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ON THE COVER: Class of 2016 salutatorian Brandon Cho and valedictorian Chandler Ciuba process into the graduation ceremony.; INSIDE FRONT COVER: Coach Mary Lynne Cumiskey surrounded by her players at the groundbreaking for the new Mary Lynne Smisson Cumiskey Tennis Complex.

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





**T**his school year we were blessed to have as our interim headmaster Dr. Frank Brown. This is his second stint as interim headmaster. Dr. Brown came to Brookstone

Representatives from each division came forward to let Dr. Brown know what he has meant to them this school year. This is what the intermediate school student council had to say about him:

"Many leaders are qualified, but few are exceptional. Our headmaster, Dr. Frank Brown, joins the ranks of the best of the best because of the following qualities..."

"An exceptional leader is decisive. Dr. Brown makes tough decisions—even if he knows it won't always make everyone happy. Dr. Brown doesn't hesitate in tough situations. He also knows when to collaborate as a group to solve a problem." (*- Sarah MacGibbon*)

"An exceptional leader is empathetic. Dr. Brown guides people through problems, and he is always on the lookout for solutions. Like a strong leader, Dr. Brown keeps Brookstone focused on moving forward." (*- Lane Brown*)

to be treated. He knows honesty is one of Brookstone's character traits, and he reflects honesty in everything he does." (*- Madden Dismuke*)

"An exceptional leader is inspiring. Dr. Brown, you are decisive and empathetic. You are a confident problem-solver, and you show accountability. You are honest, and you challenge us by setting high expectations. You inspire us to be the best we can possibly be, and we thank you for that. You are a great role model!" (*- Remi Miller*)

This is the impression and influence that Dr. Frank Brown has made on Brookstone School. I was struck by the impact he had made on them and their ability to articulate that impact so well. During this school year that impact was made by Dr. Brown in the carpool line, the stands, the audience, the classroom, the office, and the board room.

On behalf of Brookstone, thank you for everything, Dr. Brown.

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after having had a stellar career in higher education serving in several capacities at Columbus State University culminating in his appointment as the University's third president in 1988. He is active in several civic organizations and has been honored for his leadership and service by numerous organizations. In 2015 he received the Jim Woodruff Memorial Award from the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

While Dr. Brown has received many accolades during his career, from my conversations with him I know that what the Brookstone family feels for him may be one of the most satisfying of all. He was recently honored by the student body at this year's yearbook assembly.

"An exceptional leader is accountable. Dr. Brown takes responsibility for everyone at Brookstone. When things are going well, Dr. Brown recognizes it. When problems come up, he finds solutions, and gets things back on track." (*- Lizzie Helton*)

"An exceptional leader is a confident problem-solver. People seek Dr. Brown's advice, and they feel good about it." (*- DJ Brown*)

"An exceptional leader is optimistic. Dr. Brown is helpful, positive, and concerned about those around him. He knows what to say to inspire us." (*- Yates Kersey*)

"An exceptional leader is honest. Dr. Brown treats people the way he wants

*Stephanie Y. Hunter, Board Chairman*



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**A**s you read this edition of the Brookstone magazine, the 2015-2016 school year has come to a close and summer activities are in high gear. The campus will be undergoing its usual capital improvements, planning for the next academic year will be in full swing, and professional development for our faculty will be ongoing. Another order of the day for summer is, of course, rest and relaxation. I hope that everyone will be energized and excited for the opening of school in August.

My wife Kris and I are very excited about our move to Brookstone and Columbus. The warmth of our reception by the greater community has been wonderful, and we look forward to meeting and working with more of you in the coming months. We already feel a part of the Brookstone family.

The privilege of being selected to serve as the sixth head of school is in so many ways humbling. Brookstone's reputation is outstanding, in every way. In academics, in the arts, in athletics, and learning through service—it is a unique school. The combination of a talented, innovative faculty, bright, inquisitive students (as you will see in the pages to come), a committed group of parents, and a passionate alumni base makes for a great school. It also pays attention

to the important things in life, not as an afterthought, but as a part of the daily routine of the school. It knows that without connecting knowledge with understanding, application and passion, little is to be gained. To this end, Brookstone is prepared to do the little things for our students that produce the greater result. To say that I am excited to be a part of this dynamic group is an understatement.

Brookstone has many attributes that make it the envy of other schools. A beautiful campus and facilities that few can match, a commitment to providing the best possible resources that the faculty need to make the experience of every student an optimal one, a constant desire to evolve as a school in every way—all are just part of what makes this school, our school, great. Ultimately, the most important strength of Brookstone is the people and the sense of community that they engender. I recognized that the first time I walked on campus. These people, who teach, who learn, and who make sure their children receive every advantage possible by making sacrifices to send them to Brookstone, have helped to make this community, this family, one of which to be proud.

I owe great thanks to Dr. Frank Brown. He has been very gracious with his time and wisdom and has allowed me to spend time on campus this past spring. Taking full advantages of those opportunities, I was able to meet with administrators, fac-



ulty, staff, parents, and students. I was also able to attend several events on campus, including a very beautiful and moving commencement. I am very grateful to him for these chances to spend time with the school community.

Enjoy the summer. I eagerly look forward to seeing you in August.

*F. Martin Lester, Jr., Head of School*



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## SENIOR MENTOR BREAKFAST

APRIL 13, 2016

JORDAN GYMNASIUM



The senior mentor breakfast provides an opportunity for each member of the senior class to select one individual, other than a parent, who has had a positive impact on his/her life. At this event, mentors are honored with a catered breakfast, addresses from the student body, and a momento bookmark from their respective senior with a special quote for their mentor. This year's speaker (shown fourth row, second from left) was Mr. Cecil Cheves, Brookstone grandparent and alumni parent.







# SENIOR AWARDS DINNER

MAY 19, 2016  
RIVER MILL EVENT CENTRE



HALLMARK AWARD  
Catherine Marie Cole

THE L. ASHLEY WALTERS MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD  
Jonathan Matthew Hart

MARTHA K. HEARD COMMUNITY  
SERVICE AWARD  
Ashton Taylor Leddon

LEADERSHIP AWARD  
Kate Jeannine Jenkins  
James Mitchell Sherrer

COUGAR SPIRIT AWARD  
Charles Andrew Pease  
Helen Hunt Snively

WALTER E. MEINZEN AWARD  
Helen Hunt Snively

McKENZIE-CHAPPELLE MATHEMATICS  
AWARD  
Lauren Elizabeth Roman

SENIOR AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

HERNDON MATHEMATICS AWARD  
Zhijun (Lydia) Zhang

ROTHSCHILD ENGLISH AWARD  
Catherine Marie Cole

MARY AND JACK PASSAILAIGUE  
FOREIGN LANGUAGE AWARDS  
FOR FRENCH  
Brandon Wonbin Cho  
FOR SPANISH  
Catherine Marie Cole

KIRVEN HISTORY AWARD  
Harish Raj Alappan

HAZOURI SCIENCE AWARD  
Koyal Kamlesh Ansingkar

DRAMATICS AWARD  
Cara McKinlay Hunter

JORDAN MUSIC AWARD  
William Caldwell Jenkins

SARAH SMITH HART ART AWARD  
Ariel Nicole Steele

KENNON COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD  
Kathleen Michelle Sway

McCONNELL-TUCKER JOURNALISM  
AWARD  
Brandon Wonbin Cho

COACHES' OUTSTANDING ATHLETE  
AWARD – FEMALE  
Naeisha Shamir McClain  
Helen Hunt Snively

COACHES' OUTSTANDING ATHLETE  
AWARD – MALE  
Edward Prather Hudson, Jr.

THE CHARLES J. CUMISKEY AWARD  
Ashley Redding Byrd  
Coleman Ware Killorin

THE JOHNSTON-McKENZIE AWARD  
Emily Louise Pease

THE SALUTATORY AWARD  
Brandon Wonbin Cho

THE JAMES P. MCCALLIE VALEDICTORY  
AWARD  
Chandler MacKenzie Ciuba

THE DORIS AND TOM BLACK AWARD  
William Caldwell Jenkins

THE TIMOTHY BALDWIN TARPLEY  
AWARD (FOR FACULTY)  
Mrs. Maria Reed





## COLLEGE CHOICES FOR CLASS OF 2016

Harish Raj Alappan <i>Emory University</i>	Anna Katherine McFarland Drew <i>Berry College</i>	Calvin Richard Lavoie <i>Kennesaw State University</i>	Allison Brooke Sheppard <i>University of Mississippi</i>
Ameena Ali <i>University of Georgia</i>	Jackson McLester Dudley <i>Furman University</i>	Ralph Glenn Leary III <i>Troy University</i>	James Mitchell Sherrer <i>University of Georgia</i>
Luv Alkesh Amin <i>Hawaii Pacific University</i>	Wright Cadwell Eggena <i>Auburn University</i>	Ashton Taylor Leddon <i>Auburn University</i>	De'Andra Marie Shields <i>University of Georgia</i>
William LaFayette Amos IV <i>Mercer University</i>	William Cooper Farley <i>Georgia Southern University</i>	Reid Benjamin Lewis <i>Auburn University</i>	Virginia Shannon Sloan <i>Auburn University</i>
Koyal Kamlesh Ansingkar <i>Georgia Institute of Technology, Grand Challenges</i>	Mary Elizabeth Flournoy <i>University of Georgia</i>	Samuel Duffey Lowe <i>University of Alabama</i>	Helen Hunt Snaveley <i>Columbus State University, Servant Leadership Program &amp; Softball</i>
Lindsay Jarrett Atkins <i>Auburn University</i>	Callie Brooks Gatewood <i>University of Alabama</i>	Naeisha Shamir McClain <i>Oberlin College, Track &amp; Field</i>	Ariel Nicole Steele <i>Georgia Institute of Technology, Honors</i>
Christopher Cane Blankenship <i>University of Alabama</i>	Lindsey Renee Giglio <i>Birmingham-Southern College, Honors &amp; Bonner Leadership Scholar</i>	William Fray McCormick, Jr. <i>University of Georgia</i>	Charles Bernard Straus <i>Southeastern Missouri State University</i>
Mary Mackie Boyce <i>University of Mississippi</i>	Molly Leigh Grier <i>Georgia Southern University</i>	Katherine Ann McVay <i>University of Alabama</i>	Minna Louise Straus <i>Southeastern Missouri State University</i>
Kordell Alexander Braxton <i>University of Alabama at Birmingham</i>	Allison Brooke Harlan <i>University of Alabama</i>	Jacob Stuart Milliner <i>University of Georgia</i>	Kathleen Michelle Sway <i>Tulane University, Honors</i>
Sarah Alexander Burgin <i>Sewanee: The University of the South</i>	Jonathan Matthew Hart <i>Auburn University</i>	Allison Jean Molnar <i>Auburn University at Montgomery</i>	Richard Boyd Swift <i>University of Mississippi</i>
Lindy Lane Burts <i>University of Georgia</i>	Rachel Cathryn Hemmings <i>University of Georgia</i>	Sarah Katherine Morton <i>Georgia Southern University</i>	Arjun Thiruppathi <i>Augusta University, Honors</i>
Ashley Redding Byrd <i>Georgia Institute of Technology</i>	Jackson Robert Henslee <i>High Point University, Honors</i>	Lawton Montgomery Mullin <i>University of Georgia</i>	Ashwin Thiruppathi <i>University of Georgia, Honors</i>
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Freeman Batten Caves <i>Columbus State University</i>	Edward Prather Hudson, Jr. <i>University of Georgia, Football</i>	Culver McDuffie Norred <i>Auburn University</i>	Brooke Delaney Turner <i>Auburn University</i>
Brandon Wonbin Cho <i>University of Virginia</i>	Cara McKinlay Hunter <i>New York University</i>	Jacob Lathem Parks <i>University of North Georgia</i>	George Emmett Wade IV <i>Georgia Southern University</i>
Chandler MacKenzie Ciuba <i>Furman University</i>	Mary Kent Illges <i>University of Mississippi</i>	Charles Andrews Pease <i>Auburn University</i>	Anne Henley Walker <i>University of Georgia</i>
Catherine Marie Cole <i>Davidson College</i>	Kate Jeannine Jenkins <i>University of Georgia</i>	Emily Louise Pease <i>University of Georgia, Bradley-Turner Leadership Scholar</i>	Andrew Stuart Webb <i>Columbus State University, Baseball</i>
Wellsley Slayton Copelan <i>Auburn University</i>	William Caldwell Jenkins <i>Georgia Institute of Technology</i>	Jack Flournoy Pease <i>Auburn University</i>	Thomas Brooks Whilden <i>Mississippi State University</i>
Mitchell Wright Cox <i>Lee University</i>	Coleman Ware Killorin <i>University of Mississippi</i>	Lauren Elizabeth Roman <i>University of Georgia</i>	Zhijun Zhang <i>University of California, Berkeley</i>
Patrick Hardy Crowley <i>University of Georgia</i>	Browning Lee Lane <i>Samford University</i>	Isabel Andrews Schley <i>Belmont University</i>	Christian Edward Zubernis <i>Savannah College of Art and Design</i>
D'Andrez Arkeyvian Terrell Dashiell <i>University of Alabama at Birmingham</i>			





## BACCALAUREATE

MAY 20, 2016

JORDAN GYMNASIUM

*Following is an abridged version of the speech given by Mr. Jack Pease Schley ('11), Alumni Speaker*

I have been able to watch many of you grow up, and I am grateful to be standing here to have a special view as I congratulate all of you on this wonderful accomplishment y'all are soon to be recognized for. You have passed fourteen years worth of testing to get to this point, but you should realize that even more significant tests are soon to come. This latter form of exams will be of your character. They will come soon and often; sometimes gently and sometimes not-so-gently. And you can expect to be very surprised by them along the way.

After I graduated from Brookstone, I went on to study at Furman University in South Carolina. While there I cultivated a hidden interest within myself for sustainable agriculture. And now I am an organic vegetable farmer. So you never know what passions may be hidden within you, just waiting for the right person or experience to find you and release that passion into the open.

It is late spring at the farm right now with all of our planted seed just beginning to reveal itself in a new and transformed manner. This time right now, graduates, is also late spring in your lives. You have spent fourteen years now closely bundled with the familiar seeds around you while ground is being prepared for your own transformation. You are now being delicately, and specifically, placed out in a new environment. Once there you will find that all the right components have already been laid by a team of loving "farmers" for you to blossom.

In the years to come, at times some of you may feel like you were ripped from your familiar bag of other seeds and broadcasted out only to land on a rock or outside of the prepared ground where you were intended to land. And it is how you choose to respond to this unplanned event that will have a lasting impact on you, for seed can still sprout even in overgrown and compact earth.

What will you become? Will you try to sprout fast so that you can grow tall quickly, consuming as much sunlight and water as you can so as to beat the other seeds sprouting around you? Maybe you'll choose to sprout and immediately wilt, disappearing so as not to be noticed. Maybe you'll pop up as that pesky weed that no matter what the farmer does to you—you just never seem to be of any helpful use. Or, maybe you'll find that you're one of the three sisters.

When our ancestors first arrived to this part of our country almost two hundred years ago, they were expecting to find a dense, dark forest populated by savages; when in fact, they found woods that were kept very clean with the aid of controlled burning, and neatly planned fields along the river planted mainly with three crops and tended to by a structured people. Corn was always planted first by the natives because it took the longest to mature, but it also grew tall. Next to the corn, beans were planted which would fall against the corn for support and grow up with it. The beans also fixed nitrogen in the soil, which corn feeds heavily on. And finally, squash was planted around the foot of these two plants because it grew low with broad leaves that shaded the soil and prevented weeds from sprouting. The Native Americans called these plants the three sisters because working together they made each other stronger.

Remember and learn from your experiences. Share them and let others share theirs with you and surround yourself with friends you admire. When I first got to Furman, I was feeling very confident in my accomplishments back here at Brookstone. I was amazed by the stories of the people around me. On my first day at Furman, I met someone, who I would find out weeks later, was told at age twelve that she had cystic fibrosis, a disease of the lungs that slowly debilitates your ability to breathe. As my sympathy for her began to build, I learned of how she had chosen to respond to this news as a twelve year old. As her parents and doctors began to discuss the treatment she was going to have available to her, she thought, "What about the people like me that don't have this kind of treatment availability?" She then began to teach kids also diagnosed with cystic fibrosis how to swim and recruited donors to pledge money for every lap each swimmer could complete. By age sixteen she had turned this project into a non-profit foundation that raised millions of dollars for research into cause and treatment of cystic fibrosis. My sympathy turned to admiration, for if I had not asked, this was the type of person I would not have even thought was sick. And rather than sulk in sadness for herself, she chose to respond using her passions and talents to help others.

Surround yourself with true friends who engage with you in your own passions, and you in theirs, and you'll find that together you make each other stronger, and you can influence others for the better. Brookstone calls this Servant Leadership. Passion is what links these two opposing titles together harmoniously; the



servant, whose job it is to provide, and the leader, whose task it is to set an example. Combined through passion, this creates a force who others will want to follow and imitate.

Within yourselves, passion should also influence your leisure. Once off at school you'll be surrounded by new people, new things, and in a new place, no matter how far or close from where you are right now. There will be crowds of people who know nothing about you. I can repeat the old parental adage that nothing good happens after midnight, but I'll add that some of the most meaningful conversations of your life will probably take place at two o'clock in the morning. But when it comes to the time to find the balance between how much of a worker and how much of a player you want to be, I urge you to remember this: Who you are and whose you are.

You are your parent's child, the child of your grandparent's children, you are a believer of your god, a follower of your institutions, a graduate of Brookstone school. I urge this on you too: be worthy of your good attributes and of those who came before you that made it possible, because along with all of that background, you are you, and that is who has the final say on your honor and your character. Which, if properly tended to, you will find to be a stronger foundation for your future than a list of test scores or achievements you can write on a piece of paper.

Spend a lifetime learning new things about yourself and the world and cultivate passions that you can share with others. Remember to go back and thank those who have helped make you who you are. Return to Brookstone and to Columbus, for however brief or long a time, call home to your family and friends while you're at school. Take time to just sit, pray, and be with someone and let them know how much they mean to you because if you don't you may never know how much you mean to them.

This is the age of imagination. Our generation is breaking the mold after gradu-



TOP: (left to right) Alumni speaker Jack Schley ('11) and seniors Jack Pease, Emily Pease, William Jenkins, Isabel Schley, and Charles Pease.; MIDDLE LEFT: Jack Schley ('11) addresses the audience.; BOTTOM LEFT: Seniors Mary Mackie Boyce and Lindsay Atkins as they process into baccalaureate.; Seniors Brandon Cho and Koyal Ansingkar on violin during the ceremony

ating from college by following their interests and starting businesses that no one would have ever expected to be successful. Educate yourself and be the best at what you love. In the words of Mark Twain, "Never let school interfere with your education." There is a big world all around us with countless numbers of people following the same interests as you. Find them, have a meaningful conversation, and take a chance at living your dreams.

Congratulations, Brookstone Class of 2016. To my family, I love y'all, and to the whole class I am so very proud to welcome you into the family of Brookstone Alumni. Good luck, enjoy the ride, and go out and cultivate so that you may reap an abundant and sweet harvest. Thank you.



*Following is an abridged version of the speech given by Mr. Will Lundy, Faculty Speaker*

**B**efore I start today, I have to be completely honest with you. I was a little nervous when I learned that I was going to speak in front of all of you today. That's right—the person who made each of you stand up in front of the class and act, sing, and read your writing, who helped quite a few of you prepare for your Deliberate Life speeches is nervous about giving this speech. I finally decided to use the advice I gave when helping you get ready for your Deliberate Life speeches and start with the intro. I told you that a great way to start a speech was to start with a question, so I thought I'd give it a try. The only problem was the questions that I really have about your class are not really ones that I could use as fuel for a whole speech. Things like “Why do you guys think it is so funny when someone's voice cracks?” “Why did it take Amazon two years to deliver that Nigerian flag we ordered for Sam?” “Will that guy with all of the gift cards ever learn that her name is Koyal, not Koy-yell?” “Will Dre Day's mixtape ever drop?” “Who will Luv vote for in the upcoming presidential election?” All of them are pressing and important questions but not really anything that I could talk about for the required time limit.

The only thing left for me to do would be to start with a story about your class. I decided that I wanted to talk about how reliable you have been, how strong you have been, how you have protected each other from the weather, how you have helped to deliver each other through the trying years of high school to the doors of your prospective colleges for a whole new group of people to enjoy. How some have tried to polish you up, to paint you in an attempt to make you into something you are not, make you golden when you didn't want to be. You have made it through here despite sometimes traveling through some adverse conditions and have been

taped together with love and care. All of these qualities have made me realize that to me, your class is like a cardboard box. Not just any cardboard box—this cardboard box. Your class has always been special to me, just like this box has always been special to me. I saved this box from Sam and Arjun's project for three years, and I have moved with it three times. You should have seen the moving guy's face when I asked him to be careful with it. It is special to me just as your class is special to me. It is more than a cardboard box to me. I am not sure if you remember, but this box was part of a project that you worked on during your sophomore year. This box came to be something we could rally around, something that united us, and something that was comforting. Sam and Arjun unknowingly created exactly what we needed at exactly the right time. Your class has been perfect for that—not only with each other, but with me as well. Gentlemen, thanks for giving us exactly what we needed when we needed it the most.

You know that was always important to me—that we were a family inside and outside of the walls of that classroom. We have weathered some difficult events together over the past few years, and we have emerged from these setbacks stronger, closer, and more aware of our need for help from each other to get through the tough stuff. This class has seen its share of heartbreak and hard times and you have been there for each other when it was needed the most. That is what I have always loved about you, and it is what I will always love about you. Each of the things I remember about each one of you, no matter how big or how small, will be what I will always cherish about your class. I would love it if each of you could find some time to come see me before you leave for college and let me share my memories of our time together with you. I have a lot to share. Thank you so much for the wonderful memories.

When talking about your class with some of your teachers the other day, I asked them if they were as proud of you as I have been over the past few years. We

were all quick to mention specific things about your class that stood out to us. Coach Thompson mentioned being told at the last minute that he had to teach an eighth grade world history class and how appreciative he was for having such patient and hard-working students during his first time teaching the material. We are proud of each of you for making it through Brookstone and for turning into the wonderful adults that you have become. It is harder than ever for kids to survive in this world, to exit from your teen years without being exposed to so many difficult and horrible things. You have faced obstacles and struggles that the adults in this room never could have imagined when we were your age, and you have come through them stronger, more resilient people. That is why I can honestly say that we are proud of every single one of you, for any number of reasons. Truly proud.

I know that you must be scared and worried about how the future will turn out for you. That is normal. All of the adults in this room were terrified when we were in your shoes. I think apprehension is healthy, as long as you do not let your fears get in the way of becoming the person you are supposed to be, as long as fear does not get in the way of the dreams you have for your life. I would like for you to dream as big as you can from the minute you walk out that door when this ceremony is over and to never stop having those grand dreams as long as you live. Your parents and your teachers have prepared you for the challenges you will face. We are letting you go this fall because we know that you can do it, that you have what it takes to be successful. Dream as big as you can.

While we are on the subject of stories, I want you to promise me that you will always write your own story—don't let anyone else write it for you. Don't let anyone tell you what to do with your life. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't be what you want to be. F. Scott Fitzgerald once noted, “Great books write themselves—only bad books have to be written.” He's right, and that same expression can be applied to life. You are now in charge of writing



the book of the rest of your life. You will tell your story. You will be responsible for the plot. You will be responsible for the characters you decide to include. You will be responsible for selecting the setting. Most importantly, you will be responsible for the conflicts you will face and the way that you resolve those conflicts. The way that the book of your life will be written is up to you.

While I want you to get out there and stand on your own and write your own story, I want you to promise me that you will always remember to be thankful, respectful, and appreciative for all that your parents have done, for all of the sacrifices that they have made to get you to this point today. They deserve your respect and your attention, and at the very minimum, a weekly phone call. They have seen you at your best, at your worst, and at the times you might like to forget and never talk about again. Always remember that no one gives advice like your parents. When your parents speak, listen closely. Trust me—your mother and father always know best.

While we are on the subject of parents and your responsibilities to them, I also want you to remember the responsibility you have to the other parenting force in your life—Brookstone School. I have heard the weekly countdown of the number of days you had left. I heard about how ready all of you were to get out of here—and then it happened. You finally realized that leaving us was going to be bittersweet. I felt the same way when I left Westminster when I was your age. Then something crazy happened once I started college. I realized that I was a better student, a better public speaker, a better French student, and more respectful of others as a result of the education I received. I was so thankful for the wonderful experiences I had during my four years in high school. I know you will experience the same sort of feeling when you get to college. You will have the same feelings that I did—that I owed something to my school in exchange for what I received from it. Brookstone has become part of your DNA, a part that you'll never get rid of. You know its true.



TOP LEFT: Faculty speaker Will Lundy and the special box he referenced in his speech.; TOP RIGHT: (L to R) Mark McVay ('14), Jamie and Sherri McVay, senior Kate McVay, Kenneth and Frankie Brown, Christie and Bill Jones, Bo Jones ('13) and Ben Jones ('15); BOTTOM LEFT: Seniors Ashton Leddon, Allison Molnar, and Browning Lane; BOTTOM CENTER: Seniors Catherine Cole and Kathleen Sway; BOTTOM RIGHT: Senior Kordell Braxton welcomed everyone to the ceremony.

On the rare occasion when you guys would do something that would try my patience or say something that was borderline inappropriate, I'd respond with something along the lines of, "Are you kidding me? Act like you go to Brookstone." And that was all I needed to say. Even my middle school soccer players know what that means—that there is a responsibility that comes with being known as a Brookstone kid. You understand that we value loyalty, courage, wisdom, honor, service, respect, and leadership. That's why I am confident that each of you will be back to speak to future classes, like Jack is today, that each of you will offer to serve as mentors for the Deliberate Life project, that each of you will come back to help with events like Country Fair and Homecoming, and that each of you will do whatever you can to ensure that others will continue to have the same sort of experience you did for generations to come.

My last wish for you is this—I want each of you to strive for authenticity in everything you do in your life. I want you to put kindness and compassion for others above anything else that you do. Most of you, well probably all of you, laughed at me when I demanded that you speak to each

other and to your teachers in the hallways between classes during your sophomore year. A small gesture can mean so much to someone. After you leave Brookstone, you will realize that there is a great deal of need in the world, people desperate for a kind word, a step up, or just simply a smile to gain a sense of hope, people who need to be reminded that someone cares about them. Out of all the things I shared with you over the past few years, out of all of the stories I told you, out of all of the things I taught you, this is the one thing I want you to take from me when you leave. Strive to create meaningful relationships. Be kind. Be authentic. Speak to people in the hallway, at church, at the Peachtree Mall, and at Chick Fil A. Share your story with them and actually listen to theirs. Help people when they need it. Show them you care. Your life will be better for it. Trust me.

A whole new world will soon be yours. Life is about to start all over again for you this fall. Get out there and see the world, and make sure that you send us a post card from time to time. Know that I will always be proud of you, know that I will always love each one of you, and know that I will always cherish the time I had with you. May God bless each one of you.



# class OF 2016

## GRADUATION

MAY 20, 2016

JORDAN QUADRANGLE

*Following is the speech given by James Sherrer, Class of 2016 Class Elected Speaker*

**G**ood evening.  
We are the class of 2016 and even though we may be graduates tonight, we are so much more.

*First off, we are grateful.* I want to thank everyone for being here. Faculty, teachers, parents, family and friends, your impact on our lives has been so tremendous inside and outside of Brookstone, and we can't thank you enough for everything you have done for us these past eighteen years.

And on a personal note, I would like to thank my mom and dad and my siblings for helping me get to this point, and for always believing in me, no matter how stressful the situation. To the Class of 2016, thanks for making our time together unforgettable. I've loved every minute of it.

When I got asked to do this speech I thought back and really wished I had paid a little more attention to all of the graduations I've been to in the past, but none the less I'm so excited to be here to represent my family, my school, and of course my classmates.

*We are successful.* Let me give you the low down on this group of graduates. We are a group of eighty-one amazing minds, from so many different backgrounds, and we will be attending thirty-five different universities this fall, from right down the road at Columbus State University to across the country at Hawaii Pacific University. There are forty lifers and even one graduate that joined just for senior year. The Class of 2016 has received over 6.5 million dollars in scholarships, and we have six members going on to continue their athletic careers at the next level. Moving forward, we will be Tigers, Dawgs, Vikings, Paladins, and Blazers, but we will always be Cougars. There is no doubt in my mind that every single member of this class is set for success in any endeavor they will pursue in the future.

*We are unique.* Our class is, by no means, just a set of numbers. There are so many different minds, spirits, and personalities in this group that make us unique. With such a diverse class, it is amazing to see the love and sense of pride that every single member of this class shows towards their classmates and Brookstone School. I've always seen this as something unique at Brookstone but especially unique for the Class of 2016. We showed overwhelming attendance at the spring musical and packed the stands for every playoff in golf, baseball, and tennis just to name a few. Of course, it's hard *not* to have fun watching your classmates win two state championships this year. Everyone in the group loves one another and shows it day in and day out, inside the classroom and out in the Columbus community.

*We are family* Looking back over my past fourteen years here at Brookstone, we have had some great memories that I will never forget. It all started with the Letter People show right here in the Turner Center and most recently our little stunt that involved moving over five hundred chairs from the high school to the football field at 10 o'clock at night. Coach Thompson and Mr. Weir, your patience was greatly appreciated.

*We are loved.* Half of the members of this graduating class have gone to school together here at Brookstone for fourteen years. There were some ups, there were some downs, but I think I can speak for my classmates when I say that I wouldn't trade it for the world. Whether we've spent fourteen years or just one year together, there is a real bond that forms in that high school building. A bond more



LEFT: Class elected speaker James Sherrer; RIGHT: Members of the class of 2016 toss their caps after the ceremony.



than just on an academic level, although Brookstone never ceased to keep that category in full swing. This school and the amazing teachers here have showed us from our very first day on this campus that we can be and do *anything* that we aspire to be. Being a teacher at Brookstone is more than just the eight-hour school days, it's about being a friend and mentor to every student and going above and beyond the call of duty. For that, we are grateful.

*We are dynamic.* While Brookstone has made a clear mark on this graduating class, we have also left our mark on this school. It has been our mission to always try and leave Brookstone a better place than we found it. We have done just that through every accomplishment we've made, and every tradition we have started or carried on.

*We are shaped individuals.* Now, in most graduation speeches there seems to always be a big story that has some moral lesson. But, I'll be the first one to admit that I'm just a nineteen-year-old kid who technically hasn't graduated high school yet, so I don't have some profound event in my life that has changed my view on the world completely. I have, however, had the opportunity over these past nineteen years of my life, to be surrounded by people who have offered me insight into what life is all about. Great coaches, pastors, friends, and family members have left me with things that they have picked up over their lives that I would love to share with you, Class of 2016, as we leave this school and this town. I had the privilege to be coached by Vince Massey for the past six years, and he never ceased to present my teammates and me with great pieces of advice, day in and day out. Half of which I probably can't repeat right now, so I'll keep it clean tonight. If you've ever played for him, you know that every practice schedule has a significant quote written on the top of the paper to set the tone for that day or week of practice. One quote he posted during my ninth grade year really stuck with me. Henry Ford said, "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got." Today



TOP LEFT: Senior Redding Byrd delivers the invocation.; BOTTOM LEFT: Seniors Charles Pease and Emily Pease process in for the ceremony. RIGHT: Board chairman, Stephanie Hunter presents Koyal Ansingkar with her diploma.

is not a final point or denouement in our journey, but today is truly the beginning of something much more significant in our lives. Although we have all had our success and accolades thus far, by no means does that mean we can, or will, stop improving ourselves or those around us. Never settle and never sell yourself short because every single member of this class has the ability to make a huge impact on this world that is ever changing. We can never stop moving forward.

So what are we? Kate McVay has given the best pump-up speeches to our class all year long. *We are motivators.* Culver Norred has never failed to be there for anyone that needs him. *We are dependable.* Emily Pease poured her heart into Cuts for a Cure. *We are servant leaders.* Cane Blankenship always impresses us with his music. *We are creative.* Lauren Roman always keeps our class's group message up to date. *We are communicators.* Charlie Straus brought a live possum to school freshmen year that he happened to catch in his yard. *We are spontaneous.* DeAndra Shields worked endless hours to be able to dance for the University of Georgia next year. *We are motivated.* And who can forget Jack Hensley surviving a week on his own in the wilderness. *We are sustainable.*

*Most importantly, We are prepared.* That is what I hope to leave you with today, class of 2016. Be confident in yourselves and trust in the preparation that has gotten you thus far. I'm so glad that I have shared life with every single one of you through our time together, and I look forward to making more memories in the future. As tiring and strenuous as Brookstone can be, every single graduate here is so prepared and able to go out into the world and conquer anything that life throws our way.

Once again, I just want to thank everyone for being here. We are all excited to have you here to celebrate this amazing day in our lives. We are so grateful for everything that you have done and will do for us moving forward and for all of the opportunities you have given us.

"To whom much is given, much is expected" and much is expected of this amazing group of graduates. Thank you and God bless.

*Following is an abridged version of the speech given by Cara Hunter, Class of 2016 Class Elected Speaker*

**T**his is a toughie. Describing the class that the world is about to receive after we move our tassels to the left is very difficult. James beautifully illustrated our class, and all that we are. We are great, and we will be great. There is nothing else to say but now the class of 2016 must continue on, and we will.

It's true. We're a boisterous bunch. The class who sings too much for comfort, the class often described as, "you know... loud." But my theory is that our loudness in every form reflects the strength of our passion and the potency of the heart that this grade has.

Our rowdy class does make a bit of a ruckus, we know. Even the quiet ones' talents ring loudly in their ideas, their projects, their writing, their music, their art, or their sweat in sport. Greatness pours from this class's veins. Koyal made a fake pancreas. Catherine could beat Charles Dickens in an essay contest. Dre could squat Prather, while Prather lifts Sam, while Sam lifts both of the Pease twins with one arm. All of this could happen in the palm of Nae's

hand before she launches them from the three point line all the way across campus to the tennis courts where Rachel Hemmings awaits to ace the conglomerate so hard that it stops Brandon Cho in his tracks from running down the hallway to his class. If you missed all that, don't worry. Ariel and Kathleen probably already drew the whole thing then painted it on the ceramics that Shannon, Helen, and Isabel sculpted.

The loudness of our class can also be seen in spirit. We have the loudest cheers, the loudest laughs, the loudest voice cracks, and the loudest love. You can hear love when we cheer each other on. Love that can be seen in a group of vastly different people, all unapologetically confident, and bursting with pride. In the future, we will be loud.

Tough explains the tenacity of the class of 2016 as a collective. No other grade has come together in the face of tragedy, loss, and hardship with such grace. Adapting from change to change, the amount that this grade has overcome is immeasurable. The resilience of this class is made out of the perfectly imperfect mix of recklessly positive attitudes with unconditional support. We will enter into this world with thick skins, taking the lessons we have learned from the battles we've lost and won. We will be someone to lean on for others. Moving forward, we will be tough.

What group of graduates could go out into this interconnected world better than the kids who became adolescents at the birth of social media? We are always connected to each other, we always know what others are doing even if we are miles apart. Aside from the technology that connects us, our small school has fostered in us a sense of community unlike any other. We will stay connected.

The class of 2016 has many strengths as individuals but also many strengths as a group. The class of 2016 is a band of individuals who are itching to take their sense of teamwork to the great unknown. We will use our connections to stay strong.

The class of 2016 has a way of, you might say, "...changing the game." A popular memory from this class, one that Harish Allapan reminded us of in our senior group message back on the freedom train (thank you, Tim Maggart), is when Marty Durden told our class of middle school boys to "take off" for the mile, in which they came together linked arms and slowly but surely, walked the track together. That cheeky moment perfectly describes a class of students who are rebellious with a cause for community, an act of defiance with the goal that implies, "we each finish first." We continue to lift each other up in our spirit. We will be game changers.

We are not only a class of dreamers, but we are a class of do-ers. Our first impression may not be a perfect one, but we will leave you changed, challenged, and cheerful. In eighth grade, at the end of the year, our science teacher Amy Smith pulled out a piece of notebook paper and read off the most heartfelt, meaningful, and uplifting thank you to our class of girls. I remember her saying through starry eyes that we were her rock. That we were a reason she felt a part of the Brookstone community, and she finally felt at home. Brookstone has taught us that no face should stay unfamiliar, no one should be a stranger. We will always view each other as family.

Brookstone has been like a mother to many of us—nurturing, forgiving, maybe





even demonstrating tough love at times. You feel so close and supported by Brookstone that maybe after a long day of tests and quizzes you may take out all of your stress on Brookstone, like one projects their feelings on their mother because we know our mothers will never stop supporting us. They will always have our best interest at heart and love every part of us.

I wanted to take time to salute the real life parents who have been extremely involved in this class's endeavors from hallway decor (which we rocked every year, thank you very much), to having the most dramatic bike ride to school ever—with police escort. It's the care and effort from all of you who have nurtured this class to their full potential and made so many amazing memories possible. We thank you. We will always be grateful.

Our grateful attitude bleeds into our teachers' classrooms as well. We all have genuine friendships with the teachers, beyond the classroom. I can say from personal experience that the relationships I've made with some of the faculty have changed my life in so many different ways. To you we express infinite gratitude. Thank you for seeing something in us that maybe we didn't believe...and trying to help us believe in it—to believe in ourselves. That's the true magic of your job, and we hope we can make you proud as we take the truths you have taught us and use them to take on the world. We will inspire, like you have inspired us. We will make you proud.

I also want to thank this class for the impact they have made on my life, and how the memories made with them at this place have made me who I am today. I wouldn't trade these adventures with you all for anything. The time we have spent here has helped us grow into the people we want to be, people who can help others be who they want to be. So as we are, we will be relevant, but we will not forget those who helped us get here.

It truly is amazing to feel like anything is possible stepping forward, that this isn't the end, it's only the beginning. There is



**PREVIOUS PAGE:** LEFT TOP Class of 2016 class elected speaker, Cara Hunter; LEFT BOTTOM: Board Chairman, Stephanie Hunter, presents Sam Ndem with his diploma.; RIGHT: Seniors Ashton Leddon and Jonathan Hart perform at graduation.; **THIS PAGE:** TOP LEFT: Head of school, Dr. Frank Brown; TOP RIGHT: Seniors Charles Pease and James Sherrer; MIDDLE LEFT: Faculty member Dr. Dorothy Cheruiyot; BOTTOM LEFT: Senior Brooke Turner; Seniors Sarah Burgin and Redding Byrd process in for the ceremony.

so much out there for us to do, to give, to take; the opportunities we've already been given can only be described as a blessing. We want to show you what we can do with the blessing.

So, Class of 2016, it's time to show the world what will be. The world is waiting for us. This is our moment. This is what we've been waiting for, and this is what the world is getting. I hope they can handle us. We will leave a legacy.

*Both graduation speakers, James Sherrer and Cara Hunter, then joined in alternating speaking these lines to reiterate their message to their classmates and the audience:*

We are successful.  
We will stay strong.

We are unique.  
We will be loud.  
We are loved.  
We will stay connected.  
We are dynamic.  
We will be game changers.  
We are shaped individuals.  
We will make you proud.  
We are dependable.  
We will be tough.  
We are grateful.  
We will always be grateful.  
We are family.

# class OF 2016

## LASTING LEGACIES MAY 21, 2016



Fate and Trip ('88) Amos 1  
Lindsay and Allyson ('15) Atkins 2  
Abby ('15), Lindy, and Dawn (Faculty) Burts 3  
Laura ('88), Redding, and Billy (Faculty) Byrd 4  
Al Caves ('92), Alexander Caves ('15), Batten Caves, 5  
Whitni Denamur Waldrop ('01), Blake Denamur ('06),  
and Amanda Denamur Bryan ('99)

Carsyn ('13), Hunter ('11), Chandler, Lea (Faculty), and 6  
Cady ('08) Ciuba  
Jackson and Menza ('14) Dudley 7  
Wright and Megan McGuire ('86) Eggena 8  
Nicole (Faculty), Cooper, and Carson ('10) Farley 9



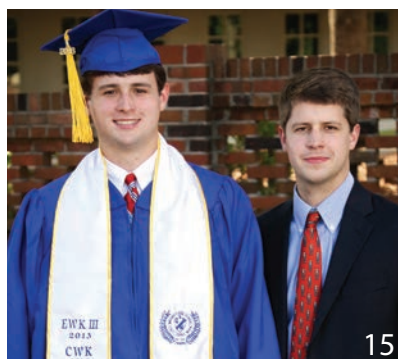
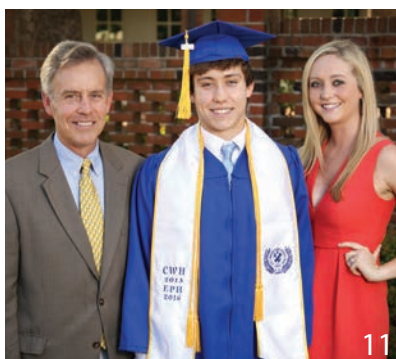


## FACULTY MILESTONES

35 Years: Catherine Trotter and Leslie Bryan

25 Years: Glenda Yancey and Elizabeth Smithwick

20 Years: Rainer Mullin



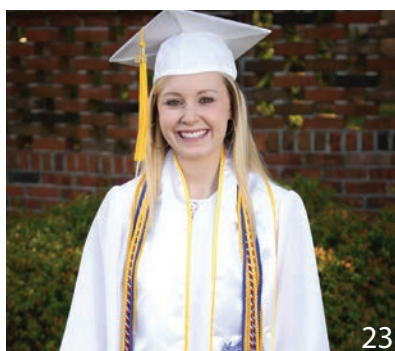
- 10 Molly and Tiffany (Staff) Grier
- 11 Edward (Board of Trustees), Prather, and Catherine ('13) Hudson
- 12 Cara and Stephanie Yancey ('81 and Board of Trustees) Hunter [Not pictured: Ross ('11) and Mat ('14) Hunter]
- 13 Olga (Faculty) and Kate Jenkins

- 14 Jack ('82), William, and Fontaine Sutton ('84 and Faculty) Jenkins
- 15 Coleman and Wylly ('13) Killorin
- 16 Fray (Board of Trustees), Will, and Margaret Bradley ('84) McCormick [Not pictured: Mary ('15) McCormick]
- 17 Kate and Mark ('14) McVay
- 18 Caitlyn ('12) and Allison Molnar



# FACULTY MILESTONES

15 Years: Allison McGregor  
10 Years: Amy Smith and Emily Blalock



Katie and Janey ('14) Morton 19  
Lawton and Morris ('85) Mullin 20  
Stacy (Faculty), Jack, Charles, and Gordy ('86) Pease 21  
Emily Pease and Louisa Childs Smaylovsky ('95) 22  
[Not pictured: Nicholas Manago ('11)]  
Lauren Roman [Not pictured: Brittany Roman ('14)] 23

Jack ('11), Mary Margaret ('07), Isabel, and Mary (Board of Trustees) Schley 24  
[Not pictured: George Schley ('09)]  
Jack ('10), James, and Avery ('10) Sherrer 25  
Deandra and Chris ('10) Shields 26  
Joy Mayher ('86 and Faculty) and Shannon Sloan 27





## FACULTY MILESTONES

5 Years: (L to R) Shawn Connors, Manning Weir, Katie Forsyth, Ashley Byard, Katie Wilson, Becky Kenimer, Jon Terrell, Mitzi Gaynor, Karen Hearn, Jen Reves, Fontaine Jenkins



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- 28 Helen and Virginia ('87) Snively
- 29 Virginia ('08), Minna, Charlie, and Grace ('10) Straus
- 30 Julie (Faculty), Kathleen, and Michael ('14) Sway
- 31 Henry (Board of Trustees), Richard, Jr., and Richard, Sr. ('86) Swift
- 32 Emily and Taylor ('13) Timmons

- 33 Clark Turner ('97), Brooke Turner, and Ashley Turner Jones ('09)
- 34 Drew and Morgan ('14) Webb
- 35 Will ('12) and Brooks Whilden

NOT PICTURED: Ameenah ('16) and Ayesha ('13) Ali; Arjun ('16), Ashwin ('16), and Nidhi ('15) Thiruppathi

# class OF 2016

## PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

Last August during faculty pre-planning, Amy Riley, a consultant from Independent School Management, led our faculty in a school-wide exercise to help us create Brookstone's "Portrait of a Graduate." In other words, she helped us define the type of characteristics a Brookstone graduate possesses when he or she leaves our school. Our faculty was divided up into small groups with representatives from every division to discuss and determine what those characteristics were. It was a fascinating effort, and as presentations were made to the faculty as a whole, we were amazed at the consistent, recurring themes. After weeks of fine tuning and revision, the final "portrait" was agreed upon.

Brookstone Graduates are:

- academically prepared to succeed in college.
- able to think critically, to seek solutions, and to be resilient.
- people of integrity and empathy, serving others while developing as leaders.
- effective communicators, whether through words, art, or technology.



ABOVE: Members of Brookstone's Class of 2016 who will attend the University of Georgia in the fall.

We believe that today's graduates will face a tomorrow that will be radically different in ways we can't imagine, and we believe our job as educators at Brookstone is to prepare them for that future, whatever it looks like. So yes, unquestionably they will be prepared to succeed in whatever academic pursuits they choose, but they will also be prepared to think, to solve, to serve, to create, and to lead. In the end, all of those things add up to one thing: Brookstone graduates are prepared to succeed in life.

### BROOKSTONE'S CLASS OF 2016 IS NO EXCEPTION.

This class is receiving more than \$6.5 million in scholarships.

Many members of the class of 2016 applied, were accepted, and plan to attend the state's top schools:

- University of Georgia
  - 30% accepted
  - 20% attending
- Georgia Institute of Technology
  - 12% accepted
  - 5% attending

More specifically, graduates of the class of 2016 plan to attend:

- Auburn University, 11 graduates
- Columbus State University, 3 graduates
- Furman University, 2 graduates

- Georgia Institute of Technology, 4 graduates
- Georgia Southern University, 4 graduates
- Mercer University, 2 graduates
- Southeastern Missouri State University, 2 graduates
- University of Alabama, 4 graduates
- University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2 graduates
- University of Georgia, 16 graduates
- University of Mississippi, 5 graduates

Graduates from the class of 2016 will also attend Emory University, Hawaii Pacific University, Sewanee: The University of the South, University of Virginia, Davidson College, Lee University, Samford Univer-

sity, Troy University, Belmont College, GA College, MS State, UC Berkeley, SCAD, New York University, Berry College, and Tulane University.

The class of 2016 also has seven student athletes continuing their athletic careers at:

- Columbus State University
  - Baseball & Softball
- Albany State University
  - Baseball
- Oberlin College
  - Track & Field
- University of Georgia
  - Football & UGA Georgettes
- University of West Georgia
  - Football



## INSPIRED TO



## EDUCATE

KAREN GILLIAM // 32 YEARS

**K**aren grew up in Thomaston, Georgia, where she attended R. E. Lee High School. She then earned a BA in speech and language pathology from Columbus State University and later earned an MEd and a reading endorsement in middle grades reading also from Columbus State University.

She and her husband, Woody, have been married seven years. Woody is a builder and has two sons: Woody, Jr. (16), a rising junior at Brookstone, and Charlie (14), a rising freshman at Brookstone. Karen has two daughters. Kelli Harvey Ide (40), Brookstone class of 1993, is a graduate of Mercer University and lives in Skaneateles, New York, with her husband, Matt, and their two children, Avery (7) and Jack (6.) Krissy Harvey Harrison ('95), is a graduate of Columbus State University and has recently moved back to Columbus with her husband, Blair, and their two boys, Blair (5) and Brewton (3). Outside of Brookstone, Karen enjoys reading, walking, playing with her dog, traveling to visit her grandchildren, and going to the beach.

**EDUCATION WAS MY CHOICE:** "My mother was a fifth grade teacher for thirty years, and two of my aunts also were teachers. I guess I always knew that I would follow that same path. I liked playing school growing up and would sometimes pretend to be a librarian. I even made a little card to put in the back of some books so they could be 'checked out.' Following in this tradition, one of my daughters is a middle school math and social studies teacher."

**AT BROOKSTONE:** Karen has been the Middle School Learning Center teacher for thirty-two years. "In the beginning of my career, I worked with lower and middle school students. I have also coached volleyball and for a number of years helped coach girls varsity and junior varsity soccer."

**STANDOUT EXPERIENCE AT BROOKSTONE:** "Some of the best friends I have were made here at Brookstone. I cherish each and every one of them. And of course my students are my heart. Each and every one of them is special to me. This certainly 'dates' me, but I run into parents in the hallway who I taught in middle school. Their children are now middle school students, and we sometimes stop and reminisce about things we remember about each other. How funny is that?"

**ENJOY MOST ABOUT BROOKSTONE:** "The thing I have enjoyed the most about Brookstone is working with my students and seeing them find success along the way. This is why teaching is a rewarding career!"

**BROOKSTONE'S MOST SPECIAL FEATURE:** "What is unique about Brookstone is how much the teachers care about their students. Whether it is in the classroom or watching them participate and perform on the stage or on the field, we are there to support them and cheer them on. When it comes time for graduation, we all watch with a great deal of pride and a feeling of accomplishment for having played a small part in their Brookstone education as well as their future."



# FRIENDS HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD

Introduction written by  
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INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES &  
LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER

**B**efore a single letter had been written, relationships between schools had already started. In February of 2015, Cindy Sparks, Servant Leadership Assistant for Brookstone, and Catherine Trotter, Assistant Head of School for Institutional Advancement, visited Petra School in Zimbabwe, Africa, along with Dr. Steve Beaty and his wife, Jane. Since

the Beaty's children had gone to both The Petra School and Brookstone, (Rebekah '05, Rachel '06, and Russell '09) they thought it would be a great opportunity for the two schools to partner with one another. When Mrs. Sparks and Mrs. Trotter arrived at Petra, they both realized that this was an opportunity that neither school could pass up. It was then that a relationship between Petra and Brookstone was born. As Mrs. Sparks and Mrs. Trotter departed, both schools got to work busily

figuring out the logistics of communicating with another school half way around the world. Knowing that building a relationship like this takes some time, it was decided the best place to start was to have the intermediate school students email the students at Petra. By doing this they would be able to get to know each other and build empathy for each other's culture, and by the time they are in the upper school they would be given the opportunity to go and visit their lifelong friend in Zimbabwe.





I have never seen my students as excited as when they were sending and receiving emails from their pen pals for the first time. Although some of the communication has been a little slow, many students are now communicating with their pen pals on a regular basis. To add to this cultural experience, I had the privilege of visiting the Petra School during our winter break this year along with an amazing team which consisted of Mrs. Sparks, Mrs. Trotter, Dr. Andy Pippas, Dr. and Mrs. Beaty, and Brookstone juniors Elley Smith, Don Dakin, Virginia Flory, and

the honor of meeting each of our students' pen pals. I was able to bring pictures of each intermediate school student to hand to his or her pen pal as well as take pictures of each of their pen pals to bring back to our students. The smiles on the faces of each of the Petra students as they saw their pen pal for the first time was heart warming. Many of them wanted to know more about their pen pals, and some of them even made gifts for me to bring back to their pen pal. When I wasn't in the classroom, I was able to have recess and teach them how Brookstone students play foursquare. As I was touring their beautiful campus, I started noticing something that made me even more excited about this whole experience. Even though I was in another country half way around the world, I began to see just how similar our students were to each other in the way they spoke to each other, the music they listen to, and the sports they play. In many ways I felt like I had my students with me in Zimbabwe.

When I returned to Brookstone, I was filled with so many thoughts as I reflected on our visit to Petra. Not only was I able to bring back hand-written letters and gifts for many of my students, I was able to bring back an experience that

from a different perspective. It is writing someone on the other side of the world an email just to say hi and getting to know more about their culture. Some of the best lessons we learn in life are never taught in the classroom. The students in the intermediate school are learning so much more about empathy by talking to their pen pals than they could ever learn in the classroom. And while they are learning about the culture of Zimbabwe through letters and emails, our hope is that they will someday get to visit this beautiful country and experience it for themselves firsthand.

Following are quotes from students in Mr. Cowser's fifth grade class about their pen pals:

"Having a pen pal from Petra has been a chance of a life time. I have enjoyed getting to know someone from a different culture and life style. My pen pal and I go back and fourth teaching each other about our countries. Miriam feels like a regular friend instead of a pen pal over seas." - Yates Kersey

"I have enjoyed writing to my pen pal (Kayla) because it is so much fun to learn

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**"...while they are learning about the culture of Zimbabwe through letters and emails, our hope is that they will someday get to visit this beautiful country and experience it for themselves firsthand."**

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Gracie Pippas. When we arrived at Petra, the whole primary school welcomed us with beautiful songs and dancing in an all school assembly. There was a definite sense of excitement having Americans visiting the school. During our visit, I had

helped connect them with their pen pals. Empathy is such a difficult thing to fully understand at any age, but it starts with getting to know someone. It is being able to step outside of our own experiences and comfort zones and see the world

**PAGE 24:** Petra School students holding photos of their Brookstone School pen pals. (left to right) Petra pen pal, Rudo, and Brookstone fourth grader, Olivia Raines; Petra pen pal, Matthew Ryan, and Brookstone fifth grader, Jack Ivey; Petra pen pal, Wandile, and Brookstone fifth grader, Caroline Pease; Petra pen pal, Alana Melissa, and Brookstone fifth grader, Annabelle Gristina; Petra pen pal, Nkosana, and Brookstone fourth grader, Madden Dismuke. **THIS PAGE:** Brookstone Intermediate School students during a live video chat through Skype with the Petra School while Brookstone faculty, students, and guests were visiting Zimbabwe.





about their culture, daily life, and school. We're both the same age with similar experiences, just half a world away. We learn so much from each other. We like to talk about our breaks, holidays, and just daily life, like her best friend is pen pals with one of my close friends. Kayla is so awesome; when my teacher visited her school, she gave him a gift for me. It is a beautiful handmade necklace that I will always treasure as a wonderful reminder of our friendship. I look forward to keeping in touch with Kayla as we grow through school and when I am old enough to visit Zimbabwe in high school, I can't wait to hug her!" - Katie Shaw

"My relationship with my pen pal has gone very well. I have learned when her birthday is, what she likes to do, and cool things that her and her friends do

such as teaching each other how to do gymnastics. That is something we have in common." - Remi Miller

"The relationship has gotten really far. She told me every thing that is going on in Zimbabwe but also a lot about her and her family. Now we are good friends; I mean she knows as much about me as my other friends. We are also good friends because we like the same stuff. I think my favorite letter that she gave to me was the written one; it was my favorite because she wrote it just for me and because I think I learned more about her. Overall she has been a great pen pal, and this has been a great opportunity." - Olivia Raines

"My pen pal and I talk a lot about things in America and in Zimbabwe. Wandile shares a lot of fun facts about Victoria Falls, a big waterfall. I look forward to hearing from Wandile and am excited about remaining friends for a long time." - Caroline Pease

"When I got a pen pal in Africa, I expected him to be totally different than me, but I was surprised by how much we are alike. We both really enjoy sports. He plays rugby, and my favorite sport is baseball. He is always interested in how my baseball season is going, just like any

friend. When Mr. Cowser visited his school, I sent him a baseball. He liked it, and I liked sharing a part of my life with him." - Jack Ivey

"I have loved having this relationship with my pen pal because I am learning about two cultures. My pen pals name is Alana. She has told me a lot about the sports there; her favorite sport is soccer. I look forward to emailing her more and maybe meeting her one day." - Annabelle Gristina

"My relationship has gone absolutely amazing with my pen pal. I created a fairly close friendship with my pen pal Nkosana. My conversations make me wonder how people live in Africa." - Madden Dismuke



TOP: Petra School students holding photos of their Brookstone School pen pals. (left to right) Petra student, Mirrian, and Brookstone fifth grader, Yates Kersey; Petra student, Charmaine, and Brookstone fourth grader, Remi Miller; Petra student, Kayla Lee and fifth grader, Katie Shaw. ABOVE: Brookstone juniors (in center in blue shirts) Virginia Flory, Elley Smith, and Gracie Pippas on Petra School's campus in Zimbabwe this past spring.





# PRE-K LETTER PEOPLE



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## INSPIRED TO

## SERVE

WYNN MULLIN // SERVICE



**W**ynn Mullin is the daughter of Bert ('87) and Rainer Mullin. She has twin siblings, Henry and Mary Stewart Mullin, rising ninth graders at Brookstone. In considering college, Wynn is interested in the University of Georgia, University of Mississippi, the University of Alabama, and Furman University.

**CLASSROOM FAVORITES:** "That is a hard question because I have many subjects and teachers who have challenged me over the years. I have also had the opportunity to try new things and explore, which always makes learning fun. However, my favorite subjects are math and French. Math has been a subject that comes naturally to me, so I have always enjoyed this area of study. I especially love the predictability and patterns in math. I also love learning and speaking French. The language is so beautiful, and I would love to be fluent in the language one day."

**INVOLVEMENT AT BROOKSTONE:** Wynn has been a Cougar cheerleader for three years, a member of the track and field team, a member of the French Club and Key Club, a Wyldlife Leader, and is currently the treasurer of the National Honor Society. She was also one of Brookstone's representatives for Youth Leadership Columbus.

**STANDOUT BROOKSTONE EXPERIENCE:** "Fortunately, I had the pleasure of co-chairing Cuts for a Cure this year with Emily Pease and Molly Graham. We donated over fifty ponytails that will be transformed into wigs. The expressions on everyone's faces when

donors began cutting their eight inches of hair were indescribable. In that moment, I knew that we were making a difference for many women. I would not trade this experience for anything."

**INSPIRED TO SERVE:** "What I have learned is that when I have volunteered with the mindset that I would help someone or a situation, I, too, am blessed. I think back on the shoeboxes I filled and shipped for Rick's students, helping my friends in Girls Inc. with the annual clothing fair, and watching a Brookstone parent, Mrs. Marchetti, so selflessly share about her cancer experience at Cuts for a Cure. All of these experiences remind me how lucky I am to be loved, and I hope to serve by loving others for whom and what they are. For me, loving people is the root of the joy in serving others."

**BROOKSTONE'S MOST SPECIAL FEATURE:** "It's the gift of doing life together and the family that we are. In the lower school it was the Letter People Show, trips to Mr. Sam Pate, Country Fair, class plays, and tea parties. In intermediate school it was, Fourth Grade Buddies, Westville, the "Fifty Nifty United States" play, the "new playground," and of course signing the RED book. We were welcomed to middle school with WEB (Where Everyone Belongs), learned the middle school prayer, attended the first of many assemblies, hosted Fox Fun Day, took class trips, signed the honor code pledge, and finished with our eighth grade speech and graduation. In the upper school, it is the Freshman Retreat, friendships, spring musicals, servant leadership, cheering for teammates and classmates the fact that I can walk in any building and feel right at home because the teachers know me and encourage me, even years after they have taught me. What is really unique about Brookstone is that these special things do not seem unusual at Brookstone; they are Brookstone."



# BREAKING GROUND!

## The New Mary Lynne Smisson Cumiskey Tennis Complex

Written by  
CINDY SPARKS,  
CUMISKEY TENNIS PROJECT COORDINATOR

On Monday, April 11, a long awaited event occurred on the Brookstone Campus: the ground breaking ceremony for the Mary Lynne Smisson Cumiskey Tennis Complex! This effort began over ten years ago, and when completed, it will be one of the most impressive independent school tennis venues in the state and beyond. Coach Cumiskey's teams have won eleven state championships since 1984, have been the runners up eight times, and have won the region/area title every single year since 1971. How fitting that the complex will be named in her honor!

The championship court will be named for Jim East, Brookstone boys coach since 1996. Coach East has coached teams to two state championships and three runners up distinctions.

Scores of former tennis players as well as friends of Brookstone were in attendance for the ground breaking event as testimonies were shared about the impact that both coaches have had on the lives of so many Brookstone student athletes. Charity Calhoun ('05) and Scott Jones ('00) shared many fond memories of their years on the tennis teams.

Thayer-Bray Construction has begun work with the plan for the first match of the 2017 season to be played at the new Mary Lynne Smisson Cumiskey Tennis Complex. *Go Cougars!*



TOP (left to right) Board Chairman, Stephanie Hunter, Coach Jim East, Coach Mary Lynne Cumiskey, Board Member Mat Swift, and Head of School, Dr. Frank Brown shovel official groundbreaking dirt.; MIDDLE LEFT: Quite a crowd gathered for the ceremony.; MIDDLE RIGHT: Charity Calhoun ('05) with Coach Cumiskey; BOTTOM LEFT: An architect's rendering of the future complex; BOTTOM RIGHT: Members of the varsity boys tennis team shovel dirt at the event.

- 1 Asim Ahmed, Class of 2017, Mike Kennedy Award
- 2 Gary Barnes, Class of 2017, Centre College Fellow
- 3 Abbie Dillon, Class of 2017, Wofford Scholar
- 4 Max Dudley, Class of 2017, Furman Scholar; UGA Certificate of Merit
- 5 Augusta Graham, Class of 2017, Wellesley College Book Award
- 6 Kay Moon, Class of 2017, Converse College Junior Scholar
- 7 Wynn Mullin, Class of 2017, Agnes Scott Book Award
- 8 Grace Pippas, Class of 2017, UGA Certificate of Merit
- 9 Taylor Roos, Class of 2017, Salem College Book Award
- 10 Rob Simkins, Class of 2017, UGA Certificate of Merit
- 11 Emily Teague, Class of 2017, G. Gunby Jordan Scholarship; UGA Certificate of Merit



## BROOKSTONE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES OF MERIT RECIPIENTS

Academic certificates of merit are given to all students who have achieved Headmaster's List for both fall and spring semesters.

Asim Ahmed, Class of 2017  
 Harish Alappan, Class of 2016  
 Uma Alappan, Class of 2018  
 Emily Anderson, Class of 2017  
 Koyal Ansingkar, Class of 2016  
 Lindsay Atkins, Class of 2016  
 Jerry Averett, Class of 2018  
 Gary Barnes, Class of 2017  
 Rachel Blanchard, Class of 2017  
 Sarah Burgin, Class of 2016  
 Lindy Burts, Class of 2016  
 Will Byrd, Class of 2018  
 Walter Calhoun, Class of 2019  
 Preston Campbell, Class of 2016  
 Lindsey Chen, Class of 2019  
 Brandan Cho, Class of 2016  
 Chandler Ciuba, Class of 2016  
 Catherine Cole, Class of 2016  
 Abigail Crowley, Class of 2018  
 Anna Katherine Drew, Class of 2016  
 Max Dudley, Class of 2017  
 Mary Katherine Duncan, Class of 2018  
 Jack Ferguson, Class of 2017  
 Josh Fernicola, Class of 2018  
 Lizzy Flournoy, Class of 2016  
 Savana Fowler, Class of 2017  
 Callie Gatewood, Class of 2016  
 Grace Glass, Class of 2019  
 Augusta Graham, Class of 2017  
 Molly Graham, Class of 2018

Matthew Hannay, Class of 2019  
 Carson Harris, Class of 2019  
 Grace Hemmings, Class of 2019  
 Rachel Hemmings, Class of 2016  
 Jack Henslee, Class of 2016  
 Maylyn Hinson, Class of 2018  
 Camille Hudson, Class of 2018  
 Prather Hudson, Class of 2016  
 Kate Jenkins, Class of 2016  
 William Jenkins, Class of 2016  
 Haley Johnson, Class of 2019  
 Candice Keogh, Class of 2018  
 Mackenzie Koon, Class of 2018  
 Anna Leary, Class of 2018  
 Elim Lee, Class of 2018  
 Grace Lewis, Class of 2018  
 Reid Lewis, Class of 2016  
 Cameryn Lovett, Class of 2019  
 Ethan Martin, Class of 2018  
 Jake Martin, Class of 2017  
 Hannah Mattson, Class of 2019  
 Naeisha McClain, Class of 2016  
 Will McCormick, Class of 2016  
 Ella McGregor, Class of 2018  
 Morgan McGrory, Class of 2018  
 Rachel McQuinn, Class of 2019  
 Lee Mullin, Class of 2019  
 Wynn Mullin, Class of 2017  
 Ryles Norman, Class of 2017  
 Culver Norred, Class of 2016

Caleb Pattillo, Class of 2019  
 Lillie Patton, Class of 2019  
 Virginia Pearson, Class of 2019  
 Emily Pease, Class of 2016  
 Abigail Pitts, Class of 2017  
 Lauren Rice, Class of 2018  
 Sammi Rice, Class of 2019  
 Lauren Roman, Class of 2016  
 Taylor Roos, Class of 2017  
 Christopher Shadburn, Class of 2019  
 Bradford Sikes, Class of 2018  
 Rob Simkins, Class of 2017  
 Elley Smith, Class of 2017  
 Helen Snavelly, Class of 2016  
 Ariel Steele, Class of 2016  
 Carsen Storey, Class of 2017  
 Elyse Sway, Class of 2018  
 Kathleen Sway, Class of 2016  
 Emily Teague, Class of 2016  
 Brooke Turner, Class of 2016  
 Joel Umana, Class of 2019  
 Bo Voltz, Class of 2018  
 Frank Waldrep, Class of 2017  
 Caroline Wellborn, Class of 2017  
 Graham Wolff, Class of 2019  
 Emma Yancey, Class of 2019  
 Gigi Yancey, Class of 2018  
 Josie Yancey, Class of 2018  
 Lydia Zhang, Class of 2016



# AWARDS



Drew Albright, Excellence in English Award: Top Seventh Grade English Student	1
Holland Alexander, Excellence in Math Award: Top Seventh Grade Math Student	2
Bo Blanchard, Seventh Grade Boy Best Citizen Award ; Excellence in Math Award: Top Seventh Grade Pre-Algebra Student	3
Darrell Brown, Outstanding Scholar (Boy); Eighth Grade Excellence in Spanish Award	4
Maria Brown , Sixth Grade Fort Scholarship	5
Reid Calhoun, Seventh Grade Excellence in French Award	6
Hallie Denson, Scott Wilson Cougar Spirit Award (Girl)	7
Mary Caroline Ellis, Seventh Grade Girl Best Citizen Award	8
Helen Farrar, Eighth Grade Fort Scholarship	9
Olivia Foster, Robert A. Newton Pursuit of Excellence Award (Girl); Eighth Grade Pre-Algebra Excellence in Math Award	10
Charlie Gilliam, Eighth Grade Boy Best Citizen Award; Eighth Grade Algebra Excellence in Math Award	11
Lily Gristina, Excellence in Science Award: Top Seventh Grade Science Student	12
Margaret Hare, Sixth Grade Girl Best Citizen Award	13
Parker Hicks, Eighth Grade Excellence in Science Award	14
Joe Hilsman, Excellence in Social Studies Award: Top Sixth Grade Geography Student	15
Susan Jiang, Excellence in Science Award: Top Sixth Grade Science Student	16
Lauren Lavender, Seventh Grade Principal's Award (Loyalty)	17
Joanna Lunsford, Seventh Grade Excellence in Spanish Award	18
Carson Marchetti, Eighth Grade Linda Wallman Excellence in Latin Award; Eighth Grade Excellence in Social Studies Award	19
Ross McKinstry, Robert A. Newton Pursuit of Excellence Award (Boy)	20
Mallie McRae, Seventh Grade Excellence in Latin Award	21
Allison Molnar, Outstanding Speech (Girl)	22
Lynn Pearson, Eighth Grade Girl Best Citizen Award	23
Gordy Pease, Outstanding Speech (Boy); Scott Wilson Cougar Spirit Award (Boy)	24
Alec Perkins, Sixth Grade Boy Best Citizen Award	25
Ayna Polomis, Outstanding Scholar (Girl); Eighth Grade Excellence in English Award	26
Reed Rambo, Seventh Grade Fort Scholarship	27
Mary Margaret Saunders, Seventh Grade Fort Scholarship; Excellence in Social Studies Award: Top Seventh Grade Social Studies Student	28
Jack Schondelmayer, Sixth Grade Fort Scholarship	29
Nan Sheek, Outstanding Athlete (Girl)	30
Clark Smith, Outstanding Athlete (Boy); Eighth Grade Principal's Award (Wisdom)	31
Jake Snipes, Sixth Grade Principal's Award (Courage)	32
Ruthie Wade, Excellence in Math Award: Top Sixth Grade Math Student	33
Jake Wang, Excellence in Math Award: Top Sixth Grade Pre-Algebra Student	34
Stella Yancey, Excellence in English Award: Top Sixth Grade English Student	35
Saarib Zafar, Eighth Grade Excellence in French Award	36

# HONORS

- 1 Uma Alappan, Class of 2018, 2nd Place State Science Fair; All State Chorus in Athens; 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition
- 2 Harish Alappan, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition
- 3 Ameena Ali, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee; 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition
- 4 Koyal Ansingkar, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee; 2nd Place, State Technology Fair; Non Multimedia Applications, 2nd Place; State Technology Fair, Non Multimedia Applications
- 5 Lindy Burts, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee
- 6 Gabriela Caligaris, Class of 2017, 2016 Bertie Green Junior Travel Award from the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica
- 7 Brandon Cho, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee; 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition
- 8 Chandler Ciuba, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee
- 9 Catherine Cole, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee
- 10 Abbey Crowley, Class of 2018, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition
- 11 Max Dudley, Class of 2017, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition
- 12 Sarah Kate Edwards, Class of 2018, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition
- 13 Lizzie Fournoy, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee
- 14 Savanah Fowler, Class of 2017, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition
- 15 Augusta Graham, Class of 2017, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition
- 16 Matthew Hannay, Class of 2019, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition
- 17 Jonathan Hart, Class of 2016, 4th Place State Science Fair
- 18 Rachel Hemmings, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee; 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition
- 19 Jack Henslee, Class of 2016, Top 20 Outstanding Youth Leaders for the 2016 Georgia Youth Leadership Awards
- 20 Prather Hudson, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee
- 21 William Jenkins, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee
- 22 Conner Jones, Class of 2020, 3rd Place in Game Design, State Technology Fair
- 23 Sydney Lavendar, Class of 2017, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition
- 24 Elim Lee, Class of 2018, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition



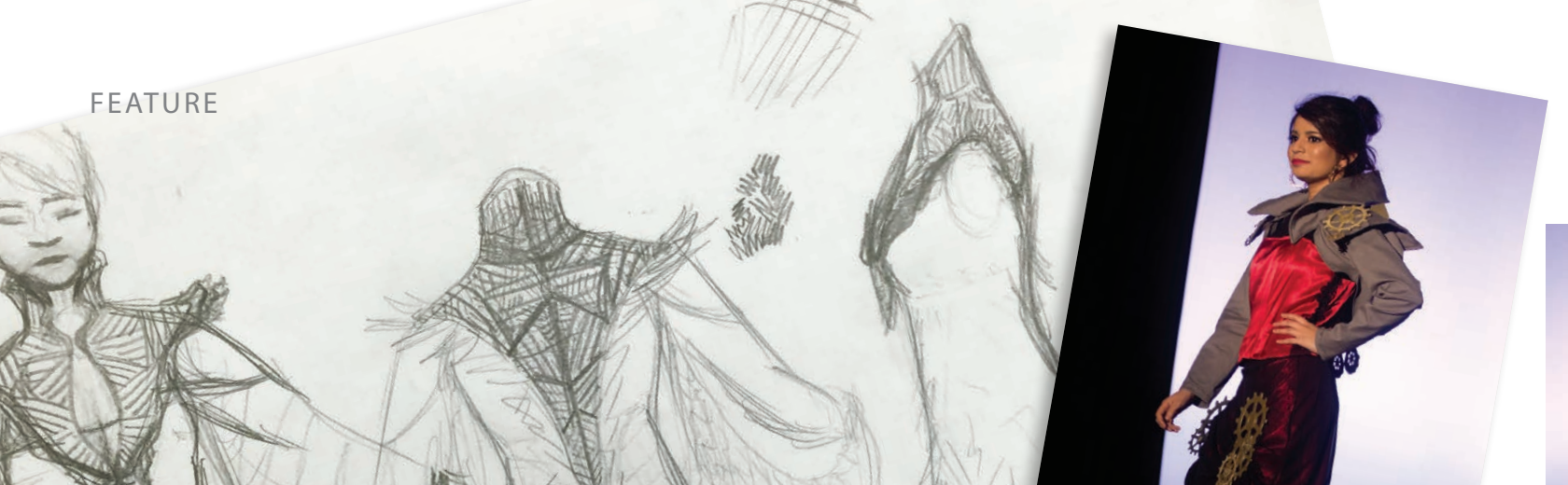
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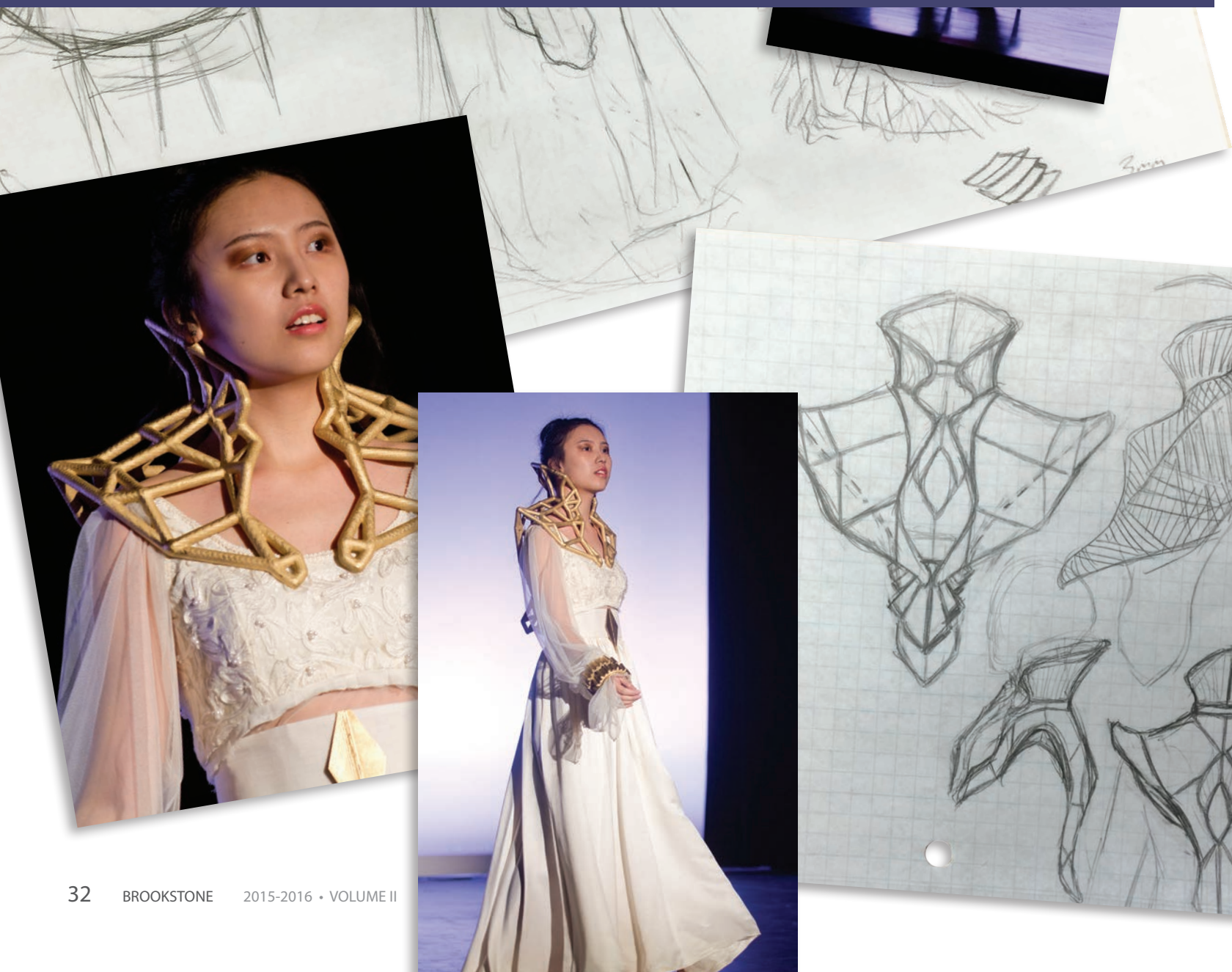
# HONORS



Grace Lewis, Class of 2018, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition	25
Tony Li, Class of 2017, 2nd Place in 3D Modeling, State Technology Fair	26
Anna Parisi, Class of 2018, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition	27
Emily Pease, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee	28
John Pope, Class of 2017, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition	29
Eliza Raines, Class of 2022, 1st Place Regional Technology Fair	30
Lauren Roman, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee	31
Rob Simkins, Class of 2017, 3rd Place in Technology Literacy Challenge, State Technology Fair	32
Ariel Steele, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee	33
Carsen Storey, Class of 2017, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition	34
Elyse Sway, Class of 2018, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition	35
Kathleen Sway, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee	36
Vivian Swift, Class of 2018, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition	37
Emily Teague, Class of 2017, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition	38
Connie Tran, Class of 2017, 3rd Place State Science Fair	39
Anne Henley Walker, Class of 2016, 1st Place American Scholastic Press Association's National Competition	40
Lydia Zhang, Class of 2016, Cum Laude Inductee	41



# PLAN. SKETCH. PRINT. RUNWAY!







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DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS



On April 15, Brookstone's Upper School 3D design class hosted a fashion show in the Turner Center that drew rave applause by the onlooking student body, faculty, and staff. The fashion show featured eight dresses and several different accessories, including bowties, bracelets, and earrings, designed and then created—some entirely 3D printed—by the class. More than 1,000 hours of print time were needed to bring to life the students' designs. The 3D design class is in its first year and is among the sixteen technology courses the upper school offers.

The idea for the fashion show came about when four female students were brainstorming on what kind of 3D printed items they would be most interested in producing. With this year's New York MET Gala theme “Fashion in an Age of Technology” and the “Iris Van Herpen: Transforming Fashion” exhibit at Atlanta’s High Museum of Art, fashion design just made sense. Over the course of

**PAGE 32:** Sketches by senior Kathleen Sway for her collection; **TOP RIGHT:** Senior Ameena Ali models a design by Sway.; **BOTTOM LEFT:** Senior Lydia Zhang models a gown and collar designed by Sway.; **CENTER BOTTOM RIGHT:** Detail of Sway's collar piece.; **THIS PAGE:** **TOP LEFT:** Seniors Ameena Ali, Jack Dudley, Kathleen Sway, Ashwin Thirrupathi, and Lydia Zhang.; **TOP RIGHT:** Sophomores Morgan McGory, Uma Alappan, and Grace Lewis after the fashion show.; **MIDDLE LEFT:** Sophomore Joel Brown and senior Jonathan Hart wearing the bowties also designed and printed by the 3D class.; **FAR RIGHT:** Sophomore Grace Lewis walking the runway in a design by Alappan.





## "More than 1,000 hours of print time were needed to bring to life the students' designs."

nine weeks, the students learned to work in 3D design software including 123D Sculpt, 123D Design, and Mesh Mixer, and then learned how to print prototypes on the school's 3D printer, a Makerbot Replicator 2X. The class's teacher, Maria Reed, said, "the students worked with

professionals in the 3D printing fashion industry like Danit Peleg of Tel Aviv via Skype (internet-based video chat) to determine the best ways to execute their designs. Peleg, a fashion design major at Shenkar College of Engineering and Design in Ramat Gan, Israel, discussed



TOP LEFT: The designers thanked upper school faculty, Olga Jenkins (far left), and testing and substitute teacher coordinator, Sandra Smith (far right), for their hours of work sewing the creations of the class.; MIDDLE LEFT: Sophomore Mary Katherine Duncan wearing a dress designed by Sarah Beth Amos.; MIDDLE RIGHT: Students in the class also thanked their teacher, Mrs. Maria Reed, at the show.; BOTTOM LEFT: (left to right) Sophomore Katherine Snively, senior Preston Campbell, sophomore (and designer) Sarah Beth Amos, junior Ryals Norman, and sophomore Mary Katherine Duncan; BELOW: Sophomore Katherine Snively wearing a dress designed by Amos.







THIS PAGE: Sketches by junior Gracie Pippas; TOP: Junior Savannah Fowler modeling a gown designed by Pippas made of 3D printed golden flowers.; MIDDLE: (left to right) Juniors Levi Wolff, Savannah Fowler, and Gracie Pippas, senior Ashton Leddon, and junior Wesley Tillman.; BOTTOM: Senior Ashton Leddon models a gown designed by Pippas.

with the class her senior project where she created a 3D-printed collection of ready-to-wear clothing. She encouraged the students to "use their creativity and push the limits in utilizing the technology available to create their textiles." Junior Sara Beth Amos said Danit, "explained her story of becoming interested in 3D printed fashion and she truly inspired me to abandon the mindset that 'I don't know what I'm doing' or that 'I'm not an artist' and to step out of my comfort zone."

Local engineer, Greg Hill, also helped the students understand the technical aspects of 3D printing in a commercial environment. Reed added, "He has been a wealth of knowledge and support, including being on call to troubleshoot any problems as the project progressed."

Upper school teacher, Olga Jenkins, and K-12 testing coordinator, Sandra Smith, also donated countless hours of their sewing expertise to help bring the students' designs to the runway. The class thanked them after the show for their complete dedication and love of the creative process.

This class, although in its first year, has set the bar very high for future 3D design classes at Brookstone. Whether for the runway or for prototypes that stretch into other industries, there is no doubt hopeful future students are already planning their creations when they get the chance to plan, sketch, and print. The possibilities are endless.





## HOW DOES THE BROOKSTONE FUND WORK?

All members of the Brookstone family including parents, alumni, grandparents, parents of alumni, trustees, faculty and staff, and friends are asked to make a contribution to The Brookstone Fund. This year's campaign will run from mid-November to the end of June 2016.

## PLEDGE NOW, PAY LATER

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This year's Brookstone Fund saw 100% participation in grades K-8 by the end of the school year. Photos shown left are from the celebration ice cream party given for students in grades K-5 who reached 100% parent participation by the end of our March Madness competition. The class of 1976 were the alumni winners of March Madness this year for the highest giving percentage for an alumni class. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO ALL!



## INSPIRED TO

## EDUCATE

ASHLEY BYARD // 5 YEARS



**A**shley grew up in Brooks, Georgia, and adds, "spent many of my summers at my grandparents' farm nearby in Fayetteville." After graduating from Starr's Mill High School in Fayetteville, Ashley earned a BS in art education from Columbus State University in 2006. She and her husband, Bo, a business analyst for Total System Services, Inc. (TSYS) have been married for seven years. When she's not on campus, Ashley enjoys painting, drawing, photography, lettering, cooking, working out, and Bible journaling.

**EDUCATION WAS MY CHOICE:** "I chose art education as my current field because children have such a natural, wonderful curiosity and creativity, which lends itself perfectly to the world of art. They can use art for so many things like dealing with how they feel, processing the world around them and interpreting their experiences, reinforcing other subjects, or just plain ol' enjoying the process of getting messy and making art!"

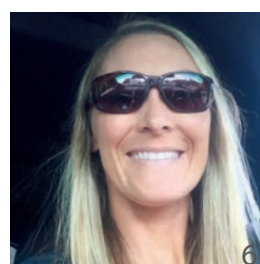
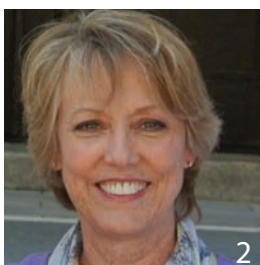
**AT BROOKSTONE:** Ashley is completing her fifth year at Brookstone as the lower and intermediate school art teacher. Prior to Brookstone, she taught art for five years at Rothschild Middle School, a Muscogee County Public School.

**UNIQUE ASPECTS OF TEACHING AT BROOKSTONE:** "Brookstone is such a tight-knit family of people who come together as a community to strengthen the children and also the programs that serve the children here."

**STANDOUT EXPERIENCE AT BROOKSTONE:** "There are so many, it's hard to pick just one! One of the first ones I can think of was in March of 2012 when I was approved to go to the National Art Education Association annual conference in New York. I saw so many famous works of art I'd studied in college and was excited to come back to Brookstone and show the students! It was also an opportunity to incorporate many things that I saw/experienced in New York into the art lesson for the Country Fair class projects. I think the theme that year was actually Broadway, so it worked out perfectly!"

**ENJOY MOST ABOUT BROOKSTONE:** "I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to teach so many awesome children. They have such a fresh, unique perspective on life, and they often make me laugh. Believe it or not, they actually show me what art is all the time. They show me what it is to wonder and create."

**BROOKSTONE'S MOST SPECIAL FEATURE:** "It's probably been said before, but honestly it's the sense of family here at Brookstone. It's the sense of community among teachers, parents, and students that makes Brookstone unique."



1| Susan Batastini joins Brookstone as a second grade teaching assistant. Susan earned a BS in early childhood education, an MS in special education-interrelated, and an Sp. Ed degree all from Columbus State University's College of Education. Susan retired in May 2014 from Muscogee County School District after teaching for thirty years in elementary schools. For the last twenty of those years she also worked with teachers, providing professional development and support while they adopted and adapted technology into their teaching/learning in order to implement 21st century skills and literacies. She and her husband, Bill, live in Columbus along with their daughter and son-in-law, Mitchi and Travis ('94) Wade, and their grandchildren, Ruthie (rising Brookstone seventh grader) and Martha (rising Brookstone third grader).

2| Beverly Corcoran joined the lower school faculty this year as

an assistant with Billie Flowers. We are so happy she will be returning as a lower school teacher. Beverly brings a wealth of experience in teaching kindergarten and first grades to the lower school team. Beverly holds an education specialist degree from Troy University, as well as a masters degree in early childhood from Auburn University and a BA from the University of Montevallo. Coincidentally, Beverly was Emily Blalock's (current faculty) mentor when teaching at Fort Benning.

3| The upper school is thrilled to announce that Wendy Highnote will be joining the social studies department for the 2016-2017 school year. Wendy earned a BA in history from Agnes Scott College and then went on to earn an MS in school counseling from Troy University. Since 1991, she has worked at Columbus High School where she taught such courses as AP human geography, world history,

and psychology. Outside the classroom, Wendy served as a senior project coordinator, sponsored the student council, and led the school's mock trial team. Next year, her primary teaching duties will be with freshmen in our AP human geography and world history classes.

4| We are excited to announce that Kathy Jones will serve as an upper school Learning Center teacher for next year. Kathy has an MA in secondary English education, and a BA in English literature with a minor in chemistry. Kathy has eight years of teaching experience and has also tutored students for several years. Kathy's husband is Jeff Jones, Columbus area director for Young Life. They have two children, Bridger and Avary Kate.

5| Alissa Jordan joins the lower school as an assistant teacher. She graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in early childhood education and

returned home to Columbus in hopes of beginning her teaching career. She adds, "I am honored to call Brookstone my new home! Go Cougars!"

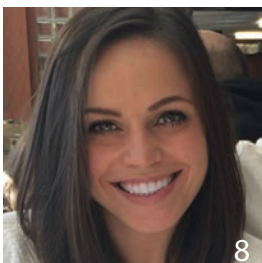
6| Stasha Joyce will serve as an assistant teacher in our lower school and head coach for varsity softball. She earned a BS in exercise science from Columbus State University in 2007. She then earned an MPA with a concentration in health in 2010 where she was also the graduate assistant for the softball team from 2008-2010. Stasha is currently working on a master's degree in physical education. Before her time at CSU, she played softball for two years at Chattanooga State Community College (2002-2004) where she was named Tennessee Junior College player of the year, 2-time pitcher of the year, and All-American. Once she transferred to CSU to complete her degree, she continued playing and was again named 2-time pitcher of



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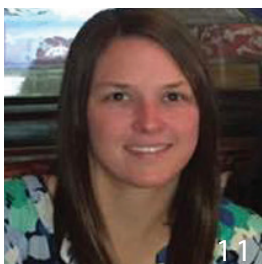
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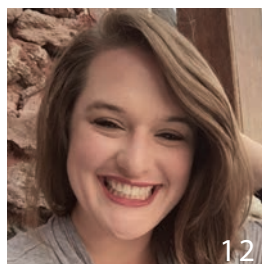
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the year, 2-time All-Peach Belt conference pitcher, and Female Athlete of the Year.

7| Dr. Kris Maguire will teach middle school math beginning in August 2016. Kris holds a doctorate of education in administrative leadership from Walden University and an MS in educational leadership and BS in computer science, both from Columbus State University. He began his career at TSYS as a computer programmer before following his passion for teaching. Kris comes to us from Hardaway High School.

8| We welcome Colleen McMaster to Columbus from West Hartford, Connecticut. Colleen is a graduate of Columbus State University, where she earned her teaching certificate and credentials. She also has a BA from the University of San Diego. She is currently completing an MS in education from Johns Hopkins University. Colleen has most

recently been teaching second grade at Smalley Academy in New Britain, CT. She is also a previous nominee of the Sue Lehmann Teaching and Learning Fellowship, a significant recognition from Teach for America.

9| Joe Mills will be joining our lower school team in the newly created position of instruction lead for literacy and innovation. Joe has an ME in early childhood and has started a Ph.D in early childhood education at Georgia State University. He has spent the last eight years supporting principals, instructional coaches, teachers, and students across the country as an educational consultant and national senior literacy fellow with the Center for the Collaborative Classroom and Cornerstone Literacy. Joe served two years as an assistant professor of early childhood education at Columbus State University. Prior to this, he taught in public schools for eight years and

was named the 2002 Muscogee County Teacher of the Year. Joe brings a wealth of literacy and curriculum knowledge and will support both teaching and learning as we continue to build a community of readers, writers, researchers, thinkers, and makers. He will also help us re-envision learning spaces to inspire and support learning in new and exciting ways.

10| We are delighted to announce that Kathleen Pease will be joining the intermediate school faculty for the 2016-2017 school year. Kathleen is a 2005 graduate of Brookstone. Following her educational career at Auburn University, she received an ME in early childhood from Mercer University. Kathleen taught fifth grade for six years at St. Martin's Episcopal School in Atlanta. Among her many accomplishments at St. Martin's, she served as a department chair, coordinated the school safety patrols, led a 1:1 technology ini-

tiative, and founded the elementary Science Olympiad Team. Her enthusiasm and zeal for teaching and learning will only enhance the incredible intermediate school experience, and we are thrilled to have this talented alumna back on the Brookstone campus.

11| Lucy Pound joins our lower school faculty as a kindergarten teaching assistant. She will also serve as an assistant coach for the varsity girls soccer team. A native of Columbus, Lucy earned a BSEd from Columbus State University in health and physical education in 2014. Lucy just finished up this past year serving Brookstone as a long-term kindergarten assistant substitute teacher. She has also been a community coach with the our varsity girls soccer team for the past two years.

12| Lauren Sargent, a graduate of Columbus State University, is returning home to teach



kindergarten after teaching abroad for the past six years. Lauren holds certifications in both early childhood education and international baccalaureate. Most recently, Lauren served as a consultant, kindergarten coordinator, and teacher at Emirates National School in the United Arab Emirates. She has also taught in Seoul, South Korea. She brings a wealth of experience in approaches to teaching, steeped in best practices.

13| The upper school math department is fortunate to be gaining Allie Scheel for the 2016-2017 school year. She, her husband, and two young children will be moving from Honolulu, Hawaii, this summer. Allie completed a BS in mathematics and secondary education from Uni-



versity of Wisconsin-Madison and an MS in mathematics and statistics from Loyola University in Chicago. She brings with her a wealth of experience including her time teaching at Loyola, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Kapiolani Community College, and as an instructor at Norfolk Academy in Virginia.

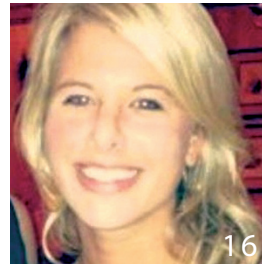
14| The middle school welcomes new sixth and seventh grade math teacher, Ashleigh Smith. Ashleigh graduated from Bridgewater State University with a BS in psychology, a BS in elementary education, and an MS in special education. She is currently working on an EdD from Liberty University. Ashleigh comes to us from Muscogee County Schools where she



has been teaching math and science for the past two years.

15| Carol Wall joins us to teach second grade. Previously at the Galloway School in Atlanta, she taught second and third grades for the last seventeen years. Before teaching at Galloway, Carol taught at Fox Elementary here in Columbus. Carol holds a BA from the University of Georgia and an MS in education from Bank Street College of Education in New York. Carol has experience in readers' and writers' workshop and is a writer herself, writing stories and plays for children.

16| Christian Young, who will be teaching first grade, comes to us from the Lovett School in Atlanta. While at Lovett,



she served as director of after school activities programs and assistant director of summer programs for three years before becoming a first and then third grade teacher. Prior to her years at Lovett, she was a volunteer teacher through Harvard University's program, World Teach, and taught English for one year on Wotje Island in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Christian has experience teaching readers' and writers' workshop, as well as training in the Orton-Gillingham approach. She has an MS in early childhood education from Auburn University and is a graduate of Wesleyan School in Norcross, Georgia. Christian is engaged to be married to Brookstone alumnus, Carter Woolfolk ('05), this July.



## WELCOME NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

### Rick Alexander

Rick Alexander will join Brookstone's Board of Trustees this fall. He and his wife, Cindy, have four granddaughters currently at Brookstone: Rachel Grier, a rising senior; Riley Grier, a rising eighth grader; Holland Alexander, a rising eighth grader; and Julia Alexander, a rising sixth grader. Rick is retired from

Alexander Electric Company. He graduated from Columbus High School in 1964, and then Auburn University in 1968. In his free time, Rick enjoys snow skiing and traveling.

When asked what motivated him to join the Brookstone board, he answered, "I was

motivated by seeing the dedication and commitment of our professional staff, board members, and especially our board chair, to continuously improve our school." He hopes to specifically be able to focus on long range planning for Brookstone. Rick also serves in the Columbus area in other

capacities. He is a member of the CSU Foundation Board of Trustees, the CSU Turner College of Business Advisory Council, National Infantry Foundation Board, CB&T Advisory Board, and Synovus Trust Company Board.





**Will Peek**

Will Peek joins Brookstone's Board of Trustees in the fall of 2016. Will is a 1985 graduate of Brookstone. He and his wife, Rachael ('88), have three children currently attending Brookstone: Guy ('15); Jack, a rising junior; and Lillie, a rising freshman.

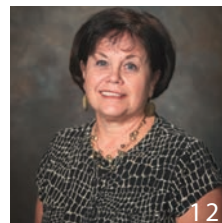
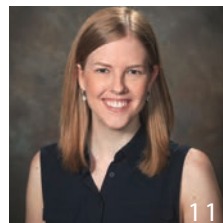
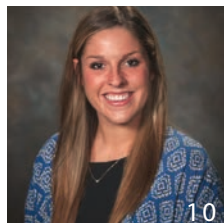
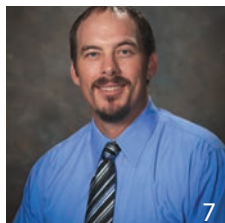
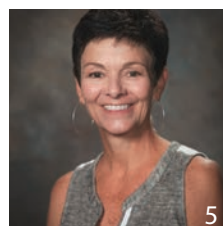
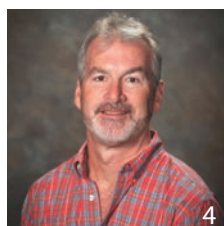
Will attended the University of Georgia with a major in accounting and graduated

with a BBA in 1990. He is the co-owner of Fortson-Peek Company, Inc. In his free time, Will enjoys golfing, fishing, and traveling.

Will is excited to serve on Brookstone's Board because he feels the school community is an extended part of their family and the school is very important to the Columbus community. He hopes to focus

on building and grounds while on the board and also to help spread the word about what Brookstone offers.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR CURRENT FACULTY & STAFF



1 | Dee Dee Branham, upper school science teacher and previously the upper school dean of students, will serve as the grade chair for the incoming ninth grade class.

2 | Starr Burks, previously a teacher assistant in second grade, will be Mrs. Emily Blalock's assistant in 3K.

3 | Hunter Chapman, middle school social studies teacher, will be taking on the eighth grade chair position.

4 | Mark Erb, upper school history teacher, will serve as our new upper school dean of students.

5 | Billie Flowers will transition from kindergarten teacher to the newly created position of lower and intermediate school music coordinator.

6 | Karen Hearn, previously 3K-5 music coordinator, will fill the newly created position of middle and upper school music coordinator.

7 | James McKeel will transition from his role as a middle school PE teacher and eighth grade chair to strength and conditioning coach within the athletic department.

8 | Kristen Powers, previously a second grade teacher, will join the Learning Center faculty for first semester.

9 | Leslie Shirah will continue to teach upper school art classes but will now do so on a full-time schedule.

10 | Carolyn Shuler, middle school social studies teacher, will be taking on the seventh grade chair position.

11 | Katie Wilson, previously a middle school math teacher, will return to the Learning Center full-time.

12 | Glenda Yancey will continue to teach English 7 but will maintain a part-time schedule.

# INSPIRED TO PERFORM

EMILY TEAGUE // FINE ARTS



**E**mily is the daughter of Charles and Richelle Teague. Her brother, Nicholas (19), is a rising sophomore at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After Brookstone, Emily is considering attending Davidson College, Vanderbilt University, University of Virginia, and Georgia Institute of Technology, although she is still considering other options. She plans to study mechanical engineering. When asked why she would choose that focus, she answered, "I would choose this major because I would like to pursue a career in theme park ride design and development. I have always enjoyed math, so I believe that this career and major would be a good choice for me."

**CLASSROOM FAVORITES:** "I enjoy studying math and science. I enjoy problem solving, so math has always been a favorite subject of mine. I enjoy science because the experiments are interesting to me, and I love to learn about the human body. Chemistry was one of my favorite subjects this year because it combined many aspects of math and science."

**INVOLVEMENT AT BROOKSTONE:** "I play percussion in the pep band and concert band. I serve as vice president of the honor council and president of the Key Club. I am a writer for the newspaper, *Cougar Roar*, and next year I will be the co-editor of the school literary magazine, *Perceptions*."

**STANDOUT BROOKSTONE EXPERIENCE:** "I played drums for the musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, during my freshman year. Before this, I had never participated in the school musical, and I didn't think it was something that I would be very interested in. However, when I was asked to play I thought it might be fun, and I was right. Participating in the musical allowed me to talk to new people and meet lots of new friends that I am still friends with now. Playing drums for a musical and having to try to follow along with the lines and the singers was a whole new experience for me, and I really enjoyed it."

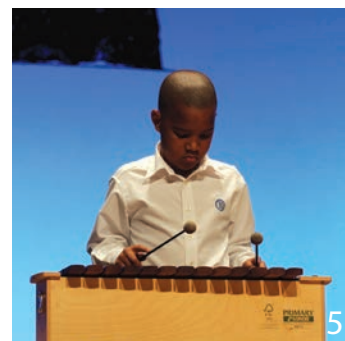
**INSPIRED TO PERFORM:** "I would say that my drum teacher and the manager of the band that I am a part of inspire me as a performer. Both of these men are extremely passionate about music, and they have chosen to pursue music as a career. When I see how much they love it, it inspires me to practice and become a better musician. Whenever I play a gig with my band, I am inspired to perform to the best of my abilities so that I can make these men proud, as they have been with me through a large part of my musical career."

**BROOKSTONE'S MOST SPECIAL FEATURE:** "One unique feature about Brookstone is the close relationship that the students here have with their teachers. As a Brookstone student, I've been able to have very close relationships with all of my teachers. This close relationship allows me to feel comfortable with asking my teachers questions when I don't understand material or even talking to them when I have any kind of problem at school. Because of this close relationship, I feel like my teachers are my friends, and this makes the classroom environment a lot more enjoyable."

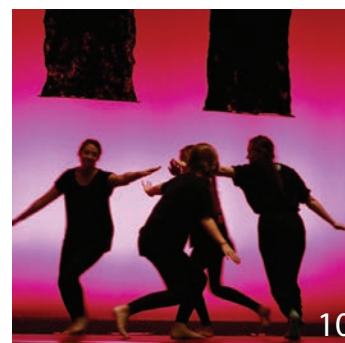




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## WINTER & SPRING HIGHLIGHTS



1) Mal Waldrep and Millie Lawrence in the third grade production of Cinderella; 2) Kathleen Sway, Ashton Laddon, Lauren Roman, and Gracie Pippas in the upper school musical Legally Blonde; 3) Middle school band performing with band director, Isaac Leverett; 4) Seventh grader Alice Barngrover and her grandmother, Sue Collins, on Kindergarten and Seventh Grade Grandparents Day; 5) Third grader, Jesse Adams; 6) Helen Varner leads a lower school science class; 7) Pre-K students, Sally Fowler and Emily Deal; 8) Junior Edward Neal performing in Legally Blonde; 9) Country Fair chairpersons Donna Hightower ('99) and Lauren Briscoe; 10) Dancers during the Spring Arts Festival; 11) Sixth grader Susan Jiang





# WINTER & SPRING HIGHLIGHTS



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1) Third graders performing *Cinderella*; 2) Fifth graders Charity McWilliams and Catherine Slavich; 3) Andie Addison with her grandparents on Kindergarten and Seventh Grade Grandparents Day; 4) Students perform during the Country Fair play; 5) Fifth grader Charlotte Young during the Spelling Bee; 6) Middle school band students; 7) Student art work displayed for Spring Arts Festival; 8) Senior Lindsey Giglio at the NHS induction; 9) The cast of *Legally Blonde*; 10) Intermediate school Spelling Bee winners





# INSPIRED TO

# LEARN

## ASIM AHMED // ACADEMICS



**A**sim is the son of Sajid and Naheed Ahmed. He has three brothers: Zohair (2007), age 26, is currently in medical school; Saad (2010), age 24, graduated from University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2014; and Ansur (2013), age 20, is currently in his fourth year at University of Georgia.

Looking forward to the fall of 2017, Asim is considering Duke University, Stanford University, University of Georgia, Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania, and Georgetown University. He adds, "As of right now, I am planning on a double major with finance and business administration/management, as well as a minor in Spanish. Hopefully, these two majors will help me pursue a career in investment banking on Wall Street."

**CLASSROOM FAVORITES:** "I have a passion for language, as Spanish is the fourth language I know how to speak along with Urdu, Hindi, and English. Our Spanish department really cares about our success and puts major stress on being able to dominate complex conversations. Also, the math classes at Brookstone are amazing. Because we're one of the only schools in Georgia that provide the advanced levels of math, like Vector Calculus and Game Theory, it's fun to constantly be challenging yourself. Right when you think you dominate a certain topic, Mr. Quinley will throw something brand new at you; you're constantly learning, and I'm really appreciative of that environment."

**INVOLVEMENT AT BROOKSTONE:** Asim serves as student body president, is a member of the basketball, track, and soc-

cer teams, and participates in the annual spring musical, varsity math team, Spanish Club, and Key Club.

**STANDOUT BROOKSTONE EXPERIENCE:** "Regardless of never having done anything related to theater before, everybody encouraged me to participate in the spring musical. I'll never forget spending twelve straight hours one day in the Turner Center rehearsing. The musical gave me an opportunity to meet so many people that I would not have been able to get to know otherwise. I think the musical really embodies some of Brookstone's best qualities."

**INSPIRED TO LEARN:** "Both of my parents came to the United States from Pakistan in 1987, with their dream of practicing medicine here, their children growing up with an American education, and getting American degrees. I've witnessed first hand how hard it is and how much someone has to sacrifice when they leave behind their friends, family, and everything they've ever known, just for an opportunity for their kids. The sacrifices that they've made are my biggest motivation as to why I push myself to the extent that I do."

**BROOKSTONE'S MOST SPECIAL FEATURE:** "In my opinion, one of the overlooked aspects about our school is the size of our student body and the attributes that we gain from it. While we may not have the largest amount of students, this forces so many kids to jump out of their comfort zone, instead of sticking to just what they are used to. We have track stars who not only excel on the track but also at math competitions. We have actors and actresses who transcend in not only the theater but also the science classroom when they are dissecting animals. This helps so many kids discover hidden talents and passions and enhances our classroom conversations."

# STUDENT INTERVIEW:

## MARTY LESTER,

### Brookstone's New Head of School

Questions Written by  
BROOKSTONE STUDENTS,  
LOWER THROUGH  
UPPER SCHOOL

We sent out an open invitation to all Brookstone students, grades 3K through twelfth, to ask the incoming headmaster, Mr. Marty Lester, any questions they would like. Their submissions were playful, intriguing, insightful, and some things you might never know unless you were talking with Marty over a bowl of butterscotch ice cream.

#### Have you met someone famous?

The easy answer is yes, but it really is a question of perspective. Working at St. Paul's, I have come across lots of "famous" people—presidential candidates, congressmen and senators, actors, athletes and coaches, religious leaders, authors—people like that. I guess it depends on who you think is famous. At St. Paul's graduation in May, Bo Jackson attended. To me, growing up an Auburn fan, he is *really* famous.

#### How old are you?

I am 54.

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

I did. I played football, basketball, and ran track. I primarily get exercise by doing yard work and walking.

#### What is your favorite memory from middle school?

This is an easy one. It was in Mrs. Cleveland's seventh grade English class. She put a note on an essay that said that I had really gotten the answer right, and that I was a good writer. It was, and still is, one of the proudest moments I've had. It also goes to show how important good teachers are to their students—something else I have carried with me since then.

#### If you were ever to teach a class in the upper school, what would it be?

I love teaching, and I love history, so you can see where this answer is going. My favorite years at St. Paul's were spent in an eleventh grade classroom teaching U. S. History, and I would love to do it again. However, I suspect Dr.

Byrd might have a small problem with that, and I don't blame him.

#### Are you nice?

I try to be at every turn. My grandfather and the Dalai Lama basically said the same thing, "If it is at all possible, be kind. And it is always possible."

#### Where were you born and raised?

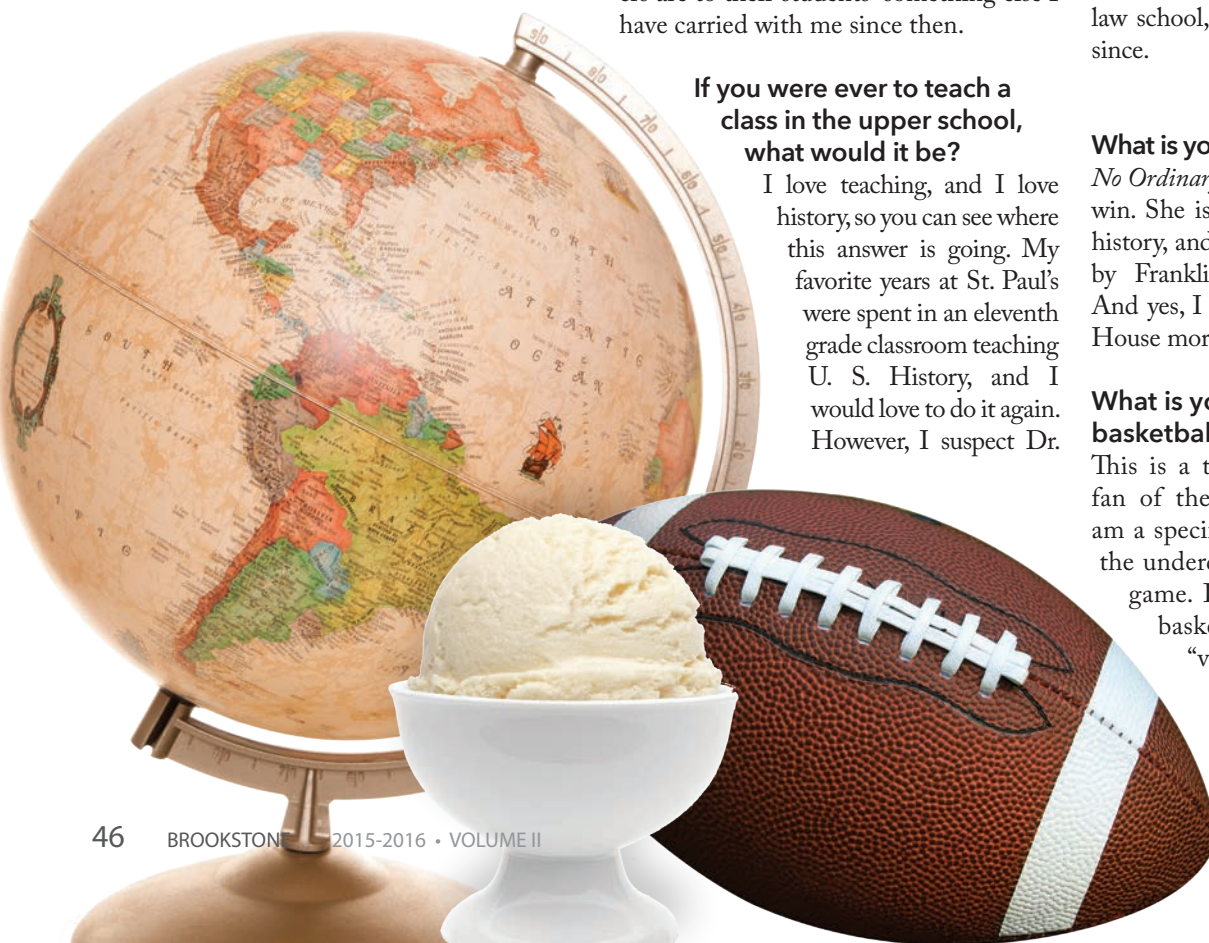
I was born in Birmingham, Alabama. I lived there while my father finished medical school, residency, and fellowship, and then we moved to Mobile when I was eight years old. I've lived in Mobile, Alabama, with the exception of college, law school, and two years of law practice, since.

#### What is your favorite nonfiction book?

*No Ordinary Time* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. She is one of my favorite writers of history, and I have always been fascinated by Franklin Roosevelt's administration. And yes, I have been to the Little White House more times than I can count.

#### What is your favorite college basketball team?

This is a tough question. I am more a fan of the NCAA tournament than I am a specific team. I always like to pick the underdog, and there is one in every game. I am definitely an old school basketball guy though—I still "voice my dismay" to referees about missed traveling calls. They don't listen.





**Do you like candy or ice cream better?**

Easy—ice cream. My favorite flavor is butterscotch from Cammie's Old Dutch in Mobile. They don't always have it, but it is worth the wait.

**What would your favorite hot dog look like?**

Honestly, a mess. I am looking forward to trying a Scrambled Dog from Dinglewood's (that's what everyone tells me to do first after I move), but my favorite hot dog in Mobile is a Dew Drop. I have to admit I am a bit of a hot dog snob. The best I have ever eaten, hands down, is made by a friend of mine. He takes an all-beef hot dog, splits it, fills it with cream cheese, wraps it in bacon, deep fries it, and serves it on a bakery roll with homemade ketchup. While it is really, really bad for you, it sure tastes good. And now I'll be distracted for the rest of the day thinking about it.

**When you were a kid what did you want to be when you grew up?**

I grew up in a family of doctors, so I always thought I would take that path. My love of history intervened, and I went to law school and entered teaching instead.

**What's your mom's name?**  
Sis.

**Do you have any pets? What kind? What's his name?**

I have one now, a dog, after many in the past. His name is Sparky. We have a love/hate relationship, and it changes daily.

**How long have you been a headmaster at a school?**

I have been headmaster at St. Paul's for a little over eight



ABOVE: Marty Lester visiting with Brookstone Camp B kids.

years. I was there for twenty years, and it is the only school I've worked in before coming to Brookstone.

**Do you like to wear your brown jacket? (This question is from a lower school student who remembered Marty wore a brown jacket when he visited Brookstone last fall.)**

I do! It was a Christmas gift from my mother, and it is very old but perfect for cold days. I'm not sure how much longer I'll be able to use it, but I'll wear it to the end.

**What is your vision for Brookstone?**

A great question, one that will take time to answer. I am looking forward to working in a great school, with very bright students, with a great faculty and staff, and with great families. We all will develop together our shared vision for Brookstone. It will take time, energy,

effort, and passion, and it will be challenging as we move forward, but I can't wait to get started.

**Are you crazy like Mr. Klutz from the "Weirder School" series?**

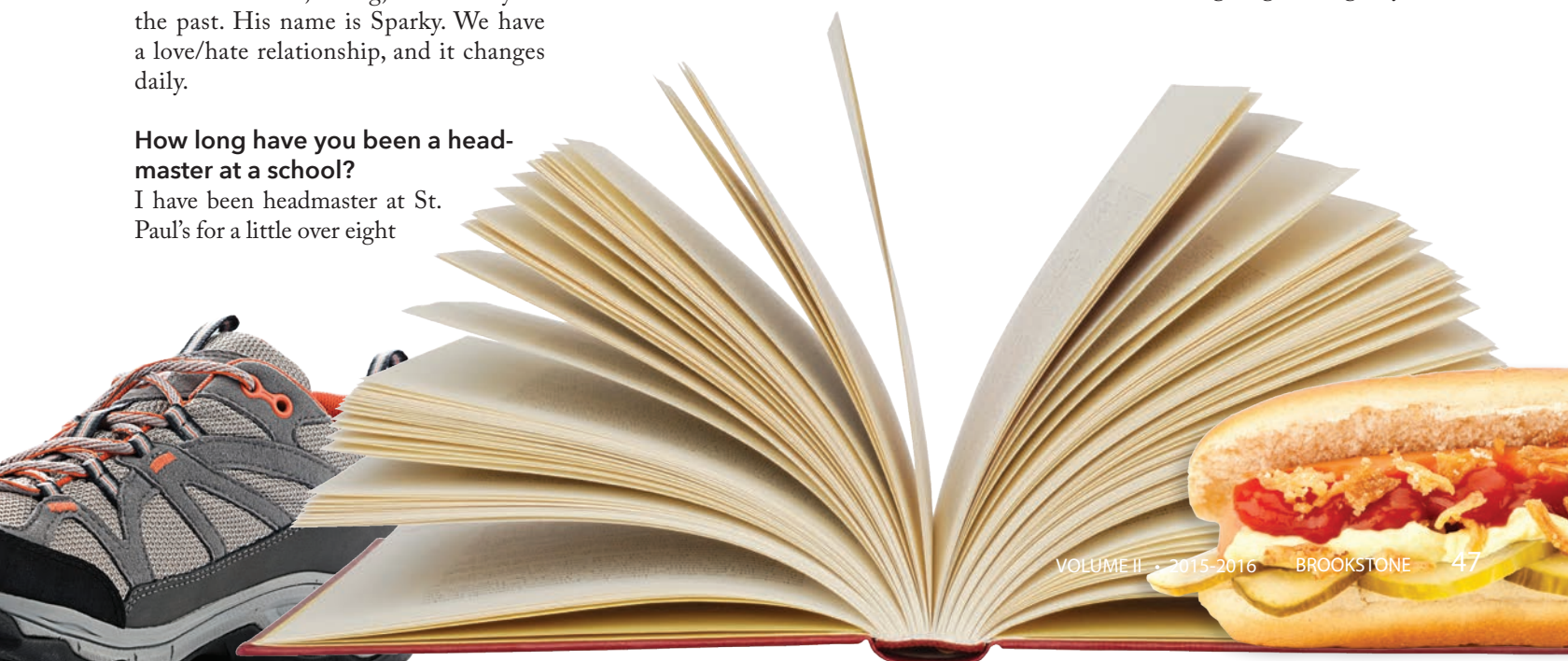
I hope not. I haven't kissed a pig, if that helps.

**Do you like the woods and nature?**

I do. Very much. I grew up enjoying them and had some great experiences as a student. I admit that I haven't taken advantage of opportunities to enjoy them lately, but I hope to when I move to Columbus.

**What is your favorite color?**

Blue. I haven't been asked this question in a while, and it really made me think about it. Blue is my favorite because I can remember as a child going fishing with my dad off shore and having to go a long way to





find the blue water and the fish. I can also remember thinking how beautiful it was when we found it. It is the most vivid blue.

**What is your favorite thing to do?**

I love it when everyone is at home from school. Being with my family, while sometimes dramatic, is fun for me. If it's just us, Kris and I really enjoy going to an independent movie theater in Mobile called the Crescent. The owner has an amazing ability to pick great movies.

**What was your most favorite subject when you were in school?**

History. Or, as I like to call it, the backbone of academia.

**Do you like rainy days?**

I do because they are very conducive to reading (as long as they are not associated with hurricanes).

**Are you in charge of the birds, too?**

I looked in the job description, but it doesn't sound like it. I think someone else is in charge of

them. I have been known to help them out if they need it.

**What is your favorite food?**

Barbeque. I can't help it.

**What was your major in college?**

I was a history major who benefited from great teaching especially in college. My professors were inspirational, and they put the teaching bug in me. I did a lot of coursework in 20th Century America, Tudor England, and the Reformation.

**What were you before you were a Cougar?**

A Saint!

**Why did you choose Brookstone?**

A question I've been asked a lot, but with a simple answer – because Brookstone chose me. I have known of Brookstone and its reputation for years. It is a school that makes a difference in the lives of its students and its community. It has a very high standard that everyone in the school community is engaged in to provide incredible educational opportunities for every student. To be selected as the next head of school at Brookstone is as great a professional honor as I have ever received.

**Do you have children?**

I do! My wife Kris and I have five – Trey (27), Wil (23), Gracie (21), Adam (19), and Ana Frances (16).

**What is one of your most embarrassing moments in your life?**

When I was in college, I had to make a speech. The wind started blowing briskly, and that is a purposeful understatement. I had to speak at a podium with a microphone, and when I got to it, the wind literally blew my notes out of my hands – and I went totally blank. I mumbled a few nonsensical things and got off the stage as soon as possible. I still catch grief about it from my friends, and I laugh about it now, but then? Wow.

**What is your best way to show school spirit?**

I show my school spirit by supporting as many student activities as I can by attending as many events as I can. I've been known to wear spirit gear a lot, participating in pep rallies on occasion. And perhaps play a piano (badly) during a strings concert. Maybe.

**What is your favorite animal?**

A cougar!

**What things do you like to do with lower school kids?**

I love to listen to lower school kids. That's why I do carpool at St. Paul's on the lower school campus. That's why I will do carpool at Brookstone. I learn a lot by listening. Selfishly, it is a great way to start a day and is something that I look forward to.

**Do you like fishing and hunting?**

I grew up on boats and in the woods, but my job has kept me from doing either for quite a while. I enjoyed both, but to me the best thing about them was spending time with my dad and my brother.





**What color hair do you have?**

What is left is dark brown.

**Did you go to Brookstone when you were young?**

I didn't. I grew up in Mobile, Alabama, and went to UMS Preparatory School.

**Do you like reading?**

It is one of my favorite things to do. I do it almost constantly. Much to my wife's displeasure, I have books all over my house and in storage, and I have a Kindle.

**Will you work on the playground?**

I will be by there a lot during my time at Brookstone. The fun being had there will make me smile a lot.

**What is your favorite college football team?**

This one is different. I have long cheered for Auburn University, primarily because that is where my father, sister, and brother attended. My wife graduated from University of Alabama, and Adam will attend there in the fall, so we hope that détente breaks out when Alabama and Auburn play. My daughter Gracie attends Mississippi State University, so I pull for them, too. I played football at Millsaps College, and I cheer for them when I can. A number of my former students now play football in college, and I, of course, cheer for them, even when it is hard to support their teams.



## 2016 Retiring Faculty Reception

On May 24, the Brookstone community, including family and friends, gathered in the Turner Center Gallery to acknowledge the incredible investment of talent and time our 2016 retirees have given to Brookstone. Over tasty hors d'oeuvres, well wishes were shared from the crowd and retirement addresses with gifts of thanks were given from administrators to these 2016 retirees:

SALLY BRADLEY  
DR. FRANK BROWN  
SARAH LINTYMER

ALICE KAY MCFARLAND  
KAREN RUSSELL  
JUNE WOOD

We wish them well in the next steps of their lives, whatever those may be!



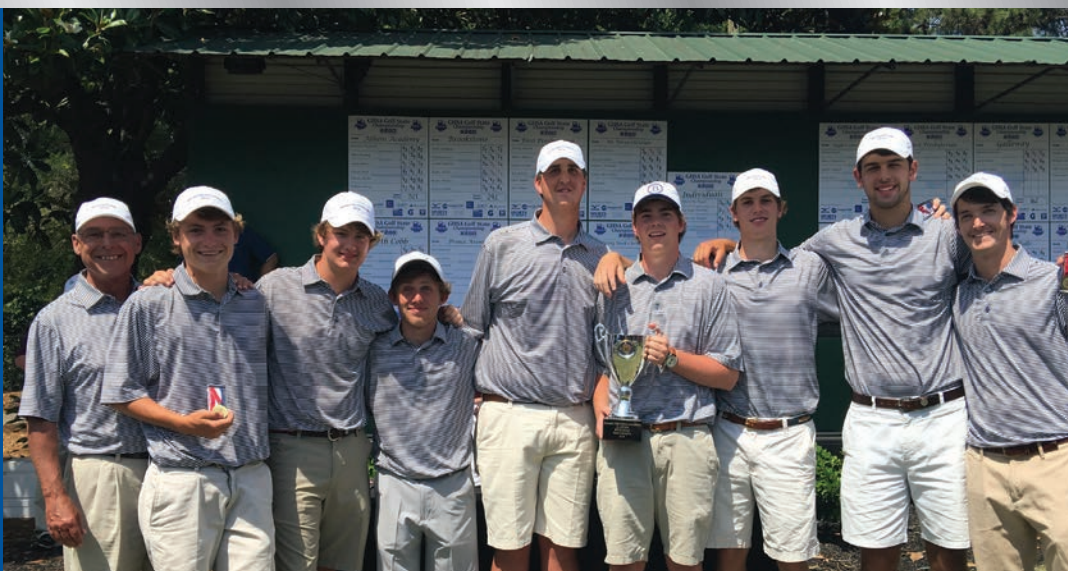
1) Assistant Head of School for Advancement, Catherine Trotter, welcomes everyone to the reception.; 2) Retiree Sally Bradley with board member Chuck Staples; 3) (left to right) College Counselor Frances Berry, retiree June Wood, and Media Services Director, Ron Ussey; 4) The retiree group: Dr. Frank Brown, June Wood, Alice Kay McFarland, Sally Bradley, Karen Russell, and Sarah Lintymer.; 5) Head of Middle School, Chris Moore, presents Alice Kay with a gift from the school.; 6) Moore speaking with Eileen and Charlie (former head of school) Cumiskey; 7) Dr. Brown with lower school science teacher, Helen Varner; 8) Faculty member Dolly Figueroa and retiree Karen Russell



# 2016 STATE CHAMPIONS

**15TH  
STATE TITLE**

**AREA  
CHAMPIONS**



## COUGAR NATION



**11TH  
STATE TITLE**

**AREA  
CHAMPIONS**





## VARSITY ROSTER

Daniel Amos .....	11
Preston Campbell .....	12
Walker Cottrell .....	11
Mitchell Cox .....	12
Sam Dismuke .....	11
Richard Hill .....	10
Coleman Killorin .....	12
Trey Lingo .....	10
Sam Lowe .....	12
Jake Martin .....	11
Banks Massey .....	10
Ryals Norman .....	11
Culver Norred .....	12
James Sherrer .....	12
Ben Smith .....	11
Perk Swift .....	11
Drew Webb .....	12

### HEAD COACH

Vince Massey

### ASSISTANT COACHES

Brewer Carter

Nate McConnell

# BASEBALL

written by BASEBALL COACHING STAFFS

The varsity baseball team had a successful season, finishing 20-7 and making it to the "Sweet Sixteen" of the GHSA state playoffs. The team was led by seven seniors who made the most of their final season. Preston Campbell, Mitchell Cox, Coleman Killorin, Sam Lowe, Culver Norred, James Sherrer, and Drew Webb will be difficult to replace next year. The team finished 10-2 in region 4-A, just behind champion Schley County. The championship came down to the two games against Schley County where the Cougars came up a little short. Brookstone was represented well on the all-region team with ten players earning that honor. Drew Webb was the region player of the year, along with first team recipients Preston Campbell, Trey Lingo, Sam Lowe, and Culver Norred. Coleman Killorin, Banks Massey, and James Sherrer were second team all-region, with Daniel Amos and Walker Cottrell earning honorable mention recognition. Preston Campbell, Trey Lingo, Sam Lowe, Culver Norred, and Drew Webb were selected first team All-Bi-City, with Banks Massey earning honorable mention recognition. Three of

the seniors were privileged to play in two of the post season all-star games. Preston Campbell, Culver Norred, and Drew Webb were selected to play in the Georgia Dugout Club senior all-state all-star game, and the Georgia-Alabama all-star game. The Cougars have an abundance of talent returning in 2017 and with continued improvement, should be able to compete at a very high level again next season.

The JV baseball team, coached by Matt Lage, Jeff Jones, and Brewer Carter, finished their season at 10-4 overall. The season included many hard-fought games including wins over in-town rivals Northside, Hardaway, Shaw, and Jordan. Even after losing a tough game to LaGrange late in the year, the JV Cougars showed their resolve by bouncing back and finishing the season on a high note. The Brookstone baseball program will be in good hands in the future with a core group of young, hard-working, and talented baseball players who will be contributing at the varsity level next year.



## BOYS BASKETBALL

written by BOYS BASKETBALL COACHING STAFFS

The varsity boys, led by senior Sam Ndem, finished with a 7-20 record. The Cougars had some exciting wins, including a big win at the buzzer over Mount de Sales and a defensive stand at home to beat Marion County in the final seconds. The Cougar offense was led by Jamie Sheek, Trey Lingo, William Reaves, and Sutton Eggena. Jamie Sheek was named first team all-region, while Sutton Eggena was named to the second team, and William Reaves received honorable mention.

The JV boys basketball team fought hard this season and had several well-earned victories. Taylor Harris had a strong season

at point guard and led the team in scoring. Newcomer AJ Harris was second in scoring for the season.

The middle school boys basketball team, coached by Matt Lage and Bryant Thomas, had an exciting season. Led by a strong group of eighth graders, the team finished 8-3. MJ Scott, Charles Swift, Gilland Lane, Gordy Pease, and Clark Smith led the offensive attack for the Cougars.



### VARSITY ROSTER

Asim Ahmed .....	11
Chris Edmonds .....	9
Sutton Eggena.....	10
Taylor Harris.....	9
Trey Lingo .....	10
Josh Long .....	11
Sam Ndem.....	12
Hugh Page.....	11
William Reaves.....	11
Jamie Sheek.....	11
Frank Waldrep .....	11

HEAD COACH  
Bentley Sparks

ASSISTANT COACHES  
Jeff Collins  
John Harkey



# INSPIRED TO

# COMPETE

## JAMIE SHEEK // ATHLETICS



**J**amie is the son of Nancy ('86) and Kim Sheek. He has two sisters, Sara Catherine (19), who attends Anderson University, and Nan (14), a rising freshman at Brookstone. Looking forward to college, Jamie is interested in attending Furman University, Wake Forest University, or Elon University. He plans on majoring in business. He adds, "Math is one of my strongest interests, and I would enjoy business which incorporates math into it."

**CLASSROOM FAVORITES:** "My favorite subject areas are math and science. They are my favorite because I do better when I learn it in class and apply it to problems. "

**INVOLVEMENT AT BROOKSTONE:** Jamie is on the basketball and soccer teams at Brookstone. He adds, "I have played basketball all of my life. I played it in seventh and eighth grades and I have played it every year in high school. I used to play community soccer when I was little, but I gave it up when I started to play Little League baseball. I have been playing soccer at Brookstone ever since eighth grade, and I have enjoyed playing it.

My favorite thing about sports at Brookstone is that I can watch my friends play sports and they can watch me. I also love that I get to play alongside many of my friends."

**STANDOUT BROOKSTONE EXPERIENCE:** "Being able to get to know my teachers has really helped me grow at Brookstone. I think that I could say that almost every teacher in the high school knows my name. In athletics, I have great memories of going to basketball and football camps and spending a few days with all of my teammates. It's always really fun."

**CAMP B EXPERIENCE:** Jamie has worked as a camp counselor for basketball and flag football camps for Brookstone's Camp B. "I enjoy playing with all of the kids. It is a lot of fun and the kids always enjoy it, so that makes it more fun."

**INSPIRED TO COMPETE:** "What inspires me is how I will be remembered. I want to be remembered for being a good teammate and for contributing to the success of Brookstone athletics."

**BROOKSTONE'S MOST SPECIAL FEATURE:** "Being at Brookstone is like being part of a big family. There is a bond that is created with everybody in the whole school. I think people are glad to be at Brookstone because it is the best school to attend in Columbus."



## GIRLS BASKETBALL

written by GIRLS BASKETBALL COACHING STAFFS

The varsity girls basketball team had a successful season under coaches Glenn Sylvest and Margaret McCormick, finishing with an 11-14 record. Led by seniors Naeisha McClain, Shannon Sloan, Browning Lane, Meg Hicks, and Helen Snavelly, the team bought into playing for each other and left no regrets as they played their hearts out in the final game against Dooly County in the region tournament. Naeisha McClain was named first team all-region, Katherine Snavelly was named second team all-region, and Browning Lane was named honorable mention. Naeisha McClain was also selected first team All Bi-City.

The junior varsity girls basketball team finished their season with a record of 3-7. The team had two

victories against First Presbyterian Day and one huge comeback against Marion County to end the year. Virginia Pearson and Antonia Nunley led the team with their excellent offense and leadership, while Deme Courtney, Sally Dismuke, and Ruth Hunter added steady defense for the Cougars. With a large number of players who will be lost to graduation in 2016, next year many of these young ladies will be counted on to immediately contribute at the varsity level.

The middle school girls basketball team, coached by Dee Dee Gordon and Joy Sloan, completed a tough thirteen-game schedule and finished with a record of 5-8. Led by Virginia Edwards, Nan Sheek, Sara Hill, Betsy Blanchard, and Katherine

Buracker, the team bought into playing suffocating defense and showed solid improvement in each and every game. The team had decisive wins against Pacelli, Calvary Christian, and Chattahoochee County. It was fun to watch the hustle of M Middleton, the defense of Marianna Branch, and the ballhandling of Stella Yancey in every single game. There is a talented group of young players returning next year, which puts the Cougars in a position to do very well in 2017.

### VARSITY ROSTER

Deme Courtney .....	9
Meg Hicks.....	12
Ruth Hunter .....	9
Browning Lane.....	12
Marty Laughbaum .....	11
Naeisha McClain.....	12
Antonia Nunley.....	9
Shannon Sloan.....	12
Helen Snavelly .....	12
Katherine Snavelly .....	10
Bailee Valentini .....	10
Gigi Yancey .....	10
Josie Yancey .....	10

HEAD COACH

Glenn Sylvest

ASSISTANT COACH

Margaret McCormick





# BOYS GOLF

written by BOYS GOLF COACHING STAFFS

After a third-place finish in the 2015 state tournament, the varsity boys golf team set their sights on winning a state championship. The team met their goal with dominant victories in both the area and state tournaments. The Cougars won area by fourteen strokes with a team score of 291 (Evans Copeland 71, Walker Hinds 71, William Reaves 72, Frank Waldrep 77) and won state by ten strokes with a team score of 292 (Walker Hinds 71, Evans Copeland 73, Frank Waldrep 74, William Reaves 74). Evans Copeland won the team's medalist award with a season scoring average of just above 74. Copeland, William Reaves, and Walker Hinds were selected to the All Bi-City team. Freshman Pepper Miller became an integral part of the varsity team throughout the season, and seniors Brooks Whilden, Lawton Mullin, Richard Swift, and Reid Lewis leave behind a rich legacy of success.

The junior varsity team was led by a talented group of eighth graders: Brandt Garrard, Carson Marchetti, Ross McKinstry, Nick Shadburn, William Sluder, and

Charles Waldrep. Freshman Caleb Patillo, sophomore Will Yeiser, and junior Simon Zhang contributed, as well. The JV team's best tournament performance came at the Brookstone Invitational at Green Island with a team score of 307 (Charles Waldrep 73, Carson Marchetti 77, Ross McKinstry 78, William Sluder 79).

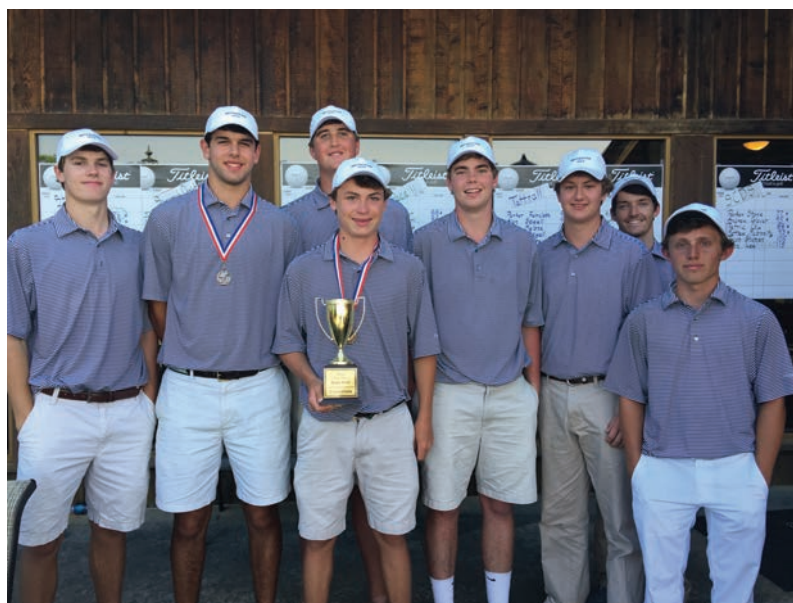
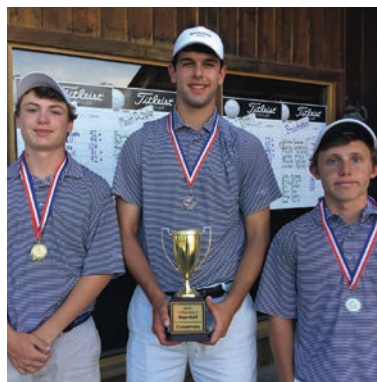
The middle school golf team competes in the Columbus Valley Middle School Golf League. Led by Rusty Hinds and David Blanchard, the Brookstone team saw consistent success. The season culminated in the City Championship, known as the "Sweet 16," and nine of the sixteen players were Brookstone students (the six eighth grade boys listed above, as well as Bo Blanchard, Sanders Hinds, and Reed Rambo). The final matchup came down to Carson Marchetti vs. William Sluder, and Marchetti won.

With a strong returning group of varsity players, as well as a great deal of young talent, the future of Brookstone golf is in great hands!

## VARSITY ROSTER

Evans Copeland.....	11
Walker Hinds.....	10
Reid Lewis .....	12
Pepper Miller.....	9
Lawton Mullin .....	12
William Reaves.....	11
Richard Swift.....	12
Frank Waldrep .....	11
Brooks Whilden .....	12

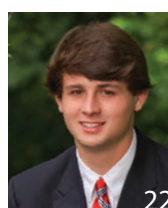
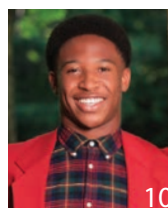
HEAD COACH  
Hunter Chapman  
ASSISTANT COACH  
Perrin Trotter



# HONORS

- 1 Harish Alappan, Class of 2016, Area 2 Soccer All-Area Team; All Bi-City Soccer Second Team; Selected to play in the Southwest Georgia All-Star Soccer game
- 2 Uma Alappan, Class of 2018, Class A Girls Golf All-State Team Honorable Mention
- 3 Daniel Amos, Class of 2017, 4-A All-Region Baseball Honorable Mention
- 4 Reed Bickerstaff, Class of 2019, All Bi-City Tennis First Team
- 5 Gabriela Caligaris, Class of 2017, Area 2 Soccer All-Area Team; All Bi-City Soccer First Team; Selected to play in the Southwest Georgia All-Star Soccer game
- 6 Preston Campbell, Class of 2016, 4-A All-Region Baseball First Team Outfield; All Bi-City Baseball First Team; Selected to play in the Senior All State All-Star Game; Selected to play in the Georgia-Alabama All-Star Game
- 7 Evans Copeland, Class of 2017, All Bi-City Golf First Team; Class A Boys Golf All-State Team
- 8 Walker Cottrell, Class of 2017, 4-A All-Region Baseball Honorable Mention
- 9 Deme Courtney, Class of 2019, All Bi-City Soccer Honorable Mention; Selected to play in the Southwest Georgia All-Star Soccer game
- 10 Dre Dashiell, Class of 2016, All Bi-City Wrestling Second Team
- 11 Abbie Dillon, Class of 2017, All Bi-City Tennis First Team; All-Area Girls Tennis Team
- 12 Sutton Eggena, Class of 2018, All Bi-City Tennis Honorable Mention; All-Region Basketball First Team
- 13 Josh Fernicola, Class of 2018, All Bi-City Tennis First Team
- 14 Lindsey Giglio, Class of 2016, Area 2 Soccer All-Area Team; All Bi-City Soccer First Team; Selected to play in the Southwest Georgia All-Star Soccer game
- 15 Gracie Glass, Class of 2019, All Bi-City Tennis First Team
- 16 Taylor Harris, Class of 2019, All Bi-City Tennis Honorable Mention
- 17 Gracie Hemmings, Class of 2019, All Bi-City Girls Tennis Co-Player of the Year; All-Area Girls Tennis Team
- 18 Rachel Hemmings, Class of 2016, All Bi-City Tennis First Team; WLTZ Girls Tennis Scholar Athlete of the Week; Recipient of Dr. Nelson O. Tyrone Memorial Tennis Award
- 19 Walker Hinds, Class of 2018, All Bi-City Golf First Team
- 20 Avery Holbrook, Class of 2018, All Bi-City Track Second Team Pole Vault
- 21 Jack Jenkins, Class of 2018, Area 2 Soccer All-Area Team; All Bi-City Soccer Honorable Mention; Selected to play in the Southwest Georgia All-Star Soccer game
- 22 Coleman Killorin, Class of 2016, 4-A All-Region Baseball Second Team DH
- 23 Browning Lane, Class of 2016, All-Region Basketball Honorable Mention
- 24 Trey Lingo, Class of 2018, 4-A All-Region Baseball First Team Infield; All Bi-City Baseball First Team

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# GIRLS GOLF

written by GIRLS GOLF COACHING STAFFS

Girls golf at Brookstone had an amazing season in so many ways! Most notably, they had a roster of eleven girls, seven varsity and four JV! With the exception of three golfers, the rest of the girls had never played eighteen holes. Their progress during the course of the season was amazing! Our JV team was able to compete in two JV-only tournaments. In both of those tournaments (Lakewood Tournament, Woodward Academy Tournament), the team placed second and Sa Copeland was the low medalist in both.

Our final tournament of the year was the Maple Ridge Junior Girls' Classic, that is quite popular with teams from across the state due to the wonderful hospitality and great organization shown during this tournament. Our top three scorers were Sanders (84), Sa (87), and Uma (92). As you can see, we are in good shape



for winning our area and state next year. However, these girls could not have accomplished what they did without a team that is out there practicing every day and encouraging each other to become better golfers. Each golfer believed that every girl is a vital part of the team, regardless of score. Those numbers are only going to keep dropping, along with our jaws, as we watch this young team of wonderful girls have much success in the coming years!



## VARSITY ROSTER

Uma Alappan.....	11
Taylor Roos .....	11
Sarah Kate Edwards.....	10
Emily Elliott.....	9
Ridley Hudson.....	9
Lee Mullin .....	9
Palvi Thakur .....	9

HEAD COACH

Karen Hearn

ASSISTANT COACH

Dawn Burts



## BOYS SOCCER

written by BOYS SOCCER COACHING STAFFS

The varsity boys soccer team had a year of great growth and hard earned maturation. The 2016 squad was a particularly young team, with only three seniors in the starting eleven. The team's 7-8-3 record really does not reflect the resilience and strength of the team. Despite a slow start to the season the Cougars had a number of serious character building games after spring break. Most noteworthy of these key games were the draw with 5-A powerhouse Shaw, the last-minute win over First Presbyterian Day, and a hard fought loss at Stratford. These games truly showed the tenacity and grit of our young men. Four-year starter senior, Harish Alappan, led all scorers for the season. However, reflecting the teams' youth, three sophomores, Jack Jenkins, Russell Blanchard, and Will Byrd, were the next highest scorers. The Cougar defense was anchored by junior defenders Paxton Bush and Jamie Sheek, as well as goalkeeper Levi Wolff. Alappan, Jenkins, and Sheek all had the opportunity to play in the SOWEGA all-star game at the season's end.

The Brookstone boys JV soccer team also grew stronger as the

season progressed. The core of this enthusiastic group was composed of a huge freshman class. So many freshmen played this year that we were able to field an all ninth grade team for a game against Central Phenix City. These young players grew stronger and more confident with each game. Several of the players from the JV squad were able to parlay their JV success into a promotion to the varsity team by the end of the season. In fact, the last goal of the varsity season was scored by newly promoted freshman, Noah Stenslie.

With the addition of an extremely talented group of new sixth and seventh graders, Brookstone's middle school boys continued to be a challenge for the soccer teams they faced this season. With a focus on both fun and fundamentals, the boys on the team improved their skills and became a family over the course of the season. Strong efforts from returning eighth grade players Clark Smith, Sutton Jenkins, Darrell Brown, and Wes Pahl during their final season of middle school soccer were a highlight of the season.



## VARSITY ROSTER

Harish Alappan .....	12
Kennedy Barngrover .....	9
Drake Beck .....	11
Garrett Bell .....	11
Russell Blanchard .....	10
Wyatt Brocato .....	9
Paxton Bush .....	11
Will Byrd .....	10
Batten Caves .....	12
Andrew Cole .....	10
Don Dakin .....	11
Sam Grier .....	9
Taylor Harris .....	9
Jack Jenkins .....	10
William Jenkins .....	12
Guy Kenimer .....	11
Austin Lewis .....	10
Will McCormick .....	12
Mills Miller .....	11
Will Mullins .....	9
Hugh Page .....	11
Jamie Sheek .....	11
Bradford Sikes .....	10
Noah Stenslie .....	9
Charlie Straus .....	12
Kevin Taich .....	9
Matt Taich .....	11
David Thayer .....	11
Levi Wolff .....	11

HEAD COACH  
Billy Byrd

ASSISTANT COACHES  
Shawn Connors  
Jon Terrell







## GIRLS SOCCER

The varsity girls soccer team, coached by Glenn Sylvest and Lucy Pound, completed a tough seventeen-game schedule and finished with a record of 11-5-1. Led by seniors Lindsey Giglio, Allie Sheppard, Cara Hunter, Shannon Sloan, Redding Byrd, and Chandler Ciuba, the team showed solid improvement and bought into playing for each other. Gabriela Caligaris and Allie Sheppard led the charge on offense, while Lindsey Giglio, Gigi Yancey, and Ruth Hunter all played big roles for the defense. There is a talented group of young players returning next year, which puts the Cougars in a position to do very well in 2017.

The junior varsity girls soccer team had an outstanding season finishing with a record of 6-2. The team had decisive wins against Pacelli, Marion County,

Opelika, Smiths Station, and two against Central Phenix City. Nan Sheek and Abby Beaver led the team with their excellent offense and leadership, while Virginia Pearson and Elisabeth Michelson added gritty play on defense for the Cougars. Watching these girls pass and play together was encouraging for the future of Brookstone girls soccer.

The middle school girls soccer team had a very successful campaign this year, finishing the season at 6-2. Coaches Hannah Mize and Chelsea McMeen guided this group every practice to improve their skills and their team cohesion. Top scorers for the season were Alexis Steinhauser, Marianna Branch, Rebecca Calhoun, and M Middleton. Led by Mary Margaret Saunders, Helen Farrar, and M Middleton, the defense was solid and only allowed three goals



written by GIRLS SOCCER  
COACHING STAFFS

during the year. There is a lot of talent in Brookstone's middle school girls soccer program, and it will be exciting to watch this team's continued success.

### VARSITY ROSTER

Abby Beaver .....	9
Redding Byrd .....	12
Gabriela Caligaris .....	11
Chandler Ciuba .....	12
Deme Courtney .....	9
Kayla Davis .....	9
Lindsey Giglio .....	12
Carson Harris .....	9
Cara Hunter .....	12
Ruth Hunter .....	9
Meg Kenimer .....	9
Lucy Laughbaum .....	9
Darby Miller .....	11
Ava Pahl .....	10
Lauren Rice .....	10
Anna Sayers .....	10
Laura Sayers .....	10
Allie Sheppard .....	12
Shannon Sloan .....	12
Emma Yancey .....	9
Gigi Yancey .....	10

HEAD COACH  
Glenn Sylvest  
ASSISTANT COACH  
Lucy Pound

# HONORS

- 25 Sam Lowe, Class of 2016, 4-A All-Region Baseball First Team DH; All Bi-City Baseball First Team
- 26 Banks Massey, Class of 2018, 4-A All-Region Baseball Second Team Pitcher; All Bi-City Baseball Honorable Mention
- 27 Hannah Mattson, Class of 2019, All Bi-City Girls Swimmer of the Year
- 28 Naeisha McClain, Class of 2016, All Bi-City Track First Team Discus; All Bi-City Track Second Team Shot Put; SportsVision Top 2 Female Athlete from Brookstone; All-Region Basketball First Team; All Bi-City Basketball First Team
- 29 Culver Norred, Class of 2016, 4-A All-Region Baseball First Team Pitcher; All Bi-City Baseball First Team; Selected to play in the Senior All State All-Star Game; Selected to play in the Georgia-Alabama All-Star Game
- 30 Lillie Norred, Class of 2020, CORTA Junior Female Tennis Player of the Year
- 31 Lillie Patton, Class of 2019, All Bi-City Tennis First Team; All-Area Girls Tennis Team
- 32 Charles Pease, Class of 2016, All Bi-City Tennis First Team; All-Area Boys Tennis Team
- 33 Jack Pease, Class of 2016, All Bi-City Tennis Boys Player of the Year
- 34 Abigail Pitts, Class of 2017, All Bi-City Tennis First Team
- 35 William Reaves, Class of 2017, All Bi-City Golf First Team; Class A Boys Golf All-State Team; All-Region Basketball Honorable Mention
- 36 Sammi Rice, Class of 2019, All Bi-City Tennis First Team; All-Area Girls Tennis Team
- 37 Jamie Sheek, Class of 2017, Area 2 Soccer All-Area Team; All Bi-City Soccer Honorable Mention; Selected to play in the Southwest Georgia All-Star Soccer game; All-Region Basketball Second Team
- 38 Allie Sheppard, Class of 2016, Area 2 Soccer All-Area Team; All Bi-City Soccer Second Team; Selected to play in the Southwest Georgia All-Star Soccer game
- 39 James Sherrer, Class of 2016, 4-A All-Region Baseball Second Team Infield
- 40 Aleks Slavich, Class of 2018, All Bi-City Track Honorable Mention Pole Vault
- 41 Helen Snavelly, Class of 2016, SportsVision Top 2 Female Athlete from Brookstone
- 42 Katherine Snavelly, Class of 2018, All-Region Basketball Second Team
- 43 Wesley Tillman, Class of 2017, All Bi-City Track Second Team 110 Hurdles
- 44 Michael Umana, Class of 2017, All Bi-City Tennis First Team; All-Area Boys Tennis Team
- 45 Frank Waldrep, Class of 2017, All Bi-City Golf Honorable Mention
- 46 Drew Webb, Class of 2016, 4-A All-Region Baseball Player of the Year; All Bi-City Baseball First Team; Selected to play in the Senior All State All-Star Game; Selected to play in the Georgia-Alabama All-Star Game
- 47 Gigi Yancey, Class of 2018, All Bi-City Soccer Second Team



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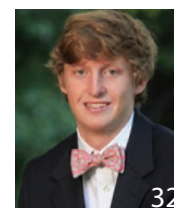
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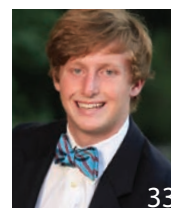
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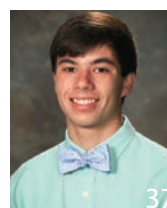
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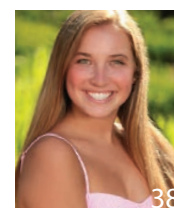
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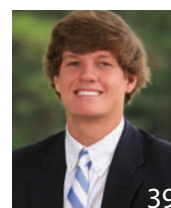
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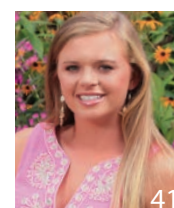
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# WINTER & SPRING 2016





# SWIMMING

written by SWIMMING COACHING STAFF

The Brookstone swim team enjoyed great success in the 2015-2016 season, building on the foundation of last years inaugural team. Led by returning captains senior Will McCormick and junior Elley Smith, the twenty-member team had an excellent season. The Cougars competed in eight meets this year, with all swimmers posting significant gains as the season progressed. Standout performances came from the boys 200 yard freestyle relay that narrowly missed the state qualifying time by 0.2 seconds. The girls roster was led by consistently strong performances by freshman Hannah Mattson and two time state qualifier sophomore Anna Leary. Five swimmers qualified for the state championships. In the 200 freestyle relay Mattson and Leary were joined

by sophomores Rachel Leary and Mackenzie Koon. The 400 yard freestyle relay team qualified for state with Mattson, the Learys, and first time swimmer, junior Abigail Pitts. Both relay teams turned in great performances at the state meet at Georgia Tech. Hannah Mattson and Anna Leary also qualified for two individual events. Anna competed in the 200 yard freestyle and the 500 yard freestyle. 2016 was Anna's second trip to state in the 500 yard freestyle. Hannah Mattson qualified in the 200 freestyle and the 100 butterfly. She placed 5th in the A finals in butterfly and 1st in the B finals in the freestyle. In addition Hannah was the All Bi-City female swimmer of the year. Coaches Sally Bradley and Anne Hanna Merritt were very proud of the swim team this year.

## VARSITY ROSTER

Evans Blanchard.....	9
Catherine Cole.....	12
Mary Katherine Duncan.....	10
Sarah Kate Edwards.....	10
Josh Fernicola.....	10
Virginia Flory (Mgr.).....	11
Briggs Kalish.....	9
Joseph Kim.....	9
Mackenzie Koon.....	10
Anna Leary.....	10
Rachel Leary.....	10
Hannah Mattson.....	9
Will McCormick.....	12
Edward Neal.....	11
Abigail Pitts.....	11
Elley Smith.....	11
Noah Stenslie.....	9
Charlie Straus.....	12
Elise Sway.....	10
Kathleen Sway.....	12
Dane Westerlund.....	11
Nathan Willett.....	9

HEAD COACH  
Sally Bradley

ASSISTANT COACH  
Anne Hanna Merritt





## BOYS TENNIS

written by Jim East, HEAD VARSITY BOYS TENNIS COACH



### VARSITY ROSTER

Reed Bickerstaff.....	9
Mason DeNamur .....	11
Sutton Eggena.....	10
Josh Fernicola.....	10
Taylor Harris .....	9
Charles Pease .....	12
Jack Pease .....	12
Joel Umana.....	9
Michael Umana .....	11

HEAD COACH  
Jim East

Though the season was to be a re-building year, under the leadership of Charles and Jack Pease, the Cougars put together another remarkable winning season (13-4) that included the runner-up trophy at the Valdosta tournament, the first place trophy at Area, and a semi-finals finish in the state tournament (tied for third in the state). Holding Mason Denamur and Joel Umana in reserve on their state run, the Cougars went with Jack Pease (1 singles), Josh Fernicola (2 singles), Charles Pease (3 singles), Michael Umana and Reed Bickerstaff (1 doubles), and Taylor Harris (an invaluable addition of skill and raw athleticism) and Sutton Eggena (with Taylor, undefeated throughout area and state!) opened post-season play at area tournament with some stunning play at all positions to upset a team who had beaten them 4-1 earlier in the year. With many players returning and some new talent in the wings, the Cougars look to become even stronger next season.

The post-season awards went to: Jack Pease (1 singles), the Coach's Award; Josh Fernicola (2 singles), the Most Improved Player; Charles Pease (3 singles), the Most Valuable Player; Reed Bickerstaff (1 doubles), the Coach's Award; Mason Denamur, the Eighth Man Award; and, Michael Umana (1 doubles), W.L. Strong Award for Sportsmanship. And as always, the Cougar Fandemonium—parents, students, and friends—was recognized as having played a significant role, yet again, in the season's challenges and successes. No matter how far away, or how long the matches, Cougar Fandemonium (with sandwiches, ice chests, and police escorts) was always superior to that of others, thus transporting home court advantage virtually everywhere in Georgia. Brookstone is an amazing place with amazing people.





## GIRLS TENNIS

written by Mary Lynne Cumiskey, HEAD VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS COACH

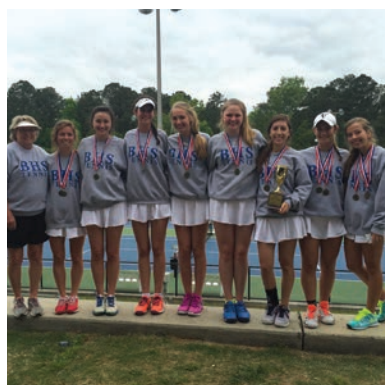
The Brookstone girls varsity tennis team completed a successful 2016 season by winning its eleventh state championship over Stratford Academy in Jonesboro, Georgia. Finishing with an 18-2 record, Brookstone girls tennis will remain competitive for years to come.

Led by senior Rachel Hemmings, all of the team's players had outstanding seasons. Rachel, along with juniors Abigail Pitts and Abbie Dillon, made sure the team's "freshman five:" Gracie Hemmings, Sammi Rice, Lillie Patton, Gracie Glass, and Zoe Vasquez were ready for every match.

Coach Mary Lynne Cumiskey was ecstatic about the year. "I'm so proud of the effort these girls

made this year. We knew we had the talent to do well. It was a great feeling bringing a state title back to Brookstone".

Led by eighth graders Lillie Norred, Anya Polomis, Mary Stewart Mullin, and Betsy Blanchard, the junior varsity girls team went 10-0 this season, with these four young ladies remaining unbeaten throughout. Along the way the girls beat hometown rival Columbus twice and also traveled to Atlanta to defeat Pace and Woodward.



### Varsity Roster

Abbie Dillon.....	11
Gracie Glass.....	9
Rachel Hemmings.....	12
Gracie Hemmings.....	9
Lillie Patton.....	9
Abigail Pitts .....	11
Sammi Rice .....	9
Zoe Vazquez .....	9

HEAD COACH  
Mary Lynne Cumiskey

# NEWS

## COACHING HONORS



Billy Byrd, Coach, Selected to coach the Southwest Georgia All-Star Boys Soccer game



Mary Lynne Cumiskey, Coach, All Bi-City Girls Tennis Co-Coach of the Year

## QUOTES FROM FUTURE COLLEGE ATHLETES

"I chose University of Georgia because of the amazing coaching staff that includes Dell McGee and Kirby Smart. I also feel that UGA balances its high academic standards with one of the top football programs in the country. When I step onto the campus to report for summer training on June 1, I will bring a hardworking and unselfish mentality. I hope to add my driven persona to the football team to help bring back a national and SEC championship to Athens." - *Prather Hudson, Football at University of Georgia*

"I chose Oberlin College because in some ways it reminds me of Brookstone. The class sizes are extremely small, so I'd have a lot of opportunities there. And although I'll be going as an athlete, academics will be my main focus. Honestly, I just hope to bring some sort of excitement to the team. And hopefully I'll be bringing some conference championships to the team as well. I look forward to throwing shot put, weight, and hammer in college. In high school we never threw hammer and weight at meets, so even though I knew how to do it, I was never able to utilize that skill in a high school meet. So I'm definitely looking forward to doing that in college." - *Naeisha McClain, Track at Oberlin College*

"Since my sophomore year, I knew I wanted to play softball at the next level, but I was not sure where until I visited Columbus State University. I fell in love with the school knowing it was a perfect fit for me to continue my education and softball career. In the future I hope to help the team out in every way possible, whether it is by being a good teammate or a leader. I am mostly looking forward to a new beginning. Although it will be time consuming, that does not phase me at all because I will be doing what I love the most. I also can not wait to become friends with all of the members of the team and achieve the goals I have already set for myself." - *Helen Snavelly, Softball at Columbus State University*

"I chose the school because it gave me a good opportunity to play and start as a freshman. I hope to bring a hard work ethic and a solid offensive and defensive strength to the team. I look forward to the relationships and just playing the game I love at the college level." - *Drew Webb, Baseball at Columbus State University*



## McCLAIN BREAKS ALL-TIME SCORING RECORD

written by Glenn Sylvest,  
Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

It has been an honor to coach Naeisha in basketball for the past three seasons. She is a leader, unselfish, and to be quite honest, a lot of girls play basketball at Brookstone just to get to be around her. Naeisha broke 1,000 points against Marion County on January 29, 2016. She ended her career as Brookstone's all-time leading scorer in girls basketball with 1,105. She outscored Brookstone alum and her assistant coach, Margaret McCormick, the previous record holder, by one point. Naeisha said, "Hitting 1,000 points made all the practices, tears, and pain feel worth it."



## UGA GEORGETTE

This spring, senior DeAndrea Shields auditioned for the UGA Georgettes dance team along with sixty other girls, and was selected among only five new members of the team.



## VARSITY ROSTER

Jenna Anker.....	10
Jerry Averett.....	10
Cane Blankenship .....	12
Kordell Braxton.....	12
Joel Brown.....	10
David Bruder.....	10
Olivia Butcher .....	10
Carly Cline .....	9
Ally DeNamur .....	9
Angel Daniel.....	11
D'Andrez Dashiell .....	12
Kayla Davis.....	9
Jack Dudley .....	12
Woody Gilliam .....	10
Leslie Harris .....	10
Tillman Heard .....	10
Meg Hicks.....	12
Avery Holbrook.....	10
Prather Hudson.....	12
Ruth Hunter .....	9
Grace Lewis .....	10
Naeisha McClain.....	12
Jacob Milliner .....	12
Sam Ndem.....	12
Antonia Nunley.....	9
Sheel Shah .....	9
Annabelle Sikes .....	9
Aleks Slavich .....	10
Katherine Snavelly .....	10
Helen Snavelly .....	12
Palvi Thakur .....	9
Arjun Thiruppathi.....	12
Ashwin Thiruppathi.....	12
Wesley Tillman.....	11
Gracie Vazquez .....	9
Zoe Vazquez .....	9
Drake Vitelli .....	10

HEAD COACH  
Mark Erb

ASSISTANT COACHES  
Jacob Crowder  
Dee Dee Gordon



## TRACK

written by TRACK COACHING STAFF

Although a young team, Brookstone qualified three athletes for the state meet in Jefferson. Among them, junior Wesley Tillman placed fifth in the 110 meter hurdles and sophomore Joel Brown placed seventh in the 300 meter hurdles. Brown received the most valuable athlete award for the team for qualifying for sectionals in five events (long jump, 4x100 relay, 4x400 relay, 300 meter hurdles, and 400 meter dash), and also set a new school record for long jump at 20 ft., 7 in.

The girls team placed eighth in the state meet with three athletes competing. Senior Naeisha McClain placed second in the shot put and seventh in the discus, freshman Antonia Nunley placed third in high jump and fourth in long jump, and sophomore Avery Holbrook placed fourth in the pole vault. School records were set by Holbrook in pole vault at 9 ft., 6 in. and Nunley in triple jump at 33 ft., 6.75 in. McClain was named most valuable athlete for school records in the shot put (41 ft., 2 in.) and discus (132 ft., 2 in.).





## WRESTLING

written by WRESTLING COACHING STAFF

Led by seniors Jack Henslee, Reid Lewis, and Dre Dashiell, the 2015-2016 wrestling team achieved individual accolades while grappling through injuries. Dashiell qualified for a second season after placing 2nd in section and 1st in area, where he beat his rival from Eagle's Landing Christian Academy. The coaches voted this match as the best of the tournament for a second year. In addition to Dashiell, junior Jack Ferguson and sophomores Drake Vitelli and Carlos Vizcarrando advanced to sectionals. Vizcarrando also advanced to state. Though the team dealt with a number of forfeits due to injuries, the Cougars earned six team victories and placed 4th in team points at the Landmark Invitational tournament.

Individual accomplishments included: sophomore Marcus Webster placed 4th at Landmark and 4th at Bulldog Brawl; junior Jack Ferguson placed 1st at Landmark and 1st at area; sophomore Aleks Slavich placed 2nd at Landmark and 4th at Columbus City; sophomore Drake Vitelli placed 3rd at Landmark and 4th at area; senior Dre Dashiell placed 2nd at Bulldog Brawl, 2nd at Columbus City, 1st at Area, and 2nd at sectional; sophomore Carlos Vizcarrando placed 3rd at Area and 4th at sectional; and senior Jack Henslee placed 2nd at Landmark.



## VARSITY ROSTER

Joshua Alford.....	10
Jerry Averett.....	10
G Barnes .....	11
Hunter Champion .....	9
Dre Dashiell .....	12
Jack Ferguson.....	11
Jack Henslee.....	12
Reid Lewis.....	12
Ethan Martin .....	10
William Neal .....	9
Aleks Slavich .....	10
Drake Vitelli .....	10
Carlos Vizcarrando.....	10
Marcus Webster.....	10

HEAD COACH  
Shawn Connors  
ASSISTANT COACH  
Jason Quinley



# "NO FANNY FOULS!"



written by Cindy Todt

Assistant Academic Dean & Upper School Math Faculty  
Head Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach

**N**o fanny fouls! What? That's right—no fanny fouls. So what exactly is a fanny foul? Head on over to Spring Harbor to find out! A large group of residents gather several times a week for chair volleyball, a game that involves nine players on each side of a net, seated in chairs. Using a beach ball,

expect. In fact, they were a little nervous and shy as we headed up to the grand ballroom at Spring Harbor. We walked in and found our seats waiting for us on center court, and then looked out only to see more spectators than we usually have at a home volleyball game! This was an event!

After a brief overview of the rules, the first game began, and Spring Harbor jumped out to an early lead only to go on and win



ABOVE: The Spring Harbor "Rotators" volleyball team with members of Brookstone's volleyball team.; BELOW RIGHT: The teams in action during the game.

## "...what happens if a player reaches up a little too far to play a ball? That's right – it's a fanny foul!"

players can contact the ball an unlimited number of times as long as they remain seated. And what happens if a player reaches up a little too far to play a ball? That's right – it's a fanny foul!

The Spring Harbor "Rotators" challenged the Brookstone Cougars to a match in January, and our girls eagerly accepted the challenge not quite knowing what to

it handily. In the second game, the Lady Cougars found their groove and were able to adjust to this new style of play well enough to pull out a win. With both teams even at one game each, both teams entered the tiebreaker looking for a win, but experience won out over youth, and the Spring Harbor team prevailed. The Brookstone players loved every minute of playing and have asked numerous times about going

back. Sophomore, Vivian Swift, added, "I really enjoyed the friendly competition our opponents exhibited and their willingness to help us learn how to play 'their way' in the beginning! It was so much fun and such a wonderful experience!" In fact, the Rotators have offered Brookstone a re-match in order that we might have a chance to redeem ourselves. Challenge accepted.



TOP LEFT: Mack with current Brookstone football players who are the sons of his former teammates from the late 80's.; RIGHT: Mack with upper school faculty member, Dale Epperson; BOTTOM LEFT: Mack on campus with a group of former and current faculty and parents



Somerville Manning Gallery will feature the work of N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, and Bo Bartlett this month at the Philadelphia Art and Antique Fair.

Bo was recently commissioned to paint a portrait of the Honorable Judge Ricardo Urbina. The portrait unveiling ceremony is scheduled for June 2. Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Sonya Sotomayor, will present the portrait.

## 1981

Foster Northrop operates Northrop Equine, based in Louisville, KY, and works with thoroughbred racehorses at Churchill Downs and Keeneland in Lexington, KY, and Palm Meadows in Boynton Beach, FL. If a horse is injured at the Derby or other live televised races, you may see him discussing the injury, through the American Association of Equine Practitioners' (AAEP) "On Call" program.

Ralph Outlaw Walton III ("Scout"), currently lives in Steamboat Springs, CO, and works as a real estate developer, a development management consultant, and broker at Steamboat Sotheby's International Realty. His company's name is Cedar House Partner, LLC.

## 1986

Tom Rickard is completing another year-long tour in Afghanistan, this time as the director of information operations for the Resolute Support Mission. He has been selected to command the U.S. Army Garrison Brigade at Fort Meade, MD, upon his return. He, his wife, Lisa, and daughter, Sarah, will move

# Mack Strong ('89) Autographs 50th Anniversary Super Bowl Football

This year in celebration of the 50th Super Bowl, the NFL sent golden footballs to all of the high schools that had a former player play in a Super Bowl. On April 28, Brookstone's own Mack Strong ('89), who played in Super Bowl 40, was on campus to sign our golden football. Many students and faculty members were on hand during this special event.

The commemorative football is currently being displayed at the Columbus Museum through July. It will then return to campus and be displayed in the main trophy case as you enter Illges Gym.

## 1974

Bo Bartlett has been invited by the director of the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, MA, to be a part of the upcoming exhibition "Rockwell and Realism in an Abstract World." His work will be shown among the greatest of the greats in art history. Bo will be giving a talk at the Norman Rockwell Museum on July 9.

Bo will also be speaking at Seven Bridges Foundation, a large private museum in Greenwich, CT, focusing on American Realism, at the end of June.

The Gibbes Museum will feature Bo's work this summer in the exhibition "The Things We Carry: Contemporary Art in the South," May 28 through October 9.

Bo's solo exhibition in New York City opens July 7 at Ameringer McEnery Yohe Gallery.

Scala will be releasing a book later this month, published to commemorate the opening of the Bo Bartlett Center. This book is the first mid-career retrospective of Bo's work.



from Tampa to Fort Meade this summer and are grateful for the privilege of command again. They welcome visitors in the D.C./Baltimore/Annapolis area and look forward to seeing classmates at the reunion in October.

## 1989

**Andrew Hamilton** was recently named CEO of Eco Farms in Temecula, CA.



## 1993

**Jacquelyn Hamilton** (pictured at the far right above), Managing Director at Macquarie Bank in New York City, was in the Macquarie group who rang the opening bell at Nasdaq on May 19.



## 1995

**Heather Britenbach Grantham** and **Joshua Paul Grantham** welcomed **Lucille Blair Grantham (Lucy)** on January 22. She was 9 lbs., 14 oz. and 21.5 inches long. Lucy joins big brothers **William Pierce** (10) and **James Cavanaugh** (8).



## 1998

**Pearce Butcher** and her family have moved to Greenville, SC, after living in Phoenix, AZ, the past four years. She works from home as a freelance landscape designer and also sells her paintings on her Etsy site ([www.etsy.com/PearcePaints](http://www.etsy.com/PearcePaints)). Her first commissioned painting was for classmate **Tracy (Murdock) Henry**. Pearce and her husband **Jonathan** have three children: **Elijah** (10), **Ruth** (8), and **Jack** (18 months).

## 2000

**Justin Wilson** and his wife, **Maggie**, welcomed their second child, **Davis Meade Wilson**, on New Years Eve in Nashville, TN. Davis was 7 lbs., 10 oz. at birth. He joins his big sister, **Meigs Wilson**, who was born December 22, 2013.

Justin was also recently named managing director of public relations at Nashville-based public relations and government relations firm, **Hall Strategies**. He was previously a vice president at **DVL Seigenthaler**, the Nashville office of global communications firm **Finn Partners**.

## 2002

**Chancey (Philips) Thompson** and her husband, **Tread**, welcomed **Frank "Philips" Thompson** on May 3. He weighed 7 lbs., and was 21.25



inches long. He is well loved already by his big brother, **T**.

**Dr. Julie Williams**, will graduate from residency in anesthesiology at University of Illinois-Chicago in June. She will then begin a fellowship in pediatric anesthesiology at the University of Buffalo in Buffalo, NY.



## 2003

**Sarah West** is excited to announce her debut Washington, DC, solo show opening on June 3. The show features work from her ongoing series with new additions from the past three months to be included. Also this June, she is being featured in *New American Painting* (south 2016 issue) highlighting in her work early Renaissance painting with digital symbols and artifacts.

## 2005

**Daniel Parker** and his wife, **Anne**, welcomed their first



child, **Joseph "Daniel" Parker III**, on Saturday, April 9.



**Collier Trotter** and his wife, **Erin**, welcome **Elizabeth Reynolds Trotter**. Elizabeth was born on March 10 at 7:34 p.m. She weighed 9 lbs., 4 oz. and was 20.75 inches long. Collier currently works for Management Services Network and Erin is a teacher at Brookstone.

## 2006

**Murray Cohen, Jr.**, received his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professionals in May of 2015. He is currently living and working as a DPT in Berkeley, CA, doing travel work. He and his long time girlfriend, **Ruth Morris**, plan to marry on October 1, 2016, in Alys Beach, FL.

## 2007

**Lucy (Lucile Peacock) Flournoy**, has begun a four-year master's degree program in physical theatre in Essen, Germany, at the Folkwang University



## 1976 & 2006 REUNIONS

APRIL 22 & 23

1) Class of 2006 classmates: (left to right; top to bottom) Jackie Poinsette, Kate Hargrove, Carmon Lee, Mary Helen Williams (Calhoun), Katy Capers, Blair Bowers, SL Mullin, Ben Carter, Bobby Martin, Steven Holt, James Rozycki, Mattox Shuler, Franklin Harcourt, Riley Prescott, Robert Flowers, Mason Stewart, Rhodes Berry, Martha Meador (Johnston), Caroline Castles, Molly Williams, Lindsay Harrison (Hawkins), Warner Kennon, Jeremy Lott, Chelsea Smith, Paula Jones, Barclay Hendrix, Ellen Smith, Lane White, Anna Johnson (Averret), Sallie Robbins, Bailey Andrews, Sally Norman (Pound); 2) Class of 1976 classmates: (left to right; top to bottom): Bo Bone, John Illges, Paul Hinman, Trey Carmack, Keith Chambless, Dickie Straus, Bubba Edge, Jack Key, Jesse Armstrong, Clint Lane, Greg Kuehn, Jay Sparks, Cindy Sparks, Georgia Ritchie, Chris Lane, Linda Shaw, Dick Norman, Sallie Martin, Claire Ennis, Beth Hedges, Susu Milsap, Mary Lou Jarrell, Ginna Gilbert, Laura Porter, Mary Lynne Cumiskey, Kim Kilgore, Becky Taylor



## ALUMNI CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

### 1972

Becky Roddenbery

### 1973

Andy Philips

Margie Richardson

### 1974

Betsey Watson

### 1975

John Knight

### 1976

Dick Norman

### 1979

Sara Wilson

Carol Mobley Kirven

Sherri James

### 1981

Maureen Akers

### 1982

Linda Logan

Leslie Slaughter

### 1983

Mint Flowers

Kim Rozycki

### 1984

Gantt Shadburn

### 1986

Ron Ward

### 1987

Brian Alford

Christy Barnes

Chuck Briscoe

Sue Beth Bunn

Pat Kilpatrick

### 1988

Mark Lawrence

Rachael Peek

### 1989

Scott McLaurin

Amy Norris

Rebecca Sigman

### 1990

Tyler Townsend

Sara Dismuke

### 1991

Reynolds Saunders

Buffy Swinehart

### 1992

Ann Howard

Suzanne Hughston

Jarrell Schley

### 1994

Clayton Adams

Travis Wade

### 1995

Cile Branch

Dorsey Hannahan

Jeff Beck

### 1996

Christi Lynch

Mal Waldrep

### 1997

Ellen Lane

### 1998

Katie Waldrep

Kendrick David

Alice Cellino

### 1999

Springer Cain

Mason Jarrett

### 2000

Mary Lovett Beck

### 2001

Isa Meeks

Britt David

Laney Woolfolk

### 2002

Matt Massey

Cam Addison

### 2003

Buford King

Sheri King

### 2004

Leslie Anne Jones

David Mize

### 2005

Libba Richardson

Daniel Parker

### 2006

Sally Pound

Lane White

### 2007

Dick Norman

### 2010

Elizabeth Sudduth

### REGIONAL REPS

Holly Thaw, Atlanta

Jeffery Ward, Charleston

CONTACT MEG GODFREY AT [MGODFREY@BROOKSTONESCHOOL.ORG](mailto:MGODFREY@BROOKSTONESCHOOL.ORG) TO VOLUNTEER.



of the Arts. She continues to teach swing dance classes in the Ruhr Area of Germany and tour the country as a singer and dancer in the show "Swingende Notwendigkeit."

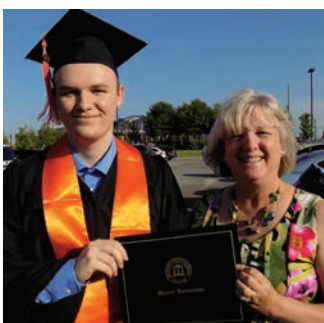


## 2008

Martha Schley Kemp Smith and her husband, Zach, welcomed their first child, Peter Branch Diehl Smith, on November 3, 2015. He weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz., and was 19 inches long. The family resides in Richmond, Virginia.

## 2011

Jack Key IV will join Young Life staff on August 1, 2016, and will serve in the Birmingham South Area. Jack graduated from Auburn University in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in math education. He is currently the interim youth director at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Columbus.



## 2012

James Graham received a BS in computer engineering from Mercer University on May 14. He will begin working

at MERC-Mercer Engineering Research Center in Warner Robbins, GA. He is pictured with his mother, Elizabeth Dudley Graham ('82).

David James and the Huntingdon College golf team came in second at the NCAA Division III Championship this

past weekend in Rochester, NY. In addition, David was named to the all-conference team and received the con-

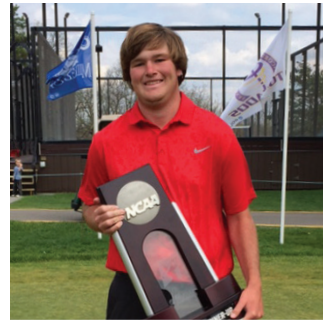
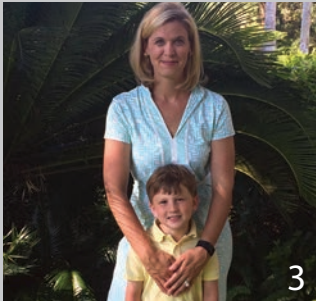


TOP LEFT: Theresa and Tina showing off their tattoos of how many Buffett shows they've seen.; TOP RIGHT: Tina at the top of the 669 steps to the upper lift of the Eiffel Tower.; BOTTOM LEFT: The pair in front of a Monet at Musee l'Orangerie; BOTTOM RIGHT: Tina with Michael Utley, keyboardist for Jimmy

# What Could Be Better than a Jimmy Buffett Concert in Paris?

One aspect that makes Brookstone unique is the environment in which a teacher and a student can develop long-lasting friendships and move from the student/teacher relationship to just one of lasting friends. Just ask Theresa Robinson Chan ('85) and faculty member Mrs. Tina Epperson (2009 faculty retiree). Theresa was an English student in Mrs. Epperson's English 11 and AP literature classes. This is where their student/teacher relationship began. Mrs. Epperson (or Mrs. Cliff at the time) was one of Theresa's favorite teachers. Even though Theresa has since chosen a science-based career, she has kept her marked-up copies of *A Tale of Two Cities* and several other books. She adds, "One regret I had from my high school days was that I never got to travel to England with Tina (Mrs. Epperson) on one of her summer student trips. I recall thinking over the years how much fun that would have been to see England for the first time through her eyes."

In 2010, Theresa began pilgrimages to Paris to see Jimmy Buffett in concert. When she posted photos on Facebook of the trips, Tina would respond that she was jealous and would love to go. So the following year, Theresa invited her. They then spent five days in Paris indulging in French cuisine, climbing the 1,710 steps of the Eiffel Tower, and visiting the Musee d'Orsay, the Musee de l'Orangerie, Les Invalides, and Sacre Coeur; and, of course, the two Jimmy Buffett concerts. Tina, who has been to many Buffett concerts, noted that, "You haven't experienced a real Buffett concert until you have been to Paris. It is like nothing else I have experienced."



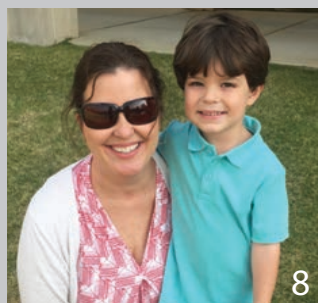
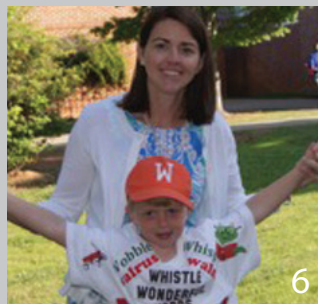
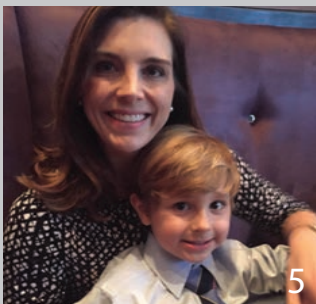
ference sportsmanship award for the second year in a row.

Mindy Mann graduated with honors from The University of Alabama with a BS in interdisciplinary studies (global development) and a BA in geography (regional and urban planning). Mindy will

then be headed to Florida State University to pursue a masters degree.

Amanda Snell graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration, a Concentration in Finance, and a Minor in Law, Science, and Technology this past May. After graduation, Amanda began working for Siemens as a part of their Financial Leadership Development Program.

## A New Generation at Brookstone



1) John Adams ('95) with his daughter, Lauren; 2) Champ Baker ('94) with his daughter, Caroline; 3) Ansley Mason Forsberg ('97) and her son, Hardy; 4) Polly Marcum Fowler ('97) and her daughter, Sally; 5) Nicole Flandry Fussell ('01) and her son, Jackson; 6) Donna Powell Hightower ('99) and her son, Sawyer; 7) Buford ('03) and Sheri Calhoun ('03) King and their daughter, Lulie; 8) Ellen Austin Lane ('97) and her son, Austin; 9) Jason ('96) and Whitney Rice ('96) Pease and their son, Jack

### IN MEMORIAM

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

Frances Carolyn "Missy" Fuller

Class of 1975

May 5, 2016

T. Charlton Hudson

Class of 1983

May 18, 2016





# SAVE THE DATE!

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI INDUCTION  
CEREMONY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14  
ALUMNI/FACULTY PICNIC  
HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15  
REUNION CELEBRATIONS FOR  
CLASSES OF 1986 & 1996

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## LAST LOOK | SPRING 2016

Brookstone parent and alumni, Helen Brooks ('92), organized the opportunity for Brookstone students to join well known painter and Brookstone alumni, Bo Bartlett ('86) and "Home Is Where the Art Is" to create artwork with individuals of the homeless community of Columbus. Bartlett is pictured on the left with fourth graders, Stephan Yazvinski and Woods Arnold.

