

LEGACIES



November 2023



HOMEcoming 2023

We experienced a walk down “memory lane” during Homecoming week in October. It was a beautiful fall day and it was made even more radiant and warm as our alumni and past staff members returned home with smiles, hugs, and memories. Homecoming is always a time to remember and reminisce, but it is also a time to show gratitude for the people and places that helped us grow.



DEAR ALUMNI,

We are happy to continue to share updates and news with you! Take a look at all that happened on Homecoming, celebrate some amazing alumni, find ways to connect and engage with others in our CDS community through our Family Owned Business Directory, and see how you can give back by volunteering for the Alumni Association or supporting endowment efforts. It has been a busy fall and there is so much to learn about!



PAST STAFF LUNCHEON

It's not just students and fellow alumni who make school a home. Our staff and teachers and their dedication to our education make our hearts happy as we reminisce about our undergraduate years. Homecoming this year included a special opportunity to share thanks with our past staff and teachers who helped shape us. We hope to make this a new tradition every Homecoming and look forward to inviting past teachers and staff year after year!

A special thanks to Lily Carter '25 and Mary Carter Self '25 who helped us with the beautiful “Memory Lane” display! They spent hours going through memorabilia and archives to ensure we had a wonderful exhibit for everyone.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS CEREMONY



It was a beautiful fall evening full of great food, happy laughter, and amazing stories of those we recognized at this year's Alumni Association Awards! Congratulations to our C. Robert Bell, Jr. Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Dave Johnson ACDS '86 and our Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee, April Dockery '96. Thank you to Ed Ledford ACDS '83 who joined us to present the Artists Hall of Fame Award honoring Mr. Bob Henson (1939-2012) which was received by his cousin, Kareen Ogle.

If you know of an alumni from any of our predecessor schools or CDS, please feel free to [nominate them](#) for our 2024 awards!

VISIT OUR [ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS](#) PAGE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR RECIPIENTS.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPDATE

We are revamping our Alumni Association Advisory Board! We are seeking alumni of all ages and from all of our predecessor schools to get involved and help our alumni community grow, shape events, and create new opportunities. If you are interested in being a SGP, GH, SG-GH, ACDS, CDS, or Young Alumni (last decade) representative please email alumni@carolinaday.org



We need your help! We need our alumni records updated and could use assistance from you. If you have moved, have a preferred form of contact, or wish to share life updates with us, please take a moment to [update your contact information](#) on our CDS website. Those who update information by the end of the year will receive a little gift in the mail courtesy of the Alumni Office!



"MR. DAVE" COMES TO CAMPUS

Between the snoring elephant, the peacock calls, and being up close and personal with penguins through the virtual reality goggles, no one is quite sure what the best part of the day with "Mr. Dave" was. We do know that we loved hearing about his work with communities around the globe and all of the animals who are being cared for by the Katie Adamson Conservation Fund. Our 2023 Distinguished Alumni recipient definitely left an impactful impression on our CDS students!



ALUMNI FAMILY ESTABLISHES A NEW ENDOWMENT

In memory of Will Elmore '92 (1973-2018) and in honor of the positive experiences and relationships from which Will benefited at CDS, Millie and Miles Elmore recently created the *Will Elmore '92 Service Learning & Leadership Endowment*, the first endowment at CDS to support the development of both students and staff together through service learning and leadership experiences.

[Click here](#) for more information about the *Will Elmore '92 Service Learning and Leadership Endowment*.



AVA WHALEN WERSTLEIN '97

We are happy to highlight the nonprofit Ava founded, RescueConnect, located in Wilmington, NC. Her time at CDS taught her to "trust that even things that are challenging can be achieved." A challenge she decided to take on was the overwhelming need to rescue animals in NC, which unfortunately ranks 3rd in the nation for the number of cats and dogs euthanized each year. She started this program after the loss of her beloved cat Bosko and now RescueConnect finds fosters and forever homes for animals along the NC eastern coast. Ava stated her work is a "labor of love with a big return on investment" and we can do our part by spaying and neutering our pets! For information about RescueConnect and other alumni businesses see our [CDS Business Directory](#)!



Last year alumni and staff teamed up to take on our CDS varsity basketball players and they took home the *Holiday Hoopla* win! Teams will take the court once again on Thursday, December 14th.

Come early to celebrate the winter season on the main campus field and enjoy hot cocoa, music, and inflatables starting at 3pm. Then come in for a burger before the game starts at 5:30pm in the Alumni Gymnasium. Tip off will be at 6pm. Alumni are invited to come as spectators or players and families are welcome.

If you would like to play on the Alumni team, please email alumni@carolinaday.org. You will get a free tee and hopefully help maintain the *Holiday Hoopla* Champion Title!



Going through the archives this summer was like opening up an old trunk full of magical memorabilia. After sifting through all of the old photos and historical documents we are excited to start sharing some of our fabulous finds with you! Each newsletter will now have a “*Going Through the Archives*” feature where we highlight a fun find like this photo from the early days of Asheville Country Day School at the old Merrimon Avenue campus. This photo and other ACDS items will be a part of the upcoming **Asheville Country Day School Historical Display** held in the Oreck Library, January 29 - February 2, 2024. An Alumni Reception will be held on Friday, February 2nd so alumni can view the exhibit and socialize!

