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100% OF THE CLASS OF 2025 JOINS THE 1914 SOCIETY

by Alumni Director Julie Dykes

In what is quickly shaping up as a new tradition at Georgia Christian, all twenty-five members of the Class of 2025 have already joined the Alumni Association as part of our 1914 Society. At a special rate of \$19.14 offered exclusively to our senior class, students receive their dues paid for their first year in the Alumni Association, a *Centennial Memory Book* keepsake, and a special royal blue cord they can wear at graduation.



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As part of the special nature of the 1914 Society, the Alumni Association offers a special bonus if 100% of the graduating class joins the 1914 Society: a 20-year time capsule. The time capsule includes such contents as a class cap & gown photo, historical statistics, and other GCS memorabilia. The Class of 2024 was the first class to earn a time capsule. The Class of 2025 will spend the year compiling items with their Class Sponsor Mrs. Lindsy Elliott for their 20-year time capsule.

The Class of 2025 joined the 1914 Society during their annual Senior Orientation, which was held on Thursday, August 1, in the school's cafeteria. This year's Senior Orientation featured guest speaker John Elliott ('89), whose sage advice set the stage for a memorable senior year and students' plans beyond. Thanks to the very generous donation given at Senior Orientation, all of the \$19.14 Society memberships were paid in full that night.



PRESIDENTIAL GIVING CLUB MEMBERS

~President J.P. Prevatt ('15) Level - \$100/month (\$1200/year)

Cynthia Watts ('65)

Cleta Colson-Eyre ('80)

Kevin Pittman (Board)

PRESIDENTIAL GIVING CLUB UPDATE

The Presidential Giving Club is one of the easiest ways to give back to Georgia Christian School. You choose your level, make a commitment, and FACTS Giving does the rest. Your gift can really add up! On the GCS website (www.georgiachristian.org), just choose the Giving tab, then click on the Donation link, choose your level, and you're all set! Or just click on the QR Code below to go directly to online giving. And did I mention that your President Giving Club Gift takes the place of your Alumni dues? It does! You never have to worry about your membership expiring again! Join today...

~President W.O. Norton ('39) Level - \$75/month (\$900/year)

~President Lacy Elrod ('46) Level - \$50/month (\$600/year)

~President Prewitte "Brother C" Copeland ('53) Level - \$25/month (\$300/year)

Dr. Sondra Wilcox ('54)

Sarah K. Copeland ('48)

Julie Dykes (Faculty/Staff)

Michelle Iturralde (Faculty/Staff)

Dr. Brad Lawson (President)

~President William J. Long ('61) Level - \$15/month (\$180/year)

Deland ('79) & Bonnie Barrett ('80) Guthrie



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ALUMNI NEWS

1947

GERALDINE McLEOD THOMPSON - Jacksonville Florida District Lifetime Achievement Award

2003

WILLIS & LINDSAY SHEA COLSON - new baby William Finn Colson born 9/5/24

2004

CALEY STOKES EDWARDS - married Cody Edwards 8/31/2024

2006

SHACOURTNEY JENKINS - completed federal internship in June with the Department of Veterans Affairs and was promoted

2010

CARLI ALLEY WAYNE - engaged to Maxwell Goad

SARA CONNELL HAMLETT & husband Jay - new baby William Titus Hamlett born 8/29/24

GRANT COLSON & wife Shelby - expecting a baby girl in February, 2025

PAMELA BROWN KIMBRELL - finished new degree

2014

MATTHEW OKOLICHANY - joined Lincoln Family Realty

MATTHEW OKOLICHANY & wife Kacie - new baby Saylor Grace Okolichany born 9/4/24

2016

COLE COPELAND & wife Madison - new baby Molly Grace Copeland born 7/18/24

2017

PRESLEY DYE - White Coat Ceremony, Physicians Assistant Studies

2018

BRIANNA BOONE SANDLIN - manager at Friends Grille & Bar

2019

SAVANNAH CARTER - teaching 5th grade at Moulton-Branch Elementary

2020

BAILEY WARREN ERICKSON - married Taylor Erickson 6/15/24

GRANT COPELAND - engaged to Emma Howard

A.J. DANIELS - graduated from Truitt McConnell University with a degree in Psychology, engaged

BROOKE MOORE - teaching 2nd grade at Georgia Christian School

2022

TIFFANY TAYLOR HARRIS - married Brandon Harris 8/31/24

2024

MASIE KINSEY - substitute teaching at Moulton-Branch Elementary while pursuing a degree in Education at VSU

IF YOU HAVE NEWS, OR KNOW ANY NEWS ABOUT ALUMNI OF GEORGIA CHRISTIAN, PLEASE CONTACT US AT GCSALUMNI@GEORGIACHRISTIAN.ORG OR AT 229-559-5131 OR REACH OUT TO US ON SOCIAL MEDIA. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

GCS NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you know that a named scholarship can be created for as little as \$10,000? See pg. 6 of this newsletter for more details...

~Lester/Coppage Family Scholarship (Established '22)

~Jack & Gwen Brogden Scholarship (Established '20)

~Tom & Lynn Walker Scholarship (Established '18)

~Mary L. Landis Scholarship (Established '16)

~Paul & Adene Baldwin Scholarship (Established '16)

~Adam McSween Scholarship (Established '16)

~Mary, Bill & Jan Tyler Scholarship (Established '20)

~Carl David, Jr. & Margarete K. Johnson Scholarship (Established '21)

~Mary Louise Black Scholarship (Established '15)

~Dr. Donald P. Jouvenaz Scholarship (Established '00)

~Earl Edge Scholarship (Established '00)

~George & Eunice Copeland Scholarship (Established '99)

~Ray Jerkins Scholarship (Established '98)

~Jack & Gwen Brogden Scholarship (Established '20)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

*Geraldine McLeod Thompson '47
 Sarah Copeland '48
 *Patricia Dicks Lester '49
 William J. Long '51
 Pat Avants Bishop '53
 Jo Williamson Guest '53
 Dr. Sondra E. Wilcox '54
 *Martha Harris '55
 Donna Harvey McLeod '55
 *Barbara Wisenbaker Colson '56
 Jimmy Hightower '57
 *Mary Jean Wisenbaker Armstrong '58
 Julian (Jubie) Copeland '58
 *William Udel '59
 *Harold W. Graham '60
 *Charlie Copeland '62
 *Charles (Termite) Phillips '63
 Judy Jensen McMullen '65
 *Elaine Graham Stacy '65
 Cynthia Jean Watts '65
 *Lynda Wilkins Lawlor '66
 Brenda Darwin Johnson '67
 Frankie Johnson '67
 *Ellen Conway Williams '67
 *Tommy Williams '67
 Ron Copeland '68
 Andrew Sykes '68
 *Joan Andrews Winn '68
 Mike Black '69
 Patsy Hamm Black '69
 Elaine Black Dilbeck '69
 *Ben Vick '70
 *Jamie Copeland '71
 *Gayle Sterling Lightsey '72
 *Donna Darwin Batchelor '73
 Cathy Cone Malone '73
 Cleo "Tad" Williams '73
 James Lee Naylor '73
 Lisa Force Lang '74
 Jason Wisenbaker '74
 Ginger Copeland Knowles '76
 Russell Knowles '76
 Cathy Guthrie Lee '76
 *Cindy Guthrie Horne '77
 *Mike Horne '77
 Linda Carol Johnson Brown '78
 Greg Brown '79
 *Kent Copeland '79
 *Tammie Davis Bobbit '79
 Deland Guthrie '79
 Cleta Colson Eyre '80
 Bonnie Barrett Guthrie '80
 *Philip Guthrie '80
 *Joey Redshaw '81
 *Eisa Copeland Barnes '82
 *Dottie Eckberg Redish '82
 *Connie Colson Guthrie '83
 *Lori Copeland Alley '84
 *Denise Wright Hammitt '84
 Daphne DeWeese Warren '84
 Norma Jean Peterson '86
 Johnny Peterson '86
 *Donald Dawkins '88
 *Christy DeWeese Kilcrease '88
 *Jason Chesser '89
 William D. Christie '89
 *Lori Dawkins McGuire '90

*Ellis Shiver '90
 Jon Sykes '90
 Alison Sykes Cartee '93
 *Michelle Bass Copeland '94
 *Audrey Strange Dawkins '96
 *Melissa Lee England '98
 Patience McMullen Lawson '98
 *Nikki Copeland Warren '98
 *Sarah Fiveash Wickstrom '00
 *Rebecca Thornhill Garbutt '00
 Terri Lee Orrell '00
 *Tony "Travis" Taylor, Jr. '00
 *Kristin Horne Blount '01
 *Vince Hamm '01
 *Leanne Jenkins Hood '03
 *Heather Cobb Johnson '03
 Kristen Byers Hartman '03
 *Kristin Copeland Dykes '04
 *Lydia Thornhill White '04
 *Nicole Renfro Olbright '05
 *Morgan Plyler Guthrie '05
 *Katie Colson Plyler '06
 *Nathan Renfro '06
 *ShaCourtney Thomas-Jenkins '06
 *Austin Plyler '07
 *Adam Guthrie '08
 *Sarah Copeland Lynch '09
 *Pamela Brown Kimbrell '10
 *Georgia Thomson '11
 *Augusta Guthrie '12
 *Keaton Bentley '15
 Morgan Sykes '15
 *Erin Copeland Swlley '16
 Allison Dasher '16
 *Laurn Russell '17
 Lindsey Sykes Redmon '17
 *Emmy Copeland '18
 *Hunter Cardin '19
 *Katie Guest '19
 *Grant Copeland '20
 *Kylie Greene Cardin '20
 Kyla Watson '20
 *Evan Copeland '21
 Jenna Sykes '21
 *Karsyn Black '22
 Drew Horton '22
 *Christian Powell '22
 *Tiffany Taylor Harris '22
 *Braylon Black '23
 *Clancey Carter '23
 *Seth Copeland '23
 *Casey Crowder '23
 *Corbin Evans '23
 Emily Hernandez '23
 Austin Knapp '23
 Reagan Lawson '23
 *Lexi Lewis '23
 *Garrett McQuaig '23
 *Katie Moss '23
 *Katie Mullins '23
 *Jenna Plymel '23
 Heidi Rowan '23
 *Kaden Sanders '23
 *Ainsley Tucker '23
 *Austin Van Ausdall '23
 *Liz Walden '23
 *Lindsey Warren '23

Destiny Alaniz '24
 Helen Bundrick '24
 Tristan Butler '24
 Stella Cofield '24
 Tristan Corbin '24
 Noah Corbitt '24
 Corbin Delk '24
 AnaGrace Gunsolus '24
 Deacon Hazel '24
 Kayden Hicks '24
 Jonah Houser '24
 Levi Kelley '24
 Jake Kilcrease '24
 Masie Kinsey '24
 Katelyn Kotterman '24
 Makalyn Meyer '24
 Mariana Munoz Palacios '24
 Daniel Naylor '24
 Linh Nguyen '24
 Kaylea Noland '24
 Tanner Rayfield '24
 Kylynn Root '24
 Hunter Shelton '24
 Will Wisenbaker '24
 Elle Shiver '24
 Mac Bowling '25
 Athen Bradford '25
 Olivia Brown '25
 Tyson Copeland '25
 Gentry Dees '25
 Conner Downing '25
 Briceten Gaines '25
 Benji Galindo '25
 Davey Grizzle '25
 Logan Guest '25
 Jett Guilliams '25
 Nick Guthery '25
 Andrew Hutcheson '25
 Bella Iturralde '25
 Sam James '25
 Rowan Lawson '25
 Hannah Lissimore '25
 Ellie Lewis '25
 Bo Miller '25
 Maddie Mira '25
 Presley Pittman '25
 Cameron White '25
 William Wilson '25
 Brad Lawson President
 Kevin Pittman Board
 James Lee Faculty
 Carol Naylor Copeland Faculty
 Carol J. McLeod Faculty
 Julie Dykes Faculty
 Michelle Iturralde Faculty
 *Robert Jeffords Faculty
 *Teresa Jeffords Faculty
 *Kim Moss

***Please renew your Alumni
 Association membership**

PLANNING A REUNION? LET US KNOW...

We will be happy to help with any information or coordination you need.

Email: gcsalumni@georgiachristian.org

Phone: 229-559-5131

Classes with anniversaries in 2024:

10-year Class of 2014	50-year Class of 1974
15-year Class of 2009	55-year Class of 1969
20-year Class of 2004	60-year Class of 1964
25-year Class of 1999	65-year Class of 1959
30-year Class of 1994	70-year Class of 1954
35-year Class of 1989	75-year Class of 1949
40-year Class of 1984	
45-year Class of 1979	

Join the Alumni Association today!

- Annual Membership Dues: \$25
- Two-Spouse Alumni Rate: \$40
- Recent Graduates (within 4 years of graduation from GCS): \$10

SAVE THE DATE: GCS HOMECOMING 10/4

**GCS VS. CCA 7:30 P.M.
HOMECOMING CEREMONY 6:00 P.M.**

BLUE & WHITE WEEKEND 12/13 - 12/14

**HONORING ALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
BASKETBALL TEAMS AND RECOGNIZING
CURRENT BASKETBALL TEAMS**

GENERALS BASEBALL GETTING LIGHTS FOR ALUMNI FIELD



Installation of lights at Alumni Field has been in our Athletic Strategic Plan for awhile now, and wouldn't have happened without our coaches and alumni. Thanks in particular to C.J. Lynch ('13).

If you can help us fundraise and reach our goal of \$85,000. We have a plan in place to raise these funds over a three-year period and we need your help to make our dream become a reality! If you know anyone who would be interested in helping in any way, please share this information with them.

Of course, if you would like to contribute to this project, any amount given would be greatly appreciated! We really believe this can help to elevate our program and help these athletes really have something to be proud of as they compete. I would love for you to be a part of it and know you helped push the program even further! Thank you for your support and investment in Christian education. Go Generals!

Be on the lookout for an event sometime this fall "under the lights"!





GCS: A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT

Georgia Christian School has survived for 100 years because good people have been willing to give of their means. GCS has been the setting for countless memories of so many people throughout the world. As we stand on the shoulders of those who helped us get this far, we need your help to continue our founders' mission. When you give to our Annual Fund Endowment, our Scholarship Endowment, or towards a capital project, you can be sure that your donation is going to impact children's eternal destiny!

The Betty Louis Draughon Scholarship Endowment was established in 1996 in order to provide annual scholarships to students in need. Since then, several named scholarships have been added to the endowment. If you have wondered how you can help Georgia Christian School continue providing a Christian foundation, please consider a named scholarship. For a minimum gift to the Scholarship Endowment, a plaque of the named scholarship and date established will be added to the recognition piece in the lobby of the high school building. See page 4 of this newsletter for a list of named scholarships currently in place at GCS.

When you give to the Misty Hardin Annual Fund Endowment, you are ensuring that we can keep our tuition affordable, increase our teachers' pay and keep our programs up to date with technology and quality facilities. Our donors expect us to be good stewards of the gifts we receive.

The short and long-range plans of the GCS Board of Directors ensure that we continue to "live within our means" as we grow the school. Your gift will ensure the long-term viability of Georgia Christian School. Knowing the impact that the school has had over the last century, you can be a part of the next 100 years of impacting lives for Christ.

There are several ways to donate to the Misty Hardin Annual Fund Endowment. While cash gifts are the simplest and most common form of giving, gifts of real estate, securities, or insurance are also ways to donate. All of these provide potential tax-deductible savings. This can be accomplished through your estate planning as well.

You may also choose to donate towards capital projects. As improvements are made to the school via capital projects, they are only made possible through the generosity of donors like you. The vision of our leadership has provided measured guidance on our growth capabilities, and every dollar that we raise brings that vision closer to reality. You may learn more about our Strategic Planning for the school by visiting the About Us Tab on the school website, www.georgiachristian.org, then clicking on Master Plan.

Memorial donations can be made online in memory of someone who has passed on or in honor of someone still with us. On the school website, www.georgiachristian.org, click on the Giving Tab and follow the link to Online Giving to find out more.

