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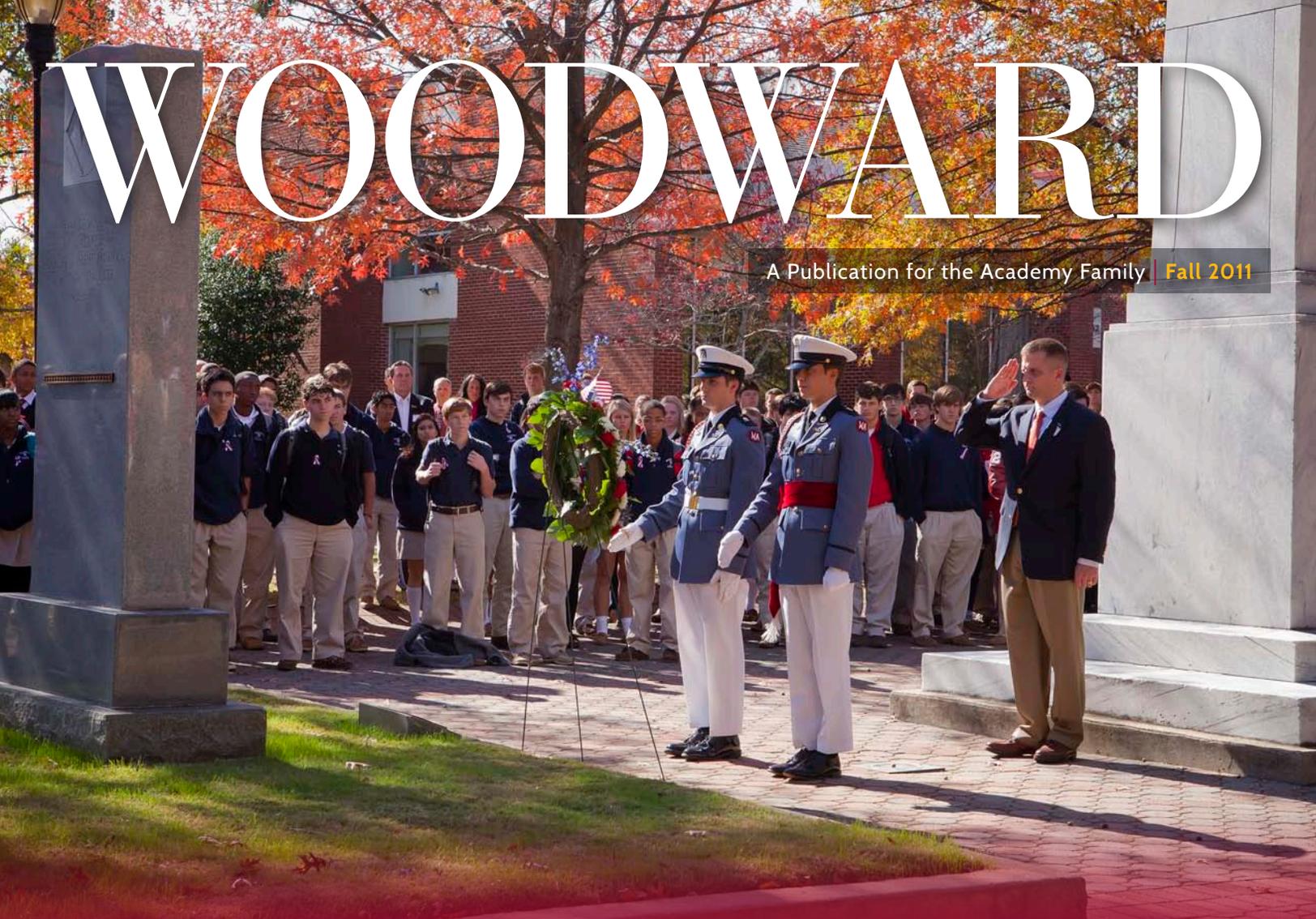


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In the spring/summer issue of Woodward magazine, we inadvertently omitted Eagle Scouts **Jake Etheredge '12**, **Nyle Rado '12** and **Clarke Ruska '12** from an announcement about Academy students who reached the top level for Boy Scouts. We apologize for the omission. Recently, **Neil Dhruv '13** and **Jason Sigalos '12** became Eagle Scouts as well.

On the cover: Clockwise: Maj. Daniel Gade salutes the monument to **Lt. Tyler H. Brown '96** during Veterans Day ceremonies; President Stuart Gulley with **Mary S. Moore '87**, presenting the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award; and, in the Homecoming Parade, seniors Jordan Watkins (Homecoming Prince), Michael Oberti, Max Willsey, Kyle Mancuso and Jay Galloway (Homecoming King), with Upper School teachers Kris Silvers (driving) and Jane Graham.

From President Gulley



Fall is an exciting time at Woodward. This fall season, we gathered to celebrate our school on several occasions.

At the President's Dinner in September, we presented the debut screening of a virtual tour of the new humanities building—the final capital project of Campaign Woodward. While the challenge of raising \$12.3 million to fund the new building remains, it promises to exceed our expectations. In October, alumni came together for Homecoming on Main Campus and enjoyed Class Reunions in many different locations around the city. In November, we honored our history and all who served in the military, including many who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country, at the Veterans Day program. I know that I was not the only member of the audience moved by the wreath-laying ceremony and the profound and respectful silence of the Upper School student body gathered for the occasion.

This fall has been especially momentous because we are truly poised for change and growth as an institution, in many different directions. We are making significant progress toward the goals of our Strategic Plan. In future issues of the magazine, we will share more details about our efforts to become a national standard bearer in college-preparatory education.

In this issue of the magazine, we give you a glimpse into the new humanities building; share the excitement and joy of Homecoming and Class Reunion celebrations; and, as always, inform you about the accomplishments of our students in academics, athletics and the arts and of our alumni in the world beyond Woodward. You also will read the first in a series of “North & Main” columns and enjoy the contributions of other guest writers, including a senior interested in sports broadcasting and a beloved member of our Upper School English faculty. Our hope is that these combined voices will leave you with a strong, true sense of what is going on today at this great school and allow you to connect with other members of the Woodward family. I know you share my joy at being part of this community, and I hope you enjoy a relaxing and peaceful holiday season.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Stuart Gulley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

F. Stuart Gulley

The Humanities Building: A Look Inside

We at Woodward magazine couldn't wait to share with readers these images of the new humanities building, plans that gracefully pay homage to our history while propelling our academic programs forward. The new building will have so much to offer—state-of-the-art technology, light-filled spaces conducive to learning, a third-floor terrace and an outdoor quadrangle where students and teachers can gather between classes. This new home for our Upper School administration, English, foreign language and history programs will be located in the heart of Main Campus.

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To date, we have secured \$8.7 million in gifts and commitments toward the \$21 million goal for the humanities building. The majority of this total has been committed in the past 12 months, including a generous \$3 million grant from the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, contingent upon reaching our \$21 million goal for the new building and securing a construction contract by December 2012. While we are pleased with our progress, we realize that we still have quite a challenge ahead—raising the remaining \$12.3 million for the new building.

The Gallups Atrium





English Classroom
Carlos English Wing



The Lloyd-Jones Lecture Hall

The completion of the humanities building will represent the culmination of Woodward Academy's current master plan, developed in 2000, and move us toward our goal of being a national model in college-preparatory education. If you haven't already done so, we invite you to visit our website to take a virtual tour of the new building, at www.woodward.edu/go/virtual_tour/.



Third Floor Terrace

If you would like to support Woodward with a gift toward the new building, please call our Advancement Office at 404.765.4030.

A Celebratory Evening

The **President's Dinner September 27** was a festive occasion. Held at Park Tavern, the event included entertainment by students in the Barbershop Quartet (pictured, left to right, are B.J. Myers, Trevor Jann, Jake McWhorter and Charlie Marcus) as well as a fascinating historical perspective provided by Thomas Jefferson repressor Tim Connors, shown with Doug and Robyn Ross and President Gulley (pictured, below right). Doug and Robyn and their sons **Stephen '03** and **Jacob '08** established the Robert Warren Ross American History Enrichment Fund in memory of Doug's father to support activities that stimulate interest in American History among Academy students. Mr. Connors visited Main Campus the day after the dinner to speak to students in character as Jefferson. Also at the President's Dinner, Dr. Gulley presented **Mary S. Moore '87** with the Distinguished Alumni Award (see article on page 20) and recognized **Dr. Nancy Gallups '84** (pictured, right) for her three years of service as chair of the Woodward Fund.



New Families Support Woodward Fund

During the fall, new families were enthusiastic supporters of the **Woodward Fund**, assisting the Academy in reaching \$929,627 in total gifts and commitments as of November 10. The goal for this year's Woodward Fund is to raise \$1.65 million by May 31, 2012.

"We want to thank those new parents—and new grandparents—not only for their willingness to support the program but also to support it at high levels," said Richard Yancey, Associate Director of Advancement. Because tuition only covers 90 percent of the annual operating budget, the Academy relies on contributions to the Woodward Fund. This annual giving program enhances the quality of a Woodward education, providing teachers and coaches with classroom resources, state-of-the-art technology and additional funding for athletics and the arts. Gifts also can be designated for student financial aid.

While the Academy values Woodward Fund gifts of all sizes, donors who give \$1,500 or more become members of the President's Circle. For more information about supporting the Woodward Fund, call Nicole Fash, Assistant Director of the Woodward Fund, at 404.765.4036 or email her at nicole.fash@woodward.edu. You also can give online at www.woodward.edu/go/giving/.

● What We Did Last Summer

We traveled in Europe, South America, Asia and Africa, performed solo in a classical Indian dance tradition and started an initiative to provide therapy for autistic children. These are some of the amazing ways that Woodward students and teachers chose to spend their summer. Here, they describe their experiences.



we go to school where we have lots of friends. Going to school in Chile is not that different from going to school at Woodward. There is math, social studies, language and

● Costa Rica Trip

Meera Gorjala, 9th grader who joined a Middle School Costa Rica trip

“I had an amazing time in Costa Rica. All of the people were friendly, and the food was delicious! My favorite food was a fried potato-like dish called yucca. My favorite excursions during the trip were ziplining, because we saw the beautiful forest; the Tarzan Swing, because we got to swing like Tarzan through the forest; and whitewater rafting, because there were many rapids and places to jump into the river along the way. The trip gave me a wonderful opportunity to practice my Spanish, and the Costa Ricans were happy to see me trying to speak their language. The trip was a wonderful way to experience the Costa Rican culture.”

● Marcus Brothers in Chile

Simon & Daniel Marcus, 6th graders

“For the past four years, we have spent our summers in Chile, where we visit our relatives, go to school to learn about the culture and have fun. After the nine-hour trip, our uncle picks us up to take us to his home. When we wake up, we have breakfast, which is usually something we have never tried before; special breads, cereals, fruits, cheeses and drinks. After breakfast,

science. The only differences are that they have a religion class and their “foreign” language class is English, because Chile is a Spanish-speaking country. Every time we go to Chile, it is a blast!”

● Solo Dance Debut

Harini Indrkrishnan, 10th grade

“Bharatanaatyam is the most common form of Indian classical dance, originating in South India. In many Indian art forms, including music and dance, a student trains under a teacher for many years and completes an arangetram, a debut solo performance, which may last up to three hours. There are various types of dances within Bharatanaatyam that portray the technical aspect of dance, facial expressions or the combination of the two. During the summer, I went under intense training for my arangetram, where I



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(left to right): George Dietz, Colin Street, Jim Shanks, **Becca McIver '11**, Karen Sun '11, Dee Kosciak, **Spike Dietz '01** and Andy Morris.

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had to practice all day almost every day in order to master eight pieces using these variations of dance, which I performed with live musicians, a completely different experience than using the usual recorded music. Though the daily practice may sound like torture, it was actually the most incredible experience I have ever had. I got to focus on my passion day in and day out without having to worry about school or anything else, and I grew incredibly close to my teacher, since I pretty much lived in her house. I also became much more aware of my culture and religion, and I take pride in being able to spread the beauty of my culture through this art.”

Terranova Trip

George Dietz, Middle School Assistant Principal

“If I were to pick a place to vacation with the family, Mazabuka, Zambia, would not be the first place to come to mind. In fact, Mazabuka does not boast much beyond farms, mud huts, wonderful people and a rough life. But now it can boast of having a new Secondary School thanks to its sister school in America, Woodward Academy. The Terranova School, founded by Colin and Alison

Check out www.tech4terranova.org, a resource site developed by Becca McIver '11. Also, Mr. Dietz, President Stuart Gully, Lower School Principal Andy Phillips and Controller Sarah Cavender will travel to The Terranova School in December as invited guests at the school's first high school graduation and celebration of its 10-year anniversary.

Street, received official notification from the Ministry of Education in July that they have joined the ranks of the elite in Zambia. In fact, they are one of a handful of public schools

in Zambia, where the government provides an education only to grade seven, to offer a free education to grade 12. Thanks to donations by the Woodward community and the work of visiting Woodward task forces for the last five summers, The Terranova School has facilities that are the envy of many Zambian schools. This past summer, the goal of the summer group was to help establish and outfit the science labs, enhance the computer labs and bring the medical clinic online. In addition to meeting these goals, 300-plus children were vision tested as well.”



The Isenstein Initiative

Emily Isenstein, 12th grade

“For the past four years, I have volunteered at Chastain Horse Park with physically and developmentally disabled individuals. I have loved every minute of it, and I have become very fond of the children. By working with certified equine therapy instructors, as well as physical and occupational therapists, I have learned about this hands-on approach to helping children with autism. As my involvement with equine therapy and its effects on this complex neurological disorder grew, I wanted to learn more about it.

● A European Tour

In June, the **Woodward Choral Department** traveled to Germany and the Czech Republic with a group of 45 students and teachers. In Berlin, the singers visited the Brandenburg Gate, a symbol of Germany's division and reunification. On the way to Leipzig, the group stopped by Wittenberg to visit the home of Martin Luther. The singers performed in the Castle Church where Martin Luther nailed the famous 95 Theses to the door. In Leipzig (home to Mendelsohn, Schumann and Bach), singers visited Thomaskirche, where Bach served for 27 years as choirmaster. In Dresden, the choir visited the Zwinger Castle and saw the Dresden Opera House. Finally, in Prague, the singers went on a walking tour of the Hradcany Castle and crossed the 14th century Charles Bridge. The Woodward singers enjoyed the checkerboard streets of medieval Prague and ended their tour with a dinner cruise on the Vltava River. While in Europe, the choir performed three full concerts.



● Travel to China

Over the summer, I took a course at Emory University on abnormal psychology and development. I also volunteered at the Emory Autism Clinic. These experiences have provided me with greater insight in understanding autism and how I can improve the way I work with children at Chastain. After seeing the tremendous progress of children with autism in equine therapy, I was inspired to find a way to provide access to this potentially life-changing therapy. I collected money from a letter-writing campaign and received a grant from the Door and Ladder Society, a philanthropy group for Jewish teens. I was able to fund a series of 10 equine therapy sessions for more than 20 children, a project that became known as the Isenstein Initiative. Also during the summer, I worked at a camp with an inclusion program for children with autism. I was able to help select students from the inclusion program to receive scholarships from the Isenstein Initiative, and I have already begun working with several of them. This experience has shown me that I truly can make a difference in the lives of others.”

Chinese language students, along with teacher Betty Bienert and some parents, visited China over the summer, traveling to Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai and Hong Kong. “It was an unforgettable experience for everyone. The students not only used what they learned in class with Chinese locals, they also learned Chinese history and culture through the many historical sites they visited,” Mrs. Bienert said. “The students often talk about the fond memories from the trip, and many say that they want to return to China.” In addition, Woodward welcomed an exchange student from China in August through the ASSIST program, which brings outstanding international students to attend the finest American independent schools for a year.



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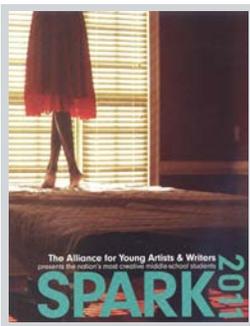
Woodward hosted High School Student for a Day on October 21, welcoming 16 middle school students to campus. The event was a program of the Boys Speak Out organization.

News in the Arts



The Upper School Theater Department produced two fantastic plays this fall: “Pride and Prejudice” and “The Jungle Book.” In addition, the Upper School Choral Concert (pictured above) highlighted students’ musical talents.

In the visual arts, Senior **Claire Crawford’s** artwork won first place in the Congressional Art Competition for Georgia’s 5th Congressional district. Her winning photograph was entitled “A Gentleman’s Dream.” Photographs by two Woodward students, **Vanilla Parthiban** and **Emma Schifilliti**, were selected for annual national publication, “Spark 2011.” Only 29 art students were chosen to represent the best Middle School artists in the nation.



Go to www.woodward.edu/360 for recent news and to access **WALive**, which features live broadcasts of athletic events, performances and other campus events, and to follow us on Twitter.

Debate Team Wins Important Tournament

The varsity debate team of **Jason Sigalos** and **Rahim Shakoor** won the St. Marks Heart of Texas tournament in Dallas this fall, defeating 100 of the best teams from across the nation. This is the first time Woodward has ever won the Heart of Texas. Senior Jason Sigalos was also awarded the first overall speaker.

Siemens Semifinalists

Two Woodward seniors—**Alexander Akins** and **Ryan Spears**—have been named semifinalists in the prestigious 2011 Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology. It is unusual for one high school to have two semifinalists in a single year. Alexander and Ryan both participate in the Independent Student Research Program, which allows Academy students to work with researchers at Georgia Tech and Emory University.



(left to right) Ryan and Alexander



Ben F. Johnson III '61 (above with his wife, Ann) was recognized as 2011 Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year by the Greater Atlanta Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. He was nominated by Woodward Academy and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Johnson has been Chairman of the Academy’s Board of Governors for more than three decades.



Woodward cheerleaders from the Middle School and Upper School cheered on participants in the 3-Day Breast Cancer walk this fall. Faculty also came out over the weekend to support walkers raising funds for breast cancer research.

‘Why Woodward?’

By **Nija Meyer** | Parent of Woodward North students

“Why Woodward?” It’s the question I hear every day—asked by neighbors who have chosen to attend public school, by newcomers exploring private school options, by the random person who sees the sticker on my car in the grocery store parking lot and, most recently, by friends who are struggling with the decision of whether to continue from Woodward North to Main Campus in seventh grade.

Believe it or not, my “Why Woodward” decision was made more than 40 years ago when my parents and I emigrated to the United States from India. In my family of scholars, academics reigned supreme, but it was forever at tension with the Gandhian “equality for everyone” mindset. My parents wanted the best school for me, but their perception of private schools was tainted by labels of “privileged” and “elitist.” They consequently sent me to what was then ranked the best public school in Georgia. Did I do well? Sure. I learned how to excel at standardized testing. I learned how to memorize exactly what the teacher wanted to hear so I could get good grades. I learned how to work the system. Is that what I want for my children? No.

When it came time for our children to go to school, my husband and I prepared a “shopping list” with all our desired attributes. It went something like this:

- Academic excellence without being an academic pressure cooker



Nija and Joe Meyer with their children, Hans and Arya.

- Diversity of race, religion and ethnicity (after all, that’s the world!)
- Well-rounded education, not just in core subjects, but in the arts and athletics
- Cultivation of compassion and character, guided by moral values
- A school from which our children would emerge as happy, well-balanced individuals, ready to make positive contributions to the world

Our list reminded me of the scene in *Mary Poppins* in which the children write down their criteria for the “perfect nanny,” then *Mary Poppins* arrives and fits their description to a tee. At the risk of sounding corny, that is precisely what Woodward

Academy did for us. Our *Mary Poppins* had arrived.

Jumping ahead, my son has now been at Woodward North for seven years, and my daughter for five years. As my husband and I look back on these years, we find that WN has not only met but surpassed our already-high expectations. We all hear our school praised for its diversity, sense of family, emphasis on the whole child and strong value system, but can phrases such as these even begin to capture the full Woodward experience? If excellence is in the details, then just what are the details that make our school truly exceptional?

Here are some of those details: I love that our WN principal, Mr. Lee Vincent, personally greets each child by name every

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morning. I love how all our teachers, even those who have never taught my children, look out for their best interests just like members of an extended family. I love how they have fueled the joy for learning in meaningful and memorable ways, whether it is “mining for gold” in Dahlenega after studying geology, visiting the Atlanta Botanical Garden after studying botany or role-playing the life of a pilgrim. I love that my children appreciate Eid, Yom Kippur, Diwali, Nowruz and the Chinese New Year and are invited by their friends to participate in these celebrations. I love how our children have been given so many opportunities to perform that they can stand up confidently in front of an audience of more than 300 people, with nothing more than what my son calls “the good kind of butterflies.” Our students are not afraid to put themselves out there, and they learn to take both wins and losses in stride. I love that, even though there is no homework on weekends, my 8-year-old and 10-year-old look ahead, on their own, to see what is coming so they can minimize their workload during the hectic week. I love that my children’s friends and their parents have all become what we call our “family of friends,” bound together by similar values and priorities.

Experiences like these don’t just happen. It is impossible for me to put a price tag on them, but I do know that when prospective parents ask me, “Is the difference worth the dollars?” I can unhesitatingly answer yes. Now, for the next difficult question, “Is the difference worth the distance?”

Every year, I see the parental angst that begins to creep in,

starting in fourth grade, as children approach the Middle School years. Interestingly enough, students have a different perspective, viewing the commute to Main Campus as an opportunity to catch up on sleep, socialize with their friends, listen to music and get ahead on homework (except on Fridays when everyone is ready to start the weekend). In a recent session with middle-schoolers, the overwhelming majority felt that the ride was worth it because of all the things they love about Main Campus.

Over the years, I have become more involved in a volunteer capacity at Main Campus. Every time I’m there, I get the same feeling—goose bumps. Fascinated, inspired, excited goose bumps that come from the realization that our wonderful experiences at WN were just a tiny sneak preview of what is in store for our children in the years ahead, including opportunities to: take a myriad of AP courses and electives such as robotics, oceanography and environmental science; work in collaboration with Emory and Georgia Tech professors on leading edge research; explore painting, drawing, sculpture and photography; perform in plays and musicals of such high quality that you can visualize our young stars on Broadway; and engage in community service that is about active participation, not just parents writing a check. Woodward offers a customized curriculum personally tailored to bring out the strengths in each individual with no “cookie cutter” definition for success.

Can other schools offer this experience? I will answer by saying that each school has its

strong suits, but I believe that Woodward’s strong suit is that it is strong in all the suits. It offers the total package, the whole shebang. Our rich diversity is not only in demographics, but in learning styles, vistas, viewpoints and visions, truly preparing our students for the “real world.” Our students don’t just talk about accountability and responsibility, they live it from the earliest grades and on through college. Am I willing to go the distance, literally and figuratively, for my children to have these opportunities and experiences? Again, my answer is unhesitatingly yes.

As I walk across Main Campus and see our Woodward students changing buildings for classes, using breaks to catch up on work, laughing with friends and looking confident and relaxed, I have no doubt that these young men and women will not just succeed in college, they will be happy, well-balanced individuals, ready to make positive contributions to the world. My husband and I couldn’t ask for more for our children.

A Conversation with Head Coach John Hunt

By *Graham Reynolds '12*

John Hunt is in his first fall season as head football coach at Woodward. In addition to the vast experience he gained while coaching with Steve Spurrier at Florida, South Carolina and for the Washington Redskins, Coach Hunt hopes to bring a balanced coaching philosophy to Woodward. Hunt strongly believes that, “We must run the football and make defenses defend us, but we must also be able to pass the football effectively.” I interviewed Coach Hunt about his past experiences so that we, as a community, can get to know our new coach.



Graham Reynolds

Graham Reynolds: First of all, welcome to Woodward Academy. Please share with the War Eagle nation just how the transition has gone from coaching high school football in Florida and then moving to Georgia to land here at Woodward Academy?



Coach Hunt: It has been a little hectic since I arrived last spring. I think I officially got hired on a Tuesday and then met the coaches on Thursday. Team ball started the following Monday. The staff has been fantastic, and they jumped in there and helped me out.

GR: Tell us about your family.

CH: I am married, and my wife, René, and I have two sons at Woodward. Christopher is in eighth grade and Cameron is in second grade. They were really excited about the move. You know, as a family we have moved quite a lot, so we are excited about having the opportunity to grow some roots in this area.

GR: Understandably, many people are excited about this change because you played college football at Florida, played two years in the pros and coached with

Steve Spurrier at Florida, South Carolina and for the Washington Redskins. Describe and highlight your experiences with Coach Spurrier and the impact he had on you as a coach and as a person.

CH: As a player and as a coach, I've been very fortunate. I've gotten to experience, meet and coach with a lot of really good coaches. Throughout those years, I've kind of taken bits and pieces of all of them and molded things that I like that fit me and my personality. Obviously, Coach Spurrier gave me an opportunity to get into the college ranks as a guided assistant, so I was able to get my master's degree working for him. I had some great times with him while coaching at Florida, South Carolina and for the Redskins. I value those times, and I try to draw on all of the experiences

and all of the coaches that have influenced me.

GR: How did Woodward appear on your radar and what about the school attracted you and, ultimately, led to your decision to take the job?

CH: That's an interesting story. I didn't know a lot about Woodward when I first heard about the coaching opportunity. I received a phone call from a girlfriend of my wife's from high school whose daughter goes to Woodward North. Once I started researching the school, I became more and more excited. I told my wife that I was going to put my hat on this thing because it looked really, really promising and attractive. The Academy certainly didn't disappoint.

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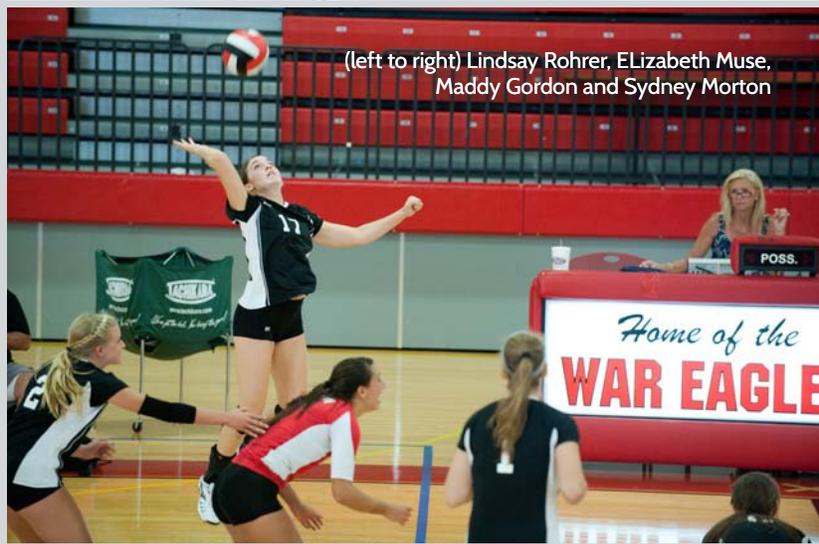
Athletic Wrap-Up

The **War Eagles football team** started a new era in 2011 with Head Coach John Hunt. New players have stepped up on the offense to help lead the War Eagles, including Sophomore **Terry Googer** and Freshmen **Terrance Phillips**. Also turning in solid performances were Seniors **Josh Minor**, **Max Willsey**, **Shack Dotson** and **Danny Bosse**. The War Eagle defense has been led by Senior Stanford signee **Jordan Watkins** and Junior **Austin Roark**, allowing very few points per game. The Senior Captains for 2011 are **Jordan Watkins**, **Josh Minor**, **Max Willsey** and **Jay Galloway**. At the time of this writing, the War Eagles had advanced to the second round of the AAA State Playoffs after a 44-25 win over LaGrange.

At the AAA Cross Country State Championships, the boys team finished on the championship podium for the second year in a row, this time in 4th place. The girls finished 5th after their best race of the season. Leading the girls were Junior **Hannah Fleming** (the team's top finisher in 12th overall), Sophomores **Meagan Murray** and **Rachel Ward**, Freshman **Mary Elizabeth Cooper**, Juniors **Caroline Tucker** and **Summer McFadden** and Senior **Weezie Chandler**. Freshman **Drew Sands** was the boys team's top finisher (11th overall) followed by Sophomore **River Holifield**, Freshmen **Alex Murfee** and **Collin Silliman**, Juniors **Hill Martin** and **Jake Parker** and Senior **Chris Burnett**.



Rayshawn Ware



(left to right) Lindsay Rohrer, Elizabeth Muse, Maddy Gordon and Sydney Morton

The **varsity volleyball team** started the fall season hoping for its fourth consecutive state championship, after winning in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Team captains are Seniors **Emily Grant**, **Alex Christopher**, **Maddy Gordon**, **Courtney Turner** and **Anna Raines**. The team finished 2nd in the area tournament to Sandy Creek, marking the first time in school history that girls volleyball did not finish in 1st place. Team leaders included Sophomore **Sydney Morton** (113 digs, 92 kills, 706 assists, 36 blocks), **Emily Grant** (92 digs), Junior **Lexie Norfleet** (48 aces, 148 kills, 67.5 blocks), **Maddy Gordon** (265 digs), **Alex Christopher** (54 aces), **Courtney Turner** (187 kills, 98 digs), Junior **Sydney Cooper** (352 kills, 119 blocks), Sophomore **Rachel Ware** (222 kills), Sophomore **Amanda Barag** (62 aces, 76 kills) and Sophomore **Elizabeth Muse** (79 digs).



Meg Nestlehatt (front) and Caroline Tucker



(left to right) Drew Sands, Warren Sams, Nat Johnson and Chris Burnett

The **varsity cheerleaders** have done an amazing job this year both at football games and at competitions. The girls had a great start at the McIntosh competition, placing first, and placed third at both the North Gwinnett and Sandy Creek competitions. The cheerleaders finished runner-up at the Region Championships, qualifying for State Sectionals.

Varsity Cheerleaders



The **varsity softball team** finished second in Region 5 and hosted the first round of the state playoffs, a feat that no other team in the history of Woodward softball has accomplished. The team finished up the season with a remarkable 18-9 record and big wins over Sprayberry, Wheeler, Westminster, Holy Innocents and North Springs. Sophomore **Hanna Sidhu** finished the season batting over .500, had 30 RBIs and was flawless as one of the only left-handed short-stops in the game. Captain **Darington Richardson** was also a key player for the Lady Eagles. Although these two players were at the forefront, each player had a particular strength she brought to the table.



Hanna Sidhu



Lexi Sutherland



Calder LaBriola (second from left)

Student Qualifies for Head of the Charles Regatta

Calder LaBriola '13 qualified to row in the 47th Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, the largest regatta in the world, in the Youth Men's Eights division on October 23. Calder began rowing with the Atlanta Junior Rowing Association the summer before his sophomore year at Woodward and now practices six days a week.

Last spring, as a member of the novice team, Calder's boat placed second at the regional competition. Calder qualified for the Head of the Charles (one of only two "lightweights" to qualify) after six weeks of seat racing. Though he normally rows in the eighth seat as the stroke, Calder rowed the Head of the Charles in the second seat, where his focus was on technique and balance. Calder hopes to advance to nationals in the spring and continue rowing in college.

Student-Athletes Headed for College Sports

Six Woodward student-athletes have signed early to play college sports.

Jordan Watkins will play football for Stanford. **Michael Hall** will play basketball for Harvard University, and **Matthew Citron** will play basketball for Presbyterian College. **Darington Richardson**

signed to play softball for the University of Kentucky, while **Taylor Strawn** will play golf for Presbyterian. **Morgan Bunting** will play baseball at the University of Georgia.



Back row, left to right: Morgan Bunting, Michael Hall, Matthew Citron and Jordan Watkins; front, Taylor Strawn and Darington Richardson.

HOMEcoming + CLASS REUNIONS



HOMEcoming PARADE

The Primary Princess and Prince: third graders Elizabeth Guttenberg and Sam Brummett.

Homecoming at Woodward brought students, teachers, alumni, parents—all of the members of the Academy family—together to celebrate this great school.

Highlights of the week included a **Homecoming Parade** around Main Campus that included students of all ages; the **Founder's Day Convocation** honoring the Academy's 111-year history; the pre-game **tailgate party** and **Homecoming football game**; and **Class Reunions** held in locations around the city.



Seniors enjoy the Homecoming Parade: (left to right) Charlotte Coffey, Emma Schreiner, Paige Lauer, Janie Joyner, Anna Baggett and Connor Pickard.



FOUNDER'S DAY CONVOCATION

At the **Founder's Day Convocation**, alumni were honored for their service. "Ordinarily, we present an Alumni Service Award to an individual, but this year we are presenting it to an entire class," said President Stuart Gulley.

The **Class of 1961**, which celebrated its 50th reunion last May on the exact day of its graduation a half-century earlier, was recognized for its service to Woodward. "This is a group of men who, over the decades, have considered themselves the Band of Brothers. They have managed to stick together, to remember what they held in common at Georgia Military Academy, and have drawn strength from each other over the years," said President Gulley. **Dr. Jim Beall '61**, who coordinated planning for the Class of 1961 50th reunion, accepted the service award on behalf of his class. Dr. Beall is nationally known for his work in children's dentistry.

Also at convocation, Alumni Board President **Simon Arpiarian '94** spoke about his experience at Woodward, which prepared him for Cornell University and a career in commercial real estate.

Mr. Arpiarian spoke of the important influence of teachers including George Dietz, who encouraged him when he was struggling in Middle School science. "It was a turning point in my education. That was when the light went on for me, and it really set the stage for the rest of my academic success."

Clockwise from left: President Gulley with **Jim Beall '61** accepting the Alumni Service Award on behalf of the Class of 1961; Festival Singers; Honor Guard



Alumni Board President **Simon Arpiarian '94** with President Gulley

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ALUMNI TAILGATE

Alumni enjoyed gathering at a tailgate party before the Homecoming football game. Although the weather was rainy, spirits were high as families came together to cheer on the War Eagles.



↑ Daphne Bryson Jackson '81 and Bryson Jackson '23



Pumpkin-Painting Party

Alumni brought their young children to campus on Saturday morning to paint pumpkins together. Pictured here are: (top) Madeline Sorrow, daughter of **Brian Sorrow '96** and his wife, Kelley; and **Tina Vance Harris '94** with her daughter, Finley.



↑ From top: **Jennifer Clifton Amos '88**, Sarah Beth, Tripp and Fate Amos; President **Stuart Gulley**, Johnny Stallings and Ron McCollum, Headmaster and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Lynne and **Steven Eisenstein '91** with their children, Marin, Elly and Seth.



↑ From top, clockwise: David Sheldon, Jo Ellen Chapin Sheldon '91 and their children, Emerson and Carter; Margie and Bill Lineberry; and Homecoming Queen Lucy Condolora with Alumni Board Member Valaurie Bridges Lee '90. Below, the 2011 Homecoming Court.



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CLASS REUNIONS

Homecoming Weekend continued with reunion celebrations for the **Classes of 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006.**



↑ Top: **Thomas Lyons '66** and **Kaye Hames McChesney '66**; middle, **Bill Burns, David Watson** and **Steve Weaver**, of the Class of 1976; bottom, **Cissy Oliver Carlson '81, Robin Hall Post '81** and **Jenny Lambert '80.**



↑ Top: The Class of 1971; middle, **Holly Ellison '82, Debby Fritts '81, Jeff Pike '79** and **Martha Woodward '81.**



↑ **Donna Darsey, Jonathan Darsey '86, Eric Benjamin '85, Betty Bienert** and **Philip Bienert '86; Ashley and Robert Pirkle '86.**



1991



Jennifer Davis '91, Robert Stewart '91 →

Amanda Mutz, Tom Mutz '96, Allen Wish '96, Rebeccah Wish and Dana Gussoff '96. ↓

1991



Melissa Santiago Bauer '91, Scarlett Elliott Shell '91, Nathan Flath '91. ↑

Jen She, Eric She '96, Karen Crosta Cross '96 and Elliot Cross. ↓



1996



1996



2001

Cory Chapman '01, Victoria Beltran '01 and Jennifer Blake-Mahmud '01.



2001



2006

↑ Christine Moody, Robbie Moody '01, Audrey Roberts Smith '01.

← Members of the Class of 2006

Distinguished Alumni Award Presented to Mary S. Moore '87



President Stuart Gulley presented **Mary S. Moore '87** with the Distinguished Alumni Award at the President's Dinner September 27. "We're so proud to claim Mary Moore as an alumna of Woodward," said President Gulley. "She is accomplished, and she is a true leader in her profession. She also embodies the spirit of service that the Academy strives to impart to all of its graduates."

Mary is the founder and CEO of The Cook's Warehouse, a gourmet store and cooking school with four locations in Atlanta as well as an online store at cookswarehouse.com and a mail order catalog. After working her way through Georgia State University with jobs in Atlanta kitchens and an early career as a chef, an epiphany in a very well-stocked New York City cooking supply store led her, at age 25, to open her first store in Midtown. Since then, the business has flourished. A second store opened in 2001 in a Brookhaven location shared with Sherlock's Wine Merchant (owned by **Doug Bryant '78**). In 2005, in partnership with the owner and general manager of Sherlock's, she opened a third retail location in Decatur. In spring 2006, she relaunched cookswarehouse.com and relocated the com-

pany offices. In the fall of 2009, the flagship store moved into a new, larger location in Ansley Mall. In September, she opened her fourth location in East Cobb, in a collaboration with Whole Foods.

Before starting Cook's Warehouse, Moore managed the kitchens and cooked at award-winning Atlanta restaurants Partners Morningside Café and Indigo Coastal Grill. She served as the director of research and development at Harry's Farmers Market, which at the time was the city's largest gourmet and fresh food supplier.

Over the years, she has shared her talents on television, appearing on food segments for Atlanta affiliates of NBC and Fox as well as on PBS and on "Southern Living Presents" on Turner South. She has been a radio guest and a writer for Atlanta's *Finest Dining* magazine and *Atlanta Woman* magazine.

Last year, she was invited with other chefs to the White House to help kick off Michelle Obama's "Chefs Move to Schools" campaign, part of the First Lady's efforts to end childhood obesity. Mary has run cooking classes for the Decatur school system's cafeteria workers, encouraging them to incorporate more fresh, healthy food into their menus.

Despite her busy schedule, Mary has always devoted her time and energy to Woodward, serving on the Alumni Board for the past five years. Last year, she was the treasurer, and she remains a member of the executive committee. She is active and has played leadership roles in many other organizations, both culinary and service-oriented, including Les Dames d'Escoffiers, the International Association of Culinary Professionals, the Atlanta chapter of the Atlanta Community Food Bank and Georgia Organics. She is on the boards of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Council on Small Business, the Metro Atlanta Chamber and The Carter Center.

"She also embodies the spirit of service that the Academy strives to impart to all of its graduates."

President Stuart Gulley

CLASS NOTES + ALUMNI UPDATES

'44 **GMA** Bomar A. Olds, of Cornelia, Ga., retired in 1990 as Personnel Manager at Scovill, Inc, in Clarkesville. He is married to his second wife, Yvonne Berrong, and has two daughters ages 60 and 59, both married. Over the years, he and his GMA roommate, **Gene Puckett '43** of San Diego, Calif., have visited each other.

'54 **GMA** Gene Sutherland Sr. was honored by the Georgia National Fairgrounds organization in Perry, Ga., for his 26 years of service. A new Livestock Equine Center was named in his honor. Mr. Sutherland is a member of Woodward's Governing Board. ↓



Mr. Sutherland with Ron McCollum, Headmaster and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

'64 **GMA** Leroy W. Blankenship retired July 1, 2011, from the County of Monterey, California, as Assistant County Counsel after 30 years of public service. He and his wife, Susan Rutherford Paoli, now reside in Fresno. Leroy is a long-time member and past president of the Rotary Club of Salinas Steinbeck and was recently selected to be governor of Rotary International District 5230 for 2013-2014. ↓



GMA William L. Spencer and his wife, Susan, live at Harbour Point Yacht Club on Lake Lanier. Bill is CEO of Southern Parts & Engineering Co. and enjoys boating on the lake, tennis and playing with his grandchildren. He has fond memories of GMA.

'66 **GMA** Kaye Hames McChesney has retired and moved to Lake Sinclair in Milledgeville, Ga. She has two children and one grandchild with another grandchild on the way. Her husband, Sam, is still working and hopes to retire soon so the couple can do some sailing, fishing, gardening and traveling.

GMA Angus F. McDuffie retired from retail, after working for 50 years in the family furniture business. He is now doing consulting work, specializing in family business structure and management transitions. He has eight children and soon will have 10 grandchildren. He still owns a retail mattress store and a video production partnership. He lives in South Carolina and is an avid hunter and writer.

'67 **GMA** Luther S. Gartrell and Lupton Pittman competed in the 2011 Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament in Kona, Hawaii, last summer. Lupton founded the Old South Marlin Club in 1997. Both men are exceptional anglers and outdoorsmen. **Steve Young**, Lupton and Luther are planning a hunting trip to Argentina in January.

GMA The GMA symbol connotes alumni of Georgia Military Academy. The school became Woodward Academy in 1968.

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PASS IT ON

Last year, **GMA/Woodward** alumni contributed \$200,000 for student financial aid, enabling 24 qualified students to gain access to the outstanding education and character-building opportunities provided at Woodward.

The Woodward Alumni Fund provides our graduates with a unique opportunity—to PASS IT ON. Share your success with a gift to the Woodward Alumni Fund for student financial aid. To make a gift, visit www.woodward.edu/go/alumni_fund or call 404.765.4035.

News from the Alumni Office

Claire Hegarty, Director of Alumni Relations at Woodward, was selected to serve as the chair of the Alumni Relations Group of the Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools (AAIS).

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'69 Thomas L. Jones, for the past three years, has been managing the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy in Asia. He lived in



Tokyo for the first six months and in Hong Kong for the last two and a half years. Being in Asia meant that he had to

miss the last reunion, but he hopes to be back for the next one.

'73 Samuel L. Hodges edited "For the Love of Alabama Journalism" which is a compilation of the editorials, reportage and columns of two of Alabama's most committed and reform-minded journalists, Ron Casey and Bailey Thomson. Their work illuminated and confronted the state's chronic and interrelated problems of race, government, education and poverty. Sam is also the author of the novel "B-Four" and co-editor of "Letters to Amanda: the Civil War Letters of Marion Hill Fitzpatrick, Army of Northern Virginia." He is also managing editor of The United Methodist Reporter, based in Dallas, Texas, and has previously served as the religion reporter for the Dallas



Members of the **Class of 1973** recently got together to celebrate 40 years of friendship. Pictured, from left, are **Cathy Weaver, Carol Cambra Smith, Maya Voljavec Booth, Dottie Allen Green, Lisa Landrum Upton and Candy Jones Booth.**

Morning News, the Washington correspondent for Newhouse News Services, staff writer at the Birmingham Post-Herald and the Orlando Sentinel and correspondent-at-large for the Mobile Press-Register.

'76 Nell Watt Hanson lives in Teton Valley, Idaho, and works in real estate. She has been married to Mark Hanson for 19 years. They have two daughters, now in high school. Nell loves horses, biking, hiking, skiing and kayaking and being a wife and mother.

Jeanne Luke Longerbeam's auditioned group, Singers Unlimited, is presenting a New York-style revue titled, "Broadway a la Carte" at the Forsyth Conference Center. She is the writer, director and producer.

'77 Lee E. Crowe taught a team animation class last year at the Art Institute of Atlanta and created a short film called "Lost and Found" which has screened at a local Atlanta independent film festival, the DragonCon Film Festival and will screen at the Atlanta Underground Film Festival and the Urban Mediamakers Film Festival in Duluth, Ga. He was chosen as Faculty Member of the Year at the Art Institute of Atlanta. He attended this year's DragonCon where he was a featured speaker on the dais with well-known maverick animator Ralph Bakshi.

'79 Todd Sentell owns and runs Mr. Todd's Tutoring & Study Club and has been named the post-graduate program advisor at Cumberland Academy of Georgia, a school in Sandy Springs for students with a wide range of learning and behavioral disorders.

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ALUMNI REFLECTIONS

Remembering Our Years as Boarding Parents

By Carolyn Haldeman

Every family has its stories. The close proximity in which we lived as dorm parents at Woodward from 1972 to 1983 provided lasting memories of a sometimes dysfunctional but almost always fun, certainly close, family.

My husband John and I moved into the dorm apartment vacated by long-time Woodward faculty members Judy and Sammy Andrews. When our children were born (in 1973, 1976 and 1979), we were fortunate to employ the nanny who had looked after **Kimberly Andrews Brown '83** and **Lee Andrews '87**. Mrs. Maggie Harper was a formidable lady, and our son Jack was probably among her more challenging charges.

When John and I made evening checks in the Weltner and Evans dorms, Jack would sometimes get away from his sisters. Once, we had returned from our rounds and hadn't even realized Jack was missing when a plainclothes detective rang our back doorbell. He had smiling, diapered Jack in the crook of his arm. Our daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, were standing behind me, and several of the girls in Weltner next door were looking out the windows to check out what was happening. The detective, not realizing that we were in a dorm, said, "Lady, how many children do you have in there?"

The boarders were our adolescent children. They often came from small Georgia counties that couldn't offer the kind of education that Woodward offered. Some came from overseas, such as the children of the pilot of the Shah of Iran. One was a President's daughter. When **Amy Carter '85** first came to look at Woodward, her parents and an entourage of Secret Service accompanied her. Dr. Betsy Box, the first to head up our Transition Program, had invited all boarders to her log cabin on Walker Avenue for a Christmas party. It was a bit disconcerting to see big men in overcoats stationed behind trees in her woody front yard. The next year when Amy was a boarder, she asked her parents to release her Secret Service detail for her 16th birthday, which they did. The day the men left, John and I saw Amy at the bus stop. She said she was going to Junkman's Daughter in Little Five Points to shop and would be back for supper, as indeed she was, free at last.

At least two long marriages received their catalysts from dorm friendships. **Allison Taylor '76**, a boarder in Evans for whom I named my second daughter, married boarder **Paul Turk '76**. **Elizabeth Peacock '73** and **Alan Brandes '73** fell in love, sharing meaningful glances and an English textbook in my classroom. Elizabeth, the daughter of a Baptist minister, and Alan, who led the Jewish services for boarders, have merged both family traditions, enabling their children to enjoy twice as many holidays. The Turks have traveled with their three children all over the world, still remembering this AP English teacher and sending photos with their Christmas cards. It's always a pleasure to hear from a former student, but it is a special gift to hear from students who for a time called Woodward home.



The Haldeman children grew up on a campus with the children of other faculty members who were also dorm parents. Many of the children also became Woodward alumni. Pictured here are **Katherine Reed Fuller '98**, **Claire Carpenter**, **Jack Haldeman '97**, **Nicolas Reed '98**, **Stephen Cobb '96** and **Mary Haldeman '95**.



Mrs. Haldeman is a beloved member of the Upper School English faculty who has taught generations of Woodward students since joining the faculty in 1971. Her children—**Elizabeth Wynn Haldeman Flesher '91**, **Mary Allison Haldeman '95** and **Jack Haldeman '97**—grew up on campus.

CLASS NOTES + ALUMNI UPDATES

Academy Honors Veterans

Veterans, alumni, students and friends gathered on **November 11** on Main Campus to pay tribute to veterans who died in the service of our country and those who are serving today. The program honors Woodward's past as Georgia Military Academy.

Maj. Daniel Gade, the keynote speaker, was the commanding officer of **Lt. Tyler Hall Brown '96**, who lost his life in Iraq. Maj. Gade

remembered Tyler as a man who made hard choices in his life, instead of easy choices, electing to lead his platoon in Iraq instead of taking an opportunity for safe, ceremonial guard duty in Washington, D.C. "Tyler chose to do the hard, right thing instead of the easy, wrong thing," Maj. Gade said.

He urged students to choose the right thing every day of their lives. "You must lead yourself first. You



Maj. Gade spoke to Ronda Zents' ninth grade English class.

should do the right thing even when it's hard, especially when it's hard," he said. "When you experience tragedy, the only thing you have to

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'**80** **Randy A. Burton** lives in Lake Spivey and owns and operates the Irish Bred Pub in Rex, Ga. His daughter, Denver, was STAR student for her class in Henry County and started at Georgetown University majoring in pre-med. His other daughter, Cassidy, plans to attend Georgia Tech next year.

'**81** **Janita L. Poe** has returned to her roots in the Cascade Heights community after stints

as an award-winning urban affairs reporter for The Chicago Tribune and as national "roving" reporter for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. She launched the first Cascade Patch community news website for AOL/Huffington Post. In her free time, she is a competitive masters runner and budding triathlete with one sprint triathlon under her belt.

'**82** **Rita Sinkfield D. Belin** practices law at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, in New York City. She advises clients on the review process required to obtain federal antitrust approval before consummating proposed mergers, acquisitions and other business combinations. In May 2011, she was promoted to a counsel in the firm. Rita lives in New York with her husband, Rev. Henry A. Belin III, who is the senior pastor of First Bethel AME Church, and they have three sons, Henry, 7, and twins Richard and Blake, 5.

'**85** **Stephanie Q. Wheeler** has been a full-time artist for 10 years. She travels the country for art shows and is represented by The Nicholson Gallery in Atlanta as well as many other galleries across the United States. Stephanie will be featured in the December issue of Atlanta magazine. She makes her home and studio in Smyrna.

'**88** **Arturo Corso** became the first person to use internet video phone technology (Skype) during a jury trial to introduce live testimony from an out-of-state witness. The criminal trial in Douglasville, Ga., received national media attention and has prompted the Council of Superior Court Judges to craft a protocol for future utilization. Arturo practices law around the state from his Gainesville office and has been recognized by his peers as a Georgia SuperLawyer.

'**89** **Robert G. Greene** has been promoted to Vice President Sales East with Covidien Respiratory and Monitoring Solutions. Bob and his wife, Susan, live in Forsyth County with their children, Maggie, 12, Tripp, 10, and Jack, 4.

UPCOMING EVENT

FEB The Woodward Academy Alumni Association will hold its second annual **Big Chill** event benefiting the Woodward Academy Summer Scholars Program on **February 24, 2012**, at Buckhead Theatre. The Woodward/GMA Alumni Association awards a limited number of scholarships to selected 11th grade students to help fund summer study throughout the United States and abroad. To learn more about the Summer Scholars program or the Big Chill, go to www.woodward.edu/go/bigchill.

For more information about events, please call **404.765.4035** or email alumni@woodward.edu.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Mathes Brothers Unite in Play about Iraq



When Adam Mathes '99 was deployed with the Marines to Iraq three times in three years, he wrote to his brother, Benjamin '98, and family about his daily experiences. Benjamin says that Adam's letters were filled with very philosophical insights and descriptions of what was going on in Iraq at that time.

Adam joined the Marines out of a deep sense of gratitude for the country in which his family experienced the "blessings of abundance." In his second year of college, he realized how privileged he had been to be raised by a good family and to be given the opportunity for a Woodward education. "I desired to serve the country in some way that required the best of me," says Adam. "I found that challenge in a calling to be a Marine Infantry Officer."

Benjamin wrote *Fallujah Good*—a one-man play about the American presence in Iraq in 2003-2004—during his last year of graduate school at the University of California at Irvine, where he earned an M.F.A. in acting. The material for the play was taken from Adam's journals and letters home. "I wanted to tell Adam's story and be a voice for those military men and women who may not want to share about their experience," says Benjamin. "As an

actor, this is how I can serve my country. *Fallujah Good* is not a political play or a protest play. It's just one man's story that seems to speak a universal truth about the human experience of war."

Adam describes Benjamin as a phenomenal actor with amazing creative abilities, on and off the stage. "His work far exceeded any expectation I could have imagined from the base and rather rudimentary writings I scratched out in Iraq," says Adam.

"Iraq will forever be with me, at times haunting, at other times in a deep sense of remorse and nostalgia," says Adam. "To be thrust into such a foreign environment in the pursuit of peace, but armed only with the tools of violence, is an experience that requires years of distillation and reflection. I certainly do not hate Iraq. I am enamored by it. I hope to return one day without a rifle."

Benjamin says performing *Fallujah Good* for Adam was a profound experience. Many veterans from the Battle of Fallujah have seen the play, as well as mothers, wives and other war veterans. Recently, a WWII veteran shook Benjamin's hand and said, "You just spoke the tape recorder that's been in my head for 50 years."

"Adam's deployment to Iraq put everything into perspective for me," says Benjamin, who calls Adam his best friend. "Sometimes, it's hard to be an actor when your brother is a Marine. I learned from Adam to seek meaning in everything I do."

Benjamin and his wife, Bonnie, live in Los Angeles, where he acts, produces, works as an acting coach and runs an acting class for professionals. Adam is a senior at Emory's Candler School of Theology, studying for full-time ministry in the United Methodist Church. He currently serves two churches in Ellijay, Georgia. He and his wife, Sarah, have an 11-month-old son named Allen.

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'91 Jason B. Cristal recently accepted the role of co-chair for the 2012 Georgia Walk Now for Autism Speaks. Over the last five years, Jason has raised nearly \$40,000 for Autism Speaks and will be taking on a significant role in planning and fundraising for the 2012 event.

Scott Sanchez was head of marketing on the team that developed the Google Wallet, an app that makes your phone your wallet. It allows users to pay and save with virtual cards and offers on their phones.

'92 Neil M. Bardach recently marked 15 years with Business Wire and was promoted to the position of Product Manager for the company's newest product line of online newsrooms and investor centers.

'94 Andrew E. Goldner and his wife, Amanda, live in Buckhead. Andy opened his own law firm in January 2010. He is a trial lawyer with a practice focusing on serious injury and wrongful death cases.



↑ Adam Black '96 with his son, Ricky, and kindergarten teacher, Ruthie Miller. Miss Ruthie taught Adam as well so Ricky is her first grand-student. Adam's mother, Faith, is an instructional aide for kindergarten at the Primary School.

'95 Daniel B. Berkowitz lives in Pittsburgh. He is married and owns a wholesale bakery called Sweet Tammys.

Howard W. Hsu and Richard Shelor own Sweet Auburn BBQ, a restaurant specializing in unique barbecue creations. As a byproduct of the food truck revolution, Sweet Auburn has been operating out of a converted pizza truck since February. Sweet Auburn BBQ caters festivals and private events all over Georgia and was the recent recipient of the 2011 People's Choice Award at the Wing and Rock Festival, as well as the Judges' Choice for Best Non-Buffalo Wing for its Thai peanut wing creation. ↓



'96 Jeffrey R. Demetriou presented his first major art installation, a nature-themed, 3-D projection piece with sound titled "Homesick," which was a focal point of Flux 2011. Flux Projects has been at the center of a growing movement in Atlanta that has broadened the definition of public art.

'97 Clay O'Daniel recently started the law firm of O'Daniel, McDonald, LLC, in Atlanta. He lives in East Cobb with his wife, Jennifer, his 3-year-old daughter, Grayson, and 1-year-old son, Walker.

'99 Delano S. Maxam is pursuing a doctorate degree in physical therapy at the University of St. Augustine. He was elected as the school's Honor Council president.

Cocktails & Careers

Woodward alumni gathered to mix and mingle at The Big Ketch, a Buckhead seafood restaurant owned by Woodward alumnus David Rice '03.



Top: Kara Nygren '04 and Garnie Nygren '02

Left: Simon Arpiarian '94, Blair Rothstein '95 and Rebecca Constantine '95



Suzanna Sanchez '00 surprised her mom, Missy, with tickets to The Dr. Oz Show during a recent visit to Suzanna's home in New York City. Both women got to be filmed for the show. "Sadly, my one line was cut so I sat in the audience, but Suzanna was on the show," reports Missy, who retired last year as Woodward's Director of College Counseling. "For the record, I have not shrunk. I wore flats, and Suzanna wore four-inch heels."

'**07** **John P. Murphy** graduated from the United States Naval Academy in May 2011 with a degree in Information Technology. He was



commissioned as an ensign and is currently training as a naval flight officer at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida.

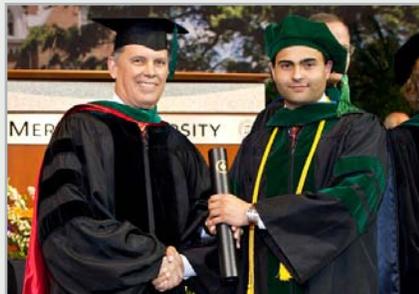
'**00** **Wallace D. Brumby** joined the McEver & Tribble Insurance Agency. He is a broker for the firm's personal lines and commercial lines.

Lana A. Lopez has been working with Clayton County Magistrate Court as a Deputy Clerk. She also continues her hobby of photography and hopes to start a side business someday.

'**01** **Whitney W. Denham** is managing her family's small cafe, Grapes & Beans, in Clayton, Ga. This fall, Grapes & Beans will celebrate 12 years of serving fresh, local, homemade lunch seven days a week.

'**02** **Dana L. Notestine** was awarded the Janet A. and George T. Piercy Science Professorship in August. This award recognizes excellence in teaching in the science program at The Westminster Schools. Dana recently earned her master's degree in education. She teaches junior high science and has taken on the responsibility of being a Departmental Integration Specialist while coaching cross country, swimming and track.

Saif U. Zaman received his B.S. degree in biological sciences in 2006 from Florida State University. In May 2011, he graduated with honors from Mercer University, School of Medicine. Currently, Saif is completing his residency in orthopedic surgery at Loma Linda University in California. ↓



'**03** **Gopi K. Panchapakesan** recently graduated from Harvard Law School and plans to join Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, in Los Angeles, Calif.

'**06** **Brian T. Jack** graduated from Pepperdine University in the Class of 2010. He worked at the Republican National Committee Strategy Division in Washington, D.C., from January to September 2011, and is currently working for AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) as a political analyst.

Alaina Reeves had a summer internship at the national office of Voices for America's Children, a children's advocacy organization. She says her passion for community service began at Woodward with the Interact Club and volunteer work for the Boys & Girls Club. This fall, she is interning in the Washington, D.C., office of Congressman John Lewis. She will graduate from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University in the spring.

'**08** **Jennifer Morgan** was named to the Dean's List at Duke University, an honor she has achieved for all six semesters she has attended Duke. In addition, Jennifer was asked to present her original research at a Romance Studies Undergraduate Research Conference at Duke, representing the French Department with her presentation analyzing materials collected by ethnomusicologist Dr. Ferdinand J. de Hens. ↓



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'09 **Ayanna F. Groves** led Emory Oxford College to its first national tennis championship in women's tennis and received All-American Honors from the NJCAA in the No. 1 Singles and No. 1 Doubles positions for 2011. Ayanna also received the Judy Greer Award for Outstanding Athletic Achievement by a Female Student Athlete and the Oxford Tennis MVP Award for the 2010-2011 season. ↓



Freshman of the Year Award” in the Executive Leadership Honors program of the School of Business. Most recently, Riane was selected for the Summer 2011 White House Internship Program which offered her the opportunity to intern at the White House in the Office of the First Lady, Michelle Obama. Riane credits Woodward with providing her unparalleled preparation for the leadership opportunities she has received.



above at left with Stephanie), **Jake Platt '11** and **Graham Shuping '11**. Stephanie also was chosen to academically advise 180 new students in Plan II, the university's honors liberal arts program. Stephanie, a sophomore, is pursuing a dual degree program in Business Honors and Plan II Honors.

'10 **Stephanie S. Morgan** was selected as an orientation advisor at the University of Texas at Austin where she helped create the opening session program for freshman orientation last summer. She performed in the opening program for more than 7,000 freshmen, including three Woodward graduates: **Louise Johnson '11** (pictured



Riane N. Sharp is in her second year at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Riane is majoring in International Business. She was the recipient of the “Outstanding



'11 **Jasmyn E. Story** is participating in Skidmore College's First-Year London Experience. She has been living in the Chelsea area of London since September,

focusing on British studies. She has been recommended as an outstanding freshman at Skidmore and will be highlighted in an upcoming Skidmore website portfolio.

An Olympic Swimmer

Olivia A. Boggs '11 qualified for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials in the 100-meter breaststroke event. At the 2011 Speedo Champions Series Sectional meet, Olivia swam a personal best time of 1:11.35, beating the Olympic Trials qualifying time of 1:12.19.

Olivia is a business major at the University of Georgia and a member of the 2011-2012 Lady Bulldog swim team. She is a four-time recipient of All-American honors and has been named to Scholastic All-American three times. She was the 2010 Georgia State Champion in the 100 and 200 breaststroke. At Woodward, she was named Most Valuable Swimmer four years in a row, and she set records in the 50 and 100 freestyle, 200 individual medley, 100 breaststroke, the 200 and 400 freestyle relays and 200 medley relay.



1992

Allan Watts-Trent legally married his life partner, Nathan Wesley Trent, on September 16 in Washington, D.C. Allan and Nathan recently moved to College Park. In addition to freelance software development, Allan manages client relations for a benefits communications company. Nathan, recently retired from the entertainment industry, is pursuing academic goals. Together, they founded and co-manage Epicuriosity, a boutique catering company that provides modern innovations on classic cuisine.

1998

Noureen DeWulf married Ryan Miller at the Sunset Tower Hotel September 3 in Los Angeles, according to the September 26, 2011, issue of Us Magazine. Noureen is an actress with roles in the TV series “Hawthorne” and in films including “Ocean’s Thirteen” and “Ghost of Girlfriends Past.” The groom is a National Hockey League athlete for the Buffalo Sabres.

1999

Walter W. Constantine married Elizabeth Gray on July 30. The couple resides in Atlanta.

2001

Brent M. Pease married Erica Silverman of Atlanta on October 22. Brent and his brother, **Evan Pease '03**, along with their brother, Kyle, have started a nonprofit foundation dedicated to helping those with physical disabilities reach goals in sport they once thought impossible.

2002

Robert L. Bowers married Hayley Simmons on July 23 at the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. The reception was held at the Biltmore Ballrooms. Robby’s brothers **Ryan Bowers '04** and **Brett Bowers '06** both served as “best men” as their father **Bobby Bowers '74** and mother Cynthia Bowers proudly watched. Robby received a bachelor’s degree from Furman University in Health and Exercise Science and continued his studies at Auburn University, where he received a Ph.D. in 2009. He is currently in his third year of medical school in Atlanta. Hayley was raised in San Diego, Calif. She graduated summa cum laude from Arizona State University and teaches English at Woodward’s Upper School. ↓



Pictured are (left to right) **Ryan Bowers '04**, **Robby Bowers '02**, **Hayley Bowers** and **Brett Bowers '06**.

2003

Lea Butler Clanton and William Clanton of Columbia, S.C., were married May 14 at the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. Lea is a graduate of Clemson University and is employed as a pricing analyst with Georgia Power. William is also a graduate of Clemson University and is employed as an associate financial consultant with Charles Schwab. Lea and William live in Atlanta. ↓



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1991



Elizabeth Haldeman Flesher and her husband, Van, and children, Elizabeth and Griffin, welcomed a new addition on

August 20, Eliot Arwyn Flesher.

1992

Emily Thwaite Farmer and her husband, Robert, announce with joy the birth of their son, Robert Marion Farmer III, on June 8, 2011. Big sister, Emily Carole, 15 months, welcomes him with love.

Rachel P. Kittner, her husband Sean Rheuben and their daughter, Chloe, welcomed Olivia Ellis Rheuben on November 9, 2010. The family lives in New York City, and Rachel works as a film editor.

1993



Mindy Rice Carmines recently moved with her husband, Stephen, back to Charleston,

S.C., where he is a chef and she is a second grade teacher. They have a son, Parker, 3, and baby son named Ford, born on September 13.

1994

Simon E. Arpiarian and his wife, Felicia, were blessed with the arrival of their firstborn, William Heinz Arpiarian. William was born June 8 at Piedmont Hospital.



1995

Richard A. Eisenstein and his wife, Diane, welcomed a daughter, Zoe Olivia, on June 11.

Stephanie Simpson Nalley and her husband, Street, and daughter Taylor, 2, are happy to announce the birth of James Weston (West) Nalley on May 10.

1996

Beau V. Brezina and wife, Patti, welcomed Joel David Brezina to their family in March. His older brothers (Nate, Samuel and Eli)



were excited to meet their brother. Beau and Patti live in Sharpsburg. Beau is the director of counseling and counselor training at Christian Families Today in Newnan.

Margaret Parrott Johnson and her husband, Jared, welcomed their first child, Charles Lloyd



(Charlie) Johnson, on November 23, 2010. Meg is a senior associate attorney at the law firm of Touchstone, Bernays, Johnston, Beall, Smith & Stollenwerck, LLP, in Dallas, Texas, practicing equine law and insurance defense. The family lives in Keller, Texas.

1998

Katherine Reed Fuller and her husband, Matthew, and daughter, Judy Grace, announce the birth of Ella Reed on May 26. The family lives in Dallas, Texas.



Tiffany Turner Reynolds and **Greg Reynolds '97** announce the birth of their daughter, Lily Rose, on July 14. The baby's name is a tribute to her great-grand-

mother, Dot Young, who passed away on July 13. Greg and Tiffany wed in 2008, 10 years after meeting as camp counselors at Woodward Academy Day Camp.

2004

Sara Notestine Day and her husband, John, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Braden Michael Day. Sara, John and Braden live in Raleigh, NC. ↓



get you through that tragedy is the character you have developed up to that point.”

Tyler’s family and friends created the **Tyler H. Brown ’96 Leadership Speaker Series Endowment Fund** to support the Veterans Day program so that students could hear speakers like Maj. Gade, who has served in numerous command and staff positions in the U.S. Army. Maj. Gade also served as an Associate Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council. He is a decorated

officer with awards including the Presidential Service Badge, Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, among others. He is an instructor at the United States Military Academy at West Point, his alma mater, and holds a Ph.D. and an M.P.A. from the University of Georgia. He remains on active duty in the U.S. Army despite losing a leg in combat in 2005. He is married to Woodward alumna **Wendy Williams Gade ’93**.



(Left to right): Pam Brown, **Brent Brown ’90**, Robert F. Hawks, Vice President for Advancement, Maj. Daniel Gade, President Stuart Gulley, **Natalie Brown Houk ’90**, Walker Houk and Carey Brown, father of **Lt. Tyler Brown ’96**.

ATHLETIC SPOTLIGHT

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GR: Did you bring any coaches with you or are you working with the coaches from last year’s staff?

CH: We are working with most of the staff members from last year. You have got to give credit where credit is due. They did a fine job these past three years, going to the playoffs, winning eight, then eight, then 10 games.

GR: Tell us about your style of offense and defense while coaching in Florida. Do you plan to have a similar approach here at Woodward?

CH: Obviously, when I was at Florida and South Carolina, Coach Spurrier liked to throw the ball a lot, which was good because I learned a lot about the passing game and protections, but there is still a part of me that loves to run that ball. In order to win consistently, you need to be able to run the ball and play good defense. I think that what we are going to do at Woodward is very similar to what they did last year as far as

running the triple. I think in high school you really need to run the triple and make defenses defend you, but what I hope to bring to the table is a little bit more of a passing game. When defenses overload the box, we can throw the ball and make them play honest.

GR: What were some of the things you told the players when you met with them for the very first time?

CH: I told them how excited I was to be here, and I congratulated them on their previous season. Ten wins is phenomenal. I know they weren’t satisfied with it, but you’ve got to tip your hat to what they accomplished. I also mentioned, again, that with success, comes higher expectations. Certainly, they haven’t reached the pinnacle yet because they haven’t won a championship. Everyone wants to win a championship; that’s why we’re here. We have to elevate our work ethic and commitment to match those expectations. I also congratulated them on what they did defensively last year. It’s a challenge this year because we have lost nine out of 11 players on offense.

GR: What are your goals beyond the first season?

CH: A personal goal for me is to be here for as long as I can. Professionally, we want to win championships. In order to get to the ultimate goal, we have got to take care of those little things that lead to the ultimate goal, like winning our region, so that’s where we’ll start as we work toward the ultimate goal of a championship.

GR: How do you feel about your first season at Woodward?

CH: I feel good about it. We had a couple of tough losses, but the players have done a great job of learning from those experiences. Defensively, we continue to be solid. Offensively, we had to replace so many starters with young, inexperienced players. Therefore, we have experienced some growing pains. Yet, we have played better and better as the season progressed. That is what you want as a coach. We are in control of our own destiny in regard to both the region championship and playoffs. We have some tough challenges ahead of us, but that is why we play this game.

Passages

Alumni

- 41** **Louis Carlton Dixon** of College Park, died June 9 at the age 89. He served in World War II in the Philippines as a combat photographer and later worked for the Atlanta Journal and as a professional photographer in Atlanta. Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Zoe Drake Dixon; daughter, Zoe Miller, a Woodward retiree; sons Carl Dixon Jr., and Al Dixon; eight grandchildren including Woodward alumni **Mett Miller '86**, **Drake Miller '91** and **Kalley Dixon '91** and Annie Westlund, a teacher in the Primary School; and 10 great-grandchildren including **Jake Westlund '23**.
- 42** **Brig. Gen. Robert J. Koch** died May 23. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and was decorated with many honors for his service in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He also received the Freedom Foundation Award at Valley Forge, Pa., and was the 1972 recipient of the GMA/Woodward Distinguished Alumni Award. Survivors include his wife, Marguerite Louise de la Houssaye; five of his six children: Josh Koch, Chris Koch, Roy Koch, Marguerite Rose and Leonie Brown; his brother, Harvey C. Koch; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
- 45** **Alfred W. Goodyear** died on July 23 in San Diego, Calif., at age 83. A 1949 graduate of Penn State University, he served in the U.S. Army and fought in Korea, where he was awarded the Purple Heart. He began his publishing career in 1952 with Prentice-Hall and was with the company for 40 years. Later, he was as an executive with other publishing companies in California. A tennis player and golfer, he played clarinet, saxophone and sang with musical groups in retirement. Survivors include his former wife Greta Hunt and stepdaughter Donna Pekar; two children, Scott Goodyear and Sandy Falato; and five grandchildren.
- 56** **Bruce E. Davis** died April 23. A college football player at Florida State University, he was an Army veteran and was self-employed as a sand blasting and painting contractor. Survivors include his two daughters, Debra Sabrina Savell and Tiffany Evon Davis; one son, Bruce E. Davis Jr.; one sister, Margaret Woznack; and four grandchildren.
- 59** **Harold T. Pyles** died on August 4 after a lengthy illness. A graduate of Shorter College, he retired from The Travelers Insurance Company and from the U.S. Army Reserves as a lieutenant colonel. Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Jane; his mother, Lilola; daughter, Amy; and son, Darren.
- 65** **Crowder L. (Bo) Hale** died recently. Survivors include his parents, Crowder and Dorothy Hale; his wife, Katherine Arnold Hale; his daughter, Bo Ann Hale; and his grandson, Aiden Carter Collins. He proudly served his country as a Navy Frogman.
- 68** **David G. Bragg** died recently. A graduate of Georgia State University, he was president of Bragg Associates for more than 30 years. Survivors include his wife, Joanna; son, Andrew; daughters, Sarah, Margaret and Jessie; his father, John M. Bragg; brother, Ian Bragg; and sisters, Nancy Koppes and Linda Cuthbertson.
- 69** **Stephen M. Boland** died on August 8, 2011.
- 71** **Anthony A. Malizia, M.D.**, died August 11. Dr. Malizia was the son of Rosalie Malizia and the late Anthony A. Malizia. He graduated magna cum laude from Tulane University before attending the Medical College of Georgia, where he received an AMA Education Research Fellowship. He completed his internship and residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he won the Minnesota Urologic Society Resident Research Award. He was certified in urology by the National Board of Medical Examiners and American Board of Urology and remained so throughout his distinguished career in urology. He served as consultant to the Gastroenterology and Urology Devices Panel of the FDA from 1990-93. He was a member of the clinical faculty at Emory University School of Medicine from 1983 until 1993 and won the Teaching Award in consecutive years from 1985 through 1988. He was a 2010 recipient of the GMA/Woodward Distinguished Alumni Award. He served on the Governing Board at Woodward

Academy since 1998. He also served on the faculty at the Mayo Medical School, Section of Urology, Department of Surgery, and he was a Research Scientist at Yerkes Regional Primate Center. He served as Secretary-Treasurer, Program Chairman, and President of the Atlanta Urological Society. Dr. Malizia had a solo practice of urology in Atlanta from 1984 until 2009 when he formed the Malizia Clinic, a urologic clinic in Atlanta, which he founded and for which he served as President and CEO through June 2011. Dr. Malizia's work was published 34 times, and he received a U.S. Patent in 1988 for a medical device invention.

Dr. Malizia will be remembered by his family, friends, patients, and colleagues for his compassion and his dedication to the highest standard of patient care and professionalism. Dr. Malizia is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his children, **Kathryn '00** and **Alexandra '02**; his son-in-law, Stephen Kavulich; his sisters, **Marie Malizia Young '74** and **Rosalie Malizia Meropol '70**; his brother, **David Malizia '85**; his mother, Rosalie Price Malizia; his brothers-in-law, Nils Young and Jeff Meropol; his sister-in-law, Victoria Peacock Malizia; and his many nieces and nephews.

'89 **Aric J. Mance** died on September 6. After Woodward, he attended Georgia Institute of Technology and Southern Polytechnic University to obtain a degree in civil engineering. In recent years, Aric worked as a Civil Engineer for J.B. Trimble, Inc., and at the Federal Highway Administration. Survivors include

his wife and high school sweetheart, **Kourtney Few Mance '91**, a teacher at Woodward's Lower School; and children, current Woodward students **Sydney Arin '20** and **Austin James '24**; his mother, Agatha Joyce Milford; his father, Freddie Mance; three brothers, Freddie Mance Jr., Chadrick Mance and Bradford Mance; and his parents-in-law, Ronnie Few and Nina Jordan.

'98 **Crystal Nitara Parks** died July 24. At Woodward, she was a member of the Lady War Eagles basketball team, playing forward guard. Survivors include a daughter, Briana Marie Colbert; parents, Rory and Elaine Parks; a sister, Lari Barlow; a brother, Sgt. Mario McMichael; and grandmothers, Iola Parks and Anna Mae Patrick.

Friend

Walter Joseph Thomas, 91, died June 28. A Navy veteran who served in World War II, he worked for Dunn & Bradstreet before joining J.M. Tull Metals Company as controller, eventually becoming CEO of the company and retiring in 1984. He was a trustee of the Tull Charitable Foundation beginning in 1962 until retiring as chairman in April of 1998. When he retired, the Tull Charitable Foundation provided a gift in his honor to assist in building the Lower School at Woodward Academy, which is named Walter J. Thomas Hall. Bobbi Cleveland, Director of the Tull Charitable Foundation, recently stated that he looked "beyond a person's

exterior and into their true character. No matter what someone's station in life was, he extended the hand of friendship and loyalty." Mr. Thomas was predeceased by his wife of almost 55 years, Mary Elizabeth Moore Thomas, who died in 1997, as well as his wife of 11 years, Evelyn Connor Thomas, who died last year. Survivors include his daughter, Judith Lynn Thomas; his sister, Mrs. J.E. Wise; his nieces, Mrs. Robert Upchurch, Mrs. Paul E. Gable Jr. and Mrs. Robert Floyd; his nephews, Terry McCollister and Jerry McCollister; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.



Homecoming Queen Lucy Condolora with her escort, Glenn Sawyer.

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