


 The General Times

GCS Alumni Association Newsletter

Generals & Lady Generals Post-Season Excitement!



Both the Generals and the Lady Generals entered the post-season with very respectable win-loss records and strong benches. The Generals, with a 13-5 record, found strength in their seniors, especially in stand-out All-State player Christian Johnson. But several other players have arrived on the scene to bring great depth to the Generals' bench. Miguel Trejo and Buster Galindo, previously mainly soccer players, hit the court last year and really made an impact. The remaining seniors, JohnMicheal Castleberry, Micah James, John Lissimore, Kyler Scaff, and Kelby Turner, were the glue that

really held this year's Generals together. Unfortunately, the Generals fell early in the playoffs to rival Nathanael Greene Academy. Graduation will take its toll on the team this year, but the development of younger players in the JV team will help to replace some of that star power that will be moving on. Our Middle School Generals remained undefeated until the post-season this year, where they clinched the Division Runner-Up title. A large group of 8th-graders will also move up to high school to help fill the gaps those seniors will leave behind.

The Lady Generals, with a 13-6 record, similarly found depth in the seniors of their bench. With two All-State standouts, Evan Copeland and Marris Jones, leading the way, the Lady Generals really packed a punch on the court. Manager-turned-player Amelia Dawkins stepped onto the court this year, joining Jaci Black and volleyball standout Jenna Sykes. The Lady Generals were able to extend their winning streak a bit further this year, taking their playoff wins all the way to the quarterfinals, where they ultimately fell to Arlington Christian School.



GCS Literary State Champions!

This year's Literary team was small, but it was packed with talent! The Georgia Christian School Literary Team focused mainly on music this year, with only one senior competing in a non-music category. At Region competition, held on Friday, March 5, Drew Horton took first place in both categories he competed in, Piano and Boy's Solo, while Trio, including Lindsey Warren, Lexi Lewis, and Katie Moss, won second place. Both girl's soloist Evie Hazel and personal essayist Savannah Horton took fourth place in their categories.

The following Friday, at State competition, Drew Horton won fourth place in Boy's Solo, but he was named the State Champion in Piano. The Trio, Lindsey Warren, Lexi Lewis, and Katie Moss, were also named State Champions. Congratulations to this year's State Champions!



GCS Competes in Rotary Speech Contest

Three GCS students competed in this year's Rotary Speech Contest held by Valdosta Rotary Club. The theme of this year's contest was "Rotary Opens Opportunities". Alternatively, students could write about Rotary's 4-Way Test. Evie Hazel, a Junior at GCS and Interact President, gave a speech about how the eradication of Down Syndrome through abortion does not pass Rotary's 4-Way Test. Deacon Hazel's speech was about how cancel culture does not pass Rotary's 4-Way Test. Masie Kinsey delivered a speech about how Rotary's 4-Way Test is applicable to her life. Both Deacon & Masie are freshman. Deacon's speech was awarded 1st Runner-Up, which will allow him to go on to compete at Rotary's Zone Competition for a \$1,000 prize. Congratulations to all our competitor's, and to Deacon on his award!



How can you help?

Since 1914, GCS has changed lives one at a time. But we need your help to secure the next 100 years. This can be done through planned giving. We have two endowments:

- Our Misty Endowment is the Annual Fund endowment that helps to bridge a gap between tuition revenue and operational costs each year.
- Our Betty Louis Draughon Scholarship Endowment provides needs-based scholarship to students
- Additionally, GCS continues to upgrade the campus with capital projects that are part of the Master Plan.

Contact the school with your questions.

Named Scholarship Program

- Ray Jerkins Scholarship (established '98)
- George & Eunice Copeland Scholarship (established '99)
- Earl Edge Scholarship (established '00)
- Dr. Donald P. Jourvenaz Scholarship (established '00)
- Mary Louise Black Scholarship (established '15)
- Adam McSween Scholarship (established '16)
- Paul & Adene Baldwin Scholarship (established '16)
- Mary L. Landis Scholarship (established '16)
- Tom & Lynn Walker Scholarship (established '18)
- Jack & Gwen Brogden Scholarship (established '20)



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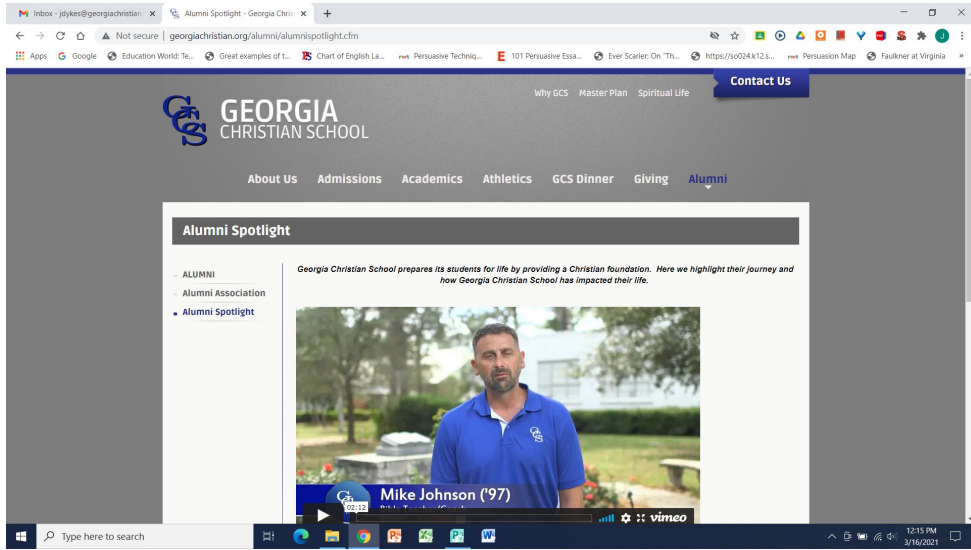
*Cecil H. Phelps '47	*Elaine Graham Stacy '65	*Cleta Colson Eyre '80	*Leanne Jenkins Hood '03
*Geraldine McLeod Thompson '47	*Lynda Wilkins Lawlor '66	Bonnie Barrett Guthrie '80	*Kristin Copeland Dykes '04
Sarah Copeland '48	Brenda Darwin Johnson '67	*Philip Guthrie '80	*Nicole Renfro Olbricht '05
Patricia Dicks Lester '49	Frankie Johnson '67	*Joey Redshaw '81	*Katie Colson Plyler '06
William J. Long '51	Cynthia Jean Watts '67	*Elsa Copeland Barnes '82	*Nathan Renfro '06
Pat Avants Bishop '53	*Ellen Conway Williams '67	*Dottie Eckberg Redish '82	*Austin Plyler '07
Jo Williamson Guest '53	Tommy Williams '67	*Connie Colson Guthrie '83	*Sarah Copeland Lynch '09
Ron McCurry '53	Ron Copeland '68	Lori Copeland Alley '84	*Pamela Brown Kimbrell '10
*Dr. Sondra E. Wilcox '54	Andrew Sykes '68	*Denise Wright Hammitt '84	*Georgia Thomson '11
*Paul E. Harris '55	*Joan Andrews Winn '68	*Daphne DeWeese Warren '84	*Augusta Guthrie '12
*Martha Harris '55	Ben Vick '70	*Donald Dawkins '88	*Keaton Bentley '15
*Wally Colson '55	*Jamie Copeland '71	*Christy DeWeese Kilcrease '88	*Morgan Sykes '15
*Donna Harvey McLeod '55	*Gayle Sterling Lightsey '72	*Jason Chesser '89	*Erin Copeland '16
*M.C. McLeod '55	*Lisa Force Lang '74	*Lori Dawkins McGuire '90	*Lauryn Russell '17
*Barbara Wisenbaker Colson '56	Ginger Copeland Knowles '76	*Jon Sykes '90	*Lindsey Sykes '17
*Jimmy Hightower '57	Russell Knowles '76	*Alison Sykes Cartee '93	*Emmy Copeland '18
*Mary Jean Wisenbaker Armstrong '58	*Cathy Guthrie Lee '76	*Michelle Bass Copeland '94	*Brad Lawson President
Julian (Jubie) Copeland '58	*Cindy Guthrie Horne '77	*Audrey Strange Dawkins '96	*James Lee Faculty
James (JC) McMullen '58	*Mike Horne '77	*Melissa Lee Hicks '98	Carol J. McLeod Faculty
*William Udell '59	*Linda Carol Johnson Brown '78	*Nikki Copeland Warren '98	Julie Dykes Faculty
*Harold W. Graham '60	*Greg Brown '79	*Rebecca Thornhill Garbutt '00	Michelle Iturralde Faculty
*Charlie Copeland '62	*Kent Copeland '79	*Terri Lee Orrell '00	
*Charles (Termite) Phillips '63	*Tammie Davis Bobbit '79	*Kristin Horne Blount '01	
Judy Jensen McMullen '65	Deland Guthrie '79	*Vince Hamm '01	

Parent Volunteer Association Holds Online Telethon

Don't worry if you missed it, because you can watch it again and again! Georgia Christian's own PVA recently held a Facebook Live Modern Day Telethon to raise money for a "Teacher Dream List". The concept was simple. There were 100 envelopes. You pick an envelope number, and that number is your donation. To make it even more fun and full of surprises, some envelopes even had prizes for faculty and staff members! But the greatest part of the broadcast was hearing from the children, who sang, played piano and guitar, read poetry, told jokes, and entertained the online crowd as part of the telethon. Before the broadcast ended, the goal of \$5,050 was met. Then, spoiler alert, a generous donor offered to match all donations, so a total of \$10,100 was donated for the evening! If you missed it, go to Georgia Christian's Facebook page right now and watch it. You will not be disappointed.



Check out our new alumni spotlight videos online!



Alumni News

Congratulations to Taylor Brogdon Warren, who graduated Air Force BMT Honor Grad, FLT 300.

If you have alumni news you would like to share, please send it to jdykes@georgiachristian.org.



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Shipping is available for \$5.
Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The mission of the Georgia Christian School Alumni Association

is to provide a forum for communication among graduates of Georgia Christian School

(Dasher Bible School/Georgia Christian Institute) to promote more involvement with the school.

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