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GCS Alumni Association Newsletter



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YOUR VOICE MEANS SO MUCH TO US

by Alumni Director Julie Dykes

The results are in! Our first Alumni Preference Survey was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who participated! Your voice means so much to us.

- 92.9% of you said that you prefer to hear from us via email
- 55.7% of you said that you prefer to hear from us quarterly
- 87% of you said that you were interested in Alumni highlights, while 84.1% of you were interested in upcoming events. 81.2% responded that you were interested in school news and achievements
- We had responses in Alumni graduates ranging from the classes of 1951 to 2023
- 49.2% of you said you'd like to be more involved in class reunions, and 42.6% of you said you'd like to be more involved in school events. 31.1% of you said you'd like to be more involved in alumni volunteer opportunities

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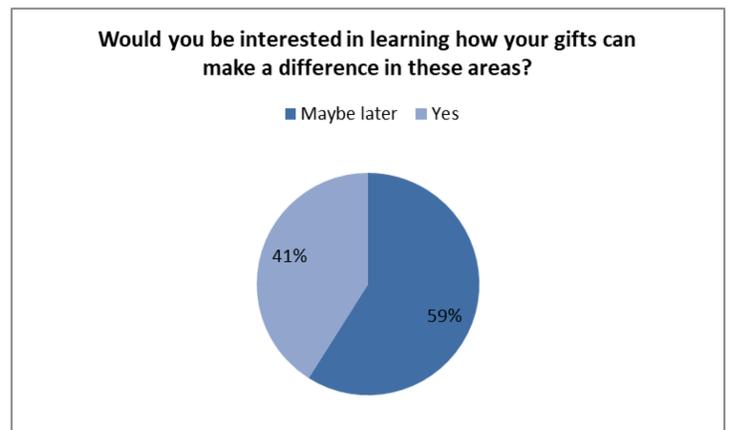
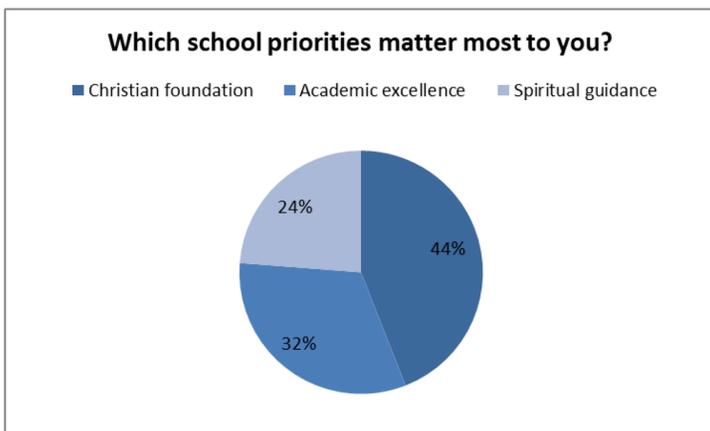
ALUMNI SURVEY

PRESIDENTIAL GIVING CLUB UPDATE

ALUMNI NEWS

HOMECOMING 2025

- 68.2% of you said that you would be interested in getting involved in your own class reunion, 43.2% of you said that you would be interested in getting involved in a historical reunion (such as a dorm kids reunion or a chorus reunion), and 20.5% of you said that you would be interested in getting involved in a Benefit Dinner reunion
- We read all of your wonderful memories, thoughts, and feedback that you shared, and welcome anything else you may have thought of to share
- Congratulations to Philip Guthrie ('80), winner of the drawing for a \$25 Gift Certificate to the GCS school store



PRESIDENTIAL GIVING CLUB MEMBERS

~President J.P. Prevatt ('15) Level - \$100/month (\$1200/year)
 Cynthia Watts ('65)
 Cleta Colson-Eyre ('80)
 Kevin Pittman (Board)
 Deland ('79) & Bonnie Barrett ('80) Guthrie
 Scott (Board) & Satrina Plyler
 Russ & Ginger Copeland ('76) Knowles
 David Whitworth
 Wendy ('78) & Gina Colson
 C. Byrd Simmons

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)
 Cole Shiver ('15)
 ~President Prewitte "Brother C" Copeland ('53) Level - \$25/month (\$300/year)
 Dr. Sondra Wilcox ('54)
 Julie Dykes (Faculty/Staff)
 Michelle Iturralde (Faculty/Staff)
 Dr. Brad Lawson (President)
 ~President William J. Long ('61) Level - \$15/month (\$180/year)
 Pat Lester ('49)



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ALUMNI NEWS

IN MEMORY OF

SHIRLEY LOUISE SMITH COPELAND ('54) passed away June 23, 2025 in Searcy, Arkansas
JAY AVANTS ('68) passed away August 26, 2025
RONALD CARTER ('55) passed away August 28, 2025

2023

KATIE MULLINS engaged to Morgan Griffin
LINDSEY WARREN - 2025 Dean's List GSU

2022

EVIE HAZEL worked with the church in New Zealand
SARAH RUSSELL - Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from VSU
LIBERTY VICKERS - Associate of Arts

2020

KALIN BOUTWELL engaged to Miles Parramore
KALIN BOUTWELL obtained her Bachelor's of Science in Education and Master's of Public Administration from VSU
AJUAH BLANKUMSEE - Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from VSU
SAVANNAH WINTERS - selected for the Charles School of Law Transactional Law Team
BAILEY WARREN ERICKSON & husband Taylor welcomed baby boy Ted Parker Erickson 7/7/25
BRITNI MOORE ALEXANDER & husband Cannon welcomed baby girl Elsie Kathleen Alexander 8/18/25

2018

JOHNATHAN MILLER married Taylor Miller 4/7/25
LUKAS SMIDTAS - White Coat Ceremony Georgia College of Dentistry

2017

TRACE TOUCHTON engaged to Ragan Barnes

2016

MANDY SEASHOLTZ engaged to Travis Andrews
COLSON & ELIZABETH CRIBBS GUTHRIE welcomed baby boy Eli Colson Guthrie 7/17/25
ERIN COPELAND SWILLEY & husband Dalton welcomed baby boy Dallas Lee Swilley 8/19/25

2012

CASEY ALLEY GREENE joined the SLP faculty at VSU

2010

CARLY WAYNE - joining JP Labor & Delivery team and starting nursing school in January

1953

PAT AVANTS BISHOP retired author with Something Special Ministries; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren

Faculty/Staff

TERESA JEFFORDS retired after 39 years of teaching

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!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

*Geraldine McLeod Thompson '47
 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 Udell '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
 Wendy Colson ('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
 *Elsa 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 Olbricht '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
 Cole Shiver '15
 Morgan Sykes '15
 Kaitlyn Williams Leblanc '15
 *Erin Copeland Swilley '16
 *Allison Dasher '16
 *Lauryn 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
 *Kyllyn Root '24
 *Hunter Shelton '24
 *Will Wisenbaker '24
 *Elle Shiver '24
 Jordan Barber '25
 Kaila Barney '25
 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
 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
 Kylie Corbett '26
 Brad Lawson President
 Kevin Pittman Board
 Scott Plyler Board
 Satrina Plyler
 David Whitworth
 Gina Colson Faculty
 C. Byrd Simmons
 *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**

2025 HOMECOMING - A LEGACY IN THE MAKING



The theme of this year's Homecoming was "A Legacy in the Making", and the focus was on celebrating the legacy of our school and our great nation. Homecoming was presented at our Friday night home football game vs. Westwood, where our ladies were escorted by their fathers, and our gentlemen were escorted by their mothers.

Homecoming Representatives from 9th-11th included Kinlee Wilkes & Louie McMullen, Kady Copeland & Adrian Trejo, and Charlee McGuire & Colton Hall. Senior Representatives included ladies Aubree Bundrick, Kylie Corbett, Addyson Fielding, Joy Frazier, Sage Grimes, Jaya Guilliams, Lily Law, Rebekah McGee, Kenna Mira, Abby Musgrove, Elle Shiver, and Gracen Wilkes, gentlemen Landon Beck, Alberto Castillo, Hayden Coats, Cade Eckdahl, Cason Evans, James Frazier, Carson Hanks, David Mullins, Gibson Rayfield, Gabe Rizer, Louis Roquemore, and Tyler Westbrook.

The 2025-2026 Homecoming King and Queen, voted on by the student body of Georgia Christian, are Mr. James Frazier and Miss Jaya Guilliams.

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)



Class of 2005 Celebrates 20th Reunion

Congratulations to the Class of 2005 on celebrating their 20th Reunion at this year's Homecoming! They were on hand to celebrate our 2025-26 Homecoming King & Queen and under the Friday Night Lights at the Homecoming Game. Several members of the class also attended a lunch on Saturday.

Join the Alumni Association today!

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



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.

