

# THE WEBB SCHOOL

BELL BUCKLE




## Character, *Exemplified*

2024-2025 VIEWBOOK









# Calling the *insatiably curious*, the *go-getters*, and the *change seekers*.

Here at Webb we're as committed to your academic excellence as we are with developing your honor, character, and integrity.

You can take to the field, step out on stage, explore your passions in a club, or do all three because we're not going to tell you who you are. Instead, we will ask you to take a hand in the game and in the process you'll gain the confidence to find your voice and use your voice as you explore your path.

Our mission guides us as we cultivate Webb ladies and gentlemen:

“To turn out young people who are *tireless workers*, and who know how to *work effectively*; who are *accurate scholars*, who know the *finer points of morals* and practice them in their daily living; who are *always courteous* (*without a trace of snobbery*)”

*That is the Webb difference.*



### WEBB HISTORY

Webb alumni Charles  
Ottley and James  
Brodnax, Class of 1889,  
were instrumental in  
developing the Honor  
System at Princeton  
University.



# Honor

— IS AT OUR CORE —

At Webb, we take you at your word and expect you to keep it because your honor, character, and personal integrity are valued far more than any achievements, accolades, or talents. When you join our community, you will participate in our longest standing tradition - the signing of the Honor Pledge. We ask you to make this public commitment to not lie, cheat, or steal. That shared commitment unites our community and forges a culture of trust, freedom, security, and academic integrity seen and felt across our campus.

## The Honor Council

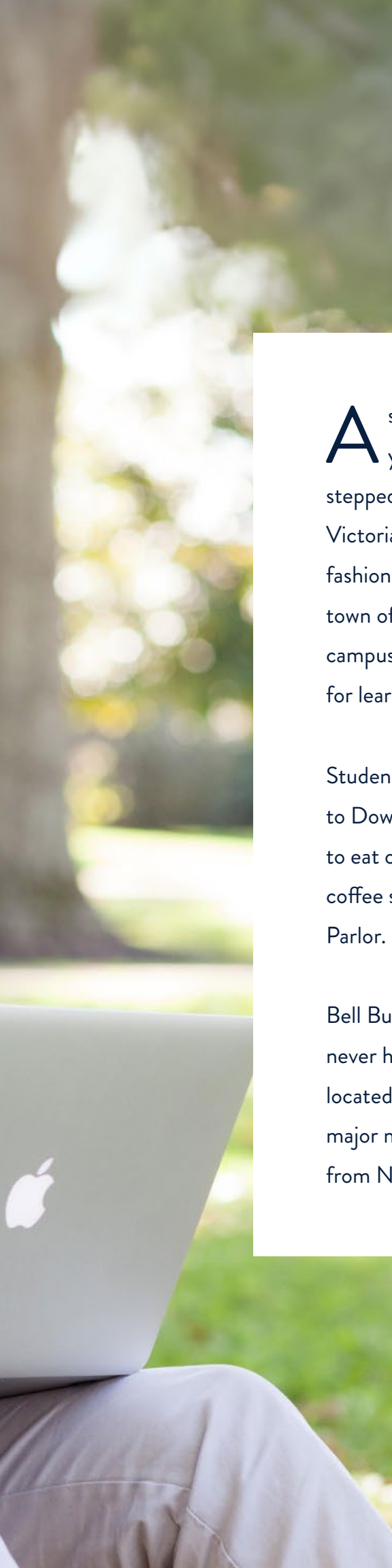
The Honor Council is the oldest student organization on campus. Students are elected to the Honor Council annually by their classmates. Honor Council members are responsible not only for upholding the Honor Code through personal example but also for educating the student body in the finer points of honorable behavior. The Honor Council investigates violations of the Honor Code and recommends penalties for offenders to the Head of School.



# Escape *Distractions*







*Centrally located  
but a world away*

**A**s you drive into Bell Buckle, you may soon feel as if you've stepped back into time as you pass Victorian-era homes and an old-fashioned ice cream parlor. The small town of Bell Buckle and our 150-acre campus serve as the perfect backdrop for learning safely and distraction-free.

Students love walking down Webb Rd. to Downtown Bell Buckle for a bite to eat or a sweet treat from the Cafe, coffee shop, or Bluebird Ice Cream Parlor.

Bell Buckle may be a town you've never heard of, but we're centrally located to many of the Southeast's major metro areas and just one hour from Nashville, our closest airport.

**150**  
ACRES

**418**  
BELL BUCKLE  
POPULATION

**1 hr**  
FROM NASHVILLE,  
CLOSEST AIRPORT

**4 hrs**  
FROM ATLANTA  
& MEMPHIS

**6**  
BUS SERVICES  
FOR DAY  
STUDENTS





# Gain a global perspective

At Webb you are part of a diverse global community that celebrates and values each other's unique perspectives, values, and cultural differences. Our student body represents students from 12 states and 24 countries and our alumni represent 49 states and 45 countries. Each class, activity, and meal is an opportunity to make new friends and expand your perspective. Living and learning with others from diverse backgrounds and cultures makes our students more aware, more open-minded, and more empathetic.

420

STUDENTS IN  
GRADES 6-12

40%

STUDENTS OF  
COLOR

24

COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED

12

STATES  
REPRESENTED





## *Domestic & International Boarding*

Boarding at Webb is transformational. As a boarder, you'll manage your own schedule - getting to class in the morning, maintaining your room, and doing laundry. In the process, you'll gain valuable skills and independence.

Our boarding community is like a large family and you'll make life-long friends. Each dorm has a team of five dorm parents lead by a dorm head who are available for anything you might need from assisting with homework to being a listening ear.

Weekend trips allow students to connect off-campus through outdoor adventures and visits to nearby cities like Nashville.

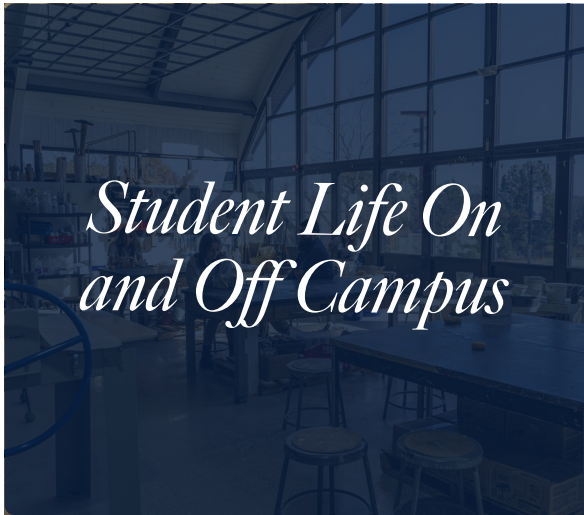
*"As a high school student who lived at The Webb School for four years, I found that our little community in Bell Buckle was transformational and exactly what I needed as a 14 year old. The boarding aspect really does create a tight-knit environment, where my roommates and I, along with the other boarders developed relationships that felt a lot like family. The school's emphasis on diversity as an international community has also shaped my worldview and has opened me up to so many new ideas and cultures. Overall, Webb has truly pushed me out of my comfort zone, expanded my knowledge of other nationalities, and prepared me for the future especially when entering a new chapter of my life at college."*

**KATE BILLINGSLEY '24, ALABAMA**













# Cultivating *Accurate Scholars*

Webb is a small, tight-knit community. With a 9:1 student-teacher ratio and an average class size of 12 students, you won't be overlooked. At Webb, every individual is respected and every talent celebrated.



## TRUSTED RELATIONSHIPS WITH TEACHERS

Our small class sizes and emphasis on community provide students with close relationships with their teachers. Webb faculty are not only teachers, they are mentors and friends here to support, celebrate, and challenge you on your Webb journey.



## A COMMUNITY THAT HAS YOUR BACK

Every student has a faculty advisor who serves as a personal advocate and mentor. Students have scheduled advisory meetings two times per week. Your advisor plays a key role in your experience at Webb and also serves as the liaison between parents and the school.



## CHALLENGING ACADEMICS, UNPARELLED SUPPORT

Our academic curriculum is designed to stretch you and cultivate scholarship. Academics at Webb are challenging, but we match them with unparalleled support through Extra Help, dedicated after-school classroom support, and Academic Support for students with diagnosed learning differences. Our Study Center also supports learning and educational development of every Webb student through collaborative effort and research-based teaching.



A person with short dark hair, wearing a dark grey textured sweater, stands with their back to the camera. Their hands are clasped behind their back. They are facing a large, blurred audience of students sitting in bleachers in a gymnasium. Several flags hang from the ceiling in the background.

THE EMERGING VOICES PROGRAM

# Find Your Voice, *Use Your Voice*



We believe your voice is one of the most powerful tools you have as an individual. From the moment you step onto campus, we guide you in finding your voice and expressing it clearly and authentically through writing and public speaking.

These traditions date back to our founders and continue today through the Emerging Voices Program where you'll learn how to communicate original ideas, assemble a body of research, and communicate those ideas effectively.

Each year prepares you for the next, culminating in your Senior Presentation - an original body of research on a community or local issue.

Your advisors and community will be there to mentor you as you grow in your confidence and skills.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL DECLAMATIONS

Presentation of a declamation to the middle school student body. Length increases with each subsequent year.

## FRESHMAN DECLAMATIONS

Presentation of a declamation to the student body during chapel.

## SOPHOMORE ORATIONS

Development of an original statement of belief based on NPR's popular "This I Believe" framework, presented as an oration to the entire student body.



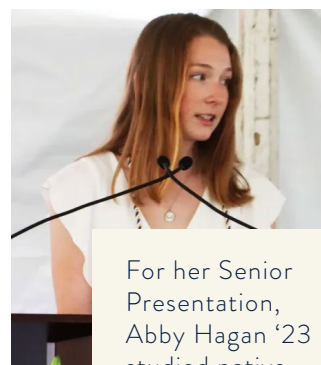
SCAN TO WATCH  
AN ORATION

## JUNIOR PERFORMANCE

Creation of a public performance that expresses the student's individual creativity, to improve on skills they already knew, or learn a new creative endeavor.

## SENIOR PRESENTATION

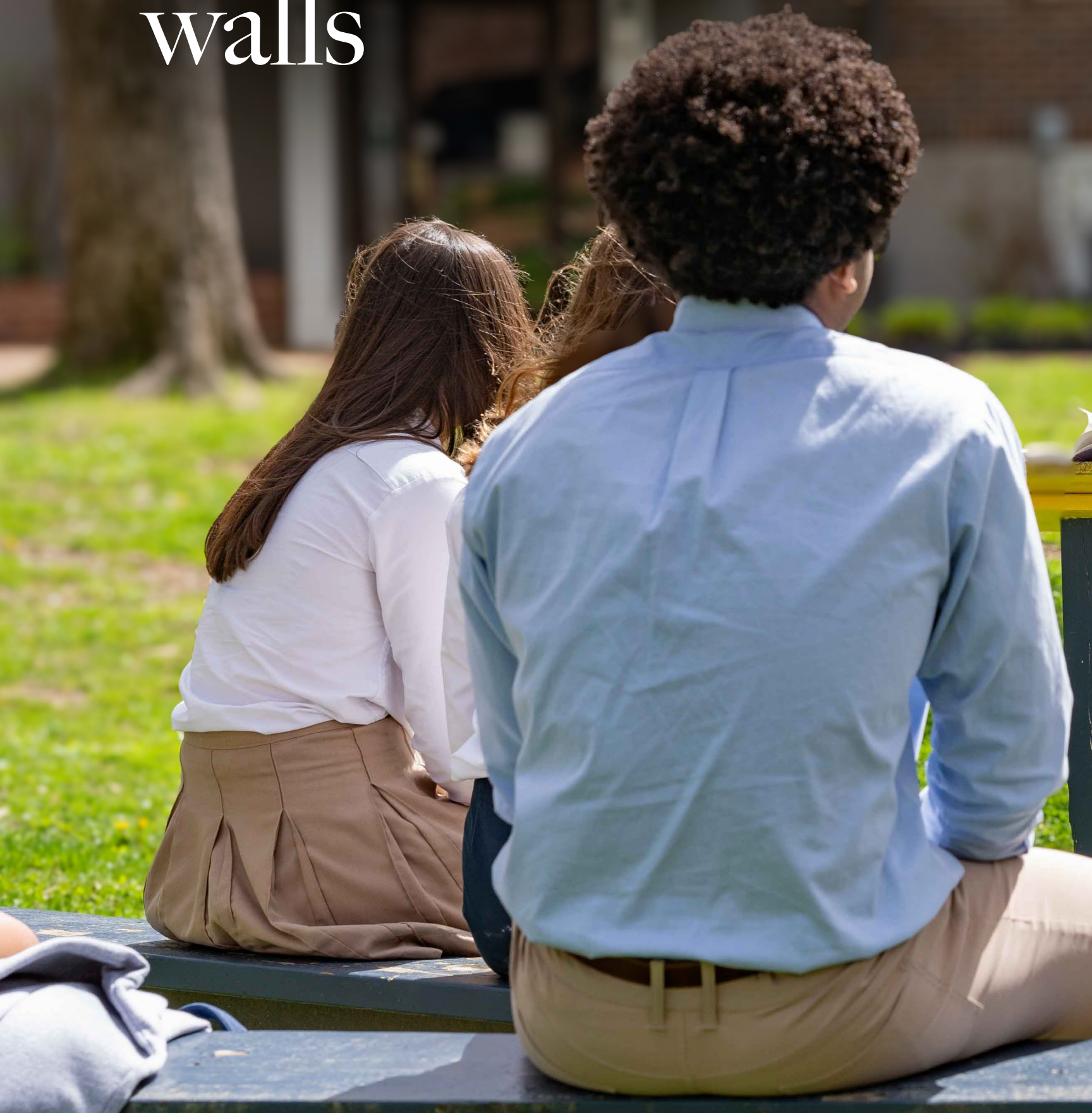
A research project to examine a specific, preferably local or community related issue, and develop a practical, viable solution for addressing the issue in order to create change within the community. This project culminates in a research paper along with a presentation of their work during Senior Symposium.



For her Senior Presentation, Abby Hagan '23 studied native plants and installed a native plant garden on campus.



Education that  
extends beyond  
walls





Our founder, Sawney Webb, believed learning was not limited to a classroom. He regularly held classes outdoors, a tradition that continues to this day. It's not unusual to see students reading in the springtime under blossoming trees or in autumn amongst the fallen leaves.





# 150 Acres To





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*o Explore*





# *“Don’t just be a spectator, take a hand in the game”*

- SAWNEY WEBB

## Prepare to Participate

A Webb experience doesn’t occur on the sidelines –you’re encouraged and expected to participate. You join a club, serve on the Honor Council, or take part in a weekend kayaking trip. You sing in the choir, compete on a sports team, or write for the school newspaper. Here, you can do any of these things –or you can do them all.

## Dedicated to Service

Webb instills in our students a commitment of service to others. Whether it’s a local cause like tutoring elementary students in the area, or a more global one such as a service-learning trip to Guatemala, Webb students have a giving spirit and are committed to helping others.

By the time they graduate, Webb seniors must have completed at least 70 hours of community service.

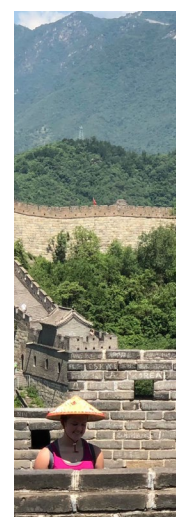
## Learn to Lead

Webb students become future leaders and that process starts on-campus. You’ll have the opportunity to take leadership roles on Student Council and Honor Council, plan and coordinate events like pep rallies and prom, lead tours for prospective families, and more. Whatever the opportunity, our students step up and as a result, they stand out.

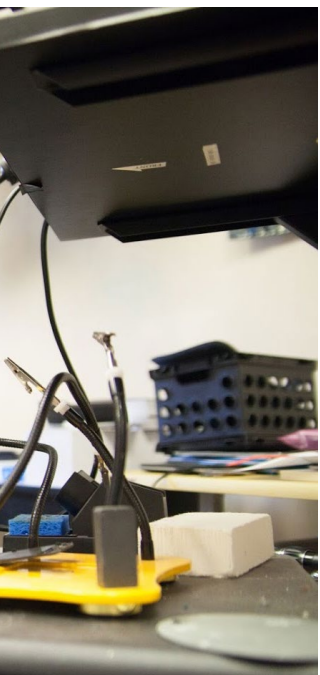
## CLUBS AT WEBB

3D Modeling  
American Sign Language  
Art  
Art History  
Backyard Sports & Games  
Basketball  
Best Buddies  
Bible Study  
Board Games  
Chess  
Chinese Chess  
Choir  
College Bound  
Creative Writing  
Dance  
Dungeons & Dragons  
Ecstatic Dance  
Embroidery  
Fantasy Sports  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
French  
Golf  
International Film  
International Studies  
Lacrosse  
Linguistics  
Math  
Music Performance & Listening  
Photography  
Puzzle  
Robotics  
Son Will Society  
Student Council  
The Foothold - Student Newspaper  
Ultimate Frisbee  
Webb World Wide  
Yearbook











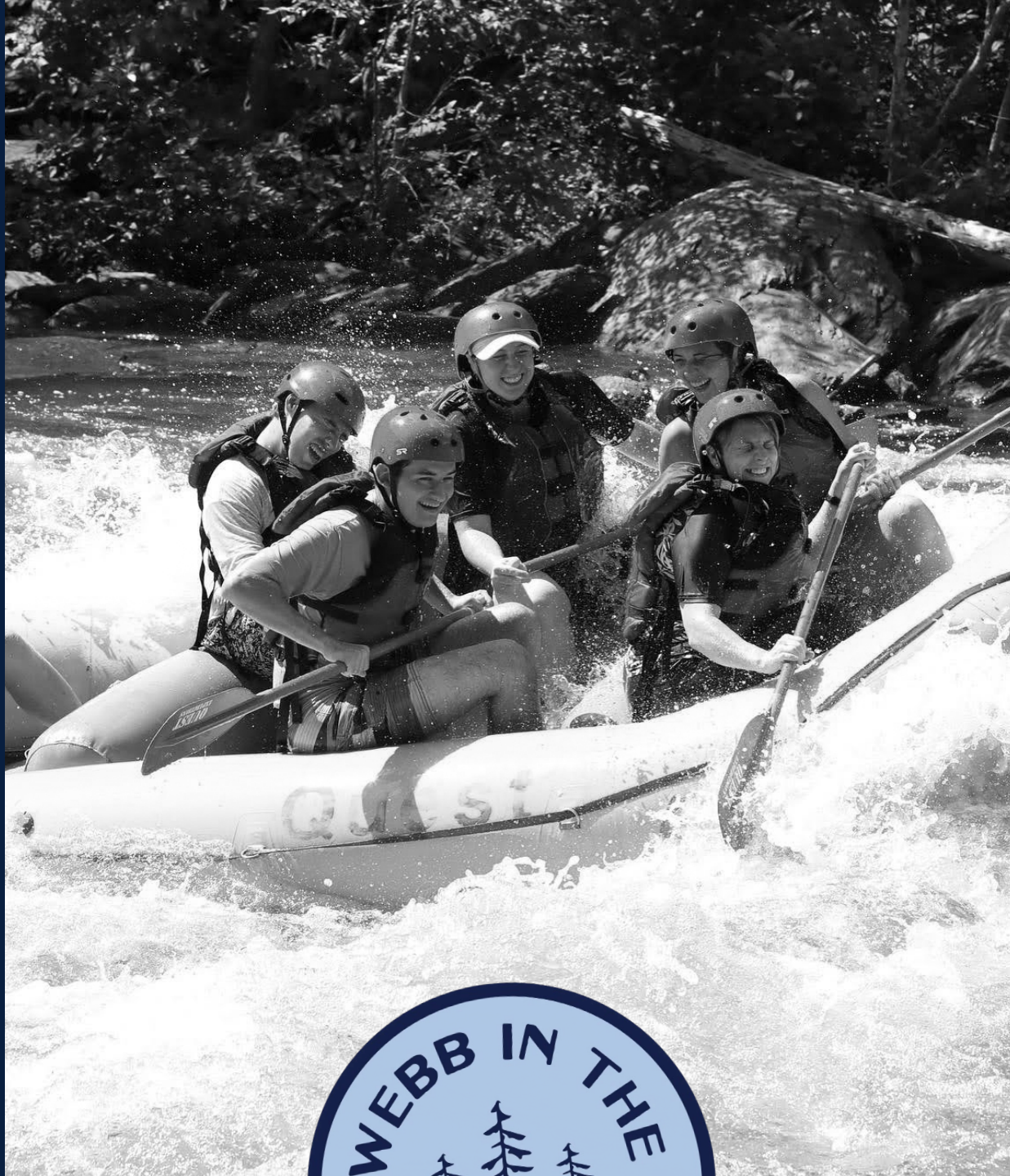
# See the World *with Travel-Study*

World language travel and study through cultural exchange allows Webb students to “go to the world”, enrich their language skills, explore new places, and serve others. Webb also fosters exchange programs that bring global students to our campus community.

Webb offers several opportunities for travel abroad each year, organized by faculty both within and beyond the Department of World Languages.

These programs are typically scheduled around school holidays and summer break so as to not interfere with students’ academic studies. In recent years, Webb students have traveled the globe, exploring such locations as China, Costa Rica, France, Italy and New Zealand. Travel opportunities vary each year, and there are always faculty members eager to plan trips to locations of student interest.






# Chart Your Path

W.I.L.D., short for Wilderness Instruction and Leadership Development, is a hallmark of the Webb experience.



A photograph of Joe Griggs, a man with a beard and glasses wearing a light blue shirt and a red tie, kneeling on the grass. He is looking down at something in his hands, possibly a piece of equipment or a small animal. A young man in a blue shirt and khaki pants stands next to him, looking on. In the background, other students and a large tent are visible.

JOE GRIGGS '05, DIRECTOR  
OF W.I.L.D. & RESIDENTIAL  
TEAM LEADER



## IMMERSE YOURSELF IN NATURE

Each year, you'll have ample opportunities to participate in rock climbing, caving, kayaking, canoeing, and backpacking on W.I.L.D. trips. W.I.L.D. hosts several signature trips each year including Winter Freeze, a 4-day backpacking trip in the Appalachian Mountains after mid-terms and Spring Break adventures to destinations like Roan Mountain, Savage Gulf, or the Buffalo River. However, perhaps the most storied trip is Senior Survival - a weeklong backpacking trip and rite of passage for every Webb student before graduation.

## LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

Beginning in sophomore year, W.I.L.D. classes are offered as part of our regular curriculum. This hands-on class utilizes our high-ropes course, climbing wall, and areas across our 150-acre campus to teach camping, survival, and leadership skills. In addition to on-campus learning, you'll also practice your skills on W.I.L.D. trips throughout the school year.



SCAN TO WATCH A  
W.I.L.D. STORY



# Expand your *creativity*

Our performing arts program allows you to create music under the direction of professional musicians and hone your acting skills in our internationally-recognized theatre program.



## Train Like a Professional

Under the guidance of Theatre Director Ruth Cordell, an accomplished actor, director, and choreographer, the Webb Company Players present two productions per year, rehearse several days per week, and have the opportunity to take advanced classes and workshops to further their skills.

## The World is Your Stage

The Webb Company Players have participated in the 2011 and 2024 FRINGE Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland - the world's largest and most prestigious performing arts festival. Webb was one of 48 schools selected among hundreds of applicants.



# Hit the Right Notes

Alongside our theatre program, Webb offers piano, choir, guitar, and strings orchestra in our music program. Janet Linton, professional pianist, leads the piano program and professional violinist, Susan Mullen leads the strings program. Webb students perform multiple times a year in school concerts, Fine Arts Week, and in school traditions such as Lessons and Carols.



## OUR PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM OFFERS:

Piano I

Intermediate Piano

Advanced Piano

Music Appreciation

Strings I

Intermediate Strings

Strings Orchestra

Guitar

Choir

Theatre I

Theatre II

Advanced Acting

The Webb Company Players

International Thespian Society





# Welcome to *your studio*

Find your art medium in our 4,000 sq. ft. 2D and 3D art workshop. Our art workshop features a full ceramics studio and three ceramics courses so popular they've included waiting lists two years in a row!

Art students have the opportunity to share their work in the Fine Arts Center Gallery and various events throughout the year like Fine Arts Week.

## OUR VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM OFFERS:

- Art I
- Art II
- Art III
- Advanced Art
- Art Appreciation
- AP Studio Art: 2D
- Design
- AP Studio Art: Drawing
- Hand Building Pottery
- Pottery Throwing





*“Through our ceramics program, students will develop a body of work and a personal aesthetic that helps define them within the context of art history. Building upon millennia of technique and tradition, we merge form and utility to create functional art that will become family heirlooms, and functional artists prepared to find beauty in the world around them.”*

MICHAEL STEM, CERAMICS TEACHER &  
FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT CHAIR





## WEBB ATHLETICS BY THE NUMBERS

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TEAM STATE TITLES  
SINCE 2021

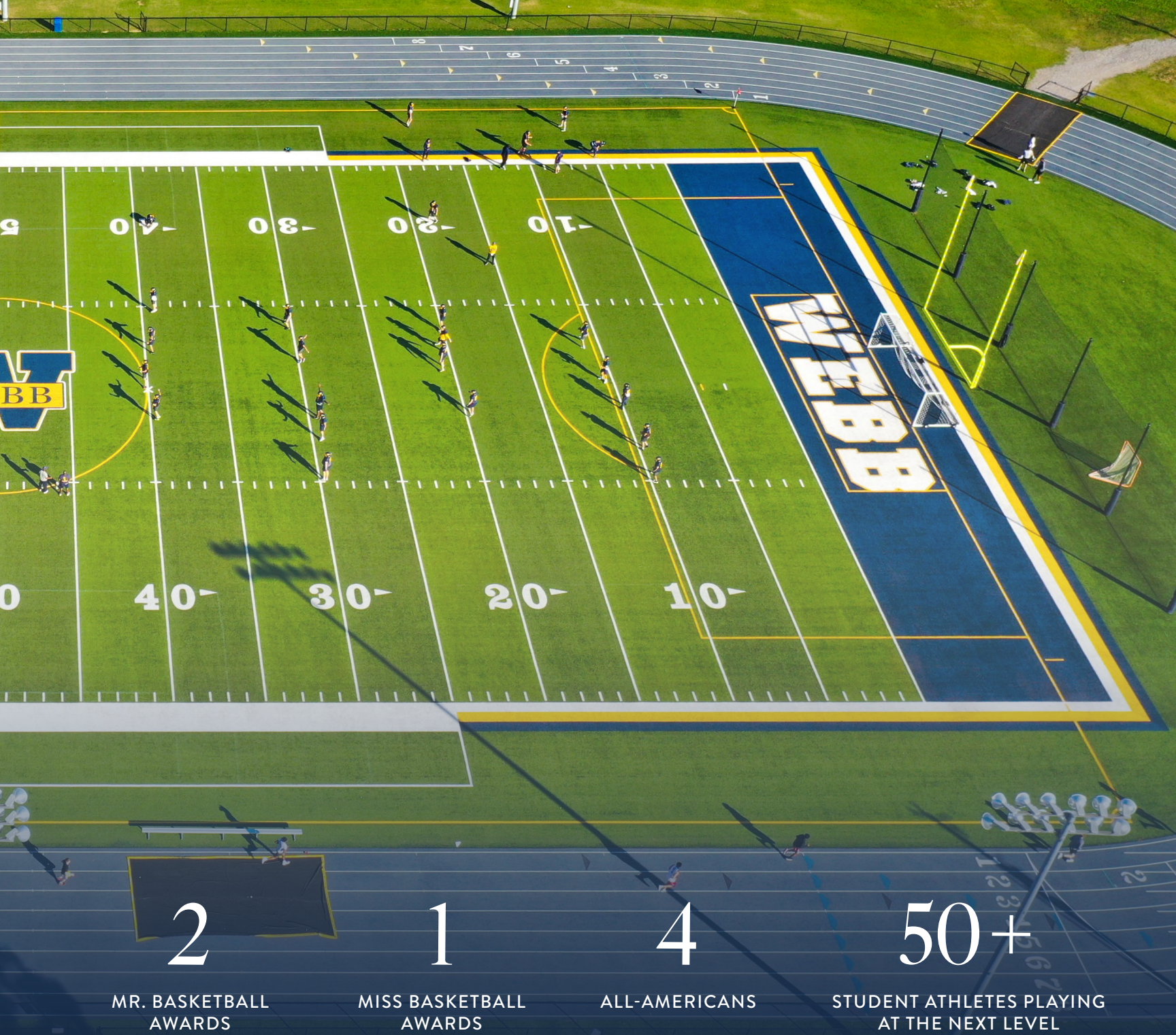
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INDIVIDUAL STATE  
TITLES SINCE 2021

# Take to the Field

With 13 varsity sports, all Webb athletes have the opportunity to learn and practice discipline, sportsmanship, and work ethic through their sport. Because all of our teams play competitive schedules, our coaches prepare our teams both mentally and physically to reach their highest potential.





2

MR. BASKETBALL  
AWARDS

1

MISS BASKETBALL  
AWARDS

4

ALL-AMERICANS

50+

STUDENT ATHLETES PLAYING  
AT THE NEXT LEVEL

## WEBB OFFERS:

Baseball

Basketball

Cheerleading

Cross-Country

Football

Golf

Lacrosse

Skeet & Trap Shooting

Soccer

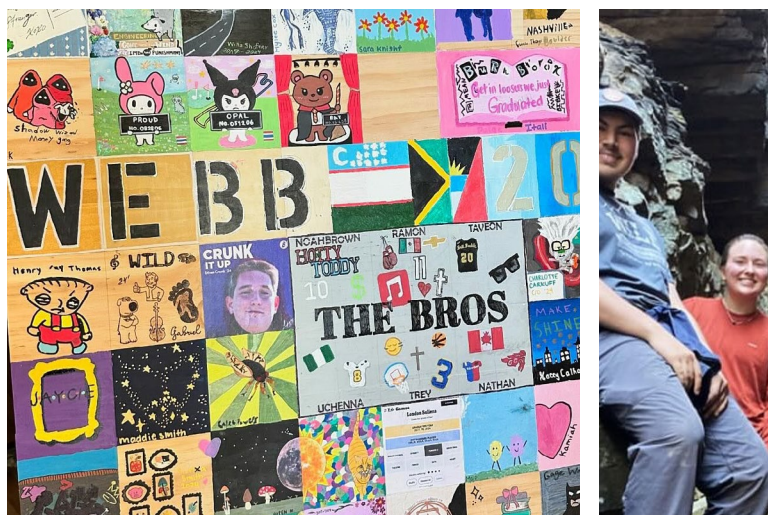
Softball

Tennis

Track

Volleyball













# Equipped for your *next chapter*

From the moment you step on campus, we're preparing you for life after Webb, equipping you with the timeless values and skills that will serve you in college and beyond. Beginning in the 8th grade, our college counselors prepare Webb families for the college selection process. Our college counseling team is here to partner with families in selecting the school that is the best fit for you.

Our College Counseling Advisory Board include colleges like Texas A&M University, Furman University, and Lake Forest College.

## \$3.5 Million

AWARDS ACCEPTED BY  
THE CLASS OF 2024

## 100%

COLLEGE  
ACCEPTANCE RATE

### 8TH GRADE

Parent Meetings to discuss curriculum choices, upcoming exam timelines (ERB and PSAT8/9), and general college admission landscape overview.

### 9TH GRADE

Introduction to Scoir, College Counseling's online college planning tool, determining characteristics for the 'best fit' college, PSAT 8/9 exam, and starting the college list.

### 10TH GRADE

Sophomores are challenged academically to maximize Webb's unique college preparatory curriculum (AP, Honors, and/or dual enrollment) that best matches their interests while expanding leadership and service-learning opportunities.

### 11TH GRADE

Juniors narrow down their college list and intended majors, attend college recruiting events, take field trips to college campuses, compete for National Merit, draft college essays, and prepare for college admission testing.

### 12TH GRADE

Seniors solidify their college list and submit applications during the fall semester while navigating federal merit aid programs and guiding students in finding their "right fit."





MEET WEBB ALUMNA,

## Dr. Shilpy Dixit '00

Dr. Shilpy Dixit is a native Tennessean and currently serves as Program Director for Prevention and Sleep Health at the National Center on Sleep Disorders at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.



Dr. Dixit did her undergraduate training at Tulane University where she studied psychology and classics and went on to complete her Ph.D. in Neuroscience at Vanderbilt University, where her research primarily focused on the detrimental effect of vitamin C deficiency in aging and neurodegenerative disease.

Dr. Dixit is a scientist, but most importantly she is a Foot. Having attended Webb since the 7th grade, Dr. Dixit is a member of Webb's Ancient Guard. After completing her undergraduate degree, she returned to Bell Buckle, and spent three years as head of Davis Dorm and teaching on Webb's science faculty all while completing her Master's degree in Experimental Psychology, specifically investigating the role of cognitive-behavioral interventions in the classroom.

Never too far from her Webb Feet roots, Dr. Dixit currently serves the Webb community as a member of the Alumni Board.

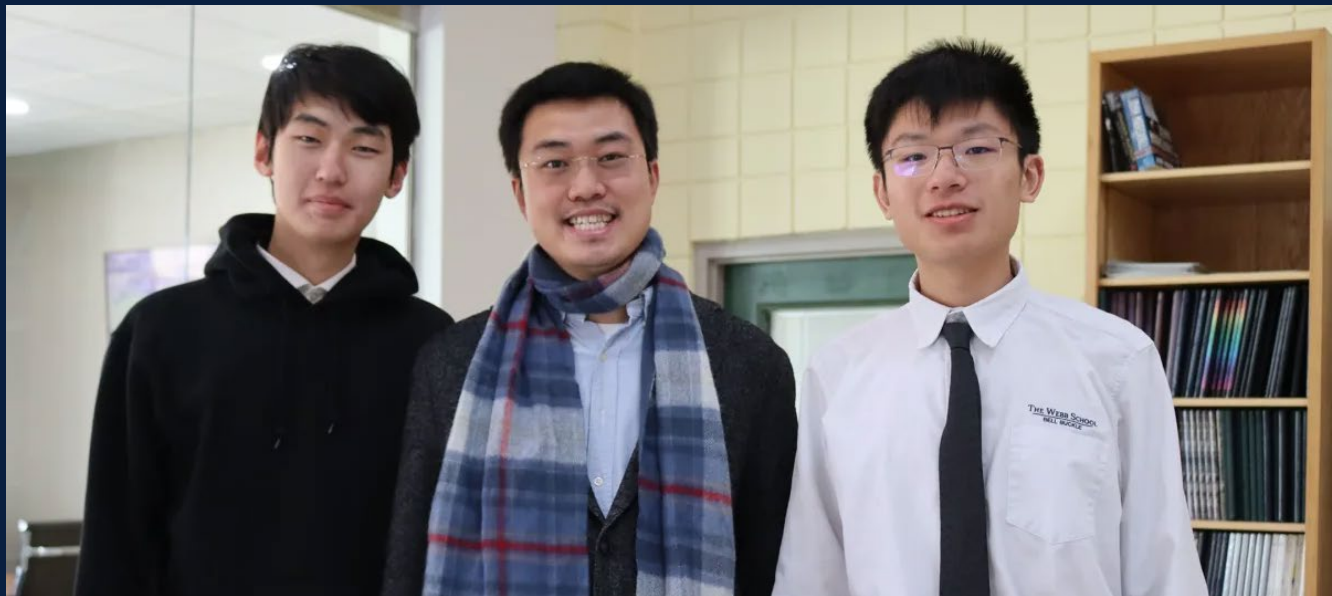
### SHILPY'S JOURNEY AFTER WEBB

- **Tulane University**  
*Bachelor of Science, Psychology*
- **Middle Tennessee State University**  
*Masters of Art, Experimental Psychology*
- **The Webb School**  
*Science Faculty, Residential Faculty*
- **Vanderbilt University**  
*Doctorate of Philosophy, PhD, Neuroscience*
- **Vanderbilt University Medical Center**  
*Postdoctoral Research Fellowship*
- **American Association for the Advancement of Science**  
*Science & Technology Policy Fellowship*
- **National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, NIH**  
*Program Officer, Prevention and Sleep Health*



SCAN TO MEET  
MORE WEBB ALUMNI





# Once a Foot, *Always a Foot*

You're a Webb student for a short time, but you're part of the Webb family forever. Our alumni community is made up of over 3,000 Webb Feet living across the globe. Our active alumni network regularly engages with students on campus through career-focused workshops and speaking to students at events like Senior Blazer Day. Each spring, the Alumni & Development Office hosts Alumni Reunion Weekend where all former Feet are welcomed back to campus to reconnect with their classmates and beloved Webb.





“Being an entrepreneur is not for the faint of heart. It takes passion, grit, tenacity, and the ability to find creative solutions. Webb taught me how to work tirelessly and effectively, and how to stay true to my moral compass, even in a cutthroat industry.”

**Margaret Walch '06**

**FOUNDER, WESTERN BIOLOGICAL**

“Webb helped lay the groundwork for methods of critical thinking, a skill that is vital to all of my research and coursework. Beyond merely disciplining myself to comfortably engage in seemingly daunting work, teachers such as Mrs. Camp and Mr. Quinn provided spaces for me to question ideas and find pathways to alternate areas of thought. These threads of questions led to various thesis projects and papers, thus situating me where I am today.”

**Shiro Burnette '14**

**PHD CANDIDATE**

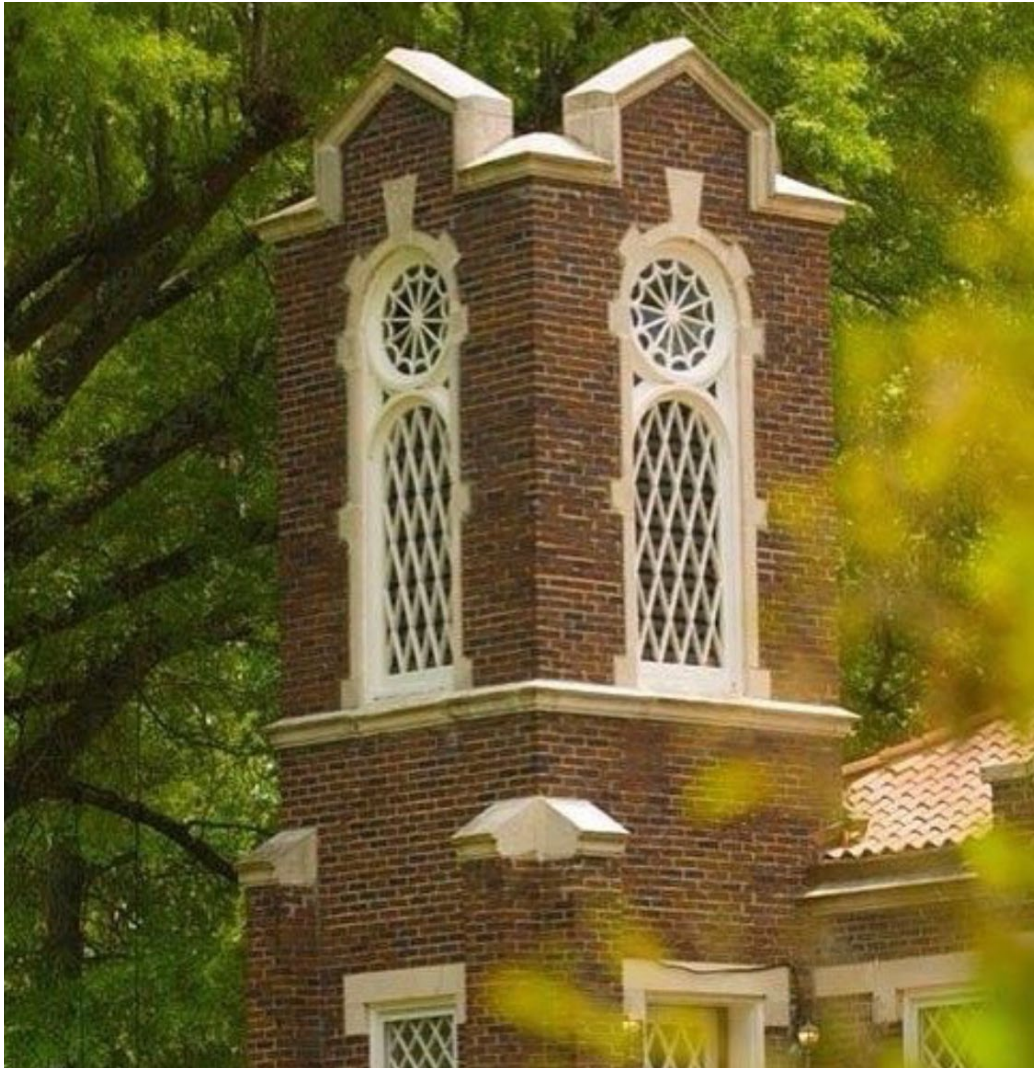


“I arrived in Bell Buckle as an international student and clueless kid from China. The faculty, staff, new friends and teammates immediately made me feel welcomed and that I belonged. I didn't realize how important and valuable this was until years later, after meeting countless other international students, many of whom did not share the same warm and welcoming initial encounter at their respective schools. The sense of belonging coupled with Webb's exceptional academic atmosphere have shaped my professional and personal life ever since.”

**James Tian '09**

**LAWYER**





# We invite you to *take a hand in the game*

## VISIT CAMPUS

Schedule your campus visit by going to [thewebbschool.com/visit](https://thewebbschool.com/visit) or contacting the Admissions Office at [admissions@webbschool.com](mailto:admissions@webbschool.com).

## START YOUR APPLICATION

The Webb School offers rolling admissions. Begin your application at [thewebbschool.com/apply](https://thewebbschool.com/apply).





SAWNEY WEBB BIG ROOM





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