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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

This is life in the time of COVID-19: Wearing masks. Waiting six feet apart. Washing our hands (at a level of hygiene that would make my grandmother proud).

And, of course, there is so much more. We see and celebrate in our Summit community a steady stream of courage, kindness, patience, caring, creativity, resourcefulness, and daring.

The stories in this issue of *Echoes* feature alums who embrace and embody an “All In” spirit that is both timely and timeless—and part of Summit’s DNA.

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Creating a safe environment, embracing the unknown, being willing to work, achieving endless possibilities, wanting to keep trying—these reflect Summit’s enduring values.

We are All In—always.

Onward and Upward,



Michael Ebeling
Head of School



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The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of us in some way. For **Chiedza “Chie” Mushayamunda Hooker ’11**, the impact has been profound and lasting, but not for the reasons you might think.

Engaged in August 2019 to now husband, Matthew Hooker, Chie planned her dream wedding and reception to take place at the Millennium Center in downtown Winston-Salem in May 2020. As the state went into lockdown, Chie and Matthew had to change their focus.

“We were disappointed at first when we realized the wedding was not going to go on as planned. But then we started to realize that what mattered most was celebrating our love with those who matter most in our lives, so we began brainstorming,” said Chie.

Sitting with her family at the kitchen table, they started tossing ideas around. When someone mentioned Summit as a possible venue option, they all laughed, but that’s when Chie had an epiphany.

“I went to Summit. Both of my siblings went to Summit. My mom works at Summit. It’s a place that has brought and still brings me joy,” said Chie. “Before we knew it, everything fell into place. Matthew and I were married at a place that has special significance in my story, surrounded by those closest to us.”

Chie adds, “The ceremony and reception were small and intimate, and I remember every moment of the day. I don’t think that would have been the case with the large celebration we had originally planned.”

After the wedding, life continued on for Chie. Her husband, Matthew, had recently graduated at the top of his class from Wake Forest University School of Law and accepted an opportunity to clerk for Judge Adam M. Conrad in Charlotte, NC. Because the move was temporary, Chie was able to keep her position with Javara Research, a Winston-Salem based company, whose CEO is Jennifer Byrne, past parent and current Chair of the Board of Trustees, that conducts clinical research for healthcare organizations.

Chie started her job with Javara as a Marketing Specialist when she graduated from Wofford College. However, her work at Javara has been so much more.

“When I first joined Javara, it was a start-up, so the spirit was very entrepreneurial. I did some marketing work, but I essentially did whatever was needed at the time,” said Chie. “The whole team did.”

With the move to Charlotte and the onset of the pandemic, Chie’s work changed dramatically when Javara began conducting clinical trials for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

Chie adds, “Suddenly I shifted from my marketing role to being in the middle of conducting COVID-19 research trials. It was a major transition for me, but it was also humbling and exhilarating at the same time. When there seemed to be so many problems in the world, I got to be part of finding a solution.”

The experience also changed Chie’s perspective about what she wants to do in the future.

“In college, I thought I wanted to be in the marketing field. After what I have seen and experienced, I don’t want to limit myself. The world has so many amazing opportunities to offer,” said Chie. “While at Summit, I learned to not be afraid to try something I might not be good at, and to embrace the unknown. Summit has given me the confidence to be optimistic about the future in an uncertain world.”

Accepted into the Wake Forest University MBA program beginning in the fall of 2021, Chie is going to use her time prior to the program to explore new opportunities while continuing her work. And she recommends the current students at Summit do the same.

“I hope they will explore more of everything! Summit provides so many opportunities to explore, learn, and make mistakes. It’s an extraordinary place.”

CHIE MUSHAYAMUNDA HOOKER '11

WEDDING BELLS AT SUMMIT



The year 2020 and the ongoing pandemic have been brilliant purveyors of perspective. For many, this time has caused them to pause and realize that perhaps they weren't doing what they were meant to be doing. Such is the case for **Dr. Elizabeth “Libby” Whitaker Kelly ’91**.

Kelly and her husband, Jonathan, were both emergency medicine physicians with Wake Forest Baptist Health (WFBH) when the pandemic started in March. When the world began to shut down, Kelly found herself, like many working parents, in uncharted territory.

“I never considered myself a helicopter mom. With two working parents, our kids had to learn some measure of independence early on,” said Kelly, who has five children between the ages of 8 and 13, including twin boys. “But all of a sudden, my husband and I would be walking out the door to the emergency department (ED) leaving our five kids alone doing virtual school. I remember a very specific moment, looking at my 13-year-old daughter and telling her she needed to forget her own school work and focus on cooking meals and providing structure and tech support for the rest of them. I couldn't believe it had come to that.”

At work, Kelly was faced with a completely different set of challenges. She watched 25-year-old residents and staff talk about making their wills. As health care providers in the ED, they felt that death was a very real possibility.

“I was ready to make a change and fate stepped in and made it a bit easier for me,” said Kelly.

Like many medical providers across the nation, Kelly's part-time clinical role was reduced last summer at WFBH. It was at about that time she got a call from Summit.

Said Kelly, “I am fortunate to be a part of Summit's Board of Trustees, so I was involved early on in the conversations around a safe return to school. Early in the pandemic I hosted webinars for the



administration and wider Summit community along with fellow Trustee, Dr. Pam Oliver. I had the Wake Forest perspective and she has been a key leader in Novant's COVID response. We did our best to educate the community along with other physician parents.”

Over the weeks that followed, Dr. Ebeling asked Kelly to assume a more dedicated role as Summit's Medical Director, a volunteer position. Having been a student at Summit herself and now having five children at the school, it was an offer she simply couldn't refuse.

Since accepting the position, Kelly said there has not been a day that she has not been in touch with Dr. Ebeling, Dr. Chris Ohl, current parent and infectious disease expert at WFBH, or school nurse, Jennifer del Valle. They started by educating the administration and staff on what to expect, which led to an on-time opening in the fall with in-person learning. Kelly said what makes it particularly challenging are shifting guidelines that change with the wind and the

MOM, PHYSICIAN, AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

enormous time commitment that contact tracing requires. But she credits Summit teachers and administrators for enabling the school to stay open successfully during this time.

“Our Summit teachers are single-handedly saving the mental, physical, and emotional health of our students and parents during these challenging times with their commitment to creating a safe environment,” said Kelly. “And Dr. Ebeling has provided exactly the kind of leadership the school needed during a difficult period in our history. He has masterfully shepherded this community every step of the way and provided rock solid ongoing support for so many. His commitment cannot be overstated. I am certain he has not had a day off since the pandemic began.”

Kelly also cannot say enough about Ohl and del Valle.

“Summit has been able to remain in-person in large part due to the guidance of Chris (Ohl) and the boots-on-the-ground effort of Jennifer (del Valle). Because of the priceless insight, advice, and time of Dr. Ohl, and the countless hours of support and contact tracing by Jennifer, we have remained open,” adds Kelly. “Summit is so fortunate to have folks like Chris and Jennifer who are dedicating their time above and beyond to ensure everyone’s safety.”

For Kelly, the work with Summit is incredibly rewarding. It’s also allowed her to course correct and put her time and attention into the things she’s passionate about.

“I started doing telemedicine, which I absolutely love. I still get to practice medicine, and go into the hospital and have the camaraderie of being with other doctors and the nurses, but I’m not feeling the day-to-day weight of the life or death situations that come into an ED,” said Kelly. “It has also allowed me to broaden the scope of my work to empower women. I’m in my second year of planning the Wake Forest Women’s Leadership Conference, which has now turned into an event series. And I’m also hosting WonderWomen events, for professional women and engaged community members, which in light of COVID has become a podcast with virtual events.”

And Kelly also has a newfound passion for the field of mental health and intends to pursue her Master’s in counseling at Wake Forest University this fall.

Adds Kelly, “From a career perspective, I’d always felt things weren’t right before COVID. I still want to help people, but I want to use my talents in other ways going forward. And if I didn’t change now, I never would.”

In a year of change, perhaps the most significant for Kelly has been the change at home.

“I am home now—a lot. For my kids, that is a big change, along with all the other restrictions of life during a pandemic. I have been pushed to my parenting limits many times,” said Kelly. “But at the end of the day, I know I will look back on this time with gratitude—for the time with them and for the time of self-reflection and transformation.”

NOAH GOTTLIEB '17

A UNIQUE PATH FOR A YOUNG SCHOLAR



Noah Gottlieb '17 remembers the moment he found out he had received the Morehead-Cain Scholarship.

“I think that the way in which I found out I’d been awarded the scholarship was reflective of the work I put in during high school in order to win the Morehead. I was sitting in a room with a couple of guys planning our senior talent show, The Follies, which was a big deal at R.J. Reynolds, when I got the email,” said Gottlieb, smiling. “I sort of stopped participating and was looking at my phone. My friends asked what was wrong and I told them I’d gotten the Morehead-Cain Scholarship. They all patted me on the back for a moment and then we moved on.”

The Morehead-Cain Scholarship is the first of its kind merit scholarship in the United States. Started in 1945 in the vein of the Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University, recipients not only receive tuition, room and board for four years at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, they also get fully-funded year-round experiences and access to a lifetime network of former scholars to tap into. While Gottlieb remembers the moment he was notified about the scholarship as lighthearted, he certainly appreciates the gravity of the accomplishment.

“I was ready, by all accounts, to start my freshman year. I had a roommate, I’d registered for classes, and prepared myself for a semester of online learning,” said Gottlieb. “And then I had a call with my Morehead advisor. That conversation reminded me of my time at Summit and how much I valued the interaction with teachers and other students. I realized that I needed to look into options that would give me the best chance of having four years on campus in Chapel Hill where I could connect with professors face-to-face.”

With the full support and financial backing of the Morehead-Cain team, Gottlieb decided to take a gap year, deferring his enrollment to the 2021-2022 school year, and he has certainly made the most of his time.

Gottlieb started with an internship at Javara, a Winston-Salem based clinical research company. He then had the opportunity to work with the Raben Group—a national public policy firm in Washington, DC. It is there he may have found what his future can be.

“I had the chance to see legal consulting, government relations, and policy come together backed by economic science and facts, not just emotion,” adds Gottlieb. “It was my first time doing something when I thought, wow, I would be happy doing this for my career.”





During his time at Raben, Gottlieb received a text that led him down a path to one of the most profound experiences he has had thus far. A fellow Morehead-Cain recipient, whom he had spoken to for ten minutes before their final interviews, asked him if he wanted to be part of a group that was going to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Said Gottlieb, “That’s another moment that made me think of Summit. They spend so much time working on your development as a social being and your ability to interact and connect with other people. You are with a small class, so you have to learn to deal with people over a long period of time, make friends quickly, and find that spark in every person that helps you to connect with them. It has served me well. That 10-minute interaction at my interview landed me on the summit of Kilimanjaro.”

And the experience was not lost on Gottlieb.

Said Gottlieb, “On the day we reached the summit, the moment that got to me happened not on the top of the mountain, but just before. You can see that quintessential summit sign in the distance. We had been hiking for nine hours, from 11 pm to 8 am local time. I thought to myself how unlikely that moment was to happen. Here we are, ten kids, no one over the age of 21, the tallest mountain in Africa, guides we found via social media, and we pulled this off. In that moment I realized that if I can achieve this, then the possibilities are endless.”

Gottlieb intends to cap off his gap year with a semester abroad in Spain, starting in April.

This is certainly not the path of your average 18-year-old. Gottlieb attributes his success to the support network he has at home.

“My parents have a tremendous amount of confidence in me and have given me their trust, which I believe I have earned, but I do not take for granted,” said Gottlieb. “It’s why I have been able to achieve the things that I have.”

Gottlieb also has a big supporter in younger sister Celia '18 (pictured), who will join her big brother in Chapel Hill in the fall.

“We’ll be freshmen together, which will be strange because she’s always been my little sister. In the end it will work out, because she’s my favorite human in the world.”

ONWARD AND UPWARD WITH THE ALUMNI COUNCIL

In 2014, the Alumni Council was formed to keep alumni in better touch with Summit. Sandlin Douglas '94 and Kay D. Burrell King '83, current parents, served as chairs of the council during its first two years. In 2016, they passed the reins to Matt Spear '86 who agreed to serve a two-year term. Spear said, "when I reflect about Summit both from the indelible memories of the experiences of my three siblings and what I see in Summit's bright present, I think about fun, passion, pride, learning, inclusiveness, ambition, relationships, community, and teamwork." Carolyn Sherrill Fuller '85 served as chair from 2018-2020. Leesa Lybrook Goodson '71 leads the Council through 2022 and hosted a virtual meeting via Zoom last fall.

The primary goals of the Council are to get alumni involved and to share with them inspiring moments happening at Summit today. The Council exists to bring alums from all over the country together to remember the old days and be a part of the new.

Leesa Lybrook Goodson '71, Chair

Alex Galloway '50

Lynda King Morris '63

Barbour Strickland '67

Ridgely Medlin Phillips '76

Jimbo Galloway '80

*Kay D. Burrell King '83

*Carolyn Sherrill Fuller '85

Drew Cannon '91

Dixon Douglas '99

Rachel Neely Johnson '99

Whitley Vogler Sheffield '00

Mimi Driscoll Bennett '04

Suzanna Roemer '05

Blitz Hoppe Phillips '07

** Former Chairs*



Council meeting, Founders Week 2019 at Summit School
L to R: Barbour Strickland '67, Alex Galloway '50, Kay D. Burrell King '83,
Carolyn Sherrill Fuller '85, Jimbo Galloway '80, Michael Ebeling



To get involved, please reach out to any of the Alumni Council members. Or contact Sarah Dalrymple, Director of Alumni and Community Engagement, at alums@summitmail.org or 336-722-2777.



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ELEANOR BROUGHTON '19

DANCE PROVIDES A BALANCE OF ARTISTRY AND ATHLETICISM

Eleanor Broughton '19 put on her first pair of ballet shoes at the age of three and never looked back.

"I have always loved ballet. I love the discipline and the balance of artistry and athleticism," said Broughton.

Now a junior in the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA) high school program, Broughton remembers when she knew ballet would always be a part of her life.

"There were actually two moments. The first was when I was 8 years old and auditioned for the prep program at UNCSA. And the second was when I had the opportunity to perform the role of Clara in the UNCSA production of *The Nutcracker* in 8th grade," said Broughton. "I was rehearsing, performing, and getting a real feel for the environment of being a professional dancer."

At just 17, Broughton's accomplishments as a dancer are remarkable. She returned to *The Nutcracker* to dance the iconic role of the Sugar Plum Fairy in 2020. Also in 2020, Broughton performed the role of Princess Florine in *Sleeping Beauty*. And most recently, she was selected to participate in the Prix de Lausanne, one of the most prestigious dance competitions in the world.

Now in its 49th year, the Prix de Lausanne brings together dancers from all over to Switzerland for classes with world-renowned teachers and access to directors of companies and top ballet schools from across the globe. Of nearly 400 applicants, Broughton was selected as one of 78 students to participate in the competition and one of only a dozen dancers from the United States. Due to the pandemic, however, the competition was very different this year.

"Everything was done virtually. We submitted videos of classwork as well as two variations—one ballet and one contemporary. And that is how we were judged by the panel," said Broughton. "Of course, I was disappointed not having the opportunity to experience the full competition, but I was grateful to be a part of it."

While Broughton was not selected as a finalist, participating in the Prix de Lausanne only further strengthened her desire to have a career in ballet. The next step will be to complete her training, either with another ballet school or she would happily remain at UNCSA. And then, hopefully a place in a company.

Reflecting on the sacrifices she has had to make, Broughton has no regrets.

"Ballet is about constantly striving for perfection and being comfortable with the fact that you are never going to get there, but you want to keep trying," said Broughton. "I really enjoy pushing myself and my own boundaries to see how much I'm capable of."

Broughton also credits a strong support system with her ability to stay focused on pursuing her dream.

"My friends from Summit remain some of my close friends and they have always been supportive of my decision to pursue ballet. And my family—my parents have been there from the get-go. This network is one of the primary reasons I feel confident in what I am doing. And I am grateful."



SUMMIT FOSTERS A CLIMATE OF CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

Summit continues to develop fresh and inspiring ways to engage with the world outside our walls. Entrepreneurship is a natural impulse for children and teachers with creative and open mindsets. From the economics project and elevator speeches in 3rd Grade, Starter Uppers in Summit Summer, Design and Engineering Fair in 8th Grade, and the non-profit Twin City Bike Collective, opportunities abound for student ventures. Entrepreneurship is thriving at Summit School.



TWIN CITY BIKE COLLECTIVE

The non-profit Twin City Bike Collective (TCBC) began as a service learning project during the 2017-18 school year when faculty member **Chris Culp '82** learned about a local charity that donated bikes to those in need to provide transportation, exercise, and recreation. The following year, five Summit 9th grade students and Culp realized this was a way for students to make a difference in the community. They solicited unwanted or unused bikes and created a repair workspace on campus. Culp had considered turning the project into a non-profit and **Noah Tyo '20**, was the perfect student to take the program to the next level. A student in Summit's inaugural Innovation and Entrepreneurship (I&E) class, under the leadership of Culp, Jeff Turner, and Michael Ebeling, Tyo explored the nuances of leadership and the entrepreneurial mindset and put those lessons into practice. He has created a website, set up social media accounts, and organized community events where students and faculty fix and give away bikes. As of late March, TCBC has donated 454 bikes to the community! Tyo, Director of Operations for Twin City Bike Collective, said, "I never expected how rewarding it would be to watch the expression on the faces of the children and adults who have received bikes from TCBC." For more information, visit twincitybikecollective.org.

THE SUMMIT COFFEE PROJECT

For nearly a decade, Summit's 9th grade students have visited and supported the breathtaking cloud forest of Costa Rica. In 2021, they were unable to travel but their support and service continues in a new and delicious way. This year, Summit's 9th graders took on the challenge of starting and running their own business: to roast, grind, package, and sell single-origin, small-batch coffee from around the world. The Santa Elena Cloud Forest in Costa Rica receives nearly a quarter of the proceeds from the coffee.

Aside from creativity and fun, this experience teaches students entrepreneurship skills: advertising, marketing, sales, and finance. They learn life skills about leadership and practical skills including roasting and grinding coffee. The group launched its first sale to Summit faculty and the product received high praise; sales then expanded to parents of the 8th and 9th grade students. For more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/summitmail.org/thesummitcoffeeproject>.



ALUM ENTREPRENEUR MEETUP

In early January, Summit hosted an Alum Entrepreneur Meetup on Zoom. Four alum entrepreneurs, a group of 8th and 9th grade students, and several faculty and staff joined the conversation. The event was co-hosted by the offices of Alumni Engagement and Co-Curricular Programs to connect students and alums who share a common interest—creating and developing businesses or ideas. Special thanks to **Caitlin Casey '15**, **Elizabeth Orr '16**, **Bo Dalrymple '18**, and **Noah Tyo '20** for sharing their expertise with students. This meeting identified two Summit students in the audience who are developing their own business.



When asked about her journey developing a business, Bibs Bites, Orr said, “My favorite part about being an entrepreneur is not only the freedom it allows but the discipline it requires. In other words, I like how the success of my business is fully dependent on how hard I’m willing to work. It makes me feel good! It makes me feel confident, productive, and proud.”



She adds, “One key lesson I have learned while developing Bibs Bites is the importance of asking for help. It was undoubtedly a weakness of mine prior to launching my business (I never asked for help, with anything), but I quickly learned that the genius business owners around me actually wanted to help the developmental process! Without the help of others, I would not be where I am today; I would be drowning in ignorance. It feels full circle to be connected to Summit as an alum—I would be nowhere near the type of person I am today if it wasn’t for the foundational lessons I learned about how to be a good person.”

As Co-Curricular Programs evolve, Summit continues to create and maintain connections with alums. If you have an idea or suggestion for our entrepreneurship programs or if you are an entrepreneur and are willing to share your experience with students, contact Jeff Turner, Director of Co-Curricular Programs, jturner@summitmail.org or Sarah Dalrymple, Director of Alumni and Community Engagement, sarahd@summitmail.org.

REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1986

Since 2005, friends and family of Greg Garcia '86 have gathered annually to celebrate the way Greg connected all of us and provided so much joy. However, we're going to skip 2021 and hope to resume the annual event in 2022. This "reunion" has grown to include friends new and old from other social and work connections, and we always have a good turnout from Summit and Reynolds High School folks. It's all about the opportunity to catch up with people we don't see often enough. The event is a simple potluck held during the spring in Winston-Salem. If you want to be informed about the next Greg Garcia Gathering, just let me know and I'll add you to the email list.

Dack Stackhouse '86

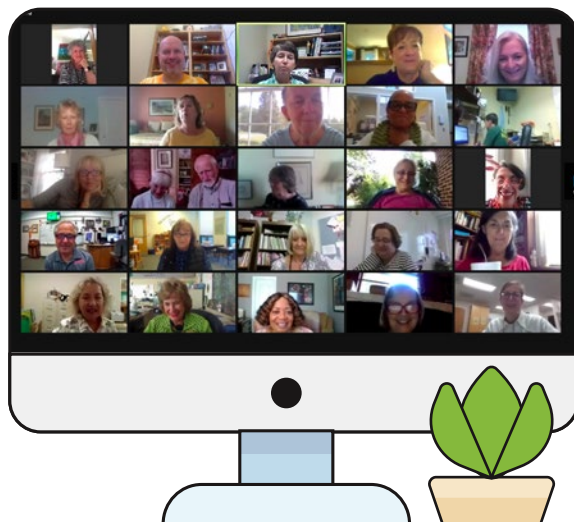
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FOUNDERS WEEK

September 2020

Even though we were not able to gather in person this year, we had several celebrations in honor of Summit's 87th birthday. Summit hosted six virtual events with over 100 attendees and the classes of 1961-2000 were engaged. Former Head of School, Doug Lewis, and wife Bingle; Former Head of School, Sandra Adams; and current Head of School, Michael Ebeling, all attended two class reunions, a staff/faculty reunion, and a Charlie Lovett '77 author event. The out of town reach included Charlotte, Chapel Hill, GA, SC, TX, VA, PA, OH, and Canada.



ALUMS ON CAMPUS

While our campus is closed to visitors due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are grateful to several alums who have supported Summit faculty and staff: coaching, assisting with Summit Summer, completing an Eagle Scout project, delivering Sunshine Beverages, upcycling bicycles for donation, and supporting classroom teachers by providing a much needed break during the day.



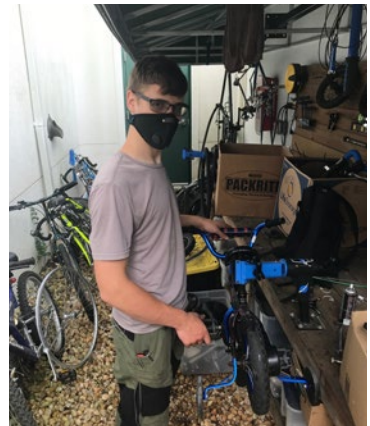
Maddie Felten '20 (L), Tori Huggins '15 (R, at net)



Robert Toole '15



Frank Littlejohn '18



Noah Tyo '20



Max Stopyra '17



Katharine Mann '10



Mackenzie Culp '17, Nathaniel Carson '17, Katie Dalrymple '15



Salem Turner '18

1949

Pat Moser reminisced about her time at Summit, “Class of ‘49 was pretty small and ‘48 even smaller, as we were combined when I was in second grade. After that I went to Wiley. My neighborhood was served by a local bus that went up and down the streets in Buena Vista and stopped right in front of Wiley. Gas was rationed (this was 1941) and there was no such thing as ‘your parents dropping you off at school and picking you up if you lived on a bus route.’ I now live on the eastern shore of Maryland on the upper Chester River on the marshy side and it is gorgeous—many ducks and geese hang out here in our cove.

1951

Florence Fearington, a preeminent rare book collector and a longtime supporter of UNC-Chapel Hill, donated nearly 4,000 books and objects valued at \$6.2 million to University Libraries, where they have become part of the Wilson Special Collections Library. Elaine L. Westbrook, vice provost for University Libraries and University librarian said, “We firmly believe that an education at Carolina is qualitatively different thanks to the amazing collections that we build here and the inspiring generosity of donors like Fearington, who make that work possible.”

We received this wonderful memory from **Arthur Selby**: I was known as Alvin at Summit. I started on Summit Street in 1942, moved to the Reynolda Road campus in 1945 and moved to Raleigh in 1946. I graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1958 and went to work at the Social Security Administration. I retired in 1986 after 26 years as a special agent with the IRS. I took a job with the Charlotte Police Department in the Vice & Narcotics Division and retired after 10 years of service in 1999. I am currently suffering from stage 4 copd-emphysema and I am on oxygen 24/7. Needless to say, I don’t get out much. I miss my motorhome. My wife, Nancy, and I traveled

with grandchildren for 10 years from 2000-2010 over 49 states and all of Canada. I don’t think we missed more than a handful of national parks, monuments, battlefields, etc. Unforgettable experiences, especially with grandchildren. We also managed to make 2 trips to Europe, a trip to Hawaii, and a trip to Venezuela along with several Holland America cruises. I still support Summit and look back with fond memories of the time I spent upstairs in the big old house on Summit Street. I am proud to tell people of my Summit experiences (that I can remember now). There are not many of us left that can proudly proclaim, ‘I went to Summit School in 1942.’

1964

Ann Garner Riddle writes, “2021 marks the 50th Anniversary of my graduation (by the grace of God) from Hollins College, now Hollins University. My classmates are planning a virtual reunion which I am certain will be fun and entertaining. I am our Class Reporter for the Alumnae Magazine so I get to write our Class Letter each time the magazine is published. It’s a great way to keep up with classmates, something which is enhanced by our participation in our private Facebook Group. Work goes well, thankfully. Like so many others, I am working from home. Art and I have had our first vaccine and by the time this is published, I believe we will be fully vaccinated! That’s one of the most exciting things that has happened since COVID began last year—we are getting vaccinated! Hooray! Love to all with the hope that you all are well and thriving during this challenging time.”

1975

Mary Laura Teague Austin writes, “**Kiki Teague ’69** died on January 11, 2021. She treasured her years at Summit School and the life long friendships she made while there.”

1982

Greg Taylor lives in Hong Kong and works in private practice in his Oral Surgery clinic. He fondly remembers Mrs. Susan Schambach's science class. One day he decided to conduct his unauthorized "experiment" by placing tweezers in an electrical socket. He sends Mrs. Schambach a belated Thank You for not sending him to Mr. Carr's or Mr. Lewis's office for the outcome of that experiment.



1994

Rebecca Sotile Fallon lives in Davidson, NC with her husband Greg and her two children. Rebecca is a clinical psychologist and professional speaker, and serves as the Director of Wellness Services at the Sotile Center for Resilience. Rebecca specializes in resilience coaching for busy professionals, and presents nationally on topics related to personal resilience and work/life balance. Rebecca was honored to present to Summit faculty recently. She remembers her Summit days fondly, and still considers several of her Summit teachers as the best she ever had.

1997

Reid Long and his wife Meredith announce the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Chappell Long, born September 2, 2020. The couple lives in Nashville, TN.

1999

John Shipley received the North Carolina Society of American Foresters' 2020 Special Volunteer Service Award last fall.

Charles Wilson and **Clark Long Wilson '03**, welcomed a son, William Thomas "Skip" Wilson, on August 27, 2020. The couple lives in Winston-Salem.

2000

Margaret Greven returned to Winston-Salem in 2017. She and her husband Paul have a daughter. Greven is on faculty at Wake Forest Baptist Health where she is an ophthalmologist/retina surgeon.

2003

Clark Long Wilson, and her husband **Charles '99**, welcomed a son, William Thomas "Skip" Wilson, on August 27, 2020. They live in Winston-Salem.

2005

Elizabeth Garner Butler writes, "We recently finished constructing my art studio so I can go full time as a mixed media artist for my art and design company, Loveli Made. Excitingly, my Summit experience has come full circle as our oldest son became a Summit Junior Kindergartner! Summit is as wonderful now as it was during my time there (even better if that's possible!), and I'm thrilled to be a part of the Summit community again now as a parent!"

2008

Collier Wimmer writes, "I currently work for Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited on their Global Communications, Brand and Marketing team. Before COVID-19, my job took me places such as New York and London. On a daily basis I have the privilege to work with Deloitte members all over the globe."

CLASS NOTES

Cristina Rodriguez

Poole married Sam Poole in June 2020. The couple lives in Charlotte, where she works as a Senior Account Executive at Taylor Global, a public relations agency.



Please follow along as I continue to grow as an “artist.” I really love how commissioning art has connected me with old friends. I’d love to connect with you: lwhite.paint@gmail.com and you can explore my pieces via Instagram [@lwhitepaint](https://www.instagram.com/lwhitepaint).”

2010

Carrie Fulton lives in Charlotte and works for Bank of America’s digital marketing team.

Katharine Mann works at Sunshine Beverages and owns an event planning company: Katharine Mann Wedding & Event Planning. She lives in Winston-Salem and recently visited the Summit campus. Mann said she loves Summit and the company is doing nice things for teachers—she brought 200 cans of Sunshine for the Summit faculty and staff. (see photo p. 17)

Emily Troxell, a graduate of Reynolds High School and UNC-Chapel Hill, teaches English in Valencia, on the east coast of Spain. She said, “I’ve always wanted to live by the beach, so it’s really nice! I’m working with the entire school, every single class from 3 years old to 4th of secondary (which is the equivalent of 10th grade in the U.S.). I was a bit nervous to work with the older students since I hadn’t had any experience with that age group—but so far, so good! We are back in person, which I think is much better for the teachers as well as the students. Of course we all wear masks and the desks are all separated to keep some distance between each student. Unfortunately this is my last year in the program, so I’m trying to figure out a way to stay here in Spain as long as I can!”

2011

Lauren Hicks teaches 2nd grade at Brunson Elementary School in Winston-Salem and is the head cheerleading coach for Reagan High School. Hicks was a cheerleader at East Carolina University where she earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education and a Master’s Degree in Gifted Education. She married last October.

2009



Lizzie White says, “Upon graduating from NC State in 2017, I couldn’t help but chase the sunshine down the coast to downtown Charleston. My full time job is not

glamorous. I work at a Workers Compensation Law Firm as a legal assistant. I enjoy sipping coffee while painting at the crack of dawn before work. It’s my favorite time of day. During weekends, I can usually be found exploring the marsh, fishing, riding my bike, looking for shark teeth and swimming off of Sullivan’s Island or chasing the sunset. It never gets old!

I am inspired by the lowcountry daily. Whether it is the greens of the marshland, historic architecture or blooming flowers, I feel surrounded by inspiration. It’s easy to embrace my creative side living in this surreal city. I like to paint the way I see the world: full of color in unlikely places. It wasn’t until August of 2020 that I really took a deep dive into painting. I’ve always found art to be a fun, mindless therapy. Sitting in front of a blank white canvas felt intimidating, and still does, but that is the beauty of abstract artwork. A bunch of mistakes turns into something that speaks to me.



2013

Lolo Morley writes, “I am in graduate school, getting my MA in Political Science-Transatlantic Relations from UNC-Chapel Hill, with a concentration in German-Turkish studies. It’s part of a partnership program with a consortium of European universities. Currently I am studying at Humboldt University of Berlin to finish out my degree program and write my masters thesis. My thesis seeks to answer the question: ‘How does immigration affect the AfD’s (alternativ für deutschland—translation is alternative for Germany) ability to politicize German identity?’ I will graduate in August 2021 and after graduation, my hope is to continue to live in Berlin.”

2014

Stella McAuley graduates in May from the University of South Carolina with a BS in chemical engineering and a minor in business administration. She is headed to Nashville, TN after graduation.

Aleisha Patton, a senior at Furman University, will receive a BA in Communication Studies, a BA in Chinese Studies, and an African American and Diaspora Cultures Minor. She serves as President of the Communication Department Student Advisory Board and is a Sports Marketing and Operations Intern for Furman Athletics.

Sean Phelan writes, “recently I have been involved in political consulting/lobbying getting LGBT+ topics onto the platforms of many political candidates here in Florida; whether they are running for a local, state, or national level position. Coming up soon [fall 2020], I’m planning on getting involved in the Biden campaign here in the Jacksonville area of Florida!”

Peter Stratta is a co-owner of the website TSJ101Sports.com. He has written for the site for many years and in the summer of 2020 was given the unique opportunity to purchase it. While COVID limited his travel to races, Peter said, “It gave us more access than ever from our homes and we had the chance to be in Zoom conferences with drivers such as Jimmie Johnson and Kyle Busch.” He

added, “We have big plans for the future of this site that we will make public at a later time, but for now we are diligent in continuing the site’s operation through in-depth analysis of NASCAR races.”

2016

Sammy Gray, a sophomore at UNC-Wilmington, started an online apparel brand called “Let’s Ride.” Gray developed the idea during the pandemic to encourage others to be brave, explore, and face their challenges “head on.” For more information, visit the store at Letsride.shop.

Sadie McAuley is taking the spring 2021 semester off from college and working full-time as a snow skiing and snowboarding instructor in Jackson, Wyoming. She plans to move to Bozeman and begin classes at Montana State University in the fall.

2017

During his senior year, **Simba Mushayamunda** served as the Student Government Association President at R.J. Reynolds High School and delivered a speech during a virtual graduation ceremony.



Audrey Patrick and **Sophia Iltis** earned their Girl Scout Gold Award in September 2020.



During her senior year at Atkins High School, **Bri Thompson** was named a 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholar—one of only 121 high school seniors nationally (of 3.6 million 2020 graduating seniors), and one of only three from North Carolina.

In addition, Bri was named a 2020 National Merit Finalist Corporate Scholarship Recipient; she attends Rice University.

2018

Congratulations to **Kate Quadland** who was awarded the Morehead-Cain scholarship to UNC-Chapel Hill. Summit caught up with Kate recently—at the time she was putting the finishing touches on the R.J. Reynolds lacrosse season—and asked her to share some insight about the experience. She said, “When applying for the Morehead-Cain Scholarship, I was reflecting on everything that I had done in my life leading up to this point. Through this process, I learned that I am not defined by an academic resume, but by so much more. I have learned to appreciate all of the challenges that I have faced up to this point because that is what has pushed me and allowed me to grow as an individual.”

Kate continued, “I am so excited for all of the new people I will encounter in Chapel Hill next year. Yet, I am nervous because going into college is a fresh start, so I hope that I will be able to find and join some clubs or activities that I am just as passionate about as I was in high school.” We asked her what she would miss about Winston-Salem. “Next year, I am really going to miss being close to all of my friends and family! I am also going to miss Krankies Coffee.”

Kate reflected on her Summit career adding, “I continue to thank Coach Allen, my basketball coach, for inspiring me well beyond the courts. His words of wisdom and care have stuck with me and I know will continue forever. I also still think that Mr. Terry, my former French teacher, had a great academic impact. He showed me that hard work gets you places, and I thank him for always supporting me, even through high school. Whoever is able to meet and learn under either of these mentors is lucky and should be extremely grateful!”

And when asked to give advice to younger students, Kate added, “I think that it is easy to try and do it all. However, doing it all does not make someone happy. So to all current students, pursue those sports or activities that really make you excited and work to improve whatever you are a part of, so that the next boy or girl that experiences it is able to be just as inspired or happy as you were.”



2019

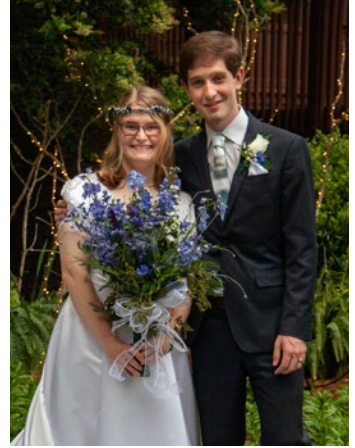
Jessica Branch was a featured speaker during the fall 2020 virtual event with Henry Winkler which raised funds for Triad Academy at Summit. Branch said, “My favorite thing in life is to entertain people but I also love educating people on dyslexia. My hope is that **some** kid out there **somewhere** watched my speech and said: ‘she has the same thing I have, and look where she is—I can be just like her.’ Because when I was young, I never had a person like me to look up to. I hope that I inspired a kid out there with dyslexia—what they have is a gift, and go for their wildest dreams. This (performance) is one of the cool things I have done in my life!”



CELEBRATIONS



Henry '09, William '13, and Christina '16 with parents Henry and Julie Heidtmann



William Heidtmann '13



Millie Murphy '18 signed to Wofford College for soccer



Cristina Rodriguez Poole '08



Sarah Kaplan Grantham '04



Sarah Murphy MacPherson '08



Barbour Strickland '67

CLASS OF 2017

COLLEGE LIST

Griffin Albright	Wofford College	Caleb King	Furman University
Bolton Beroth	University of South Carolina	Aidan Kinser	UNC-School of the Arts
Andrew Bowman	UNC-Charlotte	Lynn Kluttz	UNC-Chapel Hill
Jonah Brais	UNC-Charlotte	Elizabeth Lakoski	Amherst College
Blake Brantley	Yale University	Christopher Marshall	Gap year
Hugh Bray	Wofford College	Max Michalek	University of Kentucky
Bess Broughton	UNC-Chapel Hill	Jack Morrow	UNC-Chapel Hill
Winborne Broughton	UNC-Chapel Hill	Ethan Mou	UNC-Chapel Hill
Garrett Byrne	Emory University	Nicholas Mounts	University of Denver
Nathaniel Carson	Bucknell University	Simba Mushayamunda	Guilford College
Emma Cronan	Davidson College	Audrey Patrick	Johns Hopkins University
Mackenzie Culp	Duke University	Max Piekarski	Gap year
Hannah Davies	Denison Univeristy	Ashley Rhoades	UNC-Chapel Hill
Kaelin DeNeui	Palm Beach Atlantic University	Win Richter	University of South Carolina
Kate Dossel	Sewanee: University of the South	Anna Rogers	Washington and Lee University
Leanne Driscoll	University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Michael Rogers	UNC-Chapel Hill
Kevin Dunn	Choate Rosemary Hall	Caleb Rollins	NC State University
Sam Evans	UNC-Chapel Hill	Will Schultz	High Point University
Pierson Fuller	Wofford College	Camden Sear	Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Isabelle Ginn	Duke University	Merrick Semans	Sewanee: University of the South
Noah Gottlieb	UNC-Chapel Hill	Henry Slater	Elon University
Colsen Grice	University of South Carolina	Jackie Rose Sparnicht	Wake Forest University
Nathan Gross	University of Colorado	Clayton Stinnett	Clemson University
Payne Gunckel	Clemson University	Max Stopyra	Olin College of Engineering
Wise Halverson	Elon University	Bobby Stratta	Wake Forest University
Abigail Hano	Denison Univeristy	Bibi Thomas	University of Kentucky
Stephen Hendrix	Forsyth Technical College	Bri Thompson	Rice University
Allie Hiersteiner	University of Virginia	Edwin Welch	NC State University
Liza Hough	Wofford College	Myan West	UNC-Greensboro
Greg Hunter	NC State University	James Wilson	Appalachian State University
Sophia Iltis	Wake Forest University	Molly Wray	University of Virginia
Oran Joyner	UNC-Chapel Hill		

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Jonathan Blanco '88 and Mercer '20



Ashley Moser Veneziano '87 and Noah '20



Anna Mackie Calhoun '92 and Alex '20



Elizabeth Kerr Wild '84 and Madeline '20

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Alumni/ae

- J.K. Norfleet '49
- Susan Harper Pennington '49
- Gail Allen Lake '54
- Cliff Perry '59
- Richard Starbuck '62
- George Chandler '63
- Page Olive Bolz '66
- Lock Boyce '66
- Kiki Teague '69
- Bill Rhodes '71
- Jeanmarie Smith Molnar '72
- Randy Avram '73
- Tom Gallaher '76
- Garth Dunklin '78
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- Robert Myers '16
- Alex Tribble '16

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- Bill Cobb
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