Lamar School
Gratitude Report
2025-2026



Message from the Head of School

To our Lamar Families and Friends,

I am grateful for the privilege of serving a school where excellence is expected, faith is lived, and relationships matter. Every day, I witness students discovering their gifts, teachers pouring their hearts into their classrooms, parents investing in their children's futures, and a community that believes deeply in the mission of Lamar School.

This year gave us countless reasons to celebrate. From our youngest Raiders taking their very first steps into learning to our graduating seniors preparing for their next chapter, our students excelled in the classroom, on the stage, and on the fields and courts. The Class of 2026 leaves Lamar with an impressive list of accomplishments and, more importantly, with the character, confidence, and preparation to make a meaningful difference wherever life leads them.

Perhaps the greatest joy for me personally is watching Lamar alumni return as parents. There is no greater affirmation of our mission than hearing a graduate say, "I want my child to experience what I experienced." Those words speak volumes. They remind us that Lamar has always been about more than academics. It is a place where lifelong friendships are formed, support is found, and lives are shaped. Seeing these families choose Lamar once again and choose to build their lives here in Meridian strengthens both our school and our community.



Maca Frias, Sellers Breaux, Head of School Leigh Ann Ballou, and Lucy Simmons

Thank you for believing in Lamar School, our students, and for making this community so very special. The greatest gift we can leave the next generation is a school that is stronger than the one we inherited.

Gratefully,

Leigh Ann Ballou
Head of School

Lamar School's mission is to educate each individual by providing a challenging and purposeful college preparatory curriculum in a safe, respectful, Christian environment.

Message from Lamar School Board President

Dear Lamar School Community,

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful summer. On behalf of the Lamar School Foundation Board of Trustees, I want to thank our entire Lamar community for another successful year. We are blessed to be led by outstanding administrators, faculty, and staff who care deeply about our students and work tirelessly each day to prepare them for the future. Their dedication, along with the support of our parents, alumni, grandparents, and friends, continues to make Lamar School a special place.

This year, we successfully completed our re-accreditation with the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). The visiting team from across the Southeast recognized what we have long known—that Lamar School is deeply committed to its mission of providing a challenging and purposeful college preparatory education in a safe, respectful, Christian environment. The accreditation process also affirmed the thoughtful leadership of our administration and the Board's commitment to ensuring Lamar remains strong for generations to come.

As you may know, we completed a feasibility study this spring as we prepare for our next chapter. The results will help guide the planning of a future capital campaign focused on meeting the needs of our growing school. From expanding educational spaces to developing the property east of campus as part of our Master Plan, we are committed to ensuring Lamar has the facilities and resources necessary to serve both current and future generations of students.

As these exciting opportunities unfold, I encourage you to continue supporting Lamar through the Annual Fund, the Teacher Endowment, and, when the time comes, our Capital Campaign. Your generosity allows us to invest in our students, strengthen our faculty, and provide the programs and facilities that will shape Lamar's future.

Thank you for your continued confidence in Lamar School and for partnering with us as we build on a legacy of excellence. The Board of Trustees remains committed to serving this community with integrity, responsible stewardship, and a vision for the future.

Sincerely,

Brandon Dunn
President, Board of Trustees

Ways to Support Lamar School:

Encourage students to excel in all they do.

Attend school events.

Volunteer for PALS.

Join the Booster Club.

Chaperone or host a field trip.

Volunteer to share your expertise with a class or group.

Be an advocate for Lamar School in the community.

Pray daily for our school, students, and faculty.

Follow, like, and share Lamar School on social media.



Brandon and Gina Dunn,
Britton Dunn (27), and Tucker Dunn (26)

2025-2026 Foundation Board Members

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Master Plan — Feasibility Study

Lamar School's 20 Year Vision Guided by a 10 Year Master Plan: A Vision Rooted in Mission and Driven by Excellence

In September, Lamar School's Board of Trustees unveiled a robust 20-Year Vision, guided by a 10-Year Master Plan: A Vision Rooted in Mission and Driven by Excellence. This bold and strategic plan is the result of months of listening through community surveys, focus group conversations, and thoughtful board discussions. It is designed to shape the future of Lamar with purpose and care. The plan also encompassed the exciting development of the additional 107 acres next door, creating extraordinary opportunities for expanded academic, athletic, and outdoor learning spaces.

Imagine passing through a newly designed entrance to experience a campus that reflects both the excellence of our legacy and the promise of our future. A future where **engagement**, **resilience**, **purpose** and **connection** meet from the very first moment.

In the spring, a Feasibility Study was conducted by the Smith Group for exploring the possibility of a future capital campaign. Data was collected from over ninety-five interviews will be presented to the Board in July of 2026 to continue the planning process.



Campus Master Plan



Front Entrance



Green Space



Flex Building / Classrooms

SAIS Accreditation

In February of 2026, Lamar successfully completed its five year re-accreditation process with SAIS. At the same time, the school also earned re-accrediation through MAIS and Cognia, reaffirming our commitment to excellence and meeting the highest standards of independent school education.

The SAIS team examined the four strategic priorities for Lamar School: Faculty, Finances, Infrastructure, and Community. For each area, the team provided commendations on our strengths and what we are doing well while also providing thoughtful recommendations to help guide growth and continuous improvement.

ACCREDITATION VISIT
RESULTS WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR

- **Excellent Curriculum alignment and cross-division collaboration**
- **Competitive retirement match supporting recruitment and retention**
- **Premier educational experience at a competitive tuition rate**
- **Strong academics, athletes, and extra-curricular opportunities**
- **Responsible debt management and fiscal stewardship**
- **Strong family-oriented culture with pride and mission alignment**
- **Comprehensive campus master plan for future growth**

For the full report, email lamarschool@lamarschool.com and request the SAIS report.



Generations of Raider families continue to make Lamar School special. This year, Mrs. Lewis, whose daughter Lisa graduated in 1987, returned to read to Mrs. Long's kindergarten class, where several students are children of Lamar alumni. As alumni return as parents, grandparents, and friends, they continue the tradition of excellence that defines Lamar School.





"During our time on campus, the team encountered a community that clearly cares deeply about the school and about the success of its students."

– Karl Sjolund, Head of Saint Andrews-Sewanee School, SAIS Team Chair



FACULTY

Teacher Milestone Appreciation Fund





The Lamar School Teacher Milestone Appreciation Fund is a special initiative designed to honor and reward the dedication of classroom teachers who serve at Lamar School.

This fund acknowledges the invaluable contributions teachers make to the education and personal growth of students by providing milestone gifts as a token of appreciation.

This year, Stephanie Singley was honored for 20 years and Brett Daniels for 10 years of dedication.

THANK YOU

After years of faithful service, we proudly recognize Nancy Sterling (25 years) and Gena Dye (20 years) as they retire from Lamar School. We celebrate their remarkable careers with gratitude and wish them blessings ahead.







Class of 2026



Ryan McDaniel
Valedictorian
STAR Student

Luke Morrow
Salutatorian



Lucy Simmons
National Coca Cola Scholar
Semi-Finalist



Eliza Collins
Lucky Day Scholar



Layton Wedgworth
Lucky Day Scholar

The Class of 2026 leaves behind a legacy of excellence, leadership, service, and achievement. As they begin their next chapter, they carry with them a remarkable list of accomplishments that include:

$3.7 MILLION
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

$2 MILLION
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS ACCEPTED

ACT SCORES



12
MEMBERS OF THE 30+ ACT CLUB

2 STAR STUDENTS ★★★

ENROLLMENT IN **17** COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

1 COCA-COLA SCHOLARS SEMIFINALIST

2 USM LUCKY DAY SCHOLARS

12 COLLEGIATE LEVEL ATHLETES

14 GRADUATES ATTENDED LAMAR 12+ YEARS



Ten years after graduating from Lamar School, **Mary Webb Ballou '16** returned to encourage the next generation of Raiders, giving the graduation address.

"Be open, be curious, and be willing to try."

Mary Webb attended Mississippi State University, where she graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Political Science. She then earned her Juris Doctor from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law. Mary Webb is a licensed attorney in both the Mississippi and Alabama Bar Associations. Professionally, Mary Webb served as a Contracts Manager and Associate Counsel before returning to Meridian to serve as Corporate Counsel for Southern Pipe & Supply Company.



Class of 2026 Matriculations

Gavin Boyd Aull	Mississippi State University
Reagan Lynn Barefield	Southeastern Louisiana University
Lucas Ryan Brady	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
Sellers Weidmann Breaux	University of Virginia
Tyler Christopher Brown	East Central Community College
Charlee Marie Castle	Jones College
Raya Star Cayer	University of Mississippi
Mary Jordan Clodfelter	Mississippi State University
Elizabeth Maryn Collins	University of Southern Mississippi
Aydan Harmon Cooper	Mississippi State University
Ann Revere Davis	University of Mississippi
Robert Grayson Davis	Mississippi State University
Tucker Reed Dunn	University of Mississippi
Dylan Matthew Engell	Mississippi State University
Macarena Frias	Washington University
Gina Bradley Garrett	Mississippi State University
Madeleine Grace Garrett	University of Mississippi
Brooks Terrell Germany	Mississippi State University
Rebecca Reid Griffin	University of Mississippi
Makenzie Mekel Jackson	East Central Community College
Sonamdeep Kaur	University of Mississippi
Nathan Cole Lee	Mississippi State University
Ryan Hamilton Stacy McDaniel	University of Mississippi
Audrey Kathryn Mikell	Mississippi College
Olivia Ann Miles	Meridian Community College
Luke Eli Morrow	Mississippi State University
James Benson Oates	Mississippi State University
Mary Catherine Pompelia	Mississippi State University
Henry Joseph Prewitt	University of Mississippi
Samuel Reynard Roberts	Meridian Community College
Lucy Phillips Simmons	Washington and Lee University
Molly Grace Simmons	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
James Grey Snowden	East Mississippi Community College
Christina Michelle Teleisha	Mississippi State University
Jalin Lavon Trotter	University of North Alabama
Libby Kate Tulip	University of West Florida
Lucille Ann Van Veckhoven	University of Mississippi
Ann Lockeridge Waller	Mississippi State University
Nicholas Scott Warden	East Central College
Elliot Daniel Watson	Mississippi State University
Layton Cathryn Wedgworth	University of Southern Mississippi
Jackson Howell Whitcomb	Pearl River Community College
Ruth Katherine Williams	University of Mississippi
MiKeal Raymond Willis	United States Naval Academy
Lillie Mae Yarbrough	University of Mississippi

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Full Circle: Sara Dungan Boyer (2009) returned to Lamar this year—not as a student, but as a Kindergarten teacher, inspiring the next generation of Raiders in the very place where she began. We welcome Sara, her husband, Patrick, and their three girls home!



Cameron Davis ('23) was crowned Miss University at the University of Mississippi and recently earned third alternate in the Miss Mississippi Competition. A current Ole Miss Rebelette, Cameron continues to represent Lamar with grace, talent, and Raider pride. We are so proud of you, Cameron!



Libby Newell (2023) met with senior girls to share advice on college life.

ALUMNI FEEDBACK



Many thanks to alumni who participated on our SAIS Accreditation Panel.

- Marilyn Hessler Shaffer (2015)
- Brett Shaffer (2015)
- Susan Arrington Coffin (1982)
- Margie Kate McDaniel Miller (2006)
- Sherry Purdy Acton (1990)
- Hayley Williams Shirley (1988)
- Ben Hill (2001)
- Trey Hannah (2005)
- Lowry Yarbrough (1998)
- Mark Davis (1999)

ANNUAL ALUMNI PANEL





Five alumni returned to campus this spring to share advice and practical tips with the seniors as they prepare for college. Madeline Bass (2025), Addy Warden (2025), Caroline Fruge' (2025), Billy Van Veckhoven (2023), and Cooper Ransier (2025) took part in our Annual Alumni Panel.



Campus Life

Our elementary halls are filled with the excitement of students watching chicks hatch, young engineers designing Ferris wheels in STEM, and imaginations sparked while reading in beautifully themed classrooms.

Every day is marked by joyful curiosity as our teachers nurture a lifelong love of learning. In Middle School, the introduction of our House System quickly created a stronger sense of community, belonging, and school spirit.

Middle School students proudly represented Lamar in the MAIS Quiz Bowl for the first time, while our expanding LEGO League and robotics programs inspired creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving through the generous support of parents who invested their time and talents.

In High School, students continue to be challenged through rigorous academics, AP courses, hands-on labs, meaningful field trips, and a strong emphasis on writing proficiency. These experiences build critical-thinking skills and prepare students to enter college with confidence.










EEMENTARY

Class Notes *Celebrating Life's Milestones*

2011
Scott Nabors and his wife welcomed twin baby boys on January 21, 2026.

2013
Olivia Mabry Case and her husband, Jay, welcomed Lucy Mabry Case on July 9, 2025.

2014
Anna Claire Williams married Sean Davis in October 2025.

2015
Lance Strickland married Caitlyn Sheppeard on June 28, 2025.

2016
Tyler Hinson married Lucy Heaton on April 25, 2026.
Melissa Hudson married Matt McKinley in October 2025.

2017
Kinley Eldridge married Dalton Murphy in November 2025.
Branson Acton and **Madison Ousley Acton** welcomed Dallas Rhett Acton on September 6, 2025.

2018
Adie Goodman married Katelyn Regan on May 30, 2026.
John Daniel Lee married Georgie Harrison on May 23, 2026.
William Brant Morgan married Sydney in November 2025.
Mary Claire Whitehead married Trammel Martin in October 2025.

2019
Peyton Mayatt married AnneTaylor Adams on May 31, 2025.
Sarah Pasha married Chas Decker in May 2026.
Katie Shaffer married Sawyer Callahan on April 18, 2026.

2020
Khadijah Bell earned a Master of Education in Teaching and Teacher Leadership from Harvard University.
Isabell Long married Jaxson Porter on February 13, 2026.
Will Swift married Ali Grace Applebee on December 13, 2025.

2021
Jalyssiah Ott married **Marshall Ward** on May 30, 2026.
Evan Garrett earned a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University.
Collier McRae earned an MBA from Mississippi State University.

2022
Ward Adams earned a double major in Biomedical Sciences and Chemistry (Medical Science) from Mississippi College.
Austin Carle earned a Bachelor of Accountancy from the University of Mississippi.
Will Coleman earned a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University.
Zagar Cooper graduated from Mississippi State University.
Austin Dungan graduated from the University of Notre Dame.
Anna Catherine Evans earned a Bachelor of Accountancy from the University of Mississippi.
Liam Gilbert earned a Bachelor of Biology from Auburn University at Montgomery.
Lauren Raye Goodman graduated from the University of Mississippi.
Maggie Triplett earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado Boulder.
Chloe Woodall earned a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University.







We love to celebrate your successes and accomplishments. Please share with us what you are doing now and let us know if you'd like to be featured in an upcoming Alumni Spotlight. Email us at lamarschool@lamarschool.com.

Thank You to Our Supporters

We are grateful for all who have generously given to Lamar School. Your gifts help us to ensure that we meet our goal of providing an exceptional academic program, a vibrant learning community, a safe environment, and premier campus facilities. Gifts of all sizes directly impact the lives of each student. *Thank you!*

You will find your name if you contributed to the Annual Fund between June 1, 2025 and May 31, 2026.

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Class of 1982
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Denise Huntley
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Mary Jones
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Scottie & Gloria Mayatt
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Sustaining Givers

We have the honor of recognizing donors' many years of dedication and consistent giving. Faithful donors who have made gifts over the past five consecutive years (or more) are listed below:

Chad & Sherry Acton
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YOUR ANNUAL FUND AT WORK

THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN LAMAR SCHOOL!

INTERNET UPGRADE

faster, more reliable internet for every classroom and every student.

HVAC UNITS

Improved heating and cooling for a more comfortable, healthy learning environment.

SECURITY CAMERAS

Enhanced safety and security to help protect our students and staff.

SMART BOARDS

Interactive technology that brings lessons to life and engages every learner.

PHONE SYSTEM

A new campus-wide VoIP phone system delivers better reliability, clearer calls, and more efficient communication.

the arts AT LAMAR SCHOOL

Advancing the Arts Fund is an initiative at Lamar School dedicated to enriching and promoting arts opportunities for students across the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Contributions to this fund will support a wide range of artistic endeavors, including:

Music education and experiences
Vocal performance and technique
Instrumental training
Musical productions and theater
Arts faculty development and curriculum enhancement







Advancing the Arts Supporters

Thank you to the families whose generosity helps foster creativity, expression, and excellence in the arts at Lamar School.

Logan and Bethany Davis

Steve and Carrie Owens

Lee and Helen Valentine

Daniel and Anna Wile



One of Lamar's greatest strengths is a faculty committed to learning together. When talented teachers share their expertise, challenge one another, and celebrate new ideas, excellence multiplies. Our students are the greatest beneficiaries of a faculty that never stops learning.







Lamar School's remarkable teachers challenge and encourage students every day, often in ways that go unseen. Our teachers, coaches, and staff invest countless hours because they believe in students and their potential. We are grateful to the families and supporters who make the Teacher Endowment Fund possible, providing meaningful opportunities to recognize and invest in the educators who inspire our students each day.

Teacher Endowment Supporters

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Nathan & Heather Myatt
Archie & Mary McDonnell
Ed & Phyllis Skipper
Josh & Christin Waters
ML & Kim Waters



Honorariums

Class of 1978
Jane McNaughton

Class of 2026
Don & Beverly Litchfield

Lamar School Faculty & Staff
Grant & Erin Honeycutt

Leigh Ann Ballou
Steve and Carrie Owens

Cal & Cannon Boone
Ron & Sylvia Morgan

Gaia Brauninger
Andrea Brauninger

Larry Cook
Ed & Phyllis Skipper

Marley Jo & Logan Cross
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Waverly Hailman

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Phyllis Skipper

Phyllis Skipper
Ed Skipper

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Cade Vowell
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Larry & Letha Brantley

Bob & Sally Wood
James Wood

Memorials

Jimmy Alexander
Rick & Amy Countiss
Richard Davis & Family
Ed & Phyllis Skipper
David & Margaret White

Bill Ballou
Lamar School Faculty
Harry & Joyce Mayer

Randy Brown (1982)
Class of 1982
Bob & Susan Coffin

Phyllis Cade
Lamar HS Faculty

John Cope
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Class of 1982
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Ree Pollman

Jane Townsend
George & Nancy Arrington
Bob & Susan Coffin

Millie Wilkinson
David & Margaret White

A Lasting LEGACY:

Mrs. Deanna Wilbourn



In April 2026, Lamar School lost a cherished friend with the passing of Mrs. Deanna Wilbourn. Throughout the years, the Wilbourn family has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the mission of Lamar School and to the success of its students.

In keeping with that enduring legacy, the family graciously requested that memorial gifts be directed to Lamar School in Mrs. Wilbourn's honor. These gifts will continue to impact the lives of students for years to come, reflecting the family's lasting investment in the future of our school.
We are deeply grateful to everyone who chose to honor Mrs. Wilbourn's memory through a memorial contribution. Thank you to the following:

Will & Leigh Ann Ballou
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Lee & Helen Valentine
Paul & Anna Wageman
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James C. Wilbourn Lamar School Endowment Trust

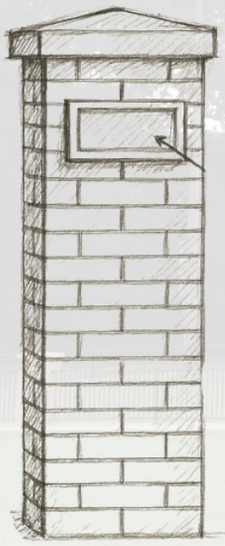


Elizabeth Wilbourn Williamson presented scholarships for the 2026-27 school year to Chase Putman, Khari Towner, Sullivan Reed, and Caitlyn Entrekin.

The James C. Wilbourn Lamar School Endowment Trust was established in 1985 by Mr. Wilbourn's widow, Garnett S. Wilbourn, along with their son and daughter-in-law Richard E. and Deanna A. Wilbourn long time supporters of Lamar School. Each year 90% of the income of The Trust is distributed in two ways: to fund a capital project and to fund what has come to be known as the Wilbourn Scholarship.

The 2026 gift funded a commercial washer and dryer for the Denney Field House to be used by all Raider Athletic Teams.

The Wilbourn Scholarship is not specifically tied to leadership or academic success. Rather, it is granted to deserving athletes who possess solid character traits, such as self-discipline, humility, a drive to succeed, a strong work ethic, honesty, toughness, and resilience, in addition to God-given talent. These are attributes that the creators of the Trust, as well as its namesake, held dear and that deems a student athlete as deserving of this honor. Since it was established, the James C. Wilbourn Trust has given over $220,000 to benefit Lamar School and its students.



Leave a LEGACY In the End Zone

Leaving a legacy that will stand for generations

One of the most meaningful additions to Grey Cobb Field this year is now proudly standing in the north end zone. Thanks to the generosity of Lamar families and friends, legacy brick columns have been constructed, creating a beautiful entrance that celebrates the people and stories that make Lamar School so special.

Each brick column, topped with a limestone capstone and featuring an engraved cast stone plaque, represents more than a family name. It represents a lasting commitment to Lamar School and a permanent reminder of the relationships, traditions, and values that have shaped generations of Raiders.

Whether dedicated in honor of a loved one, in memory of someone special, or simply as a family's legacy, these columns will welcome students, alumni, and visitors for years to come. They stand as a testament to the enduring spirit of the Lamar community.

As we look to the future, it is our hope to continue extending the decorative iron fencing and legacy columns down the home sideline, allowing even more members of the Lamar family to become a permanent part of Grey Cobb Field.

If you are interested in creating a permanent legacy at Lamar School, please contact Leigh Ann Ballou for more information.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the ten families who have already chosen to leave their mark through this project. Your generosity has enhanced Grey Cobb Field while preserving the legacy of those who have helped build the tradition of Lamar School.

Tony & Debbie McDaniel
McDaniel Family
Miller Family
Charles & Felise Woodall
Brian & Amy Temple

Will & Leigh Ann Ballou
Bernie & Tracy Mitchell
The Mims Family
Ed & Phyllis Skipper
The Thompson Family

Special Events

At Lamar School, we believe some of our greatest moments happen when our community comes together. Throughout the year, families, alumni, grandparents, and friends gather for events that celebrate our school while strengthening the relationships that make Lamar so special.

From the annual Golf Tournament, organized and led by dedicated alumni, to a sold-out Trivia Night and the excitement of the Raider Club Drawdown, these traditions have become much more than successful fundraisers. They are opportunities to reconnect, welcome new families, build friendships, and celebrate our shared commitment to Lamar School.

While these events provide important financial support for our students and programs, their greatest value is found in the sense of community they create. They remind us that Lamar School is more than a campus—it is a family united by a common purpose and a shared investment in the next generation.

To everyone who attended an event, volunteered, sponsored, donated, or gave of your time and talents, thank you. Your generosity and enthusiasm make these special gatherings possible, and your continued support helps ensure that Lamar School remains a place where meaningful relationships and lasting traditions continue to flourish.





Congratulations to the winning teams: Lauderdale, Smith and Trost "LEAST"





Trivia Night gets bigger and better every year! Every table sold out within the first 24 hours! This fun-filled night of fast-paced trivia is not possible without Jennifer McRae and her crew of volunteers and sponsors. All proceeds go to our arts and academics programs. We encourage you to join our Trivia Night Facebook page for highlights and information on Trivia Night 2027! A new Trivia Night record amount was raised: **$38,117.65!**

THE ANNUAL FRIENDS OF LAMAR GOLF TOURNAMENT

On April 18, Lamar School hosted a 4-man scramble at Northwood Country Club raising almost $4,000. Many thanks to **Reid Davis (2001)** for planning and organizing the day, to Kyle Carpenter of Northwood, and to this year's sponsors:

TOURNAMENT SPONSORS:

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Winning Team:
Derek Weir
David Mowdy
Dustin Simmons
Todd Ratcliff

PALS *Parents At Lamar School*

PALS aims to foster and maintain a strong partnership between parents and the school to enhance the educational environment for students and to support teachers. PALS provides opportunities for fundraising, coordinates volunteers, and builds community throughout the school. Activities this year included:

Raider Reader Party
Homecoming Breakfast
Fall Festival
Veterans Day. Program
Day of Love Breakfast
Elementary Art Gala
Uniform Resale



We are grateful to all who volunteered this year under the leadership of Bethany Flint (President), Jackie DeFatta(Vice-President), and Caroline Shuler (Secretary).

Veterans Day Program



Major General (Ret.) Billy M. Nabors shares a special moment with his grandchildren during Lamar's Veterans Day celebration.



Veteran Dan Komar celebrates Veterans Day with his family, representing the many Lamar families who have served and continue to serve our country.

Lamar School honored Veterans Day with a meaningful program of music, reflection, and gratitude. Thank you to Major General (Ret.) Billy M. Nabors, the veterans who joined us, and our Lamar families who have served and continue to serve our country. We are grateful for your sacrifice and dedication.







Lamar Booster Club

The quality of Lamar's athletic programs and the success of our student athletes depend on the continued support of our Booster Club. For the 2025–2026 school year, we were proud to support our Raiders in many ways including traveling to away games by charter bus. This experience allows our teams to travel safely and comfortably, but it comes at a cost.

Thanks to the generosity of our Booster Club, travel is covered. Without that support, families would face additional fees to fund team transportation. Last year, the Booster Club made a tremendous impact by funding not only travel but other athletic needs such as updated equipment, uniforms, and weight training equipment.

We are grateful to all who contributed to making 2025–2026 a banner year for the Raiders, and we look forward to an even stronger season ahead. Your support matters.

1. **Membership**- Memberships can be purchased online through our website. I urge everyone to to join and help make a difference in the lives of our student athletes.

2. **Corporate Sponsorship**- Sponsors enjoy season passes, parking passes, signage, program ads and reserved seating for one annual fee.

3. **Ads in the Sports Program**- Our program is second to none! Please take time to look through the program and support the businesses who advertise with us each year.

4. **Concessions**- Throughout the year, concession sales help us generate additional revenue. We have a great selection of food items and every purchase helps provide opportunities for our students. Most importantly, we thank the parents who volunteer to man the concession stands throughout the year. Please be willing to help us by agreeing to serve when you are asked.

5.**Tailgating Tents and Chair Back Seating**- The berm area at the end of the football field gives Raider fans a great place to watch games and tailgate with friends. Tailgating spots and chair back seats are available to purchase through the Lamar website.

6. **Booster Club Drawdown** - This annual event is our primary fundraiser. In 2025, we raised $45,764. We hope you'll join us this fall for a fun evening and opportunity to support athletics at Lamar!

Go Raiders!

John Morgan Mims, President



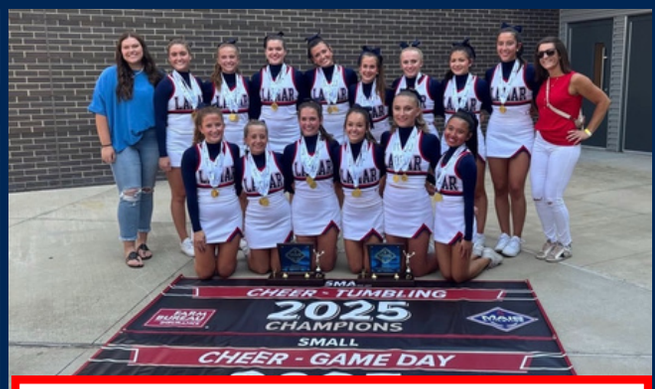


2025-26 ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

A CHAMPIONSHIP TRADITION



BOYS' GOLF



VARSITY CHEER x2



BOYS' TENNIS



BOYS' SOCCER



FOOTBALL



DANCE

7
VARSITY STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1
JV STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

22
MAIS ALL-STARS AND FUTURES GAME SELECTIONS

13
MAIS ALL-STATE SELECTIONS

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WTOK ALL SCHOLASTIC SPORTS TEAM MEMBER - RYAN MCDANIEL

12
COLLEGE SIGNEES

Senior Athletes of the Year

Congratulations to Charlee Castle and Luke Morrow!



Giving With GRATITUDE

For almost six decades, Lamar School has been blessed by the generosity of parents, grandparents, faculty, alumni, and the community at large. Their unwavering support has enriched the lives of generations of Lamar students and strengthened the mission of our school.

We invite every member of the Lamar family to join us in giving with gratitude as we continue to uphold the high standards that define a Lamar education. Together, we are investing not only in the future of Lamar School, but in the future of every Lamar student. There are many meaningful ways to make a difference. Whether through financial support, volunteering your time, sharing your talents, or offering your prayers and encouragement, every gift reflects a spirit of gratitude and helps shape the future of Lamar School for generations to come.

WAYS TO GIVE

ANNUAL FUND

The annual solicitation of financial support for the operating budget.

ADVANCING THE ARTS FUND

A fund enriching and promoting arts opportunities across campus

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Capital Campaigns are efforts established to fund new buildings or renovate existing buildings.

ENDOWMENT GIFT

A gift given to provide income through earnings from a protected fund.

GIFT-IN-KIND

A gift of equipment, supplies, professional services, contract services, etc. Please contact the school administration prior to giving.

PLANNED GIFT

Planned or deferred gifts allow donors to make a significant gift that will benefit Lamar School in the future, typically at the donor's or beneficiary's death. These gifts include bequests, contracts, or trusts.

MATCHING GIFT

Corporate matching gifts may be made to either the Annual Fund or Capital Campaign.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM GIFTS

These gifts offer an opportunity to honor a relative, friend, or business associate for a special occasion or during a bereavement period.

GIFTS OF STOCK

Gifts of stock are accepted by Lamar School. The most common form of stock transfer is for the donor to work directly with a broker.

CHILDREN'S PROMISE ACT TAX CREDIT

The Children's Promise Act provides a dollar-for-dollar TAX CREDIT to **BUSINESSES** that give to a qualified Education Services Charitable Organization (ESCO). Lamar School is an approved ESCO, Through this Act, you can make a contribution to Lamar School and receive a business tax credit. Go to the MS Department of Revenue web page and click on the "A Charitable Contribution Credit" link.

PLEASE CONTACT LEIGH ANN BALLOU, HEAD OF SCHOOL TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE, 601-482-1345.

A Year Worth Celebrating

First Middle School MAIS Quiz Bowl Team Established

Middle School House System Launched

LEGO League & Robotics Expanded

Daily Strength & Conditioning Elevated

Night with the Arts Premiered

Annie Brought to Life

Raider Harmony Found Its Voice

Fine Arts Programs Expanded

Multi-Generational Lamar Families Continued to Grow

Students Enrolled at Colleges Across the Country

Praise Band Expanded

Student Leadership Through Service Strengthened

Faculty Expectations for Excellence Elevated

ANNUAL FUND: $181,738

DRAWDOWN: $45,764

TRIVIA NIGHT: $38,343

FRIENDS OF LAMAR GOLF TOURNAMENT: $3,293

DREW DENNEY GOLF TOURNAMENT: $27,324




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