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Fields of Dreams
and Glory







FROM THE HEAD

A LETTER
FROM THE
HEADMASTER



CHRIST SCHOOL

Over the past 50 years, adults have meandered and perhaps have been guilty of excessive encroachment into the lives of children. It seems that children's events these days have to be scheduled, approved, officiated, sanctioned, rewarded, videoed, posted, and liked. Don't kids get to have a say in how they use their play time? On what the parameters of play are? On who gets to enjoy them and have fun? On what exactly free play is? Is this for the adults or for the children? One of my great joys has been watching Christ School boys at play. Indeed, some are interscholastic competitions, but so many more are spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment contests that can involve betting on which raindrop runs down the window first, who catches the biggest fish at the lake, who can spit the farthest, or who can be first to make a half-court shot. One such occurrence is the daily get-togethers in my backyard. It's pick-up basketball in its purest form: all boys and no adults to ruin it. My home is shielded by a large cluster of azalea bushes and viburnums which allow my backyard court to have a secluded feeling, one far from any potential adult eyes or ears. The boys feel absolutely alone. Perfect.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul M. Krieger, Headmaster

Krieger Court Rules

By Donna Kinney

On any given afternoon or evening, there is a seemingly endless game of pick-up basketball taking place on an unassuming 20-feet by 25-feet cement court tucked behind Headmaster Paul Krieger's house. In fact, it has become such an institution that it has its own rules printed on a sign that marks the entryway to this hidden gem. But Krieger Court is much more than the sum of all its rules and participants – it is a place like no other on campus. As Krieger says, "It's a 'no-adults allowed' universe. Rules are made up by the boys and are occasionally modified to suit the conditions or the clientele. There is rarely any fighting, only laughter and shouts. The boys know what a fair fight is, and when they divvy up teams, it's not to create an advantage but to create a balance of talent."

Krieger built the court for his own sons in 2004 when Jeff '12 was 10 and Colin '09 was 13.



He made the hoop 8 feet tall (allowing virtually anyone to dunk); gradually Christ School friends joined the boys. By 2010 it began to become a school-wide activity. By 2014 it had established itself as a staple in Christ School culture, and hoops was played year-round.

And it's not just for basketball players. "The most interesting thing is, these games involve the entire cross section of our community: the baseball guys, the drama guys, the 4.0+ GPA guys, the 8th graders—it doesn't matter, and they all play for different reasons," says Krieger.

Senior Connor Graeber has been playing on Krieger Court since he arrived sophomore year. He has always loved the game, but wasn't interested in warming the bench in the Greenie Dome. Krieger Court became a place where he could continue his love of basketball. "Even though I wasn't the most athletic, it still allowed

me to play and be part of something special.”

As he rose through the ranks, Krieger Court became a place where Connor could get to know younger classmates. “There’s a good mix, a good diversity there, and I think that’s what makes it fun, because you get different levels and ages coexisting together.” And it achieves a delicate balance that is so essential for adolescent boys, between fun and competition. “It’s competitive but friendly and I think that’s what Christ School is; we are all here for one another, we want everyone to do the best they possibly can, yet be friendly at the same time.”

Henry Simril ’19 states that it’s the “thrill” and “high intensity” of Krieger Court that draws him. That, and being able to dunk. “The majority of students at CS cannot, of course, dunk on a regulation 10-foot goal, but they can do it quite handily on an 8-foot goal.”

Davis Crook ’18 echoes this sentiment. “Many of the people who are great at Krieger Court aren’t very good at regular basketball; this makes it more fun for me, because I’m not playing against people who are a foot taller than me.”

TJ Searle ’18 describes it as a welcome change of pace from the pressures of school and academics. “I can stay there playing for a few consecutive hours and I won’t even realize I am tired until I walk off the court. It is rare for Krieger Court not to be a part of my daily schedule.”

Varsity basketball player Justin Rhode ’17 loves seeing the talent of the “non-basketball players.” He describes Connor Graeber as “actually phenomenal,” and of the court dynamics he says “it gets very heated, very competitive. If you are on a winning team, you own it.”

“Last weekend,” Connor recounts, “an admission applicant came to Krieger Court and played, and it was like he was one of us; we were passing the ball to him, and he was making shots. I made him laugh, and I thought, I wish I could just pause this moment. What an experience, to have people cheering you on, at a school that you are just visiting.”

“In a society that governs adolescent lives like drill sergeants,” says Krieger, “Krieger Court is a refreshing change.” Maybe it should be re-named “The North Greenie Dome” for how it seems to funnel all the energy and raw talent of our basketball program, just on a smaller stage, with

a shorter goal, and a dome adorned with green oak leaves instead of championship banners. When you stand on Krieger Court, you feel like you could be in any bucolic American suburb,



and maybe that’s part of its draw, the timeless, enduring pastime of pick-up basketball, both ordinary and increasingly unique—and as our boys know—something to be treasured.

ARTISTIC ASHEVILLE



How do you convince teenage boys to spend a cold, February morning visiting a myriad of local art galleries? Such is just one of many questions I have been faced with as an art instructor at an all-boys school. Surprisingly, the answer is quite simple. First, and this part is crucial, you promise them stops for great food, such as White Duck Taco, along the way. Secondly, you choose to take them to one of the most intriguing parts of town in terms of transformation and variety, Asheville's very own River Arts District (RAD).



Above Left: Zach Grella '19, Alex Gorupic '20, Jim Huang '20, George Janvier '19, Preston Coleman '17, Talon Hensley '18, John Wallis '16, Jack Kimberly '16, Max Brie '18, Davis Oliver '17, Young Perry '16, and Alejandro Arguindegui '18 join Ms. Baldwin on the River Arts District tour.

Left: A glassblower demonstrates how to melt and mold a glass ornament.

Located roughly a mile outside of downtown Asheville and snaking along the French Broad River are over 22 former industrial buildings that appear to be unassuming at first glance. Yet a peek inside reveals studios and galleries belonging to over 200 artists, a variety of exceptional restaurants, and even a few local breweries. Needless to say, this part of town has something for everyone. After parking the Christ School bus beside stacked freight cars adorned with a mural, my students and I began our exploration of the River Arts District. Within our first studio visit, we met a fiber artist who eagerly explained the district's culture and passed out maps to guide us through the area. There are no official hours for the River Arts District, so if you are lucky

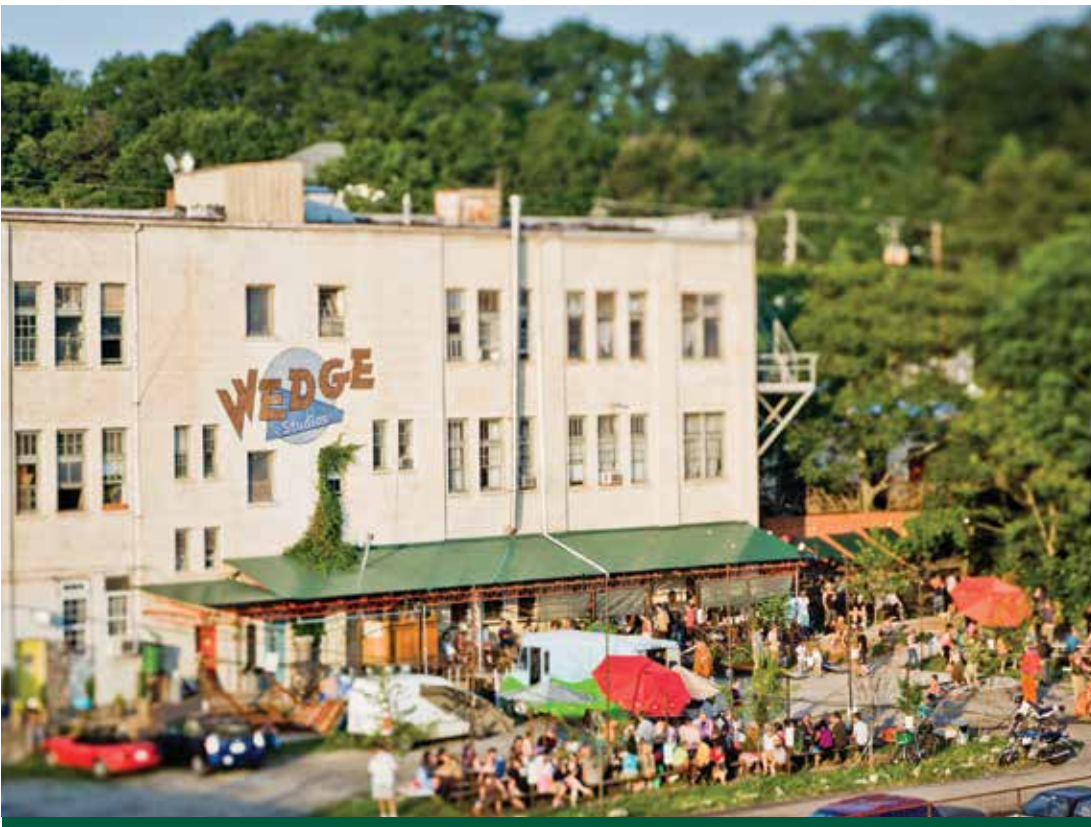
you may just walk in on an artist adding the final touches to a portrait, or you may even stumble upon a glass blowing demonstration. It is the unexpected that adds to the unique experience of this side of town. What unifies RAD is that each artist happily invites the viewer into his or her creative process. Before you know it, you aren't just visiting the River Arts District to look at art, you are visiting to attend a class and create art yourself.

At the end of the day, with bellies full of the promised tacos, it seemed only fitting that we pose as a group for one last picture in front of a mural that reads "Art is All Around Us." In a quirky place such as the River Arts District, a statement like this could not be more true. ■

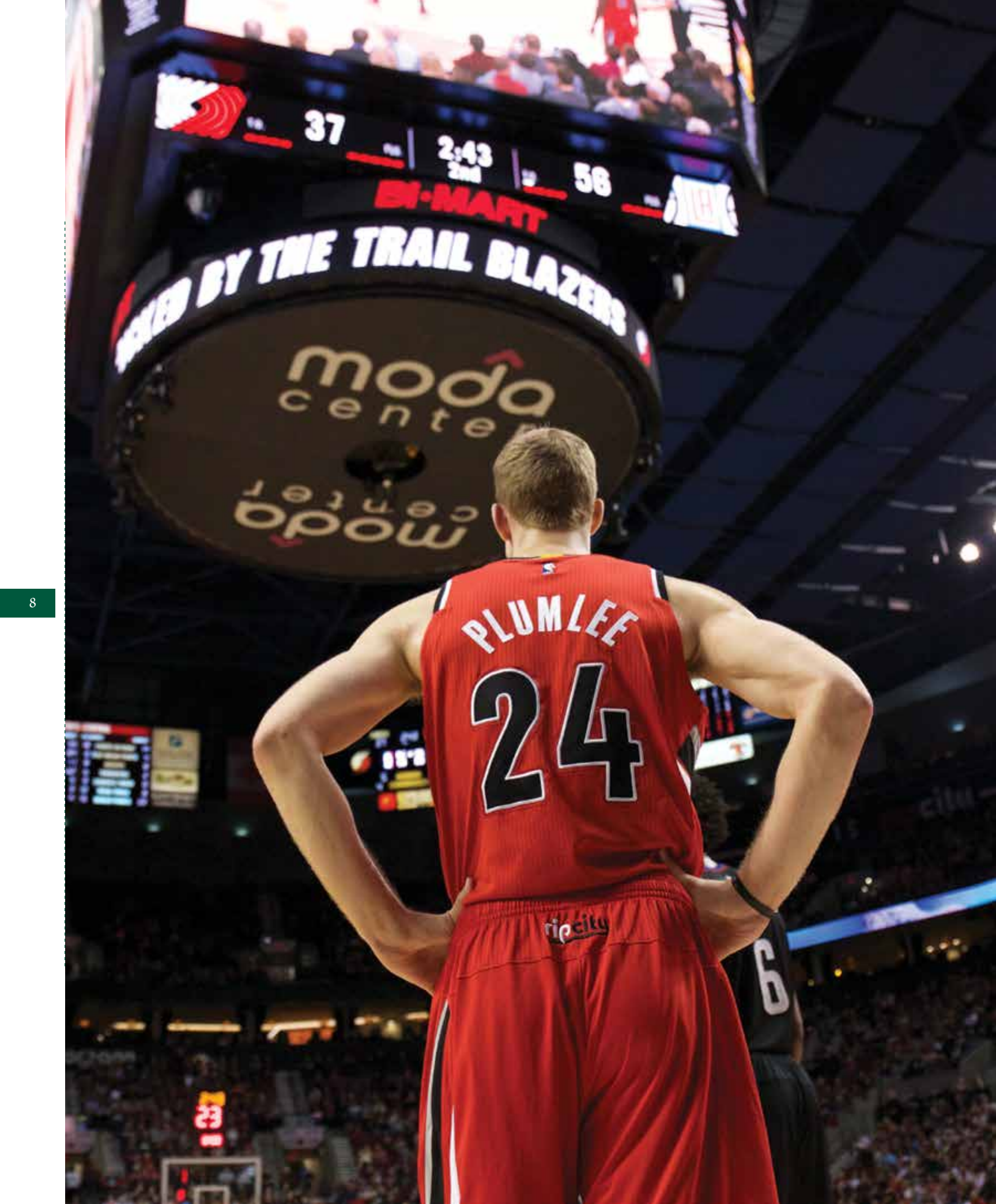
HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND ASHEVILLE

DISCOVER ASHEVILLE

By Sarah Baldwin



Left: People flock to the River Arts District to tour studios, sample new cuisine, and enjoy Asheville's unique vibe.



HANG WITH THE PLUMLEE BROTHERS TIME

The Plumlee brothers made history, first by leading Christ School to five consecutive state basketball championships, and then by continuing on as the first trio of brothers to play for the Duke Blue Devils. Mason '09 and Miles '08 have entered the world of professional basketball – Miles for the Milwaukee Bucks and Mason for the Portland Trail Blazers – while Marshall '11 finished his career at Duke after a 28-day Cadet Leadership Course with the Army.



By Donna Kinney

Catching up with them is not easy.

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I caught the Blue Devils playing at home against Florida State in February, and was treated to a behind-the-scenes tour by Marshall (the locker room with plastic wrap over a TV screen to protect it from Coach K's energetic game-tape reviews and the weight room with equipment custom-made for giants).

I saw Mason play the Celtics in March and sat down with him at his hotel before he boarded the bus for Boston's TD Garden. I'd heard that when NBA players aren't playing, they're most likely sleeping, so I wasn't surprised when a groggy, though smiling, Mason greeted me.

"I think people forget how long the NBA season is.... I mean, we started in August, we had a month of pre-season, training camp, and then a season, and it's a full 82 games," says Mason.

Brought Together at Chris School

For a recent promotional video about the team, the Trail Blazers asked each player to name the turning point in his career. Mason named Christ School. "Duke is in the national spotlight and people know that I went to Duke, but I wanted people to know that I went



Above: The Plumlee brothers celebrate the first of their three visits to Yard A for the 2008 Commencement Ceremony.

to Christ School,” he says. Mason arrived at Christ School with Miles in the fall of 2006 when he was a sophomore and Miles was a junior. Marshall would come one year later.

Mason admits that when they first arrived, he and Miles were not the best of friends, a sentiment echoed by Miles. “When we first left home, it was the start of us becoming closer, not just as family, but really as true friends,” Mason says. They had left behind their separate cliques in Indiana, and at the start had only each other to rely on. Miles says coming to Christ School “was a huge building block for our relationship.”

“We lived in the same dorm, had the same group of friends, and we ended up spending a lot of time with each other, which, in our hometown, wasn’t always the case,” says Mason.

“We were still butting heads,” Miles says, “but coming to Christ School and getting to win together on that team was special; we learned that we weren’t each other’s biggest competition, but were each other’s biggest supporters.”

Marshall also views coming to Christ School as a turning point. “Being away from home forced us to depend on one another, and Miles and Mason quickly became my best friends.... CS really cemented that relationship for me.”

From Boys to Men

“Yeah, Christ School teaches you how to become a man, but then you learn how to deal with men,” Mason says, and that’s been a lesson that’s served him well since. He compares the CS community to a family that sticks together through it all.

“At Christ School, there were so few people, and it was such an intimate place, that when you had disagreements, whether it be in sports, morning job, or in a group project, you couldn’t run away; you stayed and worked it out.

“I feel that really prepares for a workplace, and especially for working with teammates in the NBA.”

Mason also believes having people to answer to – coaches, dorm parents, and advisors – is good preparation for the real world.

Miles says that Christ School taught him



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—Mason Plumlee '09

time-management skills and gave him a work ethic. “Even after college, I feel like I have a leg up on the guys I play against, just handling my life as a professional on and off the court, because a lot of them skirted high school or college and didn’t have the experience CS provided me.”

Dorm life and being a prefect in what is now Young House made a big impact on Miles. “Learning how to live with other guys and being part of the same team with new people – that was really big for me.”

Christ School is where Marshall says he got his passion for the game of basketball, his discipline, and his drive. “I feel like I really got my work ethic from Christ School,” he says. “I was put in an environment where I didn’t have any excuse not to get better. I had every resource at my disposal and faculty and staff surrounding me who only wanted to see me be the best Marshall Plumlee I could be.”

NBA—Living the Dream

All three brothers have been dreaming of playing for the NBA since they were young. They remember watching their father, Perky, play with a travel team called Marathon Oil, a collection of former college players who traveled the country playing exhibition games against college teams. (Both parents played in college, Perky for Tennessee Tech and Leslie for Purdue. Their sister, Madeline, plays volleyball at Notre Dame.)

“My first year, we played the playoffs in Toronto,” says Mason, “and you can’t dream about that kind of atmosphere. I think there were about ten thousand people outside the arena that couldn’t get in. I’ve been able to play



with great players like Joe Johnson and Kevin Garnett. When you dream of playing in the NBA, you don't dream of the personalities and the people you get to interact with."

Mason loves to explore the cities the team travels to, and sample the local food. Somewhat spoiled with the Portland food scene, he also loves Chicago and New York.

And the long hours of travel have made him an avid reader.

"I'll watch our game film on the plane, and then if there's any time after that I'll pick up a book." His latest reads: *The True Measure of a Man* (which was given to him by former CS coach David Gaines) and *The Richest Man Who Ever Lived*, about King Solomon.

"I try to read inspirational stuff," Mason says. "There's a new book called *Living with a Seal* by Jesse Itzler. He's a friend of Miles's, and I'm excited to read it."

Advice to Greenies

All three brothers encourage Greenies to optimize their Christ School experience by developing relationships with classmates and getting out to try new things.

"If I had it to do over again," Mason says of this CS experience, "I would have come freshman year and I would have gone on more weekend trips—and I'm not talking about going to the mall."

"I think it's the best environment to build strong relationships," he says, "so don't be a shut-in, don't stay in your room watching movies when you have a whole group of interesting people outside your door. I had classmates from Germany, South Korea, Charlotte, from all over the world. So get to know people's stories; build relationships with students and faculty."

Although he's formed many friendships since his CS days, Mason claims that some of his strongest bonds are those forged at Christ School.

Says Miles, "Branch out; it's the best environment and community to really learn about yourself and to grow as a person, so try new things and fail."

Marshall encourages students to "push yourself to get outside of your comfort



zone. Some of my best memories at CS are completely non-basketball related. They are from relationships I built with both students and faculty and doing things I wouldn't normally do – whether going on a shrimping trip to Charleston or kayaking down the Nantahala River. Find new interests.”

Transition Time for Marshall

Marshall played some of his best basketball this past season, his final one at Duke. And though the Blue Devils fell short in the Sweet Sixteen, the entire country witnessed the leadership and grit he maintained on and off the court.

“I couldn't have been more proud of Marshall's year,” Miles says. “I learned a lot from just watching him go through this year. He is such a phenomenal leader for that team, and he has put himself in the position to succeed at the next level.”

“Marshall has been unbelievable this year,” says Mason, “not just with how he has played—he had his best season if you look at numbers and minutes and all of that—but I'm so proud of how he was a leader and how he kept that group together, because it was a young team

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—Miles Plumlee '08

and they had a lot of injuries. They had a very short rotation by the end of the season, and for them to get to the Sweet Sixteen – that's a really special year.”

“This last year at Duke was really special to me, and something I'm very proud of,” says Marshall. “There were ups and downs, but I'm particularly proud of how we handled the downs, how we fought through adversity. I feel like we were a true Duke team that embodied all the standards of past great Duke teams. Being a large part of that was a tremendous honor, and something I will remember for the rest of my life.”

Marshall, who was preparing for the NBA draft in Chicago when we talked in late May, reported that it was going well and that he was excited about pursuing a professional basketball career and serving in the Army Reserves.

“As with every transition in my life, I feel like I have a leg up on the rest of my competition because I've been used to living away from home and taking care of myself since Christ School,” Marshall says. “Mr. Stender, my Cunningham House parent, would be proud; I'm teaching my roommate how to do laundry and dishes and how to clean up after himself.

“Christ School keeps giving me an edge on everybody.”

IN & AROUND YARD A

NEWS
FROM
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Legendary White House Correspondent Ann Compton Speaks at Christ School

Ann Compton, ABC News White House Correspondent for more than 40 years, spoke at Christ School on April 14 in Mebane Field House. Compton addressed the Christ School student body and 500 guests, sharing wisdom and anecdotes from her unique perspective covering the White House under seven presidential administrations. Compton urged students to “be willing to say yes to things that might take you down an avenue you haven’t considered before,”

adding “once you say yes, your word is your bond and you must see it through.”

Ann Compton joined ABC News in 1973. Only weeks after the Watergate scandal came to an end in 1974, Compton became the first woman assigned to cover the White House on a full-time basis by a network television news organization, and she was one of the youngest to receive the assignment. In addressing her retirement from ABC News after 41 years,



Speaker Series

Above: Ann Compton speaks before a crowded Mebane Field House.



President Obama paid tribute to Compton saying, “Ann Compton, everybody here knows, is not only the consummate professional but is also just a pleasure to get to know.”

On September 11, 2001, Compton was the only broadcast reporter allowed to remain aboard Air Force One during the dramatic hours when President Bush was unable to return to Washington.

Reporting for all ABC News broadcasts, Compton has traveled around the globe and through all 50 states with presidents, vice presidents, and first ladies. Twice during campaigns, she was invited to serve as a panelist for presidential debates (1988 and 1992), and she was assigned as a floor reporter at the 1976 Republican and Democratic National Conventions.

Compton was part of the team that was awarded the prestigious Silver Baton Alfred I. duPont Columbia University Award for the network’s coverage of September 11, 2001. Her coverage of 9/11 events was also recognized in ABC News’s Emmy and Peabody Awards. She was inducted to the Museum of Broadcasting’s Radio Hall of Fame in 2005, and in 2000 into the Journalism Hall of Fame by the Society of Professional Journalists. She was chairman of the governing board of the Radio Television Correspondents Association in 1987-88, and served on the advisory board of the Freedom Forum Media Studies Center in New York. While these professional awards are more than impressive, she says her most valued award is a golden statuette from the National Mothers’ Day Committee naming her a Mother of the Year in 1988. ■



The Godwin-Hauser Writer Series Will Welcome Former United States Poet Laureate Billy Collins

November 7-10, 2016

Collins’s visit continues the tradition of bringing significant contemporary writers to campus to visit classes and share their work. Students and faculty are reading *Sailing Alone Around the Room*, one of Collins’s 15 collections of poetry, in preparation for his visit.



Above: Jakub Podmokly '17, James Turley '17, Jackson Zemp '18, and Philip Hodges '18 absorb Compton's wisdom.

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To contribute to Kristian's efforts to help displaced people in Nepal, contact him directly at krlgaylord@gmail.com or send a check to LifeSpeaks, 109 S. Main St., Hendersonville, NC, 28739.



Kristian Gaylord '15 On the Trail from Kathmandu to Laprak

By Donna Kinney

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In Barpak, the wet road that we had been driving on, which had already almost caused us to abandon ship and turn around due to its muddy condition, turned into a sheet of ice and snow. Some local men in Barpak heard us coming up the mountain and stood on the side of the hill screaming in Nepali that the road was impassable farther north. The truck driver stopped and considered their warnings. I told him I didn't pay him to drive to Barpak and give up, so we kept going.

It's one thing to decide to help 3,000 villagers left freezing and homeless on the top of a mountain, but another thing to make it happen.

What began for Kristian Gaylord '15 as an ambitious international trek along the Camino de Santiago from southern France to Finisterre on the coast of western Spain turned into a relief mission after a side trip to Mt. Everest's base camp and a pit stop in Kathmandu. While flipping through the newspaper at a local coffee shop, Gaylord came across pictures of high-altitude refugee camps that were assembled in the aftermath of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Nepal in April of last year.

The article listed five elderly people who had recently died from exposure in the remote camps. "I walked out of that coffee shop pretty shaken up. I knew that I couldn't just sit around on vacation while there were people

experiencing such extreme hardship," Gaylord says.

And so he canceled a flight to Thailand and began a personal mission to aid Nepali refugees. His plan was to raise funds to provide needed medicine, blankets, and other supplies to help stave off illness and exposure to the brutal winter weather.

He based himself about 90 miles from Kathmandu in the Gorkha region of Nepal, Gorkha Bazaar, and began to make trips to the relocated refugee camp of Laprak, 9,500 feet above sea level.

"The first time I went up there was a complete shot in the dark. I woke up early one morning in Gorkha Bazaar, packed my backpack, and just started asking people in broken Nepali how to get to Laprak. I arrived two days later on foot."

Gaylord found that the 3,400 people of

Trucks and helicopters can only carry relief supplies so far in this remote region of Nepal; Kristian Gaylord's '15 team must traverse the final stages on foot.

Laprak, and many more thousands across the valley and to the east, were living in tents and tin shacks with no fuel, no electricity, and an insufficient supply of winter blankets.

When asked what he could do to help, the people of Laprak said they needed Mustard seed oil, medicine, and cold-weather clothing. Mustard seed oil is applied to the skin of babies and children in the harsh climate of the Himalayas to help combat exposure-induced illnesses like pneumonia.

I'm not sure what the science is behind that, but they seem convinced that it works. Not just any mustard oil either. In order for it to have its medicinal properties, it has to be fresh off the press and extremely pure. That's why I'm down here in Chitwan where they grow the mustard and process it.

Gaylord set a funding goal of \$46,000 to cover the cost of medicine and blankets for about 3,000 households in the area around Laprak, where overnight temperatures drop to around 5 degrees Fahrenheit. He knew it was an overly optimistic goal, but was pleased with the \$7,500 (and counting) that he ended up raising.

He was able to deliver approximately 75 boxes of aid. In addition to medicine and mustard oil, Gaylord also brought a library of more than 300 books and treats for the kids.

I distributed 700 little pies to the children in Laprak as part of my relief package. When I was done, the grown men of the village requested that I bring them pies next time, too. They were serious.

In order to help the people in and around Laprak, Gaylord had to overcome his own fair share of health concerns. At one point, he emailed from his room in Kathmandu after spending three days in bed with no food.

I've been feeling sick recently, which I attribute to another bacterial intestine infection (the 5th or 6th one I've had so far).

Although Gaylord returned home to Hendersonville, NC, in March, his aid work continues in Laprak and beyond. His funds furnished Laprak's health post with its first hospital bed, table, and set of chairs. He and his

local friend Dr. Tara Gurung are now discussing plans for the first public library in Nepal and for a scholarship fund to send young women from remote villages to schools in Kathmandu.

"There are also many other donation opportunities for those who are interested in continuing to support remote villages like Laprak way up in the mountains," Gaylord says.

"The classes I took at CS sparked an insatiable desire to be a part of our larger world and to expand my horizons by putting myself into situations that challenge even my most dearly held beliefs," Gaylord says. "Second to my parents, the folks at Christ School have been the most supportive people in my life. Even while engaging rural refugee camps scattered throughout the slopes of the Nepali Himalayas, my Christ School family has had my back every step of the way."

Gaylord will travel to Menton, France, in August to begin a dual-degree program with Sciences Po, a university based in Paris, and Columbia University. He plans to work toward a degree in Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies through Sciences Po.

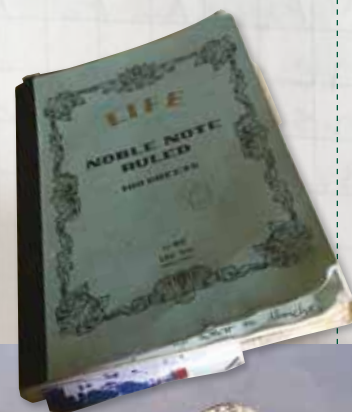
Though Nepal is now far away, Kristian holds dear the sights, sounds, and tastes of a place that forever changed his path. ■

Water buffalo are huge beasts.

Goats sound a lot like humans.

I'm sick of sugary tea.

My first meal back in Kathmandu was chicken Alfredo. That was good.





Beginning with the Children

"If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children."

—Mahatma Gandhi

By Anola Alabdo



This quote by Gandhi has always been a favorite of mine. It resonates with me especially in this time of war and revolution in my home country of Syria. Being so far away in such troubled times has been difficult, and over time I started longing to return to the area to do something, no matter how small, for the most innocent of people, the children.

I had the blessing of being able to travel to Hatay, Turkey (close to the Syrian border), to volunteer with Syrian refugee orphans over CS's long holiday break. Before I started my journey, I imagined how I would be able to impact these beautiful, heartbroken children who had lost their families. In the end, it was I who felt the greatest impact on my heart. These children, who have suffered so much, craved interaction and compassion. And with each moment I was given with them, I found my heart healing. As I watched five-year-old Batoul, with her big inquisitive eyes that darted from side to side as

she sang songs in both Arabic and English, I found something that had been missing inside of me for a while: hope for the future.

From the upstairs window at Bayti ("home" in Arabic) Orphanage, the children can see the nearby Atmeh Refugee Camp on the Syrian side of the border, a place where some of these children lived before they were brought to the orphanage. In the town of Reyhanli where the orphanage is located, the Syrian refugee population has grown to tens of thousands in the past few years. It is hard to imagine the numbers of children that live without the roof of the orphanage or with caring adults to comfort and heal them. Currently there are approximately eight orphanages in Reyhanli, which is not nearly enough, according to Mayada Abdi, one of Bayti's directors and a Syrian refugee herself. "There are so many children that need our help, but we can't take any more."

Returning to the U.S., I was overwhelmed with emotion. I think of every moment, smile, and hug I shared during my month with the children. I pray for them. I pray for peace. I pray that these children will continue to get the support they need and that more children can receive the gift of places like Bayti. I am thankful for my homeland of Syrian, for my new country of the United States. And I have hope that one day we all can live in a world of peace and goodness. ■

Christ School Chef, Anola Alabdo, cherished every moment with the Syrian refugee orphans she met during her trip to Turkey.

President's Volunteer Service Awards

Christ School is proud to recognize four outstanding young men who earned President's Volunteer Service Awards during the last year. Given annually, these awards honor citizens who demonstrate commitment to their communities through hours of service.

The first student to earn a bronze level medal for more than 100 hours of service is Davis Oliver '17. Davis serves as a leader for the Habitat Student Build and has participated in a variety of service activities during the last year. In addition to volunteering with MANNA Food Bank and several on-campus events, Davis was a generous, enthusiastic member of the Christ School service trip to Peru during Spring Break.

Thomas Garbee '16 also earned a bronze medal. Thomas accumulated more than 100 hours of service as a volunteer for programs serving individuals with special needs. Thomas has been an important leader in the Progressive Education Program (PEP), where he mentors students at T. C. Roberson High School, and First Shine, First Baptist Church of Asheville's outreach program for young people with special needs.

To receive a gold medal in this awards program, individuals must complete more than 250 hours

of service, and two Christ School students have surpassed that impressive total this year. Kels Peterson '17 has earned service hours for a variety of causes and organizations. In addition to his innovative work for the Christ School Environmental Club (see p. 46, "Young Men of Distinction"), he has also assisted at on-campus events, and worked at Camp Highlander in the Asheville area.

Bennett David '18 also earned a gold level award for more than 250 hours of service. Much of Bennett's work has benefitted RiverLink and MountainTrue; he and fellow volunteers helped with river cleanup, erosion prevention, and invasive plant species removal. Bennett's individual efforts have included constructing pollinator weigh stations and nest boxes for birds. An active member of Boy Scouts of America, Bennett received the William T. Hornaday Silver Medal for his volunteer efforts. This conservation award is the rarest honor in Scouting, with only 134 distributed since American zoologist and conservationist Dr. William T. Hornaday established the prize in 1914.

Congratulations and thanks to these Greenies for their hard work and servant leadership! ■

By Isaac Rankin

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Three of the four President's Award winners: Davis Oliver '17, Bennett David '18, and Kels Peterson '17.

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By Mary Dillon



This spring Christ School Theater presented *Lord of the Flies* by Nobel Prize winner William Golding, adapted for the stage by Nigel Williams. This play, not often produced in the United States, was directed by Mary Dillon with artistic direction by Sarah Baldwin.

William Golding's classic novel, a potent allegory about the loss of innocence and the decline of civilization, is brought to dramatic life in Nigel Williams's adaptation. A plane evacuating people from mass terrorist attacks on U.S. cities crashes on a deserted island. The only survivors are a group of schoolboys. By day, the island is a tropical paradise of sun and sea; but each night, the boys' dreams are inhabited by a terrifying beast. Myth and nature combine in a dynamic exploration of power, democracy, and the struggle between good and evil that exists within us all. *Lord of the Flies* brings up many issues central to the lives of today's adolescents—peer pressure, bullying, gang rivalry—in its depiction of reason and order versus chaos.

The strong ensemble cast featured Daniel Beale '17 as Piggy, James Turley '17 as Ralph, Trevor Murrah '16 as Jack, Preston Coleman '17

as Simon, Townshend Budd '18 as Roger, Belk McDill '16 as Bill, George Janvier '19 as Maurice, and Jake Johnson '17 as Henry. Joining the cast from off campus were three future Greenies, Eli Dowler '21 and Wilton Graves '21 and Clarke MacDonald '21.

The theater artists and technicians who brought this island world to life were led by Sarah Baldwin and included Chris Schiebout '16, Daniel Zhang '17, Braxton Poole '17, Max Dressler '20, Alejandro Arguindegui '18, and Thomas Bolick '20. The Christ School Journeymen helped constructed the set. ■



Top left: The savages taunt "littl'un" Clarke MacDonald '21.

Top right: Savage Belk McDill '16.

Bottom: Savage George Janvier '19 threatens Ralph, James Turley '17.

Christ School Students Excel in ROBOTICS COMPETITION



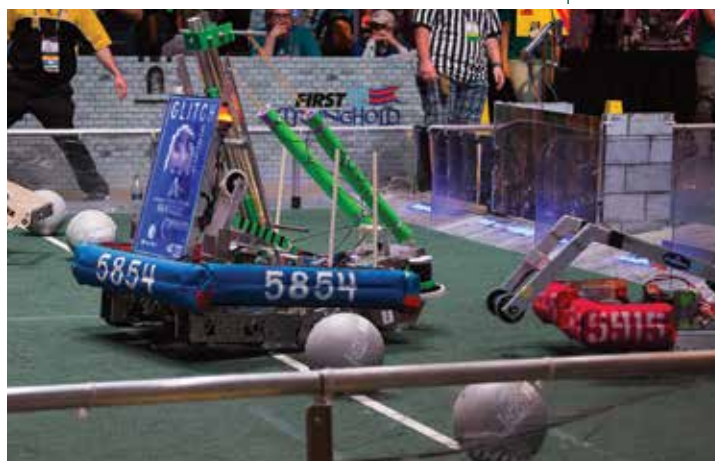
During the 2015-16 school year, Bennett David '18, Jonathan Gooch '18, and Drew Hamilton '18 were members of a team that competed in the FIRST Robotic Competition (FRC), an international robotics competition for high school students. The group began by taking the Introduction to Mechatronics course at UNCA in the fall semester. Then, in January, FRC released details about its upcoming worldwide competition: teams from 24 different countries would have six weeks to design, build and program a robot to accomplish specific tasks.

The Greenies' team consisted of 20-25 high school students from throughout the region, as well as a handful of adult mentors. During the winter and early spring, it took the team approximately 2000 man-hours (sometimes requiring as much as 32 hours per week from David, Jonathan, and Drew) to build and test their robot. FRC has different levels based on the scale of the robot created; the Asheville team builds robots that are over five feet tall and weigh up to 120 pounds. In addition to the technical design, programming, and mechanical and electrical engineering required to create their robot, the students also had to manage the other vital elements of supporting a large team, such as fundraising, business management, and outreach.

The group brought their robot to two district competitions, one in Asheville and the other in Greensboro, where they were awarded the coveted Rookie All-Star Award. Those strong performances at district competitions qualified them for the North Carolina State Championship in Charlotte.

Once again, the team received the Rookie All-Star Award, but this state-level honor qualified them for the World Competition in St. Louis in late April. Surrounded by some of the best-equipped and most experienced teams from around the world, the kids from Western North Carolina more than held their own on the international stage; they were one of only seven first-year teams – of the 263 total teams – to qualify for semi-final matches. This was the best performance ever of a rookie team from North Carolina.

All three students were inspired by this experience, and they look forward to sharing what they've learned with their CS classmates and teachers. In addition, Drew and Bennett plan to start a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) outreach program with Boys and Girls Clubs of Buncombe County this summer. ■



The robot, Sir GLITCH-A-Lot, at the World Championships in St. Louis.

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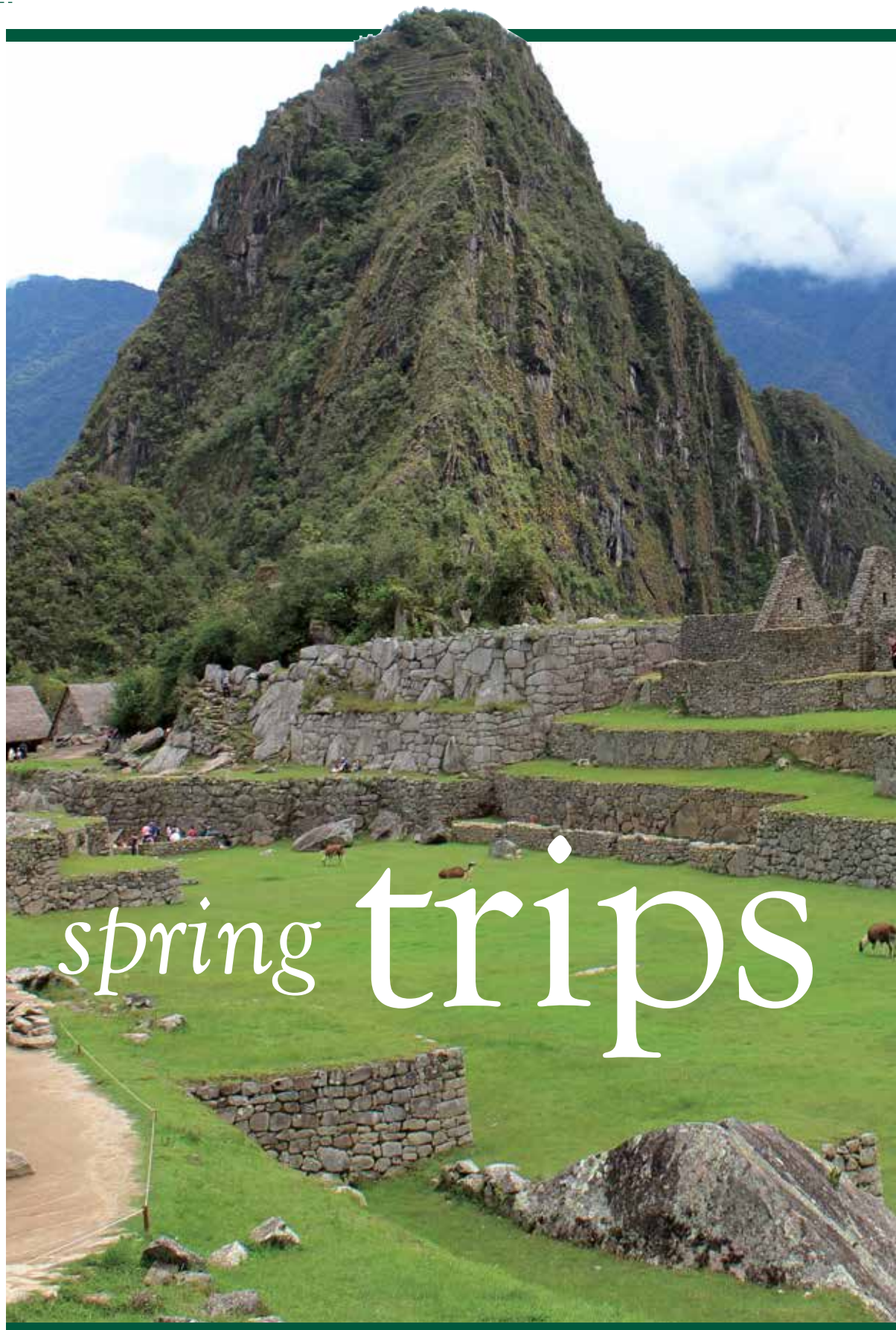
This year's Spring Formal was a night filled with fun, food, & dancing. Students gathered outside of Pingree Theater to take pictures and meet up with their dates. After a limousine ride to dinner at the Asheville Country Club, the party-goers returned to Christ School for a dance under the tent with a band and DJ. Dressed like movie stars and surrounded by friends, no one in the crowd will forget this night.





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Peru

Our group of seventeen boys, Bing Li '16, Eric Leng '16, Tony Sun '16, Karl Yuan '16, John Hunter '17, Morgan MacDonald '17, Davis Oliver '17, Seth Scott '17, Luke Brazinski '18, Lawrence Freeman '18, Will Rasco '18, TJ Searle '18, Chester Zhao '18, William Dodenhoff '19, Juan Mantilla '19, Michael Mahoney '20, and I, left the Miami International Airport with high hopes. We didn't know exactly what to expect from where we were traveling, and from what I could tell, neither did any of the leaders of the trip.

We spent a full day in Lima before heading out early the next morning to fly to the mountain city of Cusco. 11,140 feet felt like a whole new world after leaving sea level in Lima. Our group spent the rest of the day orienting ourselves in the city and learning about the service we were going to do with the local organization. We heard that the next few days encompassed local cultural experiences and then service in the afternoons. The day after, we headed out to travel to a town in the large expanse of the Cusco region.

We walked up the road to the school in the small village surrounded by smiling children. Walking in the small, overgrown schoolyard, we were greeted by about 25 young children ranging from 2 to 15 years old. After a short meet-and-greet, we split into groups where we gardened, painted murals, or did arts and crafts. This time

was incredibly immersive for the boys in our group and an overall eye-opening experience. The next day we returned to the same school to try to finish the projects we started. At the end of the day we roasted marshmallows and played games with the kids in the school.

The hardest experience for our group, collectively, was traveling to the orphanage for disabled children the next morning in Cusco. As soon as we stepped through the door it changed many boys' views on their own problems in their lives. The orphanage housed about 20 girls and six boys, all with disabilities, either mental or physical. We helped prepare their breakfast, and while they were eating we received a tour of the house from the woman who coordinates it all. Their situation was truly dire. Their rent had been raised to unaffordable levels and the woman who runs it has Stage-4 cancer. After hearing this, almost every boy donated what he could at the time, but we collectively agreed to initiate a fundraiser for this small orphanage, the only of its kind in Cusco.

The rest of the trip (the final two days) were spent traveling to visit Machu Picchu and traveling home. Seeing this incredible city above its precipice was only accentuated by the gorgeous day we were lucky enough to have while visiting the heritage site. ■

By Zach Pulsifer '17



The CS Peru group poses above Machu Picchu.

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By Joe Dalton



London and Edinburgh

This year, thirteen Greenies had the opportunity to travel to London and Edinburgh: Preston Coleman '17, Patrick Cunningham '17, Carter Harvey '17, Matt Jackson '17, Jacob Kang '17, Morgan McKay '17, Braxton Poole '17, Michael Sanderson '17, Jack Hecimovich '18, Aldo Mell '18, Hunter Vines '18, Jacob Dowler '19, and Wyatt Gildea '19. The chaperones, Mr. Dalton and Mr. Weathersbee, led the group on a tour of the sites of London, including The London Eye, The British Museum, art galleries, Arsenal Stadium, Big Ben, and The Globe Theatre. The students travelled as the English do, racing from station to station in the crammed cars of the Underground. The group also got together to watch the longest-running play, Agatha Christie's murder mystery, *The Mousetrap*. After the packed days in museums and galleries, the group enjoyed peaceful walks along the south bank of the river Thames, admiring the London skyline and frequenting its coffee shops. During their free time, some students climbed The Shard, the tallest building in England, while others saw another play such as

Billy Elliot or *The Book of Mormon*.

After spending five days in London, the group boarded the Caledonian Sleeper train to Edinburgh and woke up in Scotland. They headed straight to the Edinburgh Castle to see the Scottish Crown Jewels (and compare them to their British counterparts in the Tower of London). The second day in Scotland featured a twelve-hour bus tour of the Highlands, including a stop at Loch Ness. The only monsters seen were in the gift shop, but the views of snow-capped peaks, dark forests, and vast lochs were worth the trip. During the free time in Edinburgh, the group went on walking tours of the city, ghost and catacomb tours, saw the café in which J.K. Rowling composed parts of *Harry Potter*, and sampled Scottish food such as haggis, neeps, and tatties.

The trip was an overwhelming success with well-behaved, flexible students. The chaperones would like to thank Christ School, Student Life, and the parents of the students for making this trip so special. ■

The CS UK group stands in the London Eye.



Nicaragua

The 2016 spring break trip to Nicaragua was a great success. A group of nine boys, James Anderson '17, Alex Becker '17, Charlie Claffey '17, Caden Cruse '17, Jonathan Harris '18, Rhett Haverty '18, Ashton Beaver '19, Christian Blanks '19, and Kevin McCarthy '19, was able to get some serious work done. The first two days of the trip were spent painting at the Fabretto Center in Somoto, Nicaragua. Each day we found an hour or so to spend time with the kids, playing soccer, having piggy-back relay races, and spinning them around in circles. In the evenings, our Fabretto guide took us to local restaurants and the boys were able to enjoy some Nicaraguan food. The next two days, half of the boys continued painting at the Fabretto Center, and the others went to a rural community in the mountains called Rodeo. Here we sifted rocks to create sand to mix with water in order to cement the walls. We learned how to coat the walls in cement, which was a humbling experience for all of the boys, as the local Nicaraguans made this look incredibly easy. Each afternoon in Rodeo, we played the local boys in a game of soccer,

which was usually a lopsided affair in favor of the Nicaraguans.

On Friday evening, our last in Somoto, the Fabretto Center threw us a goodbye party to thank us for our help, where there was a piñata, dancing, and a delicious home-cooked meal. The next morning, we hiked the Somoto Canyon, where we swam and hiked for two hours. The boys especially enjoyed a 25-foot cliff jump in the middle of the canyon! That afternoon, we drove six hours through the countryside to Granada, where we stayed the night in preparation for our last day in Nicaragua. Our last day may have been the most fun, as we spent the morning zip-lining through the canopy of the Mombacho Volcano, an adventure that ended with a 40-foot free fall. We then drove to La Laguna Apoyo, a lagoon in the hills, where the boys were able to relax and swim. The big splash and small splash competitions were judged by our lifeguard, Mike Mohney. It was a special week with a fantastic group of young men, and I'm certain they will remember it for a long time. ■

By Benjie Colberg

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The CS Nicaragua group enjoys zip-lining and swimming after a week of service.

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“i see you standing on another shore” Exploring Empathy with Poet Jaki Shelton Green

By Brent Kaneft

A few years ago, the Lamentation Project, a group of writers committed to writing laments for victims of racial violence, asked Jaki Shelton Green to join their cause and to write a poem about a young black man who had been shot and killed by police officers on the streets of a small town in Michigan. Without any specifics – the man’s history, the reason for the shooting, the name of the town, etc. – Ms. Green wrote one of, in my opinion, her most powerful poems. She called it “Oh my brother:

Lament for the Dead.” In it she writes, “oh my brother there is so much blood falling from the sky today suffocating the light suffocating the babies. i will guard your road-kill blood. if necessary i will chew the bullet and digest metallic contradiction. I will be the shovel and the crypt. i will sing your name until the wind lifts it from my tongue and sings your legacy into the tenth degree of sound.” In a remarkable act of empathy, Jaki Shelton Green ingests the experience of this young man, proving that

even without complete information – without complete understanding – we can all still empathize with those in the world who are hurting or neglected.

Her poem prompted an all-school project led by the English faculty. Each student had to choose a subject, another person unlike them in one of several categories: sexual orientation, gender identification, nationality, religion, politics, or a combination of more than one of these. Then they wrote a poem as if they were the subject they chose. Boys became Parisians watching the carnage of the recent terrorist attacks, and even home-grown terrorists like Dylann Roof. All poems were poems of empathy. The boys had their poems ready when Jaki Shelton Green, former NC Poet Laureate, came to Christ School for a visit.

With the help of Father Brown, Travis Harris, and Mr. Krieger, we were able to bring Ms. Green to campus in January this year to help us with our all-school project. She gave a poetry reading in Pingree Theater the Sunday before MLK Day. Her most memorable quote, and one that prompted several great discussions in class that week, offered a chilling perspective to our community: “The blood of black men and black boys and black women and black girls is the water that feeds the earth.”

The rest of the week, Ms. Green visited English classrooms and led discussions on writing, poetry, and race. Her visit forced our boys to discuss some unpleasant realities in America today. Not one to be deterred easily, Jaki fielded all questions, concerns, and misunderstandings like a careful gardener cultivating the soil around growing plants. Boys felt comfortable to express their opinions, and the result was respectful and productive dialogue. Jaki Shelton Green wowed the Christ School community not only with her impressive literary accolades and prescient poetry, but also with her quiet confidence in the power of language and, more so, the power of conviction, the desire to use one’s gifts to better the world.

A few weeks after her visit, the English faculty asked several students to read their poems during a Eucharist Chapel service. Here are two of the poems read that day in Chapel. ■

The Irony of a Badge

by Thomas Smoots '19

Dark days, dark nights
Only the torches of the riots light the streets.

I miss him, I miss Freddie,
So helpless, a petty crime
Yet police brutality at its worst.
Six officers, twelve fists all swinging at his face.

The shattered glass fills the sidewalks,
The looting doesn't stop.
It doesn't help the cause but anger blinds everyone.
Fire flaming in the eyes, fire flaming in the streets.
The smell of crisp ash, the sound of the glass crushing under my foot.
The fire growing arms, wrapping itself around stores.
It needs to stop, this isn't what Freddie would have wanted,
But they didn't know him like I did.

I grew up with Freddie, we were close even through adulthood.
Both of our families were poor, living in hard neighborhoods.
It shaped us into men, sometimes getting us in to trouble,
We weren't saints, not even close.

Even though he messed up a few times,
Freddie was a good guy.
No one has any reason to take another's life,
even if they are the law.

El Chapo

by Elliott Bell '20

I am a killer
I am a lover
I am a father
I am a widower
I am a billionaire
I was a poor boy
I was assaulted
I was educated until third grade
I was a dealer at 10
I was head of the cartel at 23
I was imprisoned in a 5 star hotel
I was public enemy number 1
I am now in a prison
I am now broken
I am now was

I am now was
I am now a has been
I am El Chapo
I am still feared
I am still a killer
I am still a kingpin
I am still a leader
But now
I am

In response to an all-school writing assignment, many students were brave enough to tackle the perspective of individuals involved in volatile current events.



Thomas Smoots '19



Elliott Bell '20

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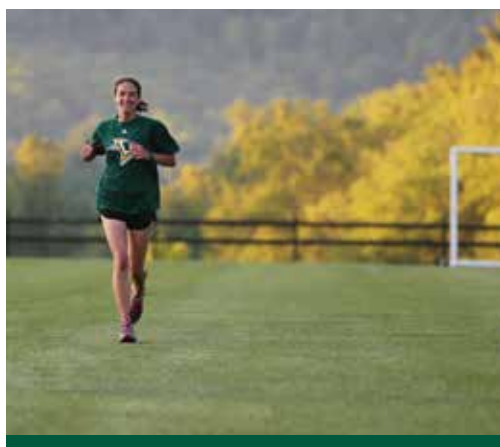


Faculty Wellness Challenge: Stepping it Up!

By Scott Willard

This past winter, the Athletics Department, led by Athletic Director Scott Willard, spearheaded a comprehensive Health and Wellness Program for faculty and staff. The goal was to create a program that promotes both physical fitness opportunities and educational outlets to improve our community's wellness as a whole. The result was a combined effort with the local YMCAs to offer membership at lower, school-sponsored rates, and with Mission Health to utilize their WellFit online portal, allowing faculty and staff to easily track their steps and percentage weight loss, to watch health tip webinars, and to receive professional advice on health concerns.

The 63 participants were divided into three teams, Green, White, and Yellow, and the challenge began! For the next four months participants logged in daily and tracked their standings in three categories: team step challenge (some wore Fitbits and some chose Pebbles), a weight loss percentage challenge, and an individual online portal point challenge. Some healthy team spirit and rivalry ensued, and in the end, while the teams were competing against each other, each participant improved his or her own health indicators. Team Yellow members were the victors, but everyone came out a winner, logging over 1.3 million steps over the course of the 4-month program. ■



Above Left: English instructor Emily Pulsifer logs a few early morning steps for Team Yellow.

Right: Faculty artists, Vanessa Giuliani, Meg Conner, Tom Sherry, Donna Kinney, Joe Dalton, Mary Dillon, Ben Dowling, Sarah Baldwin, and Duncan Parham.



Faculty Art Exhibit in Pingree Gallery

By Sarah Baldwin

Pingree Gallery became home to a variety of exhibits this year, including the work of South Carolinian artist Kris Neely, and a showcase of student artwork from the fall semester. But the most recent faculty art exhibit is perhaps my favorite, not only because it showcases our talented faculty, but also because it provides faculty and students an opportunity to connect and discuss the arts.

When I first arrived at Christ School, I was impressed by the number of faculty who pursue the arts in their spare time. It was then that I put out a call for faculty and staff artwork, and in return received an overwhelming response from the community. My initial goal for this show was to inspire creativity across campus and to prove to the students that creating artwork is something that can be carried throughout one's professional and adult life. I feel that this show accomplished that.

What I cherish most about the visual arts is that it provides both the artist and viewer the opportunity to make meaningful connections between various disciplines of study. In many selections in the show, we get not only a glimpse of the artist's personal life, but also an understanding of how they use art to explore their area of study at a deeper level. It is for this reason that I believe wholeheartedly that the arts play a vital role in every learning environment. I feel so fortunate to work alongside such a talented faculty and staff, and I am eager to see the types of artwork that next year's exhibit inspires. ■



The Journeymen



This past spring, History Chair, Ben Dowling, assisted by Ross Weathersbee '07, offered a new option for an afternoon activity, The Journeymen. The idea came from our now defunct afternoon Work Crew, which primarily helped maintain the school grounds, but Dowling's concept added a carpentry and tool-welding component. "I perceived that there was still an interest in young men to do labor and learn skills," says Dowling. "Ultimately, the goal is to make them feel more comfortable working with tools so that as they get older they feel empowered to do things they need to do, whether it's making or fixing stuff."

Dowling was surprised by the students' immediate interest and enthusiastic response. "We got more students than I anticipated, and they have stayed interested in it all season. Part of it is that they just like taking a blade to wood and whittling." The versatility of this ten-man crew is evident in the variety of projects they have undertaken. After learning the fundamentals of joinery, they gathered rhododendron branches and practiced the art of mortise and tenon while creating a rustic chair. When the Wellness Center was demolished in preparation for the new Gardner House Dorm, The Journeymen stripped the salvageable materials, later making a

bench out of some old doors. When theater director and English teacher Mary Dillon needed a set for her *Lord of the Flies* production, the Journeymen transformed the stage into a deserted island. "They came in with their tools and they took my little cardboard model, made a few drawings, and then built me an absolutely amazing set," says Dillon. When the Asheville Preservation Society was looking for help cleaning up the Thomas Wolfe cabin in Oteen, NC, The Journeymen stepped in and did some brush clearing, hoping to construct furniture for the cabin down the road.

They've had the opportunity to work with yard tools and to learn how to run a lawn mower and a weed eater. "Power tools are what attract them to a lot of this," said Dowling. "Running a leaf blower, running a table saw. The biggest part of what I do is show them what tools do and how to run them safely." He credits Grounds Manager Matt Knighton with being a great teacher. "He's really good at connecting with them and showing them how to do stuff." Maintenance staff Brian Willems and Scott Schermerhorn serve as consultants, and math teacher and Outdoor Program instructor Leigh Harris has generously loaned them his tools.

"This season also created opportunities to discuss design aesthetic and it is fascinating to discover that a high school student has a very clear idea of what he sees as attractive furniture or architecture," says Dowling. "It also allows opportunities to instruct them in other styles that they take for granted. When you take an old panel door apart, you realize that the need for an item to look attractive and well built at the same time. It makes a student look at every handmade item differently."

Although the program is in its infancy, Dowling says "it has the potential to be innovative in connecting this generation with traditional techniques and skills that they can use down the road...Supervising these boys has taught me that the movement in schools during the 1990s that cancelled shop class and drew kids away from hands-on, manual labor was misguided. They are curious to know how things are made. They do well when they have the opportunity to tinker." ■

Above: The intrepid Journeymen will tackle any task, skill, or project.

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Students Teaching Tomorrow's Greenies

By Ron Ramsey

Every year in February a group of young applicants gathers on our campus in hopes of becoming one of the next Headmaster Scholars. These visits are a two-way street, both giving the applicant an opportunity to show what sets him apart and allowing Christ School to demonstrate what distinguishes us as one of the finest independent schools.

To get a taste of a day in the life at Christ School, students cycle through abridged versions of classes in each discipline that they might take the following year. This year, the Science Department chose to put the job of teaching that sample class in the hands of current Christ School science students, rather than their instructors. After a brief introduction about the Biotechnology class, Mr. Williams turned the candidates over to his students. Henry Guthery '16, Robert Bonds '16, Ted Peterson '19 (himself a Headmaster's Scholar), and Bronson Gatts '18 began a round-robin of instruction, demonstration, and fielding questions.

The candidates were divided into groups and worked through a forensic simulation that challenged them to apply what they were taught during the lecture portion of the class. Each of the Biotechnology students took a turn instructing, giving background, demonstrating loading gels for electrophoresis, and coaching the candidates through loading and running gels themselves. Robert Bonds then facilitated a discussion which helped to synthesize the experience and illustrate the process of science being taught in our labs at Christ School. Not only did the candidates leave the class that day with a new experience, but they left with a connection to Christ School, our science program, and most importantly, to a few students who will continue to mentor them when they arrive in the fall.

The newly minted CS science teachers came away from the experience full of confidence and pride. What an amazing way to demonstrate the potential of every student at Christ School. I can think of no better way to live out the mission of our school, producing "educated men of good character, prepared for both scholastic achievement in college and productive citizenship in adult society." Our students don't just believe what our mission represents, they bring it to life. By witnessing the positive impact of their leadership in that classroom, they and the applicants left that room transformed. In the process, they reinforced their understanding of more than a semester's worth of material and they gained a tangible sense of their ability to help shape the future of our school. It doesn't get any Greener than that! ■



Headmaster Scholar candidates practice newly acquired laboratory skills.

Paddler Miller Kaderabek '18 Earns National and International Attention

Miller Kaderabek '18 is rising rapidly in the ranks of America's top paddlers. Just one week after finishing third at the U.S. Olympic Trials in early May, Kaderabek and teammate Wes Bolyard won the gold medal in C2 (tandem canoe) at the Junior National Team Trials. The pair will compete in the Junior World Championships in Krakow, Poland, this summer. A Headmaster's Scholar, Miller is a strong student, excelling in multiple honors courses.

Though he is young, Kaderabek is unafraid of his older competitors. Last summer, he and Bolyard traveled to Europe to race in a sport normally dominated by Europeans. Kaderabek more than held his own, but humbly shared that he could have finished better, stating that "greater focus could have brought a better result."

At the U.S. Open in March, Kaderabek and Bolyard finished 2nd in C2 (overall), while Kaderabek finished 4th in the individual, under-16 K1(kayak) event. "The season basically just started, but competing this [past] summer gave me some much needed experience. I took a bit of time off to play football this fall, but I still train off-campus about five to six days a week. Since January, we've raced every two weeks and will continue to do so until August."

Kaderabek got his start at the age of seven when he kayaked recreationally at the summer camp High Rocks in Cedar Mountain, NC, and fell in love. One day when kayaking at the Whitewater Center in Charlotte, he was recognized and encouraged to get a coach and pursue kayaking competitions. "Everything went from there. It has been a great experience so far. I have had quite a bit of help along the way from 2012 Olympian coach Eric Hurd as well as coaches Sam Davis and Lee Leibfarth." After 2.5 years of serious practice and focus, the opportunity to compete has presented itself.

Kaderabek and Bolyard are ineligible for this year's Olympics since athletes must be 16 when the Games begin and Bolyard is just 14, but Kaderabek is already setting his sights on Tokyo

in 2020. "It would be crazy! The Olympics are something that everyone watches, but you never think that you could be one of those people. Elite human beings from around the world come together to get the gold. It would be an amazing experience. The Olympics are a once in a lifetime opportunity for an athlete, and I hope I get the chance."

In Christ School's storied athletic history, there have been quite a few excellent competitors, and even a gold medal, when Mason Plumlee '11 won a gold for team USA in the World Championships. However, if Kaderabek can pull it off four years from now, he would be the first Greenie to represent the United States in the Olympic Games. "Christ School has been incredibly flexible with my schedule. I spend quite a bit of time travelling and competing. They are the only school who has been supportive of my goals. It means a lot." ■



Kaderabek'18 (rear seat) is already one of America's best paddlers.

“To be stewards of this world, we need to have a purpose – to better the lives of those around us and to always be ready.”

— High Garst '16



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CHRIST SCHOOL'S ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH COMMENCEMENT

Families, students, and faculty gathered on Yard A on Friday, May 20 for Christ School's 116th Commencement Ceremony.

High Garst '16, Sacristan and winner of the P.H. Broyhill Award, spoke to the 54 graduates, saying, "To be stewards of this world, we need to have a purpose - to better the lives of those around us and to always be ready." He urged his classmates not to fear failure, to hold dear the

tools that Christ School has given them, and to remember that "what matters most is to care, to want to learn to better yourself."

He was followed by Mr. Joe Dalton, Instructor of English and Teacher of the Year, who encouraged the students to, "Do one thing at a time. Give each experience all your attention. Try to resist being distracted by other sights, sounds, and screens, and when you are, guide your mind back to what you're doing. Make that one thing a little adventurous." He continued to urge them to listen, especially to those with whom they disagree. "After you've done some listening, and some traveling, and some thinking, and some reflecting, then try some speaking. Stick to your convictions and never settle. Be swift to love and make haste to be kind."

Following the speeches, diplomas and Bibles were presented to each graduate by Headmaster Paul Krieger, Academic Dean Joe Mouer, and Chaplain Kirk Brown.

The Awards Ceremony was held on the previous day. ■



Above: Underclassmen continue the tradition of offering handshakes and high-fives to the Class of 2016.

By High Garst '16

TRANSformation

The following is excerpted from High's Commencement Address.



The most constant thing about our transformation is the location where it occurred.

My message today is primarily intended to ensure that we seniors are able to appreciate this place, and its undeniable impact on our lives. However, I hope that everyone – faculty, students, and parents – might listen so they could begin to understand the power to impact lives that Christ School possesses.

The impact this place has on us all is the constant. As we look around, it is evident that much about this place's physical appearance is changing, but Christ School remains true to its core. We enter as boys and exit as men. However, we are new men, not yet ready to take the world by force, but given tools to further shape us as our journey continues past Christ School.

My junior year I took AP Environmental Science with Mr. Ramsey. While I learned a great deal about our environment, and the way we interact with it, I learned that to be stewards to this world we need to have a purpose. Our

purpose doesn't involve making good grades, or earning the required service hours. Our purpose is to better ourselves and the lives of those around us and to always be ready.

If I had to pinpoint the time of my realization of this fact, it would be around exam time last year, when everyone was stressed about making good grades. Mr. Ramsey talked about how the idea of caring about the grade you make is ridiculous; we learned that what matters most is that you care enough to learn, so that you can apply it, so that you can be ready for anything.

This day with Mr. Ramsey changed my outlook on the time I had left at Christ School. My focus was to become a true student, not just a participant in an academic education. Transformation, where I least expected it, but where I needed it most.

I asked my fellow seniors to share with me the moments that marked their transformation at Christ School. One classmate was worried about the challenge of taking an honors level English class. As he worked through the year, he realized that he cared about this class more than he had cared about a class before. This challenge had turned in to a passion; he would look forward to the class every day for the joy of learning. At the end of the year, his teacher observed that he had transformed his approach: not simply meeting the challenge, but becoming a true student of the subject. This is Christ School at its best, when a teacher and a student work together, share a passion for a subject or an experience, and develop a dialogue from the beginning to the end.

In 2 Corinthians we are told that "in Christ we are made a new creation." Truly, we have been made a new creation in Christ School. We have walked together through these past few years on many different paths, paths that started at Convocation our first year and ended here on yard A.

We haven't yet discovered our full purpose, but Christ School has given us the tools to not only find our passion, but to express our passion. My charge to you, my fellow classmates, is to hold dear these tools, remember these transformations, recognize the effect Christ School has had on you, and be prepared to see the effect Christ School has on your future. Now, you are not only a Greenie, you are also a handyman who uses the tools that have been given to you to shape not only yourself but those around you.

Graduation has come to us with a great deal of expectation. I think the beauty of Christ School, however, comes on the ordinary day. If anyone expects for their greatest transformation to be on graduation day, then you haven't been paying attention. Life-changing moments are an everyday thing here.

Today is a day to be grateful and to celebrate. Class of 2016, we're not even half way there, but this chapter is over.

Thanks be to God.
Go Green!

IN & AROUND YARD A

NEWS
FROM
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awards

Leadership Awards

Valedictorian.....	Kiffen Loomis '16
The Headmaster's Cup	Devon Johnson '16 and Kiffen Loomis '16
The Big Brother Award	Grant Robinson '16
The Philip Tilghman Memorial	Drew Johnson '17
The PH Broyhill Award.....	High Garst '16
The Class of 1941 Award.....	Jake Deuterman '16
The Moltke-Hansen School Spirit Trophy	Harrison Froelich '16

Scholarship Awards

James Gibbon Merrimon Scholastic Prize.....	Kiffen Loomis '16
Carlton Davies Walker Scholarship	Young Perry '16
David T. Dodge Scholarship.....	Morgan MacDonald '17
David L.M. Taylor Award & Scholarship.....	Hank Van Ness '20
Switzer-Wise Scholarship.....	Andrew King '19

Academic Awards

Dartmouth Club Book Award	Vance Stiles '17
Harvard Club Book Award.....	Zach Pulsifer '17
Randolph College Award.....	Siler Sloan '17
Sewanee Award for Excellence.....	Vance Stiles '17
Yale Club Book Award	Wade Mouer '17

Departmental Awards

Robert McWhorter Creative Writing Scholarship.....	Philip Hodges '18
Redwood Senior English Prize	Liam McCann '16
Edward E. Ford Foundation Award.....	David Lopez '17
Pen & Plate Award.....	Kiffen Loomis '16
Robinson Journalism Award	Stockton Burke '16
Angelus Award (Yearbook).....	Ben Pearce '16 and Fabrice Dallies '16
Grayson Cole Mathematics Award	Kiffen Loomis '16 and Karl Yuan '16
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Scholarship	Jake Johnson '17
Biology Award	Ted Peterson '17



Left photo: Robinson Journalism Award winner Stockton Burke '16 stands with his proud parents.

Right: Nicky Anixter '17, winner of the Fifth Form Award and Chemistry Award, celebrates with his mother.

Chemistry Award	Nicky Anixter '17
Physics Award	Wade Mouer '17 and Bennett David '18
Environmental Science Award	Kels Peterson '17
Sacred Studies Award	Julian Smith '16
Technology Programming Award	Liam McCann '16
Technology Service Award	Chris Schiebout '16
NC Council Social Studies Award	Thomas Garbee '16
History Department Award	Wes Reinhardt '16
Global History Awareness Award	Evan Hoyle '19
International Studies Award	Siler Sloan '17
Arabic Award	Morgan MacDonald '17
Robert H. Reid Latin Cup	Grant Robinson '16
Mandarin Award	Siler Sloan '17
Spanish Award	Wade Mouer '17
Art Award	Harrison Froelich '16
Sumner Pingree Theatre Award	Trevor Murrah '16
Theatre Technical Award	Chris Schiebout '16
Lawton Ingle Music Award	Trevor Murrah '16 and Tony Sun '16
Service Learning Award	Davis Oliver '17
Servant Leadership Award	Bennett David '18

Form Book Prizes

Second Form Award	Max Field '20 and Michael Mahoney '20
Third Form Award	TJ Bell '19
Fourth Form Award	Bennett David '18
Fifth Form Award	Nicky Anixter '17
Sixth Form Award	Kiffen Loomis '16

The *Successus Fidelitate* Award

The Second Form Prize	Jackson Bewley '20
The Third Form Prize	Wyatt Gildea '19
The Fourth Form Prize	Lawrence Freeman '18
The Fifth Form Prize	Thomas Hoefer '17

Form Citizenship Awards

The Second Form Award	Elliott Bell '20
The Third Form Award	Evan Hoyle '19
The Fourth Form Award	John Beard '18
The Fifth Form Award	Kels Peterson '19
The Sixth Form Award	Thomas Clarity '16

Athletic Awards

Harris Outdoor Award	High Garst '16 and Caden Cruse '17
Sewell Hustle Award	Jackson Hipp '18
Pat James Award	Will Iorio '17
Knighton Sportsmanship Award	Will Fleming '17
Senior Athletic Cup	Zach Ayotte '16



Headmaster Paul Krieger presents Drew Johnson '17 with the Philip Tilghman Memorial Award.

Headmaster Commendations

Daniel Beale '17
Preston Coleman '17
Joe deLoach '18
Hutson Ford '19
Holden Hutto '17
Will Keenan '16
Andrew King '19
Ferrell Lail '20
Kobi Selby '19
Navy Shuler '20
Daniel Zhang '17



COLLEGE BOUND

Congratulations, Class of 2016!

Chris Akers
East Carolina University

Zach Ayotte
Hampden-Sydney College

Mason Blevins
Auburn University

Robert Bonds
College of Charleston

Stockton Burke
University of South Carolina

Thomas Clarity
University of Tennessee
Haslam Scholar

Fabrice Dallies
Johnson & Wales
University (Charlotte)

Jake Deuterman
Appalachian State University

Cole Dowdle
The University of Tampa

John Freeman
Georgia Tech

Michael Freeman
Davidson College

Harrison Froelich
UNC-Charlotte

Addison Fulford
North Carolina State University

John Fulkerson
University of Tennessee,
Knoxville

Thomas Garbee
United States Naval Academy

High Garst
Gettysburg College

Connor Graeber
Wake Forest University

Aaron Graham
Appalachian State University

Henry Guthery
Davidson College

Cal Jansen
UNC-Chapel Hill

Will Janvier
Gap Year

Devon Johnson
UNC-Chapel Hill
Morehead-Cain Scholar

Duncan Jones
Wofford College

Will Keenan
UCLA

Jack Kimberly
Hampden-Sydney College

Payton Lange
Texas State University

Eric Leng
Emory University

Bing Li
Wake Forest University

Zak Lintz
UNC-Chapel Hill

Kiffen Loomis
Harvard University

Kyle Luce
Millsaps College

Liam McCann
Washington and Lee University

Belk McDill
North Carolina State University

Andrew Muller
UNC-Wilmington

Trevor Murrah
Elon University

Christian Nichols
University of Tennessee,
Knoxville

Ben Pearce
East Carolina University

Young Perry
Wofford College

Zach Reeves
Lindsey Wilson College

Wes Reinhardt
SMU

Grant Robinson
Georgia Tech

Chris Schiebout
Abilene Christian University

Teddy Smith
Santa Clara University

Julian Smith
Virginia Military Institute

Nicholas Smith
Santa Clara University

Harris Smoots
SMU

Tony Sun
University of California,
Santa Barbara

George Thornton
University of Mississippi

Lot Turner
Huntingdon College


Scott Ullstein
Sewanee: The University
of the South

John Wallis
Undeclared

Grant Watson
High Point University

Karl Yuan
Georgia Tech

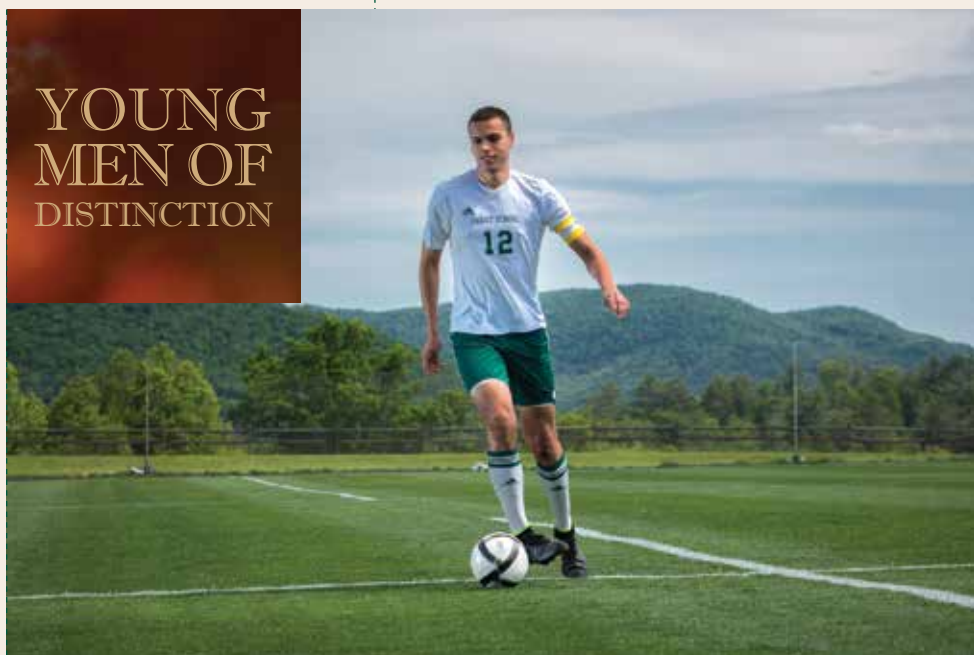
Ryan Zwier
Washington College



YOUNG MEN OF DISTINCTION

Each and every Greenie is distinctive and noteworthy, but here follows a continuation of our series profiling a few of the fine young men we get to teach, coach, mentor, and learn from each day.

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DEVON JOHNSON '16

Devon Johnson has had a lot of exciting news to share since arriving at Christ School in eighth grade as a Headmaster Scholar. He has become an AP Scholar, been inducted into the National Honor Society, received the Sewanee Award for Excellence in Writing and the Yale Club Book Prize, and been chosen as the prefect in Harris House. Nothing, however, could compare to the news he shared with his mother this spring: she need not worry about tuition, room and board, or books for the next four years, because he had won the UNC-Chapel Hill Morehead-Cain Scholarship.

From a very young age Devon has pushed himself to be successful. "A lot of it was growing up with a single mom and seeing her work hard and her involvement in foster care. I'll always remember that, seeing her work not only to support our family, but then go out of her way to do more for others." He came to Christ School after his mother had remarried and the family moved to Dallas, GA. His mother knew about CS and she wanted more for Devon than their local public school could offer.

Devon realized early on that academics and athletics were two ways he could contribute

and becoming the best he could be at both became his mission. "From a young age I have always wanted more for myself," says Devon. He started playing soccer as soon as he could walk, has played in soccer leagues with Greenie teammates Cal Jansen '16 and Young Perry '16 since he was 10, and made Christ School's varsity in eighth grade. And although they came up just short of winning a State Championship this year, it was all worth it. "It was really cool to have one last run with those guys in high school soccer."

While soccer was an early way of getting involved at CS, a series of injuries prompted Devon to find challenges outside of athletics. "My ninth grade year I broke my foot. Sophomore year I tore the meniscus in my knee and had hip surgery. That was kind of a rough time for me, but it helped me focus on other ways to contribute," says Devon. He became the Rotary Club vice president and served as a student leader on service trips to Rome, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic.

As he looks forward to Chapel Hill and the Morehead-Cain, Devon is most excited about the opportunities it will provide, including travel and service abroad. This summer he will join other winners on an outdoor adventure with NOLS or Outward Bound (he is hoping for a 30-day sea kayaking trip with NOLS in Alaska). He is also interested in a major offered at Chapel Hill called Peace, War, and Defense. "I'm really interested in it because it incorporates national security and international relations with learning skills of mediation and conflict resolution."

One of Devon's favorite quotes is by Wes Moore, an author who visited campus in 2010: "Our destinies can be determined by a single stumble down the wrong path, or a tentative step down the right one." "I'm very fortunate to have ended up where I have and I think that's because of the small tentative steps that I've taken, like coming to CS or traveling abroad—they all have led me in the right directions—but I also realize that growing up in the neighborhood I did, I could have easily stumbled down the wrong path or gone the wrong directions. I always keep that in mind and remember how fortunate I am." ■

When Kiffen was 4, he used to run into his piano lessons and ask his teacher “When will I be better than Chambers?” Kiffen is the youngest of six boys, two of whom – Graylyn ’10 and Chambers ’13 – attended CS, leaving an impressive legacy and big shoes to fill. Kiffen’s teacher responded with the same honest answer each time: “No, but keep practicing, and one day you will be as good.” In those days Kiffen was much more apt to be found at a tennis court practicing his swing than indoors at the piano. And while he still enjoys tennis – he was a team captain this spring and helped lead the team to the state competition – he has put in many hours practicing piano, and his perseverance has paid off, earning him the privilege of soloing with seven professional orchestras after winning their concerto competitions.

Kiffen believes his drive – artistically, academically, and athletically – stems from comparing himself at an early age to his successful brothers. (He will be joining Chambers at Harvard this fall.) During his five years at Christ School, Kiffen has taken 14 AP’s. An Eagle Scout, Kiffen has served as the Chief of the Tsali Lodge that covers North Carolina and parts of South Carolina and Georgia, a task which involves recruiting new scouts, managing a \$40,000 budget, and organizing events with the national leadership team. Somehow he still managed to find time to serve as Christ School’s Honor Council Chair. “Christ School is unique in that it has an honor code and honor council led by students, created by students, and upheld by students,” says Kiffen. “We’ve focused on bringing into light real life, practical applications of the honor code, to make students cognizant of the choices that they are faced with on a daily basis. We’ve seen a 30 percent reduction in honor cases since launching our initiatives this year.”

Of all of his achievements thus far, Kiffen is most proud of the outreach he has done with the student-led program that Chambers founded and Kiffen has recharted, Notes from the Soul. While it began with 20 student musicians visiting a few nursing homes to perform for the elderly, Kiffen has grown the group to over 80 musicians and extended its outreach to the young as well as the elderly. “We still go to nursing homes and play for



the elderly, but music education was something I saw missing,” says Kiffen, “so I made it into a student outreach group that went into schools to perform, and started an after school program at one location so we could have continual education for these students.” Now Notes from the Soul reaches 1400 children each year through a network with 50 local schools.

Our school Valedictorian, Kiffen has won the Form Award for having the highest GPA in his class for five consecutive years. He received the Physics Award twice, and the Mathematics Award once. This past spring he was named a National Merit Scholar, as one who performed in the top 1% on the PSAT. At the Awards Ceremony this May, he won the Pen and Plate Award, the James Gibbon Merrimon Scholastic Prize, and the Headmaster’s Cup.

Kiffen is grateful for the way Christ School has encouraged him to pursue his passions. “I think what attracted me to Christ School was the range of things you can do and how flexible they are with an individualized approach,” says Kiffen. “They don’t have a cookie cutter that they imprint on each student. They look at your skill set, look at your passions, and work from there to make CS the best place for you.” ■

KIFFEN LOOMIS '16

THOMAS GARBEE '16

Thomas had always dreamed of playing NCAA Division I golf and attending a military academy, so when those came together with an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, he couldn't have been more thrilled. Both of his grandfathers had served in the armed services, one in the Army Airborne and the other in the Air Force, his cousin has done tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and serving his country is something Thomas feels is important to do.

Early last summer Thomas had some doubts; although he has been practicing his golf swing since before he could walk and has played on a varsity golf team since he was a sixth grader, first at Carolina Day School and then at CS, he wasn't having the success he wanted on the golf green. "I clicked a little late; I really didn't start playing well until the first week of July this past summer," says Thomas. The turnaround came after meeting with local veteran golfer

Woody Green who talked Thomas through his putting game. "It just turned me around. I missed qualifying for the 48th North Carolina Junior Boys' Championship in the middle of June, and then two weeks later I won my first golf tournament, hitting two under par!" With that and a nomination from North Carolina 10th District Representative, Patrick McHenry, Thomas was on his way to fulfill his dream.

"I am able to go to a great school, serve my country, and on top of that, I get to play golf."

Service is nothing new to Thomas. He served as the Chapel Verger his senior year, but also found other ways to serve, including volunteering for the past two and half years on Wednesday mornings with PEP (Progressive Education Program), and in a local elementary school classroom. Last summer he spent a week at a special needs camp where he was completely responsible for a non-verbal 9-year-old boy named William, serving as William's primary care-giver, and giving his mother a break. "It was the hardest thing I've ever done, but the most rewarding...It was cool because I was able to give his family a rest while having a special experience."

Thomas didn't waste any time preparing physically for the Naval Academy, getting up early for morning workouts and then again working out in the evening with his dad. But there is another routine that he started years ago when his younger brother Wesley was diagnosed with cancer which has helped prepare him spiritually. "Every evening my dad and I would pray together, so I continued that even past when Wesley's treatment was finished and he had won the battle." And so he begins and ends every day with ten minutes of prayer and reflection. "It helps me ask important questions of myself: Where do I want to be, what do I want to do?" says Thomas. "I don't think I would be where I am today without that." ■

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It's fair to say that James Turley doesn't shy away from a challenge. This Memphis, TN, native joined us freshman year and has been stepping outside his comfort zone since he walked onto campus. "I have really enjoyed meeting different kinds of people and trying new things," says James. He had never wrestled before but when he got on the mat freshman year he fell in love with the sport. During the summers he has taken several trips with an Asheville-based company called Moondance Adventures, traveling to Alaska, Colorado, the Pacific Northwest, and the French Alps. This summer he will climb Mount Kilimanjaro. He has also participated in Christ School service trips.

James has also found new frontiers in the classroom. He attributes English Chair, Brent Kaneft, with teaching him to love English class. "It was probably the best class I have ever had; I looked forward to class every day...he's hilarious, he's passionate, and it has really given me new vigor in learning." When they were reading *The Great Gatsby*, James and roommate Thomas Hoefer '17 would read it aloud to each other each night before lights out. He also has enjoyed his engineering class with Mr. Duhaime. "In Engineering Design, James's energy and enthusiasm are contagious," says Mr. Duhaime. "Even as the youngest member of the class, he is the informal leader and motivator. In the dorm, no one puts out more positive energy than James. He is an excellent role model for all."

Perhaps his greatest passion is flying. When he can fit it in his schedule, James joins classmate Quinn Cone '17 at the Asheville Regional Airport where they are both taking flying lessons. He has flying in his blood; his uncle owns an FBO (fixed-based operator) airport in New Orleans and his grandfather started a flight school. In addition to ground school training, he has put in many hours in the left seat doing maneuvers and stalls, something he will continue this summer and next year.

This past spring, after being tapped as a prefect in Cuningham House, James stepped into the lead role of Ralph in the Christ School theater production of *Lord of the Flies*, a mere nine days before the performance. According to director Mary Dillon, "In the 15 years I have

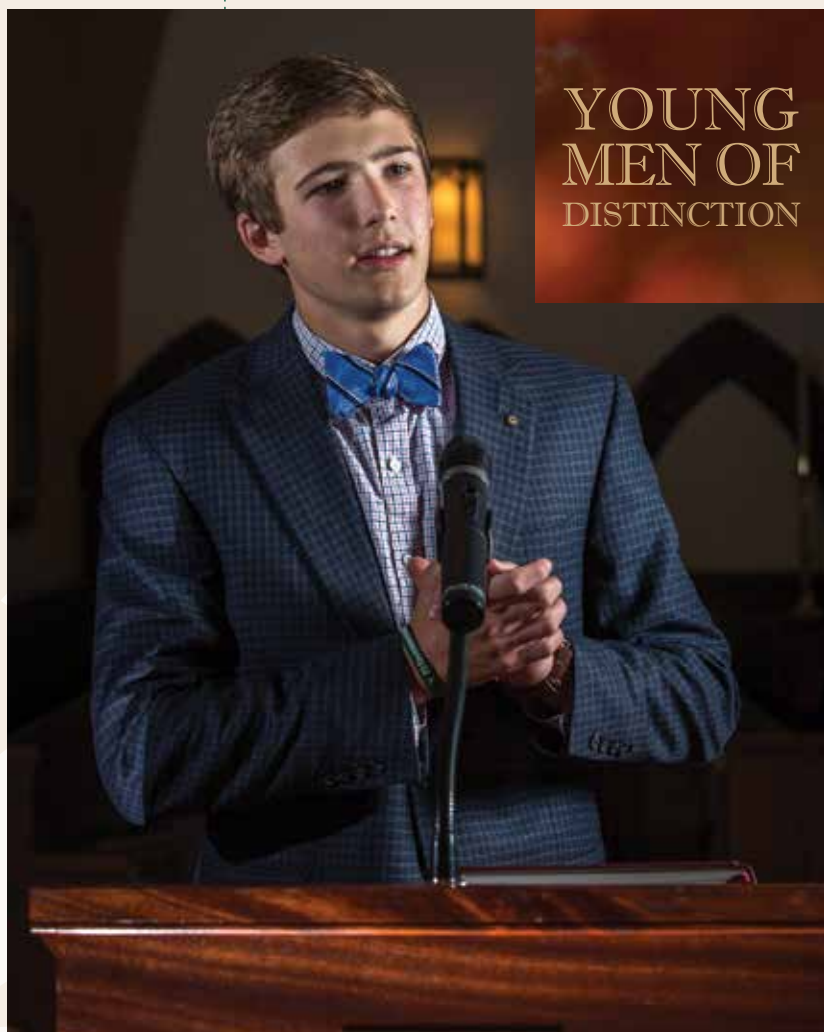


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taught and directed theater at Christ School there has never been as heroic an act as what happened the last week and a half of our spring production of *Lord of the Flies*. James quietly stepped forward to help out a struggling friend and the outcome of our show. He assumed the lead, Ralph, with only nine days of rehearsal before opening. Not only did he learn the lines, the fights, and the blocking, but he dedicated himself to understanding the role so he could give the best performance possible. He demonstrated fierce determination in his signature gentle way."

James celebrates challenges and welcomes adversity, which is one of the things that attracted him to wrestling. "Wrestling is not easy and I have so much respect for wrestlers," says James. "Former biology teacher and wrestling coach Mr. Stender put it the best way possible. He said 'I'm a Christian first, a biology teacher second, and a wrestler third,' because he always wrestles with everything. I try to wrestle myself into situations that I can't wrestle myself out of, just to make myself stronger." ■

JAMES TURLEY '17



KELS PETERSON '17

Kels lives nearby in Fairview, NC, with Greenie brother, Ted '19, and sister, Lilly. He is an avid kayaker whose love of the outdoors began while exploring the farms and hiking trails near his home with his friend and classmate

Vance Stiles '17. He believes that this and having a mother who is a Horticultural Therapist and one of the founders of "The Lord's Acre" in Fairview (a community garden that grows produce for a local food pantry) inspired him to head up the Environmental Club. As president, Kels has focused the club's efforts on helping Christ School become more environmentally conscious. This year they began a composting program and water conservation initiative. He received a gold level President's Volunteer Service Award for completing more than 250 hours of service during on-campus events and at Camp Highlander in the Asheville area.

A member of the National Honor Society, Kels's favorite academic subject is biology. "I really enjoyed AP Biology last year – it's a big interest of mine because of how in-depth you can go – it keeps getting smaller and smaller... As Mr. Stender used to say in 8th-grade science class 'It's all biology!'" As our newly-elected Honor Council Chair, Kels looks forward to following in the steps of former Honor Council Chairs Liam Pulsifer '15 and Kiffen Loomis '16— both of whom have served as role models. "They are really nice guys, who try hard in everything they do. They are smart and all-around great people." Kels's can-do philosophy is at the heart of his many achievements. "I've always believed that you can work hard to achieve anything." ■

During last year's Awards Ceremony, Headmaster Paul Krieger had the following to say about Justin, who was receiving a Headmaster Commendation: "Justin's infectious smile is a window into his welcoming heart. Justin has a calming influence on his classmates and it is his positive attitude that truly defines him." This varsity basketball point guard from Greenwood, SC, first learned about Christ School from his cousin Demarcus Harrison '11, who went on to play for Clemson. Justin was looking for a place where he could improve on the court and in the classroom, and he has found that here.

Justin has been playing basketball since he was four. "I just like how competitive it is. It's not like football where you stop every play. You keep moving and it's really challenging," says Justin. He plays year-round with AAU (Amateur Athletic Union Boys Basketball), allowing him to compete all over the country. Justin attributes his motivation and drive to his parents. His father worked for the National Guard and the Pentagon. His mother is

a former volleyball player who is honored in the South Carolina State Hall of Fame.

He has set his sights on playing basketball at the next level, but also on studying elementary education to become a math teacher, a subject that he is as passionate about as basketball. Recently tapped as a proctor in Cuningham House, Justin enjoys getting to know his younger classmates; he often joins them in pick-up basketball on Krieger Court. "I hang out with the younger kids, just to see where they're from and what they like about CS."

Associate Head Coach Bobby Long says "Justin is a tireless worker who shows nothing but respect to his teammates and coaches. He can be counted on, not only to know the plays, but to help his teammates as well. He battled through injuries without complaint. He is coachable and a positive role model to the younger players. We look forward to having Justin's quiet leadership on and off the court in his last year as a Greenie next season." ■

JUSTIN RHODE '17



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Head Coach:
Scott Willard

Associate Head Coach:
Bobby Long

Assistant Coach:
Tiger Norman

Captains:
John Fulkerson '16
Christian Nichols '16
Zach Reeves '16

Most Improved Player:
Matt Halvorsen '17

Most Valuable Player:
John Fulkerson '16

All Conference:
John Fulkerson '16
Christian Nichols '16
Will Fleming '17
Matt Halvorsen '17

**All State, CAA Player
of the Year:**
John Fulkerson '16



**VARSITY
BASKETBALL**



Undefeated in Conference and at Home

For the first time in 17 years, the Greenies saw a new face pacing the sidelines in the Greenie Dome. Scott Willard took over the reins and helped lead the Varsity Basketball Team to a 23-8 record. The Greenies front-loaded their schedule with one of their most difficult in years, and struggled a bit out of the gate. Yet the team peaked at the right time, winning 14 of their last 18 games. (Their only losses came to nationally ranked opponents.) The team was led by Tennessee commit, All-State, and CAA Player of the Year John Fulkerson '16, and three other CAA All-Conference Players, Matt Halvorsen '17, William Fleming '17, and Christian Nichols '16. Christ School went 10-0 in conference and was 11-0 at home, thanks to the always rambunctious Greenie fans. They won the conference regular season and tournament, with

a decisive 72-53 win over Asheville Christian Academy, and then went on to beat SouthLake Christian Academy in dramatic fashion in the first round of the NCISAA 3A State Playoffs. The season ended in the quarter-finals with a hard fought loss to High Point Christian Academy. ■



Top photo: John Fulkerson '16 completes one of his signature dunks.

Bottom: The team breaks from a time out, bolstered by the high-energy Greenie Fan Section.



UNDER THE LIGHTS

VARSITY WRESTLING

Toughness and Dedication

The 2015-16 Varsity Wrestling season can be described as a season of improvement. With a starting lineup of one eighth-grader, four freshmen, one sophomore, three juniors, and one senior, the Greenies had a dual match record of 4-22 for the season, beating Asheville School twice, and finishing second in the conference and 13th out of 17 at the NCISAA. Adrian Bossert '17 (126 lbs.) and Nick Dee '19 (106) were both leaders. The team also saw great improvement in Eric Zhou '19 (132), Peter Zhou '19 (138), and Caden Cruse '17 (145). Joe Jones '19 (160) joined the team mid-year. Eric (HWT), and James Turley '17 (182) placed third and fourth, respectively in the conference tournament.

This year, the Greenies had the privilege of having elite coach and Olympic trainer Chad McPhatter working with the team. His expertise and great communication skills were paramount in the amazing improvement of the team.

Finally, we say goodbye to senior Lot Turner, who has been a three-year starter and major



contributor to the Greenie wrestling program. He has aspirations of wrestling at the next level and will be attending Huntingdon College in Montgomery, AL, next year. We wish him all the best! ■

Coaches:

Ken Kiser
Chad McPhatter

Captains:

Lot Turner '16
James Turley '17
Chester Zhao '18

Most Outstanding Wrestler:

James Turley '17

Most Improved Wrestler:

Chester Zhao '18

All-Conference:

Lot Turner '16
Adrian Bossert '17
James Turley '17
Chester Zhao '18

Top photo: Top photo: James Turley '17 gets the pin.

Bottom: Eric Zhou '19 angles for leverage on his opponent.

UNDER THE LIGHTS

SKI AND SNOWBOARD TEAM

Head Coach:

Michael Amato

Assistant Coaches:

Jeremy Stump
Casey Zager

Most Valuable Player:

Thomas Clarity '16

Best First-Year Racer:

Mason McKay '17

Bringing Home Gold

The Ski and Snowboard Team had a great year overall, finishing 4th out of 16 teams. Thomas Clarity '16 was the team's individual MVP in the snowboard department. Newcomer Mason McKay '17 was awarded Best First-Year Racer for all competitors by Cataloochee Ski Area where the team practices and competes. Head Coach Michael Amato was awarded Coach of the Year and was supported by Assistant Coaches Jeremy Stump and Casey Zager. Top skier David Wells '18 qualified for the Nature Valley NASTAR Nationals in Steamboat Springs, CO, where he placed first in the Silver Division, bringing home gold for the Greenies on the national stage. ■



Top photo: Snowboarder Addison Fulford '16 between runs.

Middle photo: The Ski and Snowboard Team gathers to celebrate a great season.



VARSITY SWIMMING



Making Waves

Swimmers: Duncan Jones '16, Will Keenan '16, Frank DeRonja '17, Morgan MacDonald '17, Zachary Pulsifer '17, Siler Sloan '17, Charlie Bradshaw '17, Flynn Cruse '18, Paul Gao '18, Adam Pollard '18, David Shainberg '18, Beau Simmons '18, and Henry Simril '18

The Greenie Swimming Nation swam well the entire season, scorching personal best times week after week. A 15-1 record for all competitions, and second-place finishes at the Tuscola Invitational in January 2016 and the CAA Conference Championships in February 2016, led to a move-up in placing at the NCISAA 3A State Meet held later that month. Eighth out of 19 teams and best times for all was the final tally!

The state meet was contested at the fast and beautiful Greensboro Aquatic Center, allowing for near-perfect conditions to race well. Eleven of the 13 swimmers on the squad qualified for this meet, and everyone swam a personal best in one or more individual or relay events.

Morgan MacDonald earned the team's Most Valuable award based on consistently strong race performances, and the Most Improved award went to newcomer Siler Sloan, who made significant time drops in both the breaststroke and freestyle events each meet. With the majority of the team returning next season, and some likely additions, the Greenies hope to move up at the state meet and challenge for the title at Tuscola and CAAs! ■

Coaches:

Andrew Pulsifer
James Uhler

Captains:

Will Keenan '16
Duncan Jones '16

Most Valuable Swimmer:

Morgan MacDonald '17

Most Improved Swimmer:

Siler Sloan '17

Top photo: Morgan MacDonald '17 competes in the 100 Meter Butterfly.

Middle photo: Zach Pulsifer '17, Paul Gao '18, and Morgan MacDonald '17 rest between warm-up laps.

Coaches:

Dick Fusco
Nick Luhm
Casey Zager
Pat James

Captains:

Zak Lintz '16
Ryan Zwier '16

Most Improved Player:

Jackson Hipp '18
Max LeCroy '19

Most Valuable Player:

Will Fleming '17

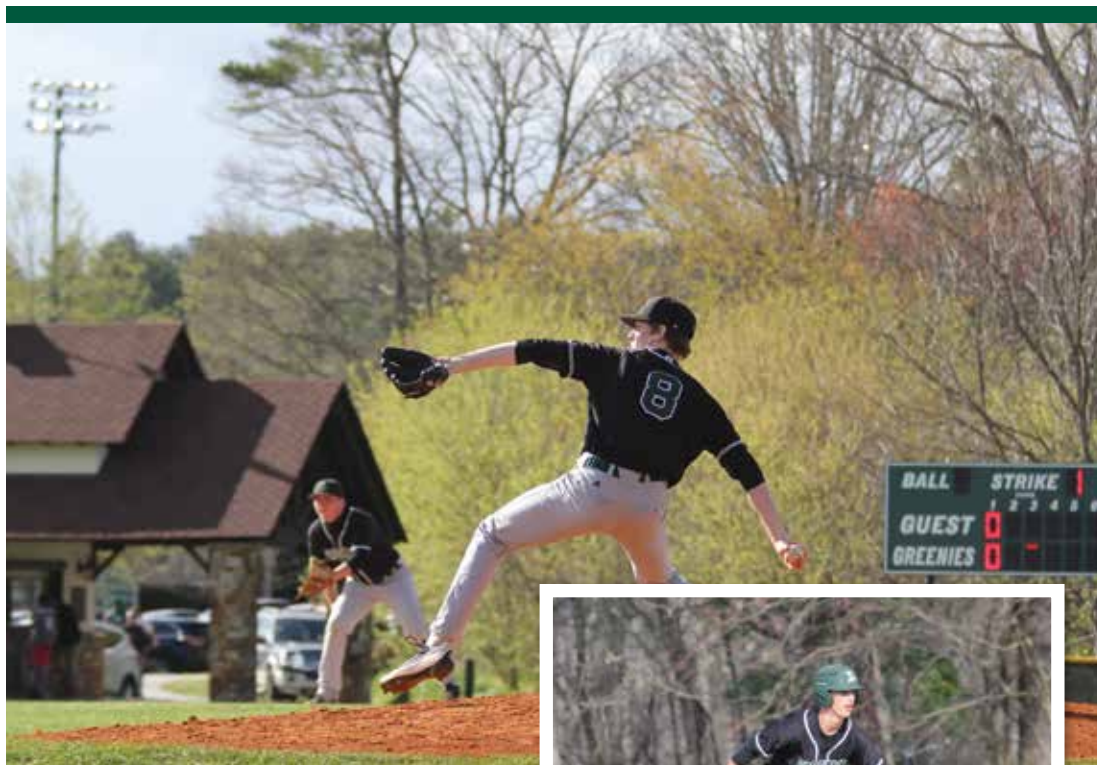
All-Conference:

Ryan Zwier '16
Will Fleming '17
Jackson Hipp '18
Max LeCroy '19

All-State:

Will Fleming '17

**VARSITY
BASEBALL**



The Greenie Rundown



Joy – winning 5 games in the late innings.

Pain – losing Zak Lintz '16, Mike Reynolds '17, and Graham Hooker '19 to injury

Learning – starting two 9th-graders and five 10th-graders in most games

Frustration – losing 8 games by a total of 16 runs, 6 by 2 runs or fewer

Success – beating Asheville School (extending the 14-game winning streak) and Rabun Gap both twice, and winning the conference outright

Disappointment – not making the state playoffs

Smiling – having everyone return except the two seniors

The Varsity Baseball Team offense was led by Jackson Hipp '18 .444, Max LeCroy '19 .406, Will Fleming '17 .400, and Ryan Zwier .351. LeCroy paced the team with 25 runs scored, while Seth Griswold '18 was the team leader in RBIs with 25. Hipp and LeCroy each had 28 hits apiece, while Fleming stole 13 bases.

Defensively, Will 1.000, Seth .985, Henry Hawthorne '17 .984 and Graham Hooker .970 led CS. Max LeCroy and Will Goosmann '18 were responsible for turning 11 double plays.

Will and Graham paced the Greenies on the hill, each winning 4 games. Fleming posted a 1.10 ERA while striking out 43 hitters in 44.2 innings. Hooker earned a 2.21 ERA while striking out 22 hitters in 19 innings.

The Greenies finished the season 11-8, and 6-2 in conference, winning the conference championship outright, their third title in 3 years. ■

Top photo: Will Fleming '17 throws an 0-1 pitch at the top of the second inning.

Bottom: McKinley Bell '18 takes a lead at first base.



UNDER THE LIGHTS

VARSITY LACROSSE

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A Historic Season

The Varsity Lacrosse Team had a historic season, going 15-5 and advancing to the state finals for the first time in school history. The team played its most challenging schedule ever, which included state champions from Ohio, South Carolina, Georgia, and North Carolina. They raised their expectations and had a perfect 9-0 in-state record going into the state championship game, including wins against Charlotte Country Day twice, Providence Day, Cannon, and Charlotte Christian, but came short of winning the state title in a hard-fought loss to Ravenscroft School.

Offensively, the Greenies produced the highest scoring average in the state, led by the attack of Riley Smith '17, Will Iorio '17, and Joey Cinque '17. Hunter Vines '18, Zach Ayotte '16, Henry Guthery '16, and Phillip Hodges '18 were also major contributors.

Jonah Roberts '17, Max Brie '18, Sage Holley '17, Thomas Clarity '16, Banks Campbell '17, Harrison Froelich '16, Scott Ullstein '16, and Jackson Zemp '18 led a stifling defense, while



goalie Beau Hecimovich '20 boasted a 63% save ratio, which ranked among the top 5 in the state. Grant Watson '16 and Jack McLawhorn '18 led the team in face-offs, with a 53% ratio.

The Greenies continue to have a bright future, with 22 lettermen and eight of 10 starters returning next year. ■

Captains:

Zach Ayotte '16

Harrison Froelich '16

Most Valuable Player:

Jonah Roberts '17

Most Improved Player:

Beau Hecimovich '20

Jackson Zemp '18

All State:

Will Iorio '17

Riley Smith '17

Hunter Vines '18

Top photo: Varsity Lacrosse celebrates a win in a team huddle.

Bottom: All Conference Team and MVP Jonah Roberts '17 makes a pass on the run despite pressure from his opponent.

Coaches:

Laneal Vaughn
Bobby Long

Captain:

Kiffen Loomis '16

Most Improved Player:

Andreas Lederer '18

Most Valuable Player:

Kiffen Loomis '16

All-Conference:

Kiffen Loomis '16
Andreas Lederer '18
Stephen Saye '18

UNDER THE LIGHTS

VARSITY TENNIS

One Of The Most Successful Years In School History



The senior-led Varsity Tennis Team had a miraculous campaign, finishing the year 14-2 overall, including an undefeated 6-0 in the CAA Conference. The team was led by MVP Kiffen Loomis '16 and ASSIT (exchange) student Andreas Lederer '18. The Greenies attained the sixth seed in the 3A NCSIAA State Playoffs and defeated #11 Forsyth Country Day, 6-1, making it six years in a row with a first-round playoff victory. Though the Greenies fell in the quarterfinals to #2 Durham Academy, Christ School Tennis had one of its most successful years in school history. ■



Top photo: Kyle Luce '16 prepares to return a serve from his Asheville School opponent.

Bottom: George Thornton's '16 undefeated season helped the Greenies advance to the State quarterfinals.

Conference Champions

The Varsity Golf Team played a competitive regular season schedule again this year in preparation for a run at another state championship. A core group of seniors provided solid play all year: Chris Akers (East Carolina signee), John Freeman, Michael Freeman (Davidson College signee), Thomas Garbee (Naval Academy commit), and Aaron Graham (Appalachian State commit). Their leadership, as well as regular contributions from sophomore Carson Ownbey (UNC-Charlotte commit), allowed the team to capture another conference championship, as well as program-best runners-up finishes at the Southern Cross Tournament, hosted by the Palmetto Golf Club (Aiken, SC), and at the very competitive NC High School Challenge, hosted by Irish Creek Club. Another highlight this season was setting the school record for a competitive round, finishing 7 under par in a team match at Biltmore Forest

Country Club. Although the team was unable to capture another state championship, they finished state runners-up to Cannon School in the year-ending state tournament. The team finished 18 shots ahead of third-place Charlotte Latin, a season to be proud of for the team and Head Coach Eric Thorp.

Despite losing a group of seniors who have had great careers, Coach Thorp looks forward to two returning All-Conference players (Ownbey '18 and Cameron Akers '20), as well as a group of young players eager to get their chance to represent the Christ School Golf Program. ■



VARSITY GOLF

Head Coach:
Eric Thorp

Assistant Coach:
Garrison Conner

Captain:
Aaron Graham '16

Co-Captain:
John Freeman '16

Most Improved Players:
Aaron Graham '16
Thomas Garbee '16

Most Valuable Player:
John Freeman '16

All-CAA:
Thomas Garbee '16 (Player of the Year)
Chris Akers '16
Aaron Graham '16
Carson Ownbey '18
Cameron Akers '20
Michael Freeman '16

3A All-State Team:
John Freeman '16

Top photo: Aaron Graham '16, eyes his tee shot on the 9th hole.

Bottom: Michael Freeman '16 reads a putt during his season low round of 4-under par 66 at Biltmore Country Club.

Coaches:

Randy Ashley
Matt Chisholm
Crystal Goure
Emily Pulsifer

Captains:

Payton Lange '16
Kokayi Cobb '17
Vance Stiles '17

Most Valuable Player:

Thomas Hoefer '17

Most Improved Player:

Vance Stiles '17

UNDER THE LIGHTS

VARSITY TRACK

Top left: Versatile sprinters Drew Redmond '20, Kevin Williams '18, and Keyvaun Cobb '19 prepare for their next event.

Gaining Steam

The 2016 Greenies Track Team had an auspicious start. In the first track meet of the year, the sprint medley team of Thomas Hoefer '17, Kevin Snyder '19, Kevin Williams '18, and Kokayi Cobb '17 set a school record, with the #19 best time in North Carolina high school track history.

The team was led by Thomas Hoefer, Kevin Williams, Kevin Snyder, thrower Chester Zhao '18, distance runner Vance Stiles '17, and Payton

Lange '16. Kevin Snyder won the NCISAA 3A long-jump championship and placed fifth in the triple jump. Thomas Hoefer was the everywhere man on the track team, leading by example with his all-out efforts and ever-present smile. His running mate was Kevin Williams, with his constant positive chatter with teammates. Payton Lange set the school record in the pole vault, jumping 13-6 four times to break the school record of 13-2.

Overall, the track season was a whopping success. With focused coaching and a commitment to working hard to achieve quality performance from the athletes, the future is bright for Christ School Track. ■



Top right: Most Improved Runner Vance Stiles '17 presses the pace in the 1600 meter race.

Bottom: Conference champ Kevin Snyder '19 cheers teammate Tyler Redmond '17 toward a personal record in the long jump.

A photograph of a soccer game in progress on a grassy field. In the foreground, a man in a pink jersey is on the left, and a man in a green jersey is on the right. Two young boys, one in a green jersey and one in a pink jersey, are in the center. A white soccer ball is in the air above them. The background features a dense line of green trees under a cloudy sky.

ANNUAL ALUMNI SOCCER GAME

August 27, 2016

MAKE IT YOUR

GOAL

TO ATTEND

Lace up your cleats and join the game at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch and a chance to cheer as
CS Varsity Soccer takes on Cannon School at 1:00 p.m.

Contact Guy Campbell '00 for more information (guycampbell@carolinacolortones.com / 828-779-0023).

SEEDS of SUCCESS

COME TO FRUITION AT CHRIST SCHOOL AUCTION

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BEYOND THE GATE HOUSE

FROM THE
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OFFICE

Before the festivities begin, Scott Pritchard greets his son Hank '19, a member of the Greenie Golf Team.

With tremendous support from Christ School parents, alumni, and friends, our fifth auction, Seeds of Success, was held on Saturday, April 23rd at the Biltmore Forest Country Club. The capacity crowd of 250 enjoyed cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres while bidding on an extensive selection of Silent Auction items followed by a Live Auction filled with one-of-a-kind packages.

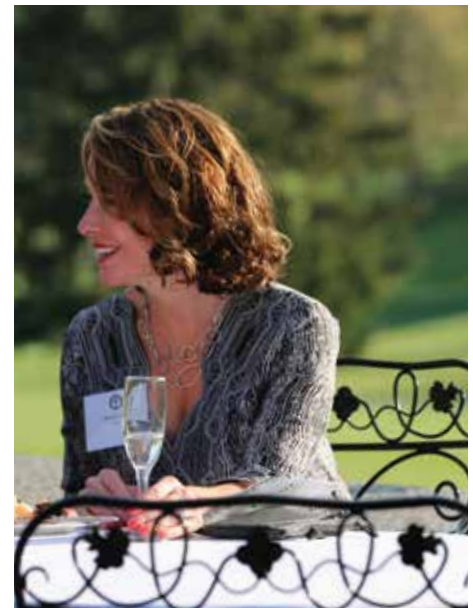
Trips to Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, St. Barth's, Montana, Maine, Edisto Island, and Sullivan's Island had bidders ready to pack their bags. A thoroughbred of a package had bidders raising their paddles for the right to enjoy a beautiful fall weekend this coming October in Lexington, Kentucky, for Keeneland's Fall Stars Weekend. Golfing in Pinehurst and tailgating at a Panthers' game in the coming season also had bidders snapping up the fun.

The night was capped off by the Fund-a-Need portion of the auction which raised an impressive \$80,000, surpassing by \$30,000 the matching of a \$50,000 challenge grant. All of the proceeds from Seeds of Success go directly to funding the new Wellness Center.

Months of preparations by the auction co-chairs, Jennifer Akers P'16, P'20, and Spencer Guthery P'13, P'16, paid off in a big way with \$305,000 in net proceeds, setting a record for Christ School auctions. Many other volunteers were involved in securing auction items, decorating, and making the event special for all who attended. Generous event sponsors were also major contributors to the evening's success.

The next auction has already been scheduled for April 21, 2018, so mark your calendars and join us. You may just be the next lucky winner! ■





We appreciate the generosity of our volunteers, sponsors, auction item donors and winning bidders. "To experience the auction from its beginning concepts to the end results has been a very fulfilling experience," says Paige Wheeler, Christ School Auction Liaison and Campaign Manager. "Jennifer and Spencer gave so much of their personal time and talents. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work with them and to see our Christ School family support the auction with such magnitude."



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FROM THE
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OFFICE

By Paige Wheeler

To discuss a naming opportunity or to make a gift, please contact the Advancement Office, 828-684-6232, ext. 115.



CAMPAIGN MOVES PAST \$15.9 MILLION TOWARD \$20 MILLION

RAISED FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS, ENDOWED FUNDS AND ANNUAL LOYALTY DOLLARS

The public phase of our capital campaign has gained momentum in funding projects evidenced by the construction on campus. Currently, the new dining hall is nearing completion and will open this August for service to a record enrollment of over 290 boys. The expansive dining hall renovation includes a new family style dining room allowing for all faculty and students to dine together; a private dining room with a view of Fayssoux Field; three new classrooms on the lower level with three additional office spaces; and an outdoor fire pit and patio for dining and activities.

This year's Angelus Society Dinner will be held in the new dining hall on Saturday evening, October 29, 2016. Hosting this annual event honoring our donors in the new dining hall is truly reflective of how much this new facility adds to the campus in terms of function, design, and importance.

Construction on campus this summer also includes Gardner House, a new residential house for 16 students that is being remodeled from the former Wellness Center. A pedestrian plaza is being developed between the new dining hall and academic buildings. Development of a new Wellness Center is also a focal point of construction, and lead gifts

for it were raised through the 2016 Seeds of Success Auction. Another faculty home has been completed as well.

Campaign Co-Chair Nat Hyde '74 commented on the success of the campaign achieving almost 80% of its goal thus far by saying, "To be candid, when we started this effort I had no idea we would be so far along at this point with such tangible evidence of success such as the dining hall, new dorm, renovated arts building, and several faculty homes. This success honors the legacy of Christ School, the high standards of the current school community, and sets the school on a path for a robust future to serve generations of boys to come."

Our Annual Loyalty Fund is also an important focal point of the campaign. While many donors designate their gifts to a specific need, it is important for donors to know that ALF dollars are also necessary and appreciated. These unrestricted dollars are vital to continue meeting ordinary expenses, but also for providing funding for additional expenses. Keeping annual giving a priority while also considering a campaign gift for a particular project or endowed fund is paramount.

Christ School has a generous challenge gift of \$1.2 million from an anonymous donor who is

seeking a partner to co-name the new athletic center. This facility will address the inability of the existing facility to meet the needs of current and future enrollment and will provide a place for training and practice during inclement WNC weather. Our challenge gift donor is an alumnus who truly loves Christ School and wishes to see his name alongside another generous Christ School supporter. This is a one-to-one match; however, if several donors wish to contribute significant lead gifts, additional naming opportunities are available.

Endowment gifts are another important aspect of the campaign, where funds are needed to help meet a specific goal of raising an additional \$9 million to support scholarships and endowed teaching positions. To-date we have raised \$2.6 million in endowment gifts.

When the campaign began in 2014, the Board agreed on a goal of \$20,000,000 to support specific projects, the endowment, and the Annual Loyalty Fund. We have had generous responses to our requests for support and to-date have raised over \$15.9 million toward the \$20,000,000 goal. It is important to

note that additional needs have been identified since the beginning of the campaign, with projects such as a new Wellness Center, new residential house for 16 students, a new art studio, and additional faculty homes which are also included in the campaign needs.

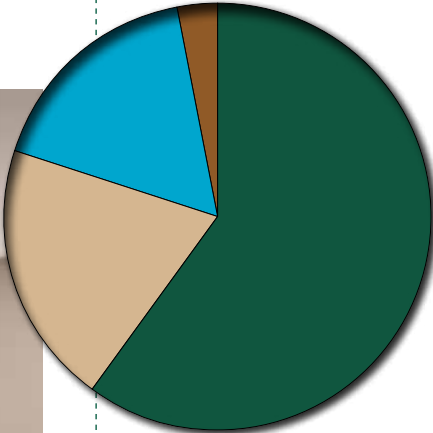
Planned gifts which have yet to be identified and recorded by Christ School are eligible to be counted toward the campaign.

Campaign Chairman Steve Young '82 recently stated, "It is such an honor to be a part of this campaign that can truly have such a positive effect on future generations of boys that come to Christ School and leave as young men. The school is growing and improving in so many aspects while retaining its essence. I hope past alumni and parents will come and see for themselves as the opportunity presents itself."

We are grateful to every donor and we cherish the trust and confidence our supporters have in Christ School. Each gift given to Christ School, regardless of amount, is greatly appreciated and used strategically to enrich students' lives and sustain the institution. ■

Named Opportunities

- Endowed Funds:
\$2.6 million
- Restricted Capital Projects:
\$8.4 million
- Unrestricted Capital Projects:
\$1 million
- Annual Loyalty Gifts:
\$3.1 million
- Planned Gifts (newly acquired):
\$550,000



- Endowed Funds
- Gifts to Capital Projects
- Annual Gifts
- New Planned Gifts (documented in campaign)



8.2.8

INITIATIVE

[PHASE II]

By Denis Stokes

This past fall we announced Phase I of a campus-wide fitness and wellness initiative, 8.2.8., focusing on activity (8,000 steps per day), hydration (2 liters of water each day) and sleep (8 hours per night). Armed with Fitbits and Nalgene bottles made distinctive with the slogan “no. stopping.a.greenie,” our students were encouraged to get active, fill up their bottles at one of 12 filling stations on campus, and track their sleep.

The results were encouraging because each and every student became more aware of his personal routine. Jeff Miles, Director of Student Life, reports, “We thought the 8.2.8 Initiative had the potential to change student behavior and indeed it did. I cannot tell you the number of students talking about the initiative, and more importantly, comparing results with friends.”

Phase II of the initiative which focuses on nutrition, was kicked off this spring with a visit by Dr. Ann Kulze (“Dr. Ann”), medical practitioner and author of *Eat Right for Life*. Dr. Ann met with key Aramark (our food service provider) employees, students, as well as members of the Christ School Wellness Team. Dr. Ann’s visit included an educational presentation and a thorough review of our menus and food offerings. She will follow up with suggestions for making improvements to dining hall offerings.

Dr. Ann’s experience of years as a general practitioner and her own lifestyle regime of regular exercise and healthy eating have led her

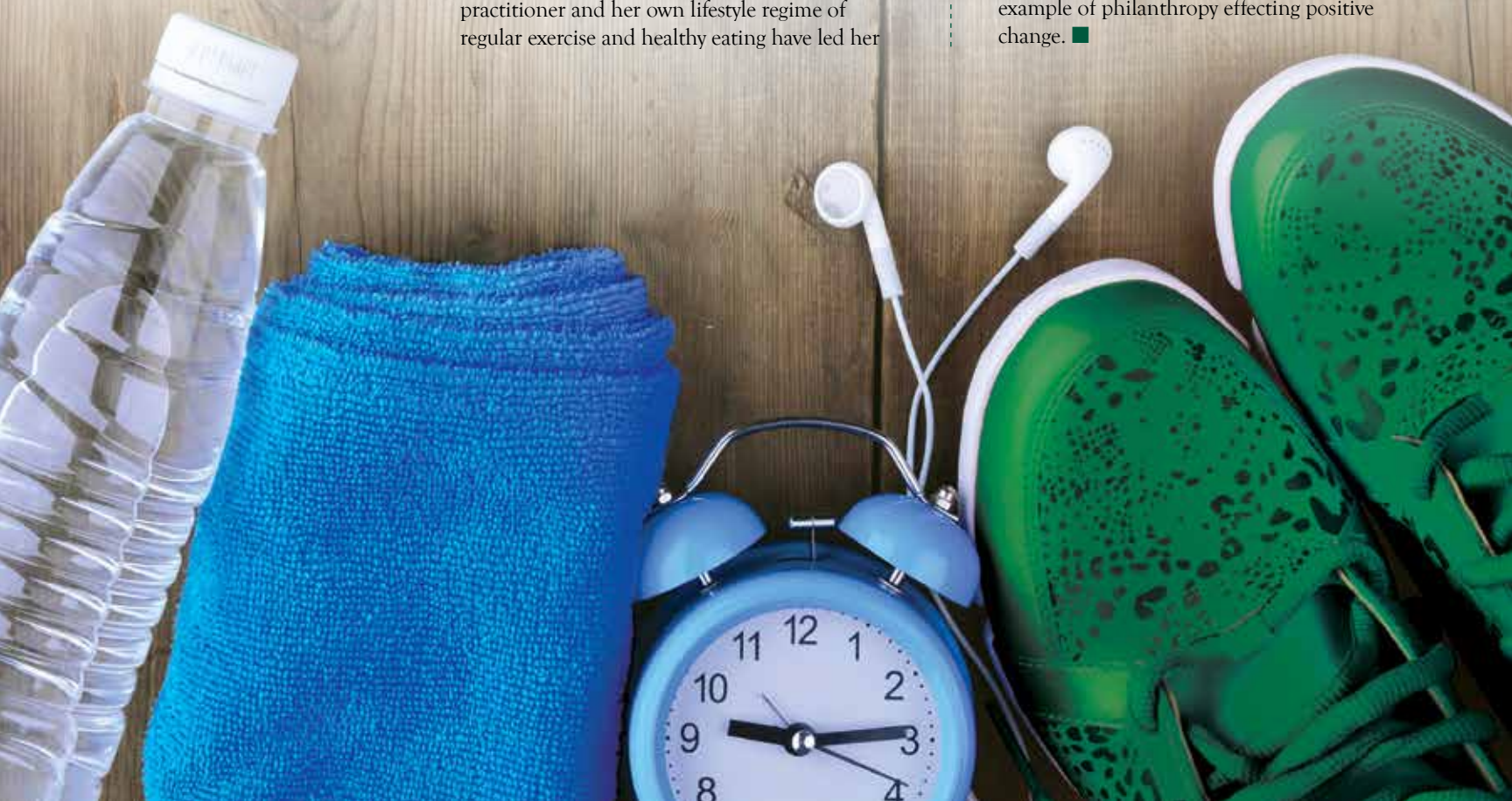
to focus her medical practice on prevention, realizing that much of the health challenges in adults can be avoided with better life choices. As a result, she has spent the better part of the past decade becoming a recognized authority on the topic of nutrition and wellness.

We will take the summer months to study Dr. Ann’s report and strategize on effective ways to improve the dining hall menu from a health standpoint. Eating habits are formed when one is young, so we have a responsibility to guide our students in bringing awareness to and information about the value of good eating.

Studies confirm that healthy eating leads to a better quality of sleep, clearer thinking, better athletic performance, and the general benefits of forming good habits. Christ School takes seriously its responsibility to prepare each student for college by developing each boy in body, mind, and spirit, and so it follows that the 8.2.8. Initiative, with its emphasis on health and well-being, complements our mission.

Stay tuned for more, as a Dr. Ann Kulze workshop for students, faculty, and parents is planned for early in the 2016-17 academic year. In the meantime, learn more about Dr. Ann’s work by visiting www.drannwellness.com.

Generously and anonymously funded by a current family, the 8.2.8. Initiative is a great example of philanthropy effecting positive change. ■



Christ School wishes to thank the more than 70 alumni, parents, and friends who have thoughtfully included Christ School in their estate plans. The David Page Harris Society recognizes those individuals who have notified the Advancement Office of their intentions to gift to Christ School by an inclusion in their will, as an owner and beneficiary of a whole life insurance policy, as a beneficiary of a retirement account, or other gift such as a charitable remainder trust. These gifts are legacy gifts allowing for your continued belief in and support of Christ School, even after you are gone. The following article provides an update on the important opportunity for donors who wish to make gifts from IRA accounts.

It's Official: Washington Makes IRA QCDs Permanent

In 2015 year-end legislation, the Consolidated Appropriations Act makes permanent Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from IRA accounts.

The following is reprinted (in part) from an Estates and Trusts article written by Michael J. Jones:

Benefits of QCDs

A QCD permits annual direct transfers to a qualified charity totaling up to \$100,000 of tax-deferred IRA savings. Funds that have been distributed from the IRA to the IRA owner and are then contributed to charity can't so qualify. QCDs offer advantages over taking a taxable IRA distribution and then contributing the proceeds of that distribution to a charity. That's because taxable IRA distributions must be included in adjusted gross income. As a result:

- Income taxes on Social Security benefits can increase,
- Adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations on annual charitable deductions can defeat current deduction of the charitable contribution of IRA distribution proceeds (carryovers to a limited number of future tax years is available),
- AGI limitations trimming itemized deductions can apply, and
- Medicare insurance premiums can increase.

QCDs avoid those results. Importantly, QCDs automatically satisfy required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year when the

QCD is made. That's a real advantage for a charitably minded IRA owner who doesn't need RMDs to live on.

Requirements

Only individuals who've attained age 70 ½ may make QCDs. The charity that receives the donation must provide the same contribution acknowledgment needed to claim a charitable income tax deduction. Failure to obtain the acknowledgment will quash the QCD. QCDs may be made from any IRA or individual retirement annuity, but not from a simplified employee pension, a simple retirement account or an inherited IRA.

Making The Contribution

To make a contribution, contact the intended charity to determine the exact payee name for the check. Then, using that name, instruct your IRA trustee or custodian to make a transfer from the IRA directly to charity. Many trustees and custodians already have forms and procedures in place to make this transfer. It won't qualify if the trustee or custodian makes the mistake of putting IRA money in a non-IRA account of yours as an intermediate step. It won't qualify if the check is made out to you. The law doesn't provide a way to correct mistakes. The Internal Revenue Service has said that a check from an IRA may be made payable to a charitable organization described in section 408(d)(8) and delivered by the IRA owner to the charitable organization. Be sure to obtain a letter of acknowledgment from the charity. ■

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For more information,
contact your financial
advisor or Denis
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Advancement Office,
828-684-6232, ext. 115.

BEYOND THE GATE HOUSE

FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

Peter Dodge '95, Flossie and David Dodge P'95, and Scholarship recipient Morgan MacDonald '17 meet after the Awards Ceremony.



David T. Dodge SCHOLARSHIP

When Peter Dodge '95, founder and CEO of Hanover Research, a market research company in Washington, D.C., wanted to honor his father for a recent milestone birthday, he chose to establish the David T. Dodge Scholarship.

The David T. Dodge Scholarship recognizes a rising VI Form student (senior) who demonstrates special aptitude in math and science. The scholarship is intended to call attention to engineering as a potential course of undergraduate studies.

Mr. Dodge, an engineer by academic training and a retired real estate developer, attributes his success in life to the disciplined thinking of his engineering training. He believes that the ability to take complex situations and make reasoned judgments is a key to success, be it in assessing real estate opportunities or many other situations in life. In addition to recognizing his father, Peter Dodge '95 also established the scholarship as a way to thank his father for the opportunity he provided for Peter to attend Christ School. "My

father hammered into me the imperative of a good education, promised to pay for as much education as I could get, and made good on that promise," says Peter. "His ability and willingness to do so fuels my desire to recognize him and do anything and everything I can to advance the Christ School mission."

This year's recipient, the inaugural recipient of the scholarship, is Morgan MacDonald '17 from Brevard, NC.

Scholarship funds are managed within the Christ School Endowment and are drawn upon at a similar rate as the general endowment, approximately 4% each year. Once established, a scholarship fund can be added to throughout the donor's lifetime, added to by other family members (or by anyone for that matter), and can be added to by way of one's estate plans. For more information about establishing a named endowment fund, please contact the Advancement Office - 800.422.3212 ext. 103. ■

Opposite Page: Dan Stevenson '72 escorts Lucretia Finlay to the start of the "Big R" Fun Run, held in honor of her husband Reed Finlay, on Friday afternoon of Alumni Weekend.



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HEADMASTER'S
RECEPTION



"BIG R" FUN RUN



AWARDS LUNCHEON



SPORTING EVENTS

Sunshine & Memories

brought together old friends and their families for a joyful Alumni Weekend. This year honored graduates of years ending in 1 and 6; however, it was wonderful to see and welcome Greenies across many years. The Friday night Headmaster's Reception, hosted by Paul Krieger and his wife, Beth, kicked off the weekend and was the setting of many handshakes, hugs, and emotional reunions.

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Events on campus included the Friday afternoon "Big R" 5K Fun Run. Reed Finlay's widow, Lucretia, fired the starting pistol to start the race and Jay Curwen '84 and Vance Stiles '17 battled for the first mile before Curwen won for the 3rd year in a row. Saturday began with the Memorial Chapel Service, followed by a mini-sampling of classes in English, engineering and history. In the Headmaster's Update, which featured a student panel, Paul Krieger brought everyone up to speed on all the exciting changes on campus.

Over 240 guests gathered for a traditional southern barbecue lunch under the tent at Fayssoux Field, followed by the presentation of alumni awards in recognition of distinction and service. Saturday afternoon on the playing fields, alumni cheered on the Greenies in baseball and lacrosse. Both teams celebrated victories: Varsity Baseball beat Asheville School, 11-1, and Varsity Lacrosse outscored Hendersonville High School, 19-3. ■

SAVE THE DATE:

Next Christ School Alumni Weekend
May 5-6, 2017



Photos (clockwise from top left): A future Greenie enjoys the barbecue; Headmaster Paul Krieger and Reggie King '09 catch up; Tripp Mann '11 arrives with his date; Class of 1976 members, Christopher Thrailkill, Bill McCarty and Philip Owens greet each other at the Headmaster's Reception; Max Parnes '06 carries a sleepy son to the luncheon; Director of External Affairs Denis Stokes ushers Todd Combs '86 and wife Kyle to the Headmaster's Reception; Young Alumnus Award Winner Sam Smith '06 and wife Elise enjoy the evening; CS runner Vance Stiles '17 and Jay Curwen '84 charge ahead at the "Big R" Fun Run; Charlie Sneed '66 greets Tom Ballou '66 Saturday morning.





Sam Smith '06



J. Terry Sanford '71



Arthur "Tino" Swanson '71



Jim Switzer '76



Wyndham Manning III '66

ALUMNI AND CONTRIBUTOR AWARDS

Sam Smith '06 received the Robert B. Moore III Young Alumnus Award, given to an alumnus who embodies the attributes of integrity, citizenship, and potential for leadership. This award is given in memory of Robert B. Moore III '90 and began in 2006. While Sam was a student here, he focused on academics, participated in Varsity Golf and served as the prefect for Cuningham House. He attended Rhodes College in Memphis, graduating in 2010 with a B.A. in Business Administration, and he became a CPA in 2011. He and his wife, Elise, live in Dallas.

J. Terry Sanford '71 and **Arthur "Tino" Swanson '71** were given the honor of receiving the Bill Sewell Service and Loyalty Award, named after one of Christ School's most beloved alumni who served the school faithfully as a teacher, coach, trustee, and supporter throughout his life. Recipients are alumni who exemplify Bill Sewell's dedication and commitment through significant accumulative service and contributions to Christ School.

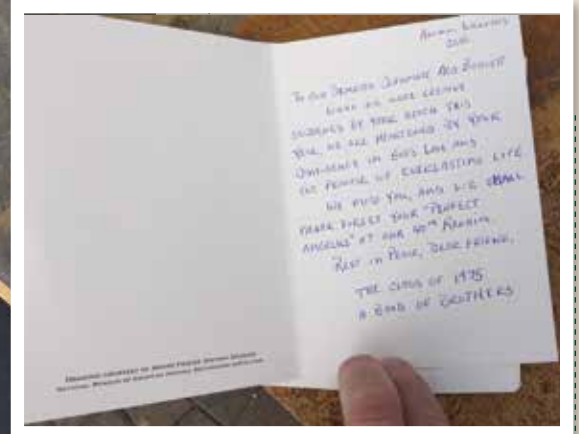
After graduating from Christ School, Terry Sanford '71 attended UNC-Chapel Hill and launched a successful business career in real estate development. He has served on the Christ School Board of Trustees, the UNC Board of Visitors, North Carolina Central University Board of Governors, the North Carolina Business Advisory Council, and the BB&T Board. He and his wife, Laurie, have been very involved in the philanthropic life of

their communities.

Tino Swanson '71 has spent his life serving his community of Charleston and embodying the characteristics of a "Southern Gentleman." Known as an authority on banking during a career which has spanned forty years, he is currently an Executive Vice President of South State Bank. He has been a longtime supporter of Christ School and hosted many Charleston Gatherings.

Jim Switzer '76 was presented the Alumni Achievement Award in recognition of attainment of noteworthy accomplishments in professional and personal activities. Recipients are alumni who have achieved prominence in their work, avocation, or service to society. Jim has served his community in many ways. He has served on the Christ School Board of Trustees, past member of the Wofford College Terrier Club Board, past president of the Wofford College National Alumni Association, past member of the board of M.S. Bailey & Sons, past member of the Spartanburg Day School Board of Trustees, and is currently serving on the Bailey Foundation Board of Trustees. Jim and his wife, Betsy, live in Spartanburg.

Wyndham Manning III '66 was awarded the Christ School Distinguished Alumnus Award. This is the highest honor given to a Christ School alumnus and recognizes significant professional and personal accomplishments and contributions to society in general and to Christ School in particular. Wyndham attended Christ School from 1962-66. He graduated from the Citadel in 1970 and served our country in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. In 1985, he started his own company, St. John's Mortgage and Investment Co., which grew to 22 branches and 75 employees before being sold to BB&T. He now owns a residential building company which has built nearly 40 houses a year since 2010. He and his wife, Bunny, raise money for the American Cancer Society. Their son, Wyndham IV, graduated from Christ School in 2004 and is a recipient of the Robert B. Moore Young Alumnus Award. Their daughter, Emily, was married in St. Joseph's Chapel on campus in 2013. ■



May 10, 2016

Gentlemen,

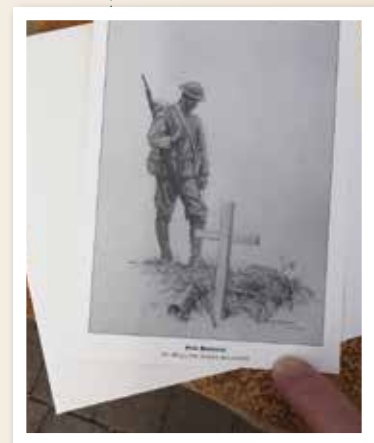
I just returned from Alumni Weekend and thought I would share some pictures with you. It was great to visit with the guys from '75 that were in attendance: John Mell, Broadus Stewart, and David Watters.

Speaking of Mr. Watters, I am going to brag on him for a minute. After we left the Memorial Service on Saturday morning, David and I walked to the Finlay Plaza where I noticed some beautiful flowers and a letter addressed to our deceased brother Ned Badgett '75. David took it upon himself to buy the flowers, write the note, and place it at the Finlay Plaza prior to the Memorial Service. It brought me to tears. The attached pictures are in sequence and will hopefully give you an idea of how thoughtful and beautiful this gesture was. Thank you, David, for your generosity and for being such a loyal classmate. Can you imagine what Big R was feeling when he saw David putting the flowers for Ned on the Finlay Plaza!

Hope you enjoy!

In the bonds of friendship,

Will "Willie" King '75



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NEWS FROM ALUMNI



Thomas Wilson '47

1943

Peter Gleason '43, in response to a request for an update, wrote "Class of 1943, I am still alive!"

1947

Thomas Wilson '47 writes: "Class of 1947 makes me really ancient, I guess. Be that as it may, I have a lovely life here in Northern California. I moved from the old NC many years ago, and, while I miss Arden and Chapel Hill, I do love it here. After graduating from Harvard in 1951, I spent 10 years in the hotel industry, primarily on various assignments for the Sheraton Corporation home office. Aside from quick visits to several properties, I served longer postings in Buffalo, Detroit, French Lick (IN), New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, and San Francisco. It was a great life, as long as I was single! I changed my occupation in the early 1960s, primarily because I was gotten married and a father. Hotel executives are always on call, and that just did not work well for this new life.

Virginia and I had four children over 11 years, two boys and two girls. Unfortunately, neither of my sons showed any interest in attending Christ School, even though they both knew how much I loved my time there. Since 1963 I have been involved in finance-related fields, first as a management consultant for health care professionals and then as a self-employed enrolled agent (IRS certified tax accountant). I "retired" 11 years ago but still prepare taxes early

each year, primarily as a volunteer with AARP's Tax-Aide program. Also I prepare tax returns for family members and for ten old clients – they're retired, too, and their returns are generally quite simple. I do not charge them any fees; I tell them "you put steak on my table for so many years; now this is a way I can pay you back." My former wife and I split in April 1984, just after our 25th anniversary. Since then I've been with my wonderful wife, Nancy R. Wilson. She is a retired emergency room RN, a published author (Queen of Speed), a retired outside travel agent, a great cook, a deadly competitor at cribbage and other card games, and so on. You get the picture; I am a very lucky man! We live in a too-big house on a hill in Petaluma, CA, and travel as much as we can. We try to visit England every autumn, and we have just returned from a lovely driving trip up to Victoria and the Southern Gulf Islands in British Columbia, then back by way of the Oregon Alps."

1948

Bill Kennedy '48 and his wife, Nancy Glover Kennedy, divide their time between Atlanta and Beech Mountain, NC. Their son David and his wife, Hannah, live in Boone, NC, where he has built a large second home resort management business, Carolina Cabin Rentals, and they have nine children. Daughter Denis is married to Atlanta attorney George Koenig and they have five children: Nancy graduates this year from UGA, where Laura is a junior; Courtney is studying at



Class of 1951



Class of 1956



Bill Kennedy '48 and wife Nancy

University of Florence, Italy, while sons Tripp and Jack are at St. Pius School in Atlanta. Their son Clarke lives at Beech Mountain full time and married Marcia Quinn in June.

Bill and Nancy spend the ski season at Beech Mountain, the spring months in Atlanta, and return to Beech Mountain for June through half of October each year. They would welcome all alumni at either place.

1949

John Schnorrenberg '49 writes: "I am in good health, always pleased to hear from and about the school, and about to turn my attention back to the Christ School architecture book I have been working on."

1958

Bob Dickson '58 and his wife, Lanny, just celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. They are enjoying retirement in Jacksonville, their

condo in Amelia Island, and a little lake cottage in the woods south of Jacksonville. Their three grandchildren, David (17), Rhett (14), and Amelia (11), keep them busy and are a great source of joy in their lives. Bob can be found either in the woods or on the water. Grandson Rhett is the outdoorsman among the younger ones, so he keeps Bob young with hunting, fishing, and skeet and trap shooting. Lanny enjoys her bridge, church work, reading, and occasional travel with Bob.

1965

Romi Gonzalez '65 writes: "I have just been appointed to the Cuba Task Force of the General Convention, which will study the request of the Episcopal Diocese of Cuba to rejoin the ECUSA. I am very pleased to be working on this reunification, as my father was the last Bishop of Cuba elected when Cuba was part of ECUSA. This relationship ended in 1966, shortly after my father's death. Christ School needs to consider a project in Cuba."

1973

R. Vance Butts '73 writes: "I am still employed by the State Department as a regional security officer in technical security. I travel around the world, mostly Africa and central Asia, doing TDY work. Right now I plan to retire in September and open a security consulting firm. I am still married and have two daughters and three grandkids."



George Thornton '16 and Tommy Westfeldt '70 (second cousins) hold a plaque to be displayed in the lobby of the new Wellness Center. The plaque reads: "Lasting Friendships Formed in the Spirit of Christ School."



Class of 1966



Class of 1971

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Class of 1976



Class of 1981

1982

According to Richie Dobson's '82 father, Richard Dobson, Sr., Richie is working as a drone pilot. He is contracted for the Super Bowl and CBS loves his work.

1985

Thomas Ritchie '85 is currently serving as a senior program manager for the Department of Labor working in the Office of Apprenticeship on cybersecurity occupation development, ports infrastructure, and federal workforce strategies to build the middle class. He has been married for 25 years to Duyen Tran of Charleston, SC, and they have three children; their oldest daughter graduated from college in May, and their second daughter is attending college (both girls are considering medical school for their career paths). Their youngest son will enter college this coming fall and major in cybersecurity. Thomas has lived in the Northern Virginia area since he retired from the U.S. Army after 22 years of service.

Thomas Ritchie '85 and family cool off on a recent vacation.



Noel Johnson '87, son Larry '20, and wife Maria visit campus.

1987

Noel Johnson '87 and his wife, Maria, visited campus this spring with son Larry, Class of 2020.

1988

Ben Lewis '88 and Wim Kellett '88 Lewis (and families) met up for dinner over spring break in Charleston, SC. Ben says that they "enjoyed fishing and fellowship." Ben is working in R



Ben Lewis '88 and Wim Kellett '88 "enjoying fishing and fellowship."

and D for Altria in Richmond, VA. He and his wife, Michelle, have two daughters: Maggie (13) and Ellen (9). Wim is an owner of Piedmont Hospice as well as a partner in the merchant service company The Conservation Process. He and his wife, Merritt, have four sons: Hoke (14), McGregor (14), and Seabrook (11).

1999

Frank "Will" Perry '99 reports that he and his wife, Sarah, and daughters Elizabeth (3) and Catherine (1) are living in Washington D.C. while he spends a year in Afghanistan as an air advisor to the Afghan Air Force. "I am working as the Director of Operations over the 311th Air Expeditionary Advisor Squadron (Mi-17s and Mi-24s), and dual hating as an Mi-17 Instructor Pilot. Flying the Russian platforms is a blast, and the Afghans and our NATO partners are great to work with. I really hope to make it down to NC (more than just a fly-by) now that we're on the East Coast! Hopefully I can make an Alumni weekend after I get back to the states."



Hajo Engelke '00 and family

2000

Hajo Engelke '00, who was an ASSIST student, is married and has a son, Richard. He and his wife, Jenny, and Richard just moved from Frankfurt to Stuttgart, Germany, for a new company he just started.

2004

Travis Carmical '04 has been out of the Army for two years and is currently living in Houston, TX, working as Assistant Project Manager for Vaughn Construction. He will marry Elizabeth Shellhouse this July in Columbus, OH.



Frank "Will" Perry '99



Travis Carmical '04 and fiancée Elizabeth Shellhouse



Class of 1986



Class of 1991

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Will McNeeley '06 and bride
Faustina Velez.

S. Sean Locke '04 writes: "We moved into a new house in April of last year and then we had a beautiful baby boy, Evan Patrick Locke, on June 19 of 2015. My eldest son, Andrew, is doing well; he is about to finish kindergarten and just turned 6."



Dan Stevenson '72 and James Matthews '05

2005

James Matthews '05 stopped by campus this spring. A James Uhler protégé, James is a Xavier graduate.

2006

Will McNeeley '06 was married in February 2015 to Faustina Velez. He works for the Georgia Tech Alumni Association.



Class of 2006



Jamie Locke '07

2007

Jamie Locke '07 is in graduate school at the University of Georgia as a candidate for a Master's in Historic Preservation.

2008

John Yanik '08 will graduate from medical school this May and is looking forward to his residency in orthopedic surgery either in Idaho or the Carolinas.



Edbo Genet '09

2009

Edbo Genet '09 reports: "I am now in Bozeman, MT. After working and living in Jackson Hole for about a year, I decided to go back to school and stay out west in the mountains. I attended Montana State University and graduated with a degree in history. During my tenure at MSU, I had the joy of working in a gourmet food truck. During my last year in school I would pick up the truck at the owner's house and a friend and I would run the evening shift that often went

until 4:00 a.m.; it was a blast. I am now managing a kitchen 40 hours a week, which I love, and spending all of my other waking time paddling on the Yellowstone and Gallatin Rivers, as well as the other bodies of water in the state.

In two weeks I am going to be getting a titanium rod extracted from my leg, which was surgically inserted after a late-night skateboarding accident. After I recover from the surgery I plan to paddle a number of rivers, and make my way back east."

After graduating from Auburn, Preston Holmes '09 is now in his second year of law school at Penn State.



Hough Price '09 and fiancée Caitlin Theresa Reilly

Hough Price '09 is engaged to fellow NC State graduate Caitlin Theresa Reilly. She is earning a Master's in Animal Nutrition and working as a vet tech, and Hough is a team leader for America's Collateral Management Team for Credit Suisse. The wedding will be September 24, 2016 on St. John's Island, SC. They live in Cary, NC.

2011

Alston Lanier '11 completed his undergraduate studies at Hampden-Sydney College and has accepted a position with a worldwide commercial real estate company, CBRE, in Atlanta.



Josh King '12 celebrates SMU graduation with his family.

2012

Josh King '12 graduated from SMU in May. He begins working for Oracle in business development in mid-July.



Thomas Mackie '12 (far left) with the Pershing Rifles in Washington D.C. Gen. Col. Powell was also in the Pershing Rifles.

Thomas Mackie '12 graduated in May from Appalachian State and will be commissioned in the National Guard. He will then be attending field artillery school at Fort Sill in Oklahoma.



Senior Clemson Basketball Team Manager Tyler Stokes '12 visits with Alabama Crimson Tide Basketball's Shannon Hale '13 after the December game in Greenville, SC. Hale hit a shot at the buzzer to beat the Clemson Tigers, 51-50.



Graylyn Loomis '10, Daniel Murchison '11, and Sam Elmer '13 caught up with Marshall Plumlee '11 after seeing the Blue Devils play.

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Jack Bridgeford '15, Jack Purvis '15, and Liam Pulsifer '15 attended a lacrosse game this past spring.

2014

Jones Hussey '14 will be studying abroad this summer at University College, University of Oxford in England and will be focusing on history and political science. He sends his love to all Greenies.

Connell Maloney '14 is doing very well. The Citadel has proven to be a tough but rewarding place for him. He is thriving and hopefully will be working for one of the South Carolina senators this summer. He had an active leadership position with the SC Republican Society this year and has enjoyed all that exposure.

Matt Seely '14 has been accepted into McIntire School of Commerce, UVA's business school.

2015

Conrad Ma '15 reports: "The UNC-Chapel Hill Morehead-Cain experience is absolutely great and am about to head to East Africa for the summer with my classmate Elia.

Then I will be doing another eight-week internship related to data science in China. I have decided to major in computer science and minor in business (finance)."



These graduates stopped by on their way home from college to cheer on Varsity Lacrosse: Allen Guthery '13, Robert Stolz '13, Jake Froelich '13, and Reid Memmel '14.



Camrin Opp '14, Mark Glaeser '14, and Luke Pearce '14, put aside their rivalry to pose for a picture at the Army-Navy Game.





A SHINING TRIBUTE

New Altar Covering Honors
Charles W. “Buddy” Hancock, Jr. ’43



To honor their father, Charles W. “Buddy” Hancock, Jr. ’43, Libby Hancock Nixon and her brother, Charles Walker Hancock III, donated a new altar covering for the Chapel, which was dedicated at the Memorial Service during Alumni Weekend.

Three years ago, during what would be Buddy’s final visit to campus, Libby visited the Chapel with her father and recalls him gazing admiringly at the stained glass window behind the altar. Wanting her gift to be directed where it would be most meaningful to him, she decided on something for the Chapel. After contacting Father Kirk Brown, they decided to commission a new altar covering for the Chapel. Father Brown consulted with local Asheville artist Alstaire Odom and they came up with a design for the covering to resemble the Western North Carolina Mountains. Made of silk and uniquely textured so as to change slightly depending on where you sit or how the light is cast, it is a shining tribute to Buddy. Libby will never forget hearing from her father about how much Christ School meant to him. “Christ School accepted, helped, loved and mentored my father,” says Libby. “It really changed his life.”



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