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# LEGACIES

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SUMMER 2024

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**MEET GRADY BRADSHAW**  
*The Vibrant New Force Leading Our Alumni*





2023-24

# HIGHLIGHTS

**2023-24 was a busy year full of engagement, excitement, and events. Here are just a few of our favorite moments captured during this academic year.**

**THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL** archives lies an abundance of hidden-away memorabilia, ephemera from our collective past that makes it possible to curate displays highlighting our shared history for alumni, staff, faculty, and students. This year, we were able to connect the past with the present in many different ways. Upper School students worked on the Memory Lane Display featured at Homecoming which encouraged their classmates and teachers to comb through the memories that connected them with their school's histories. We pulled former CDS and ACDS teacher Bob Henson's paintings from various locations across campus to display together in the Joan and Tom Scott Gallery outside of the Alumni Gymnasium

during Homecoming week. This artistic display helped students identify a past teacher and his work, not only as an artist but as a much loved and deeply impactful member of our staff and community. In January 2024, Oreck Library was home to the ACDS Historical Display. Students were able to see that the halls they walk through, the courtyard they gather around, and the gym they play basketball in once belonged to our predecessor school. These spaces may have looked a little different, but the laughter heard and the lessons learned there sound and feel familiar. These connections to the past help our students formulate their own sense of belonging and give our teachers a sense of pride in carrying on the time-honored tradition of shaping learners in a hands-on, collaborative way.



**SPEAKING OF THE OLD** gymnasium, it got a face lift this year. The ACDS gymnasium, now known as the Alumni Gymnasium, showcases our predecessor school logos on a feature wall, and now our new Alumni Association logo is centered between them. This new logo was designed to represent all of our predecessors merged together to build a stronger school in Carolina Day. The pines of St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines, the cardinal of Gibbons Hall, the highlands and mountains we all

love, and the beautiful bell that CDS adopted from Asheville Country Day School all come together in this beautiful new rendition. This redesign also recognizes many of our special alumni, past staff, and coaches whose hard work and dedication have warranted honor and celebration over the years. Those that walk into the Alumni Gymnasium will now see these cherished individuals highlighted on the Alumni Association Award panels proudly displayed on either side of our logos.



**LAST BUT NOT LEAST,** our alumni engagement continues to increase as we embrace a whole host of new opportunities, events, and social gatherings. Our association meetings have picked back up, we are seeing new faces at the local pint night at Wicked Weed, and we are getting responses to some of our electronic outreach through contact updates and new donors. This past year we sent out several newsletters, incentivized contact updates by sending out new swag, and provided opportunities

for our alumni to engage on campus with current students sharing their experiences, their expertise, and advice with our future alumni. These touchpoints support the mission to connect our alumni, support CDS, and pave the way for future generations. More than that, they create a network between our current students and our alumni who are making their way through the world, providing a blueprint for how our graduates continue to make their mark.





**NEW ALUMNI PRESIDENT**  
**GRADY BRADSHAW**



The Alumni Association hosted their Annual Meeting on May 9th and our new President was elected. Grady Bradshaw '13 is excited to lead the Association. His leadership comes at a great time as we continue to engage more alumni and build a stronger community.

“ I am thrilled to serve as the President of the CDS Alumni Advisory Board. I chose to take on this role because I believe in the power of our alumni community to inspire and support one another. Our school has a rich history of excellence, diversity, and creativity. I am committed to preserving and advancing its legacy.”

—Grady Bradshaw

## **2024-26 ADVISORY BOARD**

Congratulations and thank you to our newest Advisory Board members who were recognized at our Annual Meeting. These representatives will be working alongside Grady for the 2024-26 term.

**Secretary - Alex Paschal '12**  
**CDS Representative - Trip Cogburn '98**  
**CDS Representative - Dylan Friedman '03**  
**CDS Representative - Nicky Booth '20**  
**CDS Representative - Alicia Smith '05**  
**CDS Representative - Celeste Morgan Herrera '99**  
**CDS Representative - Melanie Clayton '01**  
**CDS Representative - Ashley Schaper '13**  
**CDS Representative - Dustin Benedict '00**  
**GH/SG-GH Representative - Leonard Blum '78**  
**GH/SG-GH Representative - Jim Toland, III '79**  
**SG-GH Representative - Ann-Marie Hager '85**  
**SG-GH/ACDS Representative - Elizabeth Etheridge '85**  
**SGP Representative - Dasha Morgan '61**  
**SGP Representative - Ingrid Jenkins '67**  
**ACDS Representative - Dr. Kent Williamson '85**  
**ACDS Representative - Ed Ledford '83**  
**ACDS Representative - Jeff Slosman '83**

Want to get involved? We are looking for committee members to help with Young Alumni Engagement, Class Agents and Regional Ambassadors, Philanthropy, and Community Outreach. Email [alumni@carolinaday.org](mailto:alumni@carolinaday.org). Our next Alumni Association meeting will be Thursday, August 15th at 5:30pm. You can join us in person in the Rose Room or you can request a Zoom link from the Alumni Office on our [meetings webpage](#). If you have any questions, email Grady at [alumni@carolinaday.org](mailto:alumni@carolinaday.org).





**ALUMNI VISIT**  
**ED LEDFORD**





**“Think about what you would want to do if you were not afraid and do that.”**

**—Ed Ledford**

We were happy to welcome Ed Ledford ACDS '83 to campus this past May. He shared stories with our Upper School and Middle School students about his time serving our country, traveling the world, flying helicopters, and being in the Pentagon on 9/11. Ed also spent time with our teachers over lunch to discuss writing poetry and teaching at the United States Military Academy, West Point. Ed currently works as a speechwriter for the Department of Veteran Affairs. “Words matter,” according to Ed, and he expressed how even one word in a poem, when deeply understood, can change one’s understanding of a poem. Alumni visits are meaningful moments of inspiration for our students as well as chances for faculty to see the fruits of their labor, and we hope to continue to introduce our current community to the work our alumni are doing.





BILL WOLFE



## THANK YOU TO RETIRING FACULTY

BARBARA GROH



BARB KING



As alumni, when we look back at our time in school, it is always the teachers and staff that we remember with fondness. The time, energy, patience, love, and understanding it takes to teach and work with students is a feat that can never receive enough thanks. The Alumni Association would like to recognize Bill Wolfe, Barb King, and Barbara Groh for their years of service to Carolina Day School. They have made a significant impact through teaching, counseling, and tutoring. Bill and Barbara are both retiring and look forward to time with family and travel. Barb is going into private practice so she can continue to help families and students. We congratulate them as they take steps toward these new adventures.





# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ALUMNI

The Alumni Association would like to congratulate the Carolina Day School graduating class of 2024. There were 57 graduates this year, including a Morehead-Cain recipient and three collegiate athletic scholars. Members of the Class of 2024 plan to attend 37 different colleges across 20 States. We wish them luck in their endeavors!





**ALUMNI ATTEND  
AUCTION GALA '24**





We saw some familiar faces at this year's *Black & White* Auction Gala! It was a memorable evening at the new Restoration Hotel in downtown Asheville this past April. Through charitable gifts, event admissions, tuition and hot lunch raffle ticket sales, auction item purchases, and Raise the Paddle support, our community raised over \$400,000! The proceeds of these efforts will help strengthen teacher professional development, purchase new buses for programs and activities, and improve our carline and parking!





*L to R: Chase Pickering, Stephen Nadeau, Jonathan Glover, Nicky Booth*

# **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2024** **AWARD WINNERS**

The Alumni Association would like to congratulate those selected to receive the 2024 Alumni Association Awards!

**C. Robert Bell, Jr. Distinguished Alumni Award - Chase Pickering '06**

**The Artists Hall of Fame Inductee - Stephen Nadeau '10**

**The Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee - Jonathan Glover '93 (1974–2023)**

**Young Alumni Award - Nicky Booth '20**

We will be celebrating all of our recipients during the Homecoming festivities scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2024. All alumni are welcome to attend and help us in honoring these very special individuals. Look for more information about our recipients in the 2024 Homecoming mailer.





# **ACDS '79 HOSTS A CLASS REUNION**

Members of the class of ACDS '79 gathered on campus this summer to tour their old hallways, classrooms, and gym that are now the bones and heart of Carolina Day School. They laughed, shared memories, and celebrated all the things that are still alive and flourishing at CDS. After their tour they gathered at a classmate's home to share a meal and catch up with one another. This group has met every five years and continues to stay connected to one another in the spirit of their alma mater.





**GOING THROUGH**  
**THE ARCHIVES**





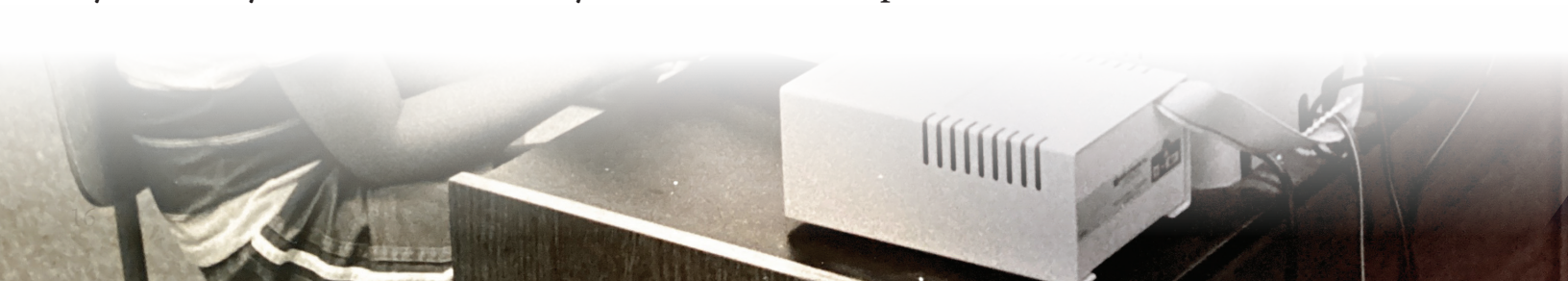
The Alumni Office has been hard at work this past year going through memorabilia from the archives in an effort to preserve the memories of our beloved alumni and predecessor schools. As we searched through boxes in storage, we came across several photos from past issues of yearbooks, scrapbooks, and photo albums. With time and love, we were able to capture these images, digitize them, and share them with our communities. Photo galleries of these precious memories can now be found on our [alumni website](#). There are St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines photos dating back to the 1920s (100 years!) and ACDS photos dating back to the school's first days on Merrimon Avenue in the 1940s. Each school has a gallery that our alumni can browse and take a journey through. Have fun seeing old places and faces!





## ***DO YOU REMEMBER?***

Kids today have access to fast, slim laptops, iPads, and smart phones at their fingertips. Do you remember when these old computers were considered cutting-edge technology? Just like the large, bulky televisions of old, these beasts took up a lot of space. Computers began to be heavily utilized in school labs in the 90s, not all that long ago. When CDS science teacher Joanne Bartsch was asked about when she first remembered using a computer for work she mentioned that she received her first computer at a conference in 1994 and excitedly introduced her eager students and fellow faculty to the World Wide Web. ACDS was even utilizing computers for music classes in the late 80s. Computer labs are now ancient history as students have access to their own devices and each classroom comes equipped with smart boards and computers. Technology has come a long way in 35 years! Do you remember when you first used a computer?







# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **JULY 18, 2024**

### *ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD MEETING*

This Alumni Advisory Board meeting will be held via Zoom on July 18, 2024.

## **JULY 23, 2024**

### *ALUMNI PINT NIGHT @ WICKED WEED*

Join us for Local Alumni Pint Night at the Wicked Weed Brewery in downtown Asheville. Ryan Guthy '04 will once again be hosting us and we are looking forward to some cold brews, great food, and casual conversation on the lower patio starting at 5:30 pm. For more information please contact [Becky Vlachoyannis](#).

## **AUGUST 15, 2024**

### *ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING*

Alumni Association Meeting will take place at 6:30 pm in the Rose Room on the campus of Carolina Day School. If you're unable to attend in person, [register online](#) and receive a secure link to join the meeting via Zoom. Hear the latest news and learn more about how all of our alumni can get involved.

## **OCTOBER 10, 2024**

### *HOMECOMING 2024*

Join us on Thursday, October 10, 2024 as we celebrate Homecoming together in Wildcat Country! There will be a live band, student performances, great food, and several JV and Varsity matches to attend as we gather together. At 5:30 pm we will recognize our Alumni Association Award recipients, and immediately following the presentation all of our alumni and past staff are invited to join us for an Alumni Association reception.

## **OCTOBER 11, 2024**

### *ANNUAL ALUMNI OUTING*

Our Alumni Advisory Board will be putting together a few fun festivities for our alumni on Friday, October 11th. Make Asheville your destination for this fun weekend and check out all of your favorite old haunts and find a few new ones. The fall colors will be a beautiful backdrop for this yearly gathering! Look for details in our forthcoming Homecoming mailer.







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