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Class of 2023

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Kef Wilson
REFLECTS ON 10 YEARS



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Anna Pollak, Sarah Jane Schulze,
and Ned Henneman proudly display
their college selections.
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A message from the Head of School

Dear Country Day Community,

It was Friday, October 26, 2012, when I accepted the offer to become Savannah Country Day's eighth head of school. I have clear memories of that day and particularly that evening. I was the Head of the Upper School at St. John's School in Houston, Texas, and the St. John's Mavericks football team was playing its final home game against the Kinkaid School Falcons at Rice University stadium. It was a close and hard-fought game that the Mavericks came from behind to win. At the end of the game, the St. John's student section spontaneously broke out in the School's alma mater. I remember feeling very nostalgic as I reflected on the reality that it was the last time I would be on the sidelines at an SJS-Kinkaid football game. I also recall feeling incredible excitement and anticipation about the new adventure on which I was about to embark.



At the time, my older son Eamon was in the fourth grade at Mark Twain Elementary, our neighborhood public school, and my twins, Eoin and Fiona, were in the second grade at River Oaks Elementary, a magnet school they had attended since kindergarten. Eamon, Eoin, and Fiona had never been in the same school together, and they had yet to attend a school where I worked. I was thrilled about the opportunity I had been given to lead a great school, and I was excited that, for the first time, my children and I would be in the same school (I must confess that I was a bit anxious about it, too).

A few weeks ago, with older brother Eamon already in college (he recently completed his sophomore year at Tulane University in New Orleans), Eoin and Fiona walked across the stage and received their Savannah Country Day School diplomas. They will be heading off to Georgia Tech (Eoin) and the University of Texas (Fiona), well prepared for the next phase of their lives thanks to the strong foundation they have received at Country Day.

I cannot overstate the gratitude I feel for the many teachers, coaches, and others who had a hand in the growth and development of my children.

They would not be where they are were it not for the support and commitment of dozens of caring adults along the way, beginning with Jane Mansel, Jennifer Pankey, and Betsy Sampey, their first teachers at Country Day, and continuing with so many amazing people—more than I could possibly list here. Savannah Country Day would not be the great school it is without our incredible faculty and staff; they are the lifeblood of our school.

Throughout this issue of Images, you'll see evidence of the tremendous dedication and influence of all of our faculty and staff, from the classroom and community to the athletic fields and stage. It is also evident in the wide array of college selections from the Class of 2023. During their time at Country Day, each of these 79 graduates was challenged, encouraged, and supported. They discovered interests and passions, and ultimately each made a college selection that is uniquely his or her own. I know you will join me in wishing them the best as they embrace the future with confidence, imagination, and integrity.

Sincerely,

Kef L. Wilson
Head of School

MISSION STATEMENT: The Savannah Country Day School seeks to prepare students to meet the challenges of college and of life with confidence, imagination, and integrity.



Cum Laude Induction

On April 19, Country Day inducted 17 students into the Cum Laude Society. Country Day's membership in the Cum Laude Society highlights the School's dedication to academic rigor and celebrates the scholarship and intellectual engagement of our student body. Modeled on the collegiate honor society of Phi Beta Kappa, the Cum Laude Society was founded in 1906 to recognize academic excellence in the country's most prestigious high schools. Country Day is honored to be one of the 11 chapters in the state of Georgia and the only chapter in Savannah. Congratulations to the following new inductees: Emiline Baxter, Lilla Brennan, Anna Claire Davis, Jessica Elkin, Annie Lelos, Sofia Pablo, Paawan Patel, Ella Stone, Selene Zhao, Aden Adjei, Banks Bradley, Reagan Carlson, Avi Heyman, Mason Howington, Ellie Neil, Haley Phillips, and Eoin Wilson. In addition, new Upper School faculty Dr. Anastase Gasana and Dr. Laura Santander were inducted. This year's class is joined by last year's inductees: Gracie Daters, Ned Henneman, Julia McGoldrick, Anna Pollak, Jordan Ruben, Sarah Jane Schulze, Fiona Wilson, and Alysa Young.

Rock Eagle

During late spring, fifth grade Hornets explored the wilds of the Oconee National Forest at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia. Students and teachers learned about the local habitat, paddled canoes, and interacted with all types of creatures. The science-focused, immersive experience is always a fun opportunity for students to apply classroom lessons and learn more about their local environment and the impact they can have on the natural world.



FACULTY SPEAKER SERIES

It was another successful year for Faculty Explorations, the popular speaker series hosted each winter. The weekly sessions allow attendees to revisit a classroom setting to explore a topic based on the faculty host's area of expertise. This year's sessions featured a wide spectrum of topics, including Einstein's photoelectric effect, the relationship between music and culture, the art of rhetoric and argument, a comparison of two Confederate monuments, and an exploration of genetic complexities. Thank you to organizer Adam Weber and his fellow faculty presenters, Scott Joiner, Jen Glisson, Chris Beckmann '79, and Ariane Wright. Stay tuned for the 2024 lineup of speakers and topics!



STAR Student

Congratulations to Ned Henneman, the 2023 Co-Region STAR Student! Ned earned the highest score on the SAT in a single sitting among all high school seniors in greater Savannah. He selected Upper School orchestra teacher Paula Swart as his STAR Teacher. The Professional Association of Georgia Educators sponsors the STAR student/teacher program as a way to recognize those who shine academically.



Middle School Quiz Bowl Places First in Nation

A huge congratulations to our Middle School Quiz Bowl Team on placing first in the nation at the spring 3-2-1 Tournament held by Questions Unlimited. The team competed virtually against nearly 60 teams nationwide and was thrilled to earn the #1 spot!

Front: Joey Stolba, Frank Kamaleson, Keating Taylor, Suri Desai, Sarah Kovensky. Back: Oskar Johnson-Liu, Kharis Ott. Not pictured: Obafemi Banjoko, Cameron Lotz, Aarya Patel, and Nate Pope.





Jessica Elkin
AND
Ben Templeton
SELECTED FOR
GOVERNOR'S HONORS
PROGRAM

Congratulations to Jessica Elkin and Ben Templeton on their selection for this year's Governor's Honors Program. In this highly selective summer program, over 4,100 students were nominated to the state-level competition, and nearly 1,500 of them participated in this year's state interview/audition process. The program provides high school students the opportunity to focus on a course of study that will enable them to become "global critical thinkers, innovators, and leaders."

Hornet Retirees

Best wishes to these longtime faculty and staff as they enter retirement. These four amazing Hornets have collectively accumulated almost 90 years at Country Day!

- Terri Barfield: 23 years**
Director of Admissions
- Sonja Henry: 24 years**
Advancement Office Assistant
- Laura Pirkle: 24 years**
Lower School Assistant Teacher
- DJ Queenan: 15 years**
Director of Fine & Performing Arts

Math Teams Take Top Prizes

Congratulations to the Upper School and Middle School Math Teams on an excellent showing at the Georgia Southern University Invitational Math Competition. The Junior Varsity Team of Ella An, Ally Park, Matilde Robbe, and Daisy Salyer took first place in their division, with Ally Park the first place junior varsity individual! The Middle School team of Kohki Maeda, Keating Taylor, Victoria Kang, and Grant Umbel won the second place trophy in the middle school division, and Kohki Maeda was the first place individual! Dylan Gensheimer, Evan Hay, Oskar Johnson-Liu, Ryan Lin, Charlie Cox, Olivia Kang, Cora Lee, and Gaul Polansky performed well in the middle school division. SCDS Varsity teams were represented by Aden Adjei, Aidan Eyth, Ned Henneman, Alys Young, Phil-Anthony Ajayi, Nico Dascombe, Avi Heyman, Timo Moeller, Ray Ray Jackson, Ben Yoo, Drew Salyer, and Rachi Wilson. We are proud of our Hornet Mathletes!



Mock Trial Teams Top
at Region Tournament

Congratulations to our two Mock Trial teams on an outstanding showing at the region competition. Our team of seniors Britney Brown and Paige Parsons; juniors Jessica Elkin, Henry Moretz, and Selene Zhao; sophomore Daisy Salyer; and freshmen Ivy Cay, Wills Davis, and Emily Moretz placed second of six in their region. Our team of sophomores Parker Hall, Mollie Macfadyen, and Mary Elizabeth Semones, and freshmen Charlie Glidewell, Carter Herman, Theo McGuirk, Ellie Northup, Caroline Semones, and Jiayi Zheng placed first of six in its region. In addition, Henry Moretz, Daisy Salyer, Parker Hall, Mollie Macfadyen, and Mary Elizabeth Semones won Outstanding Attorney awards, and Jessica Elkin won an Outstanding Witness award. Congratulations to these Hornets as well as faculty coaches Keith Muller and Adam Weber and attorney coaches John Northup '92, Samantha Fassett, and Greg Finch.



Multicultural Festival

Highlighting the various cultures that make up the fabric of Country Day, the Multicultural Festival is an annual event that features cuisines and activities spanning the globe! In total, twelve countries were represented by SCDS community members, including Bulgaria, Cuba, Germany, Great Britain, India, Italy, Korea, Mexico, South Africa, Switzerland, Uruguay, and Venezuela.



Faculty Conference Presenters

This spring, several faculty members presented at conferences to peers and administrators. Learning Specialists Jen Hoover and Susan Huennekens (left) led a presentation on Multisensory Learning at the SAIS Academic Support Conference, while Upper School faculty members Meg Haston and Dawn Berger (right) hosted a session on trauma impacting the workplace at the Southern Association of College Admissions Counselors.

GA PRIVATE SCHOOL TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Are you a Georgia resident?
Redirect your Georgia income tax dollars to Country Day. The Georgia Private School Tax Credit Program (APOGEE) allows tax payers to redirect tax monies to Savannah Country Day for tuition assistance for qualified students. Last year, 183 individuals and corporations participated, with SCDS receiving \$722,619 in tuition assistance funds.

Visit apogee123.org to learn more, or contact Lynette Allison, Director of Advancement, at lynetteallison@savcds.org.

\$722,619

AMOUNT RECEIVED IN 2022

183

TOTAL DONORS IN 2022



In the Spotlight

The Upper and Middle School drama departments continued to showcase their talents this spring. The Upper School presented *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Our Town*, while the Middle School presented the colorful and captivating *Cobweb Dreams*.



Each spring, the Lower School hosts a variety of gallery exhibitions and performances to showcase our younger artists' hard work and talent.



Statewide Elementary Honor Choir

Congratulations to Isabella Badea, Julia Drake, Evelyn Hoopes, Zoey Ray, and Emmett Witchel on their selection to represent Country Day at the Statewide Elementary Honor Choir in Athens. Connecting with over 250 students from around the state, they worked with clinicians to perfect five pieces of music for the large group performance.



GMEA ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA

BRAVO TO OSKAR JOHNSON-LIU (CELLO) WHO SUCCESSFULLY AUDITIONED AND MADE THE GMEA ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA.

Jazz Students Tackle *Despicable Me*

In early spring, the Upper School Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo traveled to Universal Studios Orlando for a recording session in a professional studio. The band recorded the soundtrack, voice-overs, and sound effects for a portion of the animated movie, *Despicable Me*, while SCDS Jazz Director Dave Elliott arranged the music for the band. The session provided students with a unique glimpse into the music industry and left many interested in exploring a career in music recording for TV and film.





Fine Arts Nights

The award-winning arts program at Country Day was on full display this spring with a multitude of concerts, gallery events, and student performances.

National School Chorus Award: Amanda Kronowitz and Alex Kaminsky

National School Orchestra Award: Aden Adjei and Ned Henneman

Louis Armstrong Award: Owen Haas

The Proscenium Award: Aidan Dunne and Nat Barid



FINE ARTS STUDENTS Earn 25 Scholastic Art Awards

Country Day was thrilled to have 25 student pieces honored with Scholastic Art Awards.

Gold Key: Oliver Byrne, Reagan Carlson, Wynn Denard, Molly Fountain, Jade Perrin, Anna Pollak, and Soren Watson; **Silver Key:** Oliver Byrne, Wynn Dennard (two awards), and Soren Watson.

Honorable Mentions: Oliver Byrne (two awards), Reagan Carlson, Wynn Dennard, Molly Fountain, Anne Mandel, Jade Perrin (two awards), Anna Pollak (two awards), Sarah Jane Schulze, and Soren Watson.

In addition, four students had pieces accepted into the 2023 Congressional Art Show. Congratulations to Soren Watson, Charles Doyle, Skye Horn, and Katie Horne.



Katie Horne



Jade Perrin



Oliver Bryne



Molly Fountain



Wynn Dennard



Soren Watson

ATHLETICS



Tennis

It was a record season for Varsity tennis with both teams finishing their seasons as the GHSA Class AAA State Runner-up. The girls' team went 20-3 and was named both the City Champion and the back-to-back Region Champions. The boys' team had a three-peat as the best in the Region, the City Champion, and 20-3 season. Savannah Morning News named Lamar Kirkley and Carrie Vetrovsky as the Tennis Coaches of the Year. First Team honors went to Claudia Birthisel, Henry Berg, and Jake Felser. Honorable Mentions: Lilla Brennan, Helen Culver, Skye Horn, Mary Duvall Sumner, Eliza Strong, Alys Young, Nico Dascombe, Wills Davis, Finn Taylor, Paxton Towe, and Lawson Zhou. All Region 3AAA honors included First Team Henry Berg, Nico Dascombe, and Jake Felser. Honorable Mentions: Wills Davis, Finn Taylor, Paxton Towe, and Lawson Zhou. Lamar Kirkley and Carrie Vetrovsky were both named Region Coach of the Year.



TENNIS AWARDS:

MVP: Henry Berg and Claudia Birthisel

Captains: Jake Felser and Skye Horn

Coaches' Award: Nico Dascombe and Lilla Brennan

ACE Award: Helen Culver

Sportsmanship Award: Alys Young

Teamwork Award: Eliza Strong

Head of School Award: Marshall Gerber, Anna Conley, Skye Horn, Maison Miller, and Alys Young

Scholar Athletes: Henry Berg, Nico Dascombe, Wills Davis, Luke Fountain, Marshall Gerber, Charles Glidewell, Coleman Huggins, Gabe Kaminsky, Henry Moretz, Paawan Patel, Finn Taylor, Paxton Towe, Lawson Zhou, Mary Anne Bennett, Lilla Brennan, Hannah Burt, Mary Margaret Carroll, Anna Conley, Helen Culver, Lanning Drey, Jade Flood, Skye Horn, Harlan Lerch, Anne Mandel, Ericka Ann McKeever, Maison Miller, Ellie Northup, Ria Patel, Matilde Robbe, Daisy Salyer, Caroline Semones, Mary Duvall Sumner, Addie Vetrovsky, Alys Young

2022-23 ATHLETIC AWARDS

KEN SIMPSON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD:

GRACIE DATERS AND
JAKE FELSER

In an era where moral and ethical behavior seems less important than winning in high school, these two athletes display the greatest respect for their opponents, officials, and teammates. They have both proven that they know how to win well and lose with class.

CONNIE HOUSTON SPIRIT AWARD:

MOLLY FOUNTAIN AND
JACKSON MONDY

This award is given to two individuals who have contributed the most to the atmosphere of our school. They have been a constant support for all of our teams, whether by participating on the playing field or cheering in the stands.

BILL AND CHARLENE SAUNDERS MOST VERSATILE ATHLETE AWARD:

FIONA WILSON AND
MICHAEL GRANDY

This award is given with respect to leadership, work ethic, and athletic ability in various sports for the past year. The Saunders developed the athletic program at Savannah Country Day School, and Saunders Gym and Saunders Field are named in their honor.

New Collegiate Athletes

Country Day was honored to celebrate the following athletes who will continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level:



Yenna Park
United States Military Academy
West Point
Swimming



Anna Pollak
Brown University
Track & Field



Kat Johnson
Oglethorpe University
Basketball



Owen Haas
Florida State University
Clay Target



Arden Watson
Adelphi University
Lacrosse

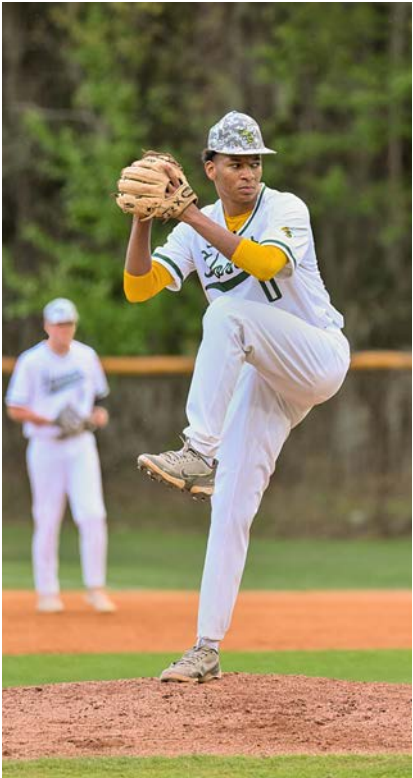


John Ryan
Brown University
Cross Country and Track & Field



Baseball

Hornet Baseball advanced to the GHSA State Playoffs in their first season in Class AAA. With a young roster and no graduating seniors, the Hornets have a bright future. Savannah Morning News named Tyler Scott to its Second Team and awarded Honorable Mentions to Brooks Kleinpeter and Garrett Lorfano. All Region 3AAA coaches named Tyler Scott to the First Team and Garrett Lorfano to the Second Team. Brooks Kleinpeter was named an Honorable Mention.



BASEBALL AWARDS:

- MVP:** Tyler Scott
- Gold Glove:** Gabe McKinney
- Silver Slugger:** Garrett Lorfano
- Cy Young Award:** Tyler Scott
- Hornet Award:** Will Paderewski and Miles Vaught
- Rookie of the Year:** Josh Washington
- Scholar Athletes:** Jackson Day, Garrett Lorfano, Will Paderewski, Corbett Salandi, Leiden van Abshoven, and Miles Vaught

Soccer

Both Varsity soccer teams enjoyed a strong season and a solid run in the GHSA state playoffs. The varsity boys' soccer team won their third consecutive Region Title and the first in Class AAA, while the girls lost a close region match in penalty kicks to finish as the Region 3AAA Runner-up. Both teams advanced to the Elite Eight round of the GHSA State Playoffs and, with many young players, look to continued growth. Savannah Morning News First Team honors included Sophia Okumu, Fiona Wilson, Madden Gerlach, Braden Heiges, and Wesley Hooker. Second Team: AC Davis and Harris Stone. Honorable Mention: Reese Bailey, Emma Bromley, Gracie Daters, Sarah Catherine Gilpin, Ella Stone, Chase Buerger, Carson Cook, Hyers Holland, and Cash Ramirez. All Region 3AAA honors included First Team Madden Gerlach, Brayden Heiges, Wesley Hooker, Sophia Okumu, and Fiona Wilson. Second Team: Carson Cook, Hyers Holland, AC Davis, and Harris Stone. Honorable Mentions: Chase Buerger, Cash Ramirez, Reese Bailey, Emma Bromley, Gracie Daters, Sarah Catherine Gilpin, and Ella Stone. In addition, Wesley Hooker was named the Offensive Player of the Year, and Michael Hincker was named the Coach of the Year. Wesley Hooker was named to the All-State First Team, and Sophia Okumu was included as an All-State Honorable Mention.



SOCCER AWARDS:

- Guerry Beam Award:** Madden Gerlach and Fiona Wilson
- MVP (boys):** Wesley Hooker
- Unsung Hero (boys):** Lane Hammond
- Coaches Award (girls):** Mary Mobley Varnedoe
- Most Improved (girls):** Sarah Catherine Gilpin
- Head of School Award:** Brayden Heiges, Roni Rosales Giron, Eoin Wilson, Gracie Daters, and Fiona Wilson
- Scholar Athletes:** Brayden Allen, Max Beamon, Chase Buerger, Jackson Chase, Nicolas Chiozza, Carson Cook, Brayden Heiges, Roni Rosales Giron, Mathias Weiland, Eoin Wilson, Ella Barrow, Emma Bromley, Gracie Daters, Anna Claire Davis, Mimi Dulany, Sarah Catherine Gilpin, CeCe Hargrove, Rebecca Kimball, Lauren Lewis, Stella Oelschig, Sophia Okumu, Ella Stone, Harris Stone, Mary Mobley Varnedoe, Lawler White, Fiona Wilson, and Emerson Wright



Golf

Both the boys' and girls' golf teams had great seasons and finished as the respective Area 2AAA Champion and Runner-Up. Both teams qualified for the GHSA State Tournament, where the girls' team finished third and the boys finished fifth. Kate Barber was the GHSA Class AAA Individual State Runner-Up, and Bryn Sorge finished sixth in the state. Neither team graduates any seniors and should be teams to watch next season. Savannah Morning News honored First Team Kate Barber, Bryn Sorge, and William Whitfield; Second Team Caden Hartley, Dallas Hunter and Andrew Messalle; and Honorable Mentions Thomas Claiborne and Hunter Goldstein.

GOLF AWARDS:

- Coaches' Award:** Hunter Goldstein and Bryn Sorge
- MVP (girls):** Kate Barber
- Most Improved (girls):** Parker Hall
- Scholar Athletes:** Brock Bettle, Hunter Goldstein, Parker Hall, Caden Hartley, Dallas Hunter, Bryn Sorge, and William Whitfield





Track & Field

The Hornets had a strong showing at the regional and sectional meets, and ten athletes qualified for the GHSA Class AAA State Meet. John Ryan was the State Runner-Up in both the 1600m and the 800m. Anna Pollak finished 6th in the 400m, and the boys' 4x800m relay team of Devin Beauchamp, Kent Burnett, Charlie Pope, and John Ryan placed 7th and set a new SCDS record. Savannah Morning News honored John Ryan with a First Team inclusion and awarded Honorable Mentions to Anna Pollak, Rooster Bing, Devin Beauchamp, Kent Burnett, KJ James, and Charlie Pope. John Ryan and Anna Pollak will both continue their track and field athletic careers at Brown University.

NEW SCHOOL RECORDS:

800m John Ryan 1:54.67
1600m John Ryan 4:18.05
3200m John Ryan 9:49.57
4x200m Noah Buchanan, Michael Grandy, Barton Mixon, KJ James 1:36.99
4x800m Boys Devin Beauchamp, Kent Burnett, Charlie Pope, John Ryan 8:34.33

TRACK & FIELD AWARDS

MVP: John Ryan and Eva Beauchamp
High Point: Eva Beauchamp
Rookie of the Year: Charlie Pope and Norine Bhuiyan
Most Improved: Devin Beauchamp and Ella Lowry

Coaches Award: Ray Ray Jackson and Anna Pollak
ACE (Attitude Commitment Effort): Kent Burnett and Sarah Jane Schulze
Captains: Anna Pollak, John Ryan, Eva Beauchamp, Sarah Jane Schulze, Ray Ray Jackson
Head of School Award: Anna Pollak, Sarah Jane Schulze
Scholar Athletes: Phil Ajayi, Devin Beauchamp, Kent Burnett, Ned Henneman, Charles Huggins, Barton Mixon, Charlie Pope, Owen Rogers, John Ryan, Andrew Semones, Eva Beauchamp, Sydney Hoye, Sophie Jaakkola, Helen Kenney, Ella Lowery, Anna Pollak, Sarah Jane Schulze, Caroline Semones, and Mary Elizabeth Semones

Lacrosse

Varsity lacrosse had a strong season with big wins over Savannah Christian, Calvary, and Richmond Hill. They finished second in the Area 8 Class A-AAAA to Benedictine and had a disappointing loss in the opening round of the GHSA State playoffs. Area 8 Class A-4A All Conference First Team included Arden Watson, Zander Paderewski, and Sawyer Tarr. Honorable Mentions: Ian Foose, Cash McCoy, James Rhodes, Sam Bueno, and Jack Lovell. Savannah Morning News First Team honors included Zander Paderewski and Arden Watson, Second Team Sawyer Tarr, and Honorable Mentions Sam Bueno, Ian Foose, Jack Lovell, Cash McCoy, and James Rhodes. Arden Watson will play collegiate lacrosse at Adelphi University.

LACROSSE AWARDS:

Erik Johnson ACE Award: Sam Bueno
Offensive MVP: Arden Watson
Defensive MVP: Sawyer Tarr
Most Improved: Carson Grady
Head of School Award: Jackson Mondy

Scholar Athletes: Hayes Beaver, Sam Bueno, Anders Elizalde, Shane Ross Glisson, Carter Herman, Charlie Kraeuter, Jack Lovell, Nik Manocha, Cash McCoy, Jackson Mondy, Jack Owen Myers, Zander Paderewski, James Rhodes, Philip Slatinsky, Sawyer Tarr, Nolan Watson, Boone Wiesner, and Thomas Wynn



Swimming

The Varsity swim season included several strong finishes at local meets and concluded with a successful trip to the GHSA Class A-AAA State Championship. Yenna Park finished 2nd in the 100 breast and 4th in the 100 free. Will Harmon finished 4th in the 500 free and 11th in the 200 free. Savannah Morning News honored both Yenna Park and Will Harmon with First Team accolades. Yenna will swim for the United States Military Academy West Point next year.

SWIMMING AWARDS

Most Valuable Swimmers: Yenna Park and Will Harmon
Most Improved Swimmers: Hillary Bunger and Paawan Patel
Coaches Award: Maria Miller and Ethan Harrison
Captains: Maria Miller, Yenna Park, Jackson Mondy, Rohan Patel
Head of School Award: Maria Miller, Yenna Park, Ethan Harrison, Ned Henneman, and Jackson Mondy
Scholar Athletes: Devin Beauchamp, Will Harmon, Ethan Harrison, Ned Henneman, Grant Hunter, Cameron MacLeod, Maria Miller, Ana Vi Miller, Jackson Mondy, McKade Neal, Yenna Park, Paawan Patel, Rohan Patel, and Sawyer Tarr



Basketball

The Varsity girls’ basketball team enjoyed a successful season finishing the season with a 22-6 record and 14-2 in the region. The girls’ season concluded with a tough loss in the GHSA State Playoffs.

The boys’ team suffered mutiple early injuries but managed several season highlights, including three wins over Savannah Christian.

The Region 3AAA coaches selected Kat Johnson and Stella Oelschig for the First Team All Region. Honorable Mention honors were awarded to Julia McGoldrick, Fiona Wilson, Michael Grandy, and Stone Wells. The Savannah Morning News selected Kat Johnson as First Team and Stella Oelschig as Second Team. Honorable Mention were Fiona Wilson, Michael Grandy, and Stone Wells. Kat Johnson was named Honorable Mention All State.

BASKETBALL AWARDS:

- Boys’ Most Outstanding Player:** Michael Grandy
- Boys’ Most Improved Player:** Dallas Hunter
- Girls’ Outstanding Offensive Player:** Kat Johnson
- Girls’ Outstanding Defensive Player:** Julia McGoldrick
- Ultimate Hornet Award:** Noah Carney and Fiona Wilson
- Head of School Award:** Noah Carney and Fiona Wilson
- Scholar Athletes:** Noah Carney, Curren Pace Godfrey-Cargile, Caden Hartley, Dallas Hunter, Timo Moeller, Nolan Watson, William Whitfield, Ayo Ajayi, Anna Claire Davis, Sarah Catherine Gilpin, Parker Hall, Kat Johnson, Feriby McCorkle, Julia McGoldrick, Sophia Myers, Stella Oelschig, Sophia Okumu, Mary Elizabeth Semones, Ella Stone, Lawler White, Fiona Wilson, and Rachi Wilson



Wrestling

Country Day was thrilled to reinstate wrestling as a Varsity program this year. The team finished second in the Region and had many great individual showings at the area and sectional competitions. Garrett Lorfano advanced to the GHSA State Championship and was named to the Savannah Morning News Honorable Mention Team.

WRESTLING AWARDS

- Most Outstanding Wrestler:** Garrett Lorfano
- Most Improved Wrestler:** Campbell Highsmith
- Scholar Athletes:** Ramon Barboa, Brock Bettie, Miles Carson, Aidan Dunne, Charlie Kraeuter, Garrett Lorfano, Jack Lovell, Thomas Wynn



Congratulations to Noah Carney and Molly Fountain—Mr. and Miss SCDS 2023! Noah and Molly were selected by their classmates and teachers as the two students who best demonstrate the spirit of SCDS in terms of their good character, positive attitude, strong academics, and exemplary extracurricular involvement. Congratulations!

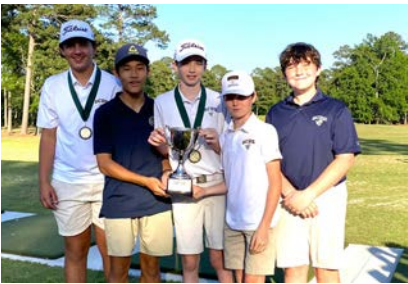
Middle School Highlights



Basketball: 5th Grade Boys SPAL Runner-Up



Basketball: 7th Grade Boys SPAL Champions



Golf: SPAL Champions



Basketball: 5th Grade Girls SPAL Champions



Basketball: 7th Grade Girls SPAL Champions



Girls’ Soccer: SPAL Champions



Basketball: 6th Grade Girls SPAL Champions



Track: 7th/8th Grade Girls SPAL Champions



Lacrosse: SCYLL Champions



COUNTRY DAY REMEMBERS Charlene Saunders

On March 14, 2023, the Country Day community lost a beloved Hornet with the passing of **Charlene Saunders** at the age of 95. Mrs. Saunders and her husband, Bill, moved to Savannah in 1958 to establish the athletic program at SCDS. During her 31 years at Country Day, Mrs. Saunders served as the Head Coach of girls' basketball, girls' track, and cheerleading, and she oversaw the P.E. department. While Mrs. Saunders' teams amassed winning records, she is best remembered for her strong bond with her athletes and as a model of integrity, grace, spirit, and grit. In 1982, the Charlene Orr Saunders Gymnasium was named in her honor.

Charlene and Bill Saunders were constant fixtures at all student events and were held in such high regard by the student body that they received two yearbook dedications and were also named the honorary Homecoming King and Queen in 1988. In addition, each spring SCDS awards the Bill and Charlene Saunders Most Versatile Athlete Award in their honor. While their legacy defined the Hornet spirit, it also extends far beyond athletics. Charlene and Bill Saunders were both compassionate and highly respected educators whose influence continues to inspire our school's approach to teaching and learning.

We extend our deepest condolences to the entire Saunders family, including children Cindy (Saunders) Kemp '72, Shan Saunders '74, Chris Saunders '76, and Russell Saunders '80.

"BILL AND CHARLENE WERE THE BUILDING BLOCKS FOR THE COUNTRY DAY ATHLETIC PROGRAM. THEY WERE GREAT LEADERS WHO LED BY EXAMPLE, AND THEIR FAITH AND COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER AND THEIR CHILDREN FORMED THE FOUNDATION FOR THEIR TEACHING AND COACHING CAREERS. WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE THEM AS ROLE MODELS AND MENTORS. THEY LEFT A LEGACY THAT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN AND ARE TRULY COUNTRY DAY LEGENDS!"

—LAMAR KIRKLEY,
LONGTIME SCDS EDUCATOR & COACH

MESSAGE FROM THE SAUNDERS FAMILY:

Dear Savannah Country Day School Family,

The Charlene Saunders Family (Cindy Kemp '72, Shan '74, Chris '76, and Russell '80) would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the shared memories, kind words, and generous donations to the Bill and Charlene Saunders Scholarship Fund following Mom's passing this past March, 2023.

We are so grateful that former Headmaster Paul Pressly and his wife Jane traveled hundreds of miles to Murray, Kentucky for the Memorial Service and truly appreciate the special memories they shared. Mom loved Savannah Country Day School and the many faculty, students, and parents who enriched her life over her 30+ years in the community.

We are humbled & proud that the SCDS Charlene Orr Saunders Gymnasium will continue to signify our mother's legacy of inspiring students through commitment, kindness, fairness, and dedication.



"When I arrived at Savannah Country Day, it was commonly said that the school was the lengthened shadow of Bill and Charlene Saunders. I quickly learned that they indeed represented the values on which this institution stands: high expectations, doing your absolute best, teamwork, integrity, compassion, and servant leadership. During my early years, they were my mentors and earned my admiration for how well they imparted those values to generations of Country Day students. Their ability to motivate young people was a wonder to behold. Today, when you ask older alums who was their most influential teacher, the names of Bill and Charlene pop up more often than not."

—Paul Pressly, Headmaster Emeritus



LOOKING BACK TO 2013, WHAT EXCITED YOU THE MOST ABOUT TAKING THE HEAD OF SCHOOL POSITION?

I was excited about two things. First, the opportunity to lead an outstanding school with a long and rich history in a beautiful city. In addition, my children would have an opportunity to get a first-rate education in a wonderful community.

WHAT SURPRISED YOU ABOUT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY?

The Country Day community was incredibly warm and welcoming to both me and my family. While that wasn't entirely surprising to me, it was to my children, and it went a long way to ease the fear and anxiety they had about the move. In fact, they still talk about it to this day!

“I have also enjoyed seeing my children juggle and successfully balance academics, athletics, and arts along the way; that has helped me appreciate the many demands on our students’ time.”



WHAT ARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST TEN YEARS?

While there have been many highlights, I think the two things I am most proud of are the way our school handled the pandemic and the completion of Mingledorff Hall.

Throughout the pandemic, everyone—from our faculty, nursing staff, and facilities team to our students and parents—did what they needed to do to keep school operating in-person. If we had to do it all over again (and I hope we don't have to!), I can think of very few things I would do differently.

Head of School Kef Wilson Reflects on 10 Years

During the summer of 2013, Kef Wilson and his family moved to Savannah, and he became Country Day's eighth head of school. During his tenure, enrollment has grown, curricular offerings have expanded, and the School has embarked on an exciting capital campaign that has raised over \$20 million to date. In the following Q & A, we asked him to reflect on his time at SCDS and his vision for the future.



Meanwhile, the opening of Mingledorff Hall in the fall of 2022 was, for me, the most exciting moment in my ten years at Country Day. This state-of-the-art building has significantly enhanced teaching and learning, not to mention daily life, for current and future generations of Upper School students and faculty. I could not be more grateful to the many donors, including the Mingledorff family, who made it happen.

AS A PARENT OF THREE SCDS GRADUATES, HOW HAS THE PARENT ROLE COMPLEMENTED YOUR LEADERSHIP ROLE?

It has given me a very helpful lens through which to view the School, and an even greater appreciation for our incredible faculty and staff and the quality of the education our school provides.

“Above all, we need to make sure that we continue to deliver on our promise to successfully prepare our students for college and life.”

I have also enjoyed seeing my children juggle and successfully balance academics, athletics, and arts along the way; that has helped me appreciate the many demands on our students' time. I have had the added pleasure of getting to know many wonderful Country Day families as we have watched our children learn and grow together.

YOU HAVE BEEN A TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR IN INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS FOR 34 YEARS. WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU SEEN, AND WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS TODAY?

Without question, the biggest change has been the dramatic increase in selectivity among both private colleges and universities and many of the state universities, including the two flagship institutions here in Georgia. When I graduated from high school in the eighties, the University of Georgia—like the University of Texas in my home state—was accessible to the vast majority of students from schools like Savannah Country Day. Even as recently as ten years ago, UGA accepted more than half of their applicants. The acceptance rate is now down below 40%. While there are still many colleges and universities that accept more than 50% of their applicants,



that increased selectivity has led to a comparable increase in student (and parent) stress and anxiety, not just about the college application process, but in general. Students are more concerned than ever about their grades, standardized test scores, and making sure they have a robust list of extracurricular activities.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS AND PRIORITIES IN THE YEARS AHEAD?

As I mentioned before, the demands and pressures on our students are exponentially greater than when I was in school. Couple that with the influence of social media, and it's no surprise that we have seen an increase in student mental health concerns nationwide. Fostering a stronger sense of community, belonging, and student support is key to our mission and a top priority in the years ahead. Other priorities include continuing to assess and improve campus security, continuing to do everything we can to recruit and retain good teachers, growing our endowment and other non-tuition sources of revenue to reduce our reliance on tuition, and continuing to create new and interesting opportunities (in academics, arts, and athletics) for our students. Above all, we need to make sure that we continue to deliver on our promise to successfully prepare our students for college and life. ■



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CONTACT LYNETTE ALLISON TO DISCUSS LEAVING A LEGACY AT SAVANNAH COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL.

912-961-8825 | LYNETTEALLISON@SAVCDS.ORG

Anonymous (2)
Donna Ratchford Adamson '75
Marge Arnsdorff '64 and Family
Gus Bell
Jeff Bolch '66 & Ellen Bolch
Diane & Byron Boyd



"I want to ensure future generations of Hornets receive the same extraordinary experience. I have named Country Day in my estate plans, and I hope you will consider joining me."

LAMAR KIRKLEY
Heritage Society Chairman

Malcolm Butler '76 & Julia Butler
Christopher Cay '92 & Emily Cay
Billings & John Cay

Mimi Harben Daniel Cay '61
Mei-Yin Cheng
Dolly Chisholm '77 & Graham Sadler
Alva & Chip Compton
Dottie Courington '68
Lena Cowan
Robbie Hoffman Culver '64 & Eddie Culver '62
Carol Fulenwider Elliott '68
Sharon & Bill Eswine
*Catherine & Ron Fagin
Ned Gay '62 & Kim Gay
Lynn Goodman
Catherine Myrick Gussler '80 & Joe Gussler
Kathie & Brian Harlander
Susan & Wade Herring
Austin Hill '97
Kathy Horne & Carl Pedigo
*Connie Houston
Marcia & Clyde Hull
Sally & Charles Jackson
John Kennedy '79 & Boo Kennedy
Nita Ann Knight Klein '77
GeeGee & Lamar Kirkley
Rita & *Andy Labrot

*Bob Lawhon
Charles Leggette '59
Curtis Lewis '70 & Carol Lewis
Wistar Lewis '73 & Lynn Lewis
Jenny Stanley Long '78
*Julia Martin
David Mason '69
Cathy & Ben Massey
Pam McCaslin
Graham McGoldrick '76
Julia Mikell
*Bob Minis
Camille & Howard Morrison
Ted Muller
George Oelschig '72
Jonathan Pannell '96 & Kimberly Pannell
Jane & Paul Pressly
Mr. Robert D. Reid III '66
Allan Reynolds '77 & Beverley Reynolds
Peter Schmidt '66 & Rence Schmidt
Magdaline & Tommy Sideris
Ethelyn Simpson '76
Patty Inglesby Thomas '44
*Deceased



The Class of 2023 is composed of 79 unique graduates who collectively earned admission to 110 colleges and universities in 33 states and the District of Columbia.

They were offered scholarships totaling more than \$7 million from all admitting colleges—in addition to the HOPE awards—and they also enjoyed significant results from our two state flagship universities, UGA and Georgia Tech. 60% of our applicants earned admission at Georgia, while 61.5% were admitted at Tech.

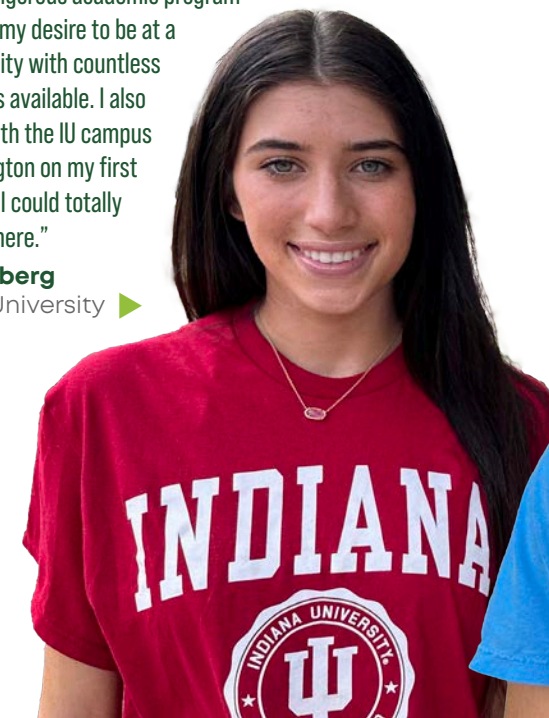
These students were determined to find their best college “fit”—a journey that led them to consider a wide range of factors, including program of study, geography, school size, cost, and culture. And although they are unified by their shared Country Day foundation, each one embraced the experience in a unique way, and in doing so, discovered individual passions and interests. From large public universities to small liberal arts colleges, each selected a match that felt comfortable, exciting, and uniquely theirs.

We are immensely proud of their time at Country Day and celebrate their next chapter.



“I chose Indiana University because of the diverse and rigorous academic program it offers and my desire to be at a large university with countless opportunities available. I also fell in love with the IU campus and Bloomington on my first visit and felt I could totally see myself there.”

Mia Goldberg
Indiana University ▶



“I chose SMU because it was the perfect size for me to balance my academic and social life while maintaining a good relationship with my teachers.”

Nicholas Eskandar
Southern Methodist University ◀



The Savannah Country Day School Class of 2023 will attend:

Aden Adjei

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Phil-Anthony Ajayi

Case Western Reserve University

Phil-Isabelle Ajayi

New York University

Nat Barid

Georgia Southern University

Lily Barton

Wofford College

Claudia Birthisel

Texas Christian University

Banks Bradley

University of Virginia

Britney Brown

George Washington University

Alli Lane Buckler

Wake Forest University

Reagan Carlson

Parsons School of Design at the New School

Noah Carney

University of Georgia

Michael Clifton

Kennesaw State University

Anna Conley

University of Georgia

Taylor Conley

University of Georgia

Madalyn Cox

Georgia Southern University

Gracie Daters

Washington and Lee University

Keeley Daughtry

Georgia Southern University

Nicholas Eskandar

Southern Methodist University

Aidan Eyth

Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University

Jake Felser

Georgia College

Ruby Fleetwood

Georgia College

Molly Fountain

Auburn University

Melanie Fox

Gap Year

Marshall Gerber

University of Georgia

Mia Goldberg

Indiana University

Carson Grady

High Point University

Michael Grandy

Proctor Academy

Owen Haas

Florida State University

Lane Hammond

Georgia Southern University

Ethan Harrison

Union College

Liv Hecht

Auburn University

Brayden Heiges

The University of Pittsburgh

Ned Henneman

Vanderbilt University

Avi Heyman

Duke University

Skye Horn

Auburn University

Katie Horne

Auburn University

Mason Howington

University of Georgia

Chase Huggins

Emory University

Rowan Indgjer

Berklee College of Music

Sophia Jenkins

Ithaca College

Kat Johnson

Oglethorpe University

Alex Kaminsky

New York University

Maya King

Georgia Institute of Technology

Amanda Kronowitz

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Peyton Lewis

Auburn University

Logan Lin

Rollins College

Julia McGoldrick

Clemson University

Maison Miller

Auburn University

María Miller

Clemson University

Jackson Mondy

Auburn University

Amani Mouna

Augusta University

Sloan Mullins

Savannah College of Art and Design

Ellie Neil

Elon University

Yenna Park

United States Military Academy at West Point

Paige Parsons

Georgia Institute of Technology

Leyla Patel

University of Virginia

Jade Perrin

American University

Haley Phillips

University of Georgia

Anna Pollak

Brown University

Anslee Poppell

University of Georgia

Maddox Rahimi

Louisiana State University

Adrian Remington

University of North Georgia

Owen Rogers

Clemson University

Roni Rosales Giron

Clemson University

Jordan Ruben

Georgia Institute of Technology

John Ryan

Brown University

Sarah Jane Schulze

Duke University

Ben Sentman

Florida Institute of Technology

Stone Spivey

Auburn University

Eliza Stubbs

University of Georgia

Lily Tran

Agnes Scott College

Arden Watson

Adelphi University

Soren Watson

University of Miami

Olivia Wells

University of Georgia

Lawler White

University of Georgia

Davis Wilkes

University of Georgia

Eoin Wilson

Georgia Institute of Technology

Fiona Wilson

The University of Texas

Alysa Young

University of Georgia

“I selected UVA because of its ‘work hard play hard’ mentality. Just like at Country Day, University of Virginia wants to see you become successful, while also being able to enjoy yourself and become enriched in the school spirit and campus culture.”

Leyla Patel

University of Virginia

“I am excited to attend Georgia Tech because I can further explore my interests in math, science, and engineering, all while living in a vibrant city close to Savannah.”

Jordan Ruben

Georgia Tech

“I chose Vanderbilt because the strong programs in both STEM and music will allow me to continue pursuing two fields that I am equally passionate about. I look forward to meeting so many hardworking people who are interested in a variety of different subjects.”

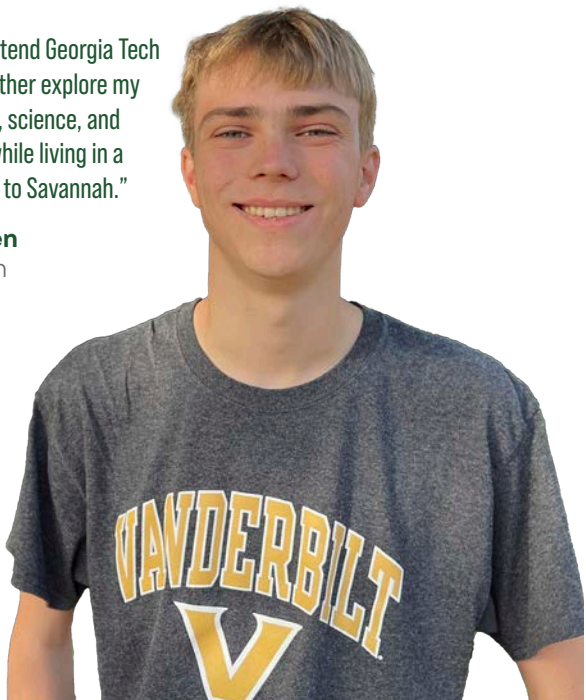
Ned Henneman

Vanderbilt University

“I’ve loved Wake Forest ever since I stepped foot on campus for the first time; it’s always felt like home. I’m excited to attend because I know after attending SCDS, I’m equipped to handle anything they throw my way!”

Alli Buckler

Wake Forest University



“NYU is located in a city filled with boundless opportunities, and it also embraces a culture centered around hard work and responsibility. I feel that in an environment like this, I can challenge myself in ways that I have never been able to before.”

Phil-Isabelle Ajayi

New York University

The Savannah Country Day School Class of 2023 was accepted to the following colleges and universities:

Adelphi University
Agnes Scott College (3 students accepted)
American University (2)
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Auburn University (22)
Augusta University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Berklee College of Music
Berry College
Brandeis University
Brenau University
Brown University (2)

“I fell in love with MIT’s engineering resources and hands-on mindset. This, combined with an innovative vibe that matched my own, made me decide to go to MIT.”

Aden Adjei
Massachusetts Institute of Technology



“I look forward to attending the United States Military Academy because I can’t wait to grow as a person and see where life takes me.”

Yenna Park (Swimming)
United States Military Academy

Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University (2)
Centre College
Clemson University (10)
College of Charleston (5)
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Davidson College
DePaul University
Duke University (2)
Eckerd College (2)
Elon University (3)
Emory University (2)
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University (2)
Furman University (4)
George Washington University
Georgia College (7)
Georgia Institute of Technology (8)

Georgia Southern University (8)
Georgia Southwestern State University
Georgia State University
Gettysburg College
High Point University (2)
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Indiana University (Bloomington) (2)
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Kansas State University
Kennesaw State University (5)
Lees-McRae College
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago (2)
Loyola University New Orleans
Marist College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mercer University (17)
Mississippi State University
Montana State University
Muhlenberg College
New York University (2)
Northeastern University
Oberlin College
Oglethorpe University
Pace University (New York City)
Parsons School of Design at The New School
Penn State University (University Park) (2)

Rhodes College (2)
Rollins College (2)
Samford University (2)
Savannah College of Art & Design (3)
Sewanee: The University of the South (3)
Southern Methodist University (5)
Stetson University (2)
SUNY at Purchase College
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University (6)
The New School
The Ohio State University
The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University
The University of Alabama (13)
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville) (2)
The University of Texas at Austin
Union College
United States Military Academy at West Point

“I chose this school due to it being one of the best in the biomedical field, as well as the on-campus opportunities that it offered, and it did not hurt that the campus was stunning. One of the on-campus opportunities that drew me was a class in which you get to work with a person with disabilities and design a machine or other innovation that would be able to help them in their daily lives.”

Avi Heyman
Duke University

University of Central Florida
University of Colorado Boulder (3)
University of Colorado Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Florida (3)
University of Georgia (24)
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky (4)
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Massachusetts (Boston)
University of Miami (2)
University of Minnesota (2)
University of Mississippi (12)
University of Missouri (Columbia) (2)
University of New England
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte (2)
University of North Georgia
University of Notre Dame



University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh (2)
University of Richmond (4)
University of South Carolina (11)
University of Vermont (2)
University of Virginia (5)
University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Valdosta State University
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (2)
Wake Forest University (3)
Washington and Lee University
Wesleyan College (2)
West Virginia University
Winthrop University
Wofford College (3)

“I look forward to attending Brown University because of its excellent academics, as well as the opportunity to be a part of the track and field team. I am excited to be surrounded by some of the most talented and hardworking people who will motivate me to do my best.”

Anna Pollak (Track & Field)
Brown University

The Class of 2023 was offered over \$7 million in scholarships—in addition to HOPE Scholarships.

Bold letter indicates accepted scholarships.

Phil-Anthony Ajayi

Baylor University Scholarship
Case Western Reserve Scholarship
Loyola University Chicago Damen Scholarship
University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning Achievement Scholarship
University of Oregon Summit Scholarship

Banks Bradley

Auburn University Academic Presidential Scholarship

Alli Lane Buckler

Furman University Scholarship
Samford University Scholarship
University of Alabama Scholarship

Anna Conley

SMU Distinguished Scholar
TCU Founders Scholarship

“I chose UGA because it has the best balance between academics and social life out of all the colleges I applied to. UGA provides its students with connections and opportunities like no other.”

Noah Carney

University of Georgia ▼

University of Mississippi Academic Merit Scholarship
University of Alabama Out-of-State Capstone Scholarship
University of South Carolina Scholarship

Taylor Conley

SMU Distinguished Scholar
TCU Deans Scholarship
University of Mississippi Academic Merit Scholarship/
NR Scholarship
University of South Carolina Scholarship
Auburn University Academic Heritage Scholarship

Aidan Eyth

Johns Hopkins University Premier Talent Scholarship

Ruby Fleetwood

Agnes Scott College Agnes Assurance Scholarship
Centre College Founders Scholarship
Eckerd College Academic Presidential Scholarship
Lees-McRae College Pinnacle Merit Scholarship
Rhodes College Award Scholarship
Sewanee Ecce Quam Bonum Award
Wesleyan College Trustee Scholarship
Wofford College Merit Scholarship

Molly Fountain

Auburn University Academic Heritage Scholarship

Clemson University Scholar
Sewanee Ecce Quam Bonum Award
TCU Faculty Scholarship
University of Tennessee Volunteer Scholarship
University of Mississippi Academic Merit/Academic Merit NR Scholarships

Carson Grady

Furman University Bell Tower Scholarship
High Point University Scholar Award
High Point University United Methodist Higher Education Foundation

Michael Grandy

Arizona State University W.P. Carey Scholarship
Kansas State University Inspirational Award Scholarship
Penn State Scholarship

Owen Haas

Auburn University Academic Heritage Scholarship

Ethan Harrison

Colorado State University Green and Gold Scholarship
Union College Merit Scholarship
University of Vermont Presidential Scholarship

Ned Henneman

Case Western Reserve University Scholarship
Case Western Reserve University Music Achievement Scholarship
Davidson College Music Scholarship
Oberlin College Commitment Scholarship
Oberlin College John F. Oberlin Scholarship
Oberlin Conservatory Dean Scholarship
University of Richmond Presidential Scholarship
Vanderbilt University Academic Achievement Scholarship

Avi Heyman
Duke University Charles E. Daily Scholarship

Skye Horn

Auburn University Academic Heritage Scholarship
College Of Charleston Merit Scholarship
Elon University Presidential Scholarship
Southern Methodist University Second Century Scholar

Rowan Indgjer

Belmont University Merit Scholarship
Berklee College of Music World Tour Scholarship
Loyola University Provost's Scholarship and Crescent City Scholarship

Amanda Kronowitz

College of Charleston Scholarship
DePaul University Presidential Scholarship
Elon University Engagement Scholarship
Gettysburg College David Wills Scholarship
Hobart and William Smith Colleges Centennial Center for Leadership Award
Muhlenburg College Presidential Merit Scholarship

Logan Lin

Furman University Scholarship
Mercer University Scholarship
Rollins College Achievement Scholarship

“I chose Duke because I loved the unique opportunities that the school offers within my Biology major, as well as the supportive environment and beautiful campus”

Sarah Jane Schulze
Duke University ►

Julia McGoldrick
Clemson University Charles E. Little Scholarship

University of Tennessee Volunteer Scholarship

Maison Miller

Auburn University Academic Heritage Scholarship
Auburn University Chemical Engineering Departmental Scholarship
Auburn University Diaco and Angela Aviki Endowed Scholarship
Mercer University Merit Scholarship
University of South Carolina Merit Scholarship
University of South Carolina TLV for STEAM
Excellence Endowed Scholarship

Amani Mouna

Agnes Scott College Scholarship
Mercer University Merit Scholarship

Haley Phillips

Auburn University Academic Heritage Scholarship
University of Alabama Academic Merit Scholarship
University of South Carolina Merit Scholarship

Owen Rogers

Auburn University Academic Heritage Scholarship
Berry College Academic Scholarship
University of Mississippi Academic Merit/Academic Merit NR Scholarships

University of Missouri Columns Award Scholarship

Sarah Jane Schulze

Charleston College Merit Scholarship
William and Mary Monroe Scholar

Ben Sentman

Florida Institute of Technology Panther Fund Academic Scholar

Soren Watson

High Point University Presidential Scholarship
Loyola University of Chicago Dean's Scholarship
Mercer University Merit Scholarship

Lawler White

Auburn University True Blue Scholarship
Furman University Bell Tower Scholarship
Mercer University Merit Scholarship
Rhodes College Diehl Scholarship
Rhodes College Grant
University of South Carolina Academic Scholar Merit Award

Fiona Wilson

University of Georgia Charter Scholarship
University of Texas at Austin ACS Award
Wake Forest University Scholarship

“I went to Berklee's five-week summer program in 2021, and I fell in love with the teachers, campus, and curriculum. It is arguably the best music education one can get in the country, including study abroad opportunities at their campus in Valencia. Berklee is also one of the few schools that I found that offered a Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy, which I have already decided will be my major.”

Rowan Indgjer

Berklee College of Music
◀



Legacy Families



Yancey Bradley, Banks Bradley '23, Dan Bradley '25, and Dan Bradley '90*.



Jason Wells '88, Olivia Wells '23, Mandi Wells, and Stone Wells '26.



Margaret (Austin) Gross '11, Elizabeth Austin '08, Sarah Jane Schulze '23, Donna Schulze, and Richard Schulze '80.



Joe T. Stubbs '85, Eliza Stubbs '23, Greta Stubbs '26, and Emily Stubbs. Not pictured: Ella Stubbs '19.



Gracie Henneman '25, Ted Henneman, Ned Henneman '23, Amy (Parr) Henneman '86, and Bonnie Henneman '19.



Gabe Kaminsky '24, Amy Kaminsky, Alex Kaminsky '23, Adam Kaminsky '91*, and Tanner Kaminsky '28.



Jesse Ruben, Jordan Ruben '23, Elana Ruben '26, and Degi (Stein) Ruben '92.



Lee Wilkes '89, Davis Wilkes '23, Lisa Wilkes, and Connor Wilkes.



Avi Heyman '23, Michelle (Haysman) Heyman '89, Kevin Heyman '85*, and Elijah Heyman. Not pictured: Harold Heyman '62.



Peter Kronowitz '17, Rachel Kronowitz '78, Amanda Kronowitz '23, Lowell Kronowitz '81*, and Hilary Kronowitz. Not pictured: Jack Kronowitz '15*.



Becka (Nash) Sentman '88, Ben Sentman '23, Jess Sentman '18, and Jamie Sentman.

*denotes Class Associate



Robert (standing) with father Bob James

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD:

Robert James II, Class of 1988

Robert James leverages his experiences in banking, law, real estate development, and consulting to provide the building blocks to financial freedom at Carver Financial Corporation, and its main operating subsidiary, Carver State Bank.



Robert James is currently the President and CEO of Carver Financial Corporation, the only Black-owned multibank holding company in the United States, with Carver State Bank of Savannah, and newly acquired Alamerica Bank in Birmingham, Alabama as its main operating subsidiaries. In addition, he is serving his second term as the Chairman of the National Bankers Association and sits on the FDIC's Advisory Committee on Community Banking and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council. Robert James has testified before Congress on several occasions as an advocate for minority-owned depository institutions, been interviewed by national press outlets like NPR's Marketplace (among others), and helped minority-owned, community-serving financial institutions grow in assets and invest in the underserved communities that need it most.

Upon graduating from Country Day, Robert attended Howard University and received his J.D. from Harvard. He began his career at the law firm of Troutman Sanders, specializing in Government-Business Transactions, and later spent four years as principal and general

counsel with Diversiplex, a management-consulting firm that helped Fortune 500 companies and government agencies meet critical challenges in supplier diversity. He was a partner at Golden Holley James LLP, where he documented and closed over \$25 billion in public finance transactions, and is also the founder and owner of Coastal Legacy Group, a real estate development and consulting company that focuses on bringing sustainable development to underserved communities, providing needed goods and services, as well as employment and small business support.

He joined the team at Carver State Bank in 2000 as its Director of Strategic Initiatives and has served in a variety of capacities throughout his tenure. While many banks crumbled during the 2008 recession, Carver State weathered the storm and has grown while still holding true to the bank's mission to provide the building blocks of financial freedom to those who are underserved by larger, majority banking institutions.

YOU HAVE LEVERAGED YOUR EXPERIENCES IN BANKING, LAW, REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSULTING TO POSITIVELY IMPACT COMMUNITIES THAT ARE OFTEN OVERLOOKED. CAN YOU GIVE EXAMPLES OF THE CHANGES YOU HAVE SEEN IN SPECIFIC MARKETS?

Carver is almost 100 years old, and we're proud of the difference we've made in Savannah and communities all over Georgia. We've been able to help so many people, in big and small ways. For example, we used federal tax credits and other financing to help build a new Boys and Girls Club in Augusta, serving thousands of kids every year, but we also made a loan to our fellow Hornet, Joseph Conyers, to help him purchase his very first professional performance instrument, and he's now the lead bassist for the Philadelphia Orchestra. In between, we've helped countless small businesses create jobs, and individuals afford to buy their first homes.



Robert and Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook

Robert and family



HOW DID CARVER STATE BANK AVOID THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN OF 2008 WHILE SO MANY OTHER BANKS FAILED? WHAT ARE THE KEYS TO ITS SUCCESS AND GROWTH?

Honestly, the lion's share of the credit goes to my dad, Bob James. He's been president of Carver State Bank since he was 25 years old, and he just had really good judgment. The 2008 crisis was caused by weakness in the housing market, and he had pulled us back from that business nearly five years before the collapse. So when other small banks across Georgia were failing because they were too exposed, we were able to open a new branch and expand.

We've had a fundamentally conservative approach to the basics of banking, but we have also not been afraid to be innovative and creative in leveraging new resources, like federal New Markets Tax Credits, or the Georgia State Small Business Credit Initiative, to make sure that communities that need capital can get that support from our bank. Now we plan to bring that same approach to the bank in Alabama.

Upon graduating from Country Day, Robert attended Howard University and received his J.D. from Harvard.



Robert and FDIC Chairman Martin Gruenberg



Robert addressing the National Bankers Association

YOU CURRENTLY SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL BANKERS ASSOCIATION AND A MEMBER OF THE FDIC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY BANKING. LOOKING AHEAD, WHERE DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE INDUSTRY IN 10 YEARS?

With the recent failures of Silicon Valley Bank, Signature Bank, and First Republic, and high interest rates, we are at a crossroads in the community banking space. Fundamentally, we need to educate the public that smaller, community banks like Carver and Alamerica are strong and safe places for people and businesses to keep their deposits. We need our partners in the regulatory agencies and federal and state officials to do everything they can to support community banks. Without community banks, small businesses, which employ something like 80% of Americans, will have a harder time accessing capital. The American banking system is the best in the world because we don't just have giant banks, but we also have community banks where people can have a relationship. That must be preserved.

WHAT ROLE HAVE RELATIONSHIPS PLAYED IN YOUR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS?

Relationships have been critical to any successes I may have had. Starting with my family, including my dad (who is now my boss!), but also my mom and my sisters, I've always had support. I've met people along the way, whether at SCDS, Howard, Harvard Law, or various jobs, who have been sources of advice, referrals, and even become customers.

“If you lean into what you're good at, you'll not only find success, but you'll also be fulfilled.”



Robert and Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell



Robert and Mark Kahn '88 on a bike trip in Burgundy, France

LOOKING BACK AT YOUR TIME AT SCDS, HOW DID YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH TEACHERS AND CLASSMATES SHAPE YOUR EXPERIENCE?

The relationships I built at SCDS were genuine and have lasted. I still keep in touch with many of my 1988 classmates, through social media and in real life! Friends like Noel Rosengart, Mark Kahn, Drew Corbett, Laura (Worley) Bieze, and Charles Maxell have stayed a part of my life. I was so touched that Denton Stone and Mark Lebos joined my family for dinner the night before I received the award, and that Drew, Denton, Mark, Lisa (Silvers) Kaminsky, Emily Danzig, and Tracey (Cannon) London showed up for the assembly! It was awesome to speak to Leigh (Small) Beauchamp's class and to see Sarah (Greenberg) Kovensky on campus. Charles Maxell, who would have graduated with us if his family hadn't moved just before senior year, is my daughter's godfather, and I am his son's. Last summer, Mark and I went on a cycling tour with some mutual friends in France. A couple of years ago, my daughter won an award at her school that was named for Laura's mom. The interconnectedness has been astounding.



Lauren and Robert James at Lauren's Westminster graduation

YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER HEADING TO COLLEGE IN THE FALL. WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR THE CLASS OF 2023?

I'm super proud of my daughter, who is planning to attend the University of California, Berkeley in the fall. My advice for her, and all the members of the Class of 2023, is to lean into your strengths. We all need to make money to live, but you don't want to be miserable doing it. The pace of change has accelerated with the advent of artificial intelligence and other dynamics. But the advice is still the same: it's really important to figure out where your personal strengths lie, and pursue those things. You can find people who make up for areas you're not as strong in, but if you lean into what you're good at, you'll not only find success, but you'll also be fulfilled. ■



Back row: Mark Lebos '88, Emily Danzig '88, Lisa (Silvers) Kaminsky '88, Sarah (Greenberg) Kovensky '88, and Drew Corbett '88
Front row: Tracey (Cannon) London '88, Leigh (Small) Beauchamp '88, Robert James '88, and Denton Stone '88

Class notes



Our goal is for alumni to get involved and stay connected.

If you have recently moved or relocated, please update your address by visiting savcds.org/alumni. For more information, please contact Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85, Director of Alumni Relations, at 912.961.8849 or pinckney@savcds.org. And don't forget to follow the Hornet Alumni network on social media.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE?

The Class Representative Program deepens and expands alumni engagement by strengthening the bond between Savannah Country Day and its alumni.

If you would like to serve or know someone who would like to volunteer alongside you, please email Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85 at pinckney@savcds.org.

1958

Your 65-year reunion is approaching! Make plans to attend Hornet Homecoming Weekend on September 22-23. The Alumni Office will host an Alumni Homecoming Cocktail Party before the game on Friday night, followed by milestone reunion parties on Saturday.

Help build momentum for your 65-year reunion by joining your Reunion Committee! You have the best insight into the kind of celebration your classmates would enjoy, making a real difference in the quality of the occasion for everyone. For more information, contact Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85 at pinckney@savcds.org.

1959

On January 19, **Susan (Train) Fearon '65** and **Dale Thorpe** dropped by Mingledorff Hall for the opening reception of "The Faces of Innocence," a collection of work by renowned National Geographic Magazine photographer Steve McCurry. McCurry's photographs embrace global cultural differences and highlight the commonalities that we possess as human beings.



1963

Your 60-year reunion is approaching! A message from your reunion committee: "We are excited to see as many of you from The Great Class of 1963 as can be with us on the weekend of September 22-24! Make your reservations and travel arrangements now. We hope everyone will attend the Alumni Homecoming Cocktail Party and game at SCDS on Friday night. On Saturday, we will have an Oyster Roast and Shrimp Boil at Jane's in Bluffton. Then we will gather again for brunch on Sunday at Jay's on Wilmington Island. More details to follow! xoxoxo" For more information, contact **Mollie (Wheeler) Stone** at molliewstone@gmail.com, **Jane (Hancock) Long** at ewojane@gmail.com, **Jay Miller** at wilmington802@yahoo.com, or **Barrie (Myrick) Bradley** at barriescardinobradley@gmail.com.

1965

Larry Trusdell retired in 2013 after a long career as a lawyer. After graduating from the University of Chicago Law School, Larry worked in corporate transactions at Mayer Brown, a leading global law firm. Subsequently, he held positions in the North American legal group of The General Electric Company, a major London-based industrial conglomerate; those positions included serving as General Counsel and Secretary of Videojet Technologies, Inc., a high-tech manufacturer with global operations.

After that, Larry was Vice President, Law, and Corporate Secretary at W.W. Grainger, Inc., a worldwide supplier of maintenance, repair, and operating products with 2014 sales of \$10 billion. Larry concluded his legal career as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of FreightCar America, Inc., a major North American railcar manufacturer. Larry spent over 25 years on the board of directors of the oldest nonprofit organization in the U.S. dedicated to fighting eating disorders. He has also worked as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.

Since his retirement, Larry and his wife Judith have divided their time between their homes in the Chicago area and the Gulf Coast of Florida. They enjoy international travel, with post-retirement destinations including Australia, China, Egypt, Europe, India, New Zealand, South America, and Turkey. Larry played in R&B bands well into his fifties, when he finally put away his guitar and microphone to preserve his hearing and what remains of his dignity. His hobbies also include reading and cycling.

1968

Your 55-year reunion is approaching! Make plans to attend Hornet Homecoming Weekend on September 22-23. The Alumni Office will host an

Alumni Homecoming Cocktail Party before the game on Friday night, followed by milestone reunion parties on Saturday. Help build momentum for your 55-year reunion by joining your Reunion Committee! For more information, contact **Carol Elliott** at elliott1950@icloud.com or Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85 at pinckney@savcds.org.

1971

Will Burgstiner and Anna (Daughtry) Burgstiner '72 at Anna's 50-year Reunion Class Party on April 1.



1972

Members of the Class of '72 report: "The Class of '72 celebrated its 50th Reunion in April. Thirty-two classmates attended one event or another. We met informally on Friday night at The Wyld. The weather was pluperfect, and libations and food were plentiful.

Saturday was all-hands-on-deck at the beautiful home of **Nancy and David '73 Solana**, where we also celebrated our 25th reunion in 1997, just after they had moved in! For many, this was the first reunion in about 10 or more years. We were thrilled with the turnout.

A special part of Saturday evening was remembering three classmates we lost in the last few years. **Jay Blackburn, Beth (Weeks) Sellers, and Bill Oliver** were honored as a candle was lit for each of them, and we gave thanks for their lives. We were especially pleased to have Claudette Oliver attend, and she reminded us how special SCDS was to Bill, who recalled football plays with great precision years after we graduated! The girls in our class had supported Beth for months during her struggle with cancer, and Jay will never be forgotten. In a class as small as ours—fifty-two classmates—friendships were strong, and memories were lasting. The loss of our friends, even years after we graduated, was heartfelt, and they were certainly with us in spirit.

We are (mostly retired) doctors, lawyers (lotta thosel!), bankers, teachers, IT geniuses, entrepreneurs, artists, EMTs, military high-ups, CEOs, retailers, pilots, realtors, food purveyors, businesspeople, mothers, fathers, and grandparents.

Immense thanks to **Cindy (Saunders) Kemp** for chairing the planning committee, **Barbara (Craighead) Crotzer, Sue (Anderson) Strickland, Nelle (Straight) Hall, Susan Hungerpiller, Nancy (Lebey) Solana, and Kacey (Jones) Ratterree**, and to **Nancy and David Solana** for hosting not only the gatherings but also three classmates for the entire weekend."

See page 54 for photos from the reunion weekend.

1973

Your 50-year reunion is approaching! A message from your class representative, **Libby (Morris) Kingston**: "The Class of 1973 will celebrate our 50th Reunion on Saturday, September 23, at Reeve Cottage on Tybee. All classmates from Pre-K to 12th grade are invited, whether you were with us for one year



or 14 or anywhere in between. We would love any and all input, suggestions, and help! The Alumni Office will host an Alumni Homecoming Cocktail Party before the game on Friday, September 22. See you in September!" For more information, contact Libby at thelib4@aol.com.

1976

With great sadness, the Alumni Office reports the death of alumnus **Frank Tatum Kehoe**, who passed away on March 28, 2023.



1977

Sally (Altman) Bradshaw writes: "Grandson, **Hunter Brigdon '32** walked away with a first-place win for Super Sporting in the Meadows Junior Blast at Meadows Clay Sports! We could not be any prouder of him!"

1978

Your 45-year reunion is approaching! **Lou (Lufburrow) Stewart** writes, "Plans are underway for our 45-year Class Reunion. Help and ideas are most appreciated. Please contact me at lou.stewart@comcast.net and make plans to attend the Alumni Homecoming Cocktail Party and game on Friday, September 22."

1979



This past February, **Chris Beckmann** joined Country Day's Faculty Explorations speaker series with his lecture, "Memory and Lost Causes: A Tale of Two Monuments." Chris examined the distinct histories

behind two prominent Civil War sculptures in our state: the monument to the Confederate dead in Forsyth Park and the large relief carving of three Confederate leaders on Stone Mountain near Atlanta. In April, he delivered this same lecture at the Savannah Yacht Club as part of its lecture series.

1983

Your 40-year reunion is approaching! It's hard to believe it has been 40 years. Please join your fellow Hornets during the 2023 Homecoming Weekend on September 22-23. The Alumni Office will host an Alumni Homecoming Cocktail Party before the game on Friday night, followed by milestone reunion parties on Saturday. For more information, contact **Dee Pinckney** at scdsclassof1983@gmail.com.

1984



Kevan Jackson met with Upper School students at an assembly on February 1. Kevan is the Director of Program Management for the G650/G650ER aircraft models at Gulfstream. Kevan shared his experience at Country Day, the trajectory that led him to his current career, and some sage words of wisdom: "Don't settle. Always push harder."

1986



John Porter writes, "My son, **Collin Porter '19**, graduated with an economics degree and double minor in math and entrepreneurship. Collin has done well at Hobart and enjoyed sailing on the team there

during his four years in New York. **Nathan Porter '22** is shooting on the Georgia College clay target team and just wrapped up his first year focusing on a business degree.

Since getting our kids out of the house and stepping back from the head coaching position on the Hornet Clay Target Team, I've got some time back to feed my passion, sailboat racing. I picked a two-person boat called a VX One, which is a high-tech sport boat. It's a boat that allows me to sail with many of my former training partners from the previous Olympic trials. I love the fitness required of the boat, but even more, I love inviting my old sailing buddies to storm around the East Coast Racing circuit with me.

My wife Stephanie and I are celebrating our 25th anniversary! We are enjoying our new sense of 'freedom' being empty nesters! We are active in golfing, sporting clays, and island life. We've even taken some cooking classes and enjoy dining and cooking with and for friends."



Mays Dowis, Dorinda Dowis, Cindy, and **Mike Dowis '86** celebrate their father, Coach Max Dowis' induction into the Georgia Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame on March 24, 2023.

1987

Holly Zipperer writes, "My wife and I became doting grandmothers with the birth of our first grandchild, Ayanna Francis Ferguson, on October 20, 2022. We cherish every moment we have with her! She is the joy of our lives!"



The Country Day community was saddened to hear of the passing of longtime and loyal Hornet **Mary Hagan** on April 24. Mrs. Hagan served in various roles during her 25 years at Country Day, starting as a Lower School Assistant teacher, where she reinforced virtues and good manners with our students. She is best remembered as the face and voice of Savannah Country Day as the Triol Hall receptionist and first impression of our school. She represented Country Day with poise, integrity, and kindness and will be deeply missed by the larger school community. We extend our condolences to her family, including children **Middi (Hagan) Moore '96**, **Walter Hagan III '98**, and **Jane (Hagan) Davis '07**.

1988

Your 35-year reunion is approaching! Make plans to attend Hornet Homecoming Weekend on September 22-23. The Alumni Office will host an Alumni Homecoming Cocktail Party before the game on Friday night, followed by milestone reunion parties on Saturday. Help build momentum for your 35-year reunion by joining your Reunion Committee! For more information, contact **Beth (Windom) Stewart** at bethpalmerstewart@gmail.com or Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85 at pinckney@savcds.org.



On January 31, **Robert James** was presented with Country Day's 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award during an Upper School assembly. While on campus, Robert reminisced about his days at Country Day with classmate **Leigh (Small) Beauchamp '88** and her students, sat for a podcast interview with the Institute for Atlantic Studies Fellows, and met with Michael Hincker's AP microeconomics class.

Catherine Oliver writes, "After five years living in Vail, CO, my youngest, Maisy (13), and I are returning to Savannah in the summer of 2023. Gigi (17) will attend Chapman University in Southern California as a film and media student in its competitive Dodge School of Film. My eldest, Bella, has completed her first year at Ecole Ducasse in Paris, earning her Bachelor of Pastry Arts. She interned last fall at Le Meurice for the 2-star Michelin restaurant of the same name and Le Dali, as well as with globally recognized pastry chef Cedric Grolet. Maisy will be attending Savannah Arts Academy for voice. My mother has not been well and is currently residing in

Country Day Hosts Inaugural Alumni Arts Affinity Reception

On February 25, prior to the final production of the Upper School musical, Fiddler on the Roof, alumni, Golden Hornets, and alumni parents gathered in the Logan Loggia to celebrate Country Day's Fine and Performing Arts programs at the inaugural Alumni Arts Affinity Reception. Special guests included members of the 2012 production of Fiddler on the Roof, as well as many former thespians directed by the recently retired DJ Queenan.



Kelie Miley, Galen Schneider '12, Zoe Moore, and Anne Miley

DJ Queenan and Emma (Huennekens) Reardon '15



Donna Land, DJ Queenan, and Rachel Land '12

DJ Queenan, Jenny Johnson, and Bo Johnson '89 (parents of Emily Johnson '20 and Nicholas Johnson '18)



Cam Backus '20, Vivienne Drake '22 Stephen Lange '19, Brandt Backus '17, Peter Kronowitz '17, Noah Edwards, Kate Templeton '17, and Sam Glenn '16

Azalealand. Moving back to Savannah, I can be with her regularly during this challenging transitional time. I have been working in nonprofit management and administration. I will be looking for new opportunities in Savannah and am very happy to be somewhere where it doesn't snow from October to June!"

1992



Holly Murphy works for the Medical College of Georgia and will be the Armstrong campus's new four-year medical college coordinator. Holly recently moved back to Savannah from Texas. Her son, **Liam Murphy '27**, has enjoyed his first year at SCDS. He plays football and soccer (and year-round soccer). Holly's daughter, Landyn, just finished her first year at the University of Alabama and will work with Bill Eswine this summer at Coastal Ecology Camp.

1993

Your 30-year reunion is approaching! Make plans to attend Hornet Homecoming Weekend on September 22-23. The Alumni Office will host an Alumni Cocktail Party before the game on Friday night, followed by milestone reunion parties on Saturday. Help build momentum for your 30-year reunion by joining your Reunion Committee! For more information, contact **Bill Sparks** at bill.sparks@cbre.com or Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85 at pinckney@savcds.org.



On Thursday, May 18, **Bernie Conyers** met with Adam Weber and **Kerem Caglayan '14** to swap stories and generate ideas about Country Day's new Upper School engineering class. Great things happen when the Hornets get together!

1994



Hayes Culver '29, Kerri Culver, **Helen Culver '26**, and **Brian Culver '94** celebrate the Varsity Tennis teams' second-place finish at the GHSA State Tennis Tournament. Well done, Hornets!



Classmates **Florence (Minis) Slatinsky**, **Arin (Zerden) Tritt**, **Amy (Henderson) Quinby**, and **Katy (McNaughton) Moretz** reconnect.

1997

Your milestone reunion is approaching! After being sidelined by the hurricane threat last fall, the Class of 1997 will reunite for their milestone class party on Saturday, September 23. Make plans to attend the Alumni Homecoming Cocktail Party and game on Friday, September 22. For more information, contact **T. Miller** at tamilleriv@gmail.com.



Kristin (Culver) Jones, **Helen Culver '26** (Kristin's niece), **Lilla Brennan '24** (Elizabeth's daughter), and **Elizabeth (Baker) Brennan** at the GSHA tennis state championships in Rome, GA. Helen, Lilla, and the SCDS team were runners-up in 2023.

Kristin (Culver) Jones and **Elizabeth (Baker) Brennan** after the Country Day girls' tennis team won their 3rd state championship in 1997, the last year Savannah Country Day won the GHSA tennis state championship.



1998

Your 25-year reunion is approaching! Make plans to attend Hornet Homecoming Weekend on September 22-23. The Alumni Office will host an Alumni Homecoming Cocktail Party before the game on Friday night, followed by your class reunion on Saturday night. For more information about your class party on September 23, contact **Helen (Williams) Johnson** at hhwjohnson@bellsouth.net or **Tara (DeLoach) Rocker** at tara.d.rocker@gmail.com.

Sally Anne (Martin) Giles writes: "Three generations of Hornets celebrated my marriage to Joseph Giles in January. **Jim Marshall '98** performed for our first dance. At the reception, Joseph, a Savannah Christian graduate, joked that he hadn't been around so many Hornets since his days on the football field."



Pictured 1st row: **Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85**, **Sally Anne (Martin) Giles '98**, and Joseph Giles 2nd Row: **Melody (Martin) Norwood '88***, **Jim Marshall '98**, **Margaret (Marshall) Bishop '89***, **Ash Pinckney '19**, **Ashley (Connor) Bragg '98**, **Mason Bragg '98**, **Tara (DeLoach) Rocker '98** 3rd Row: **Ashley Pinckney '85**, **Stewart Marshall '86**, **Murray Marshall '62**, **Dee Pinckney '83**, **Andrew Jones '98**, **Jeremy Summerell '98**, and **Matthew Johns '98**. Not pictured: **Grace Archer Pinckney '17**.

Jim Marshall recently started J. Marshall Contracting, LLC., a residential light commercial general contracting firm offering project estimating, takeoff, site supervision, and project management. Jim and his wife Kate moved back to Savannah in late 2013 and have three children, Elizabeth (9), Mac (7), and Heidt (5).

Jim Marshall and **Ashley Pinckney '85** had fun exchanging memories of building homes in Charleston at the Hornets in Savannah Alumni Happy Hour on May 11.



1999



Joseph Conyers performed with the Dover Quartet at the Savannah Cultural Arts Center as part of the 2023 Savannah Music Festival on April 6. While Joseph was in town, he stopped by Country Day to visit Paula Swart and play with the school orchestras and joined

former orchestra teachers and his family for what Paula Swart said was the “best breakfast ever.”

Joseph was recently named the principal bass of The Philadelphia Orchestra. Congratulations, Joseph!

2002



This past year, **Julie Cohen** joined DubBot, an Atlanta-based technology company, as its Chief Financial Officer, overseeing its accounting, finance, and human resource operations. Julie is excited to be connected to DubBot's mission of facilitating web

accessibility to make the web a better, more inclusive place. She will continue to support DubBot from Savannah, Georgia, where she resides with her husband, Adam, and their two boys, **Korte Cohen '37** and **Cal Cohen (The Little School)**. Julie earned both her BBA in Accounting and Master of Accountancy degrees from the University of Georgia, Terry College of Business, and she is licensed as a CPA in Georgia.

2003

Your 20-year reunion is approaching! A message from your reunion committee: “Please join us in celebrating our 20-year reunion during Hornet Homecoming Weekend on September 22-23. The Alumni Office will host an Alumni Homecoming Cocktail Party before the game on Friday night, followed by our milestone reunion dinner party on Saturday night. For more information, contact **Niko Caparisos** at caparisos@gmail.com, (912) 247-4264;

Caroline (Baker) Haddow at chaddow85@gmail.com, (912) 398-3824; **Caroline (Holland) Weimar** at caroline.weimar@gmail.com, (404) 403-0218.”

2005



With great sadness, the Alumni Office reports the death of alumnus **Scott Louis Helmreich**, who passed away on March 4, 2023.

Drew McCullough shares, “One of Scott’s passions was bees, so please join us in honoring our friend by making a gift to Country Day toward the naming

of The Observatory Hive (located in the sixth-grade science classroom) dedicated in memory of **Scott Helmreich** by the Class of 2005. For more information, contact me at merrittamccullough@gmail.com.”



In 2022, **Mark Silvers** began working at Sound View Wealth Advisors with senior partners and fellow Country Day alumni **Kelly Bouchillon '83** and **Emerson Ham '86**. Mark and his wife, Jaylen, have two children, Beckett and Finley.

2006

Wade Herring is an assistant attorney general for the State of Georgia, working in the civil rights section of the general litigation division. Wade and his wife, Katie, a lawyer for Atlanta Legal Aid, are the parents of Wade Isaac Herring, born December 30, 2021. The youngest Wade goes by Isaac.



Robert Pirkle has joined The Zero Proof as its Chief Revenue Officer. Robert oversees company growth, financial modeling, distribution network, and retail development in the U.S.

The Zero Proof, an Atlanta-based company, offers adult non-alcoholic options such as wine, ready-to-drink cocktails, and spirits, and answers the emerging market of non-alcoholic drinkers seeking alternative beverage choices.

2008

Your 15-year reunion is approaching! A message from your reunion committee: “The Class of 2008 looks forward to celebrating our 15-year reunion this fall. Date and details are forthcoming, but we can’t wait to bring together the great ‘08! If you have questions or want to join the planning committee, please contact **Carol (Williamson) Starnes** at caroll-williamson@gmail.com, **Caroline Long** at cel5490@gmail.com, or **Owen Brennan** at obrennan@bac-ins.com. In addition to our milestone reunion plans, the Alumni Office will host an Alumni Homecoming Cocktail Party before the game on Friday, September 22.”

John Moesch writes, “I am excited to share that after many years away, I will be returning to Savannah to start my dermatology and dermatopathology practice at Georgia Dermatology and Skin Cancer Center. I am also excited about my recent marriage to Emily Rose Davis, a native of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, over Memorial Day weekend in Jekyll Island. She will also be practicing as a Mohs Micrographic surgeon at the same practice. We are excited to return south and hope to serve as many people as possible in the community.”

2009

SCDS Alumni Board members **Kathryn (Groover) Pross** and **Louis Brody '11** at Night on the Bluff, benefitting the Caretta Research Project on April 27.



2011

Dr. Nicholas James has been accepted into a fellowship in nephrology at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He is very excited about this next step in his career!

2013

Your 10-year reunion is approaching! Make plans to attend Hornet Homecoming Weekend on September 22-23. The Alumni Office will host an Alumni Homecoming Cocktail Party before the game on Friday night, followed by milestone reunion parties on Saturday.

Help build momentum for your 10-year reunion by joining your Reunion Committee! You have the best insight into the kind of celebration your classmates would enjoy, making a real difference in the quality of the occasion for everyone. For more information, contact Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85 at pinckney@savcds.org.

2014

Kerem Caglayan writes, “After getting accepted into Georgia Tech on the final day of senior year (a day I will never forget), I moved to Atlanta two weeks later to start my summer semester. Although I could not enjoy my last summer break in Savannah, I got to meet new people and get a head start on my studies. It was worth it, and I made friends and memories I will cherish forever.

As I progressed through my degree in Mechanical Engineering, I decided to take on a co-op with Gulfstream. This opportunity later opened the door to a full-time job and brought me back home to Savannah. My co-op may have turned four years of college into five-and-a-half years, but I recommend it to every aspiring engineer.

My job at Gulfstream is as a Kinematics Engineer for Completions Industrial Design Research and Development. It’s a mouthful, but it’s a job I am proud of. I wish I could say more about what I am doing, but you must take my word when I say it’s exciting and creative work.

I attribute much of my success to my time at Country Day. The teachers like Mr. Weber inspired me to pursue a career in engineering. When I saw that

Mr. Weber was considering creating an Engineering and Design course, I was eager to provide some insight into what it’s like to be a young design engineer. New and innovative courses such as these speak to the excellence of Country Day, and I look forward to working with the future engineers of my beloved alma mater.”





Alex Fleming writes, “I graduated from Georgia Tech with a bachelor’s (2019) and a master’s (2020) degree in mechanical engineering. I now work for Deloitte in Atlanta (GPS Solutions Engineering) and was recently promoted to a consultant.”



Jackson Schroeder is the public relations specialist for the University of Georgia’s Grady College’s external relations team, where he is also pursuing a master’s in journalism and mass communication. He graduated from Ohio University’s E.W. Scripps School of Journalism with a bachelor’s degree in journalism news and information and a specialization in political science.

Before UGA, Jackson served as the editor-in-chief of a local news publication in Brooklyn, NY, a content manager for an online higher education publication, and a sports reporter in Athens, Ohio, and Brunswick, Georgia. He has also spent time as a freelance culture reporter in Brooklyn, covering everything from restaurant openings to the history of local bookstores.

In his role at Grady College, Jackson assists with the communications efforts of the college through the website, media relations, and social media. Jackson is also the host and producer of the Grady Research Radio podcast.



Hakon Jones writes, “I’ve completed my MPH in Epidemiology with tracking in infectious disease, and am currently attending UGA vet school. I work in three different labs (Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study - ‘SCWDS,’ The Kyle Malaria and Naegleria (brain-eating amoeba) lab, and do work on the Human Guinea Worm project. I also manage the

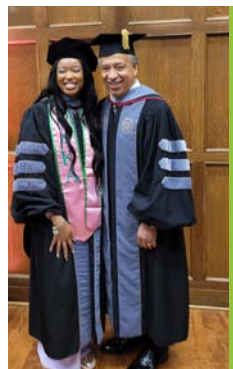
Wildlife Treatment crew for vet students and work with the UGA bee treatment crew and parasite control organization. I’m working to get my second and third publications out (one describing a new species of bloodborne parasite and the other examining what makes naegleria so deadly).”

Country Day friends gather to celebrate the marriage of **Ben Johnson** and his lovely wife, Kitt.



Pictured from left to right: **Walker Watson, Wright Wallace, William Szczecinski, Brandon Howie, Jackson Schroeder, Sales Pinckney, Ben Johnson, Kitt Johnson, Preston Andrews, Kameron Sallee '13, and William Woods.**

2015



Congratulations, **Dr. Jermaya Patterson!** Dr. Patterson graduated from Purdue University on May 14, 2023, with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree. She decided to become a veterinarian while in Mr. Eswine’s science class in Lower School at SCDS. Dr. Patterson has had many great experiences along her journey to become a veterinarian, including externships in

South Africa, Guatemala, and at the Columbus Zoo, and being a part of the team to rescue the leopard that escaped the enclosure at the Dallas Zoo in January. She is excited to start her internship in Nashville, TN.

2016

Following her 14 years at Country Day, **Caroline Szczecinski** attended UGA and got a degree in biology. She graduated with honors from Emory University in December 2022, earning her Master of Medical Science

in Anesthesia. She received the Wesley T. Frazier achievement award for maintaining one of the highest grade point averages in academics and clinical skills. Following graduation, she accepted a position as an anesthesiologist assistant at St. Joseph’s Hospital. Capping off an already exciting spring with the start of her new job, Caroline got engaged to her college sweetheart, Duncan Kleinbub, a current fourth-year medical school student at Medical College of Georgia and native of Augusta. The couple will marry this November and currently reside in downtown Savannah.



2017



Ryan Richards has recently been hired by Delta Airlines. He will be flying the A320 series aircraft based in Seattle.



After graduating from Dickinson College in 2021 with a Biochemistry & Molecular Biology degree, **Hurley Ryan** moved to Baltimore, MD to work as a Research Technician studying lung disease at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg

School of Public Health. After taking some time off this summer to travel and be with family, he will begin medical school at the University of Maryland in the fall. He enjoys living in Baltimore with its great bars, restaurants, sports teams, and proximity to Washington, D.C., and he looks forward to spending another four years there.

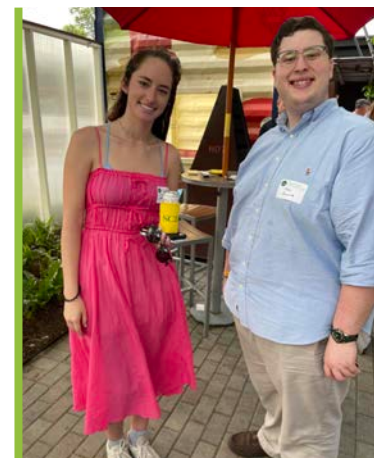
Jack Thacher and Spanish teacher Michelle Dumais reconnected recently upon Jack’s return to Savannah and visit to campus.



Lester Jackson graduated from Bowdoin College in 2021 with a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Legal Studies. He further advanced his education at Washington University in St. Louis. In the fall, Lester will attend the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in its

Doctor of Medicine Program as an Officer in the US Navy in Bethesda, Maryland.

Natalie Lanier writes: “I graduated from the UGA College of Public Health in 2021. After graduating, I taught high schoolers in Costa Rica before serving Georgia as legislative staff assistant to Senator Warnock. I now look forward to attending law school in the fall.”



Peter Kronowitz writes, “I went to NYU for economics and graduated in May 2021. Since then, I’ve worked in Savannah as a Portfolio Manager at Minis & Company, where I’ll stay until later this year. I plan to take some time off before going to Japan next spring to spend a year teaching English, after which I plan to attend graduate school.”

2018

Your 5-year reunion is approaching! For more information about your Class Party, contact **Ross Dunn** at rossdunn613@gmail.com, **Caroline DeWalt** at carolinedewalt3@gmail.com, or **Kai Everard** at



Country Day alumni “stepped right up” to the Alumni Grill at the 55th Annual Country Fair, cooking burgers and hotdogs for all!



Senior Pancake Breakfast

ON APRIL 26, MEMBERS OF THE SCDS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FLIPPED PANCAKES FOR THE CLASS OF 2023 AT THE ANNUAL SENIOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST WHILE THE STUDENT ALUMNI AMBASSADORS LENT A HELPING HAND. THANKS TO OUR ALUMNI FOR COMING BACK TO CAMPUS TO SERVE BREAKFAST TO OUR NEWEST ALUMNI!



Krista (Gerstenlauer) Wolk '00, Ashley Pinckney '85, Kathryn (Groover) Pross '09, Bess (Butler) Brunson '11, Stefanie (Dasher) McCullough '07, William Whitfield '24, Lilla Brennan '24, Jack Lovell '25, Harris Stone '25, and Jade (Aaron) Deitz '03

kaiserev@umich.edu. In addition to our milestone reunion plans, make plans to attend the Alumni Homecoming Cocktail Party and game on Friday, September 22, hosted by the Alumni Office.

Emily Perry graduated summa cum laude from Sewanee in May 2022. After taking a deferral year, she will begin medical school at Mayo Clinic's Alix School of Medicine this July.

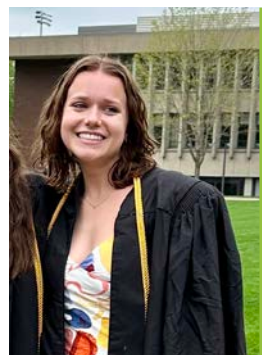
2019

Selden Frissell graduated cum laude from Hollins University with a BA, majoring in French and Studio Arts. In addition, she earned a Batten Leadership Certification. In the fall, she will work for the Teaching Assistant Program in France, teach English, and live in Grenoble.



Abigail Kahn graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder, with a BA in Media Studies from the School of Communication, Media & Information and a minor in Leadership. She is so excited to move to Denver in July to work as a sales development representative for DataDog, Inc. Abigail played club volleyball all four years and was president of the program her junior and senior years.

Bryant Randall graduated summa cum laude from the honors program at LSU in 2022 and just completed his first year of law school at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School.



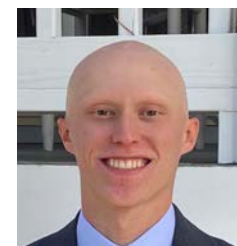
Amelia Tate graduated from Macalester College in St. Paul, MN, on May 13 with a major in linguistics, a minor in psychology, and a minor in French. In addition to graduating summa cum laude, she earned the top award in her major: The Linguistics Prize for Academic Excellence. Amelia is in graduate school to work

toward becoming a speech pathologist and plans to continue living in the Twin Cities.



Param Patel just finished four years of undergrad at Mercer University, receiving a double major in Spanish and Biology with a minor in Chemistry. Param plans to attend Mercer University Medical School in Savannah for the next few years.

After four great years at Georgia College, **Ash Pinckney** and **Jack Ryan** graduated in May 2023 with degrees in business information systems and business management, respectively. They are excited to continue their tradition of never living more than half a mile apart as they move to Atlanta in July and begin their careers. Ash will work as a Data Operations Associate with KPMG. Jack has accepted a position in sales with Arthur J. Gallagher Co. Jack and Ash are looking forward to continuing the "bromance" in Atlanta and enjoying all that the fine city offers two young gentlemen.



Ben Goodman recently graduated from Winthrop University, where he studied Finance and Spanish and played on the soccer team. This fall, Ben will attend Johns Hopkins University to pursue a master's in

finance and play one final year of collegiate soccer. Ben hopes to work within the financial operations of a professional soccer club after graduate school.



Jarrett Karnibad graduated summa cum laude from Mount St. Mary's University Honors Program. He will return to the Mount for his Master's Degree and his last year of eligibility for tennis. Jarrett was honored

to be on the 2023 Men's Tennis All-Academic Team for the D1 MAAC Conference. Jarrett and his doubles

partner set a new University record of 22 wins in a single season, defeating the previous record of 19. What a spectacular feat!



Win Johns graduated summa cum laude from Columbus State University. He plays baseball in the Coastal Plains League for the Holly Springs Salamanders. He will return to Columbus State to begin a master's in business management and to play baseball for his final year of eligibility.

Win was honored to be named to the Peach Belt all-conference team this past spring.

2020

Pepa Calaya writes, "**Judd Douglas** and I are both on a study abroad trip in Seville, Spain!! Such a funny coincidence but having a familiar face across the world has been so fun."



This summer, **Summer Lanier** is studying in Madrid and Barcelona for a month, where she will complete her Spanish minor. In June, Summer returned home to Savannah to work as a medical assistant in a local doctor's office. Summer plans to spend her free time applying to PA school and at the beach with family. In August, she will return to the University of Georgia for her fourth year to finish her degree in biology.

Laura Neely is working as an intern at Price Waterhouse Cooper in its Atlanta office this summer. She is interning in the Cloud and Digital Consulting division, specializing in Salesforce. Their office is mostly in-person, so she can work in the office and potentially travel depending on her project assignment. Outside work, she is training for a half marathon and studying for the GMAT.



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The Class of 1972 celebrated its 50th reunion in April at the Wyld and at the home of Nancy (Lebey) Solana '72 and her husband David Solana '73.

From back to front, left to right: Henry Clay, Stephen Lufburrow, Anna (Daughtry) Burgstiner, Bill Lattimore, Mark Lee, George Oelschig, Hayes Foster, Susan Hungerpilller, Nancy (Lebey) Solana, Jake Ross, and Kathy Ross. Jan (Peterson) Coffee, Janet Rollings, Kacey (Jones) Ratterree, Rick Timms, Pamela Rollings, Nancy (Sowell) Runner, Jim Giles, Nelle (Straight) Hall, Guy Van Buskirk, Barbara (Craighead) Crotzer, Dana (Gordon) Lane, Jon Sprague, Vicky (Martin) Panhans, Ormonde Mahoney, Cindy (Saunders) Kemp, Sue (Anderson) Strickland, and Hugh Futrell. Not pictured: Arden Hadwin, Nina (Portman) Malone, Pearce Reeve, Susan (Amburgey) Donahue, and Joe Preston



Hayes Foster, Cindy (Saunders) Kemp, and Jan (Peterson) Coffee



Vicky (Martin) Panhans, Kacey (Jones) Ratterree, and Nina (Portman) Malone



Dana and Mark Lee '72



Joe Preston and Bill Lattimore



Janet Rollings, Dana (Gordon) Lane, Pamela Rollings, and Anna (Daughtry) Burgstiner



Susan Hungerpilller, Cindy (Saunders) Kemp, Pamela Rollings, Guy Van Buskirk, and Barbara (Craighead) Crotzer



Barbara (Craighead) Crotzer, Kacey (Jones) Ratterree, Claudette Oliver, and Nancy (Lebey) Solana



Wynne Van Buskirk, Kacey (Jones) Ratterree, George Oelschig, Cindy (Saunders) Kemp, and Charlie Strickland



David Solana '73, Stephen Lufburrow, and Joel Coffee



Emily and Peter Foley reconnect with fellow Hornets at the Hornets in Savannah Alumni Happy Hour on May 11.



Sophia Caparisis (right) returned to campus to celebrate her sister-in-law, Magdaline Sideris, who celebrated 40 years at Country Day.



Paul Pressly and Brooke Fortson '01 reconnect at the Hornets in Savannah Alumni Happy Hour on May 11.

GOLDEN HORNETS

On January 17, Country Day hosted the inaugural Golden Hornets Breakfast in Triol Hall. The Golden Hornets group recognizes and celebrates retired and long-term faculty/staff and offers meaningful opportunities for them to remain engaged with the Country Day community. Throughout the spring, Golden Hornets attended a variety of campus events, including the Alumni Arts Affinity Reception, various Alumni Happy Hours, and the Faculty and Staff Recognition Party at the conclusion of the year.



Pat Queen and Kathy Hodges at the Alumni Arts Affinity Reception on February 25.



Pam Martin joined Emily Roher '17, Grace Archer Pinckney '17, Ash Pinckney '19, Matthew Roher '20, and Jack Ryan '19 on the Bradley Terrace after touring Mingledorff Hall.



Rich and Barbara LaRossa at the closing performance of Fiddler on the Roof on February 25.



Barbara Shelley and Mary Ann Godfrey at the Golden Hornets Breakfast on January 17.



Darrell Bach, Bill Sparks '93, Dorinda Dowis, Mays Dowis, Jason Pedigo '96, Mike Dowis '86, Paula Swart, Jon Pannell '96, Tim Thompson '91, Ty Stone '86, Suzanne Thompson, Larry Thompson, and Ashley Pinckney '85 honor the late Coach Max Dowis at the Georgia Athletic Directors Hall of Fame Ceremony on March 24.

BIRTHS



Waverly (Reeves) Rood '12 and her husband, Wesley, joyfully welcomed their son Lawson Fraser Rood on April 1, 2023. Lawson is the first grandchild of **Joseph Reeves '82**.



On February 14, 2023, **Elizabeth (Brennan) Drusano** and her husband, Ryan, celebrated the birth of their son, Beau Brennan Drusano.



Mark Silvers '05 and his wife, Jaylen, welcomed their son, Beckett Scott Silvers, on April 27, 2023. Beckett is doing well and is adored by his big sister, Finley.



Louis Brody '11 and his wife, Katherine, are delighted to announce the birth of their first child, Preston Marshall Brody, on February 27, 2023. Louis and Katherine are excited for Preston to start at The Little School in August.

BIRTHS



Betsy (Kingston) Myers '01 and her husband, Trey, welcomed their fourth son on May 3, 2023. Heyward Carswell Morris Myers is already adored by his brothers, Owen '33, Rivers '35, and Kingston '39. Heyward is excited to join his cousins, Birdie Kingston and Arden Hadwin, at The Little School this August.



Cameron (Curlee) Black '04 and her husband, John, welcomed their second son, Thomas, on February 23, 2023. Benjamin (4) is a proud big brother.



Mackenzie and **John Kingston '03** are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Elizabeth "Birdie" Grace Kingston, on April 17, 2023.

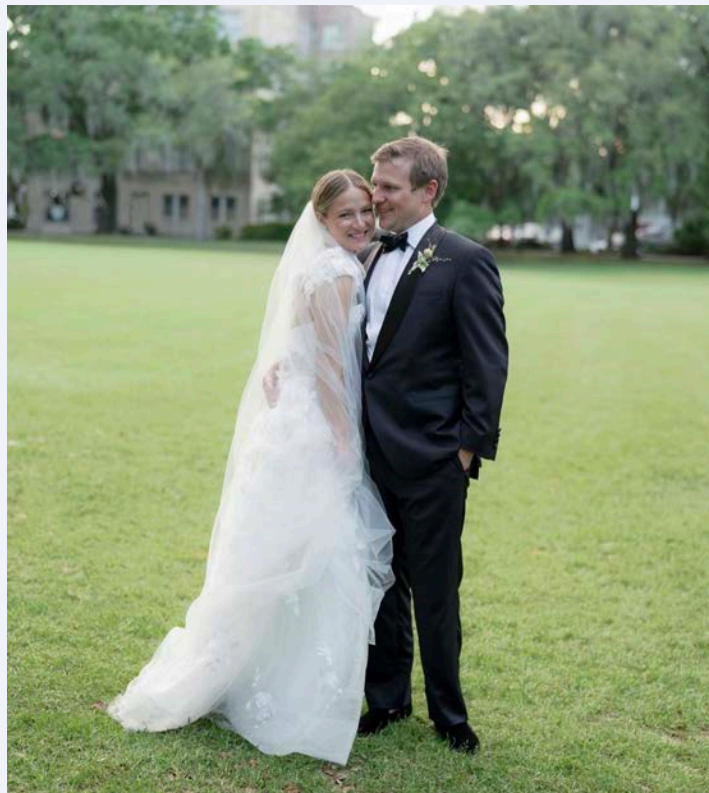


April and **Lane Curlee '08** proudly announce the birth of their son, Edmund Jackson "Jack" Curlee, born on March 14, 2023. Jack is the third grandson of **Lane Curlee '78**.

MARRIAGES



John Moesch '08 and Emily Rose Davis of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, married on Jekyll Island over Memorial Day weekend, 2023.



Olivia (Parker) '12 and Justin Voyles were married on May 6, 2023. The wedding took place at Christ Church Episcopal in downtown Savannah, followed by an outdoor cocktail hour and reception in Forsyth Park. The two grew up as close friends and eventually started dating when she returned to Georgia from living in New York City in 2019. They now reside in Ardsley Park. Among her bridesmaids were **Lily Parker '18** (Maid of Honor), **Elizabeth (Brennan) Drusano '12** (Matron of Honor), **Fontaine Bergen '12**, and **Caroline Holden '12**. Her brother, **Bennett Parker '16**, was also a part of the wedding party.



Sally Anne (Martin) '98 and Joseph Giles were married on January 28, 2023, at Isle of Hope United Methodist Church, and celebrated afterwards with family and friends at the Savannah Golf Club. While there was no official wedding party, the unofficial wedding party included the bride's sister **Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85**, her brother-in-law **Ashley Pinckney '85**, niece **Grace Archer Pinckney '17**, nephew **Ash Pinckney '19** along with lifelong friends **Ashley (Connor) Bragg '98** and **Tara (DeLoach) Rocker '98**.

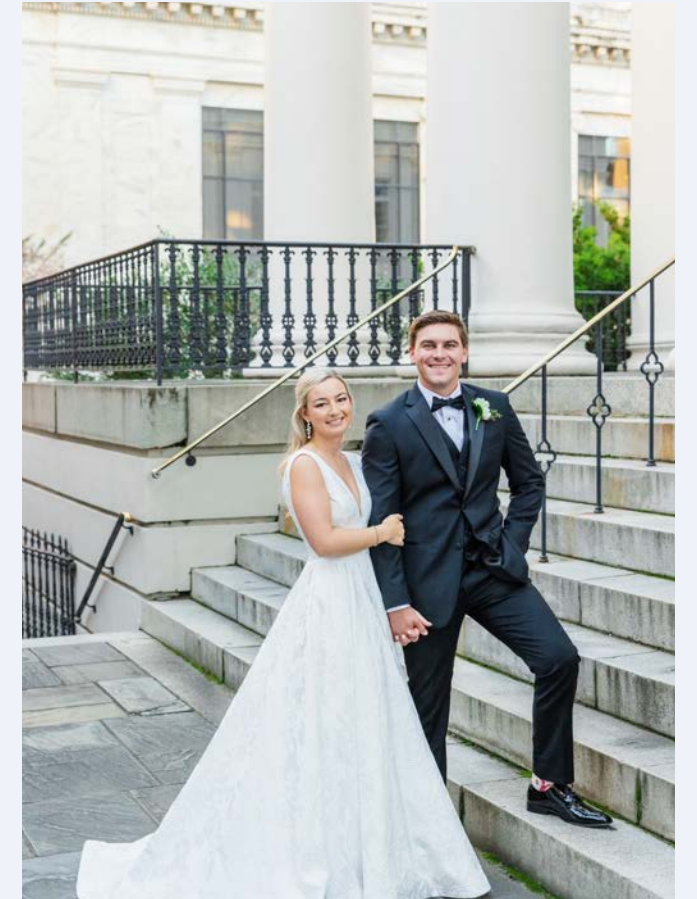
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Ben Johnson '14 married Kitt Shamamian on February 11, 2023, in Charleston, South Carolina. The couple resides in Savannah. Ben works at Oliver Maner, and Kitt works at HunterMaclean.



Jackson Schroeder '14 married his college sweetheart Blake Schenerlein on October 15, 2022 at Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum in Savannah. **William Szczecinski '14** was a groomsman at the wedding, and many great friends from Country Day were in attendance. Jackson and Blake live in Athens, Georgia in their newly purchased house with their puppy Molly and cat Althea.



Blake (Everard) '15 and Joe Epstein III were married on December 3, 2022, at Christ Church Episcopal in downtown Savannah followed by a reception at The Charles H. Morris Center. **Emma Holtzclaw '15**, **Gabrielle Paderewski '15**, and **Laura Critz '15** were among the bridesmaids, and **Kai Everard '18** was among the groomsmen. Blake and Joe currently reside in Joe's hometown of Tampa, Florida.



Julian Dunston '10, Ansley (Edgar) Dunston '10, Rachel Ellis '09, Kate (Sadler) Andrews '09, Morgan (Roberts) Caldwell '09, Sally (Parker) Shay '10, Matthew Shay '10*, Maclean Caldwell, and Charlie Andrews



Seth Goodman '90, Phillip Carter, and Ash Pinckney '19



Diane Brannen and Randy Brannen '74



Adger Ross '82, Chris Beckmann '79, Mary Beckmann, and Ashley Pinckney '85



Stefanie (Dasher) McCullough '07 and Drew McCullough '05

HORNETS *in* SAVANNAH

MAY 11 AT STARLAND YARD



Brooke Fortson '01, Joey Bell '97 and Marissa Karp '14



Charles Harris '85, Mark Silvers '05, and Julian Lewis '98



Jason Pandeloglou, Lamar (Barton) Pandeloglou '03, Jade (Aaron) Dietz '03



Morgan (Roberts) Caldwell '09, Louis Brody '11, Lamar Kirkley, and GeeGee Kirkley



Rachel Ellis '09, Kathryn (Groover) Pross '09, Ryan Pross, Ansley (Edgar) Dunston '10, Julian Dunston '10, Charlie Andrews, and Kate (Sadler) Andrews '09



Ruth (Bowyer) Weimar '93, Todd Lerch '92, and Mary (McNaughton) Haskins '92



Allan Reynolds '77, Nate Brunson, Sophie Guggenheim '16, Bess (Butler) Brunson '11, and Rob Martin '95



Lynette Allison, Beverley (Cann) Reynolds '76*, Allan Reynolds '77, and Kef Wilson

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HORNETS TAKE FLIGHT

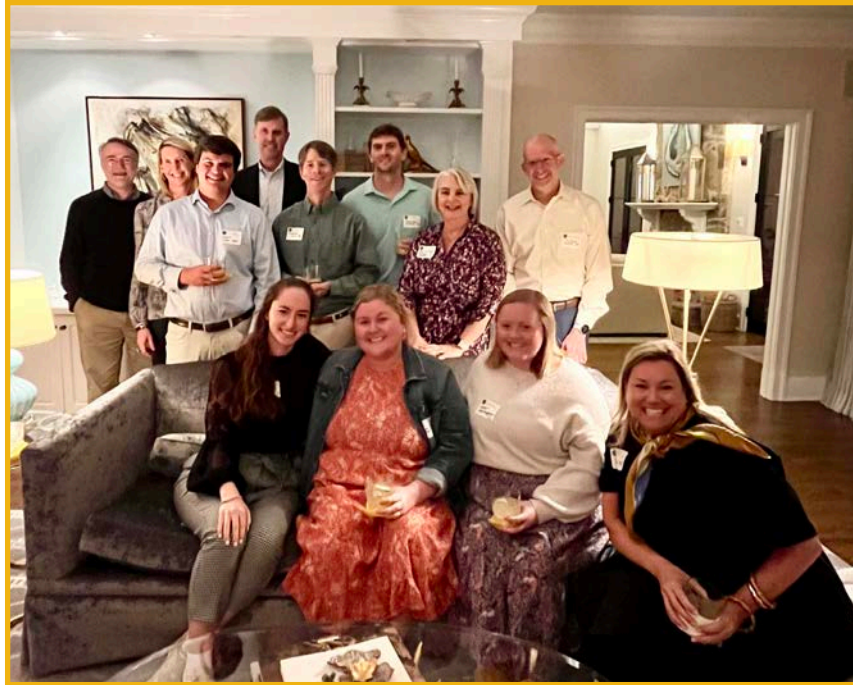
The Office of Alumni Relations is dedicated to increasing alumni involvement and fellowship by offering several opportunities throughout the year to gather with alumni and other members of the Hornet community in Savannah and beyond.

COMING SOON TO A CITY NEAR YOU! Chicago, Atlanta, Austin, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Beaufort, Bluffton, Hilton Head Island, Charleston, Jacksonville

Interested in hosting a Hornet gathering where you live? Email Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85 at pinckney@savcds.org and we can help get an event set up in your region.

HORNETS IN DC METRO AREA

March 6 at the home of Katy (Harman) Moser '95 and Robby Moser



Standing from left: James Venhaus, Katy (Harman) Moser '95, Hunt Wasden '17*, Kef Wilson, Freeman Jelks, III '80, Greyson Finlay '15, Jennifer (Jackson) Salopek '83, Steve Wood '88. Sitting from left: Natalie Lanier '17, Charlotte Moffett '17, Kate Moffett '16, and Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85.



Kef Wilson, Morgan Joyce '10, Fay (Gibson) Boswell '08, Hunt Wasden '17*, and Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85



Fay (Gibson) Boswell '08 and Katy (Harman) Moser '95



Jennifer (Jackson) Salopek '83, Freeman Jelks, III '80, and Richard Salopek



Greyson Finlay '15, Natalie Lanier '17, Kate Moffett '16, and Charlotte Moffett '17

HORNETS IN NEW YORK May 8 at the home of Matt Ervin '87



Matt Ervin '87, Ward Benton '99, Asher Kolman '16, William Szczecinski '14, Henry Rollings '09, Kef Wilson, Lamar Kirkley, GeeGee Kirkley, Caroline Szczecinski. Front, Bronwyn Tait '18, Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85, Abbie Black '14, and John Wilson. Not pictured: Carter (Meyer) Wilcox '90*



Lamar Kirkley, Matt Ervin '87, Ward Benton '99, and GeeGee Kirkley



John Wilson, Abbie Black '14, and Asher Kolman '16



Henry Rollings '09 and Bronwyn Tait '18

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HORNETS IN ATLANTA
February 9 at the home of
Lisa (Harlander) '93
and Tim Lemke



Caroline Edwards and
Jack Edwards '12



Front to back, left to right: Kef Wilson, Robert Mercer '89, Lisa (Harlander) Lemke '93, Darby (Williams) Sands '93, Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85, Jim Squire '64, Bobby Kahn '76, Brian Rosenthal '92, Lamar Kirkley, Katie (Burt) Connell '97, Taylor Parker '15, Gil Benton '91, Frost (Bush) Osborne '91, Caroline DeWalt '18, Kate Groce '17, Wells Ross '14, Robert Pirkle '06, Kendall (Gardner) Ratterree '05, Erika Lewis '14, Carolina Pinckney '16, Jack Edwards '12, Joe Ratterree '02, Hamilton Pirkle '12, Alex Sovchen '12, John Glenn '11. Not pictured, Matthew Cheng '16, Neil Dobbs '88, and John Lange '87



Tiffany Benton, Gil Benton '91, Lisa
(Harlander) Lemke '93, and Tim Lemke



John Glenn '11, Kef Wilson, Hamilton
Pirkle '12, and Robert Pirkle '06



Joe Ratterree '02, Kendall (Gardner)
Ratterree '05, and Taylor Parker '15



Caroline DeWalt '18, Taylor Parker '15,
Wells Ross '14, Erika Lewis '14,
and Carolina Pinckney '16



Lamar Kirkley, Bobby Kahn '76,
Jim Squire '64, and Donna Squire



Neil Dobbs '88, Brian Rosenthal '92,
Darby (Williams) Sands '93, and
Lamar Kirkley



Hillary (Baumann) Maclean-Wilks '85, Cam Green '16, Amy (Martin) Pinckney '85, Grace Archer Pinckney '17, Bronte Brannen '09, Bess Cohen '11, Callie (Glass) Kelly '98, Christina (Bowden) Burgess '98, Jane (Victor) Showalter '78, Carl Showalter '78, and Aiden Reeves '07.



Kate (Schuchardt) Bach '85*,
Darrell Bach, Marcia and Clyde Hull



Hillary (Baumann) Maclean-Wilks
'85, Cam Green '16, and Grace Archer
Pinckney '17



Jane (Victor) Showalter '78 and
Callie (Glass) Kelly '98



Eloise and Aiken Reeves '03



Jane (Victor) '78 and Carl Showalter, Jr. '78

HORNETS IN CHARLOTTE
April 4 at the Charlotte
Country Club, hosted by
Jane (Victor) '78 and
Carl Showalter '78



Bess Cohen '11 and Bronte Brannen '09

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