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Example of service

IT WAS A HEARTWARMING AND TEAR-FILLED

AFTERNOON on March 28 in Lower School Chapel when TCA parent **Sergeant Freddy Hernandez** returned home from his deployment in Africa. His surprised daughters, Ari (2nd) and Graci (3rd), raced to the stage to jump into his arms! What a blessing it was for our students to honor a member of our community who is truly committed to serving our country and all of us so selflessly! It's hard to fully comprehend the sacrifices that he and his family make in this life of service they've chosen. We give thanks for his safe return and continue to pray for all of those in military service and their families.

While we are not all called to serve in the military, we are all called to serve—at home and around the globe. In this issue of *Trinity Today*, you will read about some of the many ways our students, faculty, administrators, alumni and families serve their greater communities. Using their unique gifts, they find countless ways to bless others, share the love of Christ and grow in their own faith. It is truly inspiring to see how willingly and joyfully our students serve and how so many of them spend their vacations and free time giving to others.

As we plan our days over the next several weeks of summer, I encourage all of us to look for ways in which we can serve others and make an impact for Christ in a world that desperately needs Him.



Joy S. Konstans

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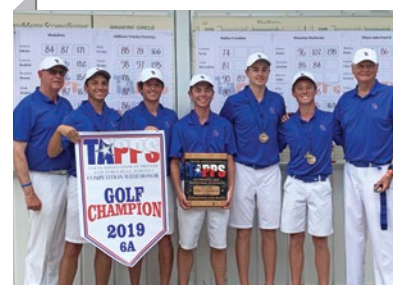
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The TCA boys golf team won its third-straight state championship this year! Congratulations to this outstanding team of golfers!



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TCA alumni gathered for the Second Annual Spring Alumni Weekend in April. See highlights from all the events, including the alumni baseball game and Saturday night alumni event.

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CALLED TO SERVE

Service is at the heart of a Christian life, and at TCA, it's at the heart of our school. Read about the many ways our students, parents, administrators, faculty, staff and coaches are the hands and feet of Christ.



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PURSUIING EXCELLENCE

Becky Lewis, executive director of the TCA Foundation, shares exciting news about TCA's upcoming 50th anniversary and the future of TCA through our new campaign, *Pursuing Excellence*.



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IN MY OWN WORDS

TCA alumnus **Drew Crawford '11** looks back on his days as a TCA student and how his love and appreciation for TCA brought him back to campus.



TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IS COMMITTED to “developing the whole person for the glory of God.” As a school, our primary focus is to educate. As a Christian school, that education should be provided within the context of our students, parents, faculty, coaches and administrators, committing everything we do for God’s glory. Our curriculum, chapels, arts,

athletics, clubs, organizations and leadership opportunities should reflect a reverence for the One who redeemed us.

One of the ways we provide opportunities for our students and community to reflect the love shown to us is to show that same love to others. Serving others is biblical. It was demonstrated by Jesus throughout His life, and countless examples are recorded in scripture. He healed, He fed, He taught, He washed His disciples’ feet and He ultimately died in our place.

As you’ll read in this issue, providing opportunities for every student to serve is vital to our mission. We collected school supplies for a local public school and schools in Zambia, showed appreciation for the non-TCA workers on our campus, prepared Christmas boxes for Operation Christmas Child, provided Love Lambs for children at Baylor Hospital, prepared Sky Ranch camp for summer campers, served at Dallas Life Foundation (a homeless shelter) and tutored students at Carr Elementary. We also provided food and clothing for several ministries in the Dallas area. Our high school students each serve an average of 50 hours per year at a variety of churches and ministries locally, in the U.S. and around the world.

My wife, Rose, and I had the privilege of leading 36 parents, students, teachers and administrators on a short-term mission trip to Zambia over spring break (see article in this issue). We partnered with Family Legacy, a Christ-centered organization providing for orphans and the most vulnerable children in Lusaka. Family Legacy provides homes, food and education to over 700 children on-site, as well as education and lunch to almost 15,000 students in 24 Christian schools in the area. For over 15 years, **Jon Millet ’84** and **Jenni Green Millet ’84** have led mission trips to Kenya and Tanzania, serving orphans and sharing the gospel. From 2005 to 2016, hundreds of students, parents and teachers served in villages along the Amazon River, providing medical, dental and spiritual care. For over 25 years, TCA has partnered with the Rio Bravo Orphanage in Reynosa, Mexico, providing supplies, gifts and assistance.

We are blessed that our community is one that values service. It is through giving that we receive the blessing of knowing, “*we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do*” (Ephesians 2:10, NIV).

DAVE DELPH, HEADMASTER



National Merit Finalists



Seniors **Avery Schuster**, **Lindsay Bartol** and **Ashley McWhorter** were named 2019 National Merit Finalists. As finalists, they were among the highest scorers on the PSAT in

Texas and the nation. Lindsay was also named a National Merit Scholar.

Schmidt & Jones Awards

Congratulations to these TCA students for winning big at the Schmidt & Jones High School Musical Awards for their performances in *The Sound of Music!*



Best Female Ensemble Member: **Mackenna Shults**

Best Supporting Actress: **Michelle Raybourn**

Best Actress in a

Minor Role: **Emma Hodge**

Best Actor: **Clarke Pino**

French Honor Society

Congratulations to the following students who were recently inducted into the French Honor Society for excellent academic achievement, active involvement and genuine interest in



French: **Sage Yassa**, **Zachary Coronado**, **Isabella Berthel**, **Jenna Larson** and **Landry Hays** (not pictured).

2019 Duke University Talent Identification Program

This year, 80 TCA seventh graders qualified for the TIP/Duke program by demonstrating advanced aptitudes on grade-level assessments. Of these students, 22 chose to take the SAT or ACT. **Annabelle Lee** and **Alexander Kim** were awarded Grand Recognition, the highest recognition in the program, and will be honored at Duke University in a Grand Recognition Ceremony. In addition, eight other students qualified for State Recognition: **Lucy Dennis**, **Ivy Jordan**, **Alyson Lee**, **David Meiser**, **Rachel Rader**, **Hannah Roquemore**, **Christian Yang** and **Molly Youn**. Congratulations to all who participated!



Honored Artist

Eighth-grader **Kazia Handoko** was selected as one of 12 artists to be published in the Southern Teachers Association 2019-2020 school calendar. Her drawing, *Library Patio*, was selected out of 500 entries from the southern parts of the United States. Congratulations, Kazia!

Upper School Chemistry Teacher Honored



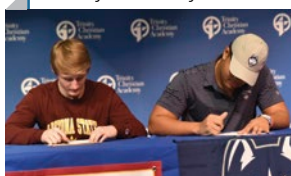
Upper School chemistry teacher **Debra Jones** was honored at the University of Rochester for winning the *Singer Family Prize for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching*. She was nominated by a former DISD student who graduated this year from the University of Rochester. Congratulations, Mrs. Jones!

College Commitments

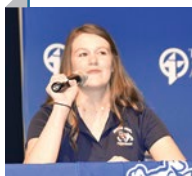
Congratulations to the following TCA athletes who will continue their sports at the collegiate level:



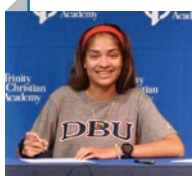
Michael Callahan – Football, Lehigh University
Reid Stacy – Football, Southern Methodist University
Xavier Brooks – Football, Benedictine College
Isaac Agumadu – Football, Trinity University



Hunter Balk – Wrestling, Arizona State University
Justin Moore – Football, University of Connecticut



Mia Gradick – Equestrian, Fresno State University



McKenzie Moore – Track, Dallas Baptist University

Super Spellers

Congratulations to the following students who placed at the ASCI District Spelling Bee:

Kaden Handoko – Second Place, Fourth Grade; Second Place, Overall
Trey Nunnally – Third Place, Fourth Grade
Madison McKenna – Fourth Place, Fifth Grade
Rosalind Chang – Third Place, Sixth Grade
Karalyn Ehmke – Third Place, Seventh Grade
Eliotte Lin – Fourth Place, Seventh Grade
Kazia Handoko – First Place, Eighth Grade

Math Olympians

The following Lower School and Middle School students placed in the ACSI Math Olympics this year:

Third Grade
Will Anderson – Third Place, Reasoning
Ian Cho – Second Place, Computation
Jayden Lee – First Place, Computation
Daniel Russ – Fourth Place, Computation

Fourth Grade
Kaden Handoko – Second Place, Computation
Reid Johansen – Second Place, Reasoning
Lucas McIntyre – First Place, Computation

Fifth Grade
Nathan Youn – Second Place, Reasoning

Sixth Grade

Rosalind Chang – Third Place, Reasoning
Karys Karlow – First Place, Reasoning
Daniel Yang – Second Place, Reasoning

Seventh Grade

Nathan Chou – Fourth Place, Computation
Alex Kim – Second Place, Computation
Annabelle Lee – Third Place, Reasoning
Eliotte Lin – First Place, Reasoning
Molly Youn – Second Place, Reasoning

Eighth Grade

Bethany Grimm – Second Place, Reasoning
Kazia Handoko – First Place, Computation
Richelle Kim – Second Place, Computation
Grace Kwon – Second Place, Reasoning
Jocelyn Youn – First Place, Reasoning

TAPPS Academic State Championship

Congratulations to the following Upper School students who placed in the TAPPS 6A Academic State Championship this year.

Katherine Novakovich – Third Place, Ready Writing
Henry Ridley – Second Place, Literary Criticism
Max Thomas – Sixth place, Calculator Applications

All-State Band, Choir and Orchestra

Congratulations to the following students for being selected for the TPSMEA All-State Concerts:

All-State Choir: **Erin Clay, Bella Correa, Bryn Correa, Allison Jones, Michelle Raybourn, Kaleigh Wilkinson**

All-State Orchestra:
Alan Fandrich

All-State Band: **Zach Coronado**





TPSMEA Band Awards

Congratulations to the following students for their TPSMEA band achievements:

TPSMEA Middle School Honor Band

Rex Day	Joshua Lim
Ayla Francis	Jake Nolan
Ally Gerard	Carson Roach
Taylor Hervey	Lily Yassa
Kylie Jones	Andrew Yates
Dylan Kinley	Molly Youn

Middle School Symphonic Band

Ally Gerard
Joshua Lim

Middle School Concert Band

Ayla Francis
Taylor Hervey
Kylie Jones

TPSMEA North Region High School Band

Elizabeth Branstetter
Zachary Coronado

ATSSB Region 24 Band

Zachary Coronado
Sarah Gerard

TPSMEA Vocal Music Awards

Congratulations to the following students for their TPSMEA vocal music achievements:

TPSMEA Region 1 Vocal Solo/Ensemble Contest

Superior Rating, Class 2 Song – **Anna Kutz**,
Rachel Mills

Superior Rating, Class 1 Song (qualifying for state competition) – **Bella Correa**, **Bryn Correa**, **Allison Jones**,
Clarke Pino, **Hannah Plemons**, **Michelle Raybourn**,
Kaleigh Wilkinson

TPSMEA State Vocal Solo/Ensemble Contest

Superior Rating – **Bryn Correa**, **Allison Jones**,
Clarke Pino, **Michelle Raybourn**, **Kaleigh Wilkinson**

TPSMEA Concert/Sightreading Contest

Excellent Rating in Concert/Superior Rating in
Sightreading – TCA Chorale

Superior Rating in Concert/Superior Rating in
Sightreading (Sweepstakes Award) – TCA Choir



TVAA Awards

TCA Upper School visual arts students participated in the Texas Visual Arts Association Competition and had more pieces accepted and more award winners than any other participating school, public or private. Congratulations to the following students for earning awards:

Grant De Paoli – Third-place Overall
Reilly Hanna – Juror's Choice Award
Lauren Head – Asel Art Supply Merchandise Award

Rik Massengale – Outstanding Sculpture
Caroline Millet – Best Of Show
Brielle Stein – Second-place Overall
Clarissa Wong – Outstanding Painting (pictured above)
Thomas Wyman – Dean's Award



Young American Talent

Congratulations to the following students for placing in the Young American Talent High School Art Competition:

James Badger – Rising Star Award
Taya Burgett – Third Place, Printmaking
Sadie Ellis – Second Place, Printmaking (pictured left)
Gentry Jarrell – Third Place, Photography
Olivia Priest – Rising Star Award
Michael Ruch – First Place, Mixed Media
Laney Segert – Honorable Mention, Ceramics
Brielle Stein – Honorable Mention, Photography



2019 Art of Architecture Competition

Congratulations to the TCA award-winners from the 2019 Art of Architecture Competition sponsored by the Dallas Center for Architecture:

Upper School

Abby Coronado – Citation Award, Mixed Media
Jillian Delp – Honor Award, Mixed Media
Lauren Head – Citation Award, Drawing; Honor Award, Painting
Sydney Johnston – Best of Show and Honor Award, Photography
Luke Langford – Honor Award, Printmaking
Jordan McFarlane – Citation Award, Painting
Anna Muccio – Citation Award, Photography
Annie Xia – Honor Award, Sculpture
Landry Walton – Honor Award, Drawing



Middle School

Morgan Amison – Jurors' Commendation and Honor Award, Drawing
Jana Elawar – Best of Show and Honor Award, Mixed Media
Greyson Findley – Citation Award, Painting (pictured left)
Richelle Kim – Citation Award, Drawing
Emma McIntyre – Honor Award, Painting
Carsen Prideaux – Citation Award, Mixed Media

PSI Art Competition

TCA students admirably represented our school in the 2019 Private School Invitational Art Competition this year. Award winners were

Carsen Prideaux – First Place, Fifth Grade (pictured left)
Georgia Clay – First Place, Seventh Grade



National Latin Exam

Each year, seventh- and eighth-grade Latin students are given the opportunity to participate in the National Latin Exam with over 143,000 others from all 50 states and 24 foreign countries. Congratulations to these outstanding Latin students:

Eighth Grade

Summa Cum Laude – Gold Medal and only missing one question: **Anastacia Chu, Ally Gerard and Sebastian Silva**

Summa Cum Laude – Gold Medal: **Zoey Ballard, Kate Barclay, Bethany Grimm, Kazia Handoko, Richelle Kim, Dylan Kinley, Joshua Lim and Emma McIntyre**

Maxima Cum Laude – Silver Medal: **Jenna Branstetter, Jack Drake, Jana Elawar, Ayla Francis, Grace Kwon, Jaxon Leithen, Parker Prideaux and Jocelyn YOUN**

Magna Cum Laude: **Hannah Buford, Evelyn Dalton, Lauren Deaton, Aly Heidelbaugh, Seth Henegar, Taylor Hervey, Landon Littleton, Aiden McCauley, Maddie McMullen, Jordan Rutledge, Noah Smith, Ruby Watts, Carson Weyandt, Sam White, Josie Wilder and Samantha Zuniga**

Cum Laude: **Zach Asche, Elleanna Berthel, Matthew Campbell, Gable Delp, Rose Duncan, Landon Ham, Joshua Liu, Trinity Martin, Max Merrifield, Wyatt Merrill and Joshua Staz**

Seventh Grade

Only missed one question: **Lucy Dennis, Kylie Jones and Grace Leverton**

Outstanding Achievement Certificate: **Heather Brownlee, Nathan Chou, Luke Dore, Owen Ellis, Bailey Ellsworth, Alex Kim, Donya Kinley, Ally Lee, Annabelle Lee, Eliotte Lin, David Meiser, Aidan Mills, Ava Mills, Ava Rodriguez, Campbell Smith and Molly YOUN**

Achievement Certificate: **Georgia Clay, Jared Courtney, Karalyn Ehmke, Dylan Eubanks, Joseph Fitzgerald, Audrey Hestwood, Kate Hurley, Haley Janacek, Will Lehman, Hannah Roquemore, Maddox Vines and Cate Woodward**

Eighth-Grade Awards

Band: **Luke Bennett, Ayla Francis, Allie Gerard, Nolan Hamilton, Taylor Hervey, James Jeter, Joshua Lim, Carson Roach, Lilly Yassa, Andrew Yates, Jocelyn YOUN**

Bible: **Faith Huffman, Max Merrifield, Samantha Treadway**

Choir: **Gable Delp, Morgan Hausz, Seth Henegar, Lexi Meador, Noah Smith, Nick Wenzel**

History/English: **Jack Castello, Richelle Kim, Joshua Lim, Maddie McMullen, Lexi Meador, Parker Prideaux**

Latin: **Bethany Grimm, Kazia Handoko, Landon Littleton**

Math: **Bethany Grimm, Kazia Handoko, Richelle Kim, Grace Kwon, Joshua Lim, Parker Prideaux**

Science: **Kazia Handoko, Joshua Lim, Lexi Meador**

Speech/Drama: **Jack Castello, Cara Smith, Samantha Treadway**

Technology: **Faith Huffman**

Visual Art: **Elleanna Berthel, Jana Elawar, Kazia Handoko, Richelle Kim**

Grades 9-11 Awards

Bible: **Landry Hays, Blake Mercer**

Drama I: **Ainsley Ferrell, Jackson Rogers**

Drama II: **Bryn Correa, Austin Marquardt**

Advanced Drama: **Kyle Cotter**

Spring Show Award: **Allison Jones, Clark Pino**

Men's Chorus: **Christopher Woodhouse**

Women's Chorus: **Madeline Prescott**

Outstanding Musicians Band Award: **Zachary Coronado, Sarah Gerard, Ethan Merrifield**

Sculpture/3D Mixed Media/Ceramics: **Rik Massengale**

H Photography: **Grace Weir**

H Drawing/Painting/Printmaking: **Caroline Cinatl, Sydney Johnston**

H Digital Art/Electronic Collage/Video Animation: **Leah Kegerreis, Adelaide Walker**

H Drawing II/Painting II/Printmaking II: **Audrey Gradick**

History/English Grade 9: **James Badger, Ainsley Ferrell, Juliana Voth**

History/English Grade 10: **Reagan Rodgers, Patricia Sharon, Annia Xia**

History/English Grade 11: **Anna Beth Lowrey, Mason Morland, Sage Yassa**

Algebra I: **Mary Neuhoff**

Geometry: **Sydney Wayte**

Algebra II: **Wilson Roe**

Honors Trig/IntroCalculus: **Henry Ridley**

Pre AP Trig/Calculus A: **Savannah Sims**

Pre AP Biology: **Daniel Baker, Alyssa Clemovitz**

Biology: **Mary Neuhoff, Landrie Smith**

Pre AP Chemistry: **Dawson Chaffin, Annie Xia**

Chemistry: **Addison Willey, Sage Yassa**

Physics: **Riley Conine, Michael Heidelbaugh**

AP Physics Mechanics: **Matthew Harvey, Caleb Key**

H Intermediate Technology: **Blaine Grimes, Grace Weir**

H Computer Science Foundation: **Juliana Voth**

H Web Programming: **Cameron Gilmore**

French I: **Juliana Voth**

French II: **Seth Bator**

H French II: **Claire Shodeen**

Pre AP French III: **Zach Coronado**

Spanish I: **Daniel Baker, Katie Reding**

Spanish II: **Anna Kutz, Ryan O'Shea**

H Spanish II: **Lauren Elms**

Spanish III: **Dutch McStay**

Pre AP Spanish III: **Natalie Konstans**

H Spanish IV: **Allie Knudsen**

Senior Awards

Valedictorian: **Lindsay Bartol**

Salutatorian: **Jessica Lee**

Trinity Spirit: **Kate Blocker**

TCA Good Citizenship Award: **Abby Muschalek, Sam Norris**

Trojan Heart: **McKenzie Moore, Blake Marsh**

Scholar Athletes: **Abby Muschalek, Connor Williams**

Tri-Athlete Award: **McKenzie Moore, Lauren Sulzen**

Bible: **Macrae Smith, Scott Raybourn**

AP English: **Erin Clay, Daniel Jones**

Senior Thesis: **Kate Blocker, Avery Schuster**

Drama Director's Award: **Charles Cash**

Outstanding Theater Student: **Molly Grace Beddingfield, Macrae Smith**

Outstanding Musicians: **Isaac Agumadu, Michelle Raybourn, Caroline Tate, Elijah Westover**

Choral Director's Award: **Erin Clay, Kaleigh Wilkinson**

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award: **Noah Morrison**

John Philip Sousa Award: **David Asche, Laura Pomeroy, Cailin Redden**

Band Director's Award: **Beckett Myers, Riley Stringfellow, Tanner Wayte**

Trojan Band Award: **Bobby Carstens, Jacob Powell**

AP Art: **Lindsay Bartol, Jillian Delp, Caroline Millet**

AP Government: **Noah Morrison**

AP Calculus BC: **Max Thomas**

AP Calculus AB: **Kate Blocker, Abby Muschalek**

Trig/Intro Business Calculus: **Molly Grace Beddingfield**

Finite Math: **Gentry Jarrell**

AP Biology: **Lindsay Bartol**

AP Chemistry: **Max Thomas**

H Engineering Design: **Lauren Head**

H Anatomy & Physiology: **Molly Grace Beddingfield, Emily Floyd**

H Astronomy: **Max Thomas**

Field Ecology: **Coleman Rector**

H Tech Intern Award: **Cailin Redden**

AP Computer Science: **Daniel Jones**

Special Topics Computer Science: **Bryce O'Brien**

AP Spanish IV: **Avery Schuster**

Yearbook: **Kate Blocker, Brijit Crosby, Clara Liu, Savannah Pate**



The Honor Roll

Congratulations to all these students who made the **Second Trimester** Honor Rolls:

Summa Cum Laude

GPA of 4.2 or higher

Seniors

David Asche
Georgia Ballew
Daniela Barrientos-Figueroa
Lindsay Bartol
Molly Grace Beddingfield
Kate Blocker
Robert Caldwell
Elisa Cavazos
Summer Chaffin
Erin Clay
Bella Correa
Madelynn Cotter
Brijit Crosby
Dylan Deaton
Jillian Delp
Andrea Ehringer
Emily Floyd
Avery Gann
Gracie Harris
Lauren Head
Jackson Hinckley
Austin Ho
Gentry Jarrell
Daniel Jones
Catherine Josephs
Brett Kauffman
Grace Lee
Jessica Lee
Michelle Lee
Clara Liu
Sophia Lopez
Blake Marsh
Jordan McFarlane
Ashley McWhorter
Caroline Millet
Noah Morrison
Abby Muschalek
Georgia Nine
Annika Olson
Laura Pomberg
JD Powers
Michelle Raybourn
Cole Rea
Coleman Rector
Caillin Redden
Riley Rice
Slade Savage
Avery Schuster
Macrae Smith
Reid Stacy
Riley Stringfellow
Lauren Sulzen
Caroline Tate
Max Thomas
London Thornton
Whit Traweek
Tanner Wayte
Elijah Westover
Alayna Weyandt
Kennedy Wiegand
Kaleigh Wilkinson
Connor Williams
John Wright

Juniors

Amara Asrawi
Olivia Baldwin
Isabella Berthel
Haleigh Brown
Jo Anna Bryans
Jonathan Chock
Elle Clark
Olivia Clark
Riley Conine
Avery Cotter
Ella Kate Cotter
Kyle Cotter
Lindsey Crow
Alan Fandrich
Harrison Fields

Carter Getz
Audrey Gradick
Maggie Harrison
Matthew Harvey
Michael Heidelbaugh
Mason Hinckley
Kyndal Hinton
Mark Johnson
Caleb Key
Allie Knudsen
Natalie Konstans
Mali Krone
Jenna Larson
Alexis Locke
Anna Beth Lowrey
Cameron May
Katherine McLain
Dutch McStay
Blake Mercer
Ethan Merrifield
Mason Morland
Ben Murphy
Garrett Orten
Lauren Elvebak
Clarke Pino
Henry Ridley
Logan Rock
Michael Ruch
Zoe Schiefer
Savannah Sims
Caroline Spears
Nathan Stara
Ruthie Turner
Ella Ward
Gracy Watts
Lily Westover
Major Wheless
Brendan Williams
Michael Wilmotte
Audrey Wines
Sage Yassa
Dylan Young
Jessica Young

Sophomores

Hannah Alpert
Claire Andrews
Lexy Babler
Luke Babler
Seth Bator
Molly Berryman
Elizabeth Branstetter
Ava Brown
Taya Burgett
Hannah Burke
Kathryn Callahan
Dawson Chaffin
Emily Clay
Charlie Crawford
Anthony Cundari
Kelly Dance
Connor Dewey
Lauren Elms
Connor Graham
Collin Groezinger
Reilly Hanna
Jaxx Hatten
Reagan Havel
Evan Hennes
Emma Hodge
Leah Kegerreis
Lauren Lee
Georgia Leeds
Morgan Locke
Austin Marquardt
Jack Maust
Luke Mays
Will McIntosh
Sophie McNeill
Anna Muccio
Ryan O'Shea
Avery Overberg
Reagan Pierce
Peyton Prideaux
Brianna Queen
Reagan Rodgers
Wilson Roe
Patricia Sharon
Claire Shodeen
Joel Smitherman
William Sullivan
Ashton Karoline Waldrop
Adelaide Walker

Landry Walton
Emily Watters
Grace Weir
Jackson Wells
Conner Williams
Jackson Wood
Caroline Woodward
Caroline Wright
Annie Xia
Jason Yang
Kate Yanof

Freshmen

James Badger
Daniel Baker
Isabela Barrientos-Figueroa
Ellie Blocker
Shannon Burchett
Caroline Cinatl
Alyssa Clemovitz
Amelia Corliss
Collin Dewey
Lauren Elvebak
Ainsley Ferrell
Lynnson Fort
Ben Francis
Ryan Freese
Anna Heidelbaugh
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8th Grade

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Ally Gerard
Bethany Grimm
Kazia Handoko
Richelle Kim
Caroline Laible
Joshua Lim
Emma McIntyre
Lexi Meador
Parker Prideaux

7th Grade

Morgan Amison
Donya Kinley
Aly Lee

Magna Cum Laude

GPA of 3.8–4.19

Seniors

Austin Aiken
Riley Bagnall
Will Barnes
Jackson Bowman
Bryson Byrd

Michael Callahan
Charles Cash
Shaw Cotter
Grant De Paoli
Lyric Denson
Simon Gordon
Harrison Gossett
Mia Gradick
Brooke Henegar
Brooke Hutzler
Madeline Jackson
Taylor Kalahar
Anna Kathryn Lipe
Kennedy Mason
McKenzie Moore
Phoebe Mutlu
Beckett Myers
Kylie Nelson
Shelby Niederhofer
Sam Norris
Broc O'Brien
Savannah Pate
Jake Payne
Hannah Plemons
Scott Raybourn
Laney Segert
Greg Tiner
Tyler Townley
Ryan Trostel
Emily Usetlon
Payton Willey
Sarah Katherine Williams
Clarissa Wong

Juniors

Jackson Barringer
Olivia Berggren
Catherine Binkley
Carter Burgoon
Andrew Buser
Will Compton
Abigail Coronado
Zachary Coronado
Bethany Forde
Jayce Frady
Claire Franke
Cameron Gilmore
Colton Hackney
Jackson Hall
Thomas Hand
Landry Hays
Harrison Hefflin
Belle Holden
Barrett Jessen
Faith Johnson
Luke Langford
Austin Mattox
Jasmine Miller
Anna Kate Parrent
Kristin Reding
Erin Smith
Lauren Smith
Nyomi Thomas
Elihu Ventura
Kakkie Waldrop
Mikaela Weiss
Jack Wenzel
Grant Winslow
Chandler Woods
Clara Woodward
Elizabeth Yeary

Sophomores

Rex Ah Chu
Sam Brown
Brianna Byrd
Luke Chan
Bryn Correa
Paige Cotter
Victoria Dahncke
Brady Doyle
Trey Dyess
Claire Floyd
Sarah Gerard
Jake Gore
Ella Grace Hattendorf
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Madyson Benschneider
Heath Booker
Annie Burke
Abigail Crane
Kate Goodman
Riley Hamilton
Payton Harper
Hannah Helt
Lila Johnson
Annabel Lee
Jenna Lowrey
Mason Merchant
Schuyler Noordhoff
Luke Peron
Cody Polk
Madeline Prescott
Janna Redden
Katie Reding
Rhett Rice
Jackson Rogers
Markus Schumacher
Frenley Smith
Sheridan Thexton
Parke Turner
Lucas Walsh
Camden Williams

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Zoey Ballard
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Morgan Hausz
Aly Heidelbaugh
Shea Hinckley
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Faith Huffman
Dylan Kinley
Grace Kwon
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Landon Littleton
Trinity Martin
Maddie McMullen
Max Merrifield
Blake Muschalek
Reed Neatherlin
Olivia Ouimette
Gabrielle Parker
Hailey Parmenter
Jordan Rutledge
Sebastian Silva
Noah Smith
Joshua Staz
Samantha Treadway
Ruby Watts
Nick Wenzel
Lily Yassa
Andrew Yates
Jocelyn Youn
Samantha Zuniga

7th Grade

Allie Arthur
John Badger
Finn Barton
Blake Broekemeier
Harrison Brown
Heather Brownlee
Audrey Bryant
Teegan Burgett

Nathan Chou
Georgia Clay
Jared Courtney
Walker Davis
Lucy Dennis
Ellie Eisenberg
Owen Ellis
Bailey Ellsworth
Joseph Fitzgerald
Charlie Gressle
Audrey Hestwood
Haley Janacek
Lauren Janson
Kylie Jones
Ivy Jordan
Alex Kim
David Kramp
Annabelle Lee
Grace Leverton
Eliotte Lin
David Meiser
Ava Mills
Aidan Mills
Emsley Mitchell
Ava Rodriguez
Hannah Roquemore
Jackson Runyan
Anna Sharpe
Campbell Smith
Avery Sulzen
Cate Woodward
Molly Youn

Cum Laude

GPA of 3.5–3.79

Seniors

Isaac Agumadu
Hunter Balk
Benjamin Binkley
Hayden Brown
Bobby Carstens
Nicholas Clift
Trevor Cobern
Katherine DeWeese
Kyle Green
Weston Haggard
Arden Kadane
William Kennedy
Michael Manos
Noah Miller
Zeki Mutlu
Bryce O'Brien
Rachel O'Brien
Jacob Powell
John Shaw
Brielle Stein
Bethany White

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Chase Colquitt
Adrianna Cortez
Lindsey Fish
Madeleine Floyd
Cooper James
Allison Jones
Jordan Karrh
Gracie Massinger
Philip Petersen
Jordan Pritchard
Caleb Robbins
Lilly Stanton
Samantha Starnes
Kendall Stewart
Hayden Stone

Sophomores

Libby Barnes
Blake Beal
Kent Causey
Ian Collier
Jack Courtney

Daniel Delp
Will Greenstein
Blaine Grimes
Andrew Ho
Sydney Johnston
Anna Kutz
Eva Kutz
Rik Massengale
Evan Mawhee
Jack McNeill
Lukas Schumacher
Lindsay Shipley
Mackenna Shults
Christopher Woodhouse

Freshmen

Olivia Brennan
Avery Copple
Cooper Getz
Claire Grimes
Hollis Jarrell
Jonah Key
Will Martin
Derek Martinez
Rachel Mills
Alan Morrison
Emma Neeman
Mark Nilson
Josie Raffeltis
Jad Sewaiseh
Ben Sorgen
Will Spivey
Luke Tredennick
Blair Weiss

8th Grade

Courtney Anderson
Jake Callahan
Matthew Campbell
Tanner Conine
Hannah Garcia
Peyton Hatfield
James Jeter
Camie Jobe
Luke Johnston
JJ Leverton
Joshua Liu
Aidan McCauley
Emily Mercer
Evan Olson
Cara Smith
Hunter Springer
Justin Sunwoo
Collin Truitt
Logan Walters
Sydney Weatherford
Sam White

7th Grade

Alex Alpert
Cody Baker
Gabriel Bibawi
Jacob Brennan
Kassadi Brown
Katherine Broyles
Taylor Chon
Catherine Copple
James Crawford
Olivia Cundari
Luke Dore
Deacon Dortch
Karalyn Ehmke
John Henry Flatt
Kate Hurley
Olivia Ledebur
Dillard Leeds
William Lehman
Mycah McKelvey
Erick Mills
Jake Overmann
Luca Palazzo
Annika Powers
Sydney Ridnour
Dylan Rock
Hank Valenta
Maddox Vines
Christian Yang

The Honor Roll

Congratulations to all these students who made the **Third Trimester** Honor Rolls:

Summa Cum Laude

GPA of 4.2 or higher

Seniors

Austin Aiken
David Asche
Georgia Ballaw
Daniela Barrientos-Figueroa
Lindsay Bartol
Molly Grace Beddingfield
Kate Blocker
Robert Caldwell
Elisa Cavazos
Summer Chaffin
Erin Clay
Bella Correa
Madelynn Cotter
Shaw Cotter
Brijit Crosby
Grant De Paoli
Jillian Delp
Andrea Ehringer
Emily Floyd
Avery Gann
Gracie Harris
Lauren Head
Brooke Henegar
Jackson Hinckley
Gentry Jarrell
Daniel Jones
Catherine Josephs
Brett Kauffman
Grace Lee
Jessica Lee
Michelle Lee
Anna Kathryn Lipe
Blake Marsh
Jordan McFarlane
Ashley McWhorter
Caroline Millet
Noah Morrison
Abby Muschalek
Georgia Nine
Sam Norris
Annika Olson
Savannah Pate
Laura Pomberg
JD Powers
Michelle Raybourn
Cole Rea
Coleman Rector
Avery Schuster
Reid Stacy
Riley Stringfellow
Lauren Sulzen
Caroline Tate
Max Thomas
London Thornton
Tyler Townley
Emily Uselton
Tanner Wayte
Elijah Westover
Alayna Weyandt
Kennedy Wiegand
Kaleigh Wilkinson
Connor Williams
John Wright

Juniors

Amara Asrawi
Olivia Baldwin
Isabella Berthel
Haleigh Brown
Jo Anna Bryans
Jonathan Chock
Elle Clark
Olivia Clark
Riley Conine
Avery Cotter
Ella Kate Cotter
Kyle Cotter
Lindsey Crow
Alan Fandrich
Harrison Fields
Carter Getz

Colton Hackney
Maggie Harrison
Matthew Harvey
Michael Heidelberg
Mason Hinckley
Kyndal Hinton
Mark Johnson
Caleb Key
Allie Knudsen
Natalie Konstans
Mali Krone
Jenna Larson
Alexis Locke
Anna Beth Lowrey
Cameron May
Katherine McLain
Dutch McStay
Blake Mercer
Ethan Merrifield
Mason Morland
Ben Murphy
Danielle Parker
Anna Kate Parrent
Henry Ridley
Logan Rock
Savannah Sims
Caroline Spears
Nathan Stara
Ruthie Turner
Ella Ward
Gracy Watts
Lily Westover
Major Wheless
Michael Wilmotte
Audrey Wines
Sage Yassa
Dylan Young
Jessica Young

Sophomores

Hannah Alpert
Claire Andrews
Lexy Babler
Luke Babler
Seth Bator
Molly Berryman
Ava Brown
Taya Burgett
Hannah Burke
Kathryn Callahan
Dawson Chaffin
Emily Clay
Bryn Correa
Charlie Crawford
Anthony Cundari
Daniel Delp
Connor Dewey
Trey Dyess
Lauren Elms
Connor Graham
Collin Groezinger
Reilly Hanna
Jaxx Hutton
Reagan Havel
Evan Hennes
Emma Hodge
Leah Kegerreis
Lauren Lee
Georgia Leeds
Hannah Little
Morgan Locke
Austin Marquardt
Jack Maust
Luke Mays
Will McIntosh
Sophie McNeill
Delaney Meiser
Caroline Murzin
Ryan O'Shea
Reagan Pierce
Peyton Prideaux
Brianna Queen
Reagan Rodgers
Wilson Roe
Patricia Sharon
Claire Shodeen
Joel Smitherman
William Sullivan
Ashton Karoline Waldrop
Adelaide Walker
Landry Walton
Emily Walters
Grace Weir

Jackson Wells
Conner Williams
Caroline Woodward
Lauren Wright
Annie Xia
Jason Yang
Kate Yanof

Freshmen

James Badger
Daniel Baker
Isabela Barrientos-Figueroa
Ellie Blocker
Shannon Burchett
Caroline Cinatl
Alyssa Clemovitz
Amelia Corliss
Collin Dewey
Lauren Elvebak
Ainsley Ferrell
Lynnson Fort
Ben Francis
Ryan Freese
Anna Heidelberg
Hannah Helt
Halle Hermes
Isabella Jackson
Emily Jones
Emily Keramidias
Jack Layman
Johnny Lipscomb
Katelyn Long
Allie Mays
Mason Merchant
Kayla Meyer
Justin Miller
Jayden Moore
Emily Morris
Katherine Novakovich
Olivia Priest
Frensley Smith
Landrie Smith
Preston Spears
Parke Turner
Juliana Voth
Sydney Wayte
Mary Lauren Westover
Max Wheless
Camden Williams
Emelie Wong

8th Grade

Anastacia Chu
Ally Gerard
Bethany Grimm
Kazia Handoko
Morgan Hausz
Faith Huffman
Richelle Kim
Dylan Kinley
Joshua Lim
Emma McIntyre
Lexi Meador
Gabrielle Parker
Parker Prideaux
Jocelyn Youn

7th Grade

Morgan Amison
David Kramp
Dillard Leeds

Magna Cum Laude

GPA of 3.8–4.19

Seniors

Riley Bagnall
Will Barnes
Hayden Brown
Bryson Byrd
Michael Callahan
Charles Cash
Lyric Denson
Katherine DeWeese

Simon Gordon
Harrison Gossett
Mia Gradick
Weston Haggard
Austin Ho
Brooke Hutzler
Madeline Jackson
Arden Kadane
Clara Liu
Sophia Lopez
Kennedy Mason
Phoebe Mutlu
Kylie Nelson
Shelby Niederhofer
Broc O'Brien
Jake Payne
Hannah Plemons
Jacob Powell
Scott Raybourn
Cailin Redden
Riley Rice
Slade Savage
Laney Segert
Macrae Smith
Brielle Stein
Whit Traweek
Ryan Trostel
Bethany White
Payton Willey
Sarah Katherine Williams
Clarissa Wong

Juniors

Jackson Barringer
Olivia Berggren
Catherine Binkley
Carter Burgoon
Andrew Buser
Will Compton
Abigail Coronado
Zachary Coronado
Lindsey Fish
Chloe Floyd
Bethany Forde
Sydney Frady
Cameron Gilmore
Audrey Gradick
Jackson Hall
Thomas Hand
Landry Hays
Harrison Hefflin
Belle Holden
Barrett Jensen
Faith Johnson
Allison Jones
Luke Langford
Gracie Massinger
Austin Mattox
Jasmine Miller
Garrett Orten
Clarke Pino
Michael Ruch
Zoe Schiefer
Erin Smith
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Claire Franke
Case Hodges
Cooper James
Jordan Karrh
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Ashleigh Rutledge
Drew Soderstrom
Lilly Stanton
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Kyle Green
Haston Habern
Taylor Kalahar
William Kennedy
Michael Manos
McKenzie Moore
Zeki Mutlu
Beckett Myers
Bryce O'Brien
Rachel O'Brien
Porter Roe
John Shaw
Greg Tiner
Thomas Wyman

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Cody Baker
Gabriel Bibawi
Bretton Brantley
Kassadi Brown
Taylor Chon
Catherine Copple
Olivia Cundari
Zach Dodgen
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John Henry Flatt
Dawson Harper
Jazz Henderson
Kate Hurley
Lauren Janson
William Lehman
Myciah McKeveloy
Jake Overmann
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Blake Birmingham
Luke Crain
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Cody Polk
Josie Raffetis
Rhett Rice
Samuel Rodriguez
Lucas Walsh
Connor Wines

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Tanner Conine
Evelyn Dalton
Hannah Garcia
Caitlyn Hackney
Peyton Hatfield
James Jeter
Camie Jobe
Jax Liethen
Aidan McCauley
Emily Mercer
Sophia Miller
Bo Miltenberger
Blake Muschalek
Jake Nolan
Evan Olson
Hailey Parmenter
Kendall Reding
Cara Smith
Collin Truitt
Logan Walters
Sydney Weatherford
Lily Yassa



BY DAVID H. HARPER,
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ONE OF THE BOARD'S GOALS this year was to work with consultants to help us better understand our value proposition and to improve it, deliver on it and communicate it. To shed the business-consultant terminology, we wanted to use expert, outside help to examine how well our own community, prospective families and even some who have left our community perceive we are fulfilling our mission to educate and develop the whole person for the glory of God, and then, help identify what we need to do better to fulfill that calling.

To undertake this, we had several professional consultants in our community volunteer their time and expertise to the task (for which we are immensely grateful). We then used an experienced former colleague of theirs (a committed follower of

Jesus) to serve as our project manager. With their help, we conducted a survey of families interested or enrolled in private schools in our area to study what was important and their perceptions of TCA. Our project manager talked with many of our own key administrators to understand TCA better. She studied other nearby schools to understand what they were doing and how they compared to us. And, she conducted several focus groups with some of our families and one-on-one interviews with some who have chosen to leave our community. All of this helped reinforce much of what we believed already, but it also gave us key insights into how we can better serve you.

We confirmed that the most important aspects of what we do, both for our own community and what distinguishes us in the marketplace, is to provide strong academics fully integrated with our faith in Christ. This is what our community wants, and it is why new families choose to join us. There were many wonderful observations about how we are doing on delivering this to you. For example, our average ACT score is 28.5, which is above or well above the scores achieved by what might be called “competitor schools” in our market area and above Highland Park ISD, too. Many people cited the differentiating joy they see on our campus, among students and teachers, reflective of how Christ infuses His life in all we do.

Our study also showed us key areas upon which to improve:

(1) Leadership development: We offer many opportunities for this through our over 60 student organizations, including academic, service and spiritual opportunities, but we can do better and will prioritize this.

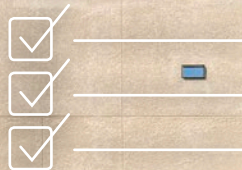
(2) Academic flexibility: We are introducing an Honors-level history component starting next year, in addition to AP history, so that all of our major course offerings have multiple tracks in the Upper School. We will continue to evaluate this to serve our families well and maintain great academics for our students.

(3) Facilities: We are working hard on raising the funds for a new Middle School and other upgraded buildings to deliver excellence to our students. The board and administration will continue to work on these and other priorities to serve the Lord and you.

We urge you all to join with us as we seek God’s glory through TCA. One key way to join in was reinforced by our study: tell your friends to come enroll here at TCA. Personal recommendations are, by far, the primary way that we attract new families and students. You are doing them a huge favor and will bless their family for generations.

Thank you for entrusting your children to TCA.

Where do we *GROW* from here?



NEW TRUSTEE: CRAIG WENNING

Craig is the CEO of Annandale Capital, an investment advisory firm that helps families and institutions grow their capital, and chairman of the board at Need Him Global to help share the gospel of Jesus Christ worldwide. Craig and Julie are members of Watermark Community Church and currently serve by shepherding community groups and young married couples. Prior to becoming a stay-at-home mom, Julie taught at West Dallas Community School. Craig and Julie have been married for 14 years and have three children at TCA. Caleb is a rising fifth-grader who loves to read and frequently beats his dad at chess. Davis is a rising third-grader who loves soccer and shows his family what servant leadership looks like, and Avery is a rising first-grader who loves to dance and bring joy to others.

The Wennings are grateful that TCA exists to instruct the mind, shepherd the heart, listen to the Spirit and point to Jesus. "I'm excited to serve TCA on the Board of Trustees and humbled to help build upon the 50-year foundation of excellence to educate children for God's glory," said Craig.



CONCESSIONS

Thank you, **Allison Sullivan**! Allison served as the concessions coordinator for the sophomore class, and we are so grateful for her sacrifice of time on behalf of TCA. Allison led hundreds of parent and student volunteers in the class fundraising effort, manning the concession stands for TCA home sporting events for the entire year. Allison also did a tremendous job handling the wettest football season we've had in years and managed concessions and grilling in the rain remarkably! If you were a purchaser, scheduler, opener, closer or a member of the concessions team, we could not have done it without you! Monies raised from concession sales are used for the senior class trip for these students. Thank you to Allison and her entire team for all your hard work; you all did a tremendous job!



UNIFORM RESALE

PTF would like to thank **Elizabeth Dahncke**, this year's Uniform Resale coordinator. We are so grateful for her hard work on behalf of PTF and the school. This project is under the leadership of PTF Secretary **Danylle Leeds**. Over the past year, these ladies have been sorting, washing, steaming and mending uniforms to prepare them for resale in Big Blue. The community is so grateful to PTF for providing this service to TCA families. It is a huge cost savings in uniform purchase for so many families, and it could not have been done without the help from these ladies. Thank you so much, Elizabeth and Danylle.



BIG BLUE

BIG BLUE would like to thank **Cindy Redding** and **Casey Babler**, this year's BIG BLUE Volunteers. Cindy and Casey have faithfully served in BIG BLUE this year, selling snacks and TCA spirit wear to the community. If you've ever been in BIG BLUE after school, you know extra hands are a blessing! Thank you so much, Casey and Cindy, for your willingness to serve all year!



PARENT-TEACHER FELLOWSHIP BOARD

A tremendous thank-you to the 2018-19 PTF Board: President **Jackie Harrison**, Vice President **Jena Hattendorf**, Secretary **Susan Mattox** and Treasurer **Danylle Leeds**. TCA is grateful for all the time you devote to the school and all of the support you provide through the Room Mother program, Mini School Night receptions, Uniform Resale, Rebate Programs and the appreciation luncheon that you hosted for the entire TCA faculty and staff. Thank you for your service and volunteering in such a mighty way.



JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

This year's Junior-Senior Banquet took place on Sunday, April 8, at the Marriott Legacy. This banquet is a long-standing TCA tradition, where the junior class hosts a dinner to honor the seniors and present them with their individual character qualities. The senior parents were invited to join the students for the dinner portion, and we had a tremendous turnout. This year's theme was "Follow Your Dreams to the Emerald City." The hotel lobby and ballroom had fantastic decorations, spearheaded by **Sheila Langford**, **Stacy Watts** and **Robbi Conine**, and everyone enjoyed the faculty members dressed as Wizard of Oz characters. The senior highlight video was produced by **Melissa Neatherlin**, with the assistance of **Teri Lynam**, and **Steve Williamson**, Upper School Bible department head, gave an inspiring message.

Thank you to Sheila Langford, this year's chair, and her entire committee, Stacy Watts, Robbi Conine, **Shelly Cotter**, **Susan Gradick**, **Carrie Hackney**, **Becky Jones**, **Kim Pino**, **Molly Ridley** and **Tricia Westover**, and thank you to all the junior parents who helped to make this event such a special night for the seniors and their parents!

35 YEARS ►

Sophon Phin



▼ 25 YEARS

Susan Cordre, Bob Dyer
and Frances Gannon

▼ 20 YEARS

Laurie Dickens, Kristy Kegerreis, Jason Groezinger,
Cheryl Utley, Sharla Davidson and Karen Compere

15 YEARS ►

Front row: **Melissa Chandler,**
Janie Heard and
Susan Jackson
Back row: **Ann Uselton,**
Steve Mercer and
Casey Churchwell



▲ 5 YEARS

Front row: **Kristina Spears, Melissa Neatherlin,**
Katie Kilpatrick and **Charis Lau**
Back row: **Brian Rodriguez, Bob Williams** and
Jeff Smith (not pictured: **Caryn Blocker**)



▼ 10 YEARS

Front row: **Elaine Tate,**
Bertha Figueroa, Shelley Hill and
Tracy Krantz
Back row: **Marshella Powell,**
Tracy Graham, Randy Feemster
and **Becky Lewis** (not pictured:
Jenny Liu and **Jeni Parrent**)

THANK YOU and BEST WISHES

Thank you to these special employees who are leaving us:
Laura Bell (3 years), **Erin Cunningham** (12 years),
Melissa Faulkner (3 years), **Susie Feldman** (12 years),
Charles Fergason (19 years), **Julie Gossett** (3 years),
Jill Hall (6 years), **Katelyn Manchester** (8 years),
Melissa Manos (12 years), **Tami Merchant** (2 years),
Sue Morrill (28 years), **Tiffany Mutlu** (9 years),
Jeni Parrent (10 years), **Sam Peters** (1 year),
Hope Plautz (4 years), **Marshella Powell** (10 years),
Benedicte Rovelo (7 years), **Dennis Saffold** (33 years),
Elaine Tate (10 years), **Alison Thomas** (4 years),
Sarah-Graham Turteltaub (7 years), **Haley Van Cleave**
(1 year) and **Steve Williamson** (27 years).

FAITHFUL SERVICE

These dedicated employees who are leaving this year have served our TCA students, families and community with excellence and grace for over 25 years:

DENNIS SAFFOLD, 33 YEARS ►

"Dennis Saffold has been a faithful servant to TCA for over three decades, teaching in multiple grade levels, serving as head of Middle School and shepherding students in the classroom, as well as in multiple extracurricular activities. He will leave us with memories of many corny jokes, silly puns and the incredible basketball skills of his alter ego, Dr. Funk. He taught us that the key to having a part of the school named after one's self is to simply proclaim it so, as he did with his end of the 7th-/8th-grade hallway, the 'Saffold Wing!'"

"In addition to all of the fun, 'Mr. Saff' has demonstrated what it looks like to live a life devoted to God's Word and putting it into action. He began the tradition of the Middle School Bible Passage Memory Lunches, has held devotionals for his students and has always been quick to connect what he's studying or memorizing on his own. Through all of the years, all that he has contributed to the life of our school and all the lives he has influenced, Dennis has been mindful of living a daily life which echoes Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 11:1, 'Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.'"

—Scott Berthel, head of Middle School



◄ SUE MORRILL, 28 YEARS

"Sue Morrill coached and served in the PE Department from 1982 through 1987, then returned to coach part-time in 1995, eventually rejoining the PE Department. During those 28 years, she has coached volleyball, track, swimming and basketball. Her commitment to making the world of PE excellent for our students has been evident throughout her time at TCA."

"At the heart of her teaching and coaching, Sue was gifted at helping students and athletes develop essential character qualities that would be necessary for all of life—teamwork, kindness, inclusion, encouragement, hard work and commitment. Sue participated as a sponsor on numerous Wilderness, Israel, Europe and Senior trips. I think it would be hard to find anyone in TCA's history who has taught and coached more students than Sue. Thank you, Sue, for 28 years of serving TCA and for being a part of our community for 37 of our 49 years."

—Dave Delph, headmaster



STEVE WILLIAMSON, 27 YEARS ►

"'I'll only be here one year,' said Steve Williamson when he first came to TCA 27 years ago. Famous last words! Steve has had a significant impact at TCA in a number of capacities. He taught Middle School and Upper School Bible, but for the last many years, he has taught Senior Bible. He has gone on many Wilderness, Senior and Amazon trips, served as the Upper School dean of students and coached varsity and Middle School football and tennis. Steve has overseen the energy conservation program at TCA and has been instrumental in saving our school over \$2 million."

"Steve is known to be the life of the party and has the ability to make all those around him laugh. He is a gifted theologian, able to bring complex biblical concepts into the real world. He is comfortable with those who ask tough spiritual questions and gives thoughtful, gentle answers. Steve cares deeply that people see the goodness of the Savior and experience the grace of God as they navigate through life. Thank you, Steve Williamson. You are one of a kind, and you have made your mark on the TCA community."

—Kyle Morrill, head of Upper School



Did you know the 2019-20 school year will mark the 50th anniversary for Trinity Christian Academy?

I can't wait to celebrate this landmark event with you! Throughout the year, we will have several opportunities to gather as a community to celebrate our heritage and look toward the exciting future. I hope you will join us as we set aside time to reflect on God's blessings at TCA and rejoice in His faithfulness.

Mark your calendar and join us to celebrate 50 years of TCA!

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY September 19

ALUMNI LEGACY BREAKFAST September 26

**HOMECOMING ALUMNI DINNER
and FOOTBALL GAME** October 18

**PURSuing EXCELLENCE GALA
with PEYTON and ARCHIE MANNING** October 26

LOWER SCHOOL GRANDPARENT DAYS November 21 and 22

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION and TCA COMMUNITY EVENT April 18, 2020

And more to come!



DON'T MISS A SUPER BOWL CHAMPION!



PURSuing EXCELLENCE GALA

October 26
Hilton Anatole

The event will feature guest speakers Peyton Manning, two-time Super Bowl champion and one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time, and Archie Manning, Pro Bowl quarterback and patriarch of America's favorite football family.



Looking forward—the next 50 years

Compelled by their faith, TCA's founding families made an investment that continues to impact the lives of young people today. Like our founding families, we have an opportunity to invest in the lives of our current students, as well as thousands who will follow over the next 50 years.

If we stand united in our commitment to pursue excellence—to be even better tomorrow than we are today—we will reach our potential to educate and graduate 6,000 students over the next 50 years. That's 2,000 more students than we have graduated over the last 50 years. Can you imagine the impact 6,000 equipped Christian leaders can have on our culture? On our world?

As we look forward and approach a landmark anniversary, we realize there is much more to do. Now and in the future, everything we do at TCA has to be about pursuing excellence—from what goes on inside our buildings to what goes on outside our buildings to the buildings themselves. Times have changed since our school was established in 1970, so it will require doing even more than we have in the past.

The TCA Board of Trustees, Foundation Board and school leadership have set a bold vision for the future of our school, the ***Pursuing Excellence Campaign***. This new master plan outlines a multi-phase project that will transform our 40-acre campus over the course of several years. It sets in motion TCA's course for the future, academically, spiritually and through athletics and the arts. It will advance our mission by supporting 21st-century learning and, at the same time, foster more pride, more interaction and more community.

The ***Pursuing Excellence Campaign*** is bold and ambitious, exciting and important. Just like the pioneering families who built our school, we need to follow with faith and prepare our campus for future generations of students. We turn to our TCA community to leave a legacy through their support, commitment and prayers.

I look forward to sharing the exciting campus plans with you in the coming months.



BECKY D. LEWIS,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
TRINITY CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY FOUNDATION

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CLASS ACTS

"FISH"Y FRIENDS ▶

Third-graders experienced a firsthand lesson in nature as they explored the structures, functions and behaviors of crayfish. These classroom guests were the objects of many amazing student discoveries!

LESSONS IN LOVE ▶

Students in preK put Scripture into action this spring as they learned about the Easter story and, like our Savior did, washed one another's feet while sharing things they love about each other.

"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet."

—John 13:14 (NIV)





◀ AFRICAN MARKET

Kindergarten students celebrated the beauty of Africa at their African market, where they traded and bartered their crafts and creations with their fellow students.

▼ A SLICE OF THE PIE

Fractions are fun and tasty when combined with delicious food! Second-graders enhanced their study of fractions by creating construction paper pizzas and then enjoyed eating fractions of real pizzas.



IN GOD WE TRUST

Under the direction of Lower School Music Teacher **Laurie Dickens**, this year's fourth-graders paid tribute to our founding fathers and their unwavering faith in the Lord in the annual spring production of *In God We Trust*. This marked the 18th year of this beloved TCA musical production.



SCIENCE OF MOTION ▲

First-graders enjoyed their hands-on investigation of balance and motion as they designed roller systems with their classmates.

CHOOSE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY! ▶

Seventh-graders reviewed noun endings by playing Latin Jenga. They drew a card from a set of ending categories and types of nouns, so they had to know their noun charts to determine which blocks they could play. It was a fun way to review all of the noun endings they have learned this year.



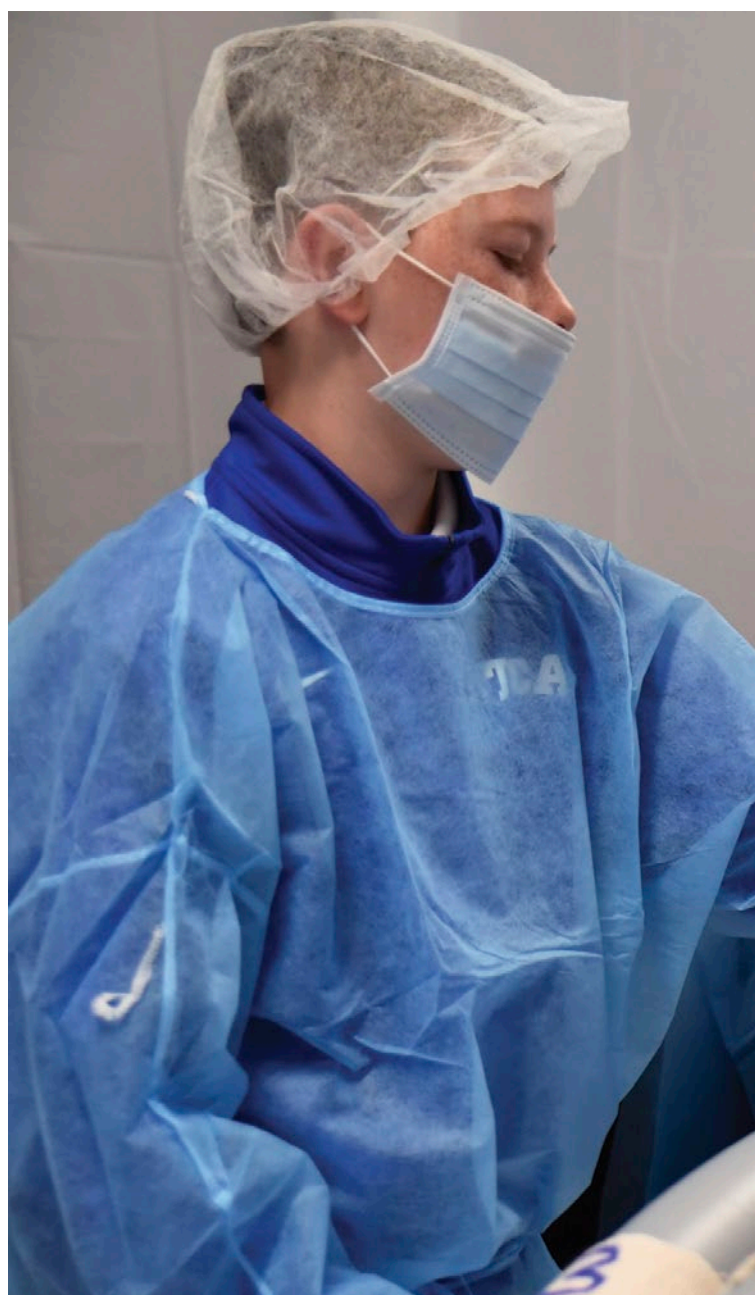
▲ POETRY TAKES SHAPE

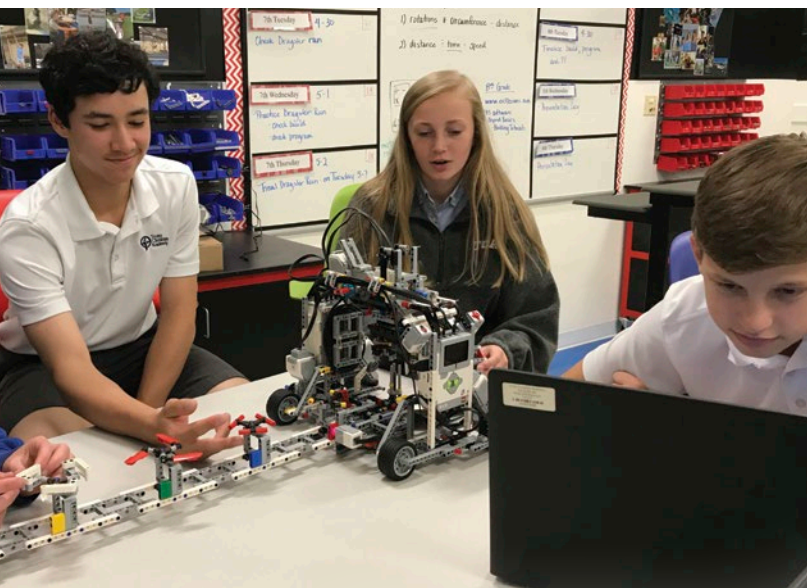
Fifth-graders created shape poems this spring. Students each picked a subject (noun) and then created a list of phrases and words to describe it, revising their lists of phrases to only include the most descriptive ones to create their shapes.



▲ HOUSE EGG HUNT

Middle School students enjoyed an amazing 3,000-egg egg hunt this spring. Students searched for eggs with their house families to redeem for house points, jeans day passes and Sonic drink coupons. . . . It was an egg-cellent morning!





REVVED UP FOR ROBOTICS

Eighth-grade robotics students celebrated National Robotics Week by building and learning the programming for a robotic arm, a color sorter, a spinner-top creator and a stair-climbing robot. Students enjoyed learning these new programming skills!



MATH TO THE FUTURE

Sixth-grade students experienced math in the real world this spring as they traveled through Main Street, USA. Classroom rotations included an emergency room, where they put on scrubs and performed the order of operations on a blow-up dummy; the restaurant, where they placed orders for their tables, calculated tax, total, tip and split the checks; the bank, where they tested their various math skills in a high-intensity escape room and a sports arena, where they acted as general managers and competed against each other in creating the best possible salary-capped rosters for their pro-basketball teams based on actual player statistics.





TROJAN iFLY-ERS ▶

The Honors Engineering Design class visited iFly Indoor Skydiving to experience an indoor wind tunnel that simulates skydiving. Students studied aerodynamics and calculated their terminal velocities before taking flight and even had Head of Upper School **Kyle Morrill** join them!



EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Upper School students visited France and Spain over Spring Break on this year's Europe Trip. Students started on the beaches in Normandy, then visited Mont Saint-Michel, explored Paris museums, dined on the Eiffel Tower and biked at the Palace of Versailles. The journey finished in Spain, where they visited Madrid, hiked the Guadarrama Mountains and viewed the palace and monastery of El Escorial.



ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY



ISAAC AGUMADU

Isaac is an impressive young man with strong interpersonal and leadership skills, and he is a trustworthy and responsible young man. His dedication to schoolwork, athletics and service to others is impressive. He is hardworking in the classroom and on the football field. As an integral

member of the football team, Isaac has committed to play for the love of the sport, rather than the accolades he receives. He is a team leader and takes time to mentor and assist teammates, no matter their skill level or age. Isaac's confidence and ease are apparent, and he's comfortable getting up in front of a crowd. Isaac always looks for ways in which to assist others, rather than waiting to be asked.

FEBRUARY



LINDSAY BARTOL

Lindsay is a determined young woman, and her love for learning is evident. She is an expressive and passionate student who is heavily inspired by life around her. She is quite accomplished in the classroom, self-reliant and independent. She is not hesitant to explore new areas of her artwork. Besides her



▼ PI DAY

Pi Day (3/14) this year meant finding Pi in freshman geometry class, and Pi shirts for the Math Department faculty!



▼ STURDY STRUCTURES

Led by freshmen **Ryan Freese, Juliana Voth, Jackson Rogers** and **Katie Johnson**, students in Upper School STEM Club were challenged to design bridges that had to survive an earthquake and the weight of several cars.



◀ THE SOUND OF MUSIC

TCA's Upper School Performing Arts Department presented Rodgers and Hammerstein's family favorite, *The Sound of Music*, this spring. The incredibly talented cast entertained audiences with this timeless classic.



schoolwork and her work in the AP art program, she finds time to give back to the TCA community as a Middle School Bible Study leader. Each Friday before school, she met with a group of Middle School girls for study and mentorship. Lindsay is not daunted by a challenge. She is driven, but also has a desire to make others successful.

MARCH



DANIEL JONES

Daniel is an energetic and compassionate young man with a love for connecting and helping others. He has invested his time at TCA in mentoring and engaging with other students. As a DIGs leader, he worked with freshmen as they made the transition to Upper School. Daniel also served

as a counselor for the eighth-grade Wilderness Trip. Outside of TCA, Daniel also engages in community activities. As a Boy Scout, he achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout before he turned 16. As a counselor at Camp Barnabas, he worked one-on-one with special needs campers. Daniel is capable of balancing rigorous classes, along with a full extra-curricular schedule, choosing to participate in those activities about which he is truly passionate.

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GRADUATES

(TCA'S LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS)

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11 STUDENTS
GOING ON
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Trinity University

Austin James Aiken
Baylor University

David William Asche
University of Oklahoma

Riley Christine Bagnall
Texas A&M University

Hunter Garyn Balk
Arizona State University

Georgia Nicole Ballew
Washington and Lee University

William Forester Barnes
Baylor University

Lindsay Laurel Bartol
University of Texas

Molly Grace Beddingfield
Auburn University

Benjamin Ryan Binkley
Baylor University

Katharine Ray Blocker
University of Texas

Jackson Hilburn Bowman
Auburn University

Xavier Alonzo Brooks-Solomon
Benedictine College

Hayden Bonner Brown
Baylor University

Bryson Adair Byrd
University of Utah

Robert Hughes Caldwell
Southern Methodist University

Michael Reding Callahan
Lehigh University

Robert George Carstens
University of Texas

Charles Harvey Cash Jr.
Texas A&M University

Elisa Andrea Cavazos
University of Texas

Summer Ann Chaffin
Oklahoma State University

Erin Elizabeth Clay
Texas A&M University

Nicholas George Clift
University of Rochester

Trevor Grant Cobern
Texas Tech University

Isabella Grace Correa
Texas A&M University

Madelynn Lane Cotter
Texas A&M University

Robert Shaw Cotter
Texas A&M University

Brijit Hannah Crosby
University of Texas

Grant Wilson De Paoli
Northeastern University

Dylan James Deaton
Gap Year

Jillian Caroline Delp
University of Texas

Lyric Caprice Denson
University of Arkansas

Katherine Anne DeWeese
Blinn College

Trevor Scott Douglass
Baylor University

Andrea Claire Ehringer
Auburn University

Daniela Ariel Barrientos-
Figueroa
Arizona State University

Emily Elizabeth Floyd
University of Texas

Avery Lauren Gann
University of Texas

Simon David Gordon
John Brown University

Dalton Harrison Gossett
Baylor University

Amelia Ann Gradick
California State University, Fresno

Callie Grace Graham
Abilene Christian University

Kyle David Green
Texas A&M University

Haston Grant Habern
University of Mississippi

Parker Scott Hadley
Clemson University

Weston Owen Haggard
Loyola University Chicago

Gracie Caroline Harris
University of Mississippi

Meredith Marie Alan Harwell
University of Oklahoma

Lauren Isabelle Head
University of Texas

Brooke Elizabeth Henegar
Wheaton College

Jackson Alen Hinckley
Georgia Institute of Technology

Austin Le Huy Ho
Texas A&M University

Brooke Montgomery Hutzler
Texas A&M University

Madeline Paige Jackson
Texas A&M University

Gentry Brown Jarrell
Auburn University

Daniel Mark Jones
University of Texas

Catherine Lin Josephs
Baylor University

Arden Rose Kadane
Baylor University

Taylor Katelyn Kalahar
Texas Christian University

Brett William Kauffman
Pepperdine University

William James Kennedy
Baylor University

Grace Yeuk Won Lee
University of Texas

Jessica Nicole Lee
University of Texas

Michelle Yeuk Shun Lee
University of Texas

Anna Kathryn Lipe
Louisiana State University

Clara Elaine Liu
Texas A&M University

Sophia-Marie Nelson Lopez
Samford University

Michael Scott Manos
Colorado State University

Blake James Marsh
Wichita State University

Kennedy Gabrielle Mason
Auburn University

Nicholas Cotter McCabe
Texas A&M University

Jordan Nicole McFarlane
Texas A&M University

Ashley Renee McWhorter
Wheaton College

Noah Robert Miller
University of Texas at Dallas

Caroline Rose Millet
University of Texas

Justin Paul Hines-Moore
University of Connecticut

McKenzie Leigh Moore
Dallas Baptist University

Noah Andrew Morrison
Purdue University

Abby Kate Muschalek
Texas A&M University

Phoebe Pelin Mutlu
Pepperdine University

Russell Zeki Mutlu
Pepperdine University

William Beckett Myers
University of Oklahoma

Kylie Ann Nelson
Oklahoma State University

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Texas A&M University

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University of Alabama

Samuel Hensley Norris
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Texas A&M University

Bryce James O'Brien
Texas A&M University

Rachel Sienna O'Brien
Baylor University

Annika Jeanne Olson
Auburn University

Savannah Elizabeth Pate
Texas A&M University

Jacob Dylan Payne
University of Texas

Hannah Joy Plemons
University of Arkansas

Laura Shirley Pomberg
University of Denver

Jacob Alexander Powell
University of Oklahoma

John Dale Powers III
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Oklahoma State University

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Colorado State University

Avery Michelle Schuster
University of Virginia

Laney Nicole Segert
Baylor University

John Taylor Shaw
Texas A&M University

Leland Macrae Smith
Samford University

Zachary Andrew Speck
Texas A&M University at Galveston

Reid Michael Stacy
Southern Methodist University

Brielle Anne Stein
Auburn University

Madison Riley Stringfellow
Texas A&M University

Lauren Mackenzie Sulzen
University of Oklahoma

Anna Caroline Tate
Mississippi College

Max William Thomas
University of Texas

London Avery Thornton
Texas A&M University

Gregory Wayne Tiner
Baylor University

Tyler Joseph Townley
Grand Canyon University

Whitman Alexander Traweck
Clemson University

Ryan Rhoads Trostel
Oklahoma State University

Emily Kate Useton
University of Oklahoma

Tanner William Wayte
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Elijah Joseph Westover
Texas A&M University

Alayna Rose Weyandt
Pepperdine University

Bethany Maurine White
Baylor University

Kennedy Elizabeth Wiegand
University of Texas

Kaleigh Elizabeth Wilkinson
Tulane University

Payton Avery Willey
Baylor University

Connor Wesley Williams
Texas A&M University

Sarah Katherine Williams
University of Arkansas

Clarissa Lauren Wong
University of Texas

John Austin Wright
University of Texas

Matthew Thomas Wyman II
Internship

Student, alumnus, employee: A look at the TCA experience

BY DREW CRAWFORD '11



EIGHT YEARS HAVE PASSED since I walked among the lockers of TCA's Upper School. As a student, I lugged my backpack through the Commons, trying to get the attention of anyone and everyone while acting as though I didn't care if I got it or not. Now as a substitute teacher and football coach, I walk along the halls trying not to spill coffee on my pants and hoping no one mistakes me for a new transfer student!

When I roamed the halls as a pseudo-rebellious teenager, I viewed TCA as any other school and expressed my opinions in brilliant, pithy statements like, "It's fine" or "Our school never lets us do anything fun" and the classic, "I'm never going to use this again!" Now only a few short years after graduation, I realize TCA prepared me to thrive in college and post-graduate studies, it grounded my faith in truth and it supplied me with lifelong friendships. I never showed this institution the gratitude it deserved from me as a student. Now as an adult with intense appreciation for TCA, I want to make sure every student, alumnus, family and prospective student understands how much the TCA experience can impact a life.

Anyone associated with TCA will tell you the school excels as a college-preparatory school. It challenges its students to learn and grow, and its great attention to academics gives its graduates a foundation of knowledge that quickly puts them on a better path for success. In addition to its academic prowess, TCA also separates itself with the unique culture it creates on its campus.

With the belief that all truth is God's truth no matter where it is found, teachers at TCA incorporate biblical truth into all their subject matters, from literature to chemistry. The school even sets aside specific classes to study the Bible. These classes equip students to understand their faith and to sink their roots into a strong biblical foundation. For example, during my senior year at TCA, we read Tim Keller's book, *The Reason for God*. The ideas in that book, accompanied by the challenging instruction of my teacher and the lively discussions among my classmates, prepared me to defend my faith to my non-believing friends in the dorms of my college campus.

TCA's Christian identity spreads beyond the classroom, as well and permeates through every aspect of the community. Whether you see parents praying together before athletic events, Upper School students leading Bible studies in the Middle School, the student-led worship chapels or the hundreds of mission hours the community does every year, one does not have to look far to see examples of faith in action. And it is in this type of community that edifying and life-long friendships form every year.



Kyle Cox '11 and Drew Crawford '11 at Kyle's wedding in 2017



Coach Will Pettis with Drew Crawford '11 and the Trojan football team during a 2009 season pre-game singing of the National Anthem

“The education I received, the friends I made and the people who taught me all changed my life for the better. I work at TCA now because I believe in what they do and because I know it works.”



I entered TCA in the fifth grade as a new student in a new city anxious to make a good impression. I was assigned a “buddy” to show me around school and ease my transition into my new environment. My tour guide, **Kyle Cox '11**, and I immediately became best friends, and more than fourteen years later, with many sleepovers, football games and movie marathons in between, I had the honor to serve as the best man in his wedding. Experiences like mine abound at TCA, and many lasting friendships have been forged in those florescent-lit hallways.

Truly special relationships at TCA extend beyond peer-to-peer friendships. The faculty and staff at TCA separate themselves from others because of their deep love of the Lord and their passion for students. These men and women made the biggest impact on me as a student because they cared about me, mentored me and taught me about life, but more importantly, they modeled how to live a robust Christian life. I never recognized it at the time, but in small yet meaningful ways, they changed my life. This only happened because my teachers at TCA took the time to chip away at my unpolished exterior and expose my potential within. The relatively small classes allow for teachers to know students on individual and personal levels, which lets them teach more effectively. It also provides opportunities for teachers to mentor, encourage and disciple students, helping them mature into adults.

For example, I have pursued a career in coaching because of the coaches who trained me at TCA. My cornerbacks coach, **Will Pettis**, worked with me every fall afternoon from the seventh grade to my senior year. He always encouraged me, even though I started my sports career slow and small. It meant the world to me that someone believed in me. As I grew older, got a little bit better and, unfortunately, became much more full of myself, he taught me about humility and how to conduct myself as a Christian man. All coaches teach how to excel in athletics, but at TCA, they also love the Lord, care for students and take a genuine interest in their students' development as people. I returned to TCA as a football coach because I love the sport, but also because I want to work with a staff that seeks to help every student grow into a well-rounded person and a faithful servant of the Lord.

I attended Trinity Christian Academy as a teenage know-it-all who never truly appreciated the education he received or the people training him. Now, I walk down the hallways that I once tried to make into a giant slip-and-slide with a much different perspective. TCA molded me. The education I received, the friends I made and the people who taught me all changed my life for the better. I work there now because I believe in what they do and because I know it works. So now, as a coach, I seek to uphold the tradition of excellent teaching and caring mentorship set by those who came before me, hoping I can help positively contribute to the TCA experience that now means so much to me . . . without spilling coffee on my pants.



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“TRULY I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR
ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND
SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME.”

—MATTHEW 25:40

Our natural tendency is toward “self,” but God designed us to share life and add to life—to make a difference. Service is at the heart of the Christian life, and at TCA, service is central to what we do and who we are. Our hope is that through serving, our students will realize they are following Christ’s example for us and that we are created to serve.

Service allows us to demonstrate our commitment to Christ and to show His love to those around us. The TCA community—students, teachers, parents, administrators, alumni—spend countless hours doing just that.

Here is a glimpse of what service looks like at TCA.

Upper School

Upper School students average over 24,000 hours of community service each year. While students are only required to do eight hours a year, most go above and beyond that requirement, investing in causes and opportunities both at home and abroad and blessing countless lives with their service.

International mission trip opportunities have been a part of TCA for over 20 years. Students, parents and faculty have served in countries around the world, including Mexico, Brazil, Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia, spreading the good news of Christ, building facilities, ministering to women and children and offering medical assistance.

ZAMBIA

This year, TCA partnered with Family Legacy, and Headmaster **Dave Delph** and his wife, **Rose**, led a group of 36 students, parents and faculty to Lusaka, Zambia, to minister to the children and women at Family Legacy’s Tree of Life. Tree of Life is home to over 750 children who are orphaned or have been rescued from abusive home situations and also provides education and care for area children living outside their walls.

Rose shared, “Dave and I loved this trip! In taking 17 trips to the Amazon, we have experienced firsthand how the Lord miraculously uses mission trips in the lives of our students, families and staff. While our initial motivation in coordinating mission opportunities was to serve those in need, the Lord has used these trips to significantly impact our lives, as well!”

“In seeking God’s will for this year’s trip, we were connected with **Katie McGinnis ’03** who is serving on staff with Family Legacy in Zambia. Katie’s vision and passion for a TCA Zambia trip was instrumental. As Katie shared Family Legacy’s ministry, which includes providing for 15,000 orphaned and vulnerable children to attend Legacy Academy Christian schools, we believed the Lord was clearly leading us to go to Zambia. What a blessing it was for our community to serve alongside the amazing Zambian staff as they share Christ’s love with ‘the least of these.’”

This year’s ministry included professional development and support of the Tree of Life and Legacy Academy Christian School teachers and administrators, orphan medical, dental and vision care, leading VBS for the new orphans entering Tree of Life, encouraging the house moms who care for the orphans, building relationships with the older teenagers, drama ministry, sports and work projects.

“The Lord knit our team together as the gifts of the body were so beautifully displayed as we served alongside one another. The sweet community we experienced on this trip is difficult to describe. Our faith was strengthened by seeing the faith and joy of our Zambian brothers and sisters in Christ. No matter where the Lord sends us, Dave and I love seeing our TCA community pouring themselves out as a drink offering and growing in their relationship with the Lord and one another as they step out of their north Dallas comfort zone,” said Rose.



AFRICA

Every year since 2003, TCA Visual Arts Chair **Jon Millet '84** and his wife, **Jenni Green Millet '84**, have been leading mission trips to Africa. What originally started as a mission trip for art students has turned into a ministry opportunity for the entire TCA community. Students, parents, alumni and faculty have all joined in serving this ministry.

Over the past 16 years, the TCA groups have worked at over four schools for disabled children, at least six orphanages, completed countless building projects, installed two wells, provided a bus for the disabled school and painted many beautiful murals. They have held babies, prayed with their mothers, given testimonies in countless high schools, had some of our men and boys preach in village churches, done street evangelism and run an annual Vacation Bible School program. They have worked with people in Machakos, Thika, Rongai and Nakuru in Kenya and planted and built churches with a group of Masai after building relationships with them over several years. They have been working in Arusha, Tanzania, for the past five years, doing the same type of ministry.

Jenni explains, "Jon and I have particularly been blessed to speak to the parents of the kids in the disabled schools since we have children who are disabled ourselves. Many people in Africa believe that a person with a disability is cursed or possessed or that the parents are being punished for doing something wrong. Jon and I are so delighted to share the good news of Christ and how their kids are a blessing. God can USE their families as pictures of how much Christ loves us. As others see their love and care for their children, they see God's love acted out. Our trip in 2018 was perhaps the most meaningful to me, since our own children went with us and were able to share in their own words how God uses them and gives their lives meaning and purpose. Watching them share will never leave my memory."

While TCA did not take a trip to Africa this summer, plans are in the works to resume these summer mission trips to Africa.



AMAZON

For 12 years, TCA students and adult volunteers ministered to villages along the Amazon River in Brazil over Spring Break, providing medical and dental care, Vacation Bible School activities, women's ministries, door-to-door evangelism and children's ministries. The group would live on a riverboat and travel down the Amazon River, bringing assistance and hope to the villagers.



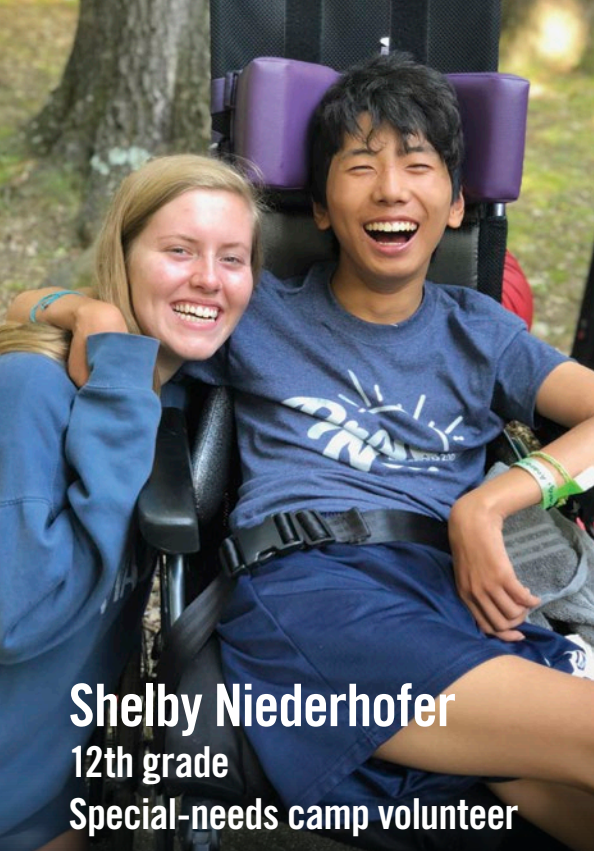
MEXICO

Over 25 years ago, TCA was instrumental in establishing the Rio Bravo Orphanage in Reynosa, Mexico. For many years, TCA students served on mission trips to the orphanage to assist with the children and improve the facilities. TCA parents, students and faculty also collected clothing, toys, school supplies and other items that were taken each year to the orphanage.

In the last ten years, conditions in that area have deteriorated, causing TCA to stop its mission trips to the orphanage. However, students and community members still collect summer clothes and donations to buy Christmas presents every year for the children, which are taken down by volunteer parents and alumni parents.

"Through the children, the Lord showed me what it looks like to love unconditionally and to reach out in kindness to others. I thought that I would be the one serving, but the girls that I met showed me deep kindness in their service to me. And by their kindness, I saw Jesus in a more beautiful way."

—Allison Freet, TCA math teacher



Shelby Niederhofer
12th grade
Special-needs camp volunteer

THREE SUMMERS AGO, I had the opportunity to serve at Camp Barnabas with my church, Watermark Community Church. Camp Barnabas is a Christian, special-needs summer camp, and in all honesty, I did not know what to expect my first time going. I think going into it, I just wanted to have fun with the campers and my friends around me, but by the end of the first day with my camper, I knew that Camp Barnabas was always going to be a part of my life.

The people who work there during the summer always like to call it “heaven on earth,” and they are not wrong. There is more joy and love that surrounds this camp than any other place that I have been. To me, going there is not just simply doing community service or getting the “hours” I need, but instead, it truly is just my favorite place to be.

At Camp Barnabas, we have the opportunity to share the gospel and spend time with the campers, getting to know them personally through our daily activities. By the end of the week, we develop incredible bonds with these amazing kids, and we have the BEST dance parties throughout the week!

I have learned something new about myself and about the Lord after each time. I have met so many campers and staff and have developed lifelong friendships. Over the course of only one week each summer, these campers have taught me more than I have taught them. Serving at Camp Barnabas these past summers has filled me with an abundance of joy that I don’t think I could get anywhere else, and it will always be another home away from home.



CLOTHING, FOOD AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVES

In addition to the international mission trips and individual volunteer activities, Upper School students also spent time serving others by collecting clothes, food and supplies for local and international missions as their grade-level service projects.

SUMMER CLOTHES DRIVE – NINTH GRADE

The annual Summer Clothes Drive is sponsored by the freshman class and benefits the Rio Bravo Orphanage in Reynosa, Mexico. Students collect gently worn summer clothes, as well as new socks and underwear, which are then delivered to the children in the orphanage in Reynosa.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE – TENTH GRADE

Each December, the sophomore class collects canned and boxed foods for the Rhoads Terrace/Exline area of south Dallas. Students also collect monetary donations, which are used to purchase meats and other perishable foods for the area residents. Student and parent volunteers also deliver the food.

WINTER CLOTHES DRIVE – ELEVENTH GRADE

In addition to canned foods, the annual Winter Clothes Drive, sponsored by the junior class, provides gently worn winter clothes and blankets to the more than 400 families at the Rhoads Terrace/Exline neighborhood of south Dallas.





FEED MY
STARVING
CHILDREN



TCA also hosted two MobilePack events this year for Feed My Starving Children, where volunteers hand pack scientifically formulated meals for undernourished children, which are distributed to a network of over 80 partners in more than 60 countries each. In addition to the students, parents and members of the community, TCA's varsity football and baseball teams also participated in this volunteer ministry.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE – TWELFTH GRADE

The senior class runs the All-School School Supply Drive, which provides school supplies to the students of Anne Frank Elementary School, a nearby school with many underserved students, many of whom are from foreign countries, and English is their second language.

Middle School

TCA Middle School students continue the tradition of serving with grade-level service projects and House-System support of the Upper School clothing, food and school supply drives.

CARR ELEMENTARY – EIGHTH GRADE

Led by eighth-grade Bible teacher **Robin Baker Rice '85**, different sections of eighth grade minister to students at Carr Elementary each month. The eighth-graders help tutor students in math, reading and science and also assist teachers with their classwork. This year, students also hosted class presentations on preventing bullying, perseverance during test-taking week, character, college emphasis and career development. TCA loves its partnership with Carr Elementary.





Jessica Young
11th grade
Hospital and community
volunteer

SEEING FAMILIES like single moms with crying babies or groups of immigrants who don't speak any English standing for hours in line outside Seven Loaves Food Pantry should open our eyes to true need right here in our community.

God has given me the opportunity to experience and spread joy through working in hospitals like Medical City Plano and Children's Medical Center, playing or doing crafts with sick and hurting children to distract them from the severity of their illnesses. Another opportunity is the Susan G. Komen Run, which supports breast cancer research to help find a cure. This strikes a chord with me personally, because my grandmother beat breast cancer after going through chemotherapy when I was younger.

In addition, working with disabled and mentally challenged children through Plano Parks and Recreation showed me the love these children have for everyone they encounter. It reminds me of what Christ teaches in the Bible—a message of unconditional love for everyone in our lives.

One of the most impactful events I've had the opportunity to take part in was the Feed My Starving Children food packing. Many friends came together at TCA to volunteer alongside each other while taking part in the fast-paced, fun goal of packing the most boxes. At the end of our time working, we were presented with a story of an impoverished child who had received the gift of the packed food, which saved his life. This allowed us to see the significant impact our efforts accomplished.

As a Christian having volunteered with nonbelievers at various philanthropies, I know it is an important lesson to learn that we must be the hands and feet of Christ in order to set an example for those around us. It is not important that people remember me or my face, but that they felt and remembered the love of God when going through a difficult trial or bleak time in their life.



DALLAS LIFE — SEVENTH GRADE

Under the direction of seventh-grade Bible teacher **Brian Spence '98**, students in seventh grade serve at Dallas Life, the largest homeless shelter in North Texas. While at Dallas Life, students serve lunch to the homeless, clean and organize the kitchen and cafeteria and wash the pots, pans and dishes. On some visits, students will help in the stock room or on the loading docks and also help with donations. Each seventh-grade section also takes a short tour of the facility and has a Q&A session with the head of the volunteers at Dallas Life to learn more about the ministry and the important work that it does.

SKY RANCH — SIXTH GRADE

Sixth-graders attending a week at Sky Ranch is a long-standing tradition at TCA. This week is not a traditional week at camp. Although filled with fun games, competitions, devotionals and water activities, one of the main goals of the week is to help Sky Ranch prepare for its summer full of campers. Sixth-grade students spend part of each day working in different areas of camp that could use the extra hands on deck. Projects include waxing saddles, washing camp vehicles, helping the camp store fold t-shirts, packing camper packs, cleaning the cafeteria, picking up trash and clearing areas of rocks and debris. One year, the students helped build one of the major amphitheaters. Along with the service provided by the sixth-graders and the Upper School counselors, each year TCA makes a donation toward the scholarship program to help underprivileged kids attend camp that summer. As with any service project, it is hard to know who gets more out of the time serving, Sky Ranch or TCA sixth-graders!





ROMAN FORUM DONATION – FIFTH GRADE

Roman Forum is a time-honored fifth-grade tradition, where students dressed in togas peddle food, crafts, toys and games to culminate their studies of the Roman Empire. Students then take a portion of the money they make from their sales and donate it to the TCA Africa mission trip.

Fifth-grade teacher **Karen Fields**, who has been on the Africa trip, works with Jon Millet '84 to educate students about what their donations will provide. "In the past when I teach the kids about tithing and where the money goes, I share with them pictures of my time on the trip," said Karen. "We compare and contrast how the classrooms in Africa are to ours. We compare their uniforms and shoes to what we have. I share with them that the students have to have a uniform and shoes to attend school. That doesn't seem like a big deal to us, but to many families, they can barely afford one uniform and one pair of shoes per child. There are also families that we met where the kids were sharing one uniform and taking turns going to school, because the family couldn't afford more than one uniform for all three children."



"Sometimes the money goes towards helping family with uniforms, clothing and shoes. Other times, the money is used for needs at an orphanage. Mattresses and mosquito netting were purchased so that the orphans could sleep on beds instead of mats. Another time, money was needed for a well to be dug, and the money went toward that need. I also talk about the fact that we are greatly blessed and should pass on that blessing to others."

"The fifth-grade class has raised anywhere from \$1,200 to \$2,000 each year to give toward missions. I encourage all the students not only to give but also one day to **go** and continue to be a blessing!"



Alan Fandrich
11th grade
Camp counselor and
Bible study leader

OVER THIS PAST SUMMER I have been blessed with many opportunities to serve. God gave me a passion for helping and spending time with others. I spend five weeks in the summer in Pennsylvania at Camp Haycock, a Christian boys camp, as a volunteer counselor. I serve in the kitchen, do service projects around camp and spend time with kids in their cabin. I love every moment I get to spend with kids and the impact I have in their lives emotionally and spiritually.

During the school year when I have less free time, I still serve as a Middle School Bible study leader at TCA and on lead team at my church. The relationships I'm able to develop allow me to share Christ with those I serve.

Serving is a big part of my life, and I see it as an opportunity and gift to better the lives of others. I serve because I love to see the impact Jesus can have on others through me.

Lower School

Service at TCA is not limited to just the Middle School and Upper School. Lower School students also participate in serving others and sharing their gifts with those less fortunate.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – FOURTH GRADE

Take an ordinary shoebox, fill it with toys and other presents, and you have an extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope. The fourth-grade mission project, Operation Christmas Child, is focused on sharing the love of Christ with children who might not receive any other Christmas gifts.

This annual mission project is a wonderful opportunity for TCA fourth-graders to experience a hands-on project that reflects the true meaning of Christmas—God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ. Every student is involved in some aspect of this mission project, which is entirely student driven from start to finish. Students take part in marketing the project with posters, collecting boxes during carpool in Christmas attire, and classroom ambassadors visit every classroom several times to instruct and guide younger students in box preparation. At the completion of the project, the fourth-grade students pray over the boxes and then load them into trucks for delivery to a drop-off center for OCC.

Fourth-grade teacher **Dawn Pownell** commented, "Over the last 22 years, this



special project has raised over 25,000 boxes for Christ's kingdom through the generous participation of the TCA community and the leadership of our fourth-grade students. It has been my great joy to have the opportunity to watch God do great and mighty things through the willing hands and hearts of ten-year-old students."

COMMUNITY HELPERS AND LOVE LAMBS – THIRD GRADE

As a way to say "thank you" to our local fire and policemen and women, TCA third-grade students send cards and treats to the stations throughout the year. Each class takes a different month, gathers goodies and writes cards to express gratitude for the way these men and women serve our community. The third-grade teachers also teach the students that this is a ministry opportunity, taking time to share Scripture and prayers with those who may not know Jesus.

In addition, third-grade students partner each year with a local hospital for donations of Love Lambs. Around Easter each year, third-graders have about a month to bring in





as many stuffed lambs as they can, which are then donated to children in the hospital. The hospital chaplain comes to TCA to talk about the ministry each year, and the students are able to ask all sorts of questions. Lambs are given to those who need some encouragement in a difficult season, and the smallest ones are even provided for the babies in the NICU. The chaplain delivers the lambs all throughout the year as he prays and shares truth with the recipients. Before the lambs are sent off, students and teachers pray over them and for the children receiving them.

“Our hope is that the kids will see outside of themselves through these service projects. Not only is our culture ‘me-centered,’ we are, by nature, self-centered people, in need of being rescued from that and having our eyes turned outward so that we can love as Jesus loved,” said third-grade teacher **Erin Cunningham**. “These are two opportunities to teach the kids these truths, as well as cultivate gratitude and compassion, as we thank those who serve our community and pray for those who are sick.”

SERVING AT TCA AND BEYOND – SECOND GRADE

In second grade, the service projects are framed around loving on our community inside TCA and extending that to the community outside the walls of the school. One act of second-grade service this year was to show appreciation for the SAGE dining employees. Students surprised them with a large poster of thank-you notes from the students, and they even got a tour of the kitchen! The students were surprised to learn how much work goes into preparing food and washing dishes, sparking lots of gratitude toward the SAGE employees.

To reach the world outside of TCA, our second-graders partnered with the Upper School through its Reach Every Corner club. Reach Every Corner (REC) meets regularly to pack bags of food and toiletries for the homeless. Second-grade students collected donations and made cards of encouragement for the

bags. They then visited the Upper School to join in on a packing event. Second-graders were buddied up with Upper School students, and together they packed bags. The students loved it—young and old alike.

Second-grade teacher **Bethany Simkins** commented, “Lending a hand to help someone else is something that second-grade students are living out. They learn that there are people all around us whom we can love on and support if we just open eyes and hearts to see them.”



“As the students pack bags of food and toiletries for the homeless, they learn that there are people all around us whom we can love on and support if we just open eyes and hearts to see them.”

—Bethany Simkins, TCA second-grade teacher

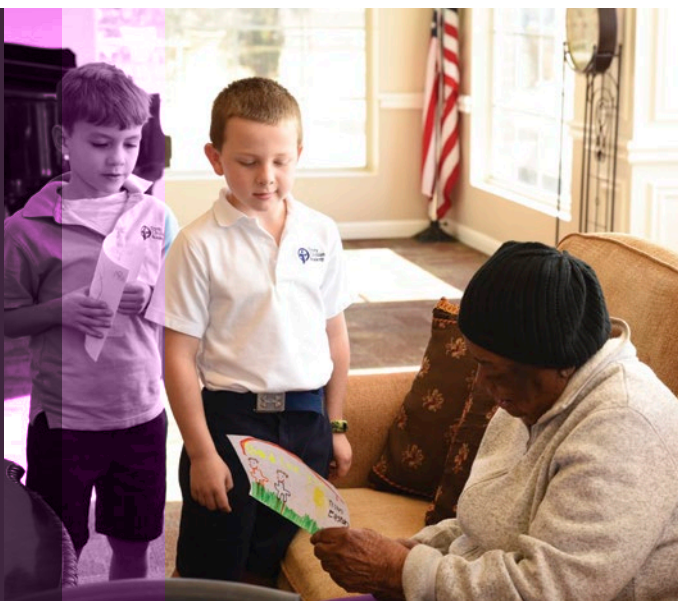




PARSONS HOUSE – FIRST GRADE

“In the first grade at TCA, we focus on instructing the children to have servant hearts and to use the talents that God gives us to bring joy and love to others,” said first-grade teacher **Natalie Floyd**. “Part of the first-grade curriculum includes learning the classic hymns of our faith, as well as hiding God’s word in our hearts. Through their service project, visiting with the elderly at Parsons House, the students are able to become the hands and feet of Christ with their words and actions.”

First-grade classes visit Parsons House throughout the year, and students sing several hymns, recite Bible verses and pray with the residents. Many times the residents will sing along with them! In addition, the students will make cards, draw pictures, bring flowers and walk around and visit with the residents after their presentation. It is a sweet time of fellowship, and the students are able to be a part of the joy that comes from spreading God’s love.



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—Natalie Floyd,
TCA first-grade teacher





SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ZAMBIA – KINDERGARTEN

After spending several weeks studying different countries in Africa, kindergarten classes at TCA were given a wonderful opportunity to do something that would directly impact some of the children in Zambia. The children studied several different regions and cultures across Africa, noticing how God has abundantly blessed the children at TCA with supplies both at home and at school.


To go along with the virtue of service, which students were learning about in chapel, the teachers started to look for ways the classes could serve others by sharing our blessings with the people in Africa. They were thrilled to find out that a group of Upper School students and parents from TCA would be going to Zambia over Spring Break, and they decided to collect supplies that could be sent with the TCA team and shared with different schools in Zambia.

“We made a list of the supplies that we need and use everyday and also some things that just make school fun. Our list included pencils, paper, scissors, glue, crayons, markers, tape and, of course, soccer balls and jump ropes. As a kindergarten, we filled more than five large duffel bags of new supplies to donate to the schools in Zambia,” said kindergarten teacher **Ann Gilliland**. “Before we sent the supplies off, we prayed that God would get the supplies to Zambia safely and that He would receive the glory for providing such an amazing gift. The look on the faces of our kindergarten friends as they brought in their supplies was a true testimony to the fact that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We were blessed just as much if not more than our friends in Zambia.”



No matter where they go or how they serve, we want our students to grow from their experiences. We want them to preach the gospel of Christ in word and deed, to speak boldly about their faith and to be the hands and feet of Christ wherever they go. ☪

HELPING THE HURTING



Experienced coaches have a keen eye for the countenance of their athletes. From facial expressions, most can detect the warning signs of emotional or mental challenges in the life of an athlete. Our TCA leadership team looks for this quality and instructs our coaches to hone their detection skills for the purpose of addressing the hearts of our athletes. Not only does an athlete with an unburdened heart perform better in competition, but an unburdened heart can also help an athlete process life's cumulative stresses with a balanced and healthy perspective.



**BY KIRK MCJUNKIN,
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ADDRESSING THE HEART while coaching the body is critical to the development and preparation of our athletes in their readiness for life after TCA. Like an effective youth ministry, TCA encourages a partnership with parents for the purpose of shepherding athletes through the various life-stage struggles. Consider the value of teachers and coaches who can identify the signs of emotional struggle in the early stages before an athlete progresses too far into rebellion, passive aggressiveness, depression, eating disorders or even self-harm.

A player-coach relationship built on trust allows a coach to recognize a burdened heart and opens the door for authentic discussions. It is in these pastoral conversations where the heart is revealed and ministry begins.

Scripture reminds us that words and actions flow from and reflect the condition of the heart. Proverbs 25:23, “The north wind brings forth rain, and a backbiting tongue, an angry countenance,” reminds us that certain realities are coupled with the condition of the heart. Consider Genesis 4:5–6: When Cain’s sacrifice is rejected, verse 5 tells us Cain became angry, and his countenance fell. Verse 6 says, “Then the Lord came to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?” Cain’s anger revealed the condition of his heart with a fallen countenance.

Jesus, in Matthew 15:18, reminded us that what proceeds out of the mouth originates in the heart. Most coaches can spot a change in countenance indicating a change in the heart. The coach’s unique opportunity, if relationally invested in the athlete, is his or her access to the heart of the athlete for meaningful conversation.

In recent years, a few of TCA’s athletic teams have experienced the devastating sadness of a teammate losing a parent during their seasons. One year, our Middle School athletes lost a teammate in a horrible accident. TCA coaches become mentors, and teammates became friends who served the needs of the surviving family. Frequently, coaches use the term “family,” for teams, however, that term becomes reality during periods of

grief. TCA coaches were excellent at transitioning from preparing to win games to ministering to the needs of a hurting teammate. They applied Romans 12:15, “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”

SOME PRACTICAL LESSONS learned from coaches to help the hurting:

DON'T OFFER ANSWERS.

While tragedies eventually offer teaching opportunities, loving friends and teammates should try to avoid explaining the unexplainable.

One of our volleyball players who lost a parent commented, “Having my teammates supporting me and being there completely changed the situation. They helped me get through it (heavy grief) and made a huge difference. They supported me when I had to miss games and practices, texting me every day to see how I was doing. Coaches were supportive by letting me miss games and practices, but also letting me right back when I could. They removed the stress of balancing volleyball, school and home.”

MAKE SURE THE HURTING KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR THEM.

Make sure those hurting know they’re loved and others (you) are there to serve. These simple words, “I love you, I’m praying for you and would love to serve you,” are comforting and promote healing. Take actions without being asked, such as offering meals or helping with tasks. Sit with those hurting and simply be present. A well-timed hug communicates immeasurable comfort. Text them you’re praying for them and share a sympathetic Bible verse. Proverbs 16:24 tells us, “Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and healthy to the body.”

MAKE THE TEAM A SAFE PLACE TO MOURN.

The team should become a safe place for a suffering teammate. “Safe” means a place free from advice and free from uncomfortable prompting to prematurely discuss feelings. For now, it’s time to listen and understand. Over time, a safe culture will lead to healthy discussions, proper mourning and service to one another.

TALK ABOUT THE TRAGEDY AS A TEAM.

Experienced transformational coaches discuss struggles as a team. They mourn together, taking the tragedy to God and admitting that, in our finite minds, it does not make sense and seems unfair. Continuing to prepare on the field is a healthy escape from the struggle, yet at the same time, we cannot pretend everything is okay and no one is hurting. Paul reminds the body of Christ how to endure and carry excess burden in two passages, Galatians 6:2, “Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ,” and Romans 15:1, “Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves.” The coach should model how to walk through these struggles together as a team.

Another volleyball player who lost her father added, “I will never forget the love and encouragement that I received from my teammates and my coaches. I am very thankful and grateful for having the opportunity to play for TCA.”

There is no better compliment for our coaches and teams than having a player reflect on his or her time at TCA with gratitude for healing and recovery. It adds more definition to what winning really means.

WHILE WE DON'T HAVE ANSWERS for why tragedy occurs in the lives of those who love and follow Christ, Paul gives us insight into dealing with hard times in Romans 5:3–5, “Suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” In the midst of tragedy, we are reminded of God’s presence, just how much He loves us and that He strengthens us.

When our coaches hear of a tragedy in the life of our athletic family, we pray for the Lord to lead us to serve the hurting to assist in the process of healing, and for every story of tragedy to become a story of God’s redemption and glory.





VARSITY



GIRLS SOCCER

THE VARSITY BOYS SOCCER PROGRAM had an incredible run this season, winning the first round of the area playoffs and finishing second in district. The boys worked hard and achieved an impressive overall record of 15-6-1, posting 14 shutouts and scoring 48 goals. Even more impressive than their record was how this group of boys defined the words “team” and “family.” From meeting up to train on their own, to team cookouts, to the road trips to Tyler, these boys cultivated something beyond soccer and created a brotherhood among them.

The level of support from parents, fans and the TCA community was phenomenal throughout the season and playoffs. We are extremely thankful for the play from our senior players this year and wish **TREVOR DOUGLASS, HARRISON GOSSETT, DANIEL JONES, COLE McCABE, JD POWERS, COLE REA, SLADE SAVAGE, CONNOR WILLIAMS** and **THOMAS WYMAN** all the best as they move on to the next chapter in their lives.

Congratulations to the following athletes for earning district, state and team awards:

Trevor Douglass — First Team All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State, District Defensive MVP, Defensive Team MVP

BRENDAN WILLIAMS — Second Team All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State

Connor Williams — Second Team All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State, Offensive Team MVP

COLLIN GROEZINGER — First Team All-District
Cole McCabe — First Team All-District

JD Powers — Second Team All-District, Academic All-State

Cole Rea — Second Team All-District, Academic All-State

Slade Savage — Second Team All-District, Academic All-State

REX AH CHU — Second Team All-District

JAMES BADGER — Honorable Mention All-District

COLIN CUNDARI — Honorable Mention All-District

LUKE MAYS — Honorable Mention All-District

DREW SODERSTROM — Honorable Mention All-District





ANCHORED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF NINE SENIORS, the TCA girls soccer program had a historic season, winning the District Championship for the first time in over ten years and going undefeated in district play. The girls went on to host a home playoff game and beat Parish, 3-2, in front of a great home crowd. Every girl on the roster contributed to the team, ready to play any role that was needed to help the team and her teammates. Fifteen different girls scored at least one goal this season, and the team recorded seven shutouts. Coach **TRUMAN BLOCKER** was also named District Coach of the Year.

All of the seniors on this team have played together for TCA since seventh grade, and many of them have played together since Lower School. The seniors selected 2 Timothy 1:7 as the team verse for the season: "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline." To encapsulate that message into one word, they chose the word "fearless."

"The girls on this team have always brought a sense of humility and desire to learn, an intensity to compete and a joy for the sport and their friends. This unique balance has been a platform to create relationships, shape character and experience life lessons that will be with all of us for a lifetime. It has been a true blessing to have a front-row seat to watch them grow," said Coach Blocker.

Congratulations to the following athletes for earning district, state and team awards:

CHANDLER WOODS – First Team All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State, District MVP

ARDEN KADANE – Second Team All-State, First Team All-District, Team MVP

EMILY USELTON – Second Team All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State, District Keeper of the Year

McKENZIE MOORE – Honorable Mention All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State

SUMMER CHAFFIN – First Team All-District, Academic All-State

KATE BLOCKER – Honorable Mention All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State

MADDIE JACKSON – Honorable Mention All-State, First Team All-District, Academic All-State

MAGGIE HARRISON – Second Team All-District, Academic All-State

LAUREN SULZEN – Second Team All-District, Academic All-State

KATHERINE DEWEESE – Honorable Mention All-District

RILEY HAMILTON – Honorable Mention All-District

KAKKIE WALDROP – Honorable Mention All-District



VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

THE 2018-19 TROJAN WRESTLING SEASON was a rebuilding one for the team. With several first-year wrestlers on the squad, combined with returning some key veterans, the Trojan wrestlers finished in fifth place at the TAPPS State Wrestling Championships and fifth place at the Texas Prep State Wrestling Championships. The Trojans finished in 35th place at the National Prep Wrestling Championships and 19th place at the prestigious Prep Slam in Atlanta, Georgia.

At the TAPPS State Wrestling Championships, Trojan wrestlers earning TAPPS All-State honors were **ALAN FANDRICH** (first at 120 pounds), **HUNTER BALK** (first at 152 pounds), **NOAH MILLER** (first at 160 pounds), **MASON MORLAND** (second at 132 pounds) and **CALEB KEY** (third at 138 pounds). Noah Miller was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler for the tournament. Alan Fandrich, Noah Miller, Mason Morland, and Caleb Key also earned TAPPS Academic All-State honors.

At the Texas Prep State Wrestling Championships, Trojan wrestlers earning Prep All-State honors were Alan Fandrich (first at 120 pounds), Hunter Balk (first at 152 pounds), Noah Miller (second at 160 pounds), Mason Morland (second at 132 pounds), and Caleb Key (second at 138 pounds). Noah Miller was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler for the tournament.

Alan Fandrich, Mason Morland, Caleb Key, Hunter Balk and Noah Miller participated in the National Prep Wrestling Championships. For the second year in a row, Hunter Balk earned Prep All-American honors when he placed sixth in the 152-pound weight class.

Noah Miller became the first TCA wrestler ever to win four consecutive Texas Prep State Wrestling Championships. He also became the fourth TCA wrestler to win four consecutive TAPPS State Wrestling Championships.

Congratulations to the following athletes for earning team awards:

Hunter Balk – Wrestler of the Year, Team Captain, Team MVP

CAMDEN FINDLEY – Newcomer of the Year

LUKE TOWNLEY – Most Improved Wrestler

Noah Miller – Coaches' Award, Team Captain

Mason Morland – Coaches' Award, Team Captain



VARSITY WRESTLING



VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

THE START OF A NEW ERA began this year with an increase in the number of girls participating this season, thus allowing for a JV team, which is paramount for a program to develop players. This year's players embraced the "we over me" standard and exemplified their selflessness for one another on and off the court.

The Lady Trojans compiled a 13-16 record this year, a successful season for such a young team that was without team leader and only senior **LYRIC DENSON**. The Lady Trojans will be the team to watch in the 2019-20 season. Team season highlights include a second-place finish at the St. Michael's Tournament, a third-place finish at the Wills Point Tournament, a team service opportunity for Feed My Starving Children and Lyric scoring the first two points on Senior Night.

Congratulations to the following athletes for earning district and team awards:

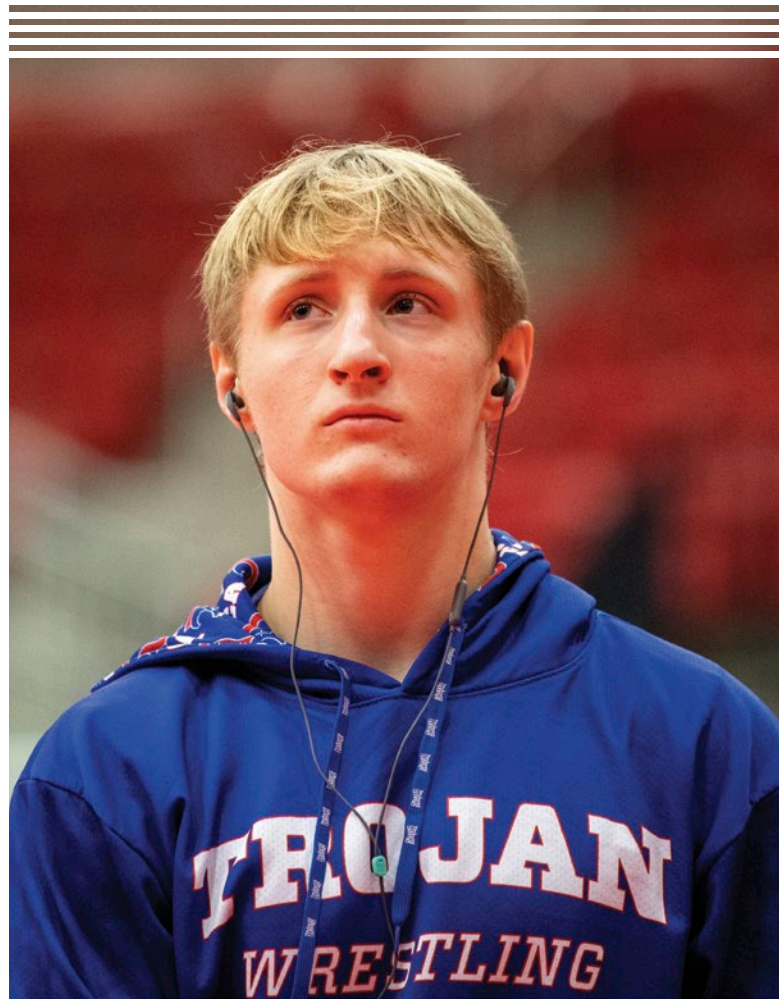
OLIVIA BRENNAN – First Team All District, District Newcomer of the Year

SCHUYLER NOORDHOFF – Second Team All-District, Team MVP

CAROLINE MURZIN – Honorable Mention All-District



VARSITY



BOYS BASKETBALL

THE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM had a challenging season this year, going 15-17 on the year and 3-5 during district play. The Trojans made it to the playoffs and were defeated in area play by John Paul II, 50-37. Once again, TCA held the tradition of being one of the best defensive teams in the Metroplex, giving up just 42.1 points per game.

JOHN SHAW led the Trojans in scoring, followed by **BRETT KAUFFMAN**. **SAM NORRIS** contributed to the team with his overall hustle, teamwork and uncanny ability to get rebounds. All three of these seniors, along with **BROC O'BRIEN**, showed great qualities of leadership and loyalty.

GAVIN THORNTON, WILL DUNCAN, BRAYDEN MAKSIMOVICH, MAJOR WHEELLESS and **WILL COMPTON** all made important contributions to the team. In addition, the Trojan basketball program was strengthened by **JACKSON BUSER, MATTHEW HARVEY, JAYCE FRADEY, JP LIPE, PEYTON HALL** and **MARCUS SCHUMACHER**. These young men worked extremely hard every day to make the team better.

Congratulations to the following athletes for earning district, state and team awards:

John Shaw – First Team All-District, Academic All-State, Team MVP

Brett Kauffman – First Team All-District, Academic All-State, Fighting Trojan Award

Sam Norris – Second Team All-District, Academic All-State

Gavin Thornton – Second Team All-District

Brayden Maksimovich – Second Team All-District

Will Duncan – Honorable Mention All-District, Most Improved Player

Major Wheelless – Sixth-Man Award

Broc O'Brien – Great Teammate Award



THE TCA VARSITY CHEERLEADERS were led this year by six seniors, Captain **RILEY RICE**, Co-Captain **BETHANY WHITE**, Co-Captain **PAYTON WILLEY**, **MADELYNN COTTER**, **KYLIE NELSON** and **LAUREN SULZEN**. These seniors have been on the varsity team together for three years and did an incredible job leading their team through six pep rallies, 11 football games, eight basketball games and the TAPPS State Cheer Competition, where the team placed third out of 33 teams.

Riley Rice, Lauren Sulzen and **ANNA KATE PARRENT** were named First Team All-State. **HALEIGH BROWN** was named Second Team All-State. In addition to their awesome performances, the cheerleaders also worked hard behind the scenes to generate school spirit and encourage our athletic program by decorating the high school, hosting send-offs for playoff games, making posters for teams and volunteering at various events on campus. **KRISTIN REDING** and Payton Willey were named "Most Spirited" for 2018–19. **SAVANNAH SIMS** was awarded "Unsung Hero," and Riley Rice was named MVP. We are so proud of all that the 2018-19 varsity cheerleaders have accomplished together!





THE VARSITY SWIM TEAM had a great season with a seasoned group of returning swimmers, as well as a group of eager-to-learn freshmen. The season of six meets kicked off at the Hebron Hawks Invitational in October and concluded with regionals and state meet in January and February. A number of swimmers advanced to the state meet, including **WESTON HAGGARD**, who won the 50 freestyle at regionals. The Trojans performed very well at state, and many swimmers placed higher than they were seeded. Best wishes to our seniors, Weston Haggard, **EMILY FLOYD** and **JORDAN MCFARLANE**; we will miss you next year!

Congratulations to the following athletes for earning state and team awards:

Emily Floyd – Academic All-State, Girls Team MVP
 Weston Haggard – Academic All-State,
 Boys Team MVP

JENNA LARSON – Academic All-State
 Jordan McFarlane – Academic All-State
JESSICA YOUNG – Academic All-State

THE TROJANETTES had an awesome 2018-19 season. During officer camp, the officers earned both a superior and an excellent rating on their two routines and won a precision award. While at line camp, the team received numerous awards, including the Diamond Sweepstakes Award, the Gussie Nell Davis Team of the Week and the Gussie Nell Davis Team of the Day. The team was also awarded the Get Poms Giving Back Award for its work on the Days for Girls community service project. At the conclusion of camp, freshman

AUBRIE AMADO and sophomore **VICTORIA DAHNCKE** both received the All American Dancer Honorable Mention award, while sophomore **GEORGIA LEEDS** and senior **CAROLINE TATE** both received All American Dancer Awards. Caroline Tate also received the Outstanding Performer Award.

During football season, the Trojanettes performed many amazing half-time routines, including the rocking-horse routine. Once football season was completed, the team immediately transitioned into competition season, where they won many awards. During the TAPPS state competition, the girls took home fifth place overall in a very competitive field of 15 teams. The Trojanettes then moved on to the DFW Dance Classic, where both the team and officers took home second place. The officers also won a Sweepstakes Award, the Gussie Nell Davis Award for Excellence, two Judges Awards for their novelty and contemporary routines and the Best Overall Gold award for their superior choreography, precision and presentation. The team also took home a Sweepstakes Award, three Judges Awards for their jazz, pom and novelty routines and Best Overall Award for their superior choreography, presentation and precision. The team also won an Academic Award for its overall team GPA. In the solo division, Caroline Tate won second place, and Georgia Leeds won first place.



THE GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM verse was Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." United as teammates, the girls challenged each other to be better on and off the track this year. The girls started the season with an exciting win at the Scurry Rosser Meet. In the last race of the meet, they came from behind to win the whole thing. Each time they stepped onto the track, they challenged each other to push harder and to run faster to keep accomplishing their goals together. They pushed each other to win the Tom Landry Invitational for the second year in a row. The girls finished the season strong with personal bests and the most state qualifiers the team has had in several years.

At the TAPPS Regional Meet, the 4x400 team broke the school record that had previously been set in 1998. The relay team went on to compete at the TAPPS State Championship and broke its own record again. In addition, freshman **JENNA LOWREY** qualified for the TAPPS State Championship and placed third in the 400m, while also breaking the school record. The varsity girls track team had a successful year and is looking forward to continuing the tradition of success next season.

Congratulations to the following athletes for TAPPS and team awards:

McKENZIE MOORE – Academic All-State, Trojan Heart Award

LAUREN SULZEN – Academic All-State, Team Field MVP

Jenna Lowrey – Honorable Mention All-State, Team Track MVP, Rookie of the Year

BROOKE HUTZLER – Leadership Award

LAUREN ELMS – Most Encouraging

AVERY OVERBERG – Most Improved



THE LADY TROJAN GOLF TEAM had a busy and successful year, competing in seven tournaments, winning four and placing second in the other three. **JORDAN KARRH** had one first-place individual win and three second-place honors, finishing her season with an average round score of 78. After a team win at district, and with Jordan Karrh (70), **BRIJIT CROSBY** (74) and **NYOMI THOMAS** (77) sweeping the top honors for the individual titles, the Lady Trojans headed to regionals and placed third.

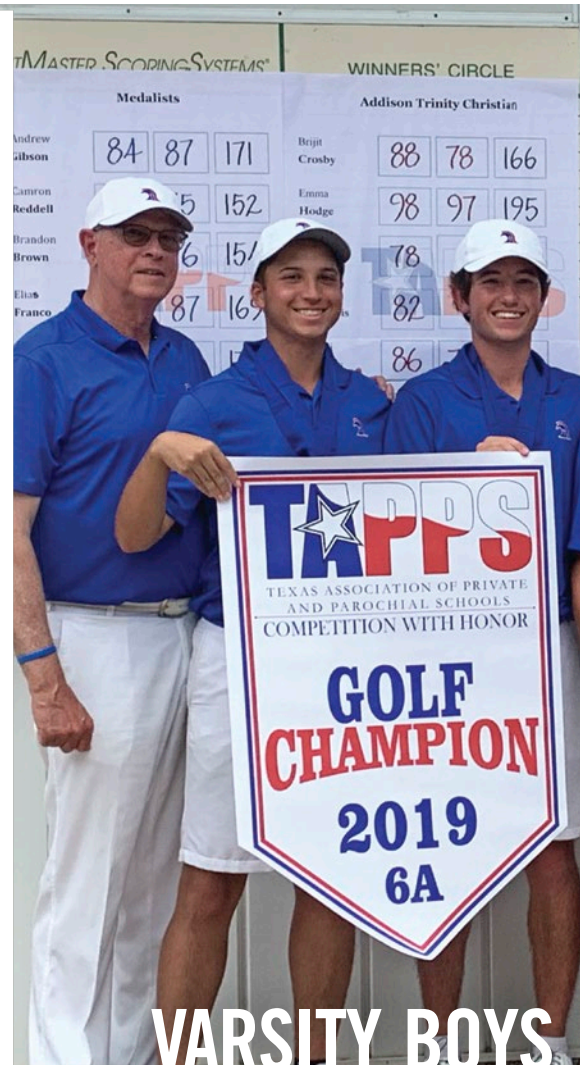
Varsity players Jordan Karrh, Brijit Crosby, Nyomi Thomas, **EMMA HODGE** and **LEAH KEGERREIS** successfully placed fourth at state, missing third place by one stroke, a significant improvement from last year's fifth-place showing. Jordan Karrh placed eighth individually with scores of 78-77; Leah Kegerreis posted a personal best of 82 on day one of the tournament. Brijit Crosby completed her successful four years as a varsity golf team member with scores of 88-78 at the state tournament. Coaches **SUSAN CANNON** and **ABBY SHAPARD '12** are very proud of the performance of all the members of the team this year. Way to go, Lady Trojans!

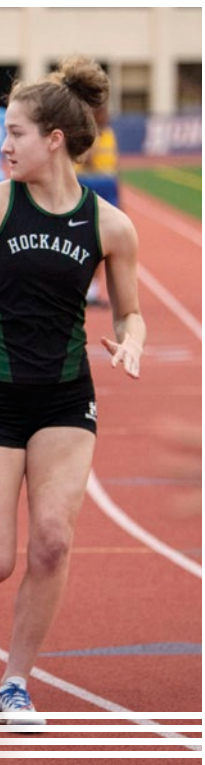
Congratulations to the following players for TAPPS and team awards:

Brijit Crosby – All-State, Academic All-State

Nyomi Thomas – All-State, Academic All-State

Jordan Karrh – All-State, Team MVP





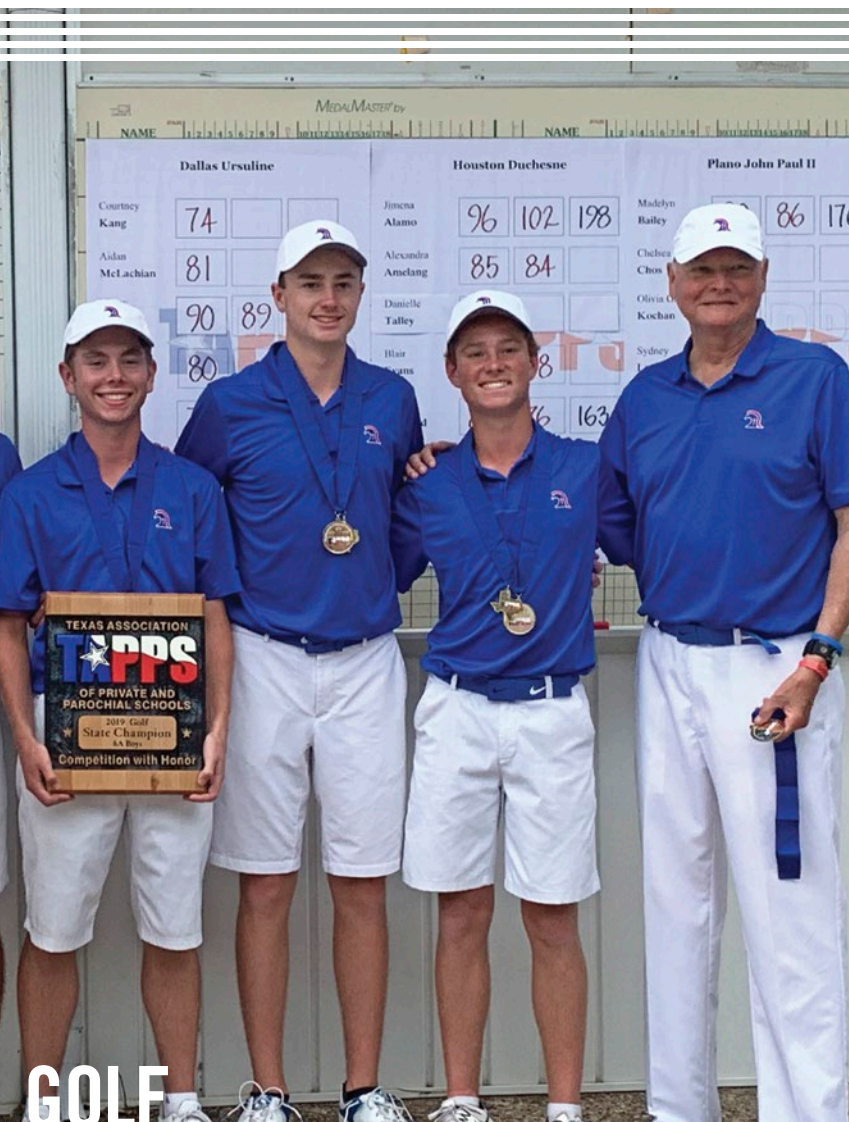
THE VARSITY BOYS TRACK TEAM was young this season, consisting mostly of freshmen and sophomores. The boys won three track meets this season and improved each week individually. The 4x200m relay team of **JACKSON HINCKLEY**, **LUKE TREDENNICK**, **ANTHONY CUNDARI** and **DREW SODERSTROM** qualified for the State Championship meet and broke the school record. Congratulations to the team. It was a great season. The future is extremely bright.

Congratulations to the following athletes for TAPPS and team awards:

Jackson Hinckley — Academic All-State.
Drew Soderstrom — Team Track MVP
MAX THOMAS — Team Field MVP



Varsity Boys Track & Field



GOLF

THE VARSITY BOYS GOLF TEAM earned its third consecutive TAPPS 6A State Championship this year, posting an outstanding 36-hole score of 595, finishing 19 strokes ahead of the second-place team. This team title marks the 17th state title in school history and the ninth title in the past 12 seasons.

The Trojans enjoyed an excellent 2018-19 season, competing in 13 tournaments and capturing six titles, including the District, Regional and State championships for the second straight year. In addition, the Trojans were invited again to play in two of the top high school golf tournaments in the country, the Antigua National Invitational in Chandler, Arizona, and the Champions Invitational in Palm Springs, California.

This year's team was led by junior **MICHAEL HEIDELBAUGH**, who finished the season with an outstanding 72.3 stroke average. Even though Michael missed several months with an injury, he still won four individual titles and had six top-ten finishes. Senior co-captains **COLE McCABE** and **ROBERT CALDWELL** had excellent years, finishing with excellent stroke averages of 76.1 and 77.5, respectively.

Michael and Cole, along with senior **RYAN TROSTEL** and freshman **WESTON McCABE**, earned All-State honors by finishing in the top ten at the State Championship. Both Ryan and Weston improved significantly during the season and aided the Trojan cause at state, finishing seventh and ninth, respectively. Rounding out the TCA team were juniors **RJ RIEMAN** and **BEN HOWARD**, sophomore **JACK MCNEILL** and freshmen **CONNOR WINES** and **LUCAS WALSH**.

Congratulations to the following players for TAPPS and team awards:

Michael Heidelberg — All-State, Academic All-State, Team MVP
Robert Caldwell — All-State, Academic All-State
Cole McCabe — All-State, Academic All-State
Ryan Trostel — All-State
Weston McCabe — All-State



VARSITY

THE 2019 TCA VARSITY BASEBALL SEASON was a huge success!

The Trojans defeated 11 playoff-bound teams, along with losing to #1 nationally ranked Argyle High School, 6-3. The Trojans finished the year as Area Champions, defeating PCA, 1-0, eliminating the #1 team in TAPPS. Senior co-captains **NICK CLIFT** (P) and **BLAKE MARSH** (1B/P) led the charge for the Trojans, along with fellow seniors **DAVID ASCHE** (2B), **BRYSON BYRD** (3B), **BECKETT MYERS** (P) and **ELIJAH WESTOVER** (SS/P). Also making major contributions were juniors **CALEB ROBBINS** (P/1B) and **CARTER GETZ** (CF), sophomores **IAN COLLIER** (C) and **RYAN O'SHEA** (LF) and freshman **BEN FRANCIS** (DH).

The TCA baseball staff would like to sincerely thank these hard-working volunteers: Jeff Westover (Facebook Live and marketing), Tom O'Shea (GameChanger and Pressbox), Kris Clift and Deahn Marsh (hospitality and events) and Keith Mawhee and Cammie Heflin (photography).

Congratulations to the following players for district, state and team awards:

Blake Marsh – First Team All-District, First Team All-State, Academic All-State, District Offensive Player of the Year
 Elijah Westover – First Team All-District, Second Team All-State, Academic All-State
 Ian Collier – First Team All-District, Honorable Mention All-State, District Newcomer of the Year
 David Asche – Second Team All-District, Academic All-State
 Caleb Robbins – Second Team All-District
 Ryan O'Shea – Honorable Mention All-District

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BASEBALL



TENNIS

THE TCA VARSITY TENNIS TEAM continued to reach new heights as the 2019 season came to a close. TCA advanced a record eight players to TAPPS 6A State Competition. **ABBY MUSCHALEK** and **KAYLEE CONNELL** were District Champions, dropping only five games in three matches. **AVERY SCHUSTER** and **NATALIE KONSTANS** placed fourth at district, **LYNNSON FORT** placed fourth in girls singles at district, and **DANIEL BAKER** placed third in boys singles at district, earning them all tickets to state. Finally, **AUSTIN HO** and **MARK JOHNSON** won the boys doubles consolation, placing fifth at district and earning alternate status at state. Abby and Kaylee posted the best state result, reaching the doubles semifinals.

In addition, **AUSTIN AIKEN**, **COLE REA**, **TANNER WAYTE** and **KATE YANOF** competed with Trojan spirit and hustle. Well done, athletes! The "Belief Train" continues to gain momentum as the team looks ahead to another successful campaign next season. Seniors Austin Aiken, Austin Ho, Abby Muschalek, Cole Rea, Avery Schuster and Tanner Wayte will be missed.

Congratulations to the following players for TAPPS and team awards:

Austin Ho – All-State, Academic All-State, Team MVP
 Mark Johnson – All-State, Academic All-State
 Abby Muschalek – All-State, Academic All-State, Team MVP
 Natalie Konstans – All-State, Academic All-State
 Avery Schuster – All-State, Academic All-State
 Kaylee Connell – All-State



THE LAST TIME TCA'S SOFTBALL TEAM earned a playoff berth, Ronald Reagan was still president; the year was 1988. Over 30 years later, the softball team was back in the playoffs. What a memorable year!

The highlights this year included a sweep of Midland Christian in the middle of West Texas sandstorms, great pitching performances from **MIKAELA WEISS**, **BRIANNA QUEEN** throwing out runner after runner trying to steal, **SYDNEY JOHNSTON** running rampant on the bases, **KATE YANOF** making plays no other shortstop in the district could even dream of making and **ELIZABETH WILLIAMS** performing her daily stand-up comedy routine. Our three seniors, **JILLIAN DELP**, **LAURA POMBERG** and **CAILIN REDDEN**, worked hard every day for four years and exemplified our team motto, "Trust the Process."

It was also a tough year for the team. Shawn Weiss, the mother of players

Mikaela and **BLAIRE**, was diagnosed with cancer and died within the same school year. The softball team and the TCA community mourned with Mikaela, Blaire and the Weiss family, as we were reminded that struggles and tragedy sometimes invade sports, school and life.

Through this inexplicable tragedy, we were reminded that our only hope in this fallen and sometimes hurting world is the resurrected Christ. It is only through faith in Christ that we can confidently say, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Romans 15:13). A joy that transcends circumstances and a peace that surpasses understanding were lessons we learned by the Weiss family's example this year. #ShawnStrong

Congratulations to the following players for district, state and team awards:

Kate Yanof – First Team All-District, Second Team All-State
 Sydney Johnston – First Team All-District
 Brianna Queen – Second Team All-District, District Catcher of the Year
 Mikaela Weiss – Second Team All-District, Academic All-State, Team MVP
 Jillian Delp – Honorable Mention All-District
RILEY HAMILTON – Honorable Mention All-District



VARSITY SOFTBALL



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ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Thank you, TCA community, for your generous gifts!

Funds from your donations in 2018-19 blessed and equipped our student-athletes and programs this year with the following:

Over \$5000 in ATC equipment

Basketball video service, warm-up pants and jackets

Cheer flags, signs and protective headgear

Cross Country warm-up pants and jackets

Dance Team poms and streamers

Football Middle School film room improvements

Football Aerial Attack machine

Girls Golf skills clinic

Soccer goals, warm-up pants, jackets and training equipment

Softball iPads, speakers and camera pack

Swimming kickboards and backpacks

Track warm-up pants, jackets and pole vault grid

Volleyball coaches training tower and ball bags

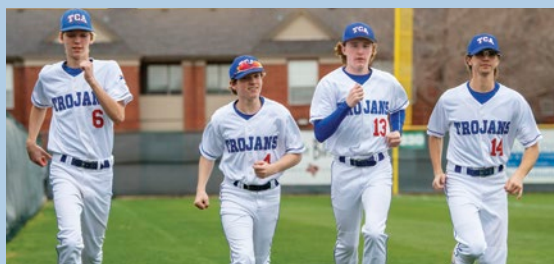
Wrestling warm-up pants and jackets

Campus team banners

Training and resources from Positive Coaching Alliance



JOIN THE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB ON NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY, SEPTEMBER 19, TO SUPPORT TCA ATHLETICS and **ENJOY THESE GREAT BENEFITS**



\$10,000 Level

- VIP reception and dinner with Coach Mike Singletary (Date TBA)
- Jersey autographed by Mike Singletary suitable for framing (choice of TCA, Baylor or Chicago Bears)
- One reserved parking place at the Field House for TCA athletic events
- Donor plus guest pre-game activities; date TBA
- "Best Seat in the House" sideline passes for two for all remaining home football games
- Two car decals
- \$10 in concession bucks
- Two @Home passes (free admission to all home athletic events)
- \$150 Big Blue gift card

\$5,000 Level

- Dinner with Coach Mike Singletary (Date TBA)
- Football autographed by Mike Singletary
- "Best Seat in the House" sideline passes for two for all remaining home football games
- Two car decals
- \$10 in concession bucks
- Two @Home passes (free admission to all home athletic events)
- \$150 Big Blue gift card

\$2,000 Level

- Football autographed by Mike Singletary
- Two car decals
- \$10 in concession bucks
- Two @Home passes (free admission to all home athletic events)
- \$150 Big Blue gift card

\$1,000 Level

- Two car decals
- \$10 concession bucks
- Two @Home passes (free admission to all home athletic events)
- \$100 Big Blue gift card

\$500-\$999 Level

- Two car decals
- \$10 concession bucks
- Two @Home passes (free admission to all home athletic events)
- \$50 Big Blue gift card

\$250-\$499 Level

- Two car decals
- \$10 concession bucks
- Two @Home passes (free admission to all home athletic events)

\$100-249 Level

- Two car decals
- \$10 concession bucks

ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS!



EVERY YEAR, Janie Heard, the assistant head of the Upper School, and I visit our alumni at some of the nearby universities where we have a large number of students attending. This past spring, we visited the University of Texas, Texas A&M, Baylor University, the University of Arkansas, the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. We usually treat over two hundred of our alumni to dinner and have great conversations about their college days.



BY BETH HARWELL,
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI

Janie and I are so proud of our alumni and all they are doing on their college campuses. It is so interesting to hear about their classes and their majors and minors. They are involved in Greek life, including AMC (Aggie Men's Club) and BYX (Brother's Under Christ), Young Life leadership organizations and creating service projects for their college communities. They are running for and winning elections on their campuses for student government positions, and they are active in their college-town churches. In addition, they are traveling abroad all over the world, interning for companies around the country and studying hard for their classes. The only thing they are not doing enough of is sleeping!

Our alumni always ask about their teachers at TCA, and they always comment on how they miss the great conversations they had and the attention their teachers gave them. They are so appreciative of the time these teachers

spent with them, especially considering it's easy to feel more like a number than a name in college. They ask about which seniors are coming to their colleges and are excited to hear the names. They want to know what is new at TCA, who is still there and who is retiring. We also try to help connect them with alumni for internships, mentoring, etc.

All of my children started TCA in kindergarten, and I often thought about what kind of students they would be once they graduated and went to college. What kind of young adults would they be after attending TCA all these years? I can tell you that it is a wonderful sight to see our graduates leave TCA and blossom in college! Their faith continues to grow and shine on these campuses, and it just makes me so proud to see them during these visits every year. I am honored to spend this time with them and thankful I get to view firsthand their successes in college!

Spring Alumni Weekend

The Second Annual Spring Alumni Weekend was held April 26 to 28. Several hundred alumni attended our weekend festivities, and it was wonderful to see so many classes represented.

On Friday night, the TCA varsity baseball team (the young guys) defeated the alumni baseball team (the old-timers), 5-4. It was such a fun evening! Long-time TCA faculty member Dennis Saffold threw out the first pitch, while alumni, parents and friends cheered from the stands.

Thank you to our alumni coaches, David Purcey '01 and Craig Stites '97, and our alumni players:

Reed Bastie '12
Matt Craig '99
Caleb Getz '18
Corbin Getz '15
Ben Gross '97
Kevin Joseph '94

Paxton Kelso '99
Brian Kimzey '02
Tom Postma '12
Scott Rooker '01
Mark Stratton '00

While the game was going on, alumni and their families also enjoyed our bounce house, face painter, pitching and batting games, Ruthie's food truck and Kona Ice snow cones! Sunshine, baseball, kid's activities and seeing old friends and families made for a wonderful evening at the TCA Ballpark!

On Saturday night, alumni gathered at the City View Roof Top Bar. Alumni enjoyed great food, music, a fun photo booth and a beautiful view of the Dallas skyline. It was a great night to reminisce about all their fun memories of TCA!

On Sunday, we had close to 50 alumni attend the Upper School Performing Arts Department production of *The Sound of Music*. This classic musical in the Performing Arts Center of the TCA Upper School was a great way to end this amazing weekend for our alumni and their families!



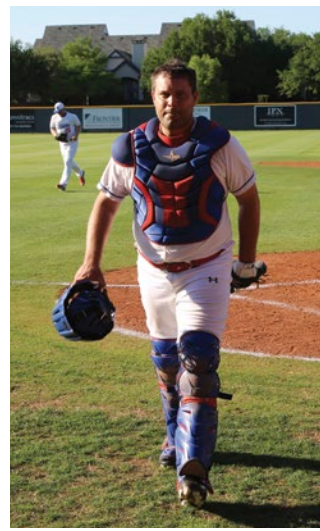
A special thank-you to our sponsors:
AER Manufacturing, Matt McGraw '94

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Pearson Partners International, Stephen Konstans '83

Thank you to the TCA Alumni Association and to all our alumni who attended; we look forward to seeing everyone at the Homecoming dinner this fall on Friday, October 18, 2019. Spring Alumni Weekend 2020 will be April 17-18.







Letter from the Alumni Association President

Christian community

AS I WIND DOWN MY TWO-YEAR TERM as president of the TCA Alumni Association, I look back and think, “Where has the time gone?” It seems like just yesterday that I was given the opportunity to serve our amazing community in this capacity. I have been privileged to work alongside so many committed people who love our school and love our Lord.

We have done some amazing things and had a few “learning opportunities” along the way, as well. We have been able to build the next building block in the continued growth of our Alumni Association. I know that others will come behind and continue to build on what we have done.

While all of this is important, what is truly integral to our school and the Alumni Association is the Christian community that we have here at TCA. Our community is built first and foremost on the foundation of Jesus Christ—He is what gives us our name—Christians. We also have the foundation of each other, a group of fellow believers, bearing each other’s burdens and sharing each other’s joys.

I was particularly struck by the value of our Christian community as I recently attended memorial services for two beloved members of our TCA community. One had lived a long and fruitful life of service to others, and the other’s life was tragically cut short by the scourge of disease but still impacted so many people with love and joy. Each service was moving, and both individuals had amazing lives—lives from which we can all learn. Both invested in others, and both were loved by so many members of this community. In both cases, the TCA community showed tremendous support and love for the families and fondly remembered our dear brother and our dear sister. When these families needed our love, our community responded with love and support.

While we may have our differences with each other at times, let us not forget what a beautiful blessing we have in our Christian community here at TCA.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you, and may God continue to bless our wonderful school!

Blessings to each of you,

Stephen Konstans ’83
TCA Alumni Association Board President

UPCOMING EVENTS & ALUMNI NEWS

SEPTEMBER 26: Alumni Legacy Breakfast at TCA



OCTOBER 18: Homecoming

- 6–9 p.m. – Trinity Art Gallery (TAG) Alumni Reception in the Upper School
- 6:30–8:30 p.m. – Alumni Dinner for ALL alumni, their families and alumni parents under the big tent in the parking lot north of the football field
- 7 p.m. – Varsity Football Game against Fort Worth All Saints’

OCTOBER 19: Trojan Football Experience

- 9 a.m.–1 p.m. – The TCA Athletic Department and the Office of Alumni invite you to Tom Landry Stadium to remember your Friday night lights experience at TCA. We will be hosting an alumni flag football tournament, a free luncheon and more! If you were a football player, coach, cheerleader, Trojanette, band member or simply a fan of the Trojans, join us!

SPRING ALUMNI WEEKEND 2020

APRIL 17: Friday night kick-off event for ALL alumni and celebrating the following reunion years: 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015

APRIL 18: All alumni, alumni parents, current parents and their families are invited to attend an on-campus event celebrating the **50th anniversary of TCA!**

► PAVERS

A brick paver is the perfect way to honor a student, alumnus, faculty, staff or family member. For \$150, a paver may be purchased and placed in the Alumni Garden next to the TCA Performing Arts Center. All proceeds benefit the Alumni Association and Student Tuition Aid. For more information, contact Director of Alumni **Beth Harwell** at bharwell@trinitychristian.org or 972-447-4747.

► CALLING FUTURE TROJANS!

Alumni and alumni parents—have you considered TCA for your children or grandchildren? We invite you to discover how TCA can serve your family today. Spots are available for the 2019-20 school year. We are also hosting a preview specifically for alumni on **Tuesday, October 29.**

Contact **Amy Edwards Prideaux '89**, at 972-931-8325, ext. 2922, or visit www.trinitychristian.org/admissions to schedule your tour today. Come see what's new at TCA and what traditions are still around!

► NEW LEGACY FAMILIES

Welcome back! We have several alumni who will be returning to TCA as current parents next year:

Ashli Burbridge Avery '98

Caroline Roush Ermakov '08

Kristen King Gray '05 and Dylan Gray '05

Bryant Kim '98

Carrie Garoutte Kunkel '00 and Mike Kunkel '00

Amy Bastian Richards '01

Sheila Dyer Trigg '01

Tiffany Chastain Wilmer '94

► ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

Thank you to our Alumni Association Board for serving during the 2018-19 school year. We are honored to have you serve our alumni!

Stephen Konstans '83, President

Lane Conner '99, Vice President of Social Media

Jackie Schimmer Harrison '86, Vice President of Alumni Parents

Bunny Heard Mitchell '94, Vice President of Community

Lane Wells Wiggins '04, Vice President of Contributions

Jacy Witt '12, Vice President of Communications

Ashli Burbridge Avery '98

Chad Baldwin '13

Michael Novakovich '13

David Purcey '01

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Brandon Waddell '97

► STAY CONNECTED

Be sure to follow us on social media:



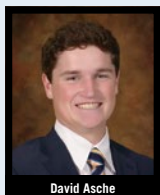
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2019 LEGACY GRADUATES

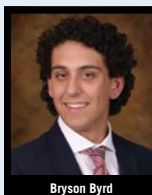
Seventeen 2019 graduates are children of TCA alumni. See their senior photos below, along with their alumni parents' senior photos. Congratulations to these legacy graduates!



David Asche



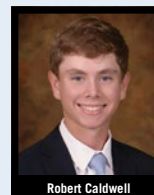
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Bryson Byrd



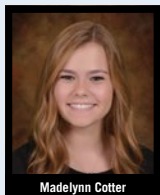
Stephanie Adair Byrd '89



Robert Caldwell



Reid Caldwell '80



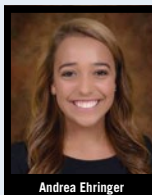
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Shaw Cotter



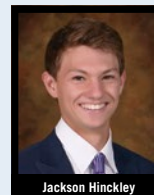
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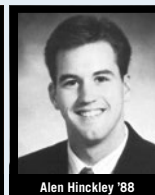
Andrea Ehringer



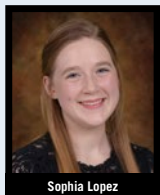
Betsy Thompson Ehringer '84



Jackson Hinckley



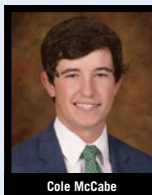
Alen Hinckley '88



Sophia Lopez



Cliff Lopez '81



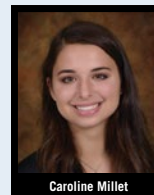
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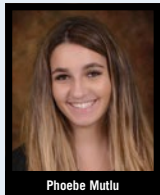
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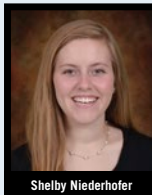
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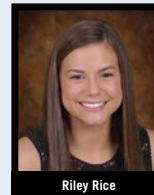
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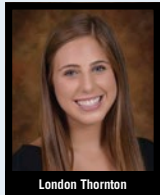
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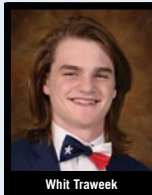
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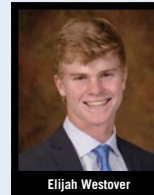
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Emily Whitman Traweck '88



Elijah Westover



Tricia Nolley Westover '86

Where are they now?

THE LATEST ON WHAT YOUR CLASSMATES ARE DOING
BY BETH HARWELL, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI

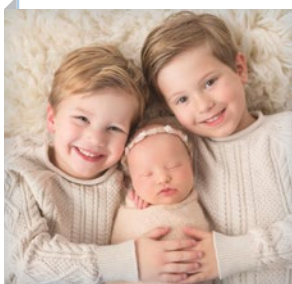
1996



JENNY VODVARKA SHAFAE and Darren Shafae welcomed their second child, Merrick Joseph Mir Shafae, on November 16, 2018, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and 19 inches long. Cyrus (2 years) is enjoying being a big brother. The family recently moved from San Francisco to Santa Barbara, California, where Jenny continues to work remotely for biotech firm Genentech, and Darren runs his own business, Papercheck, LLC.

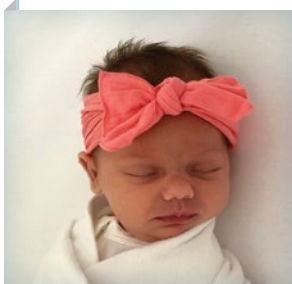
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Hadley Page Troop was born on December 11, 2018, to **ASHLEE PAGE TROOP** and **TIM TROOP**.

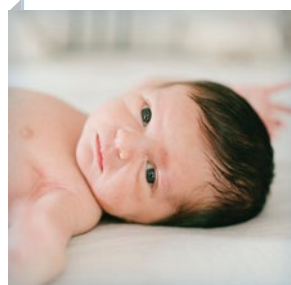


Brothers Colton and Turner are excited about their new little sister!

2007

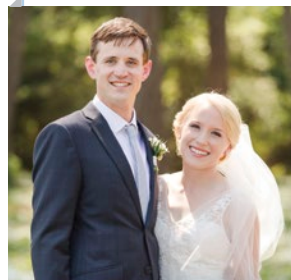


RAWLES BELL and his wife, Laura, welcomed their first child, Ryan Ruth Bell, on April 2, 2019. She was 7 pounds, 6 ounces. Laura has taught the past three years at TCA in the Science Department, and Rawles currently works at Benchmark Private Wealth Management.



Brooks Robert Taylor was born to **ROBERT TAYLOR** and **HILLARY PRICE TAYLOR** on March 29, 2019. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 21.25 inches long, the perfect little bundle of joy! The Taylor family resides in Dallas.

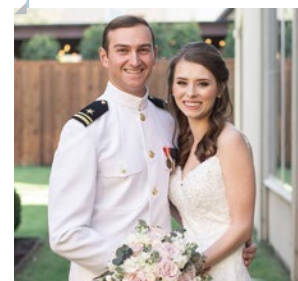
2010



SCOTT WESTFALL married Lillie Rupert on May 11, 2018, in Cape Henry, Virginia. The best

man was his brother, **DREW WESTFALL '13**. Groomsmen included **CALE SHIVERS** and **JOSH KEMP '12**. Also included in the wedding party were **PHYRE BURNS**, **RYAN DOERHOFF** and **SALEM HARRY**. Scott is the founder and owner of CGP Real Estate Consulting in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he and Lillie, a physical therapist, reside.

2012



TRAVIS BEACH and **GRACE MARTIN** met in their fifth-grade class at TCA. They enjoyed their time at TCA as friends and even attended their junior prom together. Travis attended the United States Naval Academy, and Grace attended the University of Alabama. In their senior year of college, they reconnected and built upon their long friendship. They enjoyed dating as Travis attended Naval flight school in multiple states, while Grace worked as a financial advisor in Tallahassee, Florida. They married March 16, 2019, in Dallas. They were thankful to have so many family members and friends gathered to celebrate the occasion. They had standing by their side many TCA alumni: **STEPHANIE MARTIN OSBORNE '05**, **WADE MARTIN '08**, **MORGAN BEACH '10**, **REED BASTIE**, **KATHERINE KONSTANS BASTIE**, **MICHAEL CRÈME**, **ADDISON DEBTER**, **MATT HUGGINS**, **TOM POSTMA**, **CONNOR THOMPSON** and **TRENT WIEN**. Travis

Got news?

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and Grace reside in Meridian, Mississippi, until the Navy moves them to their next adventure.

2013



MADISON FIELDS married **JEFF WRIGHT** on November 17, 2018. They began dating after they graduated from TCA. Alumni in the wedding included maid of honor **KARA CROSBY, CHRISTINE FARES, EMILY JARVIS, ANNA BERGMAN, RACHEL KWONG, ASHLEE FERGUSON** and **LINDSAY WRIGHT HIRANI '09**. Groomsmen included **DAWSON FIELDS '16, HARRISON FIELDS** (11th) and usher **TY TAMLYN**. They currently reside in Dallas.

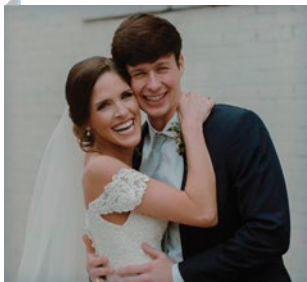


NATHAN MATHAI spoke to TCA Middle School student council members in December 2018 about his experiences teaching in Malaysia through a grant from the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Nathan graduated from Furman University in 2017 with a degree in accounting and was one of three Furman 2017 graduates to become a Fulbright Scholar.

2014

DALY WITT and **PATRICK REA** were married in Dallas on April 6, 2019. The two were friends in high school at TCA and started dating their sophomore year at Texas A&M University. Several of their TCA friends joined

them in their wedding, including **JACY WITT '12, ANNIE REA KELLY '11, SARAH GRANT PORTER, ANNA HARRINGTON, BECCA POLK, KATHRYN SPRINGFIELD, CHASE REA '16, BROCK BACON, TREVOR POWNELL, DRUE ALLEN, WILL TROOP, KYLE HARDESTY** and **JASE MILLER**.



The Reas are now living in Richardson. Patrick is a global procurement analyst for PepsiCo, and Daly is a graphic designer for Plano Magazine.

2015



CHRISTOPHER FOX graduated with highest honors from Georgia Tech last December with a degree in electrical engineering from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. He returned to Georgia Tech to pursue a master's degree in electrical engineering while working as a teaching assistant. He will graduate in December 2019. He received an award from the Roger P. Webb Awards Program honoring the accomplishments, dedication and excellence of the students, faculty and staff. Christopher is also a member of the Georgia Tech Glee Club (the oldest glee club in college history).

Food for thought

Matthew Marks '14 remembers his days in high school when he was overseeing the TCA food and clothing drives to help people in Dallas. Flash forward six years later, and he never thought he would be overseeing the first-ever food pantry at the University of Oklahoma.

"It has been an honor to serve as the student director and now the graduate director for the OU Food Pantry. Our mission is to serve all students, staff and faculty on the Norman campus who face food insecurity and hunger," said Matthew. "Before I started on this project, I had no idea that students and even staff on a college campus would be in need. It's a problem throughout our nation. I have been fortunate to serve with a great group of students as we try to lend a helping hand."

Matthew started the food pantry as a junior in college, where his team of students planned, organized and developed the structure of the pantry alongside some faculty and staff. After a year of preparation, the OU Food Pantry officially opened its doors in March 2017. Since then, the pantry has had over 4,000 visitors.

"Nothing is better than serving your community. Meeting the great people on this campus who use our pantry and building those relationships has been truly special. Developing partnerships with local businesses who have assisted us in our mission has been incredible. I enjoy my job because I get to help others," said Matthew.

When he ran for TCA student council president in 2013, his motto was "doing more to make a difference," and it's still something he has kept to this day.

Matthew said, "It's been a wonderful blessing being able to serve the University of Oklahoma and, in turn, making a difference in the lives of our community. If you would like to join in the fight against hunger and support our cause, please visit our website, ou.edu/foodpantry."



In Memoriam

Robert Richard "Rick" Fountaine, alumni parent
AUGUST 21, 2017

Hope Dakel, alumni parent,
past TCA faculty member
JUNE 28, 2018

Jim Kalahar, alumni parent
SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

Patti Gibson Bradley, faculty spouse
SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

Malinda Elizabeth Dickey '87
OCTOBER 18, 2018

Frank Ramirez Sr., alumni parent
DECEMBER 15, 2018

Mark Wiggins, alumni parent
DECEMBER 20, 2018

Charles "Bo" Miller, alumni parent, past TCA
board member, TCA Foundation board member
DECEMBER 25, 2018

Shawn Kathleen Heath Weiss, parent,
TCA employee
FEBRUARY 26, 2019

John David Hammonds, MD, parent
MARCH 17, 2019

Monica Kathleen Conner '02
MARCH 21, 2019

Mark Lewis Deen '85
APRIL 26, 2019

Benjamin Paul Robinson '89
MAY 2, 2019

Carol Frost Ferrell, alumni parent
MAY 7, 2019

Craig Gordon, alumni parent
JUNE 15, 2019

Sharron Shaw, past TCA employee,
alumni parent
JUNE 20, 2019

LAST WORD





THE UNSTOPPABLE "DR. FUNK"

Dr. Funk, beloved Middle School teacher DENNIS SAFFOLD's alter ego, made his final appearance in this year's annual Teachers vs. Seventh-graders basketball game. Mr. Saffold is retiring after 33 years of service to TCA. We will all miss him!



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