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A New Chapter

Creating connections between words, hearts, and the community

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St. Mary's girls love words. From the moment you walk in the doors of the school, girls of all ages are embracing words. They love to use them correctly, to play with them, and to learn new ones. I discovered this logophilia – the love of words, and word games – quickly when I first joined the St. Mary's community in 2004. Their care for words extended from a note by a candy bowl to exquisitely written college essays. The success of Student Council campaigns seems to depend on the apt turn of phrase on the banners. And where else but at St. Mary's does the Middle School Halloween costume winner owe her victory to creating the best visual pun? One English teacher stated this affection more boldly, "Our students leave St. Mary's as the defenders of the English Language."

At the heart of academic success is learning to read. At St. Mary's, we delight in teaching students of all ages the art of engaged reading. In the stories that follow, you will see how St. Mary's is continuing its strong tradition in developing learners and creating more opportunities for our girls and for children across Memphis to discover their love of words.

The Nathaniel C. Hughes Learning Center is our most recent accomplishment in fostering life-long learning. It is only fitting that Dr. Hughes' name is honored through this center; an esteemed scholar and former headmaster, he raised St. Mary's academic standards and our relevance in Memphis. More than a place to strengthen literacy skills, or a resource for teachers across the city, the Hughes Learning Center is a way for St. Mary's to share something that is so foundational to our teachers, students and alumnae with students across the city.

Albert J. Throckmorton

Head of School

*Head of School Albert Throckmorton
reading with a group of students
in the Hughes Learning Center.*

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A New Chapter

Creating connections between words, hearts, and the community



Every school teaches reading, but not every school fosters a love for reading and words. “That’s a foundational piece of a St. Mary’s education,” says Assistant Head of School Leigh Mansberg. “At St. Mary’s, our students are able to approach words and language and recognize their connectivity to the human experience. I think it’s one of those formative things that gives a St. Mary’s girl her confidence with words.”

Mansberg should know. Fifteen of her 21

years as an English teacher were at St. Mary’s, where she also served as the Katherine Neely Endowed Chair of English. When she talks about great books and their impact on students, it’s clear that fostering a love of reading leads to a lifelong love affair with books and other forms of the written word. Mansberg believes it leads to both analytical and creative thinking and writing that encourages students to forge paths to discover their own voices.

“Reading as a skill is in every school’s core



St. Mary's Book club students Abigail Brown '27 and Bella Connell '27 with Laura Hutton, director of the Hughes Learning Center.

curriculum. But then what is the mindset about that reading?" Mansberg asks. "Over the years I have come to witness the relationship our girls have with words. Our students possess an understanding that words are a gateway to the world."

"I see this passion about books that's cultural – the essence of who we are," says Mansberg. "It's generational. Our girls connect through books. Our alumnae connect through books. One of my favorite examples is the movement to get Ms. Falls, iconic 3rd grade teacher, to

schedule a group 'book club' for all of her past students to coincide with the summer release of the movie adaptation of Roald Dahl's *The BFG*. So, it's not just content; it is all the emotional layers that get attached to it."

Read on to discover how hearts and words are connecting in new ways across campus, from an expansion of our highly regarded summer reading program to opportunities for students to explore their connection to words through creative writing.

The Nathaniel C. Hughes Learning Center

A school and community resource to develop students' skills – and a passion for words

It's late on a Monday afternoon, a gloomy spring day with threatening skies. Inside the Nathaniel C. Hughes Learning Center, however, the atmosphere is positively sunny. The space has served many purposes over the years, from music and art rooms to a meeting place for the Parents Association, but it's never looked so good: crisp white walls, comfy window seats, colorful furniture and open, light-filled rooms have transformed this space into a dynamic center for young minds eager to learn.

"This space provides a quiet, happy, environment perfectly engineered for learning. And it's right in the heart of the city," says Laura Hutton,

Director of the Hughes Learning Center.

Being accessible not only to St. Mary's students, but to students, tutors, and learning specialists from all over the city was the idea behind the Hughes Learning Center, funded with a gift from Ashley Moore Remmers '72 to honor the late Head of School, Dr. Nathaniel C. Hughes.

The center grew out of the school's summer reading camps, started by former teacher Dr. Mary Pullen more than a decade ago. Hutton took the reins of that summer program four years ago, incorporating pieces of an innovative program out of Virginia public schools and adding in specific activity centers and direct one-on-one time with

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Laura Hutton,
Director of the Hughes Learning Center



teachers to create an entirely new reading camp.

“The first year we ran the camp we had 45 students; the second year we had close to 90, and last summer we had almost 120 students,” says Hutton, who expects a roster of 135 students this summer. About half the students in the summer reading camps are from St. Mary’s, with the other half coming from public and private schools across the city.

With the opening of the Hughes Learning Center, St. Mary’s can now offer year-round reading and literacy enrichment to students throughout the Memphis community, as well as St. Mary’s students.

Whether it’s reading support, tutoring, working with speech and language specialists or helping girls catch up on missed schoolwork, the center serves as a resource for current parents and students.

“The therapists who come on campus to support our students meet here,” says Hutton. “It’s right in the middle of the campus, so they can pull anyone from a Pre-K student to a 4th grader and give them support right here.”

There are also after-school camps and classes, including *Readers Theater*, where the girls can work on their reading skills through simply reading parts in a play – no memorization required – and book club, where students choose a single book to read together. Students have a copy of their own book, so they can highlight unfamiliar words and

underline important ideas – an early introduction to annotation. The girls meet in small groups and read a page at a time, and engage in activities related to each chapter to strengthen their skills.

Going to the Hughes Learning Center is a popular idea around campus. “When you show up (in a classroom) and say, ‘I need somebody to go to the Hughes Learning Center,’ they all raise their hands. They all want to come over here and be in this place,” says Hutton. “They call it the tree house.”

“Our summer reading camps have always been a source of reading remediation and outreach for the school,” says Assistant Head of School

Leigh Mansberg. “Our hope is that we can help support children from schools all over the city on their journeys to reading discovery.”



Holden Taylor '25 curls up with a book in the Hughes Learning Center.



Director of Learning Support Christina Block works with students in the Hughes Learning Center.

A New Stream of Knowledge

New curriculum inspires students and teachers

When St. Mary's administrators decided it was time for a massive, top-to-bottom makeover of the language arts curriculum for students in Junior Kindergarten through 4th grade, they weren't focused on just a programming change. Rather, the focus was on finding a tool which knits together multiple strands of learning into a comprehensive approach that engages the heart, minds, and curiosity of the students.

Sheri Burkeen, the Lower School Curriculum Development Coordinator, was charged with leading the implementation of the new curriculum. The program, Core Knowledge Language Arts, or CKLA, is a comprehensive language arts program for teaching reading, writing, listening, and speaking. It also builds vocabulary and knowledge across essential areas of study in literature, global and American history, and the sciences.

"It includes phonics, reading comprehension, vocabulary, morphology, grammar, and writing –

everything is connected together," says Burkeen.

Over the last two years, Early Childhood and Lower School teachers spent in-service days, summer, and after-school sessions being trained on the curriculum, which builds upon

the prior year's lessons for a comprehensive stream of knowledge in the core areas of study.

"In the first year in the classroom, the result has been striking; students are making different book choices in the library, deeply engaging in topics like mythology and science, and relating with teachers and peers at a higher level of comprehension," says Lower School Head Peggy Stephens.

"It also brings in this content piece that no other program has, and that's done through reading aloud," says Burkeen. "Children are able to comprehend at a much higher level than they're able to read, and the result is you've got the War of 1812 being studied in 2nd grade."

"It's just a beautiful, spiral curriculum," says long-time Lower School teacher Cherry Falls of the way the pieces work together and how the girls make connections from the curriculum.

From in-depth studies of Native American tribes to listening to *Treasure Island* to studying Greek gods and goddesses, the program incorporates spelling and vocabulary words from each lesson and



3rd grade teacher Cherry Falls leads a discussion with students.



4th grade teacher Jennifer Allen discusses CKLA with Sheri Burkeen, Lower School Curriculum Development Coordinator.

connects topics across every subject area, from technology to science.

The supporting materials for each new topic include colorful readers, digital images and illustrations, and graphic organizers for all the information. Burkeen says not only are teachers imparting the information to students in new ways, students are taking in that information differently as well.

The teachers are encouraged to go deeper than just the literal level, into what is being inferred, when leading classroom discussions. “The inference was really hard for the girls at the beginning of the year, but they’re so good with it now,” says Burkeen. “They’re learning how to read between the lines, something that’s so hard to teach. But when you start in Junior Kindergarten asking those types of questions of students, the students naturally think more analytically.”

Starting in the Junior Kindergarten, students have to do a citation for answers that they give to comprehension questions. “They’re being taught in Junior K how to go back to the text and show where they’re getting the answers,” says Burkeen.

Burkeen calls the level of discussion the girls have among themselves about the topics

“just unbelievable,” and notes that the background knowledge, or little nuggets, the students are learning about the topics in history and literature will build into better comprehension and awareness of these topics as they move through the Middle and Upper School.

“Every teacher in the school is a brand new teacher this year,” says Falls, noting that it’s been a huge learning process for her and her colleagues, but one that has resulted in an exciting change for teachers who are energized by the new curriculum and their ability to bring it to life for their students. “In the hands of a St. Mary’s teacher, this is awesome.”



3rd grade students of Cherry Falls built Native American villages during their study of tribes.

Write On!

*Analytical, creative, and relational writing,
reviewed and supported by peers*

It's the last day of Creative Writing, and from their desks, arranged in a half-circle, students call out words and phrases to describe one of the graduating seniors:

Emi Pearce

Double-O fierce!

You shred the cello

And we are jell-o

Laughing, Sally Lyon, Upper School Creative Writing teacher, writes down the start of the haiku homage to Emi Pearce, the Class of 2016's English Speaking Union exchange student.

This ancient poetic structure is just one of the creative writing forms Lyon has taught this year to a dedicated group of about 20 students who come to this workshop, held during ALAPP, the period after daily Chapel dedicated to meetings for publications and student organizations.

The girls receive no credit for the class; they simply come because they love words. That's what drew Lizzie Apple '13 to the workshop.

"Reading and writing have been important to me for as long as I can remember, so I didn't think twice before signing up," says Apple, a rising junior at Middlebury College in Vermont. "I was hoping to engage with the voices and stories of those in the group and to have them engage with mine."

The students in this class choose to be here;



English Department Chair Shari Ray, left, and English teacher Caroline Goodman in The Write Place

there is no requirement to fulfill or grade to earn in this workshop. "It's somewhere between a class and a club," says Lyon, a former editor and writer at *The Oxford American* who proposed the workshop three years ago.

"There's definitely a need for it, and there are lots of children who like to write, and they just need to be able to do it," says Lyon. "I think if you tell them we're going to do this once a week, the pressure's off. We're not grading anything, and they're willing to give up their free time or

study time to come and do this."

Each semester, a different writing genre is introduced, from short story to poetry, creative non-fiction to fantasy fiction. Writing prompts come from a variety of sources, including newspaper articles. Students bring their writings to class, reading aloud and asking for feedback.

"It is a place where you can land softly," says Lyon. "If they pitch their ideas, everybody's honest, but also gentle."



Sally Lyon, Creative Writing teacher

What We're Reading This Summer

FACULTY & STAFF

Albert Throckmorton, Head of School

How the Irish Saved Civilization
Carrying Home Albert
How Stella Saved the Farm

Sandra Pitts, Athletic Director

The Experience Economy
The Things They Carried
Go Set a Watchman

Rainey Ray Segars '05, Alumnae Director

Girl On A Train
11/22/63

Laura Hutton, Director, Hughes Learning Center

The Moor's Account
Where Things Come Back

Shari Ray, U.S. English Teacher

For the Time Being
An American Childhood
Kitchen Table Wisdom

Leigh Mansberg, Assistant Head of School

A Spool of Blue Thread
The Little Paris Bookshop
Me Before You

John Bartholomew, Assistant Athletic Director

Blue Highways
One Summer: America, 1927

Julie Bielskis, U.S. English Teacher

The Orchardist
The High Mountains of Portugal
Mayflower

STUDENTS

Middle School

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
The Giver by Lois Lowry
The Help by Kathryn Stockett
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien
Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Lower School

Two Bobbies: a True Story of Hurricane Katrina
Aesop's Fables
Rosie Revere, Engineer
Arthur Turns Green
The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo
My Name is Not Isabella
The Boy Who Cried Wolf
I Am Helen Keller
Amelia Bedelia
Cinderella

Early Childhood

The Very Fairy Princess
The Pigeon Needs a Bath
The Tale of Peter Rabbit
Do Princesses Really Wear Hiking Boots?
Nana in the City
Piggies in Pajamas
Ketzel the Cat Who Composed
Horton Hatches the Egg



Rising Seniors Josie Campbell, Abby Baskind, and Celie Shankman in The Write Place

Peer feedback is the backbone of another English Department initiative, *The Write Place*. Housed in a section of the Frederick Smith Library, the program is managed by Juniors and Seniors who staff the tables during advising and study halls. Students from all grades bring their papers for peer review.

“Our work is always read aloud, because when I read your work, or the editor reads your work out loud, you can hear it, and hear if it works,” says Shari Ray, Katherine Neely Endowed Chair of English. Upper School English teacher Caroline Goodman oversees the program, although Ray says at this point, the students running *The Write Place* have truly taken ownership. *The Write Place* editors won’t fix grammatical errors or rewrite sentences, but they guide the students to their errors or point out gaps in their writing.

The peer editors are trained by the English Department teachers and also spend time observing the Writing Lab at Rhodes College, where they met with professors and students engaged in the lab.

Neither the creative writing workshop nor *The Write Place* are mandatory, but both programs offer every Upper School student the chance to think and write more creatively, as well as work collaboratively with their peers.

“The creative writing workshop served, in league with many other St. Mary’s classes and teachers, to solidify my love for literature,” says Apple. “St. Mary’s had already taught me how to meaningfully peer-edit analytical papers, and I wanted to approach creative writing in this same collaborative and communicative context.”

2016

Awards & Honors

Faculty/Staff Awards

NANETTE QUINN OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

Julie Bielskis '89

CREATIVE TEACHER AWARD

Allison Warren

FANNIE WARR AWARD FOR SERVICE

Diane Chambliss

ELLEN FEILD TODD '81 STAFF AWARD

Barbara Leach

Graduation Awards

HAZLEHURST GOLD CROSS

MacKenzie Campbell

ELLEN FEILD TODD '81 AWARD

A'Doriann Bradley

MARY M. DAVIS LOYALTY AWARD

Allison Miller

SPIRIT OF ST. MARY'S AWARD

Bebe Chancellor

Kathryn Miesse

TABOR NOVAK AWARD

Ali MacQueen

CATHEDRAL AWARD

Hannah Simmons

Upper School Class Day Awards

REBECCA LOCKE YOUNG

VALEDICTORIAN

Katie Hieatt

LOUISE JOHNSON YOUNG

SALUTATORIAN

Natalie Leung

HONOR STUDENT

MacKenzie Campbell

ENGLISH AWARD

Eliza Oehmler

ORION C. MILLER

MATH AWARD

Natalie Leung

SCIENCE AWARD

Swarna Sakshi

HISTORY AWARD

Catherine Norwood

FRENCH AWARD

Julia Williams

LATIN AWARD

Halle Smith

MANDARIN AWARD

Lily Norwood

SPANISH AWARD

Paarsa Haque

VISUAL ARTS AWARD

Elizabeth Bateman

MUSICAL ARTS AWARD

Tobi Akangbe

THEATER ARTS AWARD

Allison Miller

RELIGIOUS STUDIES AWARD

Kathryn Miesse

VICKI LADYMAN

ATHLETIC AWARD

Emily Richards

LAWRENCE LOBAUGH

SPORTSMANSHIP

Olivia House

Margie Peeler

SUMNER BAKER

ATHLETIC AWARD

Bebe Chancellor

BEST ALL-AROUND

ATHLETE AWARD

Evelyn Roberts

JOYCE GINGOLD ART AWARD

Grace Sammarco

PALMER ADAMS BURT '99

ART AWARD

Grace Marr

HEISKELL MUSIC AWARD

Kathryn Miesse

BETTY LOU STIDHAM AWARD

Eliza Oehmler

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Elizabeth Waggoner

JEFFERSON SERVICE AWARD

Olivia Lawrence

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AWARD

Anusha Kheraj

BAUSCH & LOMB HONORARY

SCIENCE AWARD

Alina Perez

XEROX AWARD FOR INNOVATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Ramey Bourland

DR. KELLY N. RIDDER '02

STEM AWARD

MacKenzie Campbell

INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY AWARD

Halle Smith

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Addie Lawson, Jurnee Kelley,

Stuart Monaghan, Emma

Mansberg, Addie Quinlen,

Karmen Jones

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Gabby Perez, Caroline

Ciaramitaro, Jenna Joshi,

Abby Baskind, Emily Hancock

Book Awards

RHODES COLLEGE

Erin Jewell

HOLLINS UNIVERSITY

Vivi Gray

WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY

Lelia Jones

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Emma Mansberg

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Margie Peeler

GEORGE EASTMAN YOUNG

LEADERS AWARD (ROCHESTER)

Josie Campbell

SEWANEE UNIVERSITY

Amy Kathawala

FREDERICK DOUGLASS & SUSAN B. ANTHONY AWARD (ROCHESTER)

Addie Quinlen

RANDOLPH COLLEGE

Zoya Latif

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Tashi Wischmeyer

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Emily Hancock

WELLESLEY COLLEGE

Jasmine Huang

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

JEFFERSON

Abby Baskind

YALE UNIVERSITY

Molly Aslin

Middle School Awards

VICKI LADYMAN

ATHLETIC AWARD

Mary Jones

CARMINE B. VAUGHAN MEDAL FOR SERVICE

Ruby Liles

Phoebe Lusk-Hussong

JOYOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING AWARD

Ginny Bratton

GILMORE LYNN AWARD

FOR SERVICE

Shiyan Kesser

MARY PAOLI AWARD

Natalie Cabezas

GEOFFREY C. BUTLER AWARD

Mason Davis

ELLEN FEILD TODD '81 AWARD

Rachel Beem

Chloé Webster

JOYCE GINGOLD ART AWARD

Ginny Bratton

PALMER ADAMS BURT '99

ART AWARD

Angela Xu

ANNE WESTMORELAND

GARRETT AWARD

Tallulah Taylor

SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD

Angela Xu (Silver Key)

Lower School Awards

LILA PHILLIPS GOULD AWARD

Averie Howell

MOSS HALL ART AWARD

Natalee Owens

PALMER ADAMS BURT '99

ART AWARD

Lila Johnston

Early Childhood Awards

PALMER ADAMS BURT '99

ART AWARD

Abby Maykowski

Oh, the places they're going!



The 65-member Class of 2016 will attend 50 different universities and colleges. They received more than \$11 million in merit-based scholarships.

TOBI AKANGBE

Saint Louis University

SOPHIA ANGELAKIS

University of Tennessee
at Chattanooga

MARY MADISON BAKER

Oberlin College

ELIZABETH BATEMAN

Tulane University

CHALMERS BENSON

Saint Louis University

AVERY BLANTON

Columbia College

TAYLOR BONE

University of Mississippi

A'DORIANN BRADLEY

University of Miami

PRESTON BROOKSBANK

Colorado State University

KATIE BROWN

Baylor University

MACKENZIE CAMPBELL

University of Toronto

LIZ CAPOCACCIA

University of Mississippi

BEBE CHANCELLOR

Fordham University

RITA CHANDA

Fordham University

MOLLY CLINE

Tulane University

CAT COOPER

Flagler College

MARGARET COWENS

Centre College

MADDIE DAVIES

Chapman University

KAITLIN FIELDS

University of Georgia

MADELEINE FISHER

The New School

PAARSA HAQUE

University of Southern
California

KATIE HIEATT

University of Notre Dame

HARLAN HUTTON

Rhodes College

ANNIE JIA

University of California, Irvine

KARMEN JONES

Xavier University of Louisiana

DIANA KALTENBORN

Pace University

ANUSHA KHERAJ

Emory University

MEGHAN LANCASTER

University of South Carolina

NATALIE LEUNG

Northeastern University

EMILY LOUIE

University of California,
Los Angeles

SARAH LOWE

University of Mississippi

MADDIE LUCKE

University of Wisconsin-
Madison

ALI MACQUEEN

Washington and Lee University

CLARA MCDONALD

University of Missouri

MADDIE MCLAUGHLIN

Tulane University

HANNAH MEACHAM

University of California,
Los Angeles

KATHRYN MIESSE

Loyola University New Orleans

ALLISON MILLER

Marymount Manhattan College

SUKANYA MITTAL

Northeastern University

RACHEL MORRIS

Saint Louis University

AUDREY MUSCARI

Clemson University

HILARY NORCROSS

University of Arkansas

CATHERINE NORWOOD

College of William & Mary

LILY NORWOOD

Carleton College

MARY ELISE O'BRIEN

University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

ELIZA OEHLER

Harvard University

ANNIE PARKER

Northwestern University

EMI PEARCE

University College London

MEG PETERS

University of Mississippi

LILLIE POWELL

Texas Christian University

WESLEY RICHARDS

Mississippi State University

ANNA KATHERINE ROEHM

Webster University

SWARNA SAKSHI

Vanderbilt University

BRETT SILVER

Indiana University

HANNAH SIMMONS

Smith College

KRISSANA SINGH

Emory University

HALLE SMITH

Vassar College

MAIRE SWEENEY

Tulane University

GRACE UGWUEKE

University of Miami

HIBAH VIRK

Rhodes College

LARSON WADE

Montana State University

ELIZABETH WAGGONER

Washington University
in St. Louis

SARAH WALKER

University of Tennessee

ILIANA WATSON

Saint Louis University

JULIA WILLIAMS

New York University

Senior Achievements

Sakshi Named Presidential Scholar

Swarna Sakshi has been named a 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholar. She is one of 160 American high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship, service, and contribution to school and community. Each Presidential Scholar is offered the opportunity to name his or her most influential teacher to receive recognition from the Secretary of Education, and Swarna chose St. Mary's math teacher **Orion Miller** for the honor. Since 2006, five St. Mary's Seniors have been named Presidential Scholars.



Swarna Sakshi

National Merit Scholarships Awarded

Eight Seniors were named National Merit Scholarship Finalists for 2015 - 2016: **MacKenzie Campbell**, **Bebe Chancellor**, **Katie Hieatt**, **Harlon Hutton**, **Catherine Norwood**, **Annie Parker**, **Swarna Sakshi**, and **Maire Sweeney**. Hieatt, Parker



(L-R) National Merit Scholarship Finalists Katie Hieatt, Annie Parker, Maire Sweeney, Swarna Sakshi, MacKenzie Campbell, Harlon Hutton, Bebe Chancellor, and Catherine Norwood.

and Sakshi also each received a \$2,500 scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The Commercial Appeal Academic All-Stars

Eight St. Mary's Seniors were named Commercial Appeal Academic All-Stars for 2015-2016. The program, hosted by the Commercial Appeal, recognizes area seniors for their academic accomplishments throughout the school year, naming them All-Stars in respective academic areas. The eight St. Mary's Seniors honored were: **Elizabeth Bateman** (Art); **MacKenzie Campbell** (General Scholarship); **Paarsa Haque** (Foreign Language); **Katie Hieatt** (General Scholarship); **Anusha Kheraj** (Social Sciences & History); **Annie Parker** (General Scholarship) and **Kathryn Miesse** (Music), and **Madeleine Fisher** (Drama & Speech), who was also named the overall winner in her category at the end of year banquet.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION AUCTION



The biennial **Parents Association** auction to benefit the school was held April 9th at the Memphis Botanic Garden, and celebrated all things #SoStMarys. More than \$101,000 was raised through ticket sales and silent and live auctions to fund new buses for transporting students across campus, to sports activities, and to field trips. Kudos to auction chairs **Beth Bryson**, **Sheril Greenstein**, and **Jean Hesselberg**, pictured with Head of School **Albert Throckmorton**, and their team of dedicated volunteers for a spectacular event!



2015-2016 Annual Fund



Friends of the school gathered at the home of Ali and Brian Fowler in April to celebrate another record year for the Annual Fund. This year's chairs **Rose and Ed Chin**, pictured with **Albert and Marinell Throckmorton**, led a team of parent volunteers in a campaign to match last year's record-setting Annual Fund, which topped \$1 million dollars for the first time in school history. That feat was repeated this year, as parents, alumnae, faculty, staff, and friends of the school generously gave their support, again raising more than \$1 million for the 2015-2016 Annual Fund.



Lisa Cook '82, Celest Herberger '91, Diane Chambliss, Carrie West, and Amy Rhodes, enjoy the Annual Fund gathering.



Hostess Ali Fowler, center, with Jodie Gilmore and Kirk McClintock.



Community Fund Celebrates Record Year

The St. Mary's Community Fund awarded \$35,000 in grants to seven non-profit organizations that support children in the Mid-South. This year's funded organizations are **The Exchange Club Family Center, Baptist Trinity Hospice, The Exceptional Foundation of West Tennessee, Church Health Center, Carpenter Art Garden, Porter-Leath, and Shelby County Books from Birth**. Since its founding in 1998, the St. Mary's Community Fund has awarded more than \$400,000 in grants to 40-plus organizations in Memphis and the Mid-South.



2016 Cynthia D. Pitcock Women's History Award winner Jocelyn Wurzburg, with Dr. Dalton Lyon, chair of the history department; Catherine Norwood, president of the Ciosophic Society; and Head of School Albert Throckmorton.

Remembering Cynthia Pitcock, 1933-2016

Dr. Pitcock came to St. Mary's in 1967 and was a passionate and dedicated history teacher, mentor, and friend to her students until she left in 1979. "She was a wonderful lecturer and conversationalist," said her teaching colleague and friend Presh Gill. "Her classes were exciting for her students."



Cynthia Pitcock

Dr. Pitcock continued to be involved as a Trustee of the school and as a member of the Council of Advisors. In 2002, St. Mary's founded the **Cynthia D. Pitcock Women's History Award** in Dr. Pitcock's honor, and she was the award's first recipient.

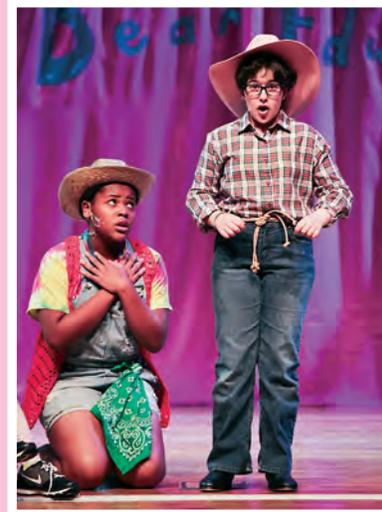
This year, the Pitcock Award was presented to **Jocelyn Wurzburg**. A 1965 graduate of Rhodes College, Wurzburg became an advocate for race relations when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis in 1968. She was appointed to the Tennessee Human Rights Commission (THRC) in 1972, where she wrote an anti-discrimination law covering employment and public accommodations. She was re-appointed to the THRC in 2007.



Godspell

Upper School students staged a soulful, rocking rendition of *Godspell*, featuring **Allison Miller '16** as Jesus and **Kathryn Miesse '16** as Judas. In their take on the musical, the gospel of Matthew is told in a series of parables through the decades of the late 20th and early 21st centuries. The production was nominated for five Orpheum High School Musical Theatre Awards and won for Outstanding Lighting; the other four nominations were for Outstanding Production Number: *Bless the Lord*; Outstanding Set; Outstanding Technical Achievement; and Outstanding Featured Actress, **Lauren Ledger '18**.

THEATRE HIGHLIGHTS



Dear Edwina, Jr.

A talented Middle School cast and crew took to the stage in *Dear Edwina, Jr.*, the story of 13-year old Edwina, who dishes out advice to her friends through song and dance. This girl-power musical ran for two nights in May and featured dozens of Middle School performers.

Gobbler 5K Supports Scholarship Fund



Hundreds of runners and walkers gathered at the St. Mary's Upper School campus in late February to raise money for the **Nanette Quinn Memorial Scholarship Fund** and **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**. The 6th annual Gobbler 5K began as a way to honor long-time Upper School French teacher **Nanette Quinn** after her death in February 2009, and since its inception has brought the Memphis community, St. Mary's alumnae, and students together for a morning of *joie de vivre*, something for which Nanette will always be remembered. In addition to a 5K run and walk, younger students and friends of the school participated in a 400-meter dash around the Upper School track.

Faculty & Staff News

For outstanding work in their respective fields, two members of the St. Mary's faculty have been recognized by their peers.

Middle & Upper School Spanish teacher **Josie McNeely Walker '76** has been named the 2016 Outstanding Teacher of the Year: Secondary Level by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP). This honor comes one year after she was recognized at the state level.



Josie McNeely Walker '76



Lily Beasley '20 and Coach Mickey Pitts

Coach **Mickey Pitts** was honored for his 30-year coaching career at the Shelby League Middle School track meet, with the award for the top female athlete now named the Mickey Pitts Outstanding Performer Award. Fittingly, St. Mary's 8th grader **Lily Beasley '20** was the first recipient of the newly named award.

Kirk McClintock has transitioned from the Admission office to become the Director of Advancement, where she will oversee all philanthropic operations, as well as the Alumnae and Annual Fund offices. McClintock joined St. Mary's in 2008 as a JK teacher and left the classroom in 2013 to become the Assistant Director of Admission. McClintock is the mother of alumna **Margaret McClintock '11**.



Kirk McClintock

Laura Russell joins the St. Mary's staff as the Director of Communication after a tenure at ALSAC/St. Jude, where she worked in communication and volunteer management. She will oversee the school's communication



Laura Russell

and marketing strategy while also managing day-to-day communication needs. Russell's daughter **Ella Ann** is a 2nd grader at St. Mary's.

Rainey Ray Segars '05 returned to St. Mary's in October 2015 to become the Director of Alumnae. Since taking over the Alumnae office, Segars helped manage the 2016 Alumnae Weekend, one of the largest on-campus gatherings of St. Mary's alums.



Rainey Ray Segars '05

Andra DeVincenzo joined the Advancement Office in October 2015 as the Advancement Coordinator. She is the mother of alumna **Julia DeVincenzo '12**.

St. Mary's Place teacher **Kristen Hill** joins the Admission staff part time as the Early Childhood Admission Coordinator. In this new role, she will work closely with prospective families inquiring about our Early Childhood program.

Jean Croye has decided to retire from what she calls "the best job at St. Mary's." Croye served as the Administrative Assistant to the Middle School Head for 26 years. Her responsibilities included assisting parents, working with faculty, and – as the self-proclaimed "Mother Hen" of the Middle School – caring daily for students. Middle School Head Todd Love describes Croye as "the strong and dependable keel that keeps the Middle School upright and sailing."



Jean Croye



Nancy and Orion Miller received the Apple Award in early 2016.

Orion's Story

Shari Ray on the beloved Mr. Miller, and his life well-lived.

Editor's note: St. Mary's Upper School teacher Orion Miller, Jr. died on March 30, 2016, at the age of 68. Born in Cumberland County, Tenn., to Orion Columbus Miller and Sally Lucille Dodson Miller, Orion married Nancy 45 years ago, both eventually coming to St. Mary's to teach – he, math in the Upper School; she, music in the Lower School. Orion taught for 16 ½ years before his illness forced him from the classroom in the fall of 2015. The Millers were awarded the Apple Award earlier this year, given to teachers who show exceptional kindness and compassion for their students. Upper School English Teacher Shari Ray delivered a heartfelt tribute to Orion at the school's memorial service, and the following is an excerpt from her remarks.

Like all of us, Orion Miller's life is about his story.

At the end of *Hamlet*, while Hamlet is dying in the arms of his friend Horatio, he makes his last speech.

“If thou didst ever hold me in thy heart,
Absent thee from felicity awhile,
And in this harsh world draw thy breath in pain
To tell my story.”

Hamlet's last words to his friend were, in essence, these: *tell my story and tell it well.*

Our lives are *measured* by our story. This is a bit of Orion's.

We were all so sad when you went home in December. I started coming to your house every week to hear your stories and write them down. What beautiful and *hard* stories are yours, what a vivid life you led.

- ~ You told me that your people were quiet folk – folk who lived at the end of the road and at the edge of the Appalachian wilderness.
- ~ You told me about the time your family dressed and went to church, but the people at church made fun of your clothes because you were so poor, and how your father said, “We’re never going back there.”
- ~ You told me about meeting “my Nancy” and sitting by her on the band bus.
- ~ You told me about your baby sister Martha Lane who died of the whooping cough and how sad your mother was.
- ~ You showed me your collections – Tennessee maps and antique jugs and stamp covers; you showed me a stamp cover from Andrew Jackson. Word on the street is that you have the second best stamp cover collection in the United States.
- ~ We talked politics and trips to Alaska and how you played the French horn in the National Guard band. And faith healing.
- ~ I asked about regrets, and you said that you were sorry that you never got to see the Northern Lights. “You gotta go in the winter,” you said.
- ~ At the end, you told us all that you were on “the right path” and that “everything was going to be alright,” and we believe you.
- ~ You told me how much you have loved being a teacher at St. Mary’s Episcopal School.

In the telling we both laugh and cry. That’s just the way the story goes.

In his novel *East of Eden*, John Steinbeck says, “It seems to me when a man comes to die, no matter what his talents and influence and genius, if he dies unloved his life must be a failure to him.”

I would add this: BUT if a man dies *loved*, his life, *all of it*, the good, the bad, the hard, the easy, the thunder and the sunshine, *all of the story* when it is shaken out must be considered a beautiful success.

And Orion, my friend, you died loved.

You told me that your name came from the Bible. I found the passage, Amos 5:8:
 “He who made the Pleiades and Orion,
 Who turns midnight into dawn
 And darkens day into night
 Who calls for the waters of the sea
 And pours out over the face of the land –
 The LORD is his name.”

The same LORD who turns darkness into day, who orders the very waters of the seas, who pours Himself over the face of the land – it is He who made Orion.

And for this, we here at good old St. Mary’s, are all exceedingly glad He did.



Orion Miller with local alumnae at the reception following the Apple Awards.

The 20th Season

The Buckman celebrates two decades of world music, dance, and intimate performances

With 288 seats, the Buckman Center for the Performing Arts is one of the city's most important performance venues, both for the performing and the visual arts, says ArtsMemphis President and CEO Elizabeth Rouse.

"The Buckman not only brings nationally and internationally renowned artists to Memphis, but they showcase the work of local organizations like *Memphis Repertory Orchestra* and *Voices of the South*," says Rouse. "The partnerships Buckman has with other schools and arts groups like Playhouse on the Square's acting program are so important, and Memphis is fortunate to have such a strong arts presenter and partner in the Buckman and St. Mary's."



Cindi Younker, director of the Buckman Performing and Fine Arts Center.

Funded with a gift from philanthropist Mertie W. Buckman, the performing arts center opened in 1996 with a state-of-the-art stage and technical equipment, a permanent gallery space, the Levy Gallery, and an array of classroom space that supports the performing and visual arts at St. Mary's. Buckman intended the new performing arts center not only to be a creative space for the students of St. Mary's, but to be a venue open to the entire Memphis and Mid-South community.

"Buckman continues to expand its outreach programming and conservatory offerings, in addition to main stage performances," says Cindi Younker, director of the Buckman Center. She notes that the Buckman welcomes over 5,000 patrons each year, a number she expects to grow as more

The Magic Carpet Ride brings children together with artists to explore music and dance.



classes and shows are added. "I think that Mertie would be pleased with the multitude of opportunities that the Buckman provides the greater community."

With no seat farther than 40 feet from the stage, every performance is one that brings the artists and audience together, creating an intimacy not found in larger venues. That atmosphere allows for an unparalleled performing arts experience, says Younker. "The two cannot help but interact, creating a unique environment for once in a lifetime performance experiences."

The 20th anniversary season will be celebrated throughout the year with a variety of special events. August 12 brings a cupcake and champagne kick-off, in conjunction with the first Levy Gallery exhibit featuring the art of Angi Cooper and Janet Weed Beaver. In September, Flemings Prime Steakhouse hosts a lavish dinner in appreciation of donors and supporters from across the decades. In April, St. Mary's alumnae who were active in drama during their time on campus will be welcomed back to perform in an evening of cabaret in conjunction with Alumnae Weekend. The final event celebrating the 20th season will be a reception at the final



The José Limón Dance Company performs October 2, 2016.

performance of the Hillbenders on May 12.

The season kicks off in September with Phare Cambodian Circus, a group which weaves together music, dance, and acrobatics to showcase Cambodian folk tales and history. The 10-show season includes a lineup of global talent

which includes singer-songwriters Marc Cohn of "Walking in Memphis" fame, and Loudon Wainwright III and his daughter, Lucy Wainwright Roche; The HillBenders, performing a bluegrass version of The Who's "Tommy"; the Jose Limon Dance Company; and 3-D juggling comedian Mark Nizer.

Individual tickets for all shows are \$35, and subscriptions to see all 10 performances cost \$225.

Find more information about the Buckman's 20th season and the Levy Gallery exhibition schedule at buckmanartscenter.com.



The Phare Cambodian Circus kicks off the Buckman's 20th season on September 11, 2016.



The Underwater Bubble Show performs November 3, 2016.



Mighty, Mighty Turkeys

Banner year for St. Mary's athletics

The year in Turkey Nation has been unrivaled in recent history, both for the number of teams competing at the state level and for the individual achievements of St. Mary's student-athletes.

Twelve of our 13 Varsity teams competed at the state level and 27 athletes were named to *The Commercial Appeal* Best of Preps (BOP) All-Metro teams, with seven named as finalists for athletes of the year in their sport. (see the complete list to the right)

Ali MacQueen '16 was a finalist for the BOP Scholar/Athlete of the Year, and

Margaret Cowens '16 was

an Athlete of the Year Finalist. Two coaches — **Kari Duncan** (Volleyball) and **Kim MacQueen** (Swimming) — were named as BOP Coaches of the Year for their respective sports.

In 2015–2016, 179, or 70% of Upper School students, competed in Varsity sports, with an astounding 157 student-athletes playing multiple sports. Their dedication, and that of our 26 coaches, has resulted in a banner year for St. Mary's Athletics.



Members of the Varsity Swim Team at the state competition in Knoxville.

Winter & Spring Season Team Highlights

SWIMMING

With a team roster of a record 33 swimmers, Varsity Swimming made waves at the TISCA state competition this season, placing second behind Harpeth Hall. At that meet, the 200 Medley Relay team of **Lauren Mabie '18, Kiara Norris '18, Abbey Autrey '19, and Ali MacQueen '16** captured the gold medal, and the same quartet swam to a silver medal finish in the 400 Freestyle Relay. The team swam to a second place finish at the Shelby County championships, behind the co-ed Collierville High School, and the quartet of **Lauren Mabie '18, Kiara Norris '18, Abbey Autrey '19, and Ali MacQueen '16** broke the county record for the 200 Medley Relay. Coach Kim

MacQueen was named TISCA State Coach of Year, as well as Best of Preps Girls Swim Coach of the Year.

BASKETBALL

The 2015-2016 basketball season saw tremendous improvement, with the highlight of the season being a double-overtime victory against Hutchison. Throughout the season, the team stuck together, playing through some tough games to the end and leaving their all on the court.

College signees ready to play



Ali MacQueen '16 will continue her swimming career at Washington & Lee University.



Margret Cowens '16 will continue her volleyball career at Centre University.



Diana Kaltenborn '16 will continue her swimming career at Pace University.

LACROSSE

The largest Varsity Lacrosse team to date featured 29 athletes, and the expanded team made an impressive showing in both regional and state play. With a return trip to the Sweet 16 tournament in Nashville, the Lax Turkeys played a hard-fought game against the University School of Nashville, ultimately losing 10-11. **Evelyn Roberts '18** was named as the US Lacrosse All-American, and **Bebe Chancellor '16** was named as the US Lacrosse Academic All-American. Four players were named to the All-State Team; **Evelyn Roberts '18**, 1st Team, and **Hattie Fogarty '18**, **Grayson Lusk-Hussong '17**, and **Mary Ashley Murrah '17**, 2nd Team.

TENNIS

Varsity Tennis finished the season with an impressive 8-1 record, giving them the top seed in regional competition, where the team handily defeated St. Cecilia in sub-state play. As a team, the Tennis Turkeys played through to the semifinal level at State, where they lost a tough match to St. George's. The doubles team of **Lily Saab '17** and **Grace Murray '18** advanced to the quarter-final round of play, while **Caroline Culpepper '17** advanced to the semifinal round.

TRACK

Varsity Track athletes set numerous personal bests, as well as a new school record, during their impressive season. At the State track meet, the 4x100 team of **Lily Beasley '20**, **Madison Motley '19**, **Julia Williams '16**, and **Martha Kay Williams '18** placed 7th, setting a school record with a time of 51.42 seconds. The 4x200 team of **Jean Jackson '17**, **Joy Jackson '19**, **Julia Williams '16**, and **Martha Kay Williams '18** placed 8th at state, and **Williams** rounded out her state competition with a 4th place showing in the long jump. Williams won the regional long jump medal with a 17'-06" jump.



Lily Beasley '20, Madison Motley '19, Martha Kay Williams '18, and Julia Williams '16

TRAP

The shooters of the Varsity Trap Team claimed the top honors for a female squad and a second place finish in the female team competition at the National Trap Tournament in Columbus, OH in July. Nine varsity shooters competed in the two day competition, and final results are based on the scores of the top five shooters for each squad or team. **Sarah Lowe '16** shot a 190 and **Larson Wade '16** shot a 176 to lead the team to its strong finish. The national competition was preceded by a season full of victories, beating Hutchison and St. George's to capture the regional title.



Varsity Trap team members, L-R, Caroline Landaiche '18, Audrey Muscari '18, Larson Wade '16, Baker Baine '18, and Sarah Lowe '16, with their coaches.

BOWLING

Led by **Lauren Davis '18**, Varsity Bowling made its third consecutive appearance at the state tournament. Finishing third in region and graduating no seniors, the Turkey bowlers return next season with an experienced team that expects to return to state competition.

DANCE

At the state competition in Murfreesboro, the team placed second in the state for their pom routine. Their final competition for the year took the team to Nationals in Orlando, where the girls earned the highest score in team history.

ATHLETIC HONORS

The Commercial Appeal Best of Preps All-Metro teams 2015-16

Golf

Aubrey Guyton '17
Megan Tang '19

Soccer

Ellie McGhee '18
Martha Kay Williams '18*

Volleyball

Margaret Cowens '16*
Carmen Freeman '17 - finalist
Alexis Jamison '18
Kari Duncan - Coach of the Year

Basketball

Evelyn Roberts '18*

Bowling

Lauren Davis '18

Swimming

Abbey Autry '19
Lauren Mabie '18
Ali MacQueen '16 - finalist
Kiara Norris '18
Kim MacQueen - Coach of the Year

Lacrosse

Hattie Fogarty '18
Grayson Lusk-Hussong '17
Mary Ashley Murrah '17
Margie Peeler '17
Evelyn Roberts '18*

Tennis

Caroline Culpepper '17 - finalist
Grace Murray '18
Karsen Springfield '19

Track

4x100 Relay Team - Lily Beasley, Madison Motley, Julia Williams, Martha Kay Williams*
4x 200 Relay - Jean Jackson, Joy Jackson, Julia Williams, Martha Kay Williams*
Martha Kay Williams*

Senior Athlete of the Year Finalist

Margaret Cowens

Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year Finalist

Ali MacQueen

*indicates more than one all-metro team



Renaissance Woman: Andrea Martin Armani '96

By Jane Greenway Carr '96

ANDREA MARTIN ARMANI is no stranger to awards. A short handful of her accolades include: the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the NIH New Innovator Award, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program New Investigator Award, and being one of *Popular Science* magazine's Brilliant Ten. With scores of publications, innovations, and accomplishments to her name, she is the Fluor Early Career Chair of Engineering and an associate professor of chemical engineering and materials science and electrical engineering–electrophysics in the Viterbi School of Engineering at the University of Southern California. And now, she can add being St. Mary's Outstanding Alumna for 2016 to her growing list of honors.

It comes as little surprise to her friends from St. Mary's that Martin Armani has become a superstar. While a student, she was a veritable Renaissance woman — participant in Model UN and Youth Legislature, a top-notch musician (flute), editor for *Belles Lettres*, and more. Yet still she always made time to hang out with friends (not to mention to show her fellow classmates — including this writer — mind-blowing new ways of thinking about their assignments in physics and calculus).

Life after St. Mary's took Andrea first to the University of

Chicago, where she majored in physics. In her first semester, however, she soon realized she wanted to be a different kind of scientist. Instead of becoming a physicist, she says, "I wanted to be the person behind the scenes building the instruments enabling the researchers to discover things. A great physicist may make one or two discoveries in a lifetime. A great innovator will enable thousands of discoveries. I wanted to be the innovator." Thus, what she calls her "nonlinear academic path" was born. As an undergrad, she worked to acquire a diverse skill set — grounded in physics, chemistry, and biology — which she describes as "necessary to both understand the problems that need to be solved and to figure out ways to solve them."

When Andrea started college, she says she "never saw myself as someone who would go to grad school," but she credits dedicated faculty mentors who "encouraged me, relentlessly, to go." After earning her Ph.D. in applied physics with a minor in biology from the California Institute of Technology and completing a post-doc in biology and chemical engineering (also at Caltech), she came to USC, where she now runs the Armani Research Lab, whose work fuses multiple fields, including optics, chemistry, and biology and brings together researchers with backgrounds in both academia and industry.

“Basically we combine everything to try to solve problems related to healthcare,” Andrea says of the work at the Armani Research Lab, whose mission is to “develop methods for disease diagnosis and prognosis.” In the course of pursuing that mission, the Lab’s research efforts have also included projects related to materials synthesis, integrated optics, and live-cell imaging. Andrea also shepherds multiple collaborative projects, including the Northrup Grumman Institute of Nanophotonics and Nanomaterials (NG-ION2), a joint enterprise of the Northrup Grumman Corporation and the USC Viterbi School of Engineering, for which she directs many researchers. “NG-ION2 is focused on developing a wide range of new materials to enable the next generation of electronic and photonics devices,” she explains. “Think lasers and radar.”

One particularly exciting project she and the institute are currently working on is related to malaria diagnostics. Their team “invented the entire system, from developing the initial theory to constructing a portable prototype,” which is showing great early promise in controlled lab trials. “We are hopeful to begin field tests soon,” Andrea says. “Seeing our research transition from an abstract drawing on a marker board to a concrete system that has the potential to make significant impact is extremely rewarding.”

When it comes to Andrea’s approach to science, it’s telling that she’s also the recipient of the USC Mellon Mentoring Award for Undergraduate Mentoring. Amidst the breathless pace of pursuing cutting-edge research, she carves out time to develop her skills as a dedicated teacher. In that endeavor, she often draws on her positive *and* negative experiences as a student herself. Knowing what to do and what *not* to do in the classroom are both important, she says. “I’m constantly learning and changing because my students are constantly challenging me in new ways.”

Andrea’s role as a teacher is also decidedly not confined to the classroom — it very much includes her work running the lab. “I feel very strongly about giving undergrads research positions in my lab and providing a supportive environment for them,” Andrea emphasizes. She even hosts one high school student at the lab each year. When it comes to STEM education, she reflects, “What I experienced and what the current St. Mary’s students will experience are completely different.” When she was an undergrad, she was “the girl” (one in a class of 23) and as a Ph.D. student, she was “one of about five women in my entire building.



Celeste Bailey Herburger '91, Wendy Pritchardt Ansbro '79, Irene Orgill Smith '79, Andrea Martin Armani '96, Margaret Frazier Gardner '85, and Ann Driscoll Prince '87.

This has entirely changed.” While gender parity in science and engineering for undergraduates, faculty, and industry has yet to be achieved, numbers are trending in the right direction.

While visiting St. Mary’s for her 20th reunion, Andrea spoke to some current students. “Talking with middle and high school students is always a pleasure because their questions are a sneak peek into the future,” she says. Regardless of what fields these young women end up choosing, they’ll need several key skills: reading, writing, public speaking, and math. “Many engineering programs try to downplay or minimize the first three to the great detriment of their students,” Andrea says. “It doesn’t really matter what career path a student chooses, they will always need to be able to convey the importance of their accomplishments verbally and in writing.”

As it happens, then, being an all-around Renaissance woman is good preparation for being a scientific super-star after all. Andrea puts it this way: “Running a lab is the same as running a small business — I have to raise money to pay employees, purchase support supplies, handle payroll, and deal with HR issues. But, at the same time, just like a small business, my success is only limited by my dedication and focus to my goals.”

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Head of School Albert Throckmorton, Andrea Martin Armani '96, incoming Alumnae Board Chair Jessica Johnson '94, and board chair Susanne Landau.



1996 Classmates Natalie Nussbaum, Alexis Nussbaum, Leslie Forell Boyle, Andrea Martin Armani, Jaime Newsom, and Sharlene Sidhu Keithley.





• 1 Alumnae Weekend Co-Chairs, Irene Orgill Smith '79 and Wendy Pritchatt Ansbro '79 • 2 1996 Reunion Class, with 2016 Outstanding Alumna Andrea Martin Armani • 3 1991 Reunion Class • 4 2016 Outstanding Alumna Andrea Martin Armani '96 talks to the Upper School girls about being a woman in STEM. • 5 Incoming Alumnae Board President Jessica Johnson '94 and Outgoing Alumnae Board President Julia Chesney McDonald '96 present Jana Fletcher Markowitz '75, Jill Jemison Margolin '75, and Angie Rose '75 with the Class Of 1975 cup for once again reaching 100% Annual Fund participation. • 6 Lauren Bunch '06 laughs over old yearbooks with Mari Earle '06

and Neelam Khan '06. • 7 Katherine Fockler '06 and Jenny West-Fagan '06 are happy to see each other at the BBQ, Beer, and Blue & White party. • 8 Leigh Mansberg, Assistant Head of School, gives a campus tour to the 10th reunion class of 2006. • 9 Old friends Traci Sherman Keller '86, Leigh Gordon Wright '86, Cathy Cape Furey '86, Barbara Cape O'Brien '77, and Cheryl Cape West '74 catch up at the BBQ, Beer, and Blue & White party. • 10 Alumnae Weekend 2016 Planning Committee: Ann Driscoll Prince '87, Audrey Bourland Hurst '03, Celeste Bailey Herburger '91, Wendy Pritchatt Ansbro '79, Margaret Frazier Gardner '85, and Irene Orgill Smith '79.

ALUMNAE WEEKEND 2016



- 1 Alums, teachers, and friends crowd the Lower School soccer field to enjoy the BBQ, Beer, and Blue & White party.
- 2 The Class of 2006 crams into the photo booth.
- 3 The Church of the Holy Communion was filled for the annual Alumnae Weekend Chapel service.
- 4 Annie Parker '16 leads a procession of daughters of alums into Alumnae Weekend Chapel.
- 5 Meredith Robinson '06 and Catherine Smith Denman '06 are happy to be back on campus.
- 6 Former faculty member and Upper School dean Anne Fisher at the BBQ, Beer, and Blue & White party.



- 7 1996 classmates Catherine Tracy Sloan, Alexis Nussbaum, Natalie Nussbaum, Laura Ray Logue, Jaime Newsom, Sharlene Sidhu Keithley, and Julia Chesney McDonald toast to their reunion.
- 8 Chelsey Diffee '06 had an exciting reunion in the hall with her graduation flower girl, rising Junior Baker Baine.
- 9 2006 alums Becky Bicks, Chloe Bailey, Morgan Beckford, Elize Mercer, Rachel Johnston-White, and Ellen Bransford are happy to see Senior English teacher Shari Ray (center) at the BBQ, Beer, and Blue & White party.
- 10 The turkey goodies at the BBQ party were very popular, especially with 1976 classmates Theresa Alissandratos Schnepf, Allison Pitcock Fentress, Kim Brown Mullins, Burkley Mann Allen, Cindy Sipes Thompson, and Kaky Ossorio Wakefield.
- 11 1966 class photo for their 50th reunion.
- 12 1976 class photo for their 40th reunion.
- 13 Margaret McClintock '11 and Sarah Willmott Cowens '82 enjoy the BBQ, Beer, and Blue & White party.



The Mighty Turkey is 40!

UNTIL 1975, St. Mary's mascot was the Belles (as in Southern belle). At that time, MUS had jokingly adopted the Buzzard as the school mascot in place of their traditional Owl. Having brothers and friends at MUS, Seniors Lisa Morrow Morten '76 and Crissy Garrett Haslam '76 noticed the excitement and school spirit generated by the new bird of prey moniker.

The two students set out to find a temporary mascot for St. Mary's hoping to generate similar excitement and boost school spirit. After considering locally inspired options like the Mosquitoes and the Chipmunks, Morten and Haslam decided the Turkey was "ugly in a cute sort of way" and would match well with the MUS Buzzards. The 1975-1976 school year saw St. Mary's become the Turkeys.

At the 2016 Alumnae Weekend, the mascot, which was originally intended to be temporary, celebrated

her 40th birthday! The Turkey stepped up during Chapel to receive birthday pencils — a St. Mary's Lower School tradition — from Head of School Albert Throckmorton. She made an appearance at the BBQ, Beer, and Blue & White party that evening to cut her birthday cake and receive birthday greetings from alums.

We wish the

Turkey well after four decades as the school's mascot, and we know that her best days are ahead!



Class Notes

Dear St. Mary's Alumnae,

I want to thank you for participating in this bridge between yourselves and St. Mary's. It is very rare that a school has this level of engagement in class notes. St. Mary's is superlative in many ways, and I am happy to say that this is one of them.

Starting with the Winter 2016/2017 issue, we are making a change to Class Notes. The Milestones section will continue to feature milestones for every class in every issue of the magazine, but Class Notes will move to an every-other-issue report, with notes from odd-numbered class years in the spring magazine and even-numbered years in the winter issue. After much discussion with our class secretaries, we realized that most people don't have an update to report every six months. This change also gives each class more space to share news; so many of you make your notes so likable and narrative, and we hate to cut any for the sake of space.

Our conversations with our class secretaries regarding this change yielded very positive feedback, and we hope that you will feel the same way. Thank you for your commitment to the life of our St. Mary's community. It is a privilege to work with all of you.

Rainey Ray Segars '05,
Director of Alumnae



The class of 1963 enjoyed their 53rd reunion in Florida. From left to right: Jackie Whiteleather, Donna Lansing Plumer, Patty Ozier Riffel, Jenny Emison Ewing, Julia Allisandratos, Tina Heslep Ciliberto, and Canon Thomas Hall.



The family of Phyllis Koller Wills '64 spent a week in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico for a family gathering. Back row left to right: EJ Koller, Eddie Koller. Front row left to right: Dennis Koller, Phyllis Koller Wills '64, and Jim Wills.

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CLASS SECRETARY NEEDED

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Not much news from the class of '63 this year. **Tina Heslep Ciliberto** says, "I've had fun coaching Tony on the French he needed to sing in the chorus of Bizet's Carmen. I thought of Madame Gontard when I was in the second grade at St. Mary's. She would get very upset when we couldn't get the French pronunciation right. I understood her frustration for the first time. We have been enjoying our small RV and exploring Yosemite and Pinnacles National Parks." **Sara Sorsby Dennis** says, "Life taking care of triplet grandchildren and working is challenging right now." **Jenny Emison Ewing** is having fewer visitors this year but travelling more. **Joyce Wilkerson Kaplan** says, "Jon and I have just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in Vancouver, BC. We really enjoy the youthful, lively energy of that beautiful city and hope a lot of it

rubbed off on us." **Jackie Whiteleather** has been trying to keep in shape with circuit classes and aerobics at the gym. But the big news for the class of 1963 is that we got together for our 53rd reunion in Florida this year. Seven out of ten, including **Julia Allisandratos**, **Tina Heslep Ciliberto**, **Jenny Emison Ewing**, **Canon Thomas Hall**, **Donna Lansing Plumer**, **Patty Ozier Riffel**, and **Jackie Whiteleather**, planned this trip, and we wish the three others could have come, but maybe next year.

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Nancy Whitman Manire is busy working 10 hours a week, volunteering in a therapeutic riding program and a program that deals with victims of sex trafficking. She enjoys leisurely mornings and riding her grey mare. Granddaughter Mallory is in 10th grade at St. Mary's. Grandson Whit is in 8th grade at Lausanne. Her daughter is a nurse in the operating room at Le Bonheur Hospital. Nancy and **Sherryl Basford Oates** went in April to St. Louis to see **Andy Hill Schumacher**. Then Nancy proceeded to Baltimore to cel-

ebate **Ann Humphreys Copp's** mother's birthday. **Woodis Allen Dunn** and husband Charley went on a cruise in late 2014, and last summer, they visited Mackinac Island. Daughter Carol is doing well, as are the grandchildren. Class secretary **Phyllis Koller Wills** continues to go to France in the summer with husband Jim. In March, they spent a week in Cabo San Lucas for a family gathering during nephew EJ Koller's (15) spring break. He had a wonderful time with his aunt and uncle, father Eddie Koller, and uncle Dennis Koller. The Kollers live in Vail, Colo., so warm weather was much enjoyed.

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We paused for our 50th and kept right on moving. **Patti Person Ray** is teaching at Union University, supervising elements of their graduate program, and chairing seven dissertation committees. So much for her "retirement." But she and husband Barry are off to Bermuda this summer, and she urges us to join her for the alum trip to Italy next October. **Kathy Sweany Bertram** now

has an office at St. Thomas Hospital and is medical director for a nursing home. But she is taking off for the New Orleans Jazz Festival and the PBS annual meeting in Chicago (as a local PBS board member). She'll celebrate daughter Amy's wedding in October and will make her annual pilgrimage to Wyoming in August. Our class now has a growing Western wing. **Susan Hoefer Foster** and husband Brad now officially live in Montana. Happily, son Charley is now practicing law in Helena, about an hour and a half away, and will soon wed Whitney Baer '00. **Sally Pace Gingras** and husband Paul have switched from a ranch to a condo in Bozeman, Mont. Sally predicts that condo living will beat out ranch chores. Kathy, Susan, and Sally propose an extension of our reunion out West. Speaking of West, **Marion West Hammer** is still teaching part-time and loving it, but her big news is an ever-expanding family. Second grandson Luke Daniel Hammer arrived the day before Easter. That makes two in Memphis, with a third grandbaby on the way this fall in Charlotte, N.C. **Cathy Hoover Allen** is traveling a lot for her job, but in June, she will tag along with husband Joe, a member of the Bellevue Choir, as the choir performs at Carnegie Hall with Amy Grant, not to mention as a flash mob in Times Square. **Ellen Rumsey Bellenot** continues to "play" with polymer clay and other art materials and write her "Gratitudes," posted on her Facebook page, a reminder of how much we all have to be thankful for. Class secretary **Julia Malone**, her camera in hand, has recently taken wonderful adventure trips to the Galapagos and Machupicchu.

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The class of '66 had a wonderful 50th reunion! Thirteen of seventeen attended from six different states, and **Nancy Perry Gautier** came from Paris. **Foxy Von Lackum Walker, Susan Dacus, Mary Lawrence Hughes Flinn, Minna Thompson Glenn, Diane Taylor Newton, and Ree Wilson Cantrell** represented Tennessee. **Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner** came from Texas, while **Lynn Hungerford Kittle** and **Charlotte Dabbs Algood** traveled from Miss. **Julia Laney Clarke** came from New Mexico. **Betty Abbott** and **Cissy Lansing Moriarty** arrived from Ga. **Claire McCaskill Hughes** was able to briefly join us from Montana via Skype. We spent our time reconnecting, sharing remembrances, and laughing at photos in old yearbooks. On Friday morning, we enjoyed chapel but without chapel caps! Singing "Day by Day" brought tears and memories of our days at St. Mary's. One of the highlights was sharing our reunion with the St. Mary's Turkey. It was the Turkey's 40th birthday! When we graduated, we were St. Mary's Belles, but we all agree that the St. Mary's Turkey is more fun. We thank St. Mary's for the turkey headbands, hats, blinking sunglasses, and memorabilia. Our weekend finale and dinner was held at Mary Lawrence's lovely home. She commented, "The weekend was perfect and gave me the opportunity to see all the wonderful women who were so welcoming and kind to me many years ago." Since our weekend, we have continued to enjoy our renewed friendships through e-mails and Facebook. An unforgettable memory Minna has is of heading out to Raleigh with Ree, Jeanne following, only to become lost

and have Cissy talk them in to her brother Ken's house and farm. They spent a delightful afternoon picking strawberries and admiring Ken's garden. For Charlotte, the whole weekend was memorable from chapel to chapel cap photos at the barbecue to the fabulous buffet at Mary Lawrence's Saturday evening! She loved reconnecting with special friends and Face Timing Claire who was unable to attend. Her very special memory was Saturday morning when her mother joined them for coffee at Einstein's and left with tears in her eyes saying, "I just love all those girls!" Julia shares, "It was a delight to visit with our class and especially fun to Skype with Claire. Seeing Charlotte's mother was an unanticipated joy for us all!" Diane enjoyed lunch at the Botanic Garden with Jeanne, Nancy, and Susan. As they walked through the children's garden, they reminisced about their grandchildren. Lynn commented, "Reconnecting with so many classmates was beyond special, and seeing Mrs. Dabbs was icing on the cake!" Claire shares, "Thanks for Skyping with me. It was a treat to see you all." Nancy never imagined that reconnecting at our 50th could be so much fun. We have all evolved and pursued our lives, but in many ways, we have not really changed. She thinks surely that constancy has its roots in our shared St. Mary's experience. Many fond thoughts from Nancy for all those teachers who gave of themselves for our personal growth and enlightenment! We hope to meet again for another reunion soon. In the meantime, Flight Attendant Susan is in South Africa; Jeanne is teaching at SMU; Foxy is off to New Hampshire at her summer home; Mary Lawrence is taking her granddaughter to NYC; Librarian Julia is recommending summertime books; Cissy

is cruising the British Isles; Minna is vegetable and flower gardening; Charlotte and Lynn are attending grandchildren's sporting events. Claire's big summer treat is that all three sons and families will visit her in Montana. Diane and husband Ed will take their granddaughter Keith Ellis Prest '17 to a month long film school this summer sponsored by the state of Tenn. – she won a full scholarship. Oldest grandson Metcalf Prest will go to the University of South Carolina. Diane, Ed, and parents Bill and Jennifer will help him relocate. It was a great weekend. Thank you for coming, and thanks to St. Mary's for helping gather us together.

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Lynn Bledsoe Buhler went to the St. Mary's Christmas pageant in December to hear granddaughter Mary Taylor perform. Now only the second and third graders sing, sitting on benches around the tableau. Even though they sing most of the same carols, "The Friendly Beasts" is no longer part of their repertoire, which Lynn feels is a "crime against nature." I have to agree. Thanks to Lynn, our class spreadsheet has been completely updated. She excused herself for taking so long to make the corrections by quoting an old joke she had written in her school French book: "As the butcher said as he backed into the meat grinder, 'I'm getting a little behind in my work.'" Don't you love it? **Candy Jones Uhlhorn** has retired from healthcare, gotten her real estate license, and is a realtor with Crye-Leike, so she has more time to help with her grandchildren and her mother who lives with her in Piperton. **Signe Magnuson Spencer** is glad that she never got around to downsizing since

her youngest daughter, her husband, and their black Russian terrier moved from Toronto into her in-law apartment. All three “darling daughters” along with granddaughter Rose (1), who has a “sparkly personality,” spent two weeks in March with Signe, who is still gainfully employed, focusing on intellectual property. **Alice Cockroft Oates** and husband are settling into their new home in Williamsburg, Va. and traveling to San Francisco to visit their daughter in graduate school. They also took an anniversary cruise in November and made their annual trip to St. Maarten in January. **Debbie Boehme Salter** works part-time in HR at a small company, giving her more time to help with her two grandchildren. **Anne Hyde Dale** reported in April that she was “sick to death of winter,” but she and husband Jamie were able to take a ten-mile (wow!) hike to Walker’s Knob near Montreat, NC, where they are living until their home is finished in Black Mountain. **Dottie Parish Peterson** traveled to Louisiana with sister Bonnie Moody ’68 in April to visit her dad’s elderly cousin and help get her affairs in order. She and her husband enjoy being parents to grandson Christian (8) when their daughter travels for business, and she is proud that older grandson Reid has successfully completed his first year of college. She hopes to be able to attend our big 50th reunion next year, which **Janie Allen Till** cannot believe is already here. As she said, a 50th reunion didn’t even register with us when we graduated in 1967. According to **Susan McNeely Nicholas**, “everything is status quo,” which we are glad to hear. She also looks forward to our reunion next year and spends her time with knitting, book club, and her grandchildren’s activities.

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Our class can now claim a TV star in our midst. **Chris Wright Wilson** has been in ads about text alerts for Memphis Light Gas and Water. Hank calls me every time one of the commercials comes on, “Jan, Chris is on TV!” She can also be spotted on the back of MATA buses. Chris and her sister are planning two large 90th birthday parties for their mother. Chris has plans to travel to Texas in her new car to visit family. She is considering auditioning for more theater this year in addition to working for Aflac. **Carolyn Mayo** spent a month touring Australia and New Zealand. She said she could live in New Zealand. Carolyn says she feels part of the Delta Airline family due to her numerous trips to Boston for family events. She plans to stay home this year, but will be going to Northern India with friends and on a medical mission trip to Haiti in 2017. Carolyn continues as a member of the Carnival Memphis Board of Directors and is active in the Crewe Ennead. She also joined Les Passees and had a wonderful time working with other members at Stock Exchange in 2015 and the Living Ads party this year. She is enjoying her new condo and is putting on the final finishing touches. **Marilyn Muirhead** and I are both involved in remodeling projects. Just when you get everything like you want it, it’s time to start again. Marilyn is counting the weeks until her retirement. Less than a year to go! **Mary Helene Lee Hamlin** continues to be the “Energizer Bunny.” Her non-profit, Pass Job Connection, sponsors a weekly Job Club at a community center. Then, she works directly with inmates at the Riverside County jail and with the ladies at a local residential drug recovery

site on their job searches. Mary is starting a new non-profit, Faith in Action. They set up emergency cold weather shelter programs for the homeless. They hope to have their own building next season. **Marilyn Schwinn Smith** will give a paper at the MLA in Philadelphia in January. She and Sean are traveling to St. Paul this summer to meet their new grandchild. Marilyn will be a live-in nanny from September through December! **Holly Rogers** ran into Chris Wilson at a midtown restaurant at Christmastime while she was here visiting her mother. Holly says she felt like a local! The Alford Inn, a boutique hotel that was a project of Holly’s alma mater, has been receiving great reviews by Conde Nast Travel. Hank and I had a wonderful trip to Hawaii. We saw whales, gardens, sunrises, and sunsets. It really is like paradise. Unfortunately, we had flight delays going and coming, causing us to be awake for over 24 hours on each end of the trip. Hank and I are waiting for the bridge from LA to Hawaii!

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A big hello to the class of 1969! **Karen Haglund Terre** spent a long weekend this past winter in Madrid, Spain and is looking forward to a summer trip with her school, where they will visit Venice, Assisi, Florence, Rome, and Pompeii. Karen is still hoping to learn a bit more Italian than: “I want to buy that,” “How much does it cost?” and “What a cute puppy!” We can’t wait to hear her updates from this fantastic trip! **Candace Keims-Bitensky** continues to work as a medical interpreter at Massachusetts General Hospital and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and is strongly considering a return to Memphis to live. It would be very exciting

to see her in the near future! **Anne Short Born** sends her hello to the great class of 1969, and we are anxious to hear her news in the next newsletter. **Susan Strain Bryg** has been very busy with politics while serving as the Co-Chairman for Cherokee County (a northern metro-Atlanta county) for the Ted Cruz campaign. Her group is working through the delegate and convention process. She has also been involved in creating videos for candidates whose policies she supports. “Politics is a dirty business!” Daughter Amy has a baby girl due June 28. She is going to need a lot of help, because she is the mother of rambunctious twins (2)! In 2015, Susan retired from the ownership of White Flower Photography, an award-winning portrait studio she owned for over ten years. Susan is also involved in the development of a gourmet tea company called *Sweet LiberTea*. She will be promoting the benefits of tea for the mind, body, and soul, as well as the greatness of America. Pulling everything together to get her company launched has been a lot of fun, and she will let us know more about this new venture in the future! Brian and I visited Rapid City, S.D. this past winter, where daughter Ellen LeVaughn Kowalchuk ’96 gave birth to her 6th child, Benjamin Larry Kowalchuk. After this birth, the family invested in a 12-passenger Nissan van, which was christened with the name: KBOT, standing for the Kowalchuk Big Ole Truck! You can see it tooling by for miles! I returned in the spring, and Mary, Lydia, Sam, Elizabeth, Timothy, and I had the best time in a hotel in Rapid City, swimming in their indoor pool and eating out. Ellen and Andy kept looking for the kids but were happy to have some quality time with Ben! Please let me know your new e-mail

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I'm thrilled to share some news from the awesome class of 1970. **Gigi Gould** is getting settled in her new position as Financial Aid Administrator for Gould's Academy. She just returned from a wonderful visit to D.C., where she spent time with granddaughter Lily. **Betty Coe Cruzen Manuel** reports that husband David is retiring as Drury University President and that they will be moving to Fort Worth. They look forward to living closer to their son, daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters. **Denise DuBois Taylor** and husband Sledge are in travel mode this year. Sledge completed his term as Chairman of the National Cotton Council, and they are traveling to China, Africa, and all over the U.S. Son Will is graduating soon from Brown University with a Master's degree in astrophysics. In Nashville, **Cary Pridgen Slatery** is both excited and honored to be a Tennessee public servant. She says some people actually call her husband General Slatery, which she thinks is a hoot! Cary hates to sweat, but to tone up, she'll be going to the Tennessee Fitness Spa at the Natural Bridge near Waynesboro. **Peg Dixon** is organizing the FETCH 2016 Service Dog Education and Awareness Conference in Denver in July. This Conference seeks to educate the public concerning the importance of Service Dog teams. Peg will coordinate with a team of volunteers from all over the U.S. **Mary Edna Parish** is working at Quintiles Transnational, a Clinical Research Organization, as a

Clinical Research Monitor. She is learning and traveling lots, and she feels blessed to have a wonderful mentor! **Susan Hall Wilson** reports that husband John Charles (Bubba) is retiring from his position as President of Agricenter International. The two look forward to traveling and spending more time with family, especially grandson Sam Harris, who amazingly enough is already celebrating birthday #1! **Susie Hudson** has travel fever, having made two trips to Europe in less than six months for river cruises. In December, she visited Christmas markets on the Rhine and in Provence, where Miss Eberbaugh's French classes came in handy! **Cristina Michta** and her family are busy in Newport, R.I., where Andrew teaches at the U.S. Naval War College. I am substituting at elementary schools and attending Bible study across the bay in Jamestown. Daughter Chelsea was recently selected for the highly competitive Cambridge International Scholarship, which will fund her PhD studies at Cambridge.

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In April, our class celebrated our 45th class reunion! Unfortunately, I could not attend, but I know those who did had a wonderful time. Whenever we get together, it seems we are all 18 years old again (some of us maybe younger)! **Nancy Johnson Foster's** oldest daughter Kate was married in December and younger daughter Lucy got engaged a few weeks after. Lucy's wedding will be in July. **Julia Sprunt Grumbles** serves on the UNC Chapel Hill Board of Trustees. She and husband Bill still spend several months in the NC Highlands where Julia is on a foundation board, supporting a biological field sta-



The family of Christie Stratton Moody '71 on their trip to Cuba.

tion. They just got a lab puppy, Grace. **Avery Malone Kaserman** and husband Joel have done much to help their 29-year-old special needs daughter Julia be more independent. A personal assistant, who makes daily home visits to assist with daily chores, has allowed the family to have free time together. Julia also attends Friends of Faith to participate in crafts with friends. Avery's son Mark and his wife Allison live nearby. Avery, Joel, and Julia traveled to Berlin in August to visit Janni, their former exchange student, who recently had a baby boy. Some wonderful news for those of us who remember that Avery used to have seizures: she has been eight months totally seizure free! She will be cautious about waiting to drive and then only on low traffic streets. **Christie Stratton Moody** and family just returned from a salsa trip to Cuba where granddaughter Aviva was very popular with Cubans, who love babies. She was serenaded often! Christie says Cuba was a fascinating adventure in a country very rich in music, art, architecture, classic cars, and natural beauty. She and daughter Gwyneth still teach Cuban salsa, and Christie is still making glass art. Husband Michael will soon open a third river outpost. In November, I re-

tired from a 28-year career with the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Although I miss my friendships I made over those years, I love being more actively involved in my church's music and pastoral care ministries and at the kill-free cat shelter in Alexandria. In June, I attended the International Community of Hope (a pastoral care organization) conference at Camp Allen, Texas. I missed our 45th Class Reunion because Chris and I enjoyed a week in San Francisco. But I will definitely come to our 50th!

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Our class is takin' care of business, and kids, and grandkids, and dogs, and travel, and friends, and the community. **Lee Taylor Boyd** is proud that her son's wife, Liza Towell Boyd, is the "three peat" International World Champion of Hunter Jumpers. Son Blake and Liza have two daughters who are already showing their ponies in Camden, S.C. and around the southeast, where she loves baby-sitting. She is still working at the Trauma 1 Hospital in Columbia as a Critical Care RN with hopes of retirement soon. Very soon. Daughter Margie is a dressage trainer and RN in

Jackson Hole, Wyo. since her graduation from the University of SC. They all were together and freezing at Christmas! Lee adds many thanks to **Ashley Moore Remmers** for her huge gesture of kindness in helping the Columbia, S.C. flood victims this past October. Many of her closest friends lost everything in the floods. Ashley sent some of them boxes of clothes and very appreciated help in other ways. You know Ashley! Things have been rather slow for **Jackie Pentz Watkins**, but she did cruise the western Caribbean in February. They also adopted a 10-year-old Yorkie from an older couple who could no longer care for her. They mainly hang around and watch the deer parade past their window. **Suzanne Hauser Toten** went to Kohler, Wis. to volunteer at the US PGA Championship event. It was a lot of fun to get to see the golfers up close. She got to spend some time with son Ryan in Madison. He is happy in the snowy north and enjoys his job as a sous chef at a sushi restaurant. She received a promotion to Vice President of Business Continuity Planning for Rushmore Loan Management Services and spends her time planning for disasters or crises. It is an eye opening experience. She has been spending some time in Phoenix lately and says she is starting to look for her "retirement" home in the desert. In February, **Jane Gordon Simmons'** son Walker and his wife Katie gifted her with a grand boy, Shepherd Hall Simmons. He is her third grand with another on the way. If you need help picking out an outfit or a lipstick, I'm your gal... just ask **Meg Jemison Bartlett**. Meg comes to a fabulous Bible Study at Calvary with me each Thursday. You are all welcome, and we get to go to lunch afterwards. Remember Ms. Reiner's "Make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver

... but the other's gold." You are gold! During Lent, I got to see **Malinda Allen Lewis** often as she was co-chair of Waffle Shop here at Calvary Church. No matter how many throngs in search of homemade tomato aspic came to hear the speakers, Malinda was always her cheerful, helpful self. Thanks to those of you who sent me your news! Yes, this job is still open if you would like to do something wonderful for your alma mater. It's about time I started writing the newsletter for White Station, isn't it? Xo.

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Sarah Peeples Hodges went to India last winter. She taught for a week in Shillong, which is in the northeast hills (sweater weather) then spent a few nights in 97 degree Calcutta, where she was able to see Mother Teresa's main house. She reports the nuns there were very hospitable and continue to serve the poorest of the poor in India, as well as many other countries. **Deborah Caldwell Halvis** continues to enjoy life in the small town of Easton, on Maryland's eastern shore. She says it reminds her of Mayberry. They walk everywhere, accompanied by their faithful dog, Lexi. She came to Memphis for Cynthia Pitcock's funeral, where she connected with friends and reminisced about all those obscure facts about historical figures. **Ginger Hicks Smith** is retiring as president of the Delta Delta Delta Foundation after 12 years on the board and almost 30 years of volunteering at the national level for the sorority. But time isn't hanging heavy on her hands. She chairs the Worship Committee at her church, volunteers on the steering committee for the Atlanta Music Festival, reads voraciously, and writes book reviews.

Nell Dickerson transferred from Nashville to Los Angeles, where she works on the most convoluted and expensive planning, design, and construction project in the world: the \$70 billion California High Speed Rail, a bullet train between San Diego and San Francisco. Living in LA is a navigational challenge. She gets lost most of the time, because it's been thirteen years since she visited LA and eighteen years since she lived there. Although it's fun to explore and see old friends, she misses her house in Memphis and playing tennis with Milner. No idea how long this gig will last. She would rather write books, but for now, starving is not on the agenda. **Bron Gayna Schmit** spent spring break in Gulf Shores, where she enjoyed a chaise lounge, sunshine, seafood, frozen margaritas, and a great book. And me... I've given up on my horticultural aspirations of growing heirloom tomatoes. The squirrels and birds have beaten me! From now on, it's the Farmers' Market. Buy local! **Milner Stanton** and I are continuing to worship on Sundays at the Church of the 18 Holes.

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Happy 60th! If you have not already celebrated this milestone, you will sometime soon. **Cheryl Cape West** went on a Spring Break trip to Palm Island with her suite mates from Vanderbilt to celebrate their birthdays, but she has told husband Roy that he is not off the hook when her real birthday arrives! They had a great time kayaking and day tripping. Daughter Alison and Scott will be married three years this summer, and daughter Brittain graduated with her masters from Vanderbilt and is working in Nashville, while son Cullen is working

at a bank in Memphis. **Desi Franklin** had a few months to go before her birthday, and **Susan Page Tranby** was quick to point out that **Mary Hills Baker Powell** was the first to take the plunge last August. She gave herself a party in her backyard and did not have to cook. Mary Hills is still teaching drawing and painting to high school students in Hartford, Conn. and is also coaching a Varsity Gardeners group where students raise organic vegetables to eat in the school's dining room. They compost vegetable peelings and plant lots of flowers for pollinators. She was recently honored with the Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award from the Garden Club of America. **Lucy Gerald Cook** celebrated with a small dinner with her best friends at a favorite French bistro. She hopes that 60 is indeed the new 40. **Ruth Gordon White** and husband Johnny are expecting their first grandson soon. Ruth is the principal at Lookout Mountain School. Daughter Rachel is busy working on her doctorate in Art History, and son Joel is working for a film company, Remedy Editorial in San Francisco. **Kathy Bell Adams** says that, "all three of our kiddos are having babies this summer! Very exciting to go from one grandchild to four in a matter of months." So she is trying to get her back and biceps in "grandmama shape!" Son Ben is working on the Nickelodeon show Henry Danger and recommends it to anyone with young boys age 6-10. **Cindi Acree Marshall** celebrated her big day when her husband and daughter pulled off a surprise party at Alex's Tavern, complete with a blindfold and one of her favorite local bands from Ernestine & Hazel's. Son Lee graduates from UT Knoxville in May, and daughter Mary is married and lives in Memphis where she is an account manager at Archer

Malmö Advertising. Cindi is still managing and selling jewelry at Lisa Mallory Interior Design. **Sue Anne Turpin Davis** is retired but still subs and loves it. She thinks retirement is the biggest vacuum nature ever abhorred, claiming, "I am meeting myself coming and going." She still does animal rescue work. Her daughter works at an inner-city ministry for kids, and her second son is making her a grandmother to Baby Finn in August while her oldest son splits time between Japan, the UK, and Portugal as freelance translator. She and husband Scott are looking forward to a trip to the UK, and she is in denial about any upcoming birthdays. **Sally Minor Cook** has a wonderful job working at the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens where she does events from children's birthday parties to weddings to corporate picnics. Feeding 500 is a piece of cake for her now! She loves her beach world in Ponte Vedra and gardening. Son Josh lives in Nashville, where he works as a legislative aid. **Chris Cowan Norris** went to visit him at the Capitol when she was there. Middle son Phillip and wife have two children – Elena (1) and Lucas (4), who is fluent in Spanish. Daughter Minor and husband also live in Memphis, and she babysits all the time for her niece and nephew. **Hayes Harrison** made my day when she wrote to say that she had "joined the cult of improv comedy in St. Louis," calling it a completely absorbing new hobby. Last but not least, **Pam Brady Ray** says hello. I feel like the 90's are back for me. I am back on the Historic Zoning Commission in La Grange. **Beth Williford Carson-Wallace** and I have just made the baton exchange for class secretary again. Our children are now the ones getting married, starting careers, and looking forward to establishing families. I look in

the mirror and see my mother. Life is good but not easy.

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Congratulations to the Class of 1975 for again achieving 100 percent Annual Fund giving! Wow! **Margaret Nettleton Bell** is still running 5Ks. She has a goal of running the St. Jude half marathon in December. Emphasis on goal, but we'll see. Hayley is finishing up her junior year at Hutchison. She was just elected President of the Technology Council for next year, and they're researching and visiting colleges. She wants to study post-production film, so if anyone knows of any summer work in film or videos (paid or unpaid), it would be welcome. **Laurie Lamar** reports two words: Transitional. Boring. She's semi-retired from work as a User Experience Consultant and pondering what to do for her encore career. Any advice is welcome! Paul is still teaching at CU Boulder. Kids are both living in southern California. Louie is working on his PhD at UCSD La Jolla. Rudy just graduated from Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute in LA, got his SAG-AFTRA card, and is auditioning like crazy. She's incredibly proud of them but has a bad case of Empty Nest Syndrome and is lavishing inordinate attention on her 13-year-old Australian Shepherd. She's thinking about getting a second dog, as a child replacement. **Deborah Adelson Johns** reports, "our St. Mary's West group is alive and well in Colorado." **Flo Sares**, Laurie, and Deborah enjoyed a beautiful spring day together at the Denver Botanical Gardens. **Jennifer Jones** and Roger did a big trailer trip to Big Bend National Park and then had a nice summer of gardening, going to the shore, hiking, and

camping. Roger installed a solar power system on their trailer. With two propane tanks, two batteries, solar panels, and all the comforts of home in their tiny travel trailer, they can stay gone for a long time. They welcomed Roger's fourth grandbaby in July 2015. They also went on a big Desert Wander in October 2015, including the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Jennifer is continuing her study of American Tribal Style Belly Dance. They have a busy spring planned, with a trip to Shenandoah National Park where they hope to meet **Laurel Drake** for some hiking. **Angie Rose** is having a blast working her bucket list again with these three accomplishments: Master Gardener certification, an additional part time job at the new Whole Foods Market in Germantown as a Produce (floral) Warrior, and her adoption of a donkey. Angie and Sparky throw down the challenge to Watty and Oliver for the Christmas creche circuit this December. Your class secretary is a bit under the weather this time. Please, ladies, get those shingles vaccines!

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There are not enough words to describe how wonderful our reunion weekend was! We truly missed those of you who weren't able to come. One of the many highlights of the weekend was the poem **Sharon Hancock Brown** wrote for our Black Friday. I decided to share it for our news this time. Thank you Sharon for this gift! "As suddenly we find ourselves in the midst of May, we realize our seniors are near their last day. Memories flash across my mind, one after another of every kind! We've had athletes outstanding in this class...There is Carol who



Laurie Lamar '75, Flo Sights Sares '75, and Deborah Adelson Johns '75 enjoyed a beautiful spring day together at the Denver Botanical Gardens.

throws a murderous pass and Martha who jumps with such grace and ease. And Lucy who usually tries to please except at soccer where she is as tough as nails and makes the opposition look like snails. And speaking of soccer, Valerie's the one who can kick the ball longer than anyone! And Kathy whose knees are really a sight, still plays ball with skill and might. Who can ever forget that game against IC? One point behind and how the seconds did flee. And Ginny arcing the ball with mathematical precision, brought the game to a favorable decision. We all agree Margaret knows how to play tennis or is it in the game of love she's such a menace? Not only in athletics does talent abound but the sounds of music are all around. Theresa on the piano delights us one and all; we foresee her playing in some symphony hall. There's Peggy and Susan and Nancy who sing and make of a song a lovely thing. Allison's voice goes from Z to high C and makes us all as proud as can be. We can see Burkley charming Davidson with her flute and the boys wishing they could follow suit. There's Cindy who can play the guitar so well, at parties, she's sure to be a belle. And Sharon at Southwestern will surely shine, for the way she plays the viola is truly fine.

Laura sings but it's at chess she is a master. And for all her opponents it's always a disaster! All of you will be in college next year. When B.J. goes to U.N.C., will she will be lonesome without Jody? Or will she just be very female and find herself another male? Hollins I'd say has a surprise in store. Virginia and Lise and how they talk evermore! They'll introduce fun and laughter galore and keep that joint from being a bore! Off to UT will travel our Jan. Is it to study or catch a man? You'll be sure to see a list of St. Mary's beauties. For beauty exists in the class everywhere. Suzanne's fair skin and lovely red hair. And Edie's whose eyes are a beautiful blue, along with Andrea's though hers are a darker hue. And Sophia and Allison with their soft ways, all know how to charm the boys into a daze. Cori and Kaky are two of a kind, for they both love fun and to have a good time. Wherever these girls are their beauty will shine and for them many a man will surely pine! It will be interesting to see what careers you'll pursue for talent is native to each one of you. Julie at selling is already adept. For running a store, she'll be all set. Bettina loves animals large and small. To cure our pets, on her we'll call! For serving Big Macs, milk shakes, and French fries, Teri should really receive a prize. But a hamburger her children may never see, she's probably as sick of them as she can be! For crises and excitement we'll be out on a limb, for who can create as well as our Kim? Sharon with her pep has inspired us all. She's made us scream, yell and bawl. There is something special about her announcements, they are witty and clever and spectacular pronouncements. We have a pied piper in this school, who doesn't seem to need any special tool! For everywhere that Leslie doth go, little children

are sure to follow. There is a question that boggles my mind. It will probably be answered in too short a time. Who will be the first to wear a wedding dress? Do I dare put forth a guarded guess? Some I bet sure do have plans...if they'd only confess....To U.T. much traveling's been done by one Mary Walton...could she be the one? I also thought Dabney was interested in knowledge. And that is why she is going to college; but she has been keeping me in the dark, and hiding the real reason, a boy named Mark. What about Kathleen's love of Mickey Mouse? Will he help her choose a suitable spouse? Josie and Anne in love knowledge they did grow, last summer we hear in ole Mexico! Josie was a cool teacher this we know, and letters from there, they go to and fro. "Take her, she's mine," was an eye opener for me. There were several things obvious to me! Our May Queen, our president, the charming Crissy, also an actresswhat a great junior missy! And Wyeth dancing in the dim light, appeared to want to continue far into the night. And the irrepressible Lisa Morrow, whose wit I wish I could borrow, did with her masterful facial expression imprint on our minds an everlasting impression. Then there was Cathy...whose wide eyed knowing look..shows that she knows more than any book. And now that this silly rhyme has been read, there's just one more thing that must be said. Memories of you we'll oft recall. For we have grown accustomed to your face and shall surely miss it in this place!" We love and miss you Carol, Cindy, Edie, and Laura. God bless!

-1977

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Two more in our class now have the added title of mother-in-

law. **Lucy Walt Wepfer's** son Walt and **Jacqueline Hughes Romo's** son John have each married recently. **Adele Orgill Wellford** has exciting news that daughter Liza and her husband Richie have a new baby boy, James. Congratulations all around! After three years at the University of Alabama, my daughter Lucy is graduating and will begin graduate school there in the fall. I will be happy to have her home this summer, when she will be interning at Servicemaster. Let's start thinking about our reunion in 2017!

-1978

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Dr. Cynthia Pitcock came to St. Mary's in 1967. A passionate and dedicated history teacher, she quickly became a trusted mentor and friend to her students. During her 12-year tenure, she inspired many, but the Class of '78 felt an especially close bond to her. Always thinking, **Tabitha Francisco McNabb** suggested that we pay tribute to our dear friend in this newsletter by sharing our fondest memories of her. In 1977, Dr. Pitcock rallied our senior class to "take over the school" by joining some of the failing clubs. She dubbed us the '78'ers, a nickname we fondly adopted. It was her passion and encouragement that inspired us to join the choir, the library club, the drama club, and various other organizations we had long ago passed over as unworthy of our attention. But her rally did much more than inspire us - it brought us together as a class. Soon our clique faded, and the lines separating our teenage peer groups blurred. **Tandy Gilliland Taylor** credits "Mrs. Cockpit" with giving her a tremendous lesson in resilience after losing a class election. **Carole Klein** remembered her as so dynamic,

outgoing, and encouraging." She made history one of Carole's favorite subjects. As coach of the Drama Club, she directed *Arsenic and Old Lace* and *Take Her She's Mine*, with son James being the first boy to be in a St. Mary's production. She had a fantastic sense of humor. **Jekka Ashman Pinckney** even noted that Antiachus Tilley signed the guest book at Dr. Pitcock's visitation. Jekka reminds us that Tilley was the imaginary student that Dr. Pitcock and her college friends enrolled in Washington University. With their help, he completed a full course load for almost a year and ran for student office before being detected. **Shelia Davis** said, "she fueled my enthusiasm for learning and confirmed that pranksters have a place in academia." **Sunita Sheth** recalled her as an "inspiring spirit that stayed with her through the years." **Debby Waltz Hayes** says our memories of her are a blessing. She had a lot of faith in us, which in turn gave us faith in ourselves. **Sara Davidson Wellford** felt lucky to have reconnected with Cynthia over the last few years. She instinctively called her Dr. Pitcock, so she in turn would call her Mrs. Wellford to break her of the habit. Sara said, "she was brilliant, and I will miss her. I take some comfort in knowing she is reunited with her beloved husband, Jim. She was heartbroken to be separated from him." As a teacher, **Carese Clarke Bott** said she hopes to have half the influence on her students' lives that Cynthia did on ours. She can still see '78er's in her handwriting as Carese encourages her students to "take over the school" and be the leaders they can be. Dr. Pitcock had a tremendous influence over her life. As **Frazer Outlan Kelly** put it, "what a difference one person can make." She will be missed. Go '78'ers!

-1979

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The ladies of our class never cease to amaze me. **Terry Lupo Lebedevs** is our first grandmother. Daughter Hannah had a beautiful baby girl, Ruby. Terry is spending a lot of time in Starkville, Miss. Daughter Camille got married and lives in Lakeland, Fla. Son Rob works at the Memphis Boat Center. Terry is a triage nurse at Gastro One. She is also involved with the Kairos ministry. She will be serving the women inmates at Luttrell Correctional Center.

Jan Lettes Zauzmer has great news about husband Bob. He has been named the Pardon Attorney for the Obama administration. They are now spending their weekends in Philadelphia and weeks in D.C. Daughter Julie works for the Washington Post. Jan can work for Toll Brothers as an internal communications specialist from anywhere. Another great thing is she can see **Lenelle Morse** and **Nancy Smith Douglas** more often. Jan was in town recently when she and her mom hosted a dessert party where they saw **Barbara Stevenson, Irene Orgill Smith, Anne Golwen Brand,** and Sally Mansberg Rosenberg '80. **Jeanne Thurman Cross** has been traveling. Her family went to Ireland. Joe quickly lost his hat at the Cliffs of Moher. She was delighted to see a Burger King there. Son Ben loves chicken. They will be moving soon to Lancaster, Colo. There is a great adult autism center there for her son. Daughter Liz is here in Memphis, teaching Latin and English at Bartlett High School. Daughter Margaret is working at Godiva. Amazing news from **Nell Archer**. She is delighted to be the new vicar of La Iglesia de la Santa Cruz + Bushwick Abbey. It is a Latino congregation of the Episcopal Church in Bushwick, Brooklyn.



Jan Lettes Zauzmer '79 hosted 1979 classmates for a beautiful dessert party during her trip to Memphis. From left to right: Barbara Stevenson, Irene Orgill Smith, Sally Mansberg Rosenberg '80, Jan Lettes Zauzmer, and Anne Golwen Brand.

Nell says Bushwick Abbey is an "everybody Church" that embraces all of God's creation. She is so grateful to work with these two extraordinary congregations. **Gayle Wunderlich Hardee** has exciting news. Son Will is getting married this July. Will is with Raymond James in Memphis. Husband Charlie is with Paragon Bank. Gayle has been at Independent Presbyterian Church for 23 years and has been promoted to Executive Assistant. Well deserved! Lenelle Morse recently found our old Sophomore Specialties cookbook. She has made Polish mistakes and brownies from Beezy's Grandmother. I would love a copy of that!

-1980

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It has been a privilege to visit with several of our classmates this year, beginning with the opening of **Rachel Darnell-Heath's** art exhibit at the Buckman Center. Rachel's art is grand in scale and fabulously beautiful. We threw together an evening to visit with Rachel, hosted by the always hospitable **Sally Mansberg Rosenberg, Elisa Brock** and **Blake Burr** came too, and we snacked, talked, laughed, and played one

of Sally's funny games! I also visited with **Chalmers Peyton Valentine**, who is busy as ever and working with Regions Bank. She and husband Steve will be traveling to Africa on a trip for Living Waters for the World, a mission in which Steve has participated many times. **Helene Norcross Rayder** was recently in town helping her sweet mom ready a new home. We had lunch and caught up about our families, our classmates, and old stories. I'm hoping we can visit more often now that her mother will be living two blocks away from my house! **Molly Francis Roberts** and I recently made a trip to the beach to celebrate the end of all of her cancer treatments and post-surgery procedures. She looks and feels healthy and beauti-



Gladys Jones '80 with her 101-year-old grandmother at Easter.

ful. She and Marty are true empty nesters and now have 3 grandsons! Molly still works at Regents School of Oxford. **Kathi Welch Campbell** writes that her parents have moved to Sanibel Island and live close by. I'm sure you all remember Mrs. Welch from the school office! Kathi's daughter (14) just finished 10th grade. Her son (27) is a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He is in pilot training in Corpus Christi. **Jenny Goforth Hock** was recently in Memphis to visit her parents. Mrs. Goforth is another former St. Mary's office administrator we all knew! Jenny's son Ben is soon to be married in Denver. Son David just moved to Philadelphia but commutes to Princeton, where he teaches Russian Literature. He will soon complete his PhD! Many of you may have received an email from **Gladys Jones** in which she shared a beautiful photo of herself with her 101-year-old grandmother, who has always been an integral part of her life and education. Gladys looks wonderful and says that she is "alive and kicking" and doing well. My younger son Garrott recently graduated from Vanderbilt and is moving to Atlanta to start a career with Deloitte in consulting. Son Nelson continues to teach high school math in Nashville. Sam and I are taking both boys to Italy, before Garrott starts his new job. Thanks to all who have reached out to me! Keep me in the loop on your news!

-1981

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Ashley Richardson Sheridan and husband Tony moved to Madison, Wis. **Michelle Zanone Smith** and husband Buzz celebrated the marriage of daughter Taylor in New Orleans. **Nathalie Manire Willard** and **Laura Gus-**

sin Zinker recently spent the day together in Philadelphia, touring museums and catching up. Nathalie's son Will attends NYU and gave my daughter Caroline and me a college tour earlier. **Madera Dickerson Beckham, Katherine Lucas Hall, Anne Harvey Whipple,** and I have survived the college application process, and our first sons and daughters are all headed off to college this fall. Also, I happily married Matthew Perry on top of Aspen Mountain this New Year's Eve.

-1982

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Cindy Kremer Bodker has exciting news. Daughter Ellie is a senior in high school and served on the International Board of BBYO, the largest teen youth group in North America. She planned the convention for 2,400 international teens plus many educators, staff, speakers, etc. At the convention, she was elected President and will serve a one-year term. She will take a gap year to travel the US and spend six weeks abroad meeting with other Jewish teens, teaching how to engage other teens, help train leaders, encourage social action programs, participate on the adult BBYO Board, and much more. Cindy's other two daughters are also doing well! Mallory is a sophomore at Michigan and will intern for a marketing/communications company in Israel this summer. Ilana moved to Brooklyn and interns for Peter Lang publishing. Fred and Cindy visited the Crystal Bridges Museum in Bentonville, Ark. and highly recommend it! **Catherine Robilio Womack** and Marlin are empty nesters. Chip is studying accounting at Ole Miss, and Elizabeth is in grad school for psychology. Catherine was an alum chapel speaker, and her favorite part

was Elizabeth's introduction. Elizabeth "outed" Catherine as "not a natural blonde," which got a huge laugh. **Sally Johnston Spencer** reports that daughter Rose lives in D.C. and works in sales for Weddingwire.com. Sarah is graduating from UVA and will work in Charlottesville for UVMCO. Sam will be a senior next year, and they are trying to find the right college list for him now. Sally is "working (very) part-time at Spartanburg Day School as 'Manager of Special Projects,' a funny title for trying to handle projects that the full-time folks don't have time to fool with." It's lots of fun, and she loves having a small activity to occupy her time, since she doesn't play bridge and she doesn't play golf!" **Gail Jones Mallery** has started work as a Practice Administrator for an internal medicine practice in Dallas. She was ready to get back in the medical world. While she loved learning the mortgage industry and had a great experience, Gail will have more opportunity to work with people in the new job, and that is her passion. Gail is still active in her church and several charities that keep her busy and out of trouble. **Lisi Belz McCarthy** had a great spring break visit in Park City, Utah with **Jennifer Haas Lansky** and her family. Lisi's oldest son is graduating from high school, and her youngest will start middle school this fall. Lisi has spent time with **Jenny Vookles** and **Swati Sanyal Wilson**, who are both in her neck of the woods. And Jennifer wrote to welcome all Class of '82 to visit Park City! No surprise that our class has a lot of fun stuff happening.

-1983

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Cissy Bruce Jackson is the managing editor of a lifestyle

magazine similar to *Garden and Gun*. She is also practicing white-collar criminal defense law part time. Son Will has finished his second year at UGA. Sarah Frances just graduated from high school and will also be attending UGA. **Allison Wellford Parker** also has daughter Katherine at UGA, and daughter Annie will attend Northwestern. **Brandon Garrett Morrison** is about to have an empty nest as she sends Murray to Vanderbilt's engineering program. Not surprisingly, she has taken up tennis again! **Lisa Page May** and husband Keith have opened a second store at Kirby and Poplar. They still have other full-time jobs while they run Doc's Wine, Spirits, and More, named for Lisa's dad. **Michelle Anderton Waterhouse** recently returned from a "life-changing" trip to Kenya, where she assisted rangers in combating elephant poachers. She was working with a group of volunteers in conjunction with the Lama Salama Project, which means "sweet dreams" in Swahili. She was also able to go on a safari in the Maasai Mara. **Therese Kavanagh Despeaux** has met some very interesting travelers since opening her guesthouse as a bed and breakfast through AirBNB. Most recently, she hosted five Chinese college students for a full semester. Referring to Elvis, they made sure they went to the "home of the king" and served Therese authentic home-cooked Chinese food! **Elise Kilpatrick Atkins** reports that her family is scattered but doing well. They are moving from Oxford to D.C. to join husband John who has commuted there since last fall. Amelia Rose will begin 9th grade at an Episcopal girls' school. Cole just finished freshman year at Washington University in St. Louis, where he plays Ultimate Frisbee on the travel team. Daughter Ainsley is

"all in" at Sewanee and will be a senior in the fall. She secured an internship in Brooklyn this summer with a clothing/textiles company. This was an exciting change of scenery from the small towns of Oxford and Sewanee! **Kara Winsett Gibson** lives a very full life in Madison, Miss. She works as a pediatric speech-language pathologist at University of Mississippi Medical Center on the craniofacial team. She has recently started a VPI (velopharyngeal insufficiency) Clinic with one of the ENTs. But Kara has not abandoned her love of the arts. Her husband was recently voted "Best Musician" by readers of *Jackson Free Press*, and daughter Kaely will enter college as a theatre major. Daughter Ainsley begins high school this fall and follows after her mother as a singer, dancer, and player of the French horn. Kara still has family in Memphis but has not been able to make reunions because of the many performance dates her family has. Speaking of reunions, I am already looking forward to 2018 when our 35th reunion will take place. Shake me! How have we been gone from St. Mary's that long? Please make plans to attend; it will be here before you know it.

-1984

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Merri Leigh Masters Johnson is recuperating from hip surgery, but her sons are still keeping her busy. Charlie is in 4th grade and Jack (13) is in Jr. High, playing basketball, running track, and playing tuba in the honors band. He is taller than Merri Leigh! **Anne Crocker Hefter** continues to work for nonprofit Compass, which is considering an expansion to Chicago. In D.C., her youngest enjoyed a great basketball season with Sidwell Friends. They saw their former team-

mate go to the NCAA finals with Villanova and win! Her oldest will go to Brisbane this summer for a semester abroad, and Ted starts playing football at William and Mary in the fall. Anne is enjoying Bethesda with its beautiful cherry blossoms.

Kristine Griffith Williams

recently started her own private pediatric practice in St. Louis so that she could enjoy work again, get to know the kids and families, and still have the opportunity to learn. Her daughters love having her home every night. Her oldest Margaret (15) is learning to drive while simultaneously causing her parents near-stroke level blood pressure. She is an avid field hockey player and loves spending time with her friends. Second daughter Caroline (13), the tallest child in the family, will follow in her sister's footsteps to Visitation Academy (sort of the Catholic version of St. Mary's). Katherine (11) enjoys reading, writing, and swimming. Emma (9) loves everyone and charms anyone she meets. Kevin and Kristine often feel like they are on a crazy amusement park ride called "drive and spend."

Kelly McCracken continues to work in commercial real estate but loves to have fun. She is enjoying many crawfish parties and is once again serving on the host committee for Taste of Jubilee, a fundraiser for the Jubilee schools. She has a trip to Charleston on the horizon and has become involved with having the *Minimalism* documentary air in Memphis at Malco Studio Square. **Alison Potts Hollewand** is looking forward to a family trip to Asia and Europe in the summer, taking in Singapore, the UK, Italy, and China. Izzy is happy, healthy, and enjoying life at the beautiful age of 12. **Cathy Turner Alexander** and family are also planning an international vacation to Europe to celebrate her 50th birthday! Cathy said it

best: "How did that happen?!? We're just getting warmed up!" Martin and I have been enjoying the spring flowers in Memphis with many walks at The Botanic Gardens and Dixon, and we hope to vacation in San Diego in the fall.

-1985

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Elizabeth Pounders married Andy Howorth, honeymooned in Hawaii, and will live in Oxford, Miss. Eliza heads to college, and Dorothy enjoys SMU and the Dallas life. Callie is in 9th at Hutchison. **Betsy Barnett** sold her property in Oregon and moved to Maui and the Big Island to pursue certification in aquatic bodywork and healing dance and to get her massage therapy license. **Talia Puzantian** and her family enjoyed a nice break in Yosemite. Henry (12) continues with robotics and computer programming. He will compete in RoboGames and an international, adult robotics olympics event in the 60 pound robot division! Oliver (8) reads and plays sports and Wii. Talia is full-time faculty at Keck Graduate Institute, teaching neuropsychopharmacology to graduate students. **Colleen Kavanagh** continues her socially responsible start up company ZEGO and has relaunched with new recipes. Liam will attend the University of Chicago.

Trecia Knapp Tapolsky still likes hiking with her dogs. Bruno prepares for a long distance shooting competition. Galya (26) an Old Navy production designer, and Zhenya (24) a marketing associate at Carp Capitol, are doing well. She recently renovated a lovely home in New Orleans. **Glynn Feild Dean** loves her baby calves. She has been at Gerber Taylor for 21 years! Adam, a senior, plays football at CBHS, and Benjamin helps Glynn out on their farm.

She looks forward to the food from her garden. **Ivy Wilroy Caravati** enjoyed reconnecting with **Lisa Breazeale Roberts** and her family. Her dad retired after 50 years at LeBonheur. Charlie loves UVA. Sid, a senior, still enjoys managing the baseball team and surfing, while Thomas, a junior, plays football. All the boys love fishing and hunting. **Nancy Dilts** continues to build her sustainability-focused wardrobe consulting business. Grace (12) plays volleyball and violin in the Minnesota Youth Symphony Orchestra and enjoys reading. **Beeland Dill Voellinger** has loved learning to play bridge with her mother and works as a stylist with Worth New York. Bee (6th grade) loves horses, and Will (3rd grade) enjoys piano and all things Minecraft. **Polly Piper Rickard** and her family are still in Austin. Piper is a senior at Texas Tech, majoring in Philosophy and Political Science. Robert heads to Texas Tech and plays a lot of golf. Perry (16) and Peyton (13) both enjoy running track, and Pace (12) cannot play enough basketball. As an empty nester, **Julie Huettel Lowe** enjoys traveling and working in an antique shop. Two of her "babies" are in college, and one is working public relations in Birmingham.

-1986

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The class of 1986 had such an enjoyable time reconnecting and laughing with one another over reunion weekend. **Elizabeth Bowers Farrar** told us about son Will's experience in flight school and daughter Emma's participation in college search trips. I cannot believe that soon she will be an empty nester! **Traci Sherman Keller** came from Nashville to visit us, but she had to scoot off to a swim meet to watch her

younger son compete. Older son Jack is busy with lacrosse, and we may get to meet on the sidelines next year for the MBA/MUS lacrosse games when Davis and Jack will face off! **Cathy Cape Furey** joined us from NYC and brought daughter Loyland over for some much anticipated playtime with her friend Carmen McGhee. Cathy and I are thrilled that our two youngest will be reunited this summer at Camp Bear Track! **Elizabeth Harvey** and her parents had us over to their lovely home on Mud Island on Thursday night to kick-off the weekend, where we got to see Elizabeth's children (12 and 14), who dwarfed everyone except Elizabeth and Susannah! Her son Baylor, a 6'4" male version of Elizabeth, was actually happy to meet all of her classmates from 30 years ago! **Leigh Gordon Wright** made it from Tuscaloosa to join us for the festivities. Son John is busy with baseball, while Allie is recovering from a wrist injury from a snowboarding fall. While Leigh was staying with her dad, she was able to dig up some priceless old high school photographs of us in the height of mid-80's fashion. **Susannah Taylor Marriott** was as entertaining as Leigh's old photos, making us laugh like we were back in the senior den. She is still in Brooklyn, busy with her 3 daughters and all their school and sports. **Meg Gary Woodhouse** was also in from NYC. She was recently in town for her mom's big 90th birthday. **Sissy Roberds Carpenter** took time away from her busy family life to join us. We even got a glimpse of husband Doug one night. Sissy is busy with girls Katie Elizabeth and Wallace, making their way through high school. **Elizabeth Cashman Dickinson** was busy for part of the weekend with her son Robert's first entry as a BBQ man. Robert and many



Classmates from 1986 at Alumnae Weekend for their 30th reunion.



Allison Tonkin '87 with son Chip at Chip's Sip and See. With 1987 classmates (from left to right in back) Missy Huettel Carter, Gwynne Keathley, Courtney Morris Monaghan, Laura Halle Nunnally, Suzanne White Howell, Ann Driscoll Prince, Anne McCarroll McWaters, Amy Rhodes Johnston, and Gigi Gaerig McGown. Left to right in front are Chip's cousins Addie Tonkin '28 and Izzie Tonkin '24

of the Cashman men were on a team at the Southaven BBQ contest. I think he is making his daddy Skip smile from up above! I look forward to many years of enjoying the product of their hard work in the pit! **Elizabeth Stokes Bran** is busy working at St. George's while raising her family. Son Alex had a wonderful performance in the NCAA tournament versus Indiana, making an unbelievable 3-point shot in the first round of the tournament! What a great way to wrap up a college career! **Susan Whitten Graber's** husband Blair gets the patient husband award for attending both Friday and Saturday nights. He is a great sport. **Irene McDonnell Ayotte** has had a busy spring keeping up with kids Mary and Robert, while being an excellent godmother to my Carmen! Our prayers go out to **Liz Whitsitt McEwan**, who recently lost her father and has a terminally ill mother-in-law, and to **Camille Lyon Majors**, who lost her mom this spring. Irene Ayotte, Susan Whitten, Liz McEwan, and Elizabeth Dickinson get a special shout out for helping me get the whole weekend together. We all laughed to the point of tears and had a delightful time reconnecting over the weekend.

Can't wait until the 35th!

-1987

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Enjoying her new role as VP of Product Management at GoDaddy, **Gail Borod Giacobbe** is leading the company's mobile strategy and product line. She enjoyed taking Isabella (12) to volleyball tournaments and skiing with the family at Crystal Mountain near Mt Rainier. Patrick and **Beth Reynolds Bowen** are now involved in Archer's BBQ, with five restaurants in Knoxville, bringing a little bit of Memphis to East Tennessee! Ella (8th grade) loves dance, performing in her studio's company team. Tom (3rd grade) loves baseball and basketball. Even with daughter Sarah and step-daughter Lindsay graduating, things at **Shearon Barbee Craig's** remain busy as the girls plan to attend local colleges. Budding pianist Will (16) plays at school, church, and other venues. He and a friend write and record songs. Shearon continues as an outpatient clinic physical therapist. **Laura Halle Nunnally's** daughter Lizzie is investigating colleges. Anna (9th grade) is getting her learner's permit,

so both girls are now legal behind the wheel. Flip and **Kim Justis Eikner** celebrated their 25th anniversary. Brooks (12th grade), co-editor of MUS' *The Owl's Hoot* newspaper, competed in NYC in the national ESU Shakespeare competition after winning school and city tournaments. He returned after receiving a fellowship to spend a week at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Nora (7th grade) performed in the title role in the St. Mary's Middle School play *Dear Edwina* and had a great time on the St. Mary's Huntsville trip. Kim appreciated many great stories about Flip's father Jim after his passing. **Missy Huettel Carter's** boys are doing well at MUS. Joe is great friends with **Jill Sartelle Street's** son Baugh. Seeing **Courtney Morris Monaghan** and Kim in the halls at MUS, Missy hears fabulous anecdotes about **Anne McCarroll McWaters'** MUS classes. After a week in Maui, Jay and **Kristina Schultz Weir** enjoyed sightseeing in Las Vegas after Arbonne International's Global Training Conference, where Kristina was recognized for earning the top level National Vice President.

Jay, Tupelo's Municipal Judge, helps coach Jake and Charlie's baseball teams. Continuing in real estate, **Fontaine Taylor Brown** is busy with Thaxton (14), Noland (11), and dogs Macy and Baxter. Thaxton received the Paul Petzoldt Scholarship to a NOLS course in Wyoming. Fontaine is proud to be on the board of Playback Memphis and part of the amazing work Virginia Reed Murphy is doing to transform Memphis. **Mary Louise Mooney** thanks everyone for the tremendous outpouring of support she received from the St. Mary's community after her mother's recent passing. It reminded ML of her St. Mary's arrival many years ago – being immediately accepted, changing her life for the better. Andras and I give thanks again to Courtney, Laura, Ann, and Missy for organizing Chip's great Memphis Sip and See. It was fantastic to see so many of you. While Radiology and Alana-Tokaj wine keep us busy, nothing compares to our wonderful Chip who has already travelled to Costa Rica and hopefully soon to Hungary to meet the rest of the family!

-1988

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Jennifer Hanemann Chandler released her fourth cookbook, "The Southern Pantry Cookbook," last fall and helped open Lafayette's Music Room in Overton Square. She also has a new radio program on WKNO-FM called "The Weekly Dish" on which she talks about all her favorite food finds! It airs on Tuesday mornings during NPR's Morning Edition. **Frances Coughlin Fenelon's** daughter Nora started her first year at Harpeth Hall. Nev is in 7th grade with Laurie Smith Hooper's daughter Lela. Frances started as Operations Counsel at Tenet Healthcare at the end of January and loves it! **Mary Lucy Bell** is in her 15th full year teaching at St. Mary's. Bob (17) was in the Mr. Valentine competition this year, and he wowed them with his knowledge of St. Mary's trivia and his yoyo skills. Ramie (21) is taking a gap year and hiking the AT from Georgia to Maine! She loves every minute of it, and Bob is going to join her for a few weeks this summer, which means Mary will have time to relax. **Pidge Colbert Macdonald** writes Mallory is in 10th grade at St. Mary's, and Whit is in 8th at Lausanne. She is at Levy Dermatology doing cosmetics and Cool Sculpting. This spring, she spent time in Aspen with **Brandy Coletta. Taylor Uhlhorn Laird** is still working for the Department of Child Services. Walker is finishing his first year at Millsaps, which he loved. Grif is finishing his sophomore year, so they are starting his college search. James will be in high school next year. They go to lots of football games, track meets, and baseball games. She says, "it's all pretty regular and mundane, but it's pretty incredible too." **Amy Weinberg Pearce** and her family are making a

huge move from Atlanta (where they have been for 11 years!) to Manhattan Beach. They are sad to leave life in Atlanta but are excited for new opportunities in California. I am in the midst of moving as well (not as big a move as Amy), but we have bought a house close to St. Mary's, where Caroline will be in 5th grade next year. Caroline is going to camp this summer with **Leigh Vaughan Jaimes'** daughter Windland, and we are all so excited about it. My work is going well - I facilitated a group of regional mayors in planning an event for 300 people that will set the groundwork for regional collaboration on important issues like workforce development, transportation, and marketing our region. Really amazing stuff! Hoping to see all of you soon.

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Things are busy for **Mary Pritchatt Muscari** with the end of school. Frank (6) is finishing up SK at Christ Methodist. Meredith is in PK at St. Mary's and is excited about being a flower girl for cousin Audrey. This summer, they are headed to Nantucket for vacation. **Maysey Craddock** has been busy with two big, good things: a solo exhibition at Cris Worley Fine Arts in Dallas and marrying a wonderful man, Shaun Marsh, who hails from England but has fallen almost as in love with Memphis as he has with her! She's looking forward to a show in the fall in Memphis at David Lusk Gallery. **Aravinda Ayyagari** and husband Anil took the kids on a trip around the world for six months. They loved visiting India, Thailand, Cambodia, Peru and Ecuador. The kids loved Angkor Wat, hiking Macchu Picchu, and the Amazon, as well as spending

quality time with relatives. They met fascinating people and returned full of gratitude for their home and country. The kids missed their friends but loved trying new foods and making friends. She has adjusted to being back at work in a busy pediatric practice, and Anil is enjoying his work at Capital One. They are off on a new adventure in South Africa this summer and can't wait to go on safari. **Mary Elizabeth Treadwell Pittman** is staying busy with her family. Son Will is graduating from CMDS and will attend MUS in the fall. He has really enjoyed seeing his oldest sister Catherine Vaughn Bunker '09 around campus this year. Catherine teaches 1st grade at CMDS. Catherine is also a new mom, which makes Mary Elizabeth and Larry grandparents. Yikes! She is very blessed to keep baby Caroline while Catherine is working. M.E. is very excited that her daughter, Camille Treadwell Vaughn '12, will be graduating from Mississippi State this spring and moving back to Memphis! In January, Camille will start Occupational Therapy school at UT Memphis. M.E. is looking forward to being class secretary again and catching up with the Class of '89 next fall!

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Greetings from Down Under, where I've penned this while visiting the in-laws. Seems the Class of '90 responds well to threats, so our experiment from last issue continues: someone's name is drawn among the pool of slacker classmates who didn't write in, and this lucky soul gets a fictionalized update below. **Ellen Rawlins Uzarowicz** is still stylin' in LA. Literally. Both her girls have taken to the stage, where she served as lead costume designer for the 80+

kids in the school musical. She has also been doing wardrobe and styling for some music videos. **Stacy Goldate** and husband Craig, also in LA, have just finished their drought-tolerant garden. She's working on their documentary, has begun editing a Netflix series, and has taken up piano again (trying, anyway). **Alexis Zanone** was excited to be part of the Memphis gathering in LA and has enjoyed taking advantage of her travel perks, most recently to Colombia and The Serengeti, joined by Sam Petrie '93. **Mary Anne Kish Seibert** is working and raising kiddos in Little Rock with husband Rob. She and her family are about to break ground on a new house. God-speed. **Missy Kramer Taranto** just helped her mom move to Sandestin, so she'll be able to travel from New Orleans to see her more now. Her dad has been golfing with some of our high school crushes back in Memphis, which either makes us really old, or her dad really young! Either way, we both agree it's weird. From Memphis, **Ali Reaves Smith** and son Cole went to Orange Beach, Alabama with **Emmy (Mary Elizabeth Warner) Potter** and her son Bishop. Despite the cold, the boys had a great trip. **Tricia Hood Thomas** is planning a summer trip to New York to see **Sujata Tejwani**, with tix to Hamilton, to boot! (Tricia, you will not be disappointed —worthy of every Tony nom.) **Kristen Thompson Keegan** has been subbing a lot at St. Mary's and loving her time with **Shelley Kuykendall Herzke**. She saw **Meredith Fiveash Austin** over the holidays and reported that Mere has not aged a bit. She has since turned her jewelry-making hobby into a legit business. (Shop shopgoodegg.com, and a portion of the proceeds goes to St. Jude or St. Mary's — your choice.) **Caydie Brown Nickey** has left the world of



Alumnae Weekend 1991 Class Reunion Party



St. Mary's ladies celebrate the wedding of Catherine Hughes Pitkin '92. Clockwise: Catherine Hughes Pitkin, Celeste Bailey Herberger '91, Hannah Copp '92, and Mirm Kriegel '90, with other friends.

bookkeeping to become a flight attendant on QANTAS. (Caydie, it was a hoot running into you on our flight, and thank you for those Bloody Marys!) **Beth Kreamer West**'s kids are happy and healthy, husband Phillip is doing well, and they're taking some nice weekend jaunts out of town. Raising (six!) chickens gives her 'inexplicable joy.' Speaking of chickens, **Elizabeth Robbins** continues to raise chickens and eggs and has even expanded into apple trees... eight! She's training for the Lexington Triathlon and is going on a rock climbing expedition this summer with her family. Needless to say, right now her arms rival Michelle Obama's. Was great to hear from **Paige Russell Brooks**, who is plowing ahead with her new life. She's in school full time with a year left until she can return to the classroom to teach. Twins Caroline and Greyson have now settled into their new place with her. Shout out to all of her St. Mary's friends who have reached out this past year, especially **Rachel Lightman**. What unbelievable friends. In Virginia, **Anne Copper DiFronzo** is grateful for having a very flexible job with Cultural Care Au Pair, since she's spending most of her time these days keeping up

with kids Sofia (9) and twins Dominic and Olivia (2 1/2). **Kasha Winker Shaw** walked in the AVON 39, a 39-mile walk in D.C. to raise money for cancer patients and support services. Other than that, life is filled with swimming, soccer, grandparents, and Navy friends. I got to join several St. Mary's gals in San Francisco this past spring to celebrate the wedding of Catherine Hughes Pitkin '92—a wonderful reunion and fabulously fun time warp! #ridgefieldforever

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Wow, I can't believe it's been 25 years since we graduated! Thanks so much to **Elizabeth Middlecoff Allen, Celeste Bailey Herburger, Josepha Kaufman, and Margaret Craddock McLean** who put together our reunion weekend in April! Hopefully everyone had a great time catching up...and took lots of pictures that might end up in the next newsletter (hint, hint)! Speaking of reunions, **Nancy Austin Patterson** made it out to Nashville last October for her 20th Vanderbilt reunion and was able to see **Tish Dudley** who also attended. Fun note:

Nancy's dad was celebrating his 50th Vanderbilt reunion last October also. I'm so sorry I missed seeing all of you! **Leigh Rawdon Rolf** never thought she would be the type of person to have the same job for nearly 15 years. But there she is, still doing her thing at Tea Collection. She's sure that this is only possible because her job changes every year and they have so many fun new initiatives. She is most proud of the Citizens FC program they launched this spring. They are offering a buy-one-give-one soccer jersey that celebrates how connected kids around the world can be. Please check out their very cool video and more at CitizensFC.com. Engaging with soccer this way (as well as on the sidelines of two sons' games) is bringing back so many memories of her time on the field as a Turkey! Yeah Leigh! **Alison Taylor Nooks** and husband Kirk have been busy working and helping her father as he recuperates from his fall last year. He's currently in long-term care, is getting therapy, and "continues to be positive and keep his usual winning smile." I send my support to you/your father! Daughter Anniston lettered in music competitions as a freshman (she sings in Freshman

Women's Choir and ensemble), and Alison's and Kirk's twins are getting ready for Pre-K. Their family attended Alison's nephew's graduation in D.C. His mother Angela is another St. Mary's alum. As always, Alison and her family are blessed and thankful. I continue to do urgent care medical work (Vanderbilt clinics), short-term international medical trips, and advocate on behalf of refugees and immigrants. Recently, I have been getting more involved as a faculty member with an exciting Vanderbilt inter-professional program that incorporates students from the fields of medicine, nursing, social work, and pharmacy. Vineet and I love living in Nashville, although it's growing so quickly...I hope we don't split at the seams! (Random note: my apologies to Warren Buffett, though I'm sure he's not reading this, that I did not notice until the last newsletter was printed that I misspelled his name!) Until next time...

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First off, a big congratulations to **Amanda Duke** who got engaged! Although the date

has not been set, we're already excited to see pics of your big day! **Rebecca Hornstein Doede** is doing recovery and resolution planning for Morgan Stanley and raising her two precious children in NYC. **Rebecca Tickle** has had to put her painting on hold for a bit while she moves to a new house, but painting sales have been great, especially from art lovers like Amanda Duke, Rebecca Hornstein Doede, **Kelley Grant MacDonald**, **Linsey Knight**, and Kelly Cox '93. Thanks, Ladies! **Whitney King Fogerty** says life is good in Memphis, where she handles nationwide employment litigation for FedEx, along with keeping up with her kids (13 and 8). She's figured out how to get work done in a gym while dealing with her daughter's hectic competitive volleyball schedule. **Ellie Morris Weiss** says all's well in Hot-lanta, too! She has been on sabbatical this year from Agnes Scott and has really enjoyed the more leisurely pace. She'll be in France this summer as a scholar-in-residence in Aix-en-Provence, where her family will join her and share in her French adventures. We're all jealous! Kelley Grant MacDonald went back to work last year as a recruiter for Steiner Executive Search Group in Charlotte, N.C. She and David are having fun keeping up with Maggie (11) and Grant (7) and are looking forward to a relaxing summer. We were all sad to hear that **Leslie Pettit Canon**'s husband Harmon had to shut down his cookie business after 12 years, but they're enjoying raising their four great kids in Colorado. **Tricia Roddey McNally** says all is well in Nashville, where she is currently teaching 5th grade English and reading at Harpeth Hall. It's very exciting to teach in an environment so similar to St. Mary's. She's happily adjusting to life with a full-time job and three girls (11, 9, and

8), who enjoy creating lots of drama! **Bren Boston Padawer** enjoys working part-time and raising her two girls, who are in the magical time of being "no longer toddlers but not yet tweens!" I'm pretty much past that point now with my two. Emma will turn 16 in August, and teaching her to drive may be the scariest thing I've ever done in my life. She's good at it though and is excited for her license. Charlie (9) splits his time between karate, Cub Scouts, computers, and cars. He (with a **teeny** bit of help from his Pack Master Dad) just set the district record with his Pinewood Derby entry this year. Watch out, world! This kid's going places – quickly! Glad to hear from you all!

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Nashville treats **Julie Bhat-tacharya Peak** and her family well. Julie's office has grown to 14 attorneys whom she manages. It keeps her quite busy, but she loves it and comes to Memphis regularly for work. She and her husband recently finished a renovation to their home, and her family is enjoying their new space! Daughter Shyla (10) and son Seth (7) are a joy – they are into soccer and baseball and have a birthday party to go to every time she turns around, so they keep Julie and her husband on the go. **Amelia Treadwell Howard** had a great year working as a Pre-K Assistant at Christ Methodist Day School. Amelia's daughter Anna Laura is finishing 4th grade at Christ Methodist, and Amelia loves getting to see her everyday. Son George is finishing 7th grade at MUS and loves it! George plays soccer for the middle school team on the same fields on which Amelia's husband Nathan played. Nathan started a new job with

Hewlett Packard as the Account Manager for FedEx. Amelia and family are looking forward to summer. **Melissa Goldate** is enjoying life in Washington, D.C. **Samantha Petrie** just returned from Cuba and says Cuba is an amazing country! She traveled with her boyfriend through Havana, Vinales, and Trinidad, staying with Cuban families and experiencing Cuban culture. She said that it was one of the most interesting places she has traveled and has the best people. That's saying a lot, because we all know that Sam is a world traveler! **Kim Lupo** can't believe it has been almost a year since she joined Nike. She is still in awe everyday, explaining what a privilege it is to practice her craft and to lead total rewards for a company whose mission resonates with every fiber of her being, affords her the opportunity to travel all over the world (next stop Rio for the Summer Olympics!), and provides moments with her sport heroes. Earlier this year she got to run with Joan Benoit Samuelson! Her work will bring her to Memphis soon, and she hopes she can connect with her high school pals. For **Kathryn Brookfield**, things are going well in Atlanta. She was in Memphis with her three beautiful children for Easter, spending time with her sister Anne-Morgan and her children. Kathryn and her family are going to the beach this summer to celebrate her dad's 75th birthday. **Lisa Bratton Chiles** is very busy with twins Jack and Linden. Big sister Margaret is taking it all in stride and is a wonderful sister. Lisa is looking forward to the summer and going to the lake! **Carrie Evans Benitone** married Trevor Benitone in February and is busy selling houses. She and Trevor enjoy lots of outdoor sports activities with James (6), who plays soccer, Ella (12), who plays tennis, and Banks (13), who runs track and plays la-

crosse. Ella (6th grade) is working hard at being a St. Mary's turkey! **Martha Allison Keltner Musick** enjoys mom life and looks forward to a fun summer with sweet boy William. She anticipates spending a lot of time at the Zoo, My Big Backyard at the Botanic Garden, and the Children's Museum. She would love any St. Mary's friends with or without little ones to join her anytime! **Katherine McQuiston Bush** loves her work at St. Mary's as chaplain. Her twin boys (9) are at Grace-Saint Luke's School and doing well. Kate shared a quote, although not original to her, that is her parenting mantra. It is, "the days are long, but the years are short." I could not agree more! **Alexia Fulgham Crump** is a happy, exhausted working mom, completely in love with baby Catherine (8 mo). Alexia and Kevin will celebrate their 5th anniversary with a trip. They will also go to Destin in June for an annual family vacation – Catherine's first time to see the ocean. Thanks to everyone for keeping in touch!

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After 12 years on the Oxford Square, **Kara Witherspoon Giles** is making Nest Paper Studio a home based business. Kara found her date books from 1990-1994, and we need her to scan those in and share so we can reminisce and laugh! We thought life was complicated then! **Missy Alpert Lurie** loves being at home with Lila (17 mo.) She has her real estate license and joined husband Brian at Crye-Leike, while working part time at Kaufman Shoes for the discount and fun! They are happy in Arlington but see a move back to Memphis eventually. **Carolyn Porter Gates** loves getting to see fellow Memphians **Mary**

Evelyn Stevens Fore, Jessica Johnson, and Danielle Shelley Coolidge and visited with **Mary Denton Sensing** when Mary was in town for her son's lacrosse tournament. She loves working with the Pre-K class at her sons' school! This summer, she looks forward to seeing **Amy Wadsworth Anderson** and family in North Carolina and to a vacation in Jackson Hole. **Joann Self Selvidge** is working on her next film, "Juvenile," about justice-involved youth and their families. Her consulting business has her re-vamping the Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau's nonprofit. Son Stevie is two, and daughter Frannie will start kindergarten. **Edith Ritterband Goody** is busy with her Physical Therapy career. Daughter Shoshana starts kindergarten soon. Edith is looking forward to a vacation with her family in Destin this summer. **Sarah Cole-Turner Vincent** is loving her third year as a speech pathologist! Son Ben is going to be in 3rd grade, and daughter Caroline will be in Kindergarten. She and husband Hal are looking forward to a summer break in Chautauqua, N.Y., where they will be teaching adult classes. Mary Evelyn Stevens Fore loves being mom to three daughters (9, 7, and 5) and helping husband Dan in his practice. **Louisa Craddock Altman** reports that all is going well with family, kids, and work in Nashville. **Sarah Lacy** will never lose her southern roots, but her kids are total San Franciscans! Her tech reporting journal, Pando, is profitable in a tight tech economy. Congrats! Yoga retreats and trips to Disney have been recent breaks! A book on being a CEO and mom is on the horizon. **Sarah Ledbetter** is getting her master's in Somatic Psychology, which takes her to Prescott, Ariz. regularly. Over Memorial Day weekend in Nashville, she will be presenting an evening

dance performance exploring death, flowering, women friendships, and letting go. **Virginia Ralston Jaramillo** and husband are finishing their home in San Francisco. She's looking forward to a reunion with her sisters in Spain this summer and enjoying her career with Castlight. **Sarah Gross Little** enjoyed her 40th birthday with a staycation in Dallas, including go-kart races with **Katherine Dudley Gray**. She still does options trading and has fulfilled a dream by working at the Birth Center. I love my job as an attorney and have recently downsized from a too-large house to a midtown apartment, and life is great!

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Can you believe we are facing down the big 4-0? I maintain we are dewy and youthful. Speaking of dewy, I brunch with **Liz Jenkins** in San Francisco; we enjoyed jalapeno margaritas and nerdy conversation about organizational management. We plan to see **Dhevi Kumar Broecker** next time I'm out west. Dhevi and Arndt welcomed baby girl Ambika Radha Broecker, and proud brother Ranga Mahesh Broecker (3) soaks up time with Aunt Asha '89, Uncle Ravi, and cousins Kedar and Vishwa on visits. **Kathryn Wiseman** and I met in Key West, where she ran a half marathon in a hurricane. She has trips to Singapore, Portugal, and Ireland planned! In D.C., Kathryn and I went to an art opening and lounged in caftans. **Ashley Goldstein Allen** and I lunched with our children at her new D.C. home, which she and husband Jeremy plan to renovate. My son Hank (2) may have removed his pants during the visit. **Leigh Walker** is still working for Community Health Systems and loves her short commute in

Franklin, Tenn. **Gwen McVean Coffey** and kids (13, 11, and 8) are thriving in Memphis. **Sonia Torrey** plans to return to the River City for a master's at University of Memphis! **Murff Oates Galbreath** is full speed ahead with her three children and serving on two boards in her "spare" time. In Birmingham, **Hallie Bourland Wagner** reports that eldest son Walter pals around with Hollye Ferguson Stigler's '97 daughter and that William (1) wears his St. Mary's bib with a grin. In its 2016 Ultimate Wedding Planner Master List, *Vogue* named **Calder Britt Clark** one of the top wedding planners on the globe. Yowza! **Katherine Arnold Gatza** joined the Leadership Team at Jackson Spaulding, her marketing communications agency. She is thrilled about her upcoming month-long sabbatical and reports daughters Elizabeth and Anna are doing well. **Elizabeth Cochran Hill** is bringing her creativity to Suzie Marie's (3) and Wally's (2) preschool, with her work on the Party Like A Preschooler Auction; she plans to teach summer camp there. She caught up with teacher-photographer extraordinaire **Elizabeth Richardson Fitzgerald** on a visit to Memphis. **Morgan Chiapella Roselle** is ending her glorious reign as cubmaster of son Aidan's pack and plans to coach daughter Nora in softball. She ran into **Dawn Law** at Fox Brothers BBQ in Atlanta (as every good Memphis girl is wont to do!) and Elizabeth Cochran Hill. **Ann Wood Ray** and her three boys are relishing small town life in St. Mary's County, Md. Ann plans to return to work as a nurse soon. **Elizabeth Schatz Passarella** is still writing part-time for *Real Simple*, and her kids are living it up in new bunk beds. She and husband Michael are heading to London to visit **Olivia Ralston** and her brood soon. **Allison Roberts** is doing a fourth stint at Bowra

Bird Sanctuary in her adopted home of Australia. Allison is pursuing a graduate diploma in ornithology and is teaching other folks about bird rehab. Fellow Virginian **Simone Kiersky Coyle** is excited that daughter Elise (5) will join son Evan at "big school" this September. I cannot believe my Isabelle (5) will be in kindergarten, too. The days are long, but the years are short. I repeat that to myself while I peel out in my car on the way to work with runs in my Spanx and kid cereal smeared on my skirt. I do have very sad news. It is with a heavy heart that I share that **Sandra Koh Miller** lost her husband and the father of her three children. Once again, I am proud of how our class pulled together to support her, sending meals and notes to Sandra. We are a community, and I send all of you love.

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It seems impossible that it has been 20 years since we last graced the halls of St. Mary's. Thank you so much to the reunion committee (**Sarah Henley, Courtney Shove, and Emily Farrow Robbins**) for planning such a wonderful event, and special thanks to Emily for hosting our class in her gorgeous home (which we learned was designed by the talented **Catherine Tracy Sloan**)! I also want to congratulate **Andrea Martin Armani** on her Outstanding Alumna Award. Sarah Henley, Catherine Tracey Sloan, **Julia Chesney McDonald, Natalie Nussbaum, Alexis Nussbaum, Leslie Forell Boyle, Laura Ray Logue, Gwyn Fisher, Sharlene Sidhu Keithley, Courtney Shove,** and I enjoyed listening to her talk during chapel. On Saturday night, it was so wonderful to see many ladies and their husbands. We certainly missed those who

were not able to make it. **Ellen Levaughn Kowalchuk** and husband Andy welcomed their sixth child in January. She says that with three boys and three girls, life is busy but joyful. She and Andy are stationed in Rapid City, S.D., where Ellen is using her Curriculum and Instruction degree as a language arts tutor to elementary students. After six years in Corporate Strategy, Natalie Nussbaum has moved back to Finance/Actuarial work at Anthem, one of the nation's leading health insurance companies. She is now a Senior Director, Financial Planning & Analysis. **Lauren Brooks Poindexter** finished nurse practitioner school and has joined an internal medicine group in Memphis. Daughter Emily is enjoying second grade at St. Mary's and loves playing soccer. Julia Chesney McDonald is looking forward to daughter Janie becoming a Turkey – she'll enter PreK at St. Mary's this fall. **Georgina Okerson** had to take a surprise trip to San Francisco earlier this year to attend the Game Developers Conference. Her game, Black Closet, was nominated for an Excellence in Narrative Award at the Independent Games Festival. Congratulations Georgina! Courtney Shove moved back to Memphis with her California-born-and-raised boyfriend who had never been to the South. Since then, they've enjoyed the Memphis food and music scenes and are bracing themselves for the summer heat and humidity. She enjoys her work as director of communications at Memphis Opportunity Scholarship Trust (MOST), a nonprofit that provides need-based scholarships to qualifying families in Shelby County who wish to send their children to private schools. **Bernice Chen** enjoyed catching up with everyone at the reunion, even though, due to delayed flights, she was only in Memphis for 30

hours. She enjoys watching her two little ones grow. Ron and I are lucky to have taken some fun trips this past year, including a visit to Easter Island and Machu Picchu. We are blessed that our girls have turned out to be good travelers.

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Hi everyone! I think the theme for our news this time is that time is moving so quickly these days. **Mandy Reed Ferguson** is keeping busy with kids Bailey (9) and Reed (6) between enjoying school, playing lots of different sports, and a fun Disney trip last fall. Mandy's work is going well, too; she's been with NXT Capital for six years, working in middle-market leveraged lending. She was recently promoted to Director. Congrats Mandy! **Ashley Wilson** reports that son Hudson turned one this spring, and she and her family welcomed a new niece. Her work stays busy, and one of her exterior designs for a new 12-story building on the East side was recently selected – especially exciting because her focus is usually interior architecture. Congrats Ashley! She recently enjoyed a visit from **Eliane Trepagnier** and sons Luke and Theo. **Melissa Ohsfeldt** enjoys work, particularly the flexibility of working from home. She is also keeping busy with her kids: she is the coach for daughter Charlotte's Destination Imagination team. They won the Tennessee state tournament and will compete in the global competition against teams from all over the US and the world. Son Pascal is enjoying baseball and soccer. Younger kids Valen (3) and Orinda are in the fun and mischievous stages, keeping Bennett and her on their toes! **Clare Levy Clarke** writes that she, Robin, and her girls will

be moving to Nashville this summer, after living in LA for the past 10 years! While they have really enjoyed life on the West Coast, they're looking forward to living closer to home. Clare and Robin will both keep the jobs they had while living in California. Clare was able to catch up with **Anne Spence Lucas** while they visited Nashville to consider the move. **Autumn Witt Boyd** and her family just welcomed their third child, Vivian Rose, on April 21. Big brothers Sam and Tyson are obsessed with their new sister and want to love on her all the time. Autumn just finished her first year of running her own law practice, doing copyright and trademark work, mostly for women-owned online businesses. It's going well, and she's enjoying a short maternity leave before she gets back up to speed later this summer. She's been in the same professional network as **Jamie Richards Whitney**, connecting in groups for creative entrepreneurs. Jamie recently opened her own practice representing small businesses in the areas of contract law, employment law, and administrative law. We are all doing well in Birmingham. Our youngest daughter Amelie is one year old this May. Time flies. I've enjoyed having a regular St. Mary's connection this school year, as our daughter Ruthie has been in the same class as Hallie Bourland Wagner's '95 son Walter. We are all looking forward to the summer. Save the date for our 20-year reunion next April!

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Meg Kinnard has been busy with election season, covering major Presidential hopefuls. She has been on both Bernie Sanders's and Marco Rubio's planes, covering their cam-

paigns for the AP and has enjoyed personal trips to NYC and D.C. **Nupur Sidhu Bal** is also quite the traveler, having traveled to Mexico and India, and she plans to travel to Greece in August. Son Rajvir (6) is keeping them busy with all his activities. **Erin Lyttle Do** has enjoyed traveling with her girls, Claire and Samantha, exploring New Orleans, St. Louis, and Legoland in Orlando. Claire and Samantha, both at St. Mary's, participated in the Nanette Quinn Gobbler 5K this spring. **Bridget Crown Mirza** and husband Imran just celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary and are busy with their three St. Mary's girls. **Ashley Bellet** loves the experience of being a student again. She has presented at a variety of conferences and plans to present at one in Boston this summer. She has also taken up new hobbies of glass blowing and glass fusing in addition to baking, quilting, and painting. **Patience Chambliss Wiggins** and husband Chris welcomed Carter Christian Walton Wiggins to their family. His big brothers, Prince Harry and Christopher, are thrilled to have a little brother! **Jill Tichy** enjoys her work in private practice oncology in Nashville. She is also leading a pharma sponsored breast cancer trial. Jill and husband Dave welcomed Alice Wren to their family this spring. Congrats Jill and Dave! **Lauren Webb Mitchell**, husband Luke, and son Henry (18 mo) just returned from a ski trip in Breckenridge. Henry is a really fun, sweet little boy, and Lauren has enjoyed having her mom visit them quite a bit in NYC. **Monica Wilson Barton** recently transitioned into a new role at work as a business analyst with State Farm Corporate Headquarters. Outside of work, she stays busy keeping up with Wyatt (16 mo) and remodeling her home with husband Derek. **Booker Garrett** is an actress

in New York with her theatre/film production company, The Collective. She recently shot a scene with Liam Neeson for the fourth season of *INSIDE AMY SCHUMER*, where she is a recurring guest star. She and girlfriend Cici enjoy spending time with their dog Ernie and just returned from visiting her mom in Eureka Springs, Ark. **Caroline Converse Schaffler**, her husband Tom, and their girls Sophie and Muffy moved to Charleston and love it there. **Elisabeth Callihan** and husband Will have also moved, are settling into Minneapolis, and survived their first really cold winter! Elisabeth loves her job at the museum, and they enjoy spending time outdoors hiking and exploring Minneapolis' gorgeous city parks. I have enjoyed seeing **Sally Self Helms** several times this spring. She stays busy being a mom to Anna Vail (15 mo) and doing some consulting with a Montessori school here in town. I have also been doing a lot of travel for work and have enjoyed getting to spend time in places I have never been. I look forward to being an Aunt again this summer to another little boy and plan to take Sam, my nephew, to Huntsville to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center where I will probably have 6th grade class trip flashbacks!

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Hilary Dinkelspiel just took a new job in Manhattan practicing employment law and loves the city. She is gearing up for her next race — a 6-day, 120-mile stage race through the Rocky Mountains. Good luck! **Angela Lam** is starting a new job at a boutique law firm in Chicago after a trip to Ireland. **Laura Freeman Rose** is the new communications director for her church, First

Presbyterian, in Nashville. It is next to her kids' school, which makes it convenient. **Anne-Morgan Brookfield Morgan** is as busy as ever after moving houses and starting a job at Eli Lilly, focusing on diabetes. Her girls are excited about both being at St. Mary's next year! **Erin Bower** has also taken a new job and moved back to Memphis. She is the lead physical therapist at Results Pelvic Health Specialty in Germantown. Erin has recently gotten engaged! **Susan Wunderink Mettes** married Serges Mettes in March in Chicago, moved to Alexandria, Va., and works remotely for her job back in Minneapolis. **Meg Parker Prewitt** got married last November to Corey Prewitt in New Orleans, with several St. Mary's classmates there to celebrate. **Rebecca Fones Rhea** writes that she and her girls are just looking forward to summer and love seeing St. Mary's friends around Memphis. I seem to run into Rebecca everywhere we go these days! **Courtenay Adams** made it through another tax season at Dixon Hughes and looks forward to celebrating **Erica Smith's** wedding in September. **Allison Davies Ford** also looks forward to Erica's wedding and to becoming an aunt this May when sister Claire Davies Rhodes '01 has a little boy. **Kellyn Griffith Kropinak** is in Columbus working for the Ohio State Bar Association and trying to outsmart her adorable son (2). **Melissa Reedy Buchanan** spends her free time in much the same way with her two boys. Melissa was just named "Best of Gwinnett," which is a big honor for Realtors in the Atlanta area. Way to go! Also in Atlanta, **Nancy Liddon Billings** just had her third child in February, Andrew Liddon Billings. Nancy is looking forward to sister Margaret Liddon's '08 wedding in Memphis. **Brittany Blockman Pelletier**

welcomed Presley Fern Pelletier in March, with Presley being her mother's maiden name. Brittany is still in San Francisco but just moved houses with a one-month old. That's an accomplishment! **Annie McLaren Neufeld** welcomed Isabel Marie Neufeld in November. Annie is back to work as the college and young adult pastor at her Pasadena church. And, while we're on babies, our son, John, was born in November. My two girls love having a real-live baby around! **Virginia Falvey King** wrote that it has been twenty indescribably eventful years since St. Mary's... it would take a series of books to catch everyone up on her quirky, quixotic adventures since then! Love Virginia! She is in graduate school at the University of Memphis and just celebrated her third anniversary with husband William. I also literally ran into **Lauren Cotney** on a walk in my neighborhood. We immediately recognized each other despite 25 years since we've seen each other. Lauren is an airline pilot for Delta and spends half her time in Memphis and half in New York, where she's based. Hope I get to see the rest of you soon!

—2000

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It has finally happened! **Tami Sawyer** is running for public office. After years of fighting for social justice, Tami is running for Representative for the 90th district in Memphis to be a voice for the 90th — present, connected, and focused on the wants and needs of the people of the community. **Lexie Johnston Hicks** has done some research and, although we can't confirm it, we think that Tami is one of the first alumnae to run for office! A lot of little ones joined our class family this year. **Courtney Routt**

Worthman welcomed son Miles on February 22. Courtney and husband Michael are in the trenches of new parenthood but are so in love with Miles. **Rana Khandekar** had baby girl Saba Yamina Hossain on April 12. Both mother and baby are doing well, and big brother Musa is very excited! **Jessica Swanson Fila** is expecting her twins — a boy and a girl — in May. **Lessie Calhoun Rainey** and I are planning to visit the babies when they arrive. **Connie Mahautmr Sharkey** had a big 2015: daughter Teaghan turns 1 in April, which is close to the one year anniversary of her new home. Connie works at HCA as a clinical pharmacist. She and husband Nathan are planning a trip to Norway, Amsterdam, and Venice. **Amy Reinhardt Robinson** works hard in Memphis for her dad's company and as mom to two kiddos! Mimi (3) loves St. Mary's, and Amy enjoys being on the other side as a St. Mary's parent! Amy is looking forward to visiting Courtney and Miles this spring. **Mary-Kathryn Millner Herrington** is also enjoying the craziness of two children under 4. She is still in Oxford but takes frequent trips to Memphis. **Lisa Ansley Clapper** is keeping busy at Morgan Stanley. Lily (2) is starting St. Mary's, and Lisa has already taught her how to gobble like a turkey! **Kim Fleischauer Cook** started work at the University of Memphis on her MA to teach history in grades 7-12. Daughter Elsa is 13 now and the twins are just wrapping up 2nd grade. **Ellis Dixon** continues to lead our class in adventurous spirit! She is using her two week vacation to do the Caminho de Santiago de Compostelo from Portugal to Spain. She has travelled over 220 km on foot! **Kat Gordon** reports that all is well at the bakery, and she and Thomas are planning a trip to Seattle for a family wedding. Kat and I

attended the “Meaning of Life” class for alumnae in January, and it was incredible. We are hoping they run this class again, and everyone should take it! It is everything you love about good conversation and deep thinking without grades. St. Mary’s at its best! The class of 2000 is unstoppable. Until next time.

-2001

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Happy reunion year, everyone! It was so fun to see so many of you at our 15th reunion. The baby boom in our class continues. **Courtney Taylor Humphreys** and McKee are enjoying newest addition Annie and are adjusting to being outnumbered by their children! Big siblings Tucker and Heloise are pretty smitten with her. Courtney reports that these days, she drinks far too much coffee and goes to bed embarrassingly early. Don’t we all! **Anna Snyder Rojas**, Philip, and big sister Jane welcomed Benjamin “Ben” Andrew Rojas on April 2. **Katie Holladay Peak** is a Contract Administrator at S3 in Huntsville, and Eric practices criminal defense. Alexander (3) is anxiously awaiting baby sister Elizabeth! **Claire Davies Rhodes** and Andrew bought a new home in Jacksonville, within a mile of her mom and sisters. Claire is still a professor at FSCJ, and they are expecting a baby boy in May. **Kemper Kelso Brennan** is expecting a baby girl, and **Carey King Slocum** is expecting her third boy, both in June! Carey is still in New Orleans, working in real estate development while keeping up with her twins. **Sarah Matthews Pietrangelo**, Joey, and Louise are expecting a baby girl this summer! Sarah is excited that Louise will be starting St. Mary’s Place. **Louise Chandler Biedenharn**

is expecting her second baby girl in August. Dorothy will turn 2 that month and will make a great big sister. Louise continues doing contract work between babies and enjoyed seeing everyone at our reunion. **Joni Gossett Oates** and Matt are expecting a baby in September. Congratulations to all the new and expecting mamas and daddies! Exciting professional things too. **Katherine Eder McDonell** is finishing her fellowship at Vanderbilt and accepted a position to stay on as Assistant Professor of Neurology in the Cognitive Disorders Division. She also got a grant from the American Academy of Neurology to fund her research on cognition in Parkinson’s disease for the next two years. **Nishta Mehra** signed with a literary agent and has completed a book proposal for a new collection of essays about race, adoption, marriage, and parenting, among other things. Shiv enjoyed meeting lots of new friends at our reunion play date at Overton Park. **Morgan Raines** is an associate in Greenberg Traurig Maher (the London branch of American law firm Greenberg Traurig) and was unable to make it home for the reunion, but sends her love. I’m enjoying being home with my boys, Anderson and Waring, and working in real estate investment with my husband. Still can’t believe it’s been 15 years!

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Another wild and wonderful six months for the Class of 2002. It’s always a treat to hear from y’all, and I especially appreciate your willingness to provide news on the quick side as we, er, run headlong into our filing deadlines. . . The next generation continues to swell joyfully: **Catherine Ferguson Conger**

and husband Kyle welcomed third child Maeve Leigh at the end of last year. From the photos, it looks like Maeve’s two siblings are delighted with her arrival! **Whitney Long Neal** and husband Larry welcomed second child Hughes Thomas in March of this year. He is adorable, as is big sister Audrey, who is having lots of fun these days playing with **Leslie Guinn Jerkins’** girls, Juliette ’30 and Molly ’31, now that the Neals are fully settled in Memphis. Leslie continues to amaze us all with her multitasking and pro-mom-ing. She is supervising her household renovations, putting two sweet girls through St. Mary’s, still working in advertising in downtown Memphis, and patiently awaiting the conclusion of husband Jonathan’s residency in pediatrics. **Lindsey Coates** works as a pastor in a women’s prison and as a therapist in Orlando. She is grateful for her crazy life and job, as well as the opportunity to introduce some friends to the South. **Naree Chan** and husband Albert still live in Taipei, Taiwan, enjoying co-adventuring and the perks of socialized medicine. **Kate Thornton Wooldridge** is still in Nashville with husband Andy and son Luke. When she finishes her MPH in Epidemiology and her research fellowship this semester, she will stay on at Vanderbilt as a hospitalist and the Medical Director of Patient Flow. She had a wonderful weekend celebrating the marriage of **Jordan Robbins Barratt** to new husband Patrick. Also there to celebrate were former classmates **Katie Hawkins** and **Christina Leatherman**. **Elizabeth Campbell** is finishing her fellowship in Endocrinology at Duke this summer and will stay on as a faculty member. She had a fun weekend celebrating with **Ann Burruss**, who is working in Memphis as a private multi-sensory

tutor for kids with dyslexia. **Anna Coplon** is in Wisconsin with husband Garrett and son Brandon. They do lots of traveling, including a fun trip to Costa Rica. As always, **Wendi Muse** has been doing lots of traveling, as she spends lots of time in Brazil, working on research for her Ph.D. For **Melissa Lawson**, all is still paradisiacal in Colorado, where she works as a law clerk, graduate school instructor, parent, and part-time chicken wrangler. Finally, things on my end have been hectic—lots of travel for work, lots of first-year-of-daycare illnesses, and the usual stressors of working motherhood. Our daughter Victoria is thriving this spring after a rough fall and winter, and Robbie is coming to the end of his M.Div. this semester. The highlight of my recent existence was an amazing weekend in San Diego, celebrating **Marley Baer** in the midst of many wonderful women, including of course her sister Whitney Baer ’00. Watch this space for many happy announcements coming soon to an alumnae mag near you!

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We had a bumper crop of updates this round! **Abby Yandell Talbot** is finishing her third year of residency and looking for jobs in Memphis. She and **Chloe Lackie Zingaro** just gained a mutual niece (Chloe’s brother and Abby’s sister-in-law are married). Page was born in April and is “beyond precious.” **Stephanie Dunavant** recently moved to Pensacola with fiancé Taylor and discovered that her new house could be the home of America’s oldest settlement – “archaeologists are conducting research (digging holes!) right outside my kitchen window!” **Suzie Loveless** left TFA to pursue a graduate degree in

economic development in Latin America. She's off to Colombia and Brazil this summer for the Olympics and is involved with an organization that does refugee resettlement. **Emily Edwards** works in her family's business in Memphis, leads a small group for Bible Study Fellowship, and is gearing up for a biking trip through Portugal. She and **Elizabeth Fong** will be conquering another half marathon together in Aspen. Elizabeth is a nurse at Rush University Medical Center on a surgical step down and recovery unit. She will be getting married next June. She's excited to have both **Carmen Carson Gorospe** and Emily in her bridal party. **Jessica Pfeffer** is finishing her Ph.D. at Tufts and co-teaching a course on Hitchcock's films. She's designing a new course about Trans Theory and Trans Studies and working on her dissertation on Early Modern anatomical pamphlets' discussion of sexual difference. **Carey Faber Campbell** has a year left in residency in Dallas and then will head to NYC for a fellowship. **Anne Taylor Tipton Manning** is still in Victoria, Texas with husband Reid and baby Eleanor, who was baptized at St. Mary's Cathedral. **Kathryn Beale Flannigan** will begin her doctorate in education, concentrating on nursing education, at Columbia University this August. Her twins John David and Elizabeth just turned two. **Camille Herman Boyle** lives in Sterling, Va. and works in an independent living community as an outpatient physical therapist "treating some sassy seniors." She is running a lot and looking forward to more races in warmer weather. **Sarah Pazar** is at a new law firm in Memphis, Hall Booth Smith, and invites anyone downtown to look her up for lunch. She and fiancé Chris are getting married in October. **Emily Hamm Huseth** will be a mem-

ber of the wedding party. Emily is practicing law in Memphis at Harris Shelton Hanover Walsh, focusing on healthcare issues and litigation. She and Jesse are the proud parents of Abigail (16 mo). **Mary Milton Kelly** and **Lanier Yeates** both live in New York City, where Lanier is in the hotel world, taking the Greenwich Hotel to London and working on a recently acquired new project, the iconic Hotel Chelsea. Cobby is a recruiter in ad tech and digital media, placing folks in NYC, SF, LA, and Chicago. **Anna Schwartz Shabtay** recently moved to Houston with her family. She's at the JCC doing fundraising and special strategic projects. **Louise Schumacher Timmons** is at Jerry Pair in Atlanta and looking after daughter Anne Parkes (15 mo.) She recently spent time in Windsor and London for a sales meeting. **Rachelle Carolino Drouin** just started her own consulting business in NYC. Dog Mochi is not only adorable but also "kinda famous on Instagram" (look Mochi up, and you'll see why!) **Mary Kneeland Metcalf Nice** also started her own company, a digital marketing consulting business. She and husband John wed in Eleuthera in January, with Suzie Loveless in attendance (and a surprise appearance by Lenny Kravitz at their reception). **Brianna Winsett Chapman** is kept busy by her two flower shops and daughter Grace (2). **Mary Austin Mays Smith** is going back to residency for pediatrics, having spent time recently working with two pediatric dentists. She has a trip to Disney World planned with the fam. **Julia McMillen** is happy in Madison but looking forward to her trip to Spain to walk the Camino de Santiago to "enjoy a simpler life with loads of fresh air." **Kelly Sandefer Dennis** and Andrew have welcomed a new addition to the family – beautiful puppy

Murphy. They welcome visitors to Atlanta anytime! **Saira Khan** and husband Abdullah visited Bali and Dubai last year and Paris and Eastern Europe this summer. Saira is finishing up her fellowship at Johns Hopkins and then moving to Orlando to join an endocrinology practice specializing in diabetes and thyroid disease. She says she will miss being in D.C. near sister Neelam Khan '06. **Jessica Scott Fowler** is working at Boosterthon and running Earthly Riches with her mom. She and husband Ben also have a new puppy, Coco. **Nicole Henderson Trenholme** hopes to stay in academia after finishing her residency and will spend time next spring in San Diego at a practice associated with the UC Davis veterinary school, specializing in dialysis and nephrology. She enjoys spending time with husband Brian on their bikes in Columbus. **Sarah Machin** lives in Oklahoma City, in her second year with Continental Resources as a geologist. She loves learning about rocks and Oklahoma geology in particular. **Margaret Ann Klinke Mays** is finishing her radiology residency in June and will move to Nashville for a fellowship in women's imaging, after which she'll join a private practice that works with the radiology residency program at Methodist Hospital. **Michelle Ralston Morris** and husband Clark are living in Raleigh, N.C. and bought their first 'real' house. They are proud parents of Virginia, whom Michelle says is "a pretty chill baby, rocking a mohawk since birth." At the end of last year, my husband and I started a theatre company called Thistledown Theatre (www.thistledowntheatre.com). Our first show is in August in Oxford at the University Church, with projects already planned for next spring and the Edinburgh Fringe in 2017.

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We have some poultz (baby turkeys!) in our midst! **Betsy Matthews Rhodes** and husband Stuart welcomed Harvey McGeorge Rhodes, named after Stuart's beloved grandfather, in November. They cannot get enough of his snuggles. He already has an appreciation for St. Mary's girls, having met **Taylor Fisher** and **Lauren Lazar**. **Martha Ferguson Burke** and husband Chris welcomed Elizabeth "Lizzie" Ann Burke in October. Lizzie loves wearing her St. Mary's turkey onesie! Lizzie also has a birthday twin, Maggie Irene, born to **Shona Strachan Singer** and husband Scott the same day! New to the mom club is **Atina Rizk Stavropoulos**, who is prosecuting special victims crimes in Fort Hood, Texas. She and husband Drew are expecting twin boys in the summer, and the Army will take her to Fort Knox in the fall. **Amy Crawford Cespedes** recently changed jobs and is now in-house litigation legal counsel for Schlumberger. She and husband James are expecting their first baby in September! **Martha Guinn Carter** is thrilled to announce that Jane will become a big sis in September! Meanwhile, **Mary Washington's** daughter



Jessie Walker Wiley '04 and her mother, Josie McNeely Walker '76, at Jessie's wedding.



2004 classmates Piper Gray, Natalie Hartmann, Taylor Fisher, Lucy Harris Collins, Blair Carter Tait, and Morgan Lobe (back row, left to right) celebrated the wedding of Laine Peeler Olesen to Eric Olesen on New Year's Eve.



Lucy Harris with classmates, the day before Lucy's wedding. Kristin Barry Gibson '04, Lori Goldstein '04, Piper Gray '04, Lucy Harris Collins '04, Emily Harris Halpern '01, Blair Carter Tait '04, and Laine Peeler Olesen '04.

McKenzie is enjoying Pre-K at St. Mary's, and they are in the process of buying their first home. Mary remains the Senior Account Executive at Eaton Manufacturing Corporation and a realtor for JASCO REALTORS. Wedding bells have been ringing! **Lucy Harris Collins** married Josh Collins in October and loved celebrating every second with **Lori Goldstein**, **Blair Carter Tait**, **Piper Gray**, **Martha Guinn Carter**, **Laine Peeler Olesen**, and **Kristin Barry Gibson**! Lucy loves living and working in New York. Laine Peeler Olesen married Eric Olesen in Covington on New Year's Eve. Kristin's daughter, Gracie, and Blair were a part of the ceremony. Lucy Harris Collins, **Kayleigh McKee Clark**, **Martha Guinn Carter**, **Taylor Fisher**, **Piper Gray**, **Natalie Hartmann**, and **Morgan Lobe** all joined in celebrating! They also loved catching up with kindergarten teacher Sharon Whitaker. **Jessie Walker Wiley** is enjoying newlywed life with husband Chris, even during their recent move to a condo in Germantown. Jessie also loves her new role as Corporate Relationship Director at the YMCA of Memphis & the Mid-South. **Lawrence Taylor Elliott** is working in private practice

with Sage Hill Counseling as a mental health therapist. She enjoys family life with husband Tim and Eliza Quinn (2). **Elise Addington Dugger** and husband Nathan live in Nashville with their two dogs, Luna and Sirius. Elise is the Associate Director of the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement and loves working with the future leaders of Tennessee. **Brittany Johnson Hernandez** celebrated her first anniversary handling federal affairs for the March of Dimes. She welcomes spring in Washington by working in her vegetable and flower gardens. Soon-to-be-wed **Lauren Arnold** loves Brooklyn life and is finishing up her year of coursework in Population and Family Health at Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health. She recently enjoyed spending quality time with Elise Addington Dugger, **Supriya Sarkar**, and **Brittany Johnson Hernandez** and fellow NYC resident **Jennifer Soun** during a delightful girls' weekend involving some high-quality charcoal line drawing, reminiscent of middle school art at St. Mary's (gone wild). In another job-related news, **Blair Carter Tait** started a new job in December as a Client Medical Director for a health-care analytics company in

Atlanta. She and husband Tom are house hunting and enjoying time with dog Addie. **Sasha Castroverde** was admitted to the Yale School of Management and will move to New Haven this fall to pursue an MBA. **Zoe Kahn** recently became an LCSW and started a job as a primary therapist in Los Angeles. She will soon be integrating her private practice. Zoe recently saw **Lauren Brooks Foti** and her husband when they came to visit California, where Zoe loves her sweet home in the mountains of Topanga Canyon. **Kayleigh McKee Clark** is moving to Savannah, Ga. for her husband's job in April. **Sarah Carter** is a case manager in pediatric primary care at Vanderbilt and will be finishing her MA at Vanderbilt to become a pediatric nurse practitioner this summer! **Shelby Deeney** was recently featured in the Colorado Women's Bar Association magazine and is still enjoying life in Denver. She and **Morgan Lobe** love seeing each other when they're not busy at court or working in the hospital. They plan on cheering their hearts out for the Grizzlies when they play the Nuggets. **Rachel Bearman** is working hard as the rabbi of Temple B'nai Chaim and was chosen for the

committee that will produce the Reform Movement's new High Holy Day prayer book for families. **Connor Trott** is working in Oxford, Miss. towards a Clinical Thai Bodywork manual therapy certification and building a chicken coop. **Katie Gore** recently started a vintage clothing shop on Etsy called Fox and Cat. A few of us are managing to balance work and travel. **Victoria Luke Morich** is heading to Peru in May to celebrate her graduation from Georgia Tech's MBA program and hike the Inca Trail. **Piper Gray** is going on three years with the creative team at Warby Parker and is planning a European vacation with friends this summer. **Lindsey McAlpin** is in her last year of OBGYN residency and is job hunting. She and boyfriend Beau are decorating their new home and are traveling to Guatemala for a friend's wedding in March. **Scottish Terrier Neville Longbottom LOVES** his new backyard. **Elizabeth Stevenson**, who recently joined the Board for the Red Shoe Society (the young professional group for the Ronald McDonald House), will be traveling with boyfriend Aaron this summer to California and Hawaii. **Taylor Fisher** is still enjoying life in Dallas, serving as Chair of the

Kids in the Kitchen program and working as the Director of Staff Wellness at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. She is excited to speak about sports nutrition at the hospital's first annual Sports Medicine for the Young Athlete conference and loves living in the same city with Lauren Lazar, **Camille Wingo**, and Betsy Matthews Rhodes. Camille is managing the Miss Vickie's brand of kettle chips for Frito-Lay and encourages you to buy more of them. Lauren Lazar is still enjoying residency in Dallas. She loves hanging out with other Dallas St. Mary's gals and especially loved celebrating Camille's 30th birthday, cowboy-style, with fellow party-goers Elise Addington Dugger and **Marion Phillips**. When not working, Lauren enjoys the occasional vacation, most recently to Tampa in December to see moi... and our fabulous baby dog, Echo. As for me, George and I are enjoying life in Tampa and adore the aforementioned Echo, who rings the bell to go out (proud mommy!). We cherished recent visits from Lauren Arnold, Lauren Lazar, and Shelby Deeney... and we welcome more!

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Buckle your seatbelts, folks, because you're in for a wild ride of weddings and (hot) wings, jobs and Japan, babies and bridesmaids, tweets and travels. Let's kick it off with **Katie Brookoff**, keepin' class notes real since 2005: "The only news-worthy aspect of my life is that I am taking a Spanish class with a bunch of retired women, so I am now very good at discussing cataract surgery en Español." Learning a new language—a spoken language, no less? Hats

off to you, Octavia. Additional hats off to **Elizabeth Batchelor Calkins**: "I'm chilling out here in Japan by myself since William is deployed." In addition to chilling, Liz is "learning Japanese and teaching multiple ESL classes." She is also excelling in the art of self-care: in the wake of William's first deployment, Liz got her "nails did," got a massage, and, at the time of her writing, was deciding whether to purchase "a new wardrobe," "just a new outfit," "or four." **Catie Jane Berger Myers** and husband William celebrated their nuptials in April with funfetti cake, clogging, and a 15-hour plane ride to New Zealand. The Turkey contingent in the wedding party executed their duties flawlessly: **Laura Blount** as a maid of honor, **Téa Stoecklein** as a bridesmaid, and **Collin Wilson Buckner** as a reader in the ceremony. **Sarah Atkinson Ball** and **Lauren Wiygul Riley** were in attendance, and out-of-town Turkeys **Erin Nolen Brafford**, **Weezie Cannon Finlay**, and **Claire Arnett Sumner** flocked home for the occasion, much to everyone's delight. **Caroline Covington Skees** graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law, got married to Taylor Skees two weeks later, and has moved back to Tennessee, landing in Hendersonville. TV production maven Erin Nolen Brafford wrapped up Season 1 of Chicago Med, where she has been Assistant Production Coordinator. **Emily Templeton Gray** and **Erica Evans** are founding members of the Regional One Health Foundation's Young Leadership Board, a group of young professionals working to raise community awareness of and support for Regional One's services. Emily is Chief PA of Regional One's Emergency Medicine Department and will join the St. Mary's Alumnae Board

this year! Erica and **Megan Bailey** attended Hot Wing Fest. **Elizabeth Tipton Musick** loves living in Bozeman, Mont. and enjoys working as an associate at a small law firm focused on civil and criminal defense and family law. Soar on, legal eagle! **Rainey Ray Segars** is thrilled to be back at St. Mary's, where so many of the things she loved are still the same. "Our son Teddy is more demanding and more total delight than I ever thought. I suspect he's the most beautiful baby in history." She and husband Coleton are in a new house in Memphis and hoping to stay put for a long, long time. **Grace Jensen Knight** enjoyed her first busy admission season at St. Mary's. Daughter Mary starts St. Mary's Place in the fall, and son Joshua is growing like crazy and keeping Grace busy. As **Faye Kenner Rainer** says, "It's harder than it looks in the movies!" Faye and husband Jimbo have kept daughter Ruthie well fed and reasonably healthy for an entire year. Rock on, Rainers! **Lauren Kennedy Dake** and husband Merritt are expecting their 4th baby in September! The Dakes "will be keeping the Episcopal education tradition alive as Margaret will begin PreK in August at Episcopal Collegiate School" in Little Rock. Sarah Atkinson Ball and husband Erik are enjoying life with their two beautiful cat-sons. **Laura Holladay Fletcher**, husband Landon, and daughter Alaina are moving to Huntsville to be closer to her family, where they will be the proud owners of an in-ground pool and will add some laying hens to their family! Sister Katie Holladay Peak '01 is expecting a baby girl in May. Laura has become the official training scheduler at Blackbaud, where she gets to show off her amazing Excel and color-coding skills. **Rebecca Harris**, who has flown the coop to NYC, was unable to defend

her title at this year's Tony Allen Karaoke Night. Her masterful performance from last year's contest did not go unmentioned: TA tweeted a "S/o to Last year winner @Rebecca_Harris" the day of the contest. Sarah Atkinson Ball, Emily Templeton Gray, Grace Jensen Knight, Faye Kenner Rainer, Rainey Ray Segars, and **Laura Jennings Yacoubian** had a grand ole' time at our Alumnae Weekend class lunch at Babalu. They made our guacamole tableside. Right there. Beside our table. Need we say more?

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Chandler Ford is still in LA with her canine companion. She got a new job at mobile game company "PlayQ" and sees **Evie Lyras** often! She sold lots of art at WonderCon. **Holly Hendrix** is teaching architecture and historic renovation in an after school program at Downtown Elementary in Memphis. She'd love for any teacher alums to know that she loves coming to talk to students of all ages about architecture and design any time! **Lauren Bowden** enjoys living in Charlottesville and attending the Darden School of Business at UVA. She participated in a kaizen operations consulting project for a medical device company in Japan during spring break, got elected as President of Toastmasters Club, served on the Alumni Board, and was named by Poets and Quants as one of the "10 women to watch from the class of 2017" of MBA programs. She has a wedding date set – May 2017 in Puerto Rico. **Neelam Khan** is enjoying her last year in D.C. and is excited to start dermatology residency in NYC next year. **Katie Camille Friedman** is finishing



Alumnae Weekend 2005 Class Reunion Party, including Sarah Atkinson Ball, Faye Kenner Rainer, Grace Jensen Knight, Rainey Ray Segars, Laura Jennings Yacoubian, and Alumnae Board member Emily Templeton Gray



Classmates from 2006 are turkeys for life! Pictured here at Alumnae Weekend for their 10th reunion.



Sarah Kramer '08 with 2008 classmates, at Sarah's wedding to Andy Ozbun in Sante Fe in January 2016. Pictured: Lizzy Holt, Mary Greer Simonton, Kennan Wood, Edie Miller, Allie Morrison, Sarah Kramer, Jenny Guyton, Memory Madden, Estes Gould, Sarah Wortham, and Nicolette Overton.

up a 1.5-year research stint in the Netherlands and will move back to the US this summer to finish her PhD. She had a really nice visit with **Rachel Johnson-White** and her husband Iain in Glasgow recently! **Ellen Bransford** is finishing up the school year teaching at a charter school in Memphis and then will be a program director with LITE, a nonprofit promoting entrepreneurship skills in high schoolers. **McKenzie Carson** is a fourth year associate at Hunton & Williams in Richmond, Va., practicing in the Mergers and Acquisitions and Corporate Finance Group. She loves spending time with new chocolate lab puppy Winston. **Courtney Foreman Guilfoile** and her husband are in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. They will move in July to Vicenza, Italy for three years with golden retriever Sammy. She works remotely for Aon Hewitt, which is great for the military lifestyle. She and Russell cannot wait to explore Europe! **Katherine Fockler** is still in Nashville as a Brand Manager at The Buntin Group. She still doesn't have a dog. **Becky Bicks** finished up a year of freelance writing and traveling, with a three-month stint in Memphis. She is in the process of moving back to Brooklyn and is still running her content writing company, **Besppectacled Editor**. **Mamie Kostka** lives in Nashville, works at Page Duke as a Landscape Architect, loves living with roommate Katherine Fockler, and can't wait to meet Abigayle Kostka Farley's '04 second baby in September! **Lindsey Edwards Rushing** loves working at the Bowie Center, teaching senior psychology. She and husband Cameron are expecting their first baby in September! **Catherine Smith Denman** loved her first year as the librarian and technology integrationist at the St. George's Memphis

campus! Daughter Adelaide (1.5) is the joy of their lives. **Paru Rayudu** is completing her final year of ophthalmology residency as chief resident at Saint Louis University, then will take a few months off, and is excited to attend Mimi Arnold's '06 wedding this August. **Alison Watts** loves being in Memphis and is finishing her first year of her dermatology residency. She got engaged to fiancé Michael, and they are planning an April wedding. In her free time, she has been able to hang out with Ellen Bransford, **Elliott Machin**, and Holly Hendrix. **Molly Quinn** lives in Brooklyn, working on her first collection of poems, and works as the Director of Housing Works Bookstore Café, which raises money to provide services for homeless New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS. **Kristi Ryan** got married to a very nice lady and is moving back to Memphis in June. In Brooklyn, **Meredith Robinson** is a Senior Creative Recruiter with GreenKey Resources, specializing in staffing creative marketing opportunities within fashion and beauty companies. **Melissa Tsiu** is finishing up her PGY-1 pharmacy residency at Baptist Memorial Hospital and will be starting a PGY-2 pharmacy residency specializing in critical care at Regional One Health. She will get married in Dallas this June. **Beth Pazar** works as an associate at a private land use consulting firm and loves the switch to the private sector! She is also an active member of the Junior League of Dallas and of a non-profit called ReBuilding Together Greater Dallas. **Ellen Page Moore** got married and lives in Seattle with her husband and their dog Percy. She works at Amazon, leading the nonfiction category for Kindle. **Kimberly Johnson Radant** and husband Matt moved to Grosse Pointe, Mich. this spring. She loves her job as a middle school counselor.

Aubrey Turner loves her job at Medical University of South Carolina and her beach life in Charleston. She will apply to PA school this summer. **Evie Lyras** lives in LA with Jillian Smith '09 and works for a tech company as their Director of Marketing. She travels as much as she can and gets to hang out with plenty of St. Mary's girls in LA! **Minor Moore** loves teaching 3rd grade at Westmeade Elementary in Nashville but is also thankful that summer is not too far away! **Madeline Smith** purchased her first house in the High Point neighborhood and loves being a Memphian again! She works for a local biomedical company, where she is responsible for the procurement of organs for transplantation purposes.

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Adrienne Adler is in her fourth year of the Wake Forest SOM MD/PhD Program and will get married on May 22 in Scottsdale, Ariz. to Dr. Kevin Neal, an Anesthesiology resident at Wake Forest. **Zina Kumok** lives in Denver with her husband and their dog, and both are self-employed writers. She is launching a podcast and a course on student loan pay-offs soon. **Chelsea Cook** just returned from Santiago, Chile and is a legal aid in Palo Alto. She will head back to Atlanta for jobs at two different firms. **Charlotte Eagle** is living in D.C., working for a painting conservation firm as the studio apprentice. **Caroline Fentress** moved to downtown LA and is a producer on a mobile game. She continues to live the Crossfit life! **Hallie Flanagan** is finishing her first year at U of M law school. She will be working with the International Paper

legal department this summer and as a Graduate Assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs for the law school next year. **Lauren Lieberman** is graduating from SMU Dedman School of Law in May and will begin practicing corporate law in the Dallas office of Locke Lord. **Kate Foster Lindsey** got married in December! **Cory Yandell Lewis** bought a house in Chattanooga with her husband Daniel. **Elizabeth Womack** is the current lab manager for the CHPE lab at U of M and is pursuing her master's in psychology. **Mary Katherine Thinnis** moved to LA and works as a merchandiser for Juicy Couture. **Maddy Pryor** also lives in LA, works for creative agency Syndctd, and collaborates with Nashville's Big Machine Records for a summer concert series to raise cancer awareness. **Taylor Ragan** rounds out the LA crew and does commercial work. **Allie Stephens Eick** moved to Chapel Hill for her husband's residency at UNC, and their son was born in October. **Victoria Rizk** will finish her Internal Medicine residency in June and matched into Hematology-Oncology fellowship at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa. **Bailey Wilson** is still living in D.C., working for a general contractor. She recently got engaged and ran the Boston Marathon. **Kat Morisy** is finishing her first year at Johns Hopkins SAIS and is getting her MA in Strategic Studies and International Economics. She is a research assistant at the Congressional Research Service in the Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division. **Meg Sights Kala** got married in November, is going to graduate from medical school, and starts her Internal Medicine residency at Tulane in July! **Brittain West** is a school counselor at Harpeth Middle School outside Nashville and is travelling to Europe this summer. **Caitlin Clark** is completing her first year of Anesthesiology

residency in Kansas City. Go Royals!

-2008

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Yuni Graham is a Partner at Domeyard LP, a High Frequency Trading Hedge Fund in Boston. She competed in her first power-lifting meet in February. **Estes Gould** is still living in Aspen with her pup, working with the Aspen Ideas Festival, and loving the beautiful scenery everywhere! **Hanna Gordon Oysel** enjoys life in Memphis. She and her family enjoyed a trip to Kentucky for a bourbon tour, and she loved showing Franck bluegrass country. **Divya Moolchandani** recently finished her master's in health administration. She is a healthcare consultant at KPMG and loves her new place in Capitol Hill. **Margaret Liddon** has had a busy year of moving and wedding planning and couldn't have had a better wedding day with her closest friends and family! **Nayha Patel** graduated from Georgetown University's Special Masters Program in Physiology and is starting at Tulane University School of Medicine. **Sarah Wortham** enjoyed her last semester of George Washington University's Accelerated Nursing Program. **Mary Ward Pollard** got married in June in Oxford. She is now in Jackson to start her residency at Mississippi State Hospital for clinical psychology doctoral training. **Mary Greer Simonton** graduated from Duke with a master's in public policy and is returning to D.C. to work for Deloitte federal consulting. **Nicolette Overton** is taking medical school pre-requisites at Harvard Extension School. She volunteers at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. **Allie Morrison** finished her doctorate in nursing at

Vanderbilt. She currently practices at BMG-Memphis primary care in midtown Memphis. **Jessica Richardson** is working on her MA from Auburn while working in Greenville, S.C. She married Stephen Moses in June! **Cristen Garrett** is in medical school at Emory and will soon be applying for residency programs in anesthesiology. **Ayana Fletcher-Tyson** is in a reading specialist master's program at Peabody. She loves to learn more about how her students learn to read. **Lizzy Holt** loves her new role working with patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and having Alex Fountain '10 and Eliza Leatherman '09 as her colleagues. **Ariel Mason** stays busy planning her wedding when she's not billing hours as a new attorney. **Morgan Jordan** is freelancing as a wardrobe stylist in NYC. She recently had a visit from **Anisa Allad**, where they ate lots of dumplings and pizza! **Christina Lee** was a Summer Associate at Paul Hastings LLP in NYC and will serve as Executive Editor for the Cornell International Law Journal for her final year in law school. **Katelyn Ammons** was selected as the Teacher of the Year at her school in Greenville, S.C. She loved her fourth year teaching fourth grade! **Victoria Lee** is in a new role as a fixed income broker at TD Ameritrade. **Sarah Kramer Ozburn** just celebrated her six-month anniversary. She is the editor of a local newspaper in Mississippi and loves every second of it.

-2009

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Gracie Gelfand graduated from law school with her J.D. and a certificate in health law. She is currently studying hard

to ensure that she only has to take the Bar Exam once. **Ruthie Morrison** and **Elizabeth Anderson** are in their final year of medical school at UT. **Reagan Bugg** is finishing her clinical rotations during her third year at Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine. **Alex Tyler** is enjoying homeownership in Fort Worth. She is celebrating two years at iProspect, doing paid research for a large hotelier client. She also manages a Fort Worth Instagram called Fort Worthwhile. **Olivia Lawson** is still living in Denver and loving it. She received her MA in counseling psychology and is working as a clinician in community mental health. **Karen Stein's** boo liked it, so he put a ring on it. **Claire Riley** is in charge of social media for a wellness travel company based in Memphis and recently reunited with **Natalie Jacewicz**, **Jordan Reeve**, and **Christine Petrin** in San Francisco. Natalie Jacewicz will be getting hitched in June at the New England Aquarium and will join the science desk at NPR in Washington, D.C. this summer. Christine Petrin will graduate from George Washington University in May with a master's in public health in health policy. She will continue working on obesity policy issues through the summer before starting medical school. While this is all very exciting, her most impressive accomplishment of late was scoring tickets to Hamilton on Broadway. **Kathryn Waggoner Edwards** is still getting used to having a new last name and enjoys life with husband Pearce in Dallas. They recently hosted Helga Wienerschnitzel, who became quite the celebrity in Germany after saving a little boy from a runaway bumper car. **Sasha Hosick Joyce** graduates in May with her master's in Urban Studies and Youth Development from

Eastern University. She is currently in Memphis looking for a social work position. **McKenzie Fields** is living in LA and handles social video strategy for Walmart, Nestle, Purina, and Marriott. She also adopted a tiny alien who is a brother to **Liza Leatherman's** dog. Liza has moved back to Memphis and is now working with ALSAC/St. Jude in their Strategic Partnerships division, mainly handling events when corporate sponsors come to the hospital. **Lindsey Driver** loves life as a Memphis homeowner, a volunteer for Tails of Hope Dog Rescue, and the social media specialist for Magnolia Homes. She also does freelance social media for Private Holdings, who just made it through to the second round of Shark Tank. **Sarah Donaldson** will join a private equity group in NYC this summer. In the meantime, she is planning a trip to Peru and Bolivia. She will be sure to send Liz Anderson photos of all the alpacas she meets. **Leah Bearman** graduated from University of Denver with her MA in counseling psychology. She married Matt Pinkston in November. **Sophie Page Lintner** is finishing up her third year of teaching. She will do research for her school and travel to visit her sister Ellen in Seattle. **Alexandra Yawn** is sitting for the level II CFA exam in June. She was recently promoted from officer to assistant VP within her portfolio manager associate role. **Gatherine Vaughn Bunker** is enjoying teaching first grade at Christ Methodist Day School and spending time with baby Caroline. **Grace McNatt** is still living in Charleston, S.C. working as a Legal Assistant for a small law firm. Her employer is putting her through UGA's Paralegal Certificate Program Online, which she will complete in June. She is also both the Recruitment and Social Chair

for Alpha Chi Omega sorority's Charleston alumnae chapter. **Austin Nichols** graduated from Cumberland School of Law and returned to Memphis for a delightful summer preparing for the Bar Exam. **Tyler Hyman** is looking forward to third year rotations in medical school, especially surgery. **Bailey Bethell** is living in Memphis and in school at the UTHSC Physician Assistant program. **Brandon O'Brien** just celebrated her first anniversary at Discovery Education and is very excited that warmer weather in NYC and Shark Week are on the horizon. Stay tuned this fall for Brandon and **Sylvia Brookoff's** YouTube Channel debut... Sylvia is working on a new Comedy/Variety show at Vice's new channel Viceland. **Elizabeth Ansbro** is still living in Dallas working for Weber Shandwick. She enjoys going on walks with **Becca Schaeffer** and new pup Reba. **Jillian Smith** is still living in LA, working in television production, and just sold her first show. She recently began living with fellow turkey Evie Lyras '06.

-2010

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Allie Pryor continues her work at Le Bonheur's emergency department as a scribe and will finish up nursing school in the coming year. **Mary Frances Street** graduated with her master's in school counseling. She has been very active in the Counseling Honors Society, Chi Sigma Iota, during her program and looks forward to where the future takes her. Because she has completed her College Admissions Specialist certification, her hope is to find a job working as a College and Career Counselor in a high school. **Irene Makapugay** is working on her veterinary degree at University of Illinois-

Urbana. **Elise Heuberger** is finishing up her second year of law school at Vanderbilt and looking forward to working as a Summer Associate at the Nashville law firm Bradley Arant Boult Cummings this summer. **Erin Stuart** is finishing up her second year at Princeton Seminary and will hopefully have passed her interview to become a certified candidate in the United Methodist ordination process by the time you read this. With excitement and nervousness, she anticipates the process of applying to PhD programs. **Adrienne Jackson** is in her second year of a master's program, studying acting at Columbia, where **Ann Yacoubian** is also pursuing graduate work. Also in the drama department are **Carey Segal** and **Kayla Rosenberg**. Carey moved to NYC, where she sees fellow alum Virginia Preston '11 in classes and auditions. Carey is currently in rehearsals for an off-Broadway show called *Cherchez la Femme*, which premiered in May. Kayla continues work on her web series, Child Therapy—she shot an episode with Rachel Bloom for the current season. She also works at Nickelodeon on the show Game Shakers and spends many of her nights doing stand-up comedy. **Ali Fishman** finished her work at Chicago Portfolio School, but she will remain in Chicago for her new job as the junior art director on The Fresh Market account. We keep **Emmaline Carrick** and her family in our thoughts as they mourn the lost of her brother, Lane Carrick, Jr. Emmaline is living in Dallas, Tex. and working as a stylist for a company called Trunk Club. Last, but certainly not least, love was in the air the last few months for the Class of 2010. **Lucy Foster** got engaged to Will Stevens, **Cara Greenstein** to Alex Shindler, **Hannah Hill** to Andrew Fleming, **Sahar**

Mokhtari to Abteen Moshref, **Julia Peredo** to Kevin Owen, and **Emily Sorrentino** to Dylan Sutherland. Congratulations to all of you!

-2011

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Meriweather Adams is interning at Hollywood Feed this summer and teaching calligraphy classes at Falling into Place. **Hannah Allen** is completing a service year at a community hospital in Burlington, N.C. and starting medical school at University of Tennessee. **Louisa Boyd** will be starting medical school and loves working in D.C., researching medical genetics of undiagnosed diseases at the National Institute of Health. **Christy Cameron** is working as lab technician at International Paper and enjoying being back in Memphis. **Shelby Chambliss** got her master's in elementary education and is teaching fourth grade at Cornerstone Prep next year. **Meg Cornaghie** is almost done with her first year of medical school at Baylor College of Medicine and was chosen as an orientation week leader for next year's incoming class. **Eliza Hendrix** is working as a junior kindergarten assistant teacher at Woodland in Memphis. **Alise Hanissian** started as an Associate Supervisory Analyst with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's Large Institutions Supervision Group, where she serves on the team of analysts and risk specialists that supervises and regulates Wells Fargo & Co. **Lauren Harrington** is working in Public Affairs at the Federal Reserve in D.C. She and fiancé Seth will get married in October and are excited to start a new adventure together. **Sarah Jemison** works at a nonprofit advocacy group in

D.C., focused on low-income and homeless housing. **Tinsley McBride** has been promoted as the Visual Manger for Free People in Memphis and lives in Midtown with her pug Ozzie. **Margaret McClintock** loves Nashville and her job at Style BluePrint. **Allyson Patterson's** happiest day of the year was being a bridesmaid in **Teresa Hendrix's** wedding. **Lindsey Pearson** is in Vanderbilt's Nurse Residency Program and works in the Medical ICU. **Mary Peeler** completed her first year of medical school at Johns Hopkins and will spend her summer in Baltimore, researching pregnancy care for incarcerated women. Mary enjoyed **Anna Morten's** visit, as Anna travels for marketing consulting work. Once she finishes her thesis on Stephen King, **Sarah Phillips** is graduating from Milligan College with her BA in Humanities. **Christina Pu** will complete her first year of medical school at UVA this spring and is excited to research clinical anesthesiology and practice aerial skills this summer. **Taylor Simms** graduated from UT and is moving to France. As Director of Fundraising and Public Relations for Green Tech High Charter School in New York, **Erika Steuer** is launching a capital campaign to remodel her school. **Allie Williams** ate her way through SE Asia for three months and returned to NYC to help open a restaurant in Brooklyn. Also, her cat is beautiful. **Whitney Wortham** loves grad school and running around interacting with the interesting locals in NYC. **Maria Zoccola** is finishing her master's degree in Cornwall, England and traveling extensively in Europe.

-2012

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Lesley Stevenson returned to St. Mary's hallowed halls to give an alum speech and was grateful to see so many friends there. This summer, she is working at Creative Artists Agency in NYC. **Alex Buford** is starting graduate school at the University of Texas at Austin to get her Masters in school counseling. After graduation from TCU, **Chandler Roberts** will be an ICU nurse at a hospital in Fort Worth. **Meredith Taylor** is graduating from Clemson University with a BS in Health Services Administration before starting as a Health Policy Associate for the lobbying firm Jeffrey J. Kimbell & Associates in D.C. **Camille Vaughn** graduated from Mississippi State and will join the Masters in Occupational Therapy Program at The University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis. After graduation, **Kyra Scheitlerlein** plans on applying to the Health Accelerator in Boulder, to jump-start her first business and make it live by December. She is also applying to the University of Otago's Entrepreneurial graduate program in New Zealand, which will allow her to travel and possibly even work abroad in the future. **Francoes Hord** is excited to pursue a professional career in dance and continue her involvement in Christian ministry after her graduation from the University of South Carolina. **Renee Yang** graduated from Texas A&M University and is now getting valuable managerial work experience. **Priyanka Moolchandani** has enjoyed living in California for the past four years at the University of Southern California but is excited to move to the East Coast for UVA medical school. **Liz Carter** spent the se-

mester focused on her English - Technical Communications major with a bit of Architecture in the mix. She is excited to return to Memphis to work for A2H, Inc. before her last year at UTK for Architecture. **Neely Sammons** is graduating from Tulane in December and hopes to go to South America to pursue her passion for the Spanish and Portuguese languages. **Lauren Pate** will graduate from Notre Dame and work at the Department of Justice in D.C. as a paralegal in the Antitrust Division. **Ellery Ammons** graduated from Rhodes College with degrees in Urban Studies and Political Science and is considering multiple professional options. **Laura Matthews** qualified to race professionally in a triathlon and changed her major to Ecology. **Jessica Caie** is graduating with an MA in International relations and Politics from the University of Aberdeen. She is going to enjoy an early summer after graduation before starting her career as a security advisor for an international security risk company. **Joy Brown** still loves Nashville. She is an independent contractor for G Major MGMT, which manages the music careers of Jewel, Danielle Bradbery, and Thomas Rhett. She also manages a duo and an artist independently and is an ambassador for CID Entertainment. **Hannah Morehead** is excited to graduate from the school of business at TCU. She has a job at Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth, where she will be a buyer for the airframe of the planes. After graduation, **Jodie Struminger** is moving back to Memphis to join FedEx's Marketing Department. **Amritha Kanakamedala** has enjoyed her research this year and was published in the Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association. She looks forward to being inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, to

graduating from Rice, and to starting med school at Baylor College of Medicine. **Alix de Witt** will stay in the 901 after graduation from Rhodes College. She is ecstatic to participate in Second Presbyterian's Fellows Program, where she will work full time, live in Christian community, and take seminary level theology classes. **Sara Kim** will attend Yale School of Public Health to pursue her master's, with a focus in the epidemiology of microbial diseases. **Jordan Upton** graduated from the University of Arkansas and accepted a position with Crye Leike to sell real estate in Memphis. **Ellen Mitchell** will take a year off school after graduation to prepare for Physical Therapy school. **Julia DeVincenzo** is excited to be newly engaged to fiancé Alex. She graduated from TCU and starts work at an ad agency in Fort Worth, Texas.

-2013

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Claire Fogarty is backpacking in Europe for the first half of the summer and interning at United Records in Nashville during the second half. **Lida Kruchten** is interning over the summer at Horne LLP in their Cyber Security department. **Mashal Mirza** is directing a play that showcases Pakistani culture and is also performing a Bollywood piece in a dance show. **Katie Heard** landed her first full time job at a consulting firm and is working on her final dissertation on the militarization of the U.S. police force. **Sukriti Mohan** will be in Shanghai for a week this summer, presenting on healthcare economics. This summer, **Alexa Fila** is working at UPS Atlanta as a database developer, **Rachel Chu** is interning for Planned Parenthood's Memphis office, and **McKenzie McClanahan** is interning for the childhood obesity lab at

Le Bonheur. **Sarah Spiers** will be working as a programmer for the Engagement Lab and will be a coder for the Emerging Citizens games. **Ariyan Nicole Cox** will be abroad in Terceira Island, Portugal for five weeks this summer, working in a hospital. **Helena Anderson** is studying Shakespeare in Performance for a semester at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London. **Anna Peeler** is in nursing school, is working as an EMT, and will be in D.C. for the summer working in Georgetown. **Dakota Beasley** is serving as the Facilities Manager for Chi Omega, the Secretary for Maroon VIP, and has decided to go to law school. **Torry Whartenby** changed her major to Chemical Engineering. **Catherine Moore** is still working through pharmacy school at Samford. **Anna Utley** is studying abroad in Italy this summer and is contemplating going to graduate school. **Grace Bettis** is interning at the Terrorism Research Center in Fayetteville this summer. **Kim Taylor** is studying in London in July and serving as a Director of Frogs First at TCU in August. **Zoe Van Deveer** is the president of Club Volleyball at Richmond. **Elianna Landau** is working with KraftHeinz in Chicago this summer as a corporate management intern. **Sims Peters** and **Sophie Skouteris** are studying abroad in Florence in June. **Emma Less** spent her semester studying in Florence. **Maggie Norman** is spending her summer researching child development in the Pacific Islands and shadowing a pediatric psychologist at Arkansas Children's Hospital. **Rebecca Park** is studying Environmental Science at Emory and loving it. **Callie Wallace** finished her Spanish minor at NYU in Madrid this past summer and has decided to major in Integrated Marketing & Communications as well as Accounting. **Lillian Norcross** is a marketing

major and is doing a digital marketing internship in NYC. **Rachel Ostrow** is a Mechanical Engineering major and is doing a manufacturing engineering internship. **Olivia Stevens** began her term as president of Chi Omega at Furman and is working at St. Mary's over the summer.

-2014

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Theresa Green declared a Psychology major with a Women's and Gender Studies concentration and is teaching middle school in Minneapolis. **Dena Frisch** declared Finance and Accounting majors and is interning at Tower Ventures in Memphis. She plans on studying abroad in Madrid next spring, and **Mary Allison Pritchard** will study abroad in Oxford in the fall. **Phoebe Fulmer** is studying abroad in Vienna this summer in a psychology program and was elected Rush Chair of her sorority. **Ellen Clarke** loves Alabama and was slated as the t-shirt and licensing chair for Tri Delta. She declared a double major in Economics and Finance with a minor in Public Relations and hopes to see more St. Mary's gals join her in Tuscaloosa. **Maddie Droke** declared a Communication Sciences and Disorders major and started working at a makeup and skincare store in Oxford. She's also the assistant recruitment chairman for Tri Delta and is excited to spend the summer in Oxford planning. **Natalie Meeks** declared her Integrated Marketing Communications major and is in Oxford working as Reference Chair for Tri Delta. **Hallie Katz** is the treasurer of her sorority (ADPi), VP of marketing for Challah for Hunger, and just wrapped up her second season on the club lacrosse team. **Maddie Rhodes'** golf team at Rhodes was ranked the number one team in the nation for Division Three Women's Golf and competed at the National Championship. **Caroline Kaltenborn's** swim team won their third consecutive MAC championship and also sent a small team of girls to NCAAs. **Adair Smith** interned at *V Magazine* in New York, and **Mallory Prater** is in Philadelphia working as a styling intern at Urban Outfitters' headquarters. **Lacey Chaum** is an intern at Starcom Mediavest Group in NYC, and **Zara Ali** is a composition fellow at Yale School of Music's Norfolk Chamber Music Festival. **Martha Upton** is spending another summer working at Camp Greystone as a counselor, and **Bailey Archey** will work with the horses and teach riding at Camp Ozark. **Gurbani Singh** is interning in Singapore and is now the Executive Vice President of the Student Government Association at Emory. **Adira Polite** is co-leader and Advocacy Outreach Coordinator at Bowdoin and a columnist for the Bowdoin Orient. Her piece "Cultural appropriation: why they're not 'just clothes'" is the most-read article in the newspaper's history. **Abby Huber** is a nonprofit development and administration major with a Spanish minor and the Fundraising Director for the St. Jude Up 'til Dawn Executive Board. **Camille Cowart** was selected as Site and Service Development Co-Chair for Vanderbilt Alternative Spring Break and officially declared a double major in secondary education and English. **Miles Schaeffer** declared a major in Evolutionary Anthropology and is working in a lab at Duke, studying primate functional anatomy. **Haley Steinman** declared a double major in chemistry and health policy at Texas and is a cancer prevention

research intern at MD Anderson in Houston. **Molly Hanna** was selected within Heller Service Corps to be the coordinator for the Greenville Memorial Children's Hospital and serves as philanthropy chair of Chi Omega. **Katherine Donovan** is studying nutrition science at Auburn and serves as president of Cardinal key.

-2015

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KK Mitchell is majoring in accounting and has joined Delta Delta Delta sorority and the Gamma Beta Phi Society. **Mary Jane McCaghren** is pumped to be playing doubles while Sewanee Women's Tennis is in the top 10 in the nation for the first time since 2007. This summer, **Isabella Arbelaez** is a camp counselor and interning for the American Society of Sao Paulo. At Duke, she is network coordinator at the Duke Catholic Center and volunteers with the local refugee population. **Brooke Saharovici** was chosen for Mizzou's Outreach Student Recruitment Team and joined Chi Omega's marketing team. She is also part of the Sinai Scholars program at Mizzou. **Katherine Harwell** is going back to Hungary this summer to teach English. **Jane Morrison** was appointed Assistant Treasurer and Budgetary Committee of the Kappa Delta Sorority. She also finished a semester internship with CourseHero and has started the Enabling Technology Club, which explores issues around computers and people with disabilities. **Emma Farris** was elected Secretary of GW College Republicans and Spirit Chair of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She finished an internship with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and is staying

in D.C. this summer, taking classes at the Institute on Economics and International Affairs. **Courtney Caradonna** joined Sigma Delta Tau Sorority at Tulane and loves it! She is now more deeply involved in TUSTEP, Tulane's service dog training program, where she will train service dogs during the upcoming school year. **Abbie Warr** pledged Alpha Delta Theta and was elected Sophomore Executive Council Representative. She was also nominated to be a Sewanee Angel. **Michelle Chu** is currently working as the production assistant for a comedy web-series: "Good Talk," filmed in Oberlin's student run nightclub and bar. Next year, she'll live and cook in Keep Cottage Cooperative. She is hoping to pursue a major in Film and a minor in Economics. During the summer, she will work at Brooks Pharm2Fork in Collierville. **Liza Alrutz** is a teaching artist for a student organization called Seesaw Theater, facilitating workshops for neurodivergent audiences at local schools. **Mary Thompson** has applied for a leadership position for a faith group on campus. She joined the sorority Gamma Phi Beta and declared an art history major. **Lynley Matthews** is swimming on the varsity swim team, representing Colombia on the Ivy League championship team. She is in Kappa Alpha Theta and is studying abroad in Rio. **Natalie Dean** is in the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and enjoys participating in philanthropies, such as Hoops for Hope and Lily's Classic. She was accepted to study abroad in France. **Chelsea Chin** participated in the MLK St. Louis March of Celebration and served as a Sisterhood Chair for Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She is currently in the School of Nursing at Saint Louis University, hoping to intern at Baptist Memorial



Jane Morrison '15 and Emma Louise Farris '15 in front of the Speaker's Office on a Capitol tour during Jane's visit with Emma in D.C. Emma interns on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Hospital this summer. She will also be spending part of her summer with her family in Toronto. **Maggie McAtee** is excited to be back in Memphis for the summer and to continue on the pre-nursing track next year at Auburn. **Samantha Wischmeyer** is taking 3D Design, Advanced Survey of Computer Art Applications, and Satire in Great Literature. She is also writing and illustrating for GrrlPunch Magazine and has an internship at the Brooks Museum of Art in the Film Department. **Gretchen Vogt's** Northwestern fencing team won the Midwest Conference for the first time in 15 years. She is a member of the Society of Women Engineers and is taking differential equations of mechanical systems, a design class where her group works with a pediatrician to find a better treatment for scalp eczema. She also string-raved in the student athlete talent show to help raise money for Blessings in a Backpack. **Sara Brown** loves Ole Miss! She is a Tri Delta and serves on the philanthropy

and academic committees. Her favorite part about Tri Delt is its strong connection to St. Jude. **Kylie McDowell** has spent this spring working at the NYU gym for work-study, leading in a NYC-NYU Earth Day Car Free Volunteer Day initiative, and volunteering at a composting garden in Brooklyn. She is traveling to Ecuador to participate in a program through Worldwide Organic Farming. She then plans to travel around Ecuador and Colombia before meeting Maddie Miller '14 in Mexico City. **Olivia Bernabe** has been cast as Shelley, one of the female leads, in *Bat Boy the Musical*, which is the first musical Sarah Lawrence has done in about four years. She's also in the Musical Theatre Collective Club and will perform in their final showcase. She is interning with Mrs. Madden at Voices of the South. **McKendree Walker** was appointed the director of art/photography for the Bridge, a student-run paper that Rhodes sells for a quarter per paper to the homeless community so that they can become empowered. She is traveling to Honduras this summer and is leaning towards a Spanish major with a Business minor. **Ayanna Martin** is currently running a blog for young Christian women, www.tam-arssecret.com. **Ami Agrawal** is part of Cornell University's Concrete Canoe team, which won third place for their Ancient Greek themed canoe, Thrakos. She is looking forward to her internship at Semmes-Murphey.

Births/Adoptions

Andrew Liddon Billings to **Nancy Liddon Billings '99**, February 26, 2016

Vivian Rose Boyd to **Autumn Witt Boyd '97**, April 21, 2016

Ambika Radha Broecker to **Dhevi Kumar Broecker '95**, November 24, 2015

Jackson Randolph Buckner to **Collin Wilson Buckner '05**, March 16, 2016

Maeve Leigh Conger to **Catherine Ferguson Conger '02**, November 5, 2015

Samuel McLean Crosby to **Mathilde McLean Crosby '96**, May 8, 2016

Pascal Cina Fox Ghods to **Catherine Fox '03**, October 30, 2015

William Charles Hurst to **Audrey Bourland Hurst '03**, March 6, 2016

Saba Yamina Hossain to **Rana Khandekar '00**, April 12, 2016

Benjamin Larry Kowalchuk to **Ellen Levaughn Kowalchuk '96**, January 12, 2016

Virginia Poplar Morris to **Michelle Ralston Morris '03**, December 21, 2015

Hughes Thomas Neal to **Whitney Long Neal '02**, March 30, 2016

Isabel Marie Neufeld to **Annie McLaren Neufeld '99**, November 20, 2015

Presley Fern Pelletier to **Brittany Blockman Pelletier '99**, March 13, 2016

Harvey McGeorge Rhodes to **Betsy Matthews Rhodes '04**, November 17, 2015

Benjamin Andrew Rojas to **Anna Snyder Rojas '01**, April 2, 2016

Teaghan Issara Sharkey to **Connie Mahautmr Sharkey '00**, April 27, 2015

Jack Michael Rizk Stavropoulos and Luke Elias Rizk Stavropoulos to **Atina Rizk Stavropoulos '04**, June 2, 2016

Chloe Elizabeth Steck to **Nicole Osborne Steck '02**, March 23, 2016

Alice Wren Bhattacharya to **Jill Tichy '98**, April 7, 2016

Carter Christian Walton Wiggins to **Patience Chambliss Wiggins '98**, December 3, 2015

Miles Cole Worthman to **Courtney Routt Worthman '00**, February 22, 2016



Teddy Taylor Segars, son of Rainey Ray Segars '05



Alice Wren Bhattacharya, daughter of Jill Tichy '98



Ann Emerson Humphreys, daughter of Courtney Taylor Humphreys '01



John Miller Dallas, son of Kelly Buckner Dallas '99



Presley Fern Pelletier, daughter of Brittany Blockman Pelletier '99

Marriages

Adrienne Adler '07 to Kevin Neal, May 22, 2016

Catie Jane Berger '05 to William Myers, April 16, 2016

Caroline Covington '05 to Taylor Skees, May 16, 2015

Helen Dinkelspiel '97 to Haggai Eshed, April 9, 2016

Carrie Evans '93 to Trevor Benitone, February 9, 2016

Lucy Harris '04 to Josh Collins, October 31, 2015

Teresa Hendrix '11 to Jeff Daniel, April 2, 2016

Margaret Liddon '08 to Shannon Emley, April 30, 2016

Mary Kneeland Metcalf '03 to John Nice, January 17, 2016

Ellen Page '06 to William Evan Moore, July 25, 2015

Laine Peeler '04 to Eric Olesen, December 31, 2015

Mary Ward Pollard '08 to Ryan Black, June 16, 2016

Elizabeth Pounders '85 to Andrew Kincannon Howorth, February 20, 2016

Jessica Richardson '08 to Stephen Moss, June 25, 2016

Jordan Robbins '02 to Patrick Barratt, April 2, 2016

Kristi Ryan '06 to Bridget Wells, March 19, 2016

Meg Sights '07 to Aaron Kala, November 14, 2015

Morgan Van Dyke '11 to Paxton Ivy, April 23, 2016

Susan Wunderink '99 to Serge Mettes, March 13, 2016

Postgraduate Degrees

Leah Bearman '09, Master of Counseling Psychology, University of Denver, June 2016

Shelby Chambliss '11, Master of Elementary Education, The University of Mississippi, May 2016

Gracie Gelfand '09, J.D., University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, May 2016

Sasha Hosick Joyce '09, Master of Urban Studies and Youth Development, Eastern University, May 2016

Meg Sights Kala '07, MD, University of Tennessee School of Medicine, May 2016

Olivia Lawson '09, Master of Counseling Psychology, University of Denver, June 2016

Lauren Lieberman '07, J.D., SMU Dedman School of Law, May 2016

Divya Moolchandani '08, Master of Health Administration, George Washington University, December 2015

Allie Morrison '08, Doctorate in Nursing, Vanderbilt University, December 2015

Austin Nichols '09, J.D., Cumberland School of Law, May 2016

Nayha Patel '08, Master of Physiology, Georgetown University, July 2015

Christine Petrin '09, Master of Public Health in Health Policy, George Washington University, May 2016

Mary Greer Simonton '08, Master of Public Policy, Duke University, May 2016

Mary Frances Street '10, Master of School Counseling, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, May 2016

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary Bliss Hicky '41

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Ms. Edie Loeb '76

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