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A LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Brookstone Family,

I hope this edition of the Brookstone Magazine finds you well. This is my last letter to be included in the Magazine as the Head of School. There have been a lot of “lasts” this past year: faculty meetings, sporting events, plays, exams, Deliberate Life Speeches, Commencement, and academic awards programs; as you know, we stay pretty busy around here. I will miss all of it, especially being with the people who make it happen, the people who are celebrated in this magazine, the alumni, and the families that make up this community. This is truly a very special place.

There are so many people to thank for welcoming Kris and me to Columbus and Brookstone over seven years ago. Because of that welcome, our transition was a smooth one. You have since been a source of support that we will not forget. Our affection for the Brookstone family made our decision to remain in Columbus an easy one.

I have been incredibly fortunate to be a part of the Brookstone community. The challenges here are different from many other schools, but so are the benefits to being a part of all of this. We are, without question, a student centered school. At Brookstone, we have made that philosophy a part of everything we do. The question “What is in the best interest of our students?” guides us in every way. That belief existed long before I came here, and it will be a part of our culture long after I am gone. I am proud of what our school has accomplished.

I am proud of being a member of the Brookstone family. Many, many schools talk about family. Here, it is real and palpable, and it is, in large part, who we are and why parents clamor to have their children here.

I am also very proud of the people with whom I've worked, the faculty and staff, our students, their parents, the administrative team, the alumni, the Board of Trustees, the Deputy Sheriffs who provide our security, the BPA volunteers, the cafeteria workers, custodial staff, maintenance crew – I could go on and on. All of us together make Brookstone the place it is and will always be. Thank you all.

I await the arrival of Henry Heil and family as he assumes this role with great anticipation. I believe he is the person to lead our school to the next level, and I cannot wait to see where he takes us. He will need all of our support and best wishes in the coming years, and he has mine. Let's all get behind him and make his transition into Brookstone the best it can be.

To say I believe in Brookstone is an understatement. The work being done here is beautiful, and it should make us all proud. One of the great benefits of working here is that these works of beauty can just pop up and be stunning for a brief moment that lingers for a long time in your mind.



I recently had an opportunity like that happen for me following the celebration of Spring Arts Week with our Fine Arts Department, faculty, and students. The celebration lasted four days and was enjoyed by all of Brookstone. In the corners of the Jordan Quadrangle were pianos for anyone to use. The week after the celebration, the only remnants were two pianos still sitting there. I was on my way to a baseball game and could hear someone playing one of the pianos, but it took me a moment to locate the source. One of our Upper School students had just finished a tutoring session and stopped to play, for the joy of it. I stopped, listened, and enjoyed the moment. Those moments happen all the time here, and I will miss them the most.

Kris and I will not be far, and I am sure we will see you at games, concerts, theatrical performances or programs, and we look forward to it. Our hearts are very full, and they belong to Brookstone.

As always, Go Cougars!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Martin Costello, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Dear Brookstone Family,

As the conclusion of this school year approaches, I am drawn to thinking about the subject of endings. In his book *Necessary Endings*, Dr. Henry Cloud encourages his readers to see endings as a natural part of the universe and an inherent reality. He adds, "My hope is that you will be comfortable and confident in seeing, negotiating, and even celebrating some endings that may be the door to a future even brighter than you could have imagined." Some things end well; others do not, but in life, endings are inevitable. As this school year ends for our seniors and their families, it is an ending with more significance than in years past. This year also brings an end to Marty's service as Head of Brookstone School and brings an end to my time as Chairman of Brookstone's Board of Trustees. However, as Dr. Cloud says, "New beginnings will take their place, and the future is bright."

As their high school experience and tenure at Brookstone ends for this year's senior class, their future is bright. As with graduating classes that have come before, these students have been accepted into some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country, and I am so excited for the new beginnings they will experience in new schools and new cities, with new friends, and in so many other ways. Before they launch, they will experience graduation on the quad, one of the most memorable experiences a student and family will have as part of the Brookstone community. The setting is second to none and so are the students who will walk across the stage and receive their Brookstone diplomas. The Brookstone community looks forward to hearing of the things they will accomplish and welcoming them back to campus as alums.

This spring also marks the end of my term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. I want to express my thanks to my fellow Trustees for the support and encouragement they have given me over the last three years. I have consistently been impressed by their love for Brookstone, their commitment to its mission, and their willingness to give their time and treasure in support of the school. I would also like to thank the amazing administrative team for the countless hours (and after hours) dedicated to leading Brookstone. They have been instrumental in the school's success and have provided incredible support for Marty, the board, faculty, students, and families over the years. To the faculty who give daily of themselves to our students by helping them become the best versions of themselves, educating them, and preparing them for success at Brookstone and more importantly beyond Brookstone, I would like to express my gratitude. I especially want to acknowledge the incredible service of the administration and faculty during Covid. Many schools and businesses did not fare well during the pandemic, while Brookstone became stronger and grew in stature.

This graduation holds even more significance for the Brookstone community, as it will be the last graduation over which Marty will preside as Brookstone's Head of School. Marty has served our school and community well for seven years, and we send him into his new beginning with best wishes and gratitude for his service. During Marty's tenure and under his leadership, Brookstone successfully navigated Covid, embraced some beneficial changes such as drug testing and uniforms, and built new facilities such as Cheves Athletic Center, the tennis complex, and the Mack Strong Stadium. There were many other opportunities for Marty to lead, none



of which were easy or without their challenges. I hope you will have a chance to thank Marty and wish him well before the end of the year.

As we wish Marty well in his retirement from Brookstone, we also extend our warmest welcome to Henry, Kerry, Maggie (12), Claire (9), and Jack (7). Brookstone is a new beginning for the Heil family, and I know this community will embrace them and encourage them in their new start. Henry's leadership is also a new beginning for Brookstone, and I am incredibly excited about all he will bring to our community. Henry will officially start in July, and you will be provided opportunities to meet him and his family throughout the start of school and fall.

In closing, I just want to reflect on Brookstone's mission:

Brookstone School, a college preparatory school founded in the Judeo-Christian ethic and committed to academic excellence, endeavors to build in its students the core values of loyalty, courage, wisdom, honor, service, respect, and leadership.

This mission is carried out through the strong relationships and exceptional people devoted to our community. Brookstone is an independent school with a rich history, clear mission, and strong culture built upon our independence, ethics, and the principles found in the Old and New Testament, and we require that the mission of educating students and building in them those core values be fulfilled every day in a welcoming, safe, and secure environment for all of our students and their families. This is a legacy we have inherited and one that is strong, positive, and secure. All of us are a part of that legacy, and it is the job of all of us to protect and strengthen it. As this school year ends, I am excited to see Brookstone embark upon brighter new beginnings than we could have imagined.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Billy Blanchard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "B" at the beginning.

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MOVING FORWARD AS ONE

AS WE CELEBRATE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CLASS OF 2023, WE ARE ALSO REFLECTING ON THE HUNDREDS OF REASONS **WHY BROOKSTONE?** BROOKSTONE PROVIDES A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT THAT ALLOWS OUR STUDENTS TO BECOME WHO THEY ARE MEANT TO BE. WE VALUE THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT EACH MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY HAS ON OUR STUDENTS BECAUSE **PEOPLE MATTER**. WE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR **PERSONAL APPROACH** TO EDUCATION AND THE **INNOVATIVE PROCESS** OUR STUDENTS EXPERIENCE TO GAIN A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE AS FUTURE LEADERS. WE ARE CONSTANTLY EXPANDING **ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES** THAT PREPARE OUR GRADUATES TO SUCCEED IN LIFE. **WHY BROOKSTONE?** BECAUSE WE WANT YOU TO EXPERIENCE OUR INTENTIONAL FOCUS ON THE WELL-BEING AND POTENTIAL OF EACH OF OUR STUDENTS AND **BECAUSE THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE TO BE.**



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GRADUATION EVENTS



EXCERPTS FROM FACULTY BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER HUNTER CHAPMAN

When I think about you seniors sitting here before me, I think back to my first impressions of y'all when you came to the Middle School in sixth grade. Quirky. Odd. Funny. Goofy. ...you remember! Just think back to those days for a second...the glory days, am I right? None of the teachers in the Middle School quite knew how to accurately describe your grade, but we could all agree that this was a special group. A unique group.

When I think back to how we viewed y'all then, one word rises to the top: childlike.

I'm talking about childlikeness—the most positive traits of a small child continuously ...throughout every stage of your life. So what I want to do this morning is affirm right now what I see in you as a grade and as individuals and challenge you to grow in that more and more as you get older. And that trait is childlikeness.

There was a kind of freedom about you, a joy, a laughter, a willingness to engage and joke with teachers, a hunger for something bigger, and a willingness to soak up the journey together. When y'all moved to the Upper School, I moved with you! I loved you that much! I remember welcoming lots of new faces to your class and going on the freshman retreat with you. Laughter. Adventure. Childlikeness. I lived vicariously through my wife,



who taught all of you freshman English, and who was convinced that she had the best advisory ever...though my advisory would sharply disagree with that.

I could go on with more and more stories...the point is that y'all have really impressed me and so many others, not just with a general trend of growth over the past few years but with how you have been able to grow and mature in a way that the childlike spirit within you has actually blossomed more this year than ever rather than fading away.

And so, as I encourage you and challenge you to grow in childlikeness, I just want to pause and highlight the beautiful traits that fall under that umbrella that you already possess. These traits are in you, so I'm not encouraging you to strive for something you have not yet attained, rather grow in something you already possess.

It is a true honor to be in front of you today. Today is quite a BIG day. I feel especially fortunate to be speaking in front of your class in particular. I am not sure that faculty and administration are allowed to have favorites, but I have heard several speak of your class as *special*. I have had the privilege to observe this myself on many occasions. I am so very thankful to many of you who have volunteered as childcare helpers in our YoungLives teen mom meetings. I also hear many stories from my preschool daughter, Anna, about her seniors who come to visit her classroom and bring treats, as well as stories from Witt about his senior buddies who visit his 4th-grade class. And I have gotten to know many of you who serve as Wyldlife leaders to our Middle School students here at Brookstone, my 7th-grade son included. And as a parent, I can think of very few people I am more thankful for than students like you who are willing to give up a late-start Wednesday morning of sleep to come and model a truly special type of leadership to George and his Middle School friends. So I wholeheartedly agree - you are special.

Many times at Graduation and Baccalaureate and things like this, we want to talk about the next goal post ahead. We want to focus on the horizon and tell ourselves bits of encouragement about the fact that we are prepared for what lies ahead. And I don't want to spend a whole lot of time on that, because you ARE ready. This school is a most excellent place to come and be prepared for that next step. Some of you out there may be a little different from me and may have been clinging to these last days of school, dreading leaving all the comforts of this place and taking the next step. Be assured, you are ready. And there is so much beauty and joy out there that awaits you!

I want to make sure that you don't run so far ahead that you don't take some time to look back at your team. I mean your classmates, your families, the administration here, and the network of support that has rallied around you to help get you across the finish line today. Go ahead, pause, look back, and give them a wink. It is so important that we take some time to acknowledge what a special gift this place is and these people are. I know I truly took that for granted. In this place, I had so many people cheering me along on the sidelines every



step of the way in my academic career. After a few EPIC failures in childhood, there were times I was afraid to take a risk, so I needed encouragement to pursue the things I was good at doing.

My grandfather, Bill Turner, who spoke at the first Baccalaureate here at Brookstone 51 years ago, was always a passionate advocate for servant leadership. He would be so proud of Brookstone and how the principle of servant leadership has become a cornerstone in the identity of our school. I had the privilege of watching my grandfather live out his servant leadership, and it was the greatest gift to witness that the source of fullness and richness in his life was from lifting others up. The gift of the Brookstone experience is learning this truth: that the goal of servant leadership is to build a place where everyone is loved, a caring community; reaching that goal in our communities is what really leads to our own fulfillment. So, friends, before you is an ocean of possibilities and opportunities. What a gift, privilege, and responsibility! I hope you will remember that our best, most fulfilling successes are those we achieve by lifting others up. So let's look out for each other and strive across the finish line together. You have done well, Class of 2023. You are special. Congratulations.

I'm greatly honored to welcome faculty, family, and friends today as well as give a special shout-out to the Class of 2023: WE SURVIVED!

At a certain point in our class, we stopped surviving and began to thrive. As we moved into our senior year, we continued our thriving habits and fell right into the role. Whether it was guiding sports teams to state championships or leading chants in student sections, we made it happen. And now, as we go out, we take a small, but hugely significant piece of Brookstone with us as our grade chair Ms. Gaynor graduates into a new adventure alongside us. From the entire Class of 2023, we love you, Ms. Gaynor!

This year our school motto was *Leave Your Legacy*. A legacy is the long-lasting impact of particular events, actions, or accomplishments that took place in the past. In our case, this legacy is not defined by one or two people but, instead, is defined by our class as a whole. Whether you are new this year, a lifer, or came anywhere in between, you have contributed to our class's legacy in some way, shape, or form.

As a grade, we stimulate devotion in each other and in the people around us.

Proverbs 27:17 reads, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another," and I truly believe we motivate each other to become the helping hand, support system, and light of our community.

Whether it be in sports, YoungLife, service projects, classes, or any other aspect of our lives, the legacy that you leave does not end as your physical time at Brookstone does. I am not sure what will become of us once we graduate, but what I am sure of is that we can all accomplish great things.



Greatness comes from how we impact others in our lives and from the relationships we build. Greatness derives from the kind of person we choose to be after we walk out of here today. When I first came to Brookstone, I wanted nothing more than to fit in with everyone else, like I assume most would. But the longer I was here, I had a greater understanding that we are encouraged to stand out from the crowd and not be hidden away. Some of you have been together for 13+ years now, some of us for four, and some for an amazing senior year. Although it can be hard, the truth is that in two months we will all go our separate ways, to different colleges, different states, and new journeys. Journeys are not determined by the opportunities offered to us but by what we make of these opportunities. And once you do get that opportunity, make the most of it.

During freshman year, I wished away time and hoped for senior year to come quickly. Now, in the snap of a finger, senior year is over, the countdown to graduation has hit zero, and here we are ready to take on the world. Now we must find those passions of our own and begin new legacies while reflecting on the foundations we built here at Brookstone. We must embrace our charisma, our ability to mesmerize, captivate, and charm. We must use our charisma to create devotion in others, just as we do here today and as we will do tomorrow and for many years to come. Thank you, Class of 2023, for instilling a longstanding legacy that helped me form my identity as an individual and our identity as a graduating class. I challenge you to keep inspiring others to be the best versions of themselves as you start this new chapter.

When I started to write this speech, I really struggled. I mean how can I summarize my 13 years of school at Brookstone into 5 minutes? So, I went to Dr. Harkey's favorite thing, Chat GPT. I told it to write me a graduation speech, but it was terrible, so I had to scratch that. Instead, I decided to go down memory lane, and it didn't take me long to start remembering some of our hilarious stories.

These shared memories and experiences are what set us apart from any other class. Though we are moving into a new chapter in our lives, these experiences are what we must hold to remember the great times we've had at Brookstone. Now look where we are: our graduation. We've spent the last 4 years all working towards this final goal of one night.

We have always been a tight-knit group that can be characterized by our passion to do something and our will to work hard to obtain our goals. Mid-March of our freshmen year, the school was shut down due to Covid, leaving us all in a scramble wondering, "Was the world going to end?" "Will we ever get to do in-person school again?" "When will I get to see my friends again?"

These were dark times for our whole class, but we did what we always do: overcome. We didn't allow the virus to stop us and pull us down. While keeping our distance, we continued to exemplify our passion to be together with the widespread start of mountain biking and the beginning of the mountain biking club, playing golf every day, or simply just getting together to get food.



But do not think these accomplishments came without adversity along the way. There were times when we were knocked down but persisted to get back up again. This part of our class identity is so prevalent in our lives. Adversity will come; life will knock us down, but we must remember to overcome it, remembering that if we stick together, there is always light at the end of the tunnel.

Now, class of 2023, as we approach the end of this tunnel, new roads, pathways, and opportunities will arise for us in the future. But, we must stay loyal and committed to this class.

Finally, we must have the grit to overcome all of the challenges and adversities that life will throw at us. Loyalty, commitment, and grit are what will hold us together through these whatever comes our way. With this story ending we enter a new story. A great story. One that is hard, captivating, and will challenge us in ways we have never been challenged before. But our will to overcome and ability to persevere will make this next story the way it should be: fun, exciting, and new. For that is what is most exciting about today: the ending of one chapter and the start of one that will change our lives.

**THE TIMOTHY BALDWIN TARPLEY
AWARD (FOR FACULTY)**

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Ashley Archibald

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Bright Blackmon

TROTTER LEADERSHIP AWARD

Bright Blackmon and Win Grubb

COUGAR SPIRIT AWARD

Trinity Bledsoe and Luke Snipes

WALTER E. MEINZEN AWARD

Ashley Archibald

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MATHEMATICS AWARD**

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HAZOURI SCIENCE AWARD

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Catherine Slavich

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Beverly Brooks

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Trinity Bledsoe

KENNON COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD

Miles Daniels

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Taiylor Williams

**COACHES' OUTSTANDING
ATHLETE AWARD – MALE**

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Hailey Todt and DJ Brown

THE JOHNSTON-MCKENZIE AWARD

Win Grubb

THE SALUTATORY AWARD

Bohden Huwe

THE JAMES P. MCCALLIE VALEDICTORY AWARD

Luke McDaniel

THE DORIS AND TOM BLACK AWARD

Walter Blanchard

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- 03 | Lane ('22) and Luke Arrington
- 04 | Dykes ('91), Meghan ('99), and Bright Blackmon
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- 21 John ('89), Linda ('91), and Tommy Mayher
- 22 David ('91) and Mary Harp McMillen
- 23 Madi ('20) and Luke McDaniel
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- 25 Mills ('17), Pepper ('19), and Crockett Miller
- 26 Jason ('96), Whitney ('96), and Caroline Pease
- 27 Aleksandr ('18) and Catherine Slavich



- 28 | Caroline ('98) and Andrew Smith
- 29 | Jake ('22) and Luke Snipes
- 30 | Cindy (Faculty) and Hailey Todt
- 31 | Odonia ('95) and Jonah Whiddon
- 32 | Tammy ('89), Carter ('19), and Lily Burns White
- 33 | Barber ('96) and Robert Wilson

JULIA CAROLINE ALEXANDER

University of Georgia

RILEY ELAINE ALEXANDER

University of Mississippi

ROSHAN SHAAN ANSAR

University of Georgia

ASHLEY DANYEL ARCHIBALD

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

LUCAS BAKER ARRINGTON

Montana State University

MARY BRIGHT BLACKMON

Furman University

WALTER CHEVES BLANCHARD

University of Georgia

TRINITY NAOMIA BLEDSE

University of Chicago

JACOB TYLER BORKAT

Duke University

WESTON PETER BREUGEM

Columbus State University

BEVERLY DEAN BROOKS

Columbus State University

BERLIN JOSEPHINE BROWN

University of Georgia

DARIUS KENYATTA BROWN, JR.

Morehouse College

EVAN MICHAEL CHEN

The University of Alabama

BRELYNN TANAY COSBY

Ft. Valley State University

HANNAH BLYTHE CRAVEY

Samford University

JORDAN DEION DANIELS

Georgia Southern University

MILES ALEXANDER DANIELS

Georgia Institute of Technology

LOGAN DOUGLAS DEMENT

Auburn University

CASEY CONSTANTINE DODD

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JOHN FRANKLIN DOUGLAS IV

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SARAH KATHLEEN EDWARDS

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DIMITRI ISAIAH FLOWERS

Shorter University

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MALCOM CHRISTOPHER QUINCY GOODCHILD

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JARIN VISHNU GOR

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SARA RENE JEWELL

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EMILY CARTER JORDAN

University of Mississippi

KATHRYN COLE KENIMER

Appalachian State University

CAMERON YATES KERSEY

University of Georgia

ELIZABETH ADDISON KNOX

The University of Alabama

HENRY HOUGHLAND LAMPTON

The University of the South

ELIJAH BROOKS LAND

Auburn University

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NANCY SUSAN LAUGHBAUM

University of Georgia

CREIGHTON ADDIS LAWRENCE

Furman University

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Georgia State University

ALEXANDRA WILSON LEARY

Auburn University

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Columbus State University

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The University of Alabama

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CHARITY NOELLE MCWILLIAMS

Tennessee State University

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The University of Alabama

MARGARET CROCKETT MILLER

University of Georgia

DILLON JOHN MURPHY

Auburn University

KILEY FAYE MURPHY

Auburn University

HELEN KIM NGUYEN

University of Georgia

HENDLEY ELISABETH PARKER

University of Mississippi

PARAM SAURIN PATEL

Rutgers University - New Brunswick

CAROLINE FLOURNOY PEASE

Auburn University

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Mercer University

CHRISTIAN RE'ANN SCOTT

Spellman College

KAITLYN ELIZABETH SHAW

University of Georgia

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University of Colorado Boulder

ANDREW ALEXANDER FLOURNOY SMITH

University of Mississippi

JENNA LANE SMITH

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CHRISTOPHER LUCAS SNIPES

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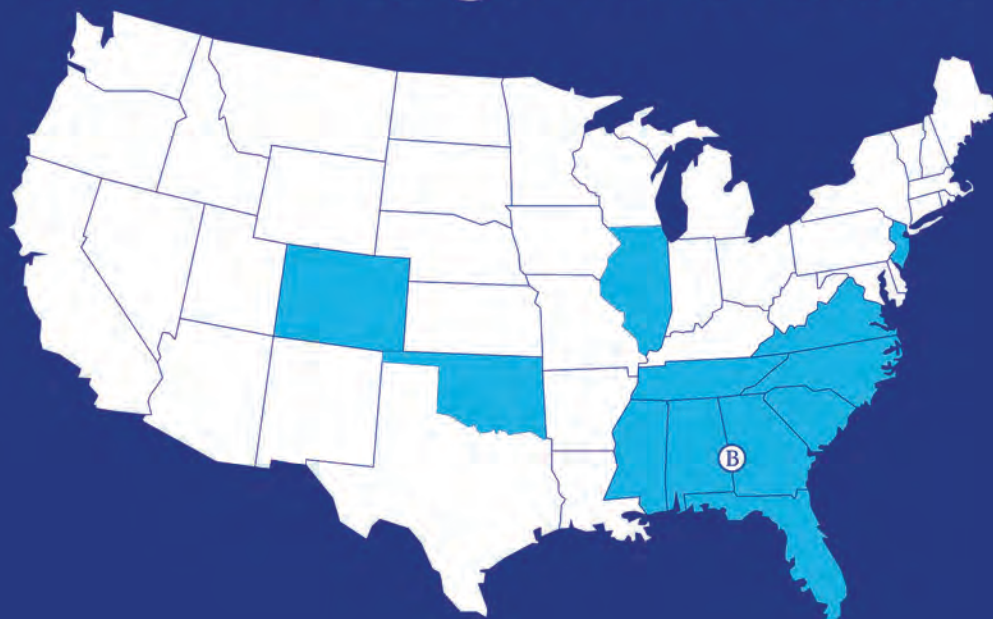
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University of Georgia

TAIYLOR OLIVIA WILLIAMS
University of West Georgia

ROBERT CUMMING WILSON V
University of Mississippi

ZOE CAITLYN ZWICKEY
The University of Tennessee

The class of 2023 will attend over 33 colleges nationwide.

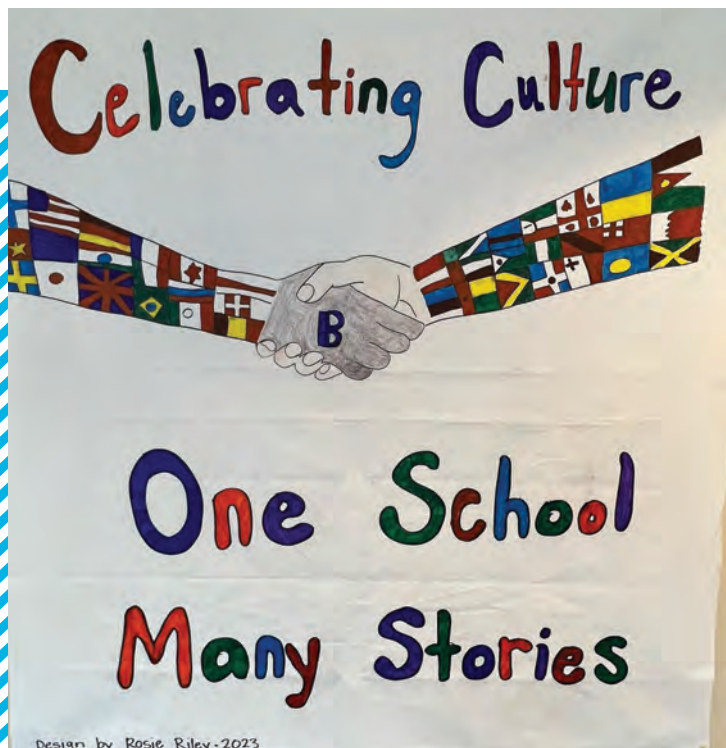




LITERATURE LIVE WITH SPECIAL GUEST MALCOLM MITCHELL



PEOPLE MATTER



**CELEBRATING
CULTURES**
ONE SCHOOL, MANY STORIES

For the past three years, Brookstone School has honored the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with *Make your Mark* week in 2019, *Voices of Change* week in 2021, and *Leading with Love* week in 2022. This year's theme was *One School: Many Stories*. We held an all school assembly to celebrate the various cultural backgrounds of our Brookstone family, along with kindness, equality, and positive contributions to society.

We enjoyed two performances by some special guests - GTQurbani, Georgia Tech University's Non Profit, Student Run, All Male, Competitive Bollywood Fusion Dance Team; and the Fountain City Nupes from Columbus State University's Eta Theta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc.



COMMITTED TO WELLNESS

PARENT PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

WRITTEN BY: JACOB CROWDER, DIRECTOR OF COUNSELING

Brookstone is committed to the social, emotional, and physical wellbeing of students and faculty. With dedicated counselors working directly with students in all divisions and a full-time nurse serving the school, the overall wellness of the school community is a primary focus. Each year, the school hosts a number of cutting-edge speakers to inform, engage, and inspire the school community.

This year, the Counseling Department has provided many programs for parents, students, and faculty to learn, strategize, and develop a sense of shared community. Speakers for the 2022-2023 school year focused on issues important to all families including digital safety, suicide, child-trafficking, student anxiety, and chemical dependency.

SIGNS OF SUICIDE

In September, Brookstone partnered with Mindwise Innovations, using their program called SOS Signs of Suicide to talk with students and parents about this difficult topic and encourage them to seek help when necessary. SOS has been used by thousands of schools for over 20 years. Studies have shown that it effectively teaches students about depression and suicide while reducing the number of students' self-reported suicide attempts.

SOCIAL MEDIA RESPONSIBILITY

Richard Guerry, founder of the Institute for Responsible Online and Cell-Phone Communication (IROC2) and author of *Public & Permanent*, was on campus Thursday, November 3, to speak with students and parents. Mr. Guerry discussed with Middle and Upper School students the importance of a mindset that digital actions are public and permanent. Parents learned more about how to support their children in dealing with social media responsibility during the parent session.

FACING ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WITH HOPE

David Magee, author of the bestselling memoir *Dear William*, spoke on November 7 to Middle and Upper School students, faculty, and parents about the importance and impact of mental wellness. Students, and therefore families, face an unprecedented mental health crisis resulting in anxiety, depression, substance misuse, eating disorders, and suicide ideation. David Magee delivered a powerful, inspiring message outlining both the problems and solutions.

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Brookstone hosted Noel Thomas, co-founder of Zero Trafficking, to speak with parents and Upper School

students on Thursday, January 12. Noel shared information around human trafficking and exploitation while giving a framework for how to stay safe both online and in the real world.

UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY

The Learning Center invited Dr. Scott Hamilton to visit Brookstone School on Wednesday, January 18, for a discussion with faculty and parents on the impact of anxiety in the classroom, on the field, and in relationships. Dr. Hamilton is a licensed clinical psychologist and founder of Understanding Minds, PC in Atlanta. He has over 20 years of specialization providing comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations of children, adolescents, and young adults. Scott received his master's and doctorate degrees in clinical psychology from Indiana State University. He is board certified by the American Board of School Neuropsychology. Scott is a frequent presenter at regional and national workshops on a variety of topics related to the interface between education and neuroscience.

SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION

On Thursday, February 2, Brookstone hosted prevention specialists from Prevention Solutions for a parent round-table. The program with Prevention Solutions within the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation provided an opportunity for parents to learn more effective ways to communicate with their children about alcohol and other drug-related issues.



GRANDPARENTS DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN & SEVENTH GRADE





SWEETHEART DANCE

WE ♥ SENIORS



For me, the Seniors in the Classroom program makes Brookstone beautifully unique. As a 3K - 12th grade school, Brookstone found a meaningful way to connect the school throughout all grades. From the first year it was implemented, the benefits began to be revealed. As our friends in the preschool travel around campus for specials and to watch programs in the Turner Center, seeing our new, older friends isn't merely fun - it gives our little ones a sense of importance - that they are part of something bigger. We love our seniors!

Mandy Gill, 3K Teacher



Seniors in the Classroom is a favorite tradition for my students! The interaction between the students and seniors is such a rewarding experience. This year's seniors have helped the students with homework, always come with a treat, and are ready to answer each and every question the students want to ask! We love our Seniors in the Classroom! Thank you, Hannah, Henry, and Katie, for being so kind and having fun with our class!

Mia Rice, 4th Grade Teacher



Having seniors in the classroom has been such a positive experience for my students as well as the seniors. My third graders get so excited when they visit and when they see them around campus. The seniors have always been so kind to the younger students and enjoy reflecting back on their own Lower School times. Personally, I have loved having some of my former students back in the classroom with me!

Kay Kennedy, Third Grade Teacher

IN THE CLASSROOM



My experience with my class has been very special to me. They were also part of my Senior Deliberate Life Project, which brought so much joy to both them and me. As part of my project, during visits with my class, I would share science experiments and demonstrations with them to help encourage a love of science in younger generations. I would encourage them to be curious, ask questions and explore things they normally wouldn't get to explore. They loved it and had so much fun. Every time I ran into them on campus, they would run up and ask me what we were doing next. Throughout the year, I grew very close with them. They made me signs when the basketball team made it to the state playoffs and cheered me on during the pep rally. I get so excited when I see them, and they're excited to see me, as well. Not having gone to Brookstone my whole life, I didn't experience that sort of community within a school when I was younger. Being able to foster and give them that now was very fulfilling. I love that Brookstone gives us these opportunities to connect and form relationships with those on our campus; it really makes Brookstone feel like a family.

Zoe Zwickey, Class of 2023



Alex and I had Mr. Cowser's homeroom in the Intermediate School, and we had so much fun! The boys and girls are all super sweet and kind, and we loved talking to them. We did Just Dance and brought them donuts! We really enjoyed it, and I wish we had more time to spend with them!

Hailey Todt, Class of 2023





SENIORS ATTEND A CAREER DAY SESSION HOSTED BY AVERY HUDSON ('13)



ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES



ADVENT

UPCOMING STUDENT TRIPS 2023-2024

UPPER SCHOOL

France and Switzerland: June 2-10

with Mr. Ryan Meyer Von Bremen

New York City

with Mrs. Karen Hearn

Iceland: April 3-7

with Mr. Rusty Davis

Spain: June 3-11

with Laura and Adam Anthony
Spanish students

College Tour

with Mr. Jeremy Mack

New York City: October 19-23

with Mrs. Taylor Kinkade

*Advanced Film students only

Costa Rica: April 3-7

with Mr. Joe Herrera, Mrs. Tessa Calhoun,
and Mr. Todd Pate

MIDDLE SCHOOL

**France, Switzerland, and Munich:
May 28-June 5**

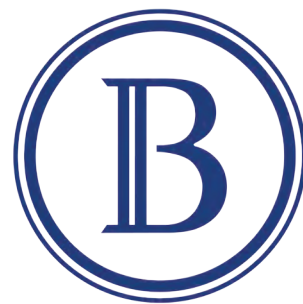
with Mrs. Beth Leatherwood
8th grade parents and students



ATURE AWAITS

PHOTOS FROM SPRING BREAK GALAPAGOS TRIP 2023





ATHLETIC SIGNINGS



**ASHLEY
ARCHIBALD**

Abraham
Baldwin
Agricultural
College
Softball



**WALTER
BLANCHARD**

University of
Georgia
Football



**TRINITY
BLED SOE**

University of
Chicago
Track and Field



**DIMITRI
FLOWERS**

Shorter
University
Football



ANDREA HURT

Berry College
Volleyball



JENNA SMITH

Reinhardt
University
Volleyball



**DYLAN
THORNTON**

United States Air
Force Academy
Prep School
Football



**TAIYLOR
WILLIAMS**

University of
West Georgia
Basketball



BROOKSTONE TRACK & FIELD



BROOKSTONE TENNIS



BROOKSTONE GOLF



BROOKSTONE SWIM

WHAT'S THE BROOKSTONE BATTLE CRY?

V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!



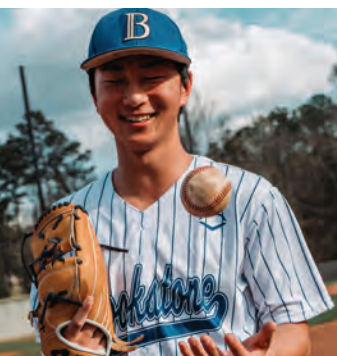
BROOKSTONE BASKETBALL



GOLF



BASEBALL





SOCCKER



BASKETBALL





TRACK & FIELD



WRESTLING





BASEBALL



TAYLOR HANCOCK
ALL REGION



COLE STANSELL
ALL REGION



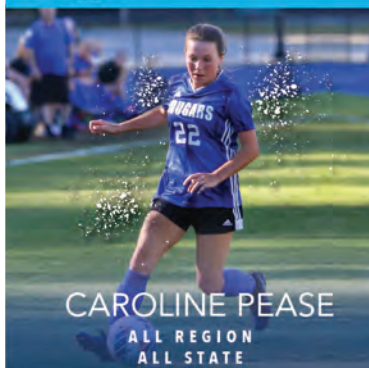
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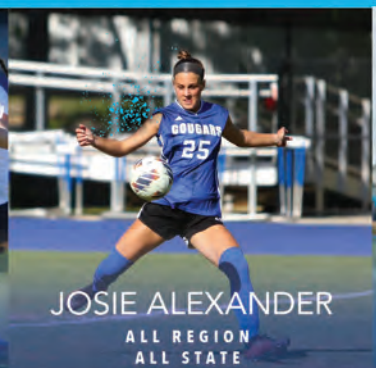
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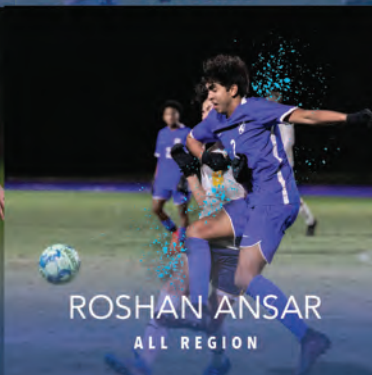
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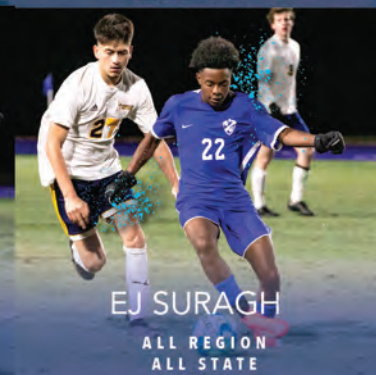
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SIRI STENSLIE
ALL REGION
ALL STATE



ROSHAN ANSAR
ALL REGION



EJ SURAGH
ALL REGION
ALL STATE



LUKE MCDANIEL
ALL REGION
ALL STATE



TRACK & FIELD



GIAA AAA GIRLS TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS



ELIZABETH COWLEY
GIAA STATE TRACK MEET MVP
400 M DASH
STATE CHAMPION
800 M DASH
STATE CHAMPION
4 X 400 RELAY
STATE CHAMPION
4 X 800 RELAY
STATE CHAMPION



TRINITY BLEDSOE
100 M HURDLES
STATE CHAMPION
300 M HURDLES
STATE CHAMPION



CAROLINE FOSTER
4X400 RELAY
STATE CHAMPION



LIZZIE HELTON
4X400 RELAY
STATE CHAMPION



LIZZIE BICKERSTAFF
4X400 RELAY
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AVA CHHOKAR
4X800 RELAY
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KILEY MURPHY
4X800 RELAY
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HELEN NGUYEN
4X800 RELAY
STATE CHAMPION



AP CHEMISTRY CLASS



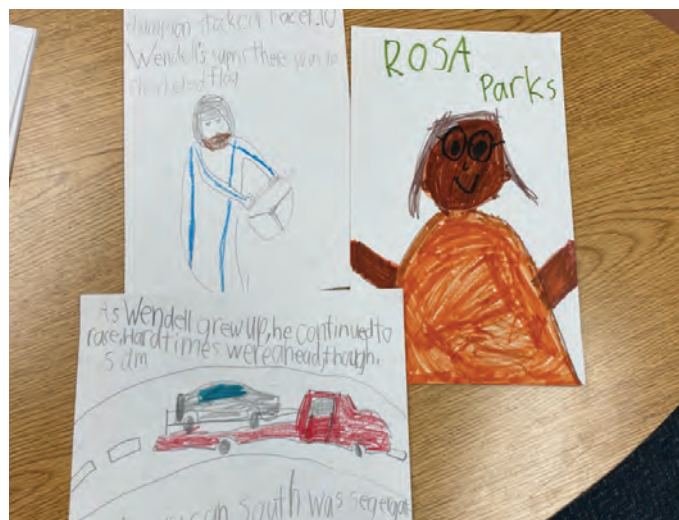
INNOVATIVE PROCESS

INVITING STUDENTS TO INNOVATE ONE STEP AT A TIME

WRITTEN BY: JAVONNE STEWART, HEAD OF
LOWER AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

If you had a chance to read the previous Brookstone magazine, you may have come across a piece entitled, "A Faculty Focus on Cultivating Culture, Collaboration, and Curiosity." When that article was written, the Lower School teachers were immersed in a book study of *"I'm The Kind of Kid Who...": Invitations that Support Learner Identity and Agency* by Debbie Miller and Emily Callahan. This book introduces the idea of an "invitation to learn" and provides a simple framework for allowing choice and engagement among students in classrooms. One of the author's essential suggestions is to allow students some autonomy in determining what they learn, how they learn it, and the materials they need to support their learning; all done within the parameters of the curriculum, of course, and with the teacher as facilitator instead of leader. So our teachers gave it the old college try!

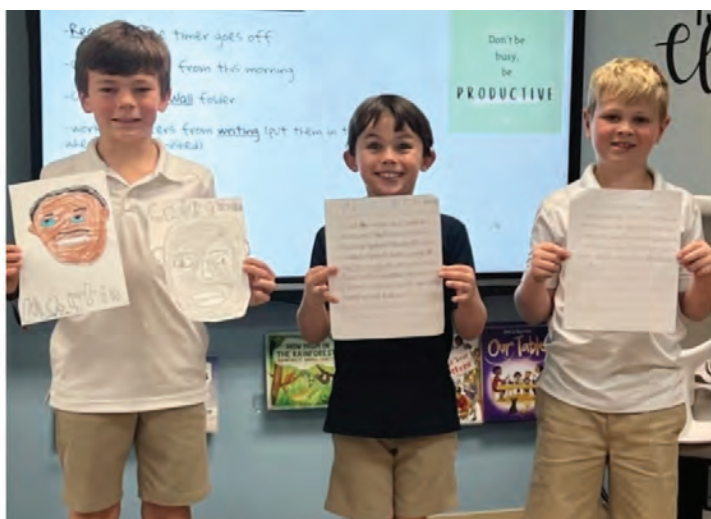
Releasing complete control and autonomy to students can be a daunting task for teachers. Teachers are trained to think about safety first which means putting rules and procedures in place that establish a warm and respectful classroom environment, while also creating the optimal conditions for all students to learn at their best. Allowing fifteen students with fifteen different ideas and fifteen ways of expressing



their ideas may, in fact, be antithetical to a well-managed learning environment. Regardless, the teachers were open to exploring the nuances of "invitations" and how it would enhance and deepen student learning.

Many realized that they were already doing part of the invitation protocol and just needed to loosen the reins and trust that students could guide their own learning. Others welcomed the chance to try to incorporate invitations into a lesson or two, just to see what might happen. Ultimately, the teachers dove right in, followed the framework, and trusted the process. They were able to learn so much about their students and even more about the power of choice and engagement.

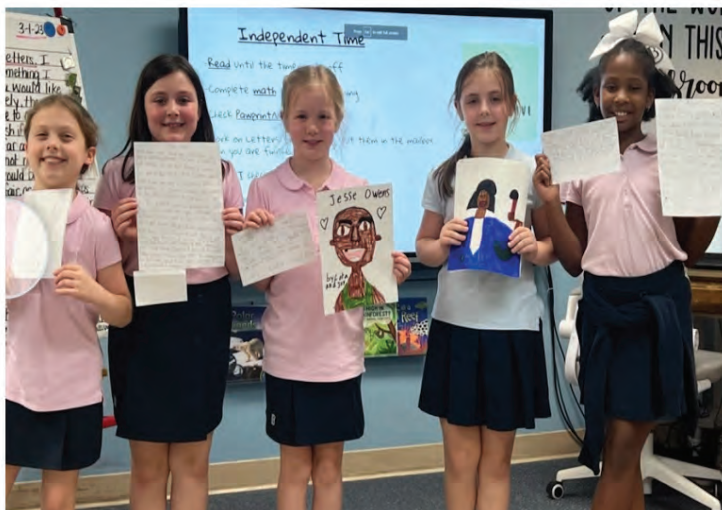
Professional learning is a continuous part of our growth as educators. While we are inviting our students to innovate, we are also reflecting and building upon our own capacity as learners. The process is not always methodical or predictable for either students or teachers. As a matter of fact, learning is best for both when there are questions to explore, puzzles to solve, and solutions to determine. It can be messy and disorganized yet lead to harmonious findings. Here's a snapshot of what it looks like when teachers invite students to innovate:





SECOND GRADE

The second grade teachers invited their students to explore famous African Americans from our nation's history and/or important events. Students then had the option to work independently or in partnerships. They chose a way to show their learning with many choosing to speak, to perform, or to create an artistic rendition of the person or event. Because this was student driven, the only teacher directions given were to show everyone what they learned and how they learned it.



5TH GRADE SCIENCE

Without going through the formal invitation process, Mr. Cowser led his fifth graders through a unit on electricity. When Upper School student, Ava Chang, inquired about Intermediate School students helping her to brighten the lives of senior citizens by writing letters, Mr. Cowser's fifth grade students used the skills they learned while studying electricity to create greeting cards with messages that lit up when a button was pressed. This lesson was a double

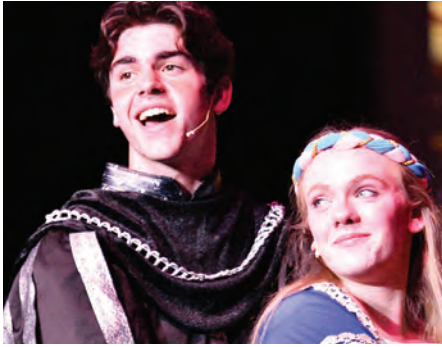


blessing; our students learned about conduits of electricity, and the senior citizens at Love For Our Elders and Color A Smile received some really electrically innovative greeting card messages!

LOWER SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical education is not just traditional sports this year! Lower and Intermediate School PE teachers introduced a new unit that focused on line dancing. Through an exploration of various traditional and contemporary line dances, students were invited to form groups and create a dance using the skills that had been taught. This process allowed students to collaborate, innovate, and present their dance moves to their classmates showing that students as leaders of their own learning is full of fun and creativity!





FINAL CURTAIN CALL

WRITTEN BY: ROBERT DAVIS, THEATRE ARTS
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

The Brookstone Theatre Arts Program is looking back on a spectacular 2022-2023 season, a year that featured hit performances in Scotland at the Edinburgh Fringe, a rousing Middle School Disney show, a slapstick Upper School Broadway classic, and, of course, a State Championship for the Competition One-Act Play. All this show business and success would not have been possible without the time and talent of our 2023 seniors—and what a remarkable group they were!

Eleven 2023 graduates can boast participation in three or more Brookstone productions during their Brookstone Upper School years: Trinity Bledsoe, Beverly Brooks, Avery Ellis, Ruthie Haygood, Sadie Jewell, Charity McWilliams, Catherine Slavich, Jenna Smith, Luke Snipes, Hailey Todt, and Peyton Wells. “Their contributions were essential, and the legacy of their work will be felt for years to come,” says Theatre Director Dotty Davis.

It is well known that involvement in the theatre arts impacts students’ personal, academic, and career lives in countless positive ways, and this year’s theatre arts seniors are clear evidence of this impact. As they make their journeys to college in the fall, they carry with them the confidence, poise, and communication skills acquired through stage performance and production. Avery Ellis says, “Theatre has allowed me to feel comfortable and confident in all aspects of my life.” And Hailey Todt is sure that theatre has created within her a “passion” that she will be able to summon and “apply for the rest of [her] life.”

While these young performers speak of the intrapersonal effects of theatre, many speak of the interpersonal skills garnered through theatre participation. Charity McWilliams says that theatre has helped her “cultivate friendships.” Certainly the focus on empathy and ensemble fostered by theatre arts education will be a continuous benefit to these graduates.

***I’m forever grateful
to Brookstone
Theatre for giving
me a space to be
myself and help
others do the same!***

Trinity Bledsoe, Class of 2023

While confidence, connectedness, and communication skills might be foremost in their minds, these seniors will soon notice that working in the theatre has provided them access to fields of study and interest that will open doors for them on college campuses and later in the workforce. For performers, theatre at Brookstone is literature, history, psychology, political science, and physical education. Our technicians utilize and apply the whole realm of mathematics, as well as digital technologies, chemistry, economics, engineering, and an array of the visual arts. Brookstone’s Technical Theatre Director Robby Davis says, “A wise school administrator once told me that if a school was forced to keep only one curriculum, it should be theatre because theatre involves all the other curricula.”

There is ample empirical evidence that links theatre arts experience with academic self-efficacy and engagement, self-esteem, and empathy with others. At Brookstone, we see these skills in our theatre graduates, who, like theatre students around the world, will reap life-long academic and career benefits from their participation in the performing arts.



THE FUN-FILLED, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION MURDER-MYSTERY DINNER THEATER EXPERIENCE!

Ava Chhokar assisted with costume changes. The production crew consisted of a team of Middle School students: Zoe Lee, Asa Cravey, Connor McElroy, and Myles Stewart. More than a dozen Brookstone students assisted the caterers as the wait staff. The Arts Alliance chairperson for the event was the group's president, Anna Flournoy.

In April, the Arts Alliance and the Theatre Arts Program produced Brookstone's first dinner theatre show, an audience-participation murder mystery called *Win, Lose, or DIE!* The production, along with a catered dinner, was staged among the dazzling artwork of the Bo Bartlett Center at Columbus State University's uptown Riverside Campus. The show served as the finale to the annual Spring Arts Festival week at Brookstone.

The cast, featuring Brookstone faculty and students, treated the audience to an episode of a fictional game show, *Lyrical Pursuit*, and three lucky audience members were selected to be contestants for the wild and wacky, on-stage competition that asked them to sing the lyrics of popular songs. During the game show—as expected—a mysterious homicide occurred. After which, the audience, working in teams, raced to consider clues, interrogate suspects, and correctly identify the killer and the motive.

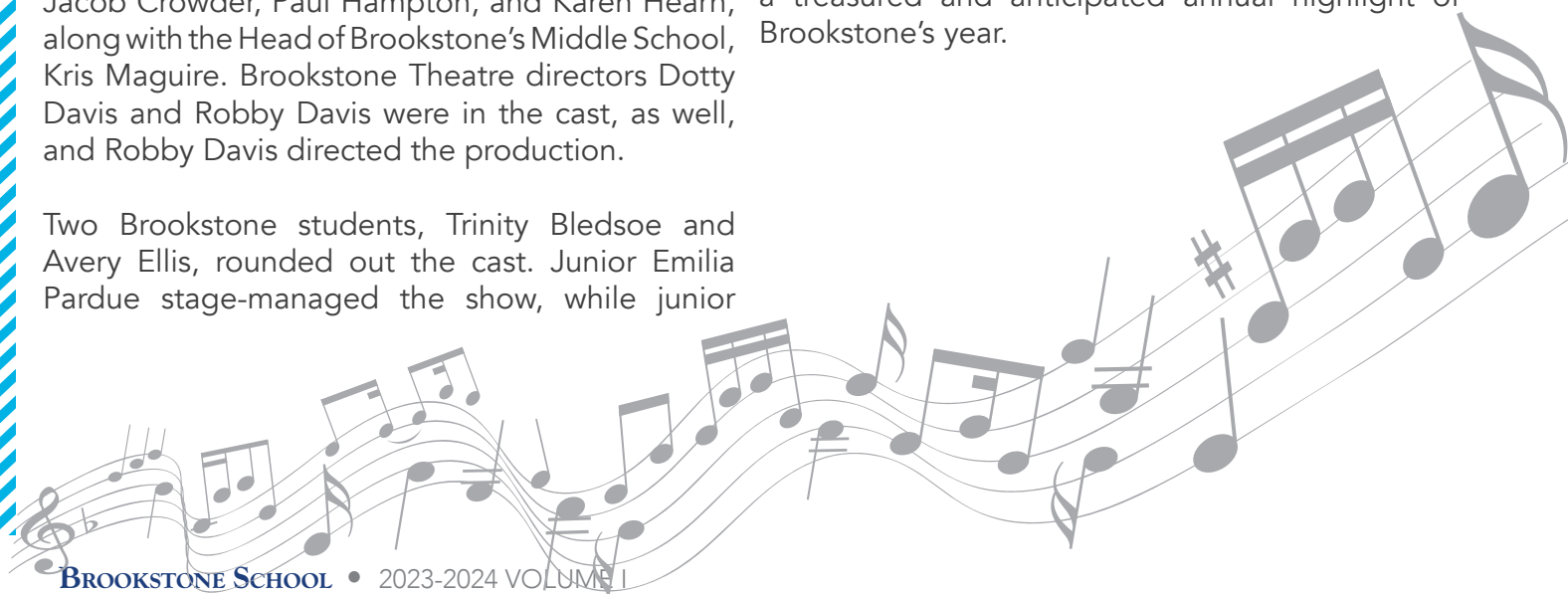
The cast included Upper School faculty members Jacob Crowder, Paul Hampton, and Karen Hearn, along with the Head of Brookstone's Middle School, Kris Maguire. Brookstone Theatre directors Dotty Davis and Robby Davis were in the cast, as well, and Robby Davis directed the production.

Two Brookstone students, Trinity Bledsoe and Avery Ellis, rounded out the cast. Junior Emilia Pardue stage-managed the show, while junior

Many sponsors made the fun-filled evening possible, including Hamilton Family Dentistry, Mrs. Amy Bickerstaff, Psychiatric Services at Brookstone, Dr. and Mrs. S. Alan Arrington, Mr. and Mrs. Mark N. Immelman, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan L. Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. Travis F. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler W. Riley, Malone Office Environments, and MC Dixon Lumber Company.

The Red Carpet Sponsors for the evening were Encore Atlanta, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Bickerstaff IV, Mr. Thomas W. Marks Jr. and Mrs. Dannel J. Mastrean Marks, Mrs. Jodi Chhokar, Mr. and Mrs. Chad T. Cottrell, and Flournoy Partners. Proceeds from the show will be used to support the fine arts at Brookstone.

The success and excitement generated by the dinner theatre show has prompted the Arts Alliance to slate a second production for April 2024 at the Bo Bartlett Center, once again capping the Fine Arts Festival. The Arts Alliance and Theatre Arts Program hope that the event will become a treasured and anticipated annual highlight of Brookstone's year.





COUGARS IN COMMUNICATION



ANNA LOGAN

CLASS OF 2014**WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY DOING (POST-GRADUATION CAREER OR IN YOUR CURRENT FIELD OF STUDY)?**

I'm currently the Senior Homes & Style Editor for *Country Living* magazine. As the Senior Homes & Style Editor, my job mostly consists of finding beautiful homes to show in our magazine. It's thrilling work that has taken me all over the country and introduced me to so many colorful characters.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS FIELD?

I've loved telling stories since I was a little kid sitting in the Krause Kastle. It was only when I was in high school that I realized I could make a living doing so! Writing stories, whether they be about the recent popularity of Swedish-folk maximalism or the family of four who turned a 17th-century Dutch barn into their forever home, nerding out about design history with our 7.4 million readers brings me so much joy each month.

HOW HAS BROOKSTONE PREPARED YOU FOR SUCCESS?

I truly would not have considered journalism a viable career had it not been for Dr. East's nudging me to take over the school paper when I was a senior. That year, and the Page One award in journalism that followed, changed my life in the best way possible. Beyond that, Brookstone gave me skills and abilities that have guided me through a lifetime of decision making, for which I will be forever grateful.

COUGARS IN COMMUNICATION



WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY DOING (POST-GRADUATION CAREER OR IN YOUR CURRENT FIELD OF STUDY)?

I am currently working as a digital reporter for CBS Sports/247Sports covering LSU sports as well as a play-by-play broadcaster on multiple ESPN platforms.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS FIELD?

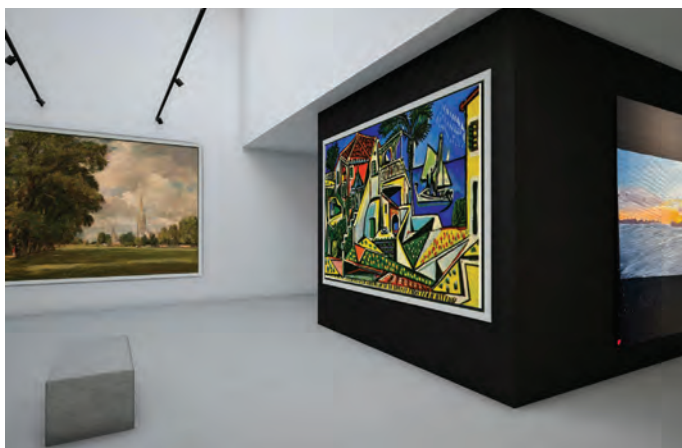
I chose this field for my passion of following and covering sports and storytelling.

HOW HAS BROOKSTONE PREPARED YOU FOR SUCCESS?

My opportunities and the foundation of what I do now started at Brookstone. Through broadcasting games under the guidance and encouragement of Mr. Jacob Crowder with Cougar Live, I was able to find my passion for sports broadcasting. I took that valuable experience into college where I continued to hone my skills. Brookstone was instrumental in giving me hands-on experience as well teaching me valuable networking skills. Those two things have helped me each step of the way and will continue to pave the way for my career.

AI & THE Arts

REMAKE THE MET: AI CREATED EXHIBITS



At the beginning of the semester, students in the Upper School painting class were challenged to recreate the Met. By taking on the role of an art curator, each student chose a theme and began collecting ten works of art. These included pieces from the Renaissance to Impressionism, one work from the 20th century, one from the 21st century, and lastly, a painting of their own inspired by master artists. Using a program called Artsteps, the students created a virtual museum and placed their paintings on display in their curated exhibits.

[SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW ALL OF THE EXHIBITS](#)



THE SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL



THE HENRY SWIFT SERVICE TO SCHOOL AWARD

In 2019, the Henry Swift Service Award was established in honor of loyal board member Henry Swift to recognize those employees who have made a significant career commitment to Brookstone School. Henry has served as a Brookstone Trustee for over 50 years. The program is designed to recognize and express appreciation to faculty and staff at each five-year milestone of service to Brookstone School. This year, the program took place May 25th and awarded employees for the highest level of years of service reached. Annually, faculty and staff are recognized as they reach the next milestone of service.



5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Top Photo: Linda Bennett, Ginny Upchurch, April Sullivan, Taylor Turner, Garry Sullivan, Rusty Davis, Jasper Mason, and Beth Leatherwood

Bottom Photo: Julie Jordan, Katherine Coffman, Diane Jarrett, Amanda Bork, and Lori Denson



10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Amanda Gill, Brooke Schneider, and Hunter Chapman



15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mia Rice and Cathy Smith



25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Dee Dee Branham



30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Joy Bohn



FORMER HEADS OF SCHOOL, SCOTT WILSON AND MARTY LESTER, WITH INCOMING HEAD OF SCHOOL, HENRY HEIL, AT THE SPRING ALUMNI GATHERING



PERSONAL APPROACH

Dear Mr. Heil,



We invited Brookstone students in grades 3K through twelfth to ask the incoming Head of School, Mr. Henry Heil, any questions they would like. Their submissions were insightful and a fun way to welcome Henry to Brookstone!

PRESCHOOL

I think you taught my mom in high school! I want to know if she was a good student. (3K student whose mother attended The Episcopal School of Dallas)

While I didn't teach your mom (I have only been at ESD since 2017), I'm certain she was a great student. I have taught at four other schools, though, and could very well have taught some parents in the Brookstone community over the course of my 25 year career. I have worked at Culver Academies (IN), North Cross School (VA), Oak Ridge Military Academy (NC), and Woodberry Forest School (VA) prior to my time at ESD.

Do you like candy or ice cream better?

Definitely ice cream! I don't eat it much, but I especially enjoy any flavor with caramel in it.

Where do you live?

As I type my answer to this question, I reside in Dallas, Texas, in the north part of the city called Preston Hollow. Pretty soon, though, I will be a proud resident of Columbus! I have also lived in Lynchburg, Virginia (where I grew up); England (for school); Charlotte, North Carolina (in college); Culver, Indiana; Roanoke, Virginia; Columbia, South Carolina (graduate school); Greensboro, North Carolina; and Charlottesville, Virginia.



What is the best way to show school spirit?

School spirit comes in many shapes and forms. For example, wearing school gear, putting bumper stickers on your family vehicle, and attending school events are all excellent ways to demonstrate your love of Brookstone School. The best way, however, is to live the school's mission on a daily basis. At Brookstone, that means always striving to be loyal, demonstrate courage, grow in wisdom, live honorably, serve others, respect everyone, and develop leadership skills.

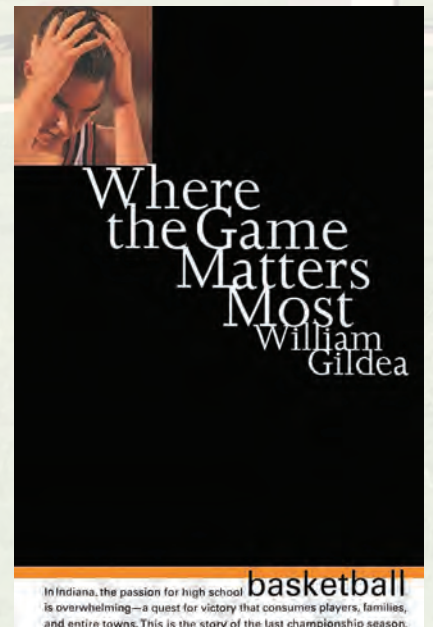


What is your favorite animal?

Cougar!!

What is your favorite non-fiction book?

Where the Game Matters Most by William Gildea is a book about Indiana high school basketball that I still reference in conversations even though I read it over 25 years ago.



INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Do you plan to keep old traditions or add new ones?

I am excited to learn all about Brookstone's traditions and fully immerse myself in each of them.

What is the dumbest thing you've ever done?

This is a loaded question! And one that is much better answered by my family. However, recently, I drove to the wrong baseball field for my son's game simply because I didn't look at the schedule.

Have you ever met anyone famous? Do you know Steph Curry?

I have been fortunate enough to meet a lot of famous people in my life, but the most famous person I've met is probably singer/songwriter Don Henley, whose daughter graduated from ESD. I have spent a lot of time with Steph Curry, but I can't say that I know him well. Members of my family know him much better. He is the greatest!



MIDDLE SCHOOL

What is your favorite sport? What teams do you cheer for?

It depends on the time of year, but I closely follow college basketball, college baseball, the NBA, and Major League Baseball. I primarily cheer for Davidson College, University of Virginia, Golden State Warriors, and the New York Yankees.

What's your favorite thing about this school?

Tough question! There is so much about Brookstone that I really like. The school's history is compelling. The campus is gorgeous. For me, though, it's always about the people. I have met so many people associated with the school - students, parents, faculty, alumni - who have deeply impressed me.



Will the school stay the same as it has been?

The best teams, businesses, and schools are always trying to get better. I intend to help Brookstone continue to grow and build on its current strengths to make it better for the students who attend and the adults who work there.

What vague plans do you have for Brookstone's future?

I want to help Brookstone continue to excel and lead in the independent school arena. I can imagine Brookstone being a place that individuals from other schools throughout the country come to observe and use as a model for their own school.

Have you taught before? I'm just wondering.

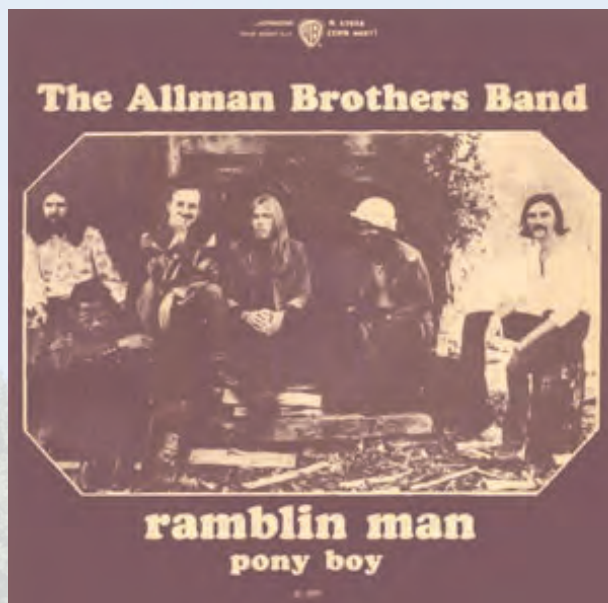
Oh yeah! I love teaching. In fact, I think it is the greatest profession in the world. I have taught United States History, Western Civilization, Sociology, and United States Government.

How did you find Brookstone and decide to become the Head of School?

One of my teammates in college attended Brookstone, so I knew about the school and its reputation. However, this past fall, a consulting company called The Education Group told me that the school was looking for its next Head. As I read about and learned more about the school and about Columbus, I became excited about the possibility of joining the community. When I first interviewed in October 2022, I fell in love with the campus and hoped that the search committee would like me as well. Lucky for me, they invited me back to campus again in early November and offered the job later that month. I was driving at the time and had to pull over because I was so excited!

When you were a little boy, did you want to be a Head of School?

No way! I didn't even know that was a job someone could do! I wanted to be a professional athlete. I didn't think I wanted to be a Head of School until I was in my late 30s.



UPPER SCHOOL

If you had to sing every lyric to a song in order to survive, which song would you pick?

In college, my friends and I listened to an Allman Brothers Album on repeat all day and night for a week. As a result, *Ramblin Man* runs through my head on a regular basis. I could (and sometimes do) sing every lyric in my sleep. As a backup, *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*.

Did you play sports in high school? How do you get exercise?

I played soccer, basketball, and baseball in high school and baseball in college. I rarely miss a day of exercise now. I run every other day and lift weights on the days in between.



Where were you born and raised?

I was born and raised in Lynchburg, Virginia. Situated in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and on the banks of the James River, Lynchburg was founded in 1786 as a textile manufacturing center.

What is your vision for Brookstone?

I believe Brookstone currently offers a premier education in academics, arts, and athletics in a gorgeous setting where students are known, challenged, and loved. Brookstone thoroughly prepares its graduates for a complex world beyond Bradley Park Drive. Part of my vision is to make sure everyone knows that!

What's your opinion on the LIV tour versus the PGA tour?

I love watching golf. I want to see the best players compete against one another. I also believe in the free market. Does that answer the question?





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HENRY HEIL
INCOMING HEAD OF SCHOOL

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more about
Henry Heil!***

DOCTOR DAY





UPPER SCHOOL DAY OF SERVICE

BLUE WHITE DAY





Don't You Forget About Us

For seven years, Marty has served our school and community well. As we send him into his new beginning with best wishes and gratitude for his service, we hope that Marty will remember Brookstone as fondly as we will remember him.

CLASS NOTES

1984

#15 **Sally Bradley ('84)** See Jon and Jarret Key ('09).

1985

#1 On February 14, 2022, Governor Brian Kemp appointed **Benjamin A. Land ('85)** to serve as a judge on the Georgia Court of Appeals. For the previous 4 years, Judge Land served as a Superior Court Judge in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, which includes Muscogee and Harris County.

1986

#1 On February 14, 2022, Governor Brian Kemp appointed **John T. Martin ('86)** to serve as a Superior Court Judge in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit; Judge Martin was sworn into office on May 24, 2022.

1997

#2 **Chris Woodruff ('97)** The Cotton Companies newest development, Highside Market, is slated to open late Fall in Columbus, Georgia. The 55,000 SF Urban Infill and Adaptive Reuse Mixed-Use Development will be a central point for eating, shopping, mingling, working, and connecting in the city's historic-yet-energized Uptown area. (Photo by: John Pyle)

2002

Elizabeth Martin ('02) started Sullivan and Phenix, a custom hand-beaded, high-end chandelier business in New York City, when Elizabeth lived on Sullivan Street in Soho 8 years ago. Within a short period of time, Elizabeth was invited to collaborate with the luxury hotel chain Hotel Indigo to work on a collaborative lighting project. Returning to her home state of Georgia, Elizabeth set about expanding her creative designs to include curated home selections and an elegant bedding collection for clients seeking original, modern designs with a hint of traditional style and class. Today, Elizabeth is an Atlanta-based home décor specialist with an all-encompassing vision for classically appointed interiors. Sullivan and Phenix is the best of Elizabeth's creative visions—insights that continually explore, collaborate, and celebrate an anthology of designs.

2003

#3 **Caroline Varner Fields ('03)** and her husband, Brandon, welcomed their 4th baby girl, Caroline Robinson Fields, on June 9, 2022. She is simply adored by everyone, especially her big sisters, Julianna (10), Gardner (10), and Bennett (8).

#4 **Christopher Riddle ('03)** and his wife, Kathryn, welcomed their first child, Clara Elizabeth, on November 5, 2022.

2004

#5 In October of 2022, **Sara Varner ('04)** received her real estate license and joined the Mary Varner Real Estate Group at Bickerstaff Parham. She loves being on the Varner team with Mary, Caroline Fields ('03), and Anna Garcia ('09). She also enjoys working with Reynolds Bickerstaff as her broker. Sara has always had a passion for helping people as well as a passion for real estate. She is enjoying assisting Brookstone friends and making new friends along the way!

2008

#6 Jonathan Davis Chitwood was born on January 24, 2023. Proud parents are Ryan Worley Chitwood ('11) and **Cady (Ciuba) Chitwood ('08)**. He joins big brother Reid Chitwood (2). They are lucky to have many aunts and uncles who are also alumni of Brookstone School!

2009

#15 **Sally Bradley ('84)** traveled to New York to visit fellow alum and previous student **Jon Key ('09)**. Key's solo show called *Second Goodbyes* was presented at the Steve Turner Gallery following his solo show in Los Angeles last year. His twin, **Jarret ('09)**, is also a painter and performance artist. They both teach, and Jon also has a very successful graphic design studio with his partner.

2010

#17 **Luke Mansour ('10)** and Maggie Smith were married December 10th in Columbus, GA. **Will Branton ('10)**, **Beau Kamensky ('10)**, **Hal Mansour ('15)**, **Jackson Mansour ('13)**, and **Brian Vogler ('10)** served as groomsmen.

#7 **Freeman McCluskey ('10)** will begin his residency training in Urology at the Medical College of Georgia: Augusta University this July. He became passionate about the field after fighting testicular cancer during the start of the COVID pandemic and receiving treatment and surgery at Emory University in Atlanta. The Medical College of Georgia has an exceptional Department of Urology—Freeman couldn't be more humbled and grateful that he was able to match into the program and sub-specialty field for which he most hoped!

2011

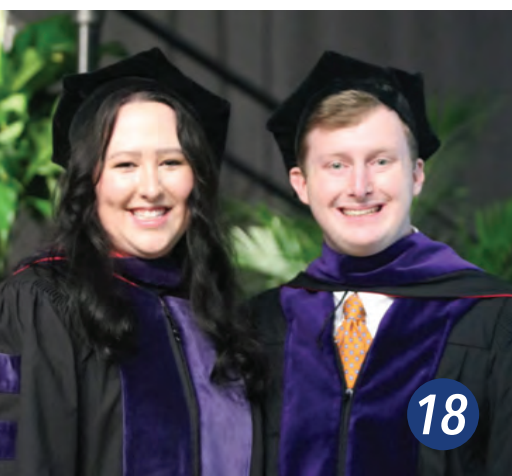
#6 **Ryan Worley Chitwood ('11)** See Cady (Ciuba) Chitwood ('08).

#8 **Taylor Hollingsworth ('11)** is currently approaching her third year of residency as an OBGYN at the University of Florida Hospital in Jacksonville, FL.

2012

#9 **Kate Thorne ('12)** and Alex Carruthers were married on Saturday, February 26, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Trey Thorne ('14) served as a groomsman. Kate is the daughter of former Brookstone teacher Elizabeth Thorne. The couple currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia, where Kate is an attorney at Jones Day law firm, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, and Alex is a financial lines underwriter for Starr Insurance Companies.





2014

#8 Sydney Hollingsworth ('14) is working in the Human Resources Division with Vankirk Electric as the lead Talent Acquisition Specialist. She is also pursuing her Masters in Clinical Mental Health at Wake Forest. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking in north Georgia.

2015

#19 Conner Brooke Dryden Binkley ('15) married Aubrey Pierce Binkley in Nashville, TN, on April 14th. Conner Brooke is in Relationship Management, and Aubrey is an Account Executive, both at Ramsey Solutions. Their residence is in Nashville, Tennessee.

#10 Michael Henley ('15) has been working towards career progression since he graduated from Brookstone in 2015 and was recently hired as a First Officer at American Airlines where he plans on spending the rest of his career. Michael flies the Airbus A320 operating medium to long range flights across North America. Eventually he plans on progressing to the international side of American where he will be flying to destinations in Europe, South America, and Asia.

#21 Lucas Wolff ('15) and his wife, Mary, recently welcomed their son, Luther Horn Wolff, V (Luke), on May 5, 2023. Lucas recently finished his 2nd year of law school at Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

2016

#16 Meg Hicks ('16) graduated from Cambridge University (UK) with an MPHil Degree in Social Anthropology on April 29, 2023 at a ceremony performed at the Senate House. Meg completed her degree requirements in the fall of 2022, but because of the backlog of graduation ceremonies as a result of the Covid pandemic she could not actually participate in the graduation ceremony until April 2023. Meg is currently pursuing a PhD in Cultural Anthropology at the University of South Carolina where she also serves as a teaching assistant.

#18 Jack Pease ('16) and **Kate Jenkins Grier ('16)** graduated from Georgia Law School with Juris Doctorates.

#20 Naeisha McClain ('16) is entering into her third year at the University of Pittsburgh where she is pursuing a Ph.D. in Urban Education. She was recently inducted into the Hall of Honor at her undergrad, Oberlin College, where she also serves on the Board of Trustees. In her spare time, she plays semi-pro football for the Pittsburgh Passion.

2017

#24 Levi Wolff ('17) recently finished Synovus' Accelerated Banking Program and completed his MBA at Columbus State University in May. He will be starting law school at Cumberland School of Law at Samford University this summer.

2018

#11 Uma Alappan ('18) graduated from Emory University last May with Highest Honors, Summa Cum Laude, and with a Biology (BS) degree. Uma was also inducted into the National Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and will be starting the MD Program at Yale School of Medicine this August.

#23 Leo Beaudoin ('18) graduated from the Stern School of Business at New York University on May 16th, 2023 with a Master's degree in Accounting. Prior to this program, Leo attended the University of Georgia (Class of 2022) where he majored in Finance with an emphasis in Pricing and Valuation.

After the Master's program, Leo has accepted an offer to work with EY in their New York office as a Consultant focused on Mergers & Acquisitions.

#12 Following his graduation from the University of Georgia, 2nd Lieutenant **Russell Blanchard ('18)** commissioned into the United States Air Force. He is now at Columbus Air Force Base in Columbus, MS, as a student pilot in Undergraduate Pilot Training.

2019

#14 Ryan Drew, ('19) was recently recognized as Greek Man of the Year at Samford University for his work as Interfraternity Council President from 2021-2022. During his tenure as IFC president, Ryan and his team set the school record for the highest number of students going through the Greek recruitment process in Samford history. Ryan is a senior at Samford and is scheduled to graduate from the Brock School of Business on April 28, 2023.

#13 Rachel McQuinn ('19) graduated with honors and a degree in Psychology from Georgia College in May. She was one of the valedictorians in the School of Arts and Sciences. She will be starting her masters degree program at the University of Georgia in Applied Behavior Analysis this fall.

Antonia Nunley ('19) completed her first semester of her MS in Computer Science at GaTech and will begin a 12 week Offensive Cyber Security Internship in San Francisco.

#22 Graham Wolff ('19) recently graduated with honors and a degree in Biology from the University of Georgia in May. He will be starting medical school at Mercer Medical School this fall.

2020

Lillie Peek ('20) is interning as a student athletic trainer for the UGA football team. Lillie is getting great first-hand experience working with the players and assisting first aid and rehabilitation treatments.

We would like to invite you to send us news about your life for publication in the next issue of the Brookstone Magazine! Examples of life events such as career changes, promotions, and community service are all of great interest to your fellow alumni. In addition, birth and marriage announcements are published up to one year after the event. Email Meg Stewart at mstewart@brookstoneschool.org with "Brookstone Class Notes" in your email subject line.



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**1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998
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IN MEMORIAM

Brookstone would like to extend our deepest sympathies for the passing of these in our school community:

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MONA CRAWFORD
Class of 1980
JANUARY 12, 2023

EMANUEL WILKES
Class of 1992
APRIL 30, 2023

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The purpose of the Alumni Board is to provide an organized group of alumni who support, promote, and encourage the school, and these individuals will inspire other alumni to be more active in the school. They will also serve as a sounding board for the Brookstone Alumni Department and help determine its focus.

If you are interested in learning more about the Alumni Board and getting involved in Alumni activities, please contact Meg G. Stewart, Alumni and Annual Fund Director, at mstewart@brookstoneschool.org.

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THE HEAD OF SCHOOL SOCIETY

Join The Head of School Society! Donors at the Head of School Circle level and above will now be considered part of this special society of supporters. We hope you will consider a gift and celebrate the 2023-2024 campaign with us in the fall of 2024 at a special event!

LEGACY SOCIETY

Extend your legacy and your generosity.



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Membership involves no dues, obligations, or solicitations, but it does allow us to thank you and recognize you for the plans you have made, and it helps to inspire generosity in others.

The most important benefit you will receive from joining the Legacy Society is the satisfaction derived from making a lasting contribution to our long-term success and enhancing the educational experience of each of our students.

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