

Class Notes



Bonny Breuer '62 was featured in “Voyage ATL” for her inspiring second career as an actress, which began at age 70 after years of advocacy work supporting women and girls. A lifelong champion for women, Bonny previously helped found Women for Women and served as a leader with the Greenville Museum of Art. Since beginning her acting career, she has appeared in film and theater projects, including “I Am Louise,” which earned recognition at the Atlanta Women’s Film Festival and the Tennessee International Indie Film Festival.

..... photo: “Voyage ATL”

Marie Dodson Maxwell '64 recently completed seven years of service on the board of Oak Hill School, including two years as board chair. During her tenure, she helped lead the campaign for a new track and field facility, which broke ground in January 2025 and opened for student use that August.

Sabele Foster Steuert '72 is the new JV girls tennis coach at New Canaan High School in Connecticut, where the team has won three consecutive state championships. She loves making an impact on her players, just as Harpeth Hall did for her.

Anne Davis '73, board chair of Nashville Electric Service, and **Kendra Abkowitz Brooks '03**, who works with the Mayor’s Office on environmental programs, recently spoke with upper school science students. Anne discussed the Tennessee Valley Authority’s shift from coal to renewable energy sources like solar power. Kendra addressed how energy costs burden lower-income households and highlighted the Nashville Streetlight Retrofit Program, which replaced 55,000 streetlights with efficient LED bulbs. Together, they demonstrated that Nashville’s clean energy

future requires both large-scale utility transformation and equitable infrastructure planning.

Margaret Hutton Taylor '76 recently returned to residential real estate sales with Fridrich & Clark Realty, LLC. She is most excited about teaming up with fellow alumna **Liz Bohannon '06**.



Jan Wall Caffey '78 and **Jeanne Voorhees Ellis '78** celebrated the marriage of Jan’s daughter, Liz, and Jeanne’s son, Will, in September 2025. The Atlanta festivities brought together many fellow alumnae to celebrate the happy occasion.



Amy Grant '78 released her new album, “The Me That Remains,” in May 2026 —her first collection of original music in 13 years. In an interview with “Variety,” Amy shared that the album was shaped by recent life experiences, including open-heart surgery and the 2022 bicycle accident that left her with a serious head injury. The album explores themes of community, resilience, creativity, and connection.

..... photo: Ed Rode for “Variety”



Jeannie Cochran DuBose '79 and **Elise Hagan Streeb '01** discovered the power of the Harpeth Hall connection — bridging generations, geography, and shared purpose. The two met at Rancho La Puerta in Tecate, Mexico — where Jeannie was leading a lecture series — and quickly found common ground. Jeannie is an award-winning author, illustrator, speaker, facilitator, and retreat leader whose work spans health and spirituality, corporate leadership, faith communities, and outreach within the North Carolina prison system. Elise is a principal and partner at LS Group, a nationally recognized lighting design firm known for enhancing the built environment through a creative, purpose-driven, and collaborative approach to lighting and lighting controls.

Olivia Miller Smith '79 published the book “Dealing with Healing: How Trauma Impacts Your Professional Journey.” She highlights stories of nine business leaders who experienced childhood trauma and shows examples of how that trauma followed them into the business world and affected their career paths. She hosted a book launch at Harpeth Hall that was well attended by fellow alumnae, friends, and family.

Wende Hall Fry '85 retired at the end of 2025 after a more than 35-year career at Bank of America.

Jacqueline Saturn '86 was named as a trailblazing leader to Billboard’s 2026 Power 100, an annual ranking of the most influential executives and artists in the music business. President of Virgin Music Group North America and executive vice president of global artist relations, Jacqueline was also selected to deliver the alumni keynote address at Syracuse University’s 2026 College of Arts and Sciences and Maxwell School



undergraduate convocation. Over her more than three-decade career in the music industry she has worked with major artists and independent labels. She also has been widely

recognized for her leadership and impact in the global music business.

photo: Joseph Morrison



While traveling to Paris, Harpeth Hall faculty member and alumna **Buffy Baker '87** had dinner with **Pauline Bailey**, **Conway Bettis**, **Veronica Pierce**, and her daughter **Amelia Cummings**, all members of the Class of 2023.

Marci Rosenblum Adams '88 began a new chapter as a travel advisor with Fora. She enjoys helping clients plan meaningful travel experiences, from weekend getaways to international adventures, and can assist with everything from hotel bookings and itineraries to transfers and activities. She says the role has already been a fun and rewarding experience.

Julie Hartzog Garcia '89 started a new role with Vanderbilt Population Health. Partnering with the Department of Geriatrics, she assists with the implementation of the GRACE model of care for older adults in their homes. In June 2025, she completed the Gerontology Certificate Program offered by the University of Washington. In her free time, she volunteers as a naturalist with South Cumberland State Park. Last year, she enjoyed a hiking trip to Bergen, Norway, with her husband and a family trip to Lisbon and Nazarre in Portugal.

Kiley Fleming Rawlins '89 and **Elle Worsham Pugh '05** connected at a workshop Elle was facilitating at Ulta Beauty headquarters. After discovering they were both from Nashville and bonding over favorite books, Elle asked Kiley



where she attended high school and was delighted to learn they shared the Harpeth Hall connection. The two said it was their first time unexpectedly meeting a fellow Honeybear “out in the wild” without any prior mutual connections. Kiley serves as senior vice president of investor relations at Ulta Beauty, and Elle is a registered nurse and certified Enneagram facilitator.

Ellen Maguire Vick '89 was selected by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to receive the John F. Atkinson Service Award, which recognizes extraordinary service in protecting public health through pharmacy law, inspections, and compliance. Ellen was chosen following nominations from peers across the country and a vote by the NABP Executive Committee.

Laura Stevens Upchurch '91 completed her debut book “My Year with Dame Olivia,” which chronicles the year she spent in Paris as personal assistant to “Gone with the Wind” actress Olivia de Havilland and reflects on the enduring influence of that experience. The manuscript is currently under submission for publication.



Kate Sherrard Chinn '93 was named managing partner of MP&F Strategic Communications. The firm cited her dedication to clients and

colleagues, collaborative leadership style, and strategic vision as qualities that make her exceptionally well-suited for this role.

Crispin Davis Menefee '94 serves on the Middle Tennessee Council of Scouting America Executive Board, helping shape the next generation of leaders. An avid equestrian and a member of the National Steeplechase Association, her dappled gray thoroughbred, Kobe's Smile, ran at the Iroquois Steeplechase, supporting Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, where the 6-year-old mare also earned a Best Turned-Out award.



Mab Byrd Sabis '94 and her husband, Chris, purchased Maryland Farms Wine and Spirits, located in Brentwood. Longtime wine enthusiasts, the couple is turning a passion into a new venture as they step into the world of wine and spirits retail together.

Reese Witherspoon '94 was named to The Hollywood Reporter's 2025 “100 Most Powerful Women in Entertainment” list, recognizing her leadership and impact through Hello Sunshine and its mission to amplify women's voices through women-led storytelling.



Vadis Turner '95 returned to Harpeth Hall this spring as the school's 2026 Ann and Monroe Carell Visiting Artist. During her weeklong residency, she led art classes for AP Art and Design students using nontraditional materials, spoke at an upper school assembly and lunch-and-learn, and hosted both a visit to the Frist Art Museum and a tour of her home studio.

Penny Anderson '97 was named chief philanthropy officer for the YMCA of Middle Tennessee, where she leads donor development and fundraising strategy for one of the world's largest YMCA organizations, with annual operations exceeding \$100 million. In her role, she oversees all philanthropic efforts, helping raise more than \$10 million annually, and manages the Y's foundation, including a \$13 million endowment, to support the organization's long-term impact across the region. A Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) with 25 years of experience, Penny has helped raise nearly \$100 million in support of nonprofit organizations throughout her career. Prior to joining the YMCA, she served for six years as chief development and external affairs officer at Operation Stand Down Tennessee, where her leadership helped triple the organization's size and expand services for veterans and their families across the region.



Courtney Weaver Robers '97 was selected as the featured artist for the 85th annual Iroquois Steeplechase in 2026. Her original oil painting appeared on all promotional materials, including posters, shirts, and the race day program. Known for capturing horses in motion with a warm sense of "everyday grace," Courtney's work helped celebrate the longtime Nashville tradition, which benefits Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Laura Towbin '98 hosted Harpeth Hall junior Oakley Webster during Winterim 2026, giving Oakley an inside look at her work as a pediatric physical therapist with Vanderbilt Home Care Services. Laura works with medically fragile, medically complex, and immunocompromised children ranging from preterm infants to age 18, providing therapy services in patients' homes throughout Davidson County and surrounding areas.



Kelleigh Bannen '99 was nominated for the Academy of Country Music's On-Air Personality of the Year Award.



Brie Buchanan Brown '99 celebrated her daughter, Brynn Brown of Atlanta, being selected to the U.S. Under-15 Girls National Soccer Team roster for an international training camp and matches against England at St. George's Park, England's national training center. Brynn connected with current Harpeth Hall student **Alexa Sarb '29** while representing Team USA, as the two competed together in the USA's 4-0 victory over England in April 2026. The roster featured 20 players from across the country, all born in 2011, who will be eligible to compete for qualification to the 2028 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.

Jessie Morris Adams '00, Ph.D. participated on a panel of speakers from Voices for a Safer Tennessee. Panelists discussed and answered questions about current data on firearm safety and legislation in Tennessee, Safer TN's objectives and accomplishments, and ways Harpeth Hall girls can get involved.



Katie Hill '00 was named senior vice president and global head of communications and external affairs at The New York Times. In her new role, she will lead the company's external communications efforts. Katie joins The Times from the National Football League, where she served as senior vice president of communications, and previously held communications roles in the White House and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Shannon Shillinglaw McIntosh '00 was part of the panel for the SOLID Conference held at Harpeth Hall in February 2026. SOLID is a conference organized by upper school student leaders from Harpeth Hall, MBA, and Ensworth, reflecting what is possible when schools come together to foster listening and reflection.

Taylor Middleton Scavo '02, a real estate broker with Douglas Elliman, appeared on Fox and Friends to discuss the initial impact of New York City's Democratic Mayoral Primary on the city's real estate market. Taylor shared thoughtful advice for buyers and sellers, reminding viewers of New York's resilience and enduring global influence.

Tori Tucker Alexander '03, founder of Alexander Interiors, was among 23 design firms selected to reimagine two historic properties for the ninth annual Kips Bay Decorator Show House Palm Beach, marking the first year the prestigious event featured both the Intracoastal House and Palm Cottage in Northwood Shores. The showcase benefited the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club and Boys & Girls Club of Palm Beach County through ticket proceeds. While in Palm Beach,



Tori also connected with **Campbell Mobley '11**, chief curator for the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum, at a lecture on the philanthropy of Bunny Mellon, the noted horticulturist and philanthropist who designed the White House Rose Garden for Jacqueline Kennedy.

photo: Carmel Brantley

Whitney Downs Hermendorfer '05 was confirmed as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Prior to her appointment, she served as director of the Strategic Litigation Unit in the Tennessee Attorney General's Office, where she led constitutional and administrative-law challenges involving federal agency actions. She previously practiced appellate and administrative law at Williams & Connolly LLP in Washington, D.C., and clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justices Samuel Alito and Amy Coney Barrett, as well as then-Judge Brett



Kavanaugh on the D.C. Circuit. She is a graduate of Princeton University and The George Washington University Law School.

Ryan McLaughlin Wood '05 was included in Nashville Business Journal's "Nashville Leaders to Watch" feature.

Morgan Stengel '05, executive vice president at Giarratana, LLC, is helping lead the two-year development of PARAMOUNT, a 60-story, 750-foot luxury tower at 1010 Church Street that will become the tallest building in Tennessee. The project includes a 60,000-square-foot addition to the Downtown YMCA and reflects a commitment to both community and skyline development. Morgan described the project as a "tribute to Nashville and ... a physical symbol of our city's next chapter on the global stage, marking the intersection of Nashville's past, present, and future."



Jillian Peterson Wright '06, CEO of Onsite Women's Health, was voted as one of Nashville Business Journal's "40 Under 40."



Cornelia Granbery Hodges '07 and her husband, William, married in 2018, the same year they purchased Oakley Farm, his grandparents' historic farm in Warm Springs, Virginia. The couple, who have two children, Angus and Eloise, own and operate Troddenvale at Oakley Farm, an orchard-based cider business. They also run Foodlore Provisions, a sister business that supports the rural agrarian community through an online marketplace and weekly events.

Kate Sangervasi Webb '07 joined the board of directors at St. Luke's Community House.

Lauren Quinn Barnacastle '08 recently stepped into the role of director of major gifts at United Way of Central Alabama, home to the nation's #1 Tocqueville Society. In this role, she partners with philanthropists to advance initiatives focused on education, financial stability, and health across the region. Lauren credits Harpeth Hall with instilling the confidence and leadership skills that continue to shape her career and passion for community impact.

Anna Armistead Clinton '08 joined fellow alumna **Ann Randolph McKenzie '12** as a nurse in the school's Health Clinic in January 2026. Anna is a nurse practitioner with extensive medical experience, including orthopedics.

Grace Cummings Bay '11 was recognized by the Nashville Business Journal as a C-Suite Awards honoree. She serves as CEO of Hello Truck Lease.

Becca Factor Lapidario '11 and **Anna Leigh Turner Tate '15** enjoyed reconnecting at the 11th grade Winterim interview workshop and encourage other alumnae to participate in this mentoring opportunity each November.



The University of Virginia Pi Beta Phi sorority honored the memory of **Margaret Lowe '12** at the 10th anniversary of Miles for Margaret. This year's commemorative T-shirt celebrated many of Margaret's passions and accomplishments, including her love of running, her cross-country rides with Bike & Build, her leadership in Pi Beta Phi and UVA's Inter-Sorority Council, and her involvement with Camp Kesem, where she was affectionately nicknamed "Sunshine." A portion of the race proceeds benefits Camp Kesem in Margaret's memory.

Ellie Osteen Garstin '14 left her role in the Harpeth Hall Health Clinic at the end of December after five years of caring for and supporting the school community. Known affectionately as “Nurse Ellie,” she was a compassionate presence for students, faculty, and staff alike. Ellie is now staying home with her young children.

Emily Stewart '14 graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing with a Master of Science in Nursing and is dual certified as a nurse midwife and family nurse practitioner. She practices in the Allegheny Health Network in Pittsburgh.

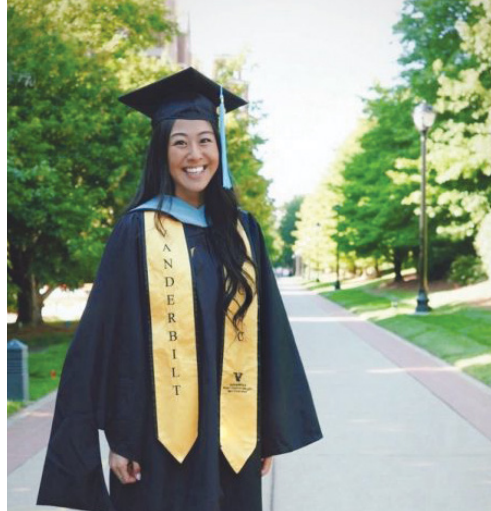


Kate Goldenring '15 was featured in an article in “The Mountaineers” highlighting “The Glacier Gals,” a women’s climbing group built around community, encouragement, and intentional teamwork in the mountains. In the story, Kate was recognized for her leadership and support during challenging climbs of Mt. Olympus, Glacier Peak, and Mt. Rainier, including serving as the group’s self-appointed “Head of Glacier Safety Operations and Navigation.”

photo: *Tatiana Van Campenhout*



Annie O'Brien '15 celebrated her wedding shower with 2015 classmates **Ally Burch Martinez, Lindsey Speyer, Anna Kathryn Groom, Grace Pollock, Lark Morrison, Ellen Spivey, and Lydia Witty.**



Jenny Chung '16 earned her Master of Education in community development and action from Vanderbilt University Peabody College of Education and Human Development.

Laurel Jobe '16 was officially sworn in to practice law in Tennessee. She has accepted an offer with the Center for Biological Diversity and will soon begin working as an associate attorney in the endangered species program.

Mary Grace Kelley '16 is spending the year traveling through Latin America, journeying from Mexico to Argentina through a combination of volunteering and travel. She plans to use only buses and boats along the way.



Abby Sparrow Profancik '16 earned her MBA from Vanderbilt University Owen Graduate School of Management after leaving a career and life she loved in New York City in search of “something greater.” While she initially believed that meant the next big role or achievement, her experience at Owen helped her realize that true fulfillment comes from continuous growth, meaningful impact, and intentionally building a life she enjoys. She begins her next chapter at Boston Consulting Group in Nashville, excited to embrace uncertainty and the opportunities that come with it.

Georgia Slattery '16 graduated from the William & Mary Law School in 2025 and is clerking for the Chief Justice of the High Court of American Samoa for the 2025-2026 term.

Y'Yemaya Boyd '17 received a Master of Science in Nursing from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing and will begin working at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. Y'Yemaya was also part of the panel for the SOLID Conference held at Harpeth Hall in February 2026. SOLID is a conference organized by upper school student leaders from Harpeth Hall, MBA, and Ensworth, reflecting what is possible when schools come together to foster connection, listening, and reflection.

Madeline Saltsman '17 earned her J.D. from Belmont University College of Law in May 2025 and currently serves as an assistant district attorney general in Williamson County, where she prosecutes domestic violence and Special Victims Unit (SVU) cases.

Karin Scott '17 received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law School, where she was a Technology Law and Policy Scholar and served on the Technology Law Review. During law school, she clerked for the United States Senate Judiciary Committee. Karin will join the Washington, D.C. office of Alston & Bird LLP.



Members of the **Class of 2018** living in Nashville recently gathered for a fun night out together, including **Anna Kate Himes, Leighton Kesting, Mary Johnson, Marguerite Coombs, Tricia Glenn, Grace Rader, Kate Mabry, Emma Farrington, Ellie Moore, Lizzy Asad, and Halle Petrie.**

Bradford Harrington '18 was promoted to vice president of investor relations at ICR, where she is focused on advising real estate, lodging, leisure, and financial services companies.

Sarah Bellardo '19 graduated from the accelerated second-degree bachelor's in nursing program at Belmont University in December 2025. At her pinning ceremony, she received the Florence Nightingale Award, the College of Nursing's highest commendation for a graduating senior, in recognition of clinical excellence, ethical nursing practice, and the promise of future professional leadership. She has accepted a job as a labor and delivery nurse at Ascension-St. Thomas Midtown in Nashville.

Maddie Harlan '19 was named Young Professional of the Year at the American Advertising Awards hosted by the American Advertising Federation of Dallas, an organization of more than 2,000 advertising professionals. The ADDY Awards, the industry's largest competition recognizing excellence in advertising and media, are peer-judged by leaders in the field. Maddie is a media manager at Arm Candy, a Dallas-based, full-service media intelligence agency specializing in media planning, investment management, and data management services.



Emily Hollins '19 graduated magna cum laude from the College of Pharmacy at the University of Georgia and will begin her career as "Dr. Hollins" as a pharmacist with Harris Teeter in Charleston, South Carolina. Four Harpeth Hall classmates, **Jolie Guinn**, **KK Savage**, **Meredith Hollins**, and **Raegan Coleman**, traveled to Athens to celebrate the occasion with her.

Meredith Hollins '19 works as a registered nurse in the neurological ICU at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. This fall, she will

start a program through Vanderbilt University School of Nursing to become a family nurse practitioner.

Gracie Stambaugh '19 was awarded Colorado's Marriott Business Council's MVP Leader of the Year Award for her work as guest services manager at The Ritz-Carlton Denver. She is also part of the front house team that earned the Team of the Year Award.



organization encourages young adults to prioritize preventative healthcare and raises awareness of the importance of regular physician visits and early interventions. Already, young adults have reached out to share how Izzy's story inspired them to seek medical care, in some cases catching serious health complications early enough to save their lives. LC says the mission of Hug Ur Friends is to honor Izzy's life by helping others take care of themselves and one another through greater awareness and access to medical care.

Elizabeth FitzPatrick '20 graduated from the University of Southern California in May 2024 with a B.A. in environmental science with a concentration in sustainability. While at USC, she completed the Army ROTC program and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Reserves upon graduation. In December 2025, she completed the four-month Logistics Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Lee, Virginia, and now serves her reserves unit near Los Angeles as quartermaster executive officer. Elizabeth lives in the Silver Lake/Echo Park area of Los Angeles and works for GT's Living Foods as a lean and sustainability associate.

Camden Johnson '20 recently began a new role as executive assistant to the head of football at WIN Sports Group in Nashville. A graduate of the University of Georgia with a degree in sports management and a minor in business, she previously worked with the Tennessee Titans as a client services and hospitality fellow and held roles with the UGA Athletic Association, including football recruiting specialist and operations assistant. This year, she also served as an assistant coach for Harpeth Hall's 5th/6th lacrosse team.

LC Essary '20 and her parents founded Hug Ur Friends following the sudden loss of LC's sister, **Izzy Essary '15**, in March 2023. By sharing Izzy's story, the

Ellie Seehorn '20 graduated with honors from Grinnell College in May 2025, earning bachelor's degrees in both computer science and sociology, with a concentration in statistics. She received the Henry M. and Theresa P. Walker Endowed Prize for Excellence in Computer Science, which is awarded to a graduating computer science major demonstrating excellence in computing and technology. In her junior year at Grinnell, Ellie was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and named a Barry Goldwater Scholar. Ellie is pursuing a Ph.D. in computer science and engineering at the University of Michigan, where she is a Rackham Merit Fellow. Her research focuses on AI approaches for personal accessibility and how personal devices, such as smartphones and wearables, can be used in conjunction with AI systems to facilitate individualized accessibility experiences that empower agency and autonomy. In April 2026, Ellie was awarded the Graduate Research Fellowship by the National Science Foundation.

Gaby Viner '20 joined the publicity team at Riverhead Books, Penguin Random House. She previously curated and promoted fiction at Book of the Month.

Rebecca Viner '20 will attend the University of Michigan Law School this fall.

Fiona Muldowney '21 was inducted into the University of Mississippi's Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi in April 2026. She was also awarded the Institute of Management Accountants Outstanding Graduate Student Award at the University of Mississippi's Honors and Awards Convocation. Fiona graduated from the University of Mississippi's Patterson School of Accountancy with a Master of Accountancy in May. She will return to Nashville to begin her career at LBMC.

Eliana Schneider '21 earned her master's degree in speech language pathology from Syracuse University. She is back in Nashville completing her clinical fellowship and working towards her full license.





Sinclair Walker '21 joined the NBC Page Program, a rotational development program for early-career professionals that includes three different assignments across the company over the course of a year. Currently, she is working with the NBC News Select team, producing e-commerce articles for the website, writing scripts for social media, and shadowing meetings and productions. In addition to her office rotations, she also serves as an ambassador and tour guide at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, giving studio tours and working audience services for shows including "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," "Late Night with Seth Meyers," "The Kelly Clarkson Show," and "Saturday Night Live."



Gretchen Walsh '21 broke the 100-meter butterfly world record for the fourth time, clocking 54.33 seconds at the 2026 Fort Lauderdale Open, a year after she broke the same record twice in one day. Gretchen holds the 13 fastest times in history in the long course 100-meter butterfly — all since June 2024 — and is now over a second faster than any other woman in history.

photo: World Aquatics



Evelyn Hare '22 graduated from Wake Forest University with a degree in biochemistry and molecular biology and a minor in economics.



Caroline Johnson '22, a recent graduate of Rhodes College with a degree in economics and minor in art history, was awarded the

prestigious Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, which provides funding for a year of independent international travel and study. One of only 40 fellows selected nationwide for 2026, Caroline will use the fellowship to explore "The Economic Future of Craft," studying how artisanal traditions generate cultural and financial value in countries including France, Portugal, Kenya, and Colombia.

photo: Rhodes College

Isabella Baldwin '23 became the 33rd NCAA Rifle athlete to fire a perfect score in the 60-shot era, recording a 600-52x at The Citadel. With the feat, she became the second Naval Academy athlete ever to achieve a perfect score in competition. She also became part of what is believed to be the first pair of teammates to shoot perfect 600s in the same competition, helping Navy set school records in smallbore, air rifle, and aggregate scoring. Isabella later helped lead Navy to a sixth-place finish at the 2026 NCAA Championship, where she posted a 596 in air rifle, finished with 81 centers, and recorded a two-day aggregate score of 1181.

Riley Kate Higgins '23 was selected to serve as the Panhellenic president for the University of Washington's 2026 Panhellenic Executive Council.

Kate Kisber '23, a rising senior majoring in political science and philosophy in the School of Liberal Arts at Tulane, is a Civic Engagement Fellow with the Tulane Center for Public Service. In this role, she met with former Louisiana governor John Bel Edwards. Kate is working to make her community better informed and more engaged in civil dialogue.

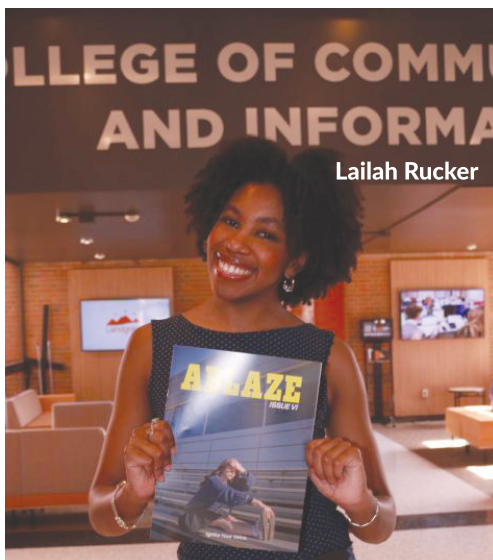


Sydney Mattoon '23 completed the semester at North Carolina State by presenting Speciflex, a next-generation endoscopic biopsy forceps concept, at a MedTech Showcase. Developed as part of an interdisciplinary team project, Speciflex was designed to address challenges in endoscopic biopsy procedures for clinical teams, pathologists, and patients through improved device functionality and specimen collection. Sydney will join Laut Design in Raleigh, North Carolina, this summer as an industrial design intern.

Mary Meacham '23, a rising senior at Vanderbilt University double-majoring in history and culture and advocacy and leadership, served as the student speaker for the university's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) course, "Understanding Politics Through a Psychological Lens," taught by Ashleigh Maxcey. Mary spoke about how the game Monopoly can be used to better understand concepts in developmental and political psychology. Fellow alumna **Dianne Buttrey Wild '66** was among those attending the course.

Lailah Rucker '23 was named editor-in-chief of "Ablaze Magazine" for the 2026–2027 academic year. During her time at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, she has served as graphic design and website editor and contributed to five print editions of the magazine.

Gracie Sloan '23 was appointed by Nashville Mayor Freddie O'Connell to serve on the advisory committee for the city's Choose How You Move (CHYM) Metro transit program, where she represents the perspectives of college students and individuals with disabilities navigating public transportation in the city. Since joining the committee in



Lailah Rucker

summer 2025, Gracie has helped provide community feedback on transit initiatives, and in April 2026, she spoke about CHYM on the “Next in Nash” panel at the Junior Chamber of Commerce Leadership Conference.

Ann Gailor Strobel '23 was elected president of the Panhellenic Council at the University of Arizona, which is the governing body for 12 Panhellenic sororities, representing a community of more than 4,000 members. In this role, she is responsible for large-scale recruitment, chapter collaboration, and community initiatives. She also works directly with senior University of Arizona administrators, including student affairs, fraternity and sorority programs, and Title IX leadership, to develop long-term strategy for the Greek life community, aligning chapter operations, risk-management standards, and community initiatives within institutional goals. Ann Gailor is on pace to graduate in May 2027 with a triple major in psychology, criminal justice, and art history with a minor



Alice Wilbanks

in communications. She plans to attend law school in the fall of 2027.

Alice Wilbanks '23 is making her mark at the University of Alabama while honoring an extraordinary family tradition. She is the 38th member of her family to attend UA. As a junior double-majoring in psychology and criminal justice, Alice has embraced significant leadership roles on campus. She was recently elected vice president of administration for Capstone Men and Women, UA's official campus ambassadors who work closely with the office of the president and provide campus tours. Alice has been a member of this prestigious group since the end of her freshman year. She serves as student representative for The Rising Tide 2.0 Capital Campaign Cabinet. She recently completed her term as vice president of learning and development for Kappa Delta Sorority. After graduation, Alice hopes to pursue a career in criminal justice with the FBI, focusing on behavioral analysis and juvenile delinquency.

photo: Matthew Wood — University of Alabama



Shaffer Dale '24 was named copy chief for TCU 360, a student-led, faculty-advised news website for Texas Christian University, providing campus news, sports, and community coverage. She will lead the newsroom's editing process and ensure accuracy and consistency across coverage. A rising junior at TCU, Shaffer is the recipient of several Jay and Gail Milner Distinguished Journalism Awards, including Reporter of the Year and awards for explanatory and sports writing.

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