicking field goals on the field that, although it is no longer a bowl, gave us so many wonderful memories. Flying back to LA, I ran into CHANDRA WAT-KINS '96 in the airport. We had so much fun catching up and sharing stories from our past.



1. Members of the Class of 1989 with alumni award recipients MICHAEL C. HALL'89

(standing, second from left) and EASTER MAYNARD '89 (standing, third from right)

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1. CAMILLE CONDREY '09 married Schaefer Marks on Feb. 23, 2019.

2. FINCH TROXLER '07 married Britton Hunter on Feb. 23, 2019. 3. CLAY STROUD '13 married Paige Johnson on March 9, 2019.

4. BOLTON BONEY '79 and Holly Graham were married on March 2, 2019.

5. JEREMY BULL '00 married Megan Fish on March 30, 2019.















- 6. KATELYN PAUL '06 married Richard Prosser on April 12, 2019. **7. JENNA PEPE '04** married Jonas Petersen on Sept. 9, 2019.
- 8. **KEVIN COOK '07** married Chris Cedrone on April 27, 2019.
- 9. RACHEL BARNETT '09 and **HAYDEN MAPLES '09** were married on Oct. 26, 2019.
- 10. COLE GONET '09 married Sara Wilburn on Nov. 23, 2019.
- 11. MARY LANIER ZAYTOUN '08 married Brett Berne on June 15, 2019.
- 12. JENNY STOKES '92 married Scott Thomas Jr. on Nov. 16, 2019.

#### **ALUMNI CLASS NOTES**



1. MIKE '98 and EMILY HUBER CALLAHAN '98's son Jack with Gritty, the mascot of the NHL's Philadelphia Flyers

#### We want to hear from YOU!

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES appears in print once a year, in the Spring issue, and includes alumni milestones weddings and babies, degrees and recognitions, promotions, relocations and retirements — from the previous calendar year. Send us your news and photos from 2020 anytime via our Alumni Portal. Find those links, contact information for class agents and more at ravenscroft.org/alumni.

Remember, you may keep your friends and classmates updated all year long via our Alumni Facebook page (facebook.com/groups/ravensalumni) and through any class-specific social media accounts your class agents may have set up.

We look forward to hearing from you!

TRENT WADFORD is a proud dad, as his kids are excelling in lacrosse, swimming and even playing around on the guitar. They also enjoyed heading over to Carter-Finley Stadium to watch the Wolfpack play football.

1994

**Tim Johnson** tej916@gmail.com

WILLIE WILKINS' kids are doing great things in athletics, and his son recently played in the 4A State Championship football game over at Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill.

**Jen Madison Snook** (jmadison77@gmail.com) Matt Cantando (mattcantando@msn.com)

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Read what Ravenscroft Sports Hall of Famer MEREDITH CAGE QUALE has been up to lately in 3 to Watch, p. 28.

1998

Ellen Mann O'Connor ellen.b.mann@gmail.com

SHANNON DOOLEY RINELLA

won the Outstanding Faculty Award at Georgetown University, where she is an adjunct in the Masters in Global Hospitality Leadership program. She shared, "A ton of credit for this award goes to our Ravenscroft teachers Sharon Beineke, Steve Swaim and Mary Beth Immediata. I pull a lot of my approach from what I remember experiencing in their classes!"

ELLEN MANN O'CONNOR and her husband, Patrick, welcomed a baby girl on Oct. 27, 2019. Elizabeth Charles O'Connor arrived at 12:53 a.m. and weighed 16 pounds, 15 ounces. Ellen shared, "Older brother Jack (3) was over the moon to

have a baby sister! We also moved recently and are now next-door neighbors to ROB WRIGHT and 'backyard' neighbors to TRIPP LUMPKIN! It's so amazing to see all our kids play together and makes me feel very old!"

**ELIZABETH KREUL-STARR** and her husband, Jesse, welcomed baby Miles in September. Both Owen (2) and Calvin (70 in dog years) have been wonderful big brothers. The family spends most of their free time outdoors, hiking in the many parks of Pennsylvania. Elizabeth has been with Johnson & Johnson for 12 years and was promoted to senior director of marketing for the company's immunology business.

Here is an update from MICHAEL and EMILY HUBER CALLAHAN on their sweet little boy Jack: "Our addition isn't your typical Class Notes submission, but we wanted to keep people updated on what we've been up to this last year. In February 2019, our son Jack (then 3 years old) was diagnosed with metastatic cancer, a germ-cell tumor which spread to his lungs. We went through initial treatment at UVA hospital (right around the corner from our house). In June, we discovered that Jack would need additional treatment and that we'd need to temporarily relocate to Philadelphia to seek care at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. We remain in Philadelphia and are happy to report that things are progressing well. It's our hope to return home in March. Through it all we have been overwhelmed by the love, support and kindness showered upon our family, including an amazing video created by the children of the Class of '98! We never pictured ourselves in this position (who does?), but we have been amazed at Jack's grit, strength, resolve and the joy we are able to find every day as a family, despite the circumstances. We can truly say that our child is our hero. Thanks to the Philadelphia Flyers and the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald

House, Jack even got to spend his fourth birthday with his hero, Gritty, the mascot of the Philadelphia Flyers!"

Michael and Emily, the entire Class of 1998 is thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers! To keep up on their journey, you can read updates on Jack's Caring-Bridge page.

#### 1999

**Allison Drummond Stewart** allisonkathleenstewart@gmail.com

Read about MEREDITH SUT-TON's journey as a jewelry artist in Inspired, p. 26.

#### 2000

2000s

**Melissa Warren Dougher** melissawdougher@gmail.com

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JEREMY BULL married Megan Cooper Fish on March 30, 2019, in Rocky Mount. They were joined by fellow Ravens (see photo at right): MICHAEL ERTISCHECK '00, JEFF WALKER '97, DAN RESSNER '99, LEVI BOYD '00, EDDIE O'HER-RON '99, AJ BOARD '00, MI-**CHAEL ANDERSON '98, LANCE** LANDVATER '07, ALEX FLOYD '04 and GEORGE PASCHAL '04 (kneeling). The groom is president of Walker and Associates Landscaping and the bride is an accountant for Planet Fitness. They live in Raleigh.

#### 2001

**Emily Taylor Farrell** emilyannefarrell@gmail.com

Billy Ray and BRITTANY HUNG RUTLEDGE welcomed Ellis Louise Rutledge on Nov. 17, 2019.

#### 2003

**Anna Claire Murnick Price** annaclaireprice@gmail.com

SARAH CORTINA relocated back to the U.S. in July after 12 years in Tokyo. "I am now living in Los Angeles and working as associate producer at Crunchyroll, helping to create original animated series." she said.

MAGGIE SIMONS was awarded a 2019 PGA Teacher of the Year Award for the Oregon Chapter.

DAVID FAJGENBAUM has released a memoir, "Chasing My Cure: A Doctor's Race to Turn Hope into Action," about his near-fatal onset of Castleman disease, his journey to recovery and his own research to find a successful treatment. As part of his book tour, David visited Ravenscroft's campus on Sept. 16, 2019, and shared the lessons he has drawn from overcoming the odds against recovery and how he turned his hope for a cure into action.

#### 2005

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#### 2007

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ELIZA RAGSDALE shared that she and ANDREW ROBINSON were among members of the Class of 2007 who reunited at Leatherwood Resorts for the wedding of LIZZY SIMMONS and Victor Colella in June 2019.

**BAHATI MUTISYA** was appointed by Mayor Nancy McFarlane to the Board of Commissioners for the Raleigh Housing Authority. She will provide oversight in the planning, construction and operation of housing for people with low income within Raleigh and Wake County.







- 1. Ravens at the wedding of JEREMY BULL '00 and Megan
- 2. DAVID FAJGENBAUM '03 (center) with current and former Ravenscroft faculty Sarah Adams, B.J. Warren, Carolyn Everett, Melony Lightfoot and Leslie Pressel before his book talk
- 3. ANDREW ROBINSON '07 (left) and ELIZA RAGSDALE '07 (second from right) at the wedding of LIZZY SIMMONS '07 and Victor Colella

#### Do you need to update your email, address or phone number in our database?

Visit ravenscroft.org/alumni to access our Alumni Contact Information Update Form.

#### **Alumni Love Ravenscroft Athletics**









YEAR AFTER YEAR, our Ravens keep coming back for alumni athletic events. In addition to the annual Alumni vs. Varsity Soccer Scrimmage on Aug. 9 and the Alumni Boys Lacrosse Game on Nov. 29, the year included a chance for Ravens in town for the Alumni Celebration Weekend to play a little golf, with proceeds from the 24th Annual Ravenscroft Golf Classic going to support the school's outstanding coaches, student-athletes and programs.

Also during the reunion weekend, the 1989 state-championship football team was honored at the Homecoming football game to mark the 30th anniversary of their undefeated season. Catch up with 1989 football champion and Ravenscroft Sports Hall of Famer JOHN ("BUC") WIL-**LIAMS '90** in 3 to Watch, p. 28.

- 1. Alumni Boys Lacrosse Game athletes: (front row) Coach Peter Voelkel, CHASE DOUGLAS '10, ALEX SPEARS '10, GREY BERRY '09, PARKE JONES '09, CARTER VOELKEL '13, JIMBO BARNES '13. GARRETT BIRD '12. CHASE STORCH '16. Coach Sandy Kapatos; (back row) VAL EDWARDS '19, WILL BIRD '16, ROBERT VAUGHAN '15, DREW DAVIS '16, JOSH EDWARDS '04, WHIT KELLEY '06, JEREMY BULL '00, PHILIP FAJGENBAUM '09, JACK BARNES '19, HAYDEN SWITZER '19. CHARLIE WINSTON '19. MATT WIMSATT '03. DAN **RESSNER '99, THOMAS MATTHEWS '14**
- 2. Alumni participants in the Alumni vs. Varsity Boys Soccer Scrimmage: (front row) DAN RESSNER '99, KLAUS STEIN-MANN '18, CONNOR GRIDLEY '16, JOHN DANIEL SAWYERR '17, COLE MALONE '18, KENDALL JONES '19, WILL BYRD '10, VARUN ATREE '19; (back row) THOMPSON SCHOL-LAERT '18, JOHNNY MCNEILL '16, EMMANUEL PETROV '19, MEL BROUGHTON '15, CARR WALKER '13, COREY CHAN-DLER '14. SIMON COPELAND '17. PARKER SUTHERLAND '13, EVAN BARTLE '19, JACKSON CORIGLIANO '19, JAKE **SCHNEIDER '19, CHRIS BOERICKE '13**
- 3. Ravenscroft Golf Classic participants KENNETH DICKIN-SON '89 and CHARLIE GRANT '89 with Ravenscroft trustee and event co-chair KELLY POWELL GOULD '90
- 4. Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the 1989 Ravenscroft state-championship football team: Coach Chip Hoggard, YORKE PHARR '90, RUSTY DEMENT '90, TOM PARKER '90, CHARLIE MITCHELL '90, ROB RICE '91, TY THOMAS '90, student trainer CHRISTI JONES '90, Coach Ned Gonet, student trainer TAMARA JOYNER '90, TRENT WADFORD '93, **BUC WILLIAMS '90, CHRIS CARR '91, DOUGLAS MYERS '92,** KEVIN ROSE '90 and CHARLY CREEL '91 (not pictured)

RYAN YOUNGBLOOD and his wife, Brittany, welcomed their first child, Hayden Grace, on Sept. 29, 2019. Ryan received a promotion at BB&T in his third year at the company within the insurance division, and he and Brittany relocated to Winston-Salem.

RYAN KIM returned to the U.S. from South Korea in summer 2019 and will be living in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the next four years. He works for a subsidiary of a Korean company.

MICHAEL LANG received his Ph.D. in cell and developmental biology from the University of Michigan in 2016, studying the regulation of lipids and proteins within cells. In 2019, Michael through-hiked the 2,192-mile Appalachian Trail, ran the New York City marathon and started a new job in Boston at Sanofi Genzyme, directing market research of Dupixent, a medication for asthma and eczema.

#### 2009

Kathryn Fogartie (katfogartie@gmail.com) **Jack Greenberg** (jack.d.greenberg@gmail.com)

RYAN KELLY is playing basketball in Japan with Sun Rockers Shibuya.

LOGAN ALDRIDGE was recently named the world's fittest onearmed man, a distinction that was covered in stories by news outlets around the country. Enjoy a profile on Logan in Fit, p. 6.

#### 2010

**Natalie Salmonese** (salmonesenc@appstate.edu) **Tyson Presnell** (tarheel2006@gmail.com) **Chase Bernhardt** (ccbern@umich.edu)

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STEVEN LIM is a resident physician at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

#### 2011

**Patrick Bailey** (jpb693@gmail.com) Zaki Haidary (zakihaidary@gmail.com) **Allie Withers** (alliewithers@gmail.com)

SPENCER CATES recently relocated to Seattle, Washington, to work for Amazon at its corporate headquarters. He will be working in category procurement supporting North America Customer Fulfillment.

Many alumni and former students attended the wedding of HALEY BAREFOOT '11 and Staats Battle, pictured at right, including JOHN HASLETT '11, MELINA GOZZO '11, SHANNON MCDONNELL '11, WILL MASSEY '11, ANNIE REALI '11, PEYTON BURGESS '11, BAKER MILLS '11, GRAYSON MILLER '11, **GARRETT MCQUEEN '11, KRISSY** FAJGENBAUM '11, WILL BARE-FOOT '13. JULIA HEFFRING '11. **SLATER BAREFOOT '17, PATRICK** BAILEY '11, ROBERT BOYCE '11 and CHRIS CORCHIANI '14.

GRAYSON MILLER has been living in Atlanta since graduating from the University of South Carolina in 2015. After being with UBS Private Wealth for over four years, she accepted a job with Goldman Sachs in September. She plans to transition to the role of private wealth advisor in 2021.

#### 2012

2010s

Angelika Barth (angelikagaledesigns@gmail.com) Jordan Jeter (jjeter@elon.edu) **Lewis Stocks** (lhstocks22@gmail.com)

**COREY GARRITY** was named the vicar of the Redeemer Lutheran Church and School in Redwood City, California. Previously he held the title of Minister for Youth and Young Adults.





1. MICHAEL LANG '07 at the Northern Terminus of the Appalachian Trail on the day he completed his through-hike in the summer of 2019

2. Ravens at the wedding of **HALEY BAREFOOT '11** and Staats Battle

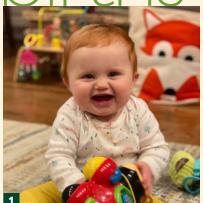


### Honor an **Outstanding Raven!**

THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD, the Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Award and the Alumni Fine Arts Hall of Fame Award recognize the outstanding achievements of Ravenscroft alumni. The Class of 1862 Award bestows honorary alumni status to faculty and staff, volunteers and other supporters who have provided an outstanding level of service to the school.

The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2020. Learn more at ravenscroft.org/alumni/alumni-awards.















- 1. Cody and ANNA HUNTER UNDERWOOD '08 welcomed Adalyn Elaine Underwood on Jan. 29, 2019.
- 2. Katie and DAVID JONES '04 welcomed Wesley Barrett Jones on Feb. 21, 2019.
- 3. WHIT BROWN '06 and Abby welcomed Eleanor Thorp Brown on Feb. 15, 2019.
- 4. ANNIE BROWN MONTAGUE '09 and H.L. welcomed Jones Craighill Montague on June 20, 2019.
- **5. LAUREN JANSON MCILWAINE '04** and Peter welcomed Calum Peter McIlwaine on Feb. 20, 2019. 6. ELLEN MANN O'CONNOR '98
- and Patrick welcomed Elizabeth Charles O'Connor on Oct. 27, 2019.













#### 7. ELIZABETH KREUL-STARR

**'98**, Jesse and big brother Owen welcomed baby Miles in September 2019.

- 8. RYAN YOUNGBLOOD '07 and Brittany welcomed Hayden Grace Youngblood on Sept. 29, 2019.
- 9. SCOTT MANNING '03 and Carter welcomed Elizabeth Pierce Manning on Oct. 15, 2019.

#### **10. CHRISTINE BENEDICT**

**LARAMEE '06** and Kevin welcomed Orion Laramee on Sept. 16, 2019.

#### **11. HEATHER STEELMAN**

**COLEMAN '05**, Will and big sister Adaline welcomed William Glenn Coleman ("Liam") on Oct. 3, 2019.

12. JOHN BOWER '03 and Samantha welcomed Lucas Asher Bower on Dec. 4, 2019.



**HAYDEN GRIDLEY** started a new position as a data strategy manager at Seer Interactive in Philadelphia.

#### 2013

**Emily Bedsole** (ebedsole2@gmail.com) **Brvant Dowd** (bd45fb@gmail.com) **Thomas Sigmon** (thomasigmon@gmail.com)

BRYANT DOWD moved to New York and started a new position as an investment banking associate at Wells Fargo Securities in June 2019.

CARTER VOEKEL completed his Master of Accounting at UNC-Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler School of Business and took a position as an assurance associate for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Denver.

**BRANDON TUNG** was recently promoted to Nuclear Safety Analysis Engineer II at Dominion Energy.

JUSTIN FLEURY started a new position as an inside sales consultant at Ally Bank.

#### 2014

Mary Grady Bell (mgbell@live.unc.edu) Humza Rizvi (humzarizvi@gmail.com)

REBECCA ISRAEL started as a graduate research analyst at the Floating Hospital, a nonprofit organization that provides health care services to medically underserved communities in New York City.

#### 2015

Mykayla Perry (mperry52@uncc.edu) Rebecca Oubain (rqubain@purdue.edu) **Alex Woodward** (awoodward322@gmail.com) MCLEAN VOELKEL graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a degree in business administration and is now working for SunTrust Bank in Atlanta as a commercial real estate/banking analyst.

**HALEY GARDNER** graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in May and is now working at Eckel & Vaughan, a strategic communications agencv in Raleigh.

NINA BARNETT is now working full-time in New York City to promote and advance Grooop, the app she developed while a student at UNC-Chapel Hill. She reported that the company has been accepted into two business incubators: the Vital Voices x Tresemme Leadership Incubator, for female founders making a social impact, and Newchip Accelerator, to prepare for Grooop's next round of funding in 2020. Nina does stand-up comedy at comedy clubs around New York and is still acting as well.

ALEX PAYNE moved to Alexandria, Virginia, where he works for Vault Consulting as an accounting and finance consultant for nonprofits in the Washington, D.C., area.

JACK PHILLIPS graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in May, he shared. "I had about 30 days off before coming to Charleston, South Carolina. I went to Europe for two weeks with one of my best friends, who is on the same ship as I am. We went to Prague, Vienna and Budapest. In Charleston, I am stationed on USCGC James, a 418-foot cutter, and have already completed one patrol, responding to Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas and then heading to the eastern Pacific for a drug interdiction mission. I am currently the division officer for the Electrician's Mates. It has been a great position to grow as a leader and really set me up for future tours."

MOIRA PELTON graduated from Virginia Tech in spring 2019 with a major in computer science and a

minor in business. "I have relocated to Seattle and started working as a software engineer for Microsoft. So far I love my new job and my new city!" she said.

KYLE PELTON graduated in May 2018 with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Georgia Tech and in May 2019 with a Master of Science in Computer Science, also from Georgia Tech. He has since started work as a software engineer at L3Harris Technologies in Palm Bay, Florida.

MITCHELL STUMPO signed a free-agent contract with Major League Baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks in June 2019 and was assigned to its Pioneer League affiliate, the Missoula Osprey, in Missoula, Montana. Stumpo, a right-handed pitcher for Guilford College in Greensboro and two-time Second Team All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference honoree, spent the summer of 2018 pitching for the Coastal Plain League's Gastonia Grizzlies, earning a spot in the league's All-Star Game. He graduated with a degree in business administration last spring.

#### 2016

**Henry Atkeson** (henry.atkeson@gmail.com) **Emerson Burkhardt** (burkhardt.emerson@gmail.com) Megan Ragusa (meragusa@yahoo.com) **Lucy Russell** (lucyrussell414@gmail.com) **Zoe Strafford-Price** (zstraffordprice@gmail.com)

LUCY RUSSELL shared, "I was honored to be recognized for student leadership at the Chancellor's Awards in April 2019. I received the Brenda W. Kirby Award, which is given annually to the student who has most effectively worked to establish a community of cooperation and service between students and constituents of the larger university."

KOBI JOHNSON will join Goldman Sachs as a private wealth management analyst in its Philadelphia office after his graduation from Brown University.

**ALEXIS HUNTER** graduated from UNC-Charlotte in December 2019 with a major in computer science, concentrating in cyber-security, and a minor in mathematics. She began a full-time role as a technical associate at TIAA in January.

CHARLETTE WADE spent the fall semester of 2019 studying finance at National Taiwan University. "Being abroad for a semester allowed me to really immerse myself in the culture and learn the importance of traveling globally and mastering a second language. I encourage others to travel to even farther destinations not commonly chosen, like East Asia and Africa," she said.

MEGAN RAGUSA shared, "I am in my third year at UNC-Chapel Hill now, and for the past few years I have been involved with several groups and organizations on campus, especially the varsity field hockey team. We have gone undefeated for the past two years and have won three ACC titles and two NCAA Division I National Championships. I have been lucky enough to letter for two years and be named to the NFHCA All-Academic Squad all three years. I have also held leadership positions in Admissions Ambassadors, a student-run organization that gives campus tours; Order of the Bell Tower, the university's oldest secret society, which specializes in keeping Carolina's traditions alive; and Phi Sigma Pi, a national honor fraternity. I am majoring in exercise and sports science and minoring in chemistry, with plans to attend medical school."

JOHNNY MCNEILL was one of two student-athletes from Sewanee, the University of the South, named to the First Team of the 2019 United Soccer Coaches NCAA Division III Men's Scholar All-South Region Team. He was a Third Team All-Region selection by the coaches organization and







- 1. MITCHELL STUMPO '15 pitching with the Missoula Osprey
- 2. CHARLETTE WADE '16 studying abroad in Taiwan in the fall of 2019
- 3. MEGAN RAGUSA '16 with the 2019 NCAA Field Hockey Championship trophy, the UNC Tar Heels' second straight national championship



1. Sewanee soccer standouts JOHNNY MCNEILL '16 and **THOMPSON SCHOLLAERT '18** 

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#### **Alumni**

RICK REDDICK '74. Feb. 21. 2019 RHYNE ANDREWS '07, March 14, 2019 DANIEL WINTER '15, April 9, 2019 CHUCK POE TS (TUCKER STREET) '65, May 2, 2019 JERRY ELLISBERG TS '51, June 15, 2019 JANE WINSTON WITHERSPOON TS '46, June 18, 2019 DAVID DRIGGERS-HUGHES '94, Aug. 19, 2019 **BETSY PURCELL TS '55, Sept. 5, 2019** LUCIUS ("SANDY") JONES '85, Sept. 26, 2019

#### Faculty/Staff

SANDY BASS, former Middle School teacher, Feb. 8, 2019 MARILYN BUDROW, former strings instructor, Nov. 11, 2019 LOUISE CRUM, former keyboarding teacher, Nov. 16, 2019

a First Team All-Southern Athletic Association representative as a defender. McNeill closes his career at Sewanee as a twotime SAA Academic Honor Roll member. Earlier in the season, the SAA recognized McNeill as Defensive Player of the Week and teammate THOMPSON SCHOL-LAERT '18 as Offensive Player of the Week following back-to-back wins against East Texas Baptist and LeTourneau.

#### 2017

**Douglas Dillon** (douglaswdillon@gmail.com) **Jordan Parham** (iparham2@me.com) **Jaxon Stocks** (jaxson.stocks@gmail.com) Natasha Zaletel (natashazaletel@gmail.com)

IAN DUBOSE was inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma, the National College Athlete Honor Society.

NATALIE LANG is a team lead for UNC-Charlotte's Dean's Ambassadors for the Computer Science Department and a community assistant in the Computer Science Living Learning Community. She also serves as vice president for Alpha Omega Epsilon. She will be interning at Citizens Bank this summer as a UX/UI developer.

#### 2018

Dasha Teyf (dashateyf@live.com) **Bella Church** (bella.g.church@gmail.com) **RuthAnne Winston** (rbw.1999@gmail.com) **Camilo Corrales Gil** (camicorrales@hotmail.com)

KATHRYN HUBBARD shared, "At Lynn University, I am in the sorority Tri Sigma. I am currently the copy editor of my school newspaper and will be the editor-inchief in the fall. I am involved in the Lynn Leadership Institute, which focuses on leadership skills and community service. I also made the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 term."

### **Annual Legacy Lunch** Reinforces Ravenscroft **Ties**

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIA-TION'S annual Legacy Lunch, held this year on Feb. 12, marked another opportunity for alumni to gather on campus and celebrate their ties to Ravenscroft — in this case, their children and grandchildren who are also Ravens.

"This is my first year as alumni engagement officer, and it was an honor to get to be part of this event," said DAN **RESSNER '99.** "What a special opportunity to see the years of tradition and Ravenscroft's continuing legacy, all in one place."

The event brought approximately 40 alumni and their children and grandchildren to Cox Court for lunch. In a fun exercise in nostalgia, Board of Trustees vice chair JOHN PAR-HAM '84 and his son, RHETT '20, shared their then-and-now perspectives on favorite teachers, meaningful classes, offcampus lunches, service learning projects and the one-of-akind camaraderie that comes with being a Raven.

Enjoy photos from the lunch at right — then see Ravens Reflect on p. 48 to enjoy some of John and Rhett's exchange about their most memorable Ravenscroft moments.

















- 1. Legacy families in the traditional after-lunch group photo
- 2. BROOKE PARKER RIVERS '00 and daughter **LEAH '29**
- 3. SAREENA SINGH '27 with her father, AMAR '86
- 4. Current trustee LAURA **HELTON KALORIN** '92 and former trustee **EASTER MAYNARD '89**
- 5. JAMIE ADAMS '90, **JENNIFER SOUZA**

- SHIMER'89 and GAR-**LAND GOULD '24**
- **6. SAMANTHA ROSEN-**BERG GRIFFIN '04. **CHRISTI JONES '90** and **RUSTY DeMENT '90**
- 7. KATIE PRESSEL **GILLESPIE '95, DOUG** SCHULTZ '92, LIZ BUR-**NETTE GIBBONS '96** and MATT CANTANDO '95 with their children
- 8. BILLY RAMSEY '93 and **BRENT WRIGHT '95**



VIEW ADDITIONAL RESPONSES FROM JOHN AND RHETT'S LEGACY **LUNCH QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION ON OUR WEBSITE:** ravenscroft.org/springmagazine2020

#### Ravens Reflect on Meaningful School Moments — Then and Now

DURING THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 2020 Legacy Lunch, held Feb. 12, we asked trustee JOHN PARHAM '84 and his son, RHETT'20, a series of questions about their times at Ravenscroft. Here's what they had to say!

#### Who was your most memorable teacher?

JOHN: Probably Peg Byrd, my sixth-grade homeroom teacher. If any of you remember middle school years, those were interesting to say the least! She was a great source of guidance. Second was probably the band director, [Coordinator of Fine Arts] James Powers. He allowed me, as an eighth-grader, to sit and play with the high school band. I was in a little over my head, but it was a great learning experience.

RHETT: For me, it was freshman year with my English teacher, Tinnie Salzano, who is now on the Middle School Leadership Team. She had a great environment in the classroom, and we had an excellent time. She had these bins of puzzles, brainteasers, every time we got to class. She really invested in us, supported us and made our experience - especially in our freshman year - a great

#### What was your most interesting class?

J: I'm going to change it to the most useful class: typing, in 10th grade [with Louise Crum]. I can still type without looking at the keys.

R: This year I took Stagecraft because I needed a fine arts requirement to graduate. It's been one of the most fun classes I've had in my whole high school and school career. We're in the woodshop behind the theater in the fine arts building with Russell Vacanti - we call him Mr. V. He's a great teacher. He's taught me a little about woodworking and a lot about life.

#### What do you miss/think you will miss most about being a student at Ravenscroft?

J: You get some years on you and you run across a classmate that you haven't heard from in 35, 40 years. Just to catch up and have that bond, that a long time ago we crossed paths because we had the same senior hall together. What you miss is that camaraderie at a young age. When I look back at 54 years old, those were special times.



RHETT PARHAM '20 and his father, JOHN '84, at the Legacy Lunch Feb. 12.

R: What I'll miss most is the connection I have to the school and the myriad involvement I have with it. Like my dad said, it's the camaraderie, that we're all part of the Ravenscroft community - we're all here together.

John, if you could go back to Rhett's first day of freshman year, what advice would you give him?

Enjoy the journey. It is a journey. It's not an easy four years, but it is a fulfilling four years. So don't rush, don't stress, just enjoy each day for what it is.

#### Rhett, if you could go back to your first day of freshman year, what advice would you give vourself?

That's absolutely great advice from my dad. I wish, looking back on the moment right now, that I had enjoyed it more. I was so caught up in looking at the future — I needed the A's in the classes because college was right around the corner. I wish I had taken the time to enjoy every single moment of it.