

BPA *connect*

YOUR CONNECTION TO THE BROOKSTONE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What an incredible school year it has been! It has been a true joy to take part in Brookstone Parents Association events and work alongside such dedicated volunteers. None of what we accomplished this year would have been possible without the time, energy, and heart that so many of you poured into our school community.

This spring has been one for the record books — quite literally. Our premier annual fundraiser, Bidding for Brookstone, celebrated the school's 75th anniversary in spectacular fashion at the Bibb Mill on March 19th. Co-Chairs Lane Riley and Ashley Turner led an exceptional team of volunteers in delivering an unforgettable evening for over 300 guests. The result? A record-breaking year netting over \$185,000.

A brand-new tradition was also born this year with the inauguration of The Brookstone Collective, reimagining our Arts Alliance fundraising with a fresh, vibrant vision from Arts Alliance President Tanisha Colbert.

Our community events brought families together all season long. The Sweetheart Dance, themed Boots, Bowties and Pearls, welcomed close to 250 cowgirls and their special cowboys at Green Island Country Club. Market on the Quad was a farm-fresh hit, and Country Fair had everyone lining up to dunk their favorite teacher!

The BPA hosted the Senior Mentor Breakfast which remains one of the most meaningful traditions in our Brookstone legacy. And on May 6th, our Teacher Appreciation Breakfast at the Cougar Cafe treated faculty and staff to fresh Waffle House truck waffles, hardback books, and door prizes — celebrating the best educators around.

As I reflect on this past year, I again want to give you my heartfelt thanks for a fantastic year with the BPA. I loved serving together with you! I am so excited to share that I am leaving you in the best hands with our next BPA President, Carson DeMars. Carson has a wonderful ability to bring people together, and I have no doubt she will continue to build our sense of community and make a lasting impact. Please join me in welcoming her and giving her the same incredible support you have shown me.

Look inside BPA Connect to see all the ways we're making a difference! If you're interested in serving in a leadership role as a 2026–2027 committee or event chair, we'd love to hear from you, please reach out at bpa@brookstoneschool.org. Wishing everyone a wonderful and restful summer!



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Eileen Halter, BPA President



SWEETHEART DANCE



Yeehaw! Co-Chairs **Lauren Chambers, Tamishia Lindsey, and Michelle De Los Santos** rounded up close to 250 cowgirls and their special cowboys and transformed Green Island Country Club into a night to remember for the annual Sweetheart Dance with the theme of Boots, Bowties and Pearls. The girls and their dads spurred up the dance floor, hollered and belly-laughed the night away, and were greeted by special guests, Bubba the Cougar and the Chick-Fil-A cow.

A MUCH OBLIGED to our committee chairs along with their whole posse of volunteers for wranglin' up wonderful memories to last a lifetime for these girls and their special dates!



SENIOR MENTOR BREAKFAST

Certain moments have defined the Brookstone experience — and the Senior Mentor Breakfast is one of them. We are grateful to **Co-Chairs Kim Helton, Kristen Lane, and Lori Turner** who beautifully honored this cherished tradition by hosting our Brookstone seniors, mentors, and staff for breakfast. Thank you to Brookstone alumna Laney Woolfolk Lewis for delivering an inspiring and memorable address to our graduating seniors.

The Senior Mentor Breakfast stands as a cornerstone of the Brookstone legacy, a beloved tradition that connects a special influence in our seniors' lives, celebrates milestones, and reminds us all of the values and relationships that make Brookstone truly special. The BPA is honored and proud to carry on its role as a steadfast sponsor of this treasured tradition.



TEACHER APPRECIATION

On May 6th, the BPA celebrated its incredible faculty, staff, and administration with a breakfast event at the Cougar Cafe! **Co-Chairs Gayla Arrington, Isa Meeks, and April Miller** treated every attendee to fresh waffles from the Waffle House truck, *Theo of Golden* hardback books, and fun door prizes!

Thank you to our co-chairs for honoring the best faculty and staff around, and thank you to our educators for everything you do!



MARKET ON THE QUAD

A bushel of thanks to **Co-Chairs Katie Bickerstaff, Karin Baker, Brandi Oglesby, and Katherine Turner** for their farm-fresh coordination and picture-perfect execution of everyone's favorite — Market on the Quad!

The homemade baked goods and mouthwatering casseroles flew off the tables faster than you can say "fresh from the oven," and our incredible "green team" brought the beauty of the garden to life with stunning plants and flowers that made every basket and container bloom!



BLUE & WHITE DAY/COUNTRY FAIR

HUGE shoutout to **Chair Courtney LeBleu and Co-Chair Dara Crouch** for a great Country Fair! The games and inflatables were an absolute BLAST, and let's be honest — nobody could resist the chance to send their favorite teacher and coach splashing into the dunk tank! Thank you also for coordinating the Blue & White Day t-shirts!

Way to GO, ladies — you absolutely **KNOCKED IT OUT OF THE QUAD!!**



ARTS ALLIANCE

A brand new tradition was born at Brookstone! The Arts Alliance made history with the inauguration of The Brookstone Collective, reimagining its fundraising with a fresh, vibrant vision! Visiting alumnae artist Katie Jacobson returned to her Brookstone roots and created 4 stunning original art pieces, collaborating with students across all four divisions in a truly one-of-a-kind creative experience!

The originals were auctioned during Spring Arts week, and the excitement didn't stop there — limited edition prints are still available for purchase, so the beauty of this milestone moment can live on in your home!

A heartfelt thank you to **Tanisha Colbert** for her leadership and her deep passion for the arts — this incredible event would not have been possible without her!

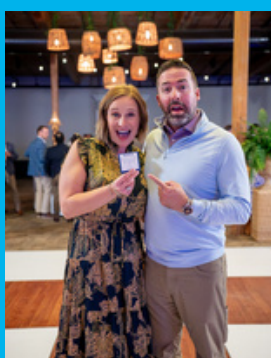
Thank you also to our artist-in-residence **Katie Jacobson** for her time and talent!

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Bidding for Brookstone had a record-breaking year! It netted over \$185,000!



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS IN TRUE BROOKSTONE STYLE!

In honor of Brookstone's 75th Anniversary, Bidding for Brookstone — the BPA's premier annual fundraising auction — rose to the occasion in the most spectacular way! On March 19th, **Co-Chairs Lane Riley and Ashley Turner** led an exceptional team of volunteers in delivering an unforgettable evening at the Bibb Mill for over 300 guests filled with incredible auction items — stunning artwork from Brookstone alumni and local artists, one-of-a-kind Brookstone treasures, dream travel adventures, gorgeous grade baskets, and mouthwatering culinary delights!

Guests were treated to the incredible live sounds of the Kinchafoonee Cowboys, setting the perfect tone for a night of celebration, community, and Brookstone pride! The live auction of 4 unique items brought the energy to a fever pitch — with bidding worthy of Brookstone's legendary 75-year legacy.

And the excitement didn't stop there — one very lucky winner, **Kari McWhorter**, took home the ultimate prize from the BPA tuition raffle, winning half off tuition for the 2026-2027 school year!

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible team of hard-working volunteer committee members who made this 75th anniversary celebration one for the history books: **Lane Riley, Ashley Turner, Lucy Cochran, Whitney Waldrop, Sara Varner, Sally Norman, Samantha Blair, Carson DeMars, Lulie Wallace, Cally Dixon, Casey Westguard, Kelsea Garrett, Eileen Halter, Katie Ricci, Allison Tucker, Deani Pahil, Robin Gosling, Carrie Beth Wallace, Justin Gaston, Meg Stewart, Bianca Brown, Sallie and John Martin, Avery and Luke Wolff, Sally and Tommy Watkins, and so many others.**

COUGAR NATION

Cougar Nation approved the following requests from the Brookstone Athletic Department for this spring:

- Basketball rally towels, shooting trainer, and portable sticky mats
- Boys locker room TV replacement
- Golf simulator component
- Wrestling scale
- Volleyball supplies
- 4 large portable A frame signs
- Turf Tank robot



Cougar Nation presented \$90,917 to Brookstone Athletics from proceeds of the 2025 Cougar Cup!

8th GRADE BREAKFAST & INAUGURAL RECIPIENT OF MITCHI MCKNIGHT WADE BPA ENDOWMENT FUND

On May 21, all of the 8th grade students along with their parents and Middle School faculty enjoyed breakfast before the 8th grade award ceremony. Thank you to the **Middle School Division Representatives Liza Boykin and Whitney Waldrop and Brandi Oglesby** for organizing this event.

At the event, the BPA was thrilled to award the first ever recipient of the Mitchi McKnight Wade BPA Endowment Fund scholarship. Congratulations to Clara Bell!

This spring, the BPA was delighted to donate an additional \$40,000 to the Endowment Fund and continue to honor the late Mitchi Wade and her family's legacy to the Brookstone community.



BPA President Eileen Halter, Martha Wade, Scholarship Recipient Clara Bell, Ruthie Wade, and Travis Wade



BPA IMPACT

The BPA approved the following submitted requests this spring:

Preschool

- Crazy coupe and Careplay riding toys
- Safe toolset
- 3 no pedal bikes
- PreK Stem items

Lower School

- Chromebooks, updated books/research materials, and discovery center enhancements for Kindergarten
- Clipboards and whiteboards for 3rd grade

Intermediate School

- Reading glow day supplies for 4th and 5th grade English
- Circuitry supplies for 4th and 5th grade Science
- 4th grade chrome books

Middle School

- MS Science Olympiad

Upper School

- 3D Printer for Technology classes
- 5 Canon Cameras for Photography classes
- Clay mixing drill for US Art classes
- Clay for kiln for US Art classes

All School

- Organizational bins for manipulatives for Lower School and Intermediate School Spanish
- New mirrorless lense for yearbook camera
- Utility cart for art classes



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IN OTHER NEWS

- In January, the BPA held its All-School BPA Meeting, where parents heard directly from BPA President Eileen Halter on all the incredible initiatives and contributions the BPA has made on campus this year
- In January, the BPA was thrilled to welcome Carmen Agra Deedy for Literature Live, delighting Preschool, Lower School, and Intermediate School students with the magic of storytelling!
- The BPA and Arts Alliance were proud sponsors of the Spring Arts Festival, making it possible for our students to learn from and create alongside talented resident artists.
- The BPA helped fund the following: supplies for the 5th grade boat regatta, parent education together with the Brookstone Department of Wellness, and Middle School math tournaments.

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