

BUCCANEER *retirees*

To serve for decades with love, patience, and grace is a rare and beautiful gift. These educators have done more than teach lessons; they've nurtured hearts, built lasting connections, and blessed our community with a spirit that will continue to inspire for generations to come.



Mrs. Lori Bowen
SOAR DIRECTOR
Retired after 22 years of service.



Mrs. Edie Floyd
LOWER SCHOOL PRE-K
Retired after 31 years of service.



Mrs. Becky Brandt
UPPER SCHOOL ART
Retired after 33 years of service.



Mrs. Karen Hedgecorth
ENGLISH & SECONDARY LIBRARIAN
Retired after 26 years of service.



Mrs. Tina Lee
UPPER SCHOOL SPANISH
Retired after 36 years of service.

ALUMNI *update*



ALUMNI HONORS

BRODIE JOHNSTON
CLASS OF '24

Brodie Johnston, a freshman third baseman for Vanderbilt, was named the **SEC Tournament MVP** after a stellar performance in the 2025 SEC Baseball Tournament. He played a pivotal role in Vanderbilt's championship run, highlighted by a clutch two-run home run in the first inning of the title game against Ole Miss, which helped secure a 3-2 victory. Over the tournament, Johnston went 4-for-12 with a homer, two RBIs, and two runs scored—showcasing poise, power, and consistency that earned him the tournament's highest individual honor.



HARRISON VAN EATON
CLASS OF '20

Harrison Van Eaton received the **Torchbearer Award**, the University of Tennessee's highest honor for undergraduate students, recognizing his exceptional leadership, service, and academic achievement. A neuroscience major on the pre-physician assistant track, he served as vice president for health and safety for the Interfraternity Council and outreach chair for Beta Upsilon Chi's Matthew 5:16 Initiative. He also contributed through undergraduate research, volunteering, and clinical work at UT Medical Center, embodying the Volunteer spirit that defines this prestigious award.



COLE WEBSTER
CLASS OF '09

Cole Webster, President of Barn Nursery and President of Lana's Love Foundation, will be the recipient of the prestigious **2025 Dr. Hedrick Distinguished Service Award**. This award honors individuals who demonstrate exceptional service, compassion, and dedication in the fight against cancer. Mr. Webster will be honored in November at the Annual Gala of Hope for his impactful work, heartfelt leadership, and unwavering commitment to those affected by this disease.

CAREER UPDATES

WILL HEALY | CLASS OF '03

Will Healy was appointed as the head football coach at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) on December 12, 2024, becoming the 21st head coach in the program's history. He brings a wealth of experience, having previously served as head coach at Austin Peay, where he led a remarkable turnaround, and at Charlotte, where he guided the 49ers to their first winning season and bowl appearance. Healy's coaching career also includes assistant roles at UCF and Georgia State, and he began his coaching journey at UT Chattanooga. Known for his energetic leadership and ability to revitalize programs, Healy aims to elevate ETSU's football program within the Southern Conference.

BERKAY DEAN | CLASS OF '18

Berkay Dean is a **Radiation Hardness Assurance Engineer** working with one of NASA's major contractors, specializing in ensuring the reliability of electronic systems in space environments. After completing his master's degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Vanderbilt University, Dean leveraged his involvement in the SCALE (Scalable Asymmetric Lifecycle Engagement) program to gain hands-on experience through internships and research in microelectronics. His work focuses on safeguarding spacecraft electronics against radiation, a critical aspect of space missions.

WILL WORTMAN | CLASS OF '21

Will Wortman serves as an Assistant Category Manager at AutoZone, Inc. In this role, he collaborates with the Category Manager to drive sales and manage product assortments. His responsibilities include maintaining product data, developing strategic business plans, coordinating with vendors, and overseeing inventory management. This position is integral to AutoZone's merchandising strategy, ensuring that product offerings align with customer needs and market trends.

BRODY GRANT | CLASS OF '22

Brody Grant is an incoming senior at Washington and Lee University. He was elected the 158th President of the Alpha Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order, founded by General Robert E. Lee. He has been selected as a Career Fellow for the 2025-2026 academic year and is a member of the Student Consulting Cohort from 2023-2026. He completed a Public Policy Internship at Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP, a law firm in Washington, D.C. He plans to attend law school in Fall 2026.