



# VIRTU

A Publication for Parents, Alumni, and Friends of MacLay School

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## A LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL *JAMES MILFORD*



2023 is a year of advancement, strength, and promise at Maclay School. At the publishing of this *Virtu*, the school is enjoying the highest enrollment and the most robust programs in our history. The latest actions the Board of Trustees have provided more resources to support our classroom faculty than ever before because, as we all know, they are the heart of our school. The expansion of our athletics facilities will see a completed outdoor golf facility, as well as the footprint of our new competition track and field, fully underway by the close of this year. Additional resources and personnel are being added to the College Counseling office, and next year, we will have three dedicated College Counselors for Maclay to ensure an unmatched pathway for each student to have the best support and opportunities for their futures. Safety enhancements are also expanding on campus to better secure critical areas of our campus 24/7/365.

There is also rapid growth of our Concentration Programs in our Upper School, which has allowed our students to lean into those areas that interest them and find exciting projects to stretch their minds and abilities. We continually look to add academic concentrations and independent studies to allow more options for our students to explore, and to partner with and find topics and projects that fascinate and inspire them. At last count, 65% of our juniors and seniors were taking part in one of these exciting new programs.

Amid all the growth in programs, additional opportunities, and goals of an ambitious Maclay, one that may go unnoticed outside the school is the explosive growth of the performing arts, specifically the orchestral program. We implemented a Fine Arts Strategic Plan several years ago that focused on systematically adding to our offerings and faculty with an eye to building a program that would guide an appropriate facility in the school's future to hold the exceptional talent and dreams of our students and faculty. In the last four years, our orchestral program has advanced from only individual off-campus instruction to on-campus, dedicated curricular time. Our Music on the Plaza concert in December showcased over 100 performers, all of whom received instruction on campus as part of our program.

As we emerge from a couple of years of complications and unpleasant realities, Maclay is making a solid impact by providing opportunities to excite and engage our students, expand into our community to find ways to leverage our talents and resources to help Tallahassee, and continue to look for new opportunities to serve our students and our families better. The landscape our students are living in and graduating into is changing rapidly. We are committed to preparing them for this world with an eye to the future, firmly rooted in the virtues of what has made Maclay successful all these years.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Milford".

Head of School

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# 1 SCHOOL 1 COMMUNITY

CLASS OF 2034  
Maclay School



## Convocation

After a two-year hiatus, the opening day Convocation once again opened the school year. Since 2014, the Convocation Ceremony has brought the community together at the Webster Center. The ceremony featured performances by Maclay musicians and speeches by student leaders and Head of School **James Milford**. The school year was officially opened with the ringing of the bell by the longest-tenured faculty member, **Jenifer Corzine**, who has been at Maclay for 54 years.

## Ambassador Mentors

A new Ambassador Mentor program was started this year. Upper School Ambassadors enjoyed visiting Lower School classrooms and Pre-K to help with schoolwork, playtime, reading stories, and other activities. The Ambassadors enjoyed building connections with their classes' students and made memories that will last a lifetime.







## Marauder Day of Service

During October, Marauders and their families worked hard both on and off campus to brighten up and give back to our Tallahassee community during a Marauder Day of Service.

*Lee's Place:* Close to the heart of our Maclay family, faculty member **Kristin Kline**, and student volunteers worked on clearing up the grounds at the grief counseling center.

*Ability 1st:* **Coach Gene Granger** led a team of volunteers in building a ramp for a home in need.

*Hands & Hearts for Equine Therapy:* Volunteers along with faculty member **Cindy Stockstill** weeded the playground and cleaned up the horse area, then helped clients by being a side walker on trail rides. Hands & Hearts provides therapy to serve individuals with a variety of special needs through therapeutic riding sessions.

*Bicycle House:* **Chad McClellan** and student volunteers worked at the Bicycle House, building bikes from their 'graveyard' so they can be donated to those in need of transportation.

*Boys Town:* Volunteers helped welcome fall while they delivered décor and fresh pine straw for the homes at Boys Town.



## Pink Out Day

Maclay participated in the annual Pink Out Day in October to bring awareness to Breast Cancer and show solidarity for those impacted by the disease.



# Faculty News

## Faculty First Art Exhibition

The 2022-23 school year opened with a faculty art exhibition in the Beck Family Innovation Center Gallery. *Faculty First* featured the work of 26 faculty and staff members in all Divisions and across various media. The show opened at the Back-to-School welcome dinner and was on view for students, faculty, and the community to enjoy. This exhibition was a wonderful way to celebrate the many talents of our faculty.



Our Winners



Our Judges

## Faculty Staff Holiday Chili Cook-Off

There's no better way to celebrate the start of the Winter Break than with a Chili Cook-Off Holiday Party. Secret judges voted and declared **Lolli Aulet** this year's winner, but everyone enjoyed the yummy submissions!





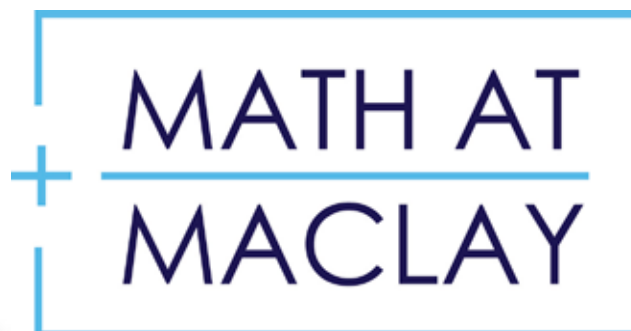
## FCIS Convention

The Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS) Convention was held in Jacksonville in November. All Maclay faculty members loaded up on a charter bus to attend the sessions. Besides enjoying the professional development classes, several staff members presented to their peers, including **Darlene Miller** "Numbers, Operations, and Fractions, Oh My!", **Elizabeth Sheward** and **Janine Couch** "Increasing Student Access and Motivation," and **Stephanie Amidon** presented "Try UrbanPlan!" discussing her Economics class project.

# Center for Academic Excellence

## The New CAE

The Center for Academic Excellence opened the 2022-23 in a brand-new space. The million dollar-plus renovation of the 'old' science building created versatile spaces for the CAE staff and learning specialist team. In the afternoons, the CAE is busy with the MARC (Maclay Academic Resource Center) which provides free academic support to all Upper School students, Lower School Enrichment Classes like Lego Robotics and Math at Maclay, or on Wednesday you can find faculty professional development workshops.



## Expansion of Enrichment and Academic Competitions

A primary focus of the CAE this year has been to increase opportunities for academic enrichment. This pursuit has led to the addition of a Fifth Grade Math Enrichment Course and the participation in John's Hopkins Center for Talented Youth courses for students. In addition, new offerings hosted by the CAE through Level Up include "Math at Maclay" a collaborative, hands-on program for Lower and Middle School students intended to deepen number sense and reinforce concepts, and "Lego Robotics," a stem-based Lower School enrichment program. Math teams in all three divisions have been practicing and competing in both local and national competitions and will host a local competition on campus in February. The new Middle School Robotics team also successfully hosted and competed in a regional competition in December.







## Professional Development

The Wednesday professional development program is an opportunity for teachers to work with teams of colleagues to examine issues related to teaching and learning. The focus for 2022-23 is “Preparing for Each Student” and centers on identifying strategies to increase accessibility and engagement for all our students. As part of the school’s commitment to continuous growth and improvement, teachers are collaborating this year in both Vertical Pk-12 Department Teams and in Professional Learning Communities to explore professional practices and use data to inform instructional choices. Finally, teachers are learning more about the Universal Design for Learning approach through the CAE Workshop series that highlights learning variance and related instructional strategies for the classroom. The fall workshop topic was students with ADHD or ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) and the spring workshop is on evidence-based strategies to address reading challenges.

## The Maclay Academic Resource Center (MARC)

The MARC has a new home in the CAE, and it is truly the learning hub for Upper School students during FLEX. The free resource center is staffed by Upper School faculty **Lauren Fantle**, **Will Perry**, and **John Gussaroff** as well as peer tutors. MARC support has expanded their workshops including SAT and ACT prep courses and other small study groups.



# MACLAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



## The Maclay Community Association

What a great year so far for the revamped Maclay Community Association (formally MPO). Under the leadership of President **Jennifer Benners** and Vice-President **Carrie McNeill**, along with their committee chairs and volunteers, MCA has been working hard to create opportunities for all parents to be involved and come together. Some events are large for our one school, and others are smaller and more focused on specific programs like receptions, so there's something for everyone!



## Spaghetti Supper

The first big MCA event of the year was the One School Community Spaghetti Supper which was a huge success catered by Brickyard Pizza. The soggy evening did not dampen the spirits of families who came out to enjoy the food and entertainment provided our talented students.



## Donuts for Dads

MCA loved welcoming Dads and special friends back on campus for our morning with donuts and coffee. The annual Lower School event is always a favorite and even Rowdy joined in this year.





## Veterans Salute

MCA hosted a wonderful Veterans Salute on November 10th honoring those who served. Students met their veteran guests and paraded through the school before gathering for a program in the Dining Hall.



## Upper School Parent Socials

Once kids start driving and become busy with extra curriculars, it's often a challenge for parents to meet and socialize, so this year the MCA has hosted several Parent Socials. Upper School parent, **Nadia Lunt**, helped organize the Upper School parent socials in the fall in Langford Hall which were then followed by grade level socials at eateries.



## TruBru Tuesday

MCA hosted several TruBru Tuesdays during the fall semester which gave parents a chance to meet for coffee in TruBru and meet new people.



## Treats Galore

MCA volunteers continued the tradition of providing treats like hot chocolate and snacks for Middle and Upper School students headed into exams. Volunteers also hosted receptions after the Honor Signing and National Honor Society induction.





# LOWER SCHOOL NEWS



## Career Day

Is there a doctor in the house? Kindergarten celebrated Career Day dressing up as what they hope to be when they grow up. The students proudly paraded through the Lower School halls for parents and fellow students.

## Egg Drop

Third graders practiced their physics knowledge by participating in a favorite Maclay tradition, the egg drop! Students researched and created a method to protect their egg from being broken by the force of being dropped. They put their methods to test when **Mr. Milford** dropped their egg from the height of a three-story building.



## Kindergarten Visits the Anatomage Table

During our study of community helpers, **Mrs. McMillan's** class took a walk over to **Mr. Mackie's** biomedical science lab. Students were able to see a real skeleton, a demonstration of the Anatomage table, a 3D anatomy table, and look through a microscope at organisms from our stormwater pond.



## Holiday Sing-A-Long

The Lower School gathered to spread some Wintertime cheer by singing along to their favorite holiday tunes! Oh what fun!





## LSSC Elections

Students learned about democracy by participating in an election of their own. Brave and courageous student candidates stood up on stage in front of parents, teachers, and peers to deliver speeches in the Lower School Student Council elections which were introduced by the Upper School Student Council President Senior, **Teresa Morgado**. Congratulations to President **Sydney Blake**, Vice President **Harper Sullivan**, Treasurer **Raynes Robinson**, Administrative Liaison **Bradford Boland**, and Secretary **Elena Sofia Bas**.



## Sharing Holiday Joy

PreK was excited to welcome special guest speakers to campus to share with friends all about Kwanzaa and Hanukkah during this holiday season. Thank you to **Dr. Akabar**, **Mrs. Thomas**, and **Dr. Letdin** for the presentations and for talking with our PreK students.



## Culture Day

What better way to learn about cultures around the world? Third grade class members brought in yummy food from various countries, and also shared recipes that were handed down through generations in their family.

## Grateful Gathering

It was a grateful time indeed for the first-grade students who sang their hearts out on the stage of Cartee at this beloved first grade tradition. After the performance, the students joined their families for a Thanksgiving dinner prepared by **Mr. Jim**.







# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

## Middle School Skate Night

The year started off with a fun social for all Middle School students. The event raised money for the class trip to Washington D.C. Students played games, ate snacks, and made memories!



## Junior Beta Induction

7th grade teacher **Mrs. Masferrer**, Jr Beta Officers, and eligible members of the Middle School joined together in the annual ceremony to induct new members into the Jr. Beta Club. Inductees swore their commitment to service and leadership before enjoying treats with their friends. Later in the semester, the members made their annual trip to Walmart to purchase gifts for the children in the Guardian Ad Litem program.



## United Nations Day

In October, the Middle School Model UN held an international fair for their fellow students. Students were given passports that were stamped at each country they visited, and club members prepared trivia questions and food from their respective countries. It was an educational and fun lunch period!





## Literary Magazine Launch

The Middle School Discovery Program produced the first edition of their new literary magazine, *Maclay In The Middle*. The 7th and 8th grade students worked with **Mrs. Kutter**, **Dr. Overstreet**, and art teacher **Mrs. Daniel** to learn In-Design, conduct interviews, write articles, edit and everything that goes into creating a publication. Many thanks to **Mrs. Callaway** and **Mrs. Mayer** for helping to get 'In the Middle' off the ground and create such a unique learning experience for our students. These students will be ready for the positions with Yearbook and *The Andalusian* in a few years.



## Spelling Bee Winner

Congratulations to **Krish Patel** who won the Middle School Spelling Bee. Krish will compete in the Envision Credit Union Big Bend Regional Spelling Bee on February 25th.



## 3D in Science

An Apple Watch stand and a Lamborghini? You bet! That's just some of the great projects 6th grade science students are creating in **Mrs. Barton's** class while exploring the 3D printer.



## Student Astronauts

The Middle School Student Astronaut team once again qualified for the competition in February at the Kennedy Space Center. The team is thrilled to be returning and looks forward to another fantastic week. In preparing for the big competition, the Middle School and Upper School have been collaborating on the Lunar Landing site selection research. Good luck, Astronauts!





# UPPER SCHOOL NEWS



## Honor Signing

New students and faculty members in the Upper School came together for the annual Honor Signing ceremony, which was held in the Cartee Gymnasium. The special speaker was **Mr. Bill Krizner**, who spoke before each student signed the Book of Honor while Maclay musicians from all divisions performed.



## Freshman Challenge

The class of 2026 spent some time making memories on an exciting overnight trip. The Freshman Challenge is a favorite tradition for 9th grade students who, along with their upper class counselors spend two days playing games, acting out skits, and bonding as a class.



## National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Scholars

Maclay School has five seniors who were honored by the National Merit Scholars Program this year: **Teresa Morgado** and **Maddy Meeker** were named semifinalists, and **Lauren Price**, **Ariana Sanaullah**, and **Abigail Rubenstein** received letters of commendation. Congratulations to these awesome Marauders!



## National Honor Society Induction

Congratulations to our newest National Honor Society members. Eligible juniors and seniors were inducted into Maclay's chapter of NHS in the Cartee Gymnasium on November 9th. Before awarding each membership, **Dr. Cathy Levenson** spoke on the value of true scholarship, which was followed by a reception hosted by the Maclay Community Association.





## Poetry Out Loud

Poetry Out Loud finalists participated in our schoolwide competition in December, reciting poetry in front of the Upper School and guest judges. These students memorized and performed a poem of their choice for the whole school. Congratulations to 3rd place **Katherine Gorkov**, 2nd place **Anne Mason Roberts** and 1st place **Riley Robinton!** Many thanks to our judges and guest judge **Virgil Suarez** for joining us.



## Enlightenment Salon

During December, **Dr. Fitzpatrick's** World History class held an Enlightenment Salon. The students dressed as period characters, were interviewed by classmates, and wrote a paper for the midterm exam.

## Wonder Girl Nominees

Upper School students **Caroline Couch**, **Belen Rambana**, **Gracie Koepfel**, and **Mary Clayton Soto** were nominated for the Girls on the Run of the Panhandle's 2022 Wonder Woman Award. The goal of the award is to elevate the contributions of women and girls in our community while raising crucial funds for GOTRP's girl scholarships and programming. Finalists were selected based on nominees' embodiment of Wonder Woman's values of Strength, Leadership, Compassion, Service, and Hope.



## New Intramurals are a HIT

The Upper School introduced intramural sports this semester. Students were able to create their own teams and play in friendly competitions during Flex. The tournaments held this semester included cornhole, basketball, checkers, dodgeball, and four square.





# Homecoming







Marauders celebrated this homecoming with a "Game On!" theme for the week in October. The festivities included dress-up days, homeroom games, class rivalry, a Homecoming pep rally, and a winning football game to top it all off. Everyone was excited to welcome Marauder alumni back to the campus they know and love.



MACLAY  
HOME OF THE CHAMPIONS





# The Arts



## Nutcracker

The Maclay Dance Company hosted the Nutcracker camp for the several weeks after Thanksgiving. There were 72 performers in the abbreviated show which this year was accompanied by the Maclay String Orchestra.



## Music on the Plaza

It was a wonderful night for Music on the Plaza which due to the cold was moved inside Cartee Gym. Over 100 talented musicians performed, from the Orchestra to Musical Theatre, to the new Chanting Marauders (formally Glee Club). The audience enjoyed entertainment for musicians of all ages and could really see how the performing arts are growing at Maclay.



## Jr. Company

A big congratulations to our Junior Company for their success at the 2022 Florida State District 10 Thespian Festival in Niceville. The troupe participated in six events, receiving five Superiors and an Excellent. The talented performers also received the Critic's Choice Award in the Large Group Musical category, a great honor and accomplishment.





## AP Art Show

Maclay's AP Art students displayed their work at an AP Art Show in December.

These students spent the semester creating a portfolio of their best work to send to the College Board in May. They revealed their efforts from this semester in a celebratory art show in the Beck Family Innovation Center Gallery.

## Winter Festival

The Fine Arts department brought home two 2nd place winners at Winterfest, **Maria Boulos** in the Upper School, and Mary Price in the Middle School. They were recognized at an award ceremony which included our own Mayor **John Dailey** ('91).



## Upper School Music Club

The Music Club serenaded diners at the Spaghetti Supper with a hand-picked selection of tunes.

## Pep Band

The home football games were once again graced by the sound of music coming from the stands cheering the Marauders on. At Homecoming, a group of Marching Chiefs joined the Pep Band and even joined in to perform together.



## North Florida Fair

2nd Grader **Ethan Mistry** won Best in Show at the North Florida Fair. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

## Performing Arts on the Rise

Over the last several years, Maclay has made more and more investments in the performing arts in staffing for our students at all levels. Stay tuned to see our ensembles and performing groups grow. The future is bright!

- Upper School Music Club
- Concert Orchestra (Middle and Upper School)
- Two Upper School Popular Music Ensemble Groups
- Upper School Vocal Ensemble
- Five Lower School String Orchestra Ensembles
- Concert Orchestra (Middle and Upper School)
- Lower School Chorus
- Lower School Marauder Steel Band Company
- Jr Company
- Chanting Marauder Glee Club
- Upper School Band
- Middle School Band
- Pep Band
- Marauder Dance Company
- Mini Marauder Dance Company



# ATHLETICS

## VOLLEYBALL

The Marauder varsity volleyball team finished with a record 14-11, including a big win over Meridian Road rival North Florida Christian. Senior **Olivia Greenberg** was named All Big Bend Second Team and led the Marauders in both kills per set and hitting percentage. The home finale featured a 6 o'clock showdown when Maclay defeated the Walton Braves 3-0.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Maclay cross country continued to be among the most elite teams in the state. The boys were led by senior captain **Clayton Knox**, an All Big Bend First Team selection, and the girls by **Gracie Koeppel**, **Lillian Koeppel**, and **Caroline Couch** also All Big Bend First Team. The girls finished fourth in the state championship and won the district tournament. Coach **Angie Milford** was also named the All-Big Bend Coach of the Year, capping off another great cross country season.

## BOYS GOLF

Under the direction of head coach **Joe Kupiszewski**, the boys golf program concluded the fall season at the Regional Tournament. **Lee Poppell**, who signed to play at Troy, led the team this season winning the Big Bend Championship Individual title, the District Championship title was named the *Tallahassee Democrat's* Player of the Year.

## GIRLS GOLF

The girls golf team finished the regular season with an impressive 11-1 record and placed 5th in the regional tournament in Jacksonville. Junior **Ellie Jane Riner** and sophomore **McClaine Ulrich** led the way for the Marauders, as both were named All Big Bend First Team. With a wealth of young talent and leadership of next year's upper classmen, the future of the girls golf program is certainly bright.

## FOOTBALL

This year, Maclay welcomed new Head Football Coach **Jason Cauley** to Tallahassee. The Marauders finished with a 4-7 record but featured a final senior night victory over the Rocky Bayou Crusaders 42-0 under the lights of Frank Shaw Field. Senior quarterback **Michael Grant**, All Big Bend Second Team Offense, broke the program record with the most completions in a season (156), and senior **Peyton Naylor** earned All Big Bend First Team Specialist. **Grayson Oberste** earned All Big Bend Second Team Offense, and his leadership certainly motivated the team from summer workouts to the final play. The Marauders look to continue the growth under new leadership and return to championship contention.

## SWIMMING

The Maclay Swimming and Diving team had a great season, which included breaking five school records. Both the boys and girls were the runner-up at the district meet, and eight Marauder swimmers qualified for the 1A state meet. **Bella Ekk** broke two school records and was named the All Big Bend Swimmer of the Year. There is no doubt that Maclay swimming and diving will continue its tradition of success in the seasons to come.







## SIGNINGS



### **Blaise Wallace:**

Blaise signed with Albany State University to continue his basketball career.



### **Lee Poppell:**

Lee Poppell signed with Troy University to continue his golf career.



### **Peyton Naylor:**

Peyton Naylor signed with Florida State University to continue his football career.



### **Percy Roopnarine:**

Percy Roopnarine signed with La Grange College to continue his lacrosse career.



# ALUMNI AFFAIRS



## *Alumni Calendar of Events*

|                    |                                                                                         |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| February 8, 2023   | Alumni Association Board Meeting                                                        |
| April 1, 2023      | Deadline – Submission of Nominations<br>Athletics Hall of Fame<br>Distinguished Alumnus |
| April 12, 2023     | Legacy Breakfast<br>Celebrating Alumni Parents and their Students                       |
| April 12, 2023     | Alumni Association Board Meeting                                                        |
| May 10, 2023       | Alumni Association Board Meeting                                                        |
| May 19, 2023       | Class of 2023 Commencement                                                              |
| August 1, 2023     | Deadline – Submission of Applications<br>Leadership Maclay                              |
| August 10, 2023    | Opening Day – School Year 2023-2024                                                     |
| November 3-4, 2023 | Alumni & Reunion Weekend 2023                                                           |

***ALL alumni – Make your plans to come!  
Highlighting classes ending in “3” and “8”***

***Distinguished Alumnus &  
Athletics Hall of Fame Luncheon  
Leadership Maclay Retreat***

Regional Alumni Events are Coming  
Washington, DC and Atlanta. Be on the lookout  
for dates at [maclay.org/alumni](http://maclay.org/alumni), on  
class Facebook pages and social media.

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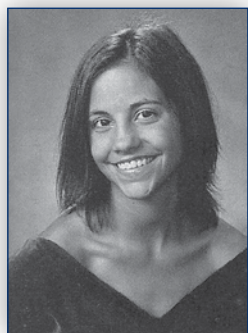


# ALUMNI AFFAIRS



## Maclay Athletic Hall of Fame

Maclay School hosted its 7th annual Maclay Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and Distinguished Alumnus Award Ceremony officially recognizing the Inductees from 2020 at a luncheon on Saturday, October 22nd in the Dining Hall and Performance Center. The 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees included Kara Newell Mathias ('02, Track and Cross Country), Coach Neil Sheppard, (Soccer & Golf), Lee Williams ('12, Multi-Sports), and the 1973 Boys Basketball Team. Jennifer Parker LaVia, Class of 1981 was honored as the Distinguished Alumnus for 2020.



### Kara Newell Mathias ('02)

Kara Mathias helped both the cross country and track programs win multiple state titles and become a consistent state championship contender for years after she departed. Mathias competed on eight state championship teams (four in cross country and four in track and field) and was a varsity member for both cross country and track for six years.

Individually, she won two State Championships, one in the 1600m and one in the 3200m. At the same meet, Mathias recorded the fastest 3200m of any classification, making her the overall fastest at the state championships. Her senior year at Maclay she was named "Student of the Year" which was peer-nominated. "Kara's performances were equaled by her leadership as captain of those cross-country teams for two years," her former coach Gary Droze said. "Without Kara, we would not have achieved our status as a dynasty of happy warriors."



### Neil Sheppard

During Sheppard's tenure, the girls' soccer team won eight district championships in a row. In addition to the teams' district dominance, Sheppard coached them to three regional championships. In both seasons, the team also reached the Final Four, and in the 1997-1998 season they brought home the State Championship.

Sheppard was recognized as Big Bend Coach of the Year three times. He was named 3A State of Florida Coach of the Year once, and the

NCSAA Umbro Girls High School Soccer Rankings placed Maclay as the 10th best team in America. Yet, Sheppard's success didn't end on the soccer field; he also excelled as the varsity boys' golf coach. Under his direction, boys' golf won four District Championships as well as a City Championship. His teams won two Regional Championships and traveled to the state finals four times. Sheppard also won All Big Bend Coach of the Year for golf in 2003. Sheppard retired in 2010, after nearly 20 years of teaching and coaching at Maclay.



### Lee Williams ('12)

Throughout his high school career, Lee Williams dominated on the Marauder football field and the track team. As a multi-sport athlete, he set ten school records, all of which are still in the record books today. Williams garnered much recognition for his athletic prowess and was named Maclay track and field MVP and

All-Big-Bend 1st Team member three times. Clutch performances at the FHSAA finals came on top of those accomplishments. Lee won back-to-back state titles in the triple jump and was the 100-meter state champion three years in a row after placing 2nd his freshman year (2008). He medaled a total of 14 times over his four years, placing him as the second most decorated member in the history of the Maclay boys' track and field program. However, Williams's achievements reached far beyond the track. His talents extended to the gridiron where he helped put a young Marauder football program on the map. During his football career, Williams set records for most yards in one season (2,184), most yards in a career (2,606), most rushing touchdowns in a season (28), most rushing touchdowns in a career (32), and most yards per carry in a season (13.7).





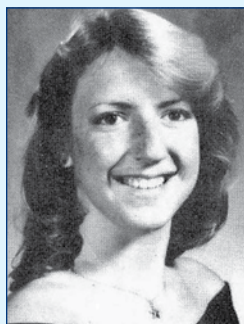
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## Maclay Athletic Hall of Fame

### 1973 Boys Basketball Team



Members of the 1973 team included Tom Cassidy, Charlie Belvin, Larry Allen, Mark Cartee and Allen Long. The team was led by Coach Jack Kelley. The next year Maclay added Mike Lea and Byron Underwood to the roster. Despite not having a gym or weight room and playing all their games away, the relentless efforts of a persevering Jack Kelley continued to build team chemistry. The Marauders began to mold through Coach Kelley's passion to create a winning environment that included hard work, technical skill, tactical skills, and mental toughness. After adding Leon transfer Ric Stoutamire and Jacksonville Episcopal transfer Holt Graves, along with the opening of the Cartee Gym, history was made. The boys' varsity squad became the first athletic team to finish a season undefeated. The team won the inaugural Meridian Road Challenge versus North Florida Christian School which set the stage for a major rivalry in the years to come.



### Jennifer Parker Lavia - Distinguished Alumna

The 2020 Distinguished Alumna is 1981 Maclay graduate Jennifer Parker LaVia. While at Maclay, LaVia's interests and talents involved her in a myriad of organizations from academic honor societies to athletic teams. She was a National Merit Scholar Finalist, Junior Class President, a member of Anchor Club,

Company, National Honor Society, French National Honor Society and Brain Bowl. She also played tennis and volleyball.

After attending Duke University earning an A.B. in History, LaVia attended the University of Florida where she involved herself in an array of legal activities. She was included as Senior Research Editor for the University of Florida Law Review which followed being the Junior Research Editor, a role that won her the Award for Outstanding Junior Editor in the fall of 1986, among other achievements.

Upon graduating with honors, LaVia returned to Tallahassee asserting herself in the Tallahassee law and general community like no other. From practicing trial law, to being a published author, to assisting with countless volunteer initiatives involving the Tallahassee community, LaVia has made it a priority to help those in need.

She joined Parker, Skelding, Labasky, Corry, Eastman & Hauser where she was an associate trial lawyer for four years before returning to work as a part-time appellate lawyer. She also worked at the Parker Law Firm, Holland & Knight LLP, and at the Public Defender's Office as a Volunteer Special Assistant

Public Defender. In addition, she founded the Kearney Center Legal Clinic. For 18 years LaVia taught classes at the Florida State University College of Law. She has volunteered in the community at organizations such as Tree House of Tallahassee, Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend, and Boys Town. She also has been a member of the Foundation of Partnerships in Correctional Excellence, served in multiple different roles at St. Stephen Lutheran Church and is a former board member at Maclay School.

In January 2020, she opened her own family law firm aimed at providing affordable legal help for those who don't qualify for aid and cannot afford a full-price lawyer.





# ALUMNI AFFAIRS

## Homecoming & Reunion Weekend



October 21-22, 2022



### ***Homecoming Parade***

One of the favorite traditions during homecoming is the parade on Friday afternoon! Maclay School Alumni and alumni children participated in decorating and riding the alumni float and then headed to the Webster Center for the Homecoming Pep Rally.



### ***Alumni Tailgate Gathering***

Friday night's alumni tailgate was sponsored and hosted by the Maclay Alumni School Association. It was a great time for the Maclay grads, both near and far, to gather together for a meal and tailgate before the Marauder football game.



### ***All-Class Reunion***

This year the first ever All-Class Reunion Party took place on Saturday evening! The re-imagined format allowed for all alumni to come together on campus. Milestone reunion years were celebrated by having "Cocktails in the Classrooms" by decade with memorabilia from the school's archives that has been saved since graduation. The guests enjoyed an evening of Alumni weekend, dinner, dancing, drinks, and photobooth fun. The All-Class Reunion Party was a great success, and we are looking forward to continuing this format as we celebrate reunions in years to come!





# ALUMNI AFFAIRS

## YOUNG ALUMNI COUNCIL



This fall the Alumni Association created the first ever Young Alumni Council. The Council's goal is to bring together alumni who have graduated within the last 15 years for the opportunity to network as young professionals. **Kohlman Minter** ('17) and **Carol Frances Shaw** ('15) hosted two young alumni socials with the group and look forward to expanding the council's activities.

*If you are interested in being involved with the Young Alumni Council please contact Carol Frances Shaw at [carolshaw@maclay.org](mailto:carolshaw@maclay.org).*

## The Barbarino Aquatics Viewing Area

During Alumni Weekend this fall, friends, classmates, and family of Maclay alum **Jennifer Engelbrecht Barbarino** ('95) gathered together to honor her at the naming of the Barbarino Aquatics Viewing Area. An avid swimmer, athlete, and friend to many in the Maclay community, Jenny was known best for her grace, wisdom, sense of humor, conscientiousness, her tireless work ethic, her pride in her family, and her loving nature. Classmate, **Courtney Baldock Jordan** spoke at the dedication which brought together many classmates, teammates, faculty, friends and family to celebrate the way Jenny lived life and how she was an inspiration to others.





# ALUMNI AFFAIRS



## 20 in 20

*Meet 20 Alums from the past 20 graduation years who are doing remarkable things. Cheers to 20 years!*



**1** |

*Alum:* Austin Ghazvini  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2019  
*College:* Florida State University  
*Current Profession:* Property Manager/  
Development Assistant at Premier  
Commercial Group



**6** |

*Alum:* Morgan Wood  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2011  
*Current Profession:* Real Estate Agent with  
The Big Bend Group at Keller Williams



**2** |

*Alum:* Kolby McWilliams  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2014  
*College:* Florida Southern University  
*Current Profession:* Client Executive at  
OneTrust LLC



**7** |

*Alum:* Lanier Hicks  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2016  
*College:* Florida State University  
*Current Profession:* Interior Designer at  
CeCe Barfield Inc., a residential design  
firm in New York, NY



**3** |

*Alum:* Kate Murray  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2015  
*College:* Auburn University  
*Current Profession:* Owner of Lemon  
and Thyme



**8** |

*Alum:* Kinsey Grant  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2013  
*College:* Washington & Lee University  
*Current Profession:* Cofounder and head of  
editorial and creative at Smooth Media



**4** |

*Alum:* Lance Watson  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2012  
*College:* BS Degree in Political Science and  
History/ MS degree in Politics and Public  
Policy both from Florida State University  
*Current Profession:* Lobbyist/ Political  
Consultant at Reed + Company



**9** |

*Alum:* Drew Giudice  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2009  
*College:* Millsaps College'14 and Belmont  
Univeristy'16  
*Current Profession:* Boys Basketball Coach



**5** |

*Alum:* Nicole Smith  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2015  
*College:* Florida State University  
*Current Profession:* Owner/CEO of  
Heinz Nurseries



**10** |

*Alum:* Alexandra Pijut  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2012  
*College:* Savannah College of Art  
and Design  
*Current Profession:* Fashion Designer





# ALUMNI AFFAIRS

## 20 in 20



**11** |

*Alum:* Mallory Nylen  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2016  
*College:* Auburn University  
*Current Profession:* Senior Financial Analyst Kids2



**12** |

*Alum:* Maya King  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2015  
*College:* Howard University  
*Current Profession:* Politics Reporter at The New York Times



**13** |

*Alum:* Bruce Foster  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2013  
*Current Profession:* Founder of The Big Bend Group® | Top 100 Realtor® in the U.S. | #1 Keller Williams Team in North Florida | #6 Real Estate Team in Florida Across all Real Estate Companies



**14** |

*Alum:* Tripp Hunter  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2017  
*College:* Auburn University  
*Current Profession:* Government Affairs Manager - Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association



**15** |

*Alum:* Jarrett Cathcart  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2015  
*College:* University of Central Florida  
*Current Profession:* Program Planner at Lockheed Martin



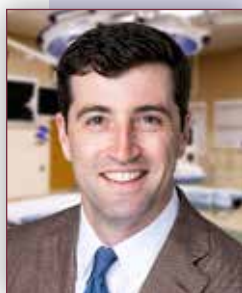
**16** |

*Alum:* Harrison Miller  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2011  
*College:* University of Georgia/ University of Florida College of Dentistry  
*Current Profession:* Dentist at Bastien Dental Care



**17** |

*Alum:* Landon Lee  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2008  
*College:* Florida State University  
*Current Profession:* Mortgage Loan Officer, Prime Meridian Bank



**18** |

*Alum:* Alexander Loeb  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2008  
*College:* University of Virginia, UVA Medicine, Johns Hopkins Hospital  
*Current Profession:* Orthopedic Surgeon, North Florida Orthopedics, Tallahassee, FL



**19** |

*Alum:* Gabriela Brown  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2013  
*College:* Emory University- Goizueta Business School  
*Current Profession:* Social Media Manager at Berns Communications Group



**20** |

*Alum:* Frank Shaw IV  
*Year Graduated Maclay:* 2011  
*College:* Auburn University and Cumberland College of Law at Samford University  
*Current Profession:* Attorney at Smith Thompson Shaw Colon & Powers, PA

Would you like to be featured in the 20 in 20?  
Email [carolshaw@maclay.org](mailto:carolshaw@maclay.org) for details.



# ALUMNI AFFAIRS

## BIRTHS



**Hudson James Heffley**  
June 28, 2022  
Drew ('12) and Brooke Rick ('13) Heffley  
Tallahassee, Florida  
Joins big sister Hayes, age 2 years



**Lyla Grace Bodin**  
October 12, 2022  
Zach and Becca Bumgarner ('09) Bodin  
Tallahassee, Florida  
Joins big sister Amelia, age 4 years in March



**William Harrison Miller III**  
"Tripp"  
November 21, 2022  
Harrison ('11) and Lauren Miller  
Tallahassee, Florida



**Dempsey Campbell Berglund**  
July 7, 2022  
Jeff and Dede Meros ('07) Berglund  
Tallahassee, Florida  
Joins big brother Murray and big sister Carter



**Colton John Mercer**  
October 18, 2022  
Ryan ('99) and Molly Mercer  
Naples, Florida



Kanagawa, Japan

**John Edward Easterbrook III**  
"Jack"  
November 19, 2022  
John and Anne Elizabeth Clark ('10) Easterbrook  
Yokosuka Naval Base Hospital

**Luca Livingston Jones**  
November 8, 2022  
Kyle ('06) and Cassie Jones  
Charleston, South Carolina



**Estelle Lee Lanier McGowan**  
December 1, 2022  
Caleb and Harper Snowden ('15) McGowan  
Dallas, Texas



**Callaway "Cally" Lindsey Fowler**  
September 12, 2022  
Luke and Lindsey Sanders ('10) Fowler  
Boise, Idaho  
Joins big brother Whitfield "Field" Fowler, age 2 years



**Michael Shaw Manning**  
September 26, 2022  
Ryan and Sarah Bishop Hyde ('10) Manning  
Tallahassee, Florida



**Ivy Ann Willis**  
November 14, 2022  
Logan and Kelli Rosser ('13) Willis  
Tallahassee, Florida  
Joins big brother Rowan, age 2 years



**Isaac Hunter Borms**  
December 12, 2022  
Jotan and Caroline Hunter ('05) Borms  
Tallahassee, Florida

**Krew Thomas Minacci**  
December 13, 2022  
M.T. ('13) and Kara Minacci  
Tallahassee, Florida







# ALUMNI AFFAIRS

## WEDDINGS



**Anne Jackson McClure** ('17)

and John Samuel Shenker

July 9, 2022, Tallahassee, FL

*Maclay Bridesmaids:*

Clara Frances McClure ('14) *Maid of Honor*;

Madison Cherry ('17)

and Carol Frances Shaw ('15)



**Edgar Moore** ('13) and Maddie Skimming

September 3, 2022, St. Teresa

*Maclay Groomsmen:*

Walter Moore ('14) and Frank Shaw ('11)

*Wedding Officiant:* Murray Moore ('83)



**Laura Lee Landrum** ('12)

and Walker Thomas

July 16, 2022, Atlanta, GA

*Maclay Bridesmaids:*

Samantha Landrum ('16) *Maid of Honor*;

Janie Jansen ('12);

Caroline Hackney ('34) *Flower Girl*

*Ringbearers:* Helms and Lewis Howell – sons of Nic Howell ('03)

*Father of the Bride:* Bob Landrum ('79)



**Meagan Wilkins** ('17)

and Caleb Sweeney

September 17, 2022

Cincinnati, OH

*Maclay Bridesmaids:*

Macie Wilkins Hurtado ('11)

and Morgan Wilkins ('13)

*Maclay Alumni in Attendance:*

Nick Fontela ('17)

and Anne Kirby ('17)



**Dylan Rivers** ('96)

and Samantha Loebig

September 30, 2022

New Orleans, LA



**Catie Cartee** ('11) and Collin Strow

November 5, 2022, Thomasville, GA

*Maclay Alumni in Attendance:*

Connor Jacobsen (and his wife Annie),  
Kelsey Torgerson, Amaris Appiah (all 2011  
grads) and Brittany Kleinpeter ('08) Repko  
& her husband Jay



# ALUMNI AFFAIRS

## WEDDINGS



**Anna Thomas** ('15)  
and Collin Harvell  
December 3, 2022  
Pebble Hill Plantation  
Thomasville, GA  
*Maclay Maids of Honor:*  
Sarah Clark Ballard ('15)  
and Kate Murray ('15)



**Dr. Jim Harbin** ('97)  
and Laura Willhoft  
December 10, 2022  
Kiawah Island, SC

## In Memoriam

**Jennifer Engelbrecht Barbarino**

May 31, 2022

Class of 1995

**William "Will" Chaires Boynton**

July 18, 2022

Class of 2000

**Kiera Sheedy Camron**

September 2, 2022

Class of 1994

**Nancy Deal**

September 15, 2022

Maclay Board of Trustees 2012- 2015

**Patricia Alyne Beall**

October 24, 2022

Class of 1978





# ALUMNI AFFAIRS

## CLASS NEWS

### CLASS OF 1987

**Virginia Langston Ponder** has joined the law firm of Ausley McMullen as a shareholder. Virginia attended Florida State University and then Barry University



for Law School. She practiced law for nine years at the Office of Public Counsel and more recently served as Attorney and Deputy Staff Director for the Florida Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee before joining the firm.

### CLASS OF 1988



**Cameron Barton** continues to champion the future of the Apalachicola River. For the fourth straight year, she paddled and traveled the entirety of the Apalachicola River in five days, averaging 20+ miles per day. Her commitment to the River Trek is to bring attention to the tremendous importance of the river, the Apalachicola floodplain, and the bay to maintain a healthy ecosystem. Cameron, who is a 6th grade Science teacher at Maclay, incorporates her knowledge of the Apalachicola River basin and its ecology into her teaching. Her students are able to understand the environment of this unique ecosystem which comprises the most ecologically diverse natural area in the southeastern United States. Another special learning opportunity

that Cameron brings to her students is the Student Astronaut Challenge at Kennedy Space Center each February. What lucky students they are to have such a devoted teacher who loves to explore and who strives to inspire them about the world.

### CLASS OF 1990

Along with notable doctors in the field of Neuromuscular Diseases, State Attorney **Melissa Williamson Nelson** took the plunge during an ALS fundraising event last July at TIAA Bank Field in Jacksonville, Florida. Eleven 'soakees' took the plunge into one of the inside pools as part of the CEO Soak to raise funds for the Florida ALS Association. One of Melissa's main reasons for participating in this worthwhile event was in remembrance of her grandfather, Clem.



### CLASS OF 1994

Congratulations to **Kristen Gillespie**. Currently serving as Head Coach of Women's Basketball at Illinois State University, Kristen celebrated her 200th career win as a head coach in a victory over Missouri State on January 5, 2023. Then, to top that off, on January 23, 2023, a 32-point victory marked her 100th career win as Redbird head coach!



### CLASS OF 1996

Congratulations to **David Winchester!**

David is currently the President of the Florida Chapter of the American College of Cardiology and recently was appointed to the Board of Directors for the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology. David is also a full Professor of Medicine and Radiology, with tenure, at the University of Florida.



### CLASS OF 1997

For those who love horses and the equestrian world, that passion is often for a lifetime. This is definitely true for

**Katherine Baggett.**

Katherine has moved back to Florida and lives in Wellington, Florida where she keeps her horse, "Oakingham Kia." This past summer she traveled to equestrian competitions in Lexington, KY, Tryon, NC, and Ocala, FL where she competed in the High Adult Jumper division. This winter, she is competing for three months at the Winter Equestrian Festival right in Wellington. Professionally, Katherine practices law in both New York City and West Palm Beach now that her law firm Manice Budd & Baggett LLP has offices in both locations.



# ALUMNI AFFAIRS

## CLASS NEWS



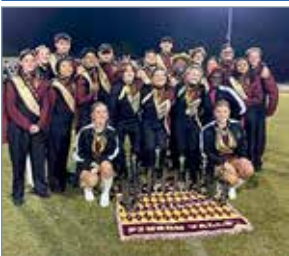
### CLASS OF 1998



Congratulations, **Mary Katharine Crolley Lawler**, for joining the Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Insurance Agents. Mary Katharine also serves as the

Legislature Chair and is hoping to help establish a more stable insurance market for all Floridians. She is pictured being sworn in by Senator Jim Boyd, chair of the Florida Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance.

### CLASS OF 2002



**Keith Brandenburg** is a band director and loves what he does! His gift of bringing out the best in his

students has brought many awards and this was especially true of the accomplishments of the Pinson Valley Marching Chiefs this past fall. The band he teaches and directs scored all 1's in their October competitions. They were Best in Class in every caption, named the Most Entertaining Band and the Grand Champion (Top Overall Band). From Keith: "Man, I Love This Band!"

### CLASS OF 2007



After graduating with a professional degree from Harvard University Graduate School of Design, passing six licensing exams, and completing over 3,740 hours at numerous firms,

**Chase Jordan** is now a licensed architect. Congratulations, Chase!

### CLASS OF 2011

**Kyle Goller** is achieving high marks in his swim coaching career! Kyle is head swim coach for the Windermere High Swimming and Diving Team in Windermere, Florida, and he also coaches club swimming at Laker Aquatics where he is Head National Age Group/Assistant Senior National Coach. In July, he was named one of the 50 best Age Group coaches in the country and was a nominee for Coach of the Year through the American Swimming Coaches Association (ASCA). One of his more recent accolades was the Championship of both the Mens and Womens Swimming and Diving teams in Class 4A for Region 2. On the state level, the girls team placed third, one of his divers won state, and the 200 free girls relay won state.

### CLASS OF 2013

**Jack Kramer** is a first-year medical student at Florida State University's College of Medicine. This photo from his "White Coat Ceremony" last August where students received their white coat in an official ceremony at Ruby Diamond Auditorium. Jack was also elected Student Government president to represent for the second year of medical school.



### CLASS OF 2014

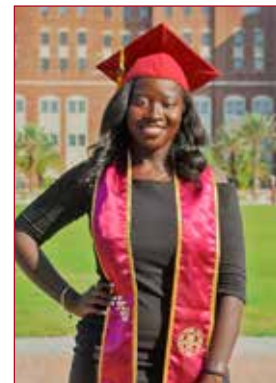


Congratulations to **TJ Meenan**! TJ graduated with a degree from Colorado State University in December.

### CLASS OF 2015

**Temi Omotayo** is officially a two-time graduate of Florida State University. In July, she graduated with her Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology.

Her next step was moving to Jacksonville where she accepted a position at Brooks Rehab Hospital. She is working and serving the pediatric population within the hospital setting as a rehab Speech Language Pathologist.



### CLASS OF 2016



Congratulations to **Kyle McWilliams**! In August, Kyle completed his Master of Business Administration at Texas A&M International Business School.

He currently works at IBM in Dallas, Texas as an Automation Specialist for Instana.

**Katie Miller** has started studies at Palmer College of Chiropractic which is a trusted leader in chiropractic education. She is attending the school's Florida campus in Port Orange, Florida.

You will find **Billy Grant** living in Washington DC these days. Billy attended UIC Law in Chicago and is now attending George Washington Law. Billy also earned his political science undergraduate degree from George Washington.







# ALUMNI AFFAIRS

## CLASS NEWS

### CLASS OF 2017

Great news for **Sarah Watson** and for Maclay! In January, Sarah started teaching at dear 'ole Maclay! She is a 2nd grade teacher and is actually in the same room where she attended Kindergarten!!



**James Edward Baggett III** (Jimmy) graduated from the US Air Force Academy with a degree in Computer Science, and a minor in German. He is a lieutenant in the US Space Force and stationed with the 65th cyber squad in Vandenberg Air Force base.



### CLASS OF 2018

**Paris Miller** graduated from the University of Florida in December 2021 with a dual degree in Business Administration and Sustainability Studies and a minor in Nonprofit Organizational Leadership. She worked for Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy and then went abroad to volunteer in a program to help animals in Italy. In June, complimenting her passion for animal and environmental welfare, Paris accepted a position with Chewy, an organization that focuses on animal wellbeing. She works in pharmacy merchandising as a Category Analyst and hopes this experience will enhance a career in animal welfare. On the side, she is the Executive Director of Project Canis which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit

organization that she started in 2020 with the help of other students at the University of Florida. Their goal is to ensure that every



shelter animal has a toy and they have donated over 4,500 toys made from recycled

materials to Florida animal shelters.

**Pace Wilson** worked at the Watercolor Inn at Santa Rosa Beach for the second straight summer where he was learning the ins and outs of the hospitality industry. He graduated from Florida State in December with a degree in hospitality. Post-graduation, Pace plans to take what he has learned in the hospitality industry and hopes to land a job working for a professional sports team.

**Pierce Johnson** has worked at Cureton Johnson & Associates where he helped with appraisals. He finished school at FSU with a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. Pierce plans to stay with Cureton Johnson & Associates for a couple of years and to gain as much experience as he can.

In December, **John Sniffen** finished his undergraduate degree at Texas Christian



University where he majored in Strategic Communication with a double-minor in Creative Writing and Political Science. He plans to stay at TCU to work toward his Master's in higher education.

Congratulations **McKenley Minacci!**

McKenley received her degree from Troy State University in July and now works for Joe Manausa Real Estate.



### CLASS OF 2020

Over the summer, **Frank Carson** studied Spanish and Business through the FSU Valencia Study Program in Spain. During the weeks overseas, he spent his time going



to class, going on field trips, and exploring Valencia. On the weekends, he traveled around Spain and even took some trips outside the country to Portugal, Rome,

and Switzerland. He said he couldn't leave his music behind though, so he bought a small guitar in Valencia and performed for his friends while he was there. "I had a great time learning, traveling, and meeting new people, and I'm happy to be back in Florida going to school and playing live music shows in Tallahassee and in Gainesville."

**Maddie Stout** had a great learning experience last summer that complimented her Political Science major at Notre Dame. She returned to Florida for the summer and interned in the Governor's Office under Gov. Ron DeSantis.



# ALUMNI AFFAIRS



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We invite you to write the next chapter at Maclay School as we continue the pursuit of excellence in academics, the arts, and athletics.

Contributions help provide an immersive and supportive environment for every Marauder whether in the classroom, or while pursuing their passion for the arts or athletics. The 2022-2023 Maclay Fund will support:

- continued professional development opportunities for our faculty and staff
- continued support for financial aid
- the enhancements of our facilities to ensure a safe and state of the art learning experience including upgrades to the library and technology across divisions
- the continued expansion and integration of our fine arts program



## Help us write the next chapter

in the story of Maclay School by making a contribution to The Maclay Fund today at [www.maclayfund.com](http://www.maclayfund.com), or via mail at 3737 N. Meridian Road, Tallahassee, FL 32312.

Because of each gift, our faculty and students continue to benefit from the unrestricted support of the Maclay community.



## CAPITAL PROJECTS

*In response to the varying changes and programmatic needs on campus, various capital projects are under way in varying stages. As we look ahead in 2023, we are excited about the following projects moving ahead!*

### Golf Practice Facility

The Golf Practice Facility will provide space for our golf athletes to practice their short game on campus with the addition of two putting and chipping greens in the Spring of 2023 and an indoor practice facility to follow. These two greens will be installed adjacent to the Tennis Complex and will create a home for our athletes to gather as a team and work on their skills on campus year-round.

Special thanks to the Kise Family and the Benners Family for making the outdoor golf practice facility possible. For more information on the project, including ways to help bring the indoor practice facility to fruition, visit: [Maclay.org/golffacility](https://maclay.org/golffacility)



### Center for Academic Excellence



The Center for Academic Excellence (CAE) is thriving in its newly renovated space. Phase One of this renovation has been completed, giving the Center newly reimagined, state of the art spaces for their work with students and faculty members. Phase Two of the facility renovation will be completed in the Spring/Early Summer 2023, completing the exterior footprint of this important academic facility that serves all students and faculty on campus. The exterior spaces will provide areas for students to gather, learn, and work outside of this facility with an

outdoor classroom space connecting to Lee's Garden and the Beck Family Research Center plaza.

In response to the need for more classroom space across campus, the school is conducting a needs analysis on the addition of classroom spaces and how they could function and integrate with the rest of campus.

*For more information on any of these projects, campus needs, or Advancement initiatives overall, please contact the Advancement Office at (850)893-8465 or [MLewis@Maclay.org](mailto:MLewis@Maclay.org).*





# Maclay Sweethearts

Show Your Love  
FOR MACLAY!



2.23.23

*In celebration of Giving Day 2023, on February 23rd we are celebrating the many ways that we Show Our Love for Maclay and are thrilled to introduce this year's Maclay Sweethearts. These wonderful, heartfelt, and longstanding connections are part of what makes Maclay's campus and our time together on it so special. We have many members of our community who come to work each day with their own Maclay "Sweethearts" and hope you will enjoy hearing their stories about their favorite memories together on campus. #showyourloveformaclay*



**Laura Armstrong** ('07), Library Specialist  
& **Jennifer (Armstrong) Dickson** ('10), 3rd Grade Teacher

**Laura:**

*What do you love most about Maclay?*

I love my colleagues. They are the hardest working people I know, and they make a day at work very enjoyable!

*What is your favorite part about having your sweetheart on campus with you?*

I feel very lucky to work alongside my sister. It is so fun to do this together!

*What is your favorite memory with your sweetheart at Maclay?*

I love coming up with ideas and dressing up for Homecoming, Halloween, and Marauder Madness with my sister. We love to attend events together too!

**Jennifer:**

*What do you love most about Maclay?*

Absolutely, the people I work with. I wouldn't survive without them.

*What is your favorite part about having your sweetheart on campus with you?*

When I randomly see her throughout the day, it is like a ray of sunshine for my day!

*What is your favorite memory with your sweetheart at Maclay?*

Watching her walk in the Homecoming Parade for Lower School Student Council (LSSC) is a highlight for me!

*Do you have a favorite event/tradition/holiday that you enjoy celebrating at Maclay with your sweetheart?*

Homecoming and the Auction!

# Maclay Sweethearts



**Jessica Gonzalez Loumiet**, Admissions Officer  
& **Janine Couch**, Director, Center for Academic Excellence

## **Jessica & Janine:**

### *What do you love most about Maclay?*

We love the sense of family and community. At Maclay, it's not unusual to see different family structures working together on campus whether that's siblings, couples, or in-laws (like us) -- and we love the feeling of being part of one extended family.

### *What is your favorite part about having your sweetheart on campus with you?*

It's simply fun to see each other every day. Most days that's a quick catch up at morning carline and sometimes it's meetings, office drop-ins, and quick chats in the hallway. Our husbands

work together too, which adds even more shared experience and community to our Tallahassee family.

### *What is your favorite memory with your sweetheart at Maclay?*

Summertime is a revitalizing time for both of us. It's quieter on campus and we get to interact a lot through admissions events and planning for the new students.

### *Do you have a favorite event/tradition/holiday that you enjoy celebrating at Maclay with your sweetheart?*

The auction is always a great time together, and we both love the laughs and fun of participating in the annual Holiday Video!



**Elizabeth (Hinson) Marschall** ('85), Pre-K3 Teacher  
& **John Hinson** ('93), Assistant Network Administrator

## **John:**

### *What do you love most about Maclay?*

Maclay is home. I went here as a student from kindergarten through 12th grade and have now worked here for 23 years. You build great relationships over the years. Maclay is like my family and home.

### *What is your favorite part about having your sibling on campus with you?*

Having my sister Elizabeth right down in PreK is great. I can go see her and her kids anytime I need a pick me up. There is so much energy and fun in their room that you can't help but feel better after a visit.

### *What is your favorite memory with your sibling at Maclay?*

My sister's daughter Mary played multiple sports over the years. Most afternoons we would be sitting together by the soccer field, the softball field, or the pool. My favorite was softball. We had a great group of parents and all got along and just laughed and had a great time. My sister has a great sense of humor and it's catching.

### *Do you have a favorite event/tradition/holiday that you enjoy celebrating at Maclay with your sibling?*

I enjoy the PreK holiday sing along. They invite me each year and it's so much fun to watch the kids sing all the songs they have learned. The teachers work very hard putting that program together and it's so special.

## **Elizabeth:**

### *What do you love most about Maclay?*

I love that Maclay is a family. Even though we have grown over the last 50 years, we have kept a small, close sense of community. I graduated from Maclay in '85, my brother John in '93, and my daughter Mary in '12. We all had some of the same teachers, which is really special.

### *What is your favorite part about having your sibling on campus with you?*

I love having someone close by if I need him or if he needs me. I visit John Clayton in the Library when I go there, and he brings a Diet Coke to me in my classroom on extra rough days.

### *What is your favorite memory with your sibling at Maclay?*

John went to every sporting event that Mary had over the many years of soccer, softball, swimming, and others. We were together almost every afternoon after school on some field somewhere at Maclay and on lots of road trips!

### *Do you have a favorite event/holiday that you enjoy celebrating at Maclay with your sibling?*

John always comes to our traditional Pre-K Gingerbread Program and Party. He helps whoever needs help and steps in as their family. He also does this with Donuts for Dads if I have a student who doesn't have someone with them.





# Maclay Sweethearts



**Kristin Leach Kline** ('05), Upper School Science Teacher  
& **Ryan Kline**, Varsity Cheerleading Coach, Intramural Sports Coordinator

**Kristin:**

*What do you love most about Maclay?*

I really love the family-friendly atmosphere at Maclay. It is special that we can all come to the same place for work and school and see each other around campus.

*What is your favorite part about having your sweetheart on campus with you?*

My favorite part about having Ryan on campus is that we get to sit together and each lunch almost every day. Often our afternoons

are crazy, running kids from activity to activity and we barely get to see each other, so it is nice to get to catch up every day over lunch.

*What is your favorite memory with your sweetheart at Maclay?*

I really enjoyed attending the first pep rally that Ryan planned. It was so special to see the hard work that I know he had put in pay off and see all the kids so excited to be there.



**Elizabeth (Morales) Hunter** ('08) Kindergarten Teacher  
& **Matt Morales** ('12), 4th grade teacher

**Elizabeth & Matt:**

*What do you love most about Maclay?*

We love all the happiness and joy that can be found daily around campus. No matter where you go, what building you're in, or what grade you're walking by, you're going to hear someone laughing, see a smile or witness a big hug being given. It can be pretty magical and contagious.

*What is your favorite part about having your sweetheart on campus with you?*

We love seeing each other on campus, walking through the halls, or gathering at shared events. Despite knowing that we're less than 50 yards from each other on a daily basis, it's always such a pleasant surprise when we cross paths in the hallway or the teachers' lounge. To be able to work with family is a gift we try and never take for granted.

*What is your favorite memory with your sweetheart at Maclay?*

Co-teaching for a brief moment when I returned from maternity leave was pretty amazing. We were so lucky to have a few weeks where we taught in the same classroom, to make the transition as smooth as possible on the kids, in which we could learn from each other, and bounce ideas off each other. Not many people can say they had that chance!

*Do you have a favorite event/tradition/holiday that you enjoy celebrating at Maclay with your sweetheart?*

Any time is a good time to celebrate! However, we love being at events together with our classes. It's pretty neat to be sitting in a pep rally with our students cheering all around us and we could point across the room and say, "see that person? We're family!"

# Maclay Sweethearts



**Dean Gargiulo** ('87) Middle Robotics and Computer Science Teacher, 6th grade grade level chair, Middle School Football Assistant Coach  
& **Cindy Thomas** ('86) Performing Arts Department Chair, Theatre Teacher

## **Dean & Cindy:**

### *What do you love most about Maclay?*

This is where we met. Maclay is our home away from home. We feel lucky to be able to come to school every day and share our passions with our students. We love watching them grow and seeing them shine beyond the classroom whether it be onstage or on the field.

### *What is your favorite part about having your sweetheart on campus with you?*

Just knowing that the other is close by and being able to relate to everything going on in each other's lives. Sharing the many wonderful and fun memories about all our students, past and present.

### *What is your favorite memory with your sweetheart at Maclay?*

Chaperoning the Sophomore Safari together at Camp Carolina. (and Dean with his one outfit), building sets together for various productions over the years.

We used to have lunch together every day in the dining hall, sitting and chatting with Rob Webster. We would have a competition to see which one of us could build the biggest salad. Rob always won.

### *Do you have a favorite event/tradition/holiday that you enjoy celebrating at Maclay with your sweetheart?*

Helping with the Live Auctions and Holiday Videos. Having silly fun together.



**Jim**, Director of Facilities & Operations  
& **Michelle Partridge**, Center for Academic Excellence Learning Specialist

## **Jim & Michelle:**

### *What do you love most about Maclay?*

What we love most about Maclay is just how friendly and accepting everyone has been. We both feel so welcome and at home here.

### *What is your favorite part about having your sweetheart on campus with you?*

The best part of having our sweetheart on campus together is being able to occasionally share lunch and being able to see each other throughout the day even just in passing.

### *What is your favorite memory with your sweetheart at Maclay?*

Our favorite memory at Maclay is a moonlit walk throughout the campus after a faculty dinner admiring the grounds and just how beautiful the campus really is.

### *Do you have a favorite event/tradition/holiday that you enjoy celebrating at Maclay with your sweetheart?*

Although we have yet to experience spring and graduation seasons here at Maclay, we really did enjoy seeing the homecoming parade. It was such a fun and surprisingly large event. All the kids had a great time. It was adorable. We truly feel blessed to be able to work together and be a part of making a difference here at Maclay.

*Thank you to all of our Maclay Sweethearts for celebrating our shared love for Maclay with us. To read more about this year's sweethearts or to see the sweethearts we celebrated in 2022, visit: [www.Maclay.org/sweethearts](http://www.Maclay.org/sweethearts). For more information or to participate in Giving Day, visit: [www.Maclay.org/givingday](http://www.Maclay.org/givingday). Thank you for all the love!*

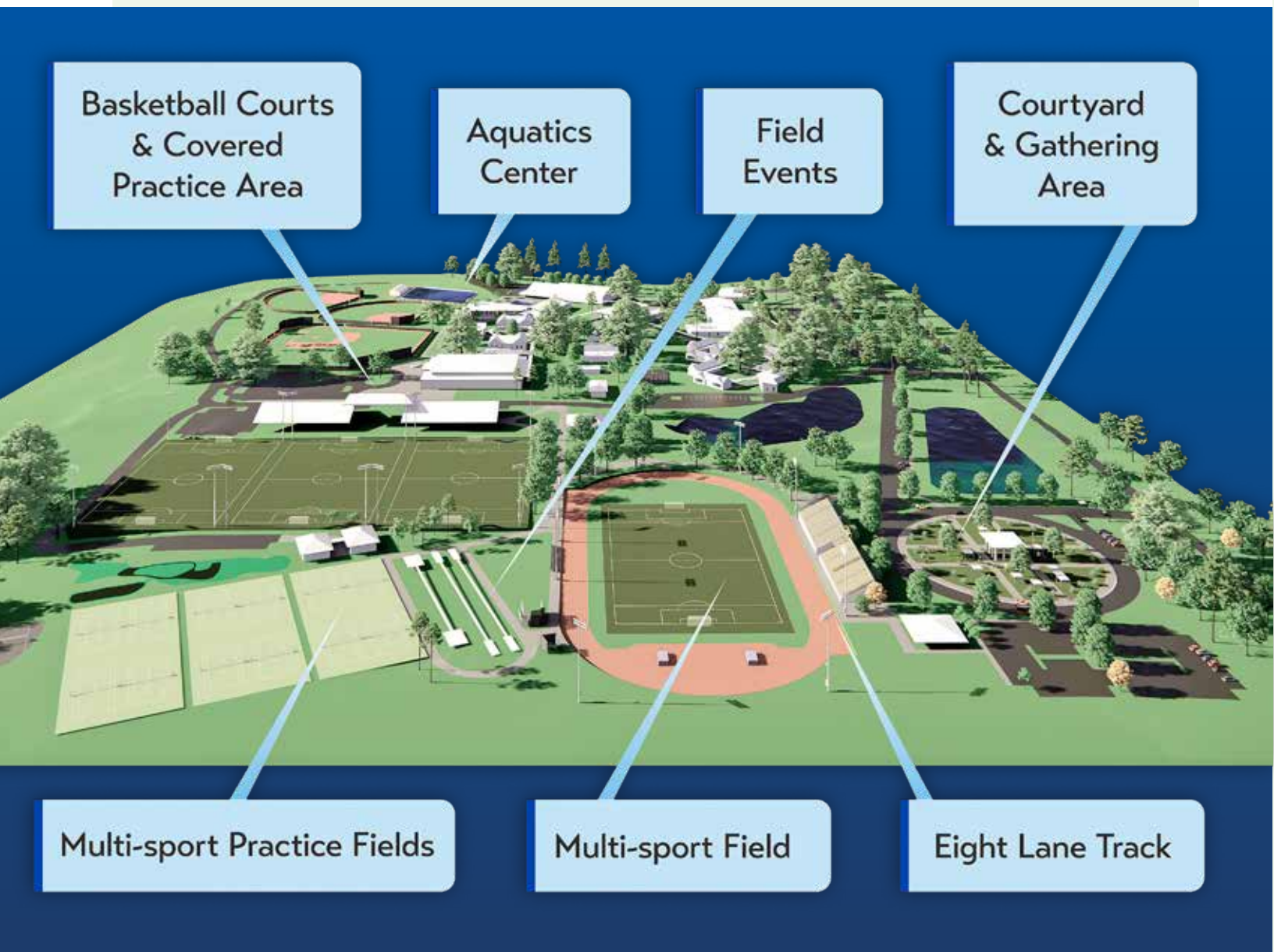




# Maclay School Athletics Master Plan Campaign

### *About the plan:*

Athletics at Maclay are an inspiring, exciting opportunity to learn the valuable skills and lessons that sports impart to our students. Our Athletics Program continues to grow and offer competitive opportunities for student athletes of all ages. To accommodate this growth, we have developed a three phase Athletics Masters Plan. We are eager and excited to share this project with the Maclay community.





*“The vision and commitment to the growth and success of the Maclay School is evident to all. The athletic facility master plan is the next phase in the opportunity to expand the footprint of Maclay athletics.*

*This is an opportunity I have personally envisioned for over thirty years and I invite you to join me in making this vision a reality in the next few years. Go Marauders!”*

Andy Warner,  
Director of Soccer

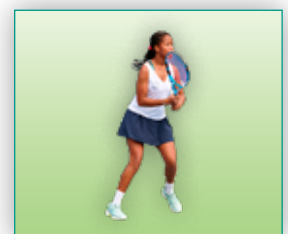
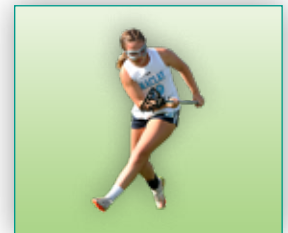
The vision for the Athletics Master Plan has long been a dream of many students, athletes, coaches, alumni, and community members of Maclay School. The spaces laid out in this plan create areas for our community to gather, celebrate school spirit, and host competitive opportunities for teams and individuals in our region. New facilities will be utilized not just by students competing on school teams, they will provide a place for Physical Education programming, gathering spaces, pep rallies, and other school events. These are the spaces where our community unites in shared school spirit.

**Phase One** of the Athletics Master Plan includes the creation of the new main athletics stadium and field which will include competition space for several of our sports: cross country, football, soccer, lacrosse, cheer, and track and field. Over 16 teams will utilize these facilities each year in addition to our nearly 700 students using these facilities daily for Lower and Middle School Physical Education classes and other outdoor activities.

**Phase Two** will be the installation of three multi-sport practice fields. Finally, **Phase Three** will be four basketball courts that will double as covered practice space for all teams, summer camps, and PE students. This will enhance every Maclay student’s experience and will be utilized for not only our athletic teams but students’ day to day activities.

Throughout these competitive and practice spaces, there are many areas that honor the legacy of excellence in Athletics at Maclay. These spaces will portray the stories and commemorate the generosity and commitment of the families who have made this possible.

*For naming opportunities, more information, or to help with this effort visit:  
[www.maclay.org/Plan2027](http://www.maclay.org/Plan2027)*







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# 2021-2022 MACLAY FUND IMPACT REPORT

*Thank you!*

Through the collective generosity of our community,  
**The 2021-2022 Maclay Fund** made possible:

## **VEX Robotics Expansion**

Contributions to the Maclay Fund through Giving Day 2022 funded the addition of VEX Robotics Equipment in the Middle School. This equipment allowed for the expansion of engineering design courses and the opportunity for students to compete in design and robotics competitions along with Maclay Upper School students. (VEX Robotics students build their robot from a kit and then use coding to program the controls.) Through the addition of this equipment, the Middle School is now able to offer an introductory and advanced robotics class.

## **Lower School Playground Equipment**

The Maclay Fund supported upgrades to the Lower School playground including swing sets, slides, a new climbing structure, and a variety of pieces of multi-purpose imaginative equipment.

## **Visual Arts Professional Development**

Thanks to the support of Giving Day and Maclay Fund donors, all Visual Arts faculty will be attending the National Art Education Convention. This event is the largest gathering of visual arts, design, and media arts educators in the world for information sharing and cutting-edge professional development in the arts. Maclay history is being made as this is the first time that all Visual Arts Teachers will travel together for this professional development experience.

## **Fine Arts Expansion Continues**

In recent years, The Maclay Fund has supported the continued expansion of the Orchestra and Theatre programs across the three divisions. This year, the momentum continues as we welcomed Millie Seckel to the Fine Arts faculty. Ms. Seckel brings an extensive background in choreography, directing, and teaching. She will work with students in the Middle and Upper School.



This fall, Lower and Middle school Music teacher, Matt Harmon, formed the Lower School Choir. The Choir will focus on individual technique as well as group singing and will perform both in campus events and the Tallahassee Community.

Three years ago, Maclay added an Orchestra program and it has since grown to include students from all three Divisions. The Orchestra's dedicated space within the Cartee Gymnasium was expanded this summer to accommodate the ever-growing program.

## **STEM Program Expansion**

New this Fall, Upper School students interested in the Biomedical Sciences will have the opportunity to take new classes from The Project Lead the Way Curriculum. This curriculum is designed for students interested in the Biomedical sciences and at the conclusion of the program, students earn a certificate which is recognized widely at the collegiate level.

Maclay's STEM program also incorporated an Anatomage Table into the curriculum. The table gives students the opportunity to experience human anatomy and systems within the body for virtual dissection and lessons. The table can be connected to a 3D printer to print medical models as well. Through the support of our generous community, three new 3D printers were purchased for the Beck Family Research Center for use in the Middle and Upper School Science courses that take place in this facility.

## **Technology**

This year, new drone and technology equipment for the iTHINK Production Lab was purchased. This equipment allows events and programs on campus to be livestreamed in real time on Maclay.org/live. The addition of this equipment expands Maclay's footprint globally and allows those unable to join us in-person to be part of the excitement and magic of campus.

## **Financial Aid**

To increase accessibility to more students, additional financial aid awards were given to students who might otherwise be unable to attend Maclay.



*We are so grateful  
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Kim & Tom Daniel

**Adelaide Suber**

Mr. & Mrs. Robert G. Burleson

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick E. Hurley

Lina Knox

Mr. & Mrs. P. Michael Ruff

Rick & Julie Weidner

**Denny Bunn**

Rosemary S. Bunn

**Dean Knox**

Rick & Julie Weidner

**James D. Abbott**

Ms. Virginia E. Abbott Maxwell

Bill & Paula Smith

Ms. Norma R. Schutter

**Keith Whitsitt '02**

Shirley J. Whitsitt

**Matilde & Ney Landrum**

Hon. & Mrs. Bruce D. Landrum

**Robert Hugli**

Mrs. Yvette Hugli

**Russel Camarada**

Maria & Michael Santoro

**Jennifer Engelbrecht Barbarino ('95)**

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Mr. & Mrs. Corey Evans

Mr. & Mrs. Chad S. Jordan

Catherine Benton Lerner

Rollins & Sarah Ball Miller

Mr. & Mrs. Michael F. Robinson

Ms. Alexandra Whiddon

& Mr. Bradford Wilborn

Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Williams

# ANNUAL GIVING REPORT 2021-2022



## Top 9 Review for 2022

Read about our Top 9 at [www.maclay.org/Top9](http://www.maclay.org/Top9)

*This list celebrates the accomplishments and steps forward for the school, our students, faculty and programs.*



### *Campus Improvements*

A New Playground  
Traffic Improvements  
Safety First on the Bleachers  
Middle School Canopy



### *One School One Community*

Marauder Day of Service  
One School Spaghetti Supper  
Homecoming & Alumni Weekend  
Guardian Ad Litem



### *Athletics*

State Championship  
A Team for All Interests  
Sports Signings  
Golf Practice Facility  
Athletic Expansion



### *Head of School Scholars*

The Head of School Scholarship



### *Center for Academic Excellence*

The CAE Renovation  
The CAE Outdoor Spaces  
Faculty Professional Development



### *Supporting Our Faculty*

Annual Auction celebrating faculty  
\$1 million Faculty Endowment



### *Performing Arts*

Expansion of Dance and Music  
in all Divisions  
String Orchestra  
Music on the Plaza



### *Visual Arts Show*

The Art Gallery  
Faculty Exhibition  
AP Art Student Spotlight  
Student Art Exhibition



### *Curriculum on Campus*

Biomedical Concentration  
Pre-K Language Wheel  
Middle School Discovery Program  
*Notes from the Underground/*  
*Andalusian*



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## MACLAY ALUMNI DIRECTORY

– An interactive search portal for alumni to connect with each other –



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college, and class year



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..... VOLUNTEER

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Search for  
classmates



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Update your news  
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*Cover:*

This cover features the remarkable Kindergarten team who all happen to be Maclay alumnae.

**Liz Morales Hunter ('08) Charter Member**

Being an alum faculty member is such an incredible experience. To look at where we started, even from my memory, to where we are now is truly remarkable. So many buildings designed to give these students such a fantastic educational experience. Though so much has changed, the love our faculty has for the students is something that has stood the test of time.

**Barbara Cairns ('87)**

I graduated in 1987. It is wonderful to teach at your alma mater because of the ties and connections. Since this is my 31st year, I have been able to work with teachers who taught me, teach children of friends I went to school with and now former student's children are coming to Maclay.

**Annie McMillan ('02)**

Being an alum and a faculty member as well as having my own three children at Maclay is a very unique and awesome experience. I love all the connections and friendships that are constantly growing. The people are what make this place so special and I love working with people who feel like family.

**Sarah Hinkle Bowersox ('99)**

The thing that stands out most to me about my time as a Maclay student is the support that I felt throughout our community. As a faculty member, the campus looks a little different, and there are a few new faces, but that feeling love and support is just the same and I am so grateful for it.





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