





## **Onward and Upward**

rhythm of its own. From the day the fall athletes arrive in August until Commencement in May, each year is unique and filled with its own special moments. One of my favorite things about being an educator is that we get to start over every fall. Not everything we do in life is that way, but when it comes to school, we get a "do over" every year. Of course, starting over doesn't mean starting from scratch. At SAS, our students, faculty and staff members make the decision to build on what they've already accomplished. In no way does



that mean we don't have areas for improvement. Our students are encouraged to acknowledge their faults and work hard at becoming a better version of themselves. That is truly what we strive for each day as we embark on our next journey as a community.

Our exceptional faculty and staff are always looking for new ways to help our students prepare for success in a world that none of us can predict. We cherish another opportunity to teach them to think in a society that tries to dictate what they think and believe. We get to encourage them to embrace traditions that we believe are meaningful while not forgetting that we're preparing them for their future, not our past. At SAS, we embrace the history that has gotten us to where we are today. We celebrate the beauty of diversity within our students and where they come from. We acknowledge what makes our community thrive and are determined to work towards what will make us better. As you look through the pages of this magazine, I hope you'll notice this blending of the new and the old, progress and tradition. I hope that you'll see what we mean when we say that you'll always belong here. These four words are at the root of our community and you, though you have moved on, will always be a central part of that. Last year was a wonderful year, and how exciting to think that the new one is already up and running!

**Karl J. Sjolund** *Head of School* 

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### School Mission Statement

To be an inclusive Christian community in which the Episcopal heritage is central; to provide superior preparation for college; to provide educational opportunities for those students for whom such experiences might not otherwise be available; and to bring all members of the community to a richer spiritual, intellectual, social, physical, and aesthetic awareness, so that they might lead lives of honor and loving service to God and others.

## On the Cover

Alex King ('24) and Reese Michaels ('24) perform a scene from the Spring 2022 theatre production *Much Ado About Nothing*. Students from all grade levels are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the theatre program throughout the year, including a major production and musical. In addition to performing, students may help with directing, scenery, costume design and music.



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## WELCOMING THE HELVEYS

CAMERON HELVEY joined St. Andrew's-Sewanee School as the new Dean of Students. Helvey was recently the Associate Director of Resident Life and Dean of Residential Students at the Hun School in Princeton, New Jersey, where he oversaw all aspects of day-to-day life for 180 boarding students in grades 9-12, with specific responsibility for student social and emotional learning, academic progress, and discipline. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University where he studied Teaching Social Science. He received his MA in Teaching of Social Studies from Columbia University's Teachers College and completed graduate course work through Georgetown University's James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation. Cameron is currently enrolled as a doctoral candidate in K-12 Education Leadership at Vanderbilt University. Helvey, his wife Mckenzie and their two kids live in the Father Flye House on campus.



**Cameron Helvey**Princeton, New Jersey
Dean of Students



**Jeff Christopher**Chattanooga, Tennessee *Math Teacher* 



**Fhae Long**Oglethorpe, Georgia
Ceramics Teacher



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**Jolene Cox**South Pittsburg, Tennessee
Nurse



**Barry Dillon** Sewanee, Tennessee Humanities Teacher, Farm Instructor



**Peter Phillips** Winston-Salem, North Carolina Father Flye Fellow, Humanities Teacher



**Dr. Nicholas Ercole** Macon, Georgia Humanities Teacher









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## Join the Conversation.



In response to the revealing of the new 2022-2023 student leaders:

The new 2022-2023 proctors look fantastic! Congratulations!

—Neal Johnson, former SAS Math teacher



*In response to seeing some SAS students* from Memphis gather for dinner:

Five amazing SAS students right there.

--- Malia Carlos, SAS Humanities teacher



In response to WMTN asking listeners where they are tuned into the station:

When I am in my shop, working on golf clubs.

—Dan Hatfield, former grandparent

In response to Bailey McLean graduating from the University of North Georgia and being awarded a second commission as a Second

He's doing exactly what he said he would do!

Lieutenant in the U.S. Army:

-Blaise Zeitler, '18



*In response to Alumni Weekend 2022:* Looks like a great time. So sad to have

missed it!

-Niki Jordan, '04



In response to the annual Sewanee Military Academy tradition to march to All Saints' Chapel:

Such a fun tradition!

—Paul Ward, former SAS photographer

# Embracing SAS Traditions



## "SAS is the kind of place you mean to pass through before you realize that it's home."

## — Kendall Elder '25 —

t. Andrew's-Sewanee School is a place in which old and new traditions are cherished by all generations. Regardless of how much time has passed, we are grateful to continue to share our appreciation for the spiritual mission that the school was founded upon. Members of the community are encouraged to participate in the traditions that make this institution unique and special. Shared traditions that are celebrated each year include Blessing of the Animals, Morning

Watch, the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday, and the Ringing of the Chocolate Bells in honor of Armistice Day. In honor of Palm Sunday, community members process across campus carrying palms to St. Andrew's Chapel. In celebration of Good Friday, the Chaplain leads students silently down Betsy's Path. An annual holiday tradition that community members mark their calendars for is the Christmas pageant, which is narrated and led by the Senior Class.





### SAS Track Excels at States

Fourteen St. Andrew's-Sewanee School track and field athletes qualified for the TSSAA DII-A State Track Meet held at Middle Tennessee State University in late May. Both the boys' and girls' teams had a good showing with all athletes giving great effort and performances even through the rain and wind. The state meet was a great conclusion to an excellent season. The girls finished second in regionals and won silver in the state 4x800 meet.

## Sims Family Donates Prayer Bench

Greer Sims '10 and her mother Rebecca Sims delivered Father Flye's Prayer Bench to be placed in the SAS Lady Chapel in Fall 2022. The bench was donated following the pass-



ing of Rebecca's father William Harvey Littleton, an Episcopal priest from 1960 to 2007, who served churches in Georgia and Texas.



## **Students Celebrate Four Years of Science**

Several members of the Class of 2022 gathered at Wade Hall for the Sciences to celebrate completing four years of science at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School in May. Viva Reynolds, Tracy Terry, Peggy Ankney, Hayley Chelsvig, Marion Knoll and Dean Kelley Black stood alongside Head of School Karl Sjolund as he presented students with personalized cylinder mugs.

Class of 2022 graduates Emma Greer and Kathleen Perkins were among those who celebrated their achievements in science at SAS. Perkins and Greer presented their independent study project Making Pots: A Study in Prehistoric Pottery-Making Techniques on Wednesday, May 18, in the school's academic building. This interesting project was an experimental archaeology independent study inspired by their work last spring semester analyzing the pottery shards from Indian Shelter, the prehistoric archaeological site on our campus. Emma and Kathleen had samples of their pots on hand for community members to look at and discussed the steps of their process, successes they enjoyed and challenges that they faced.

## **Traveling Around the World**

Current St. Andrew's-Sewanee School students **Dimitri Sherrill '24, Jack Sherrill '26** and **Gus Sherrill '27** met up with fellow classmates **Raulston Barnett '24** and **Catherine Barnett '28** in Greece during their summer break in July 2022.

## **Ukraine Teach-Ins**

In the Spring of 2022, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School hosted a series of Ukraine Teach-Ins for the school and community. Each teach-in began with an overview of recent events: the first major military conflict in Europe in eight decades. They each examined a specific topic in greater depth. No advance sign-up was required for attendees. Content was appropriate for students and community members alike.

Sessions included "Russia's Partners and Proxies," "Resisting Russia: A History of Protests in Ukraine" and "Echoes and Reflections on the European Crisis."

## Dr. Tracy Terry at the Biennial Conference

This past summer break, **Dr. Tracy Terry** co-hosted a symposium at the Biennial Conference in West Lafayette, Indiana. Terry, alongside her former colleagues from the University of New Mexico, presented on Chemical Education at Purdue University.



## SAS Athletes Commit to College Competition

Three varsity athletes recently signed Letters of Intent to continue their athletic careers in college. Charlie Barron '22 will run cross country and track for Wellesley College in Massachusetts. Mac Croom '22 will play soccer at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. Pyunn Ntwari '22 will run cross country and track at Birmingham Southern College in Alabama.

## **Excelling on National Latin Exam**

St. Andrew's-Sewanee students joined schools from across the country in taking the 2022 National Latin Exam, and several earned commendatory awards. Juniors Victor Eichler '23, Claudia "Reis" Klarer '23 and eighthgrader Alexandra "Ally" Syler '26 earned Cum Laude distinction. Seventhgrader Miren Colbert '27 achieved Magna Cum Laude status. Eighthgrader Annika Stefanut '26 was named a Silver Medalist Maxima Cum Laude. The students are taught by SAS Latin teacher Dr. William Seavey.



## Leadership, Academic, Athletic, and Artistic Achievement

On Friday, May 20, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School honored students, faculty and staff in an all-school Honors Day ceremony following the students' final exams and the all-school photograph.

The Honors Day ceremony celebrated leadership, academic, arts and athletic achievement and was followed on Saturday by the presentation of Major Awards. The ceremony began with the presentation of the senior gift and banner by seniors **Charlie Barron, Emma Greer,** and **Iliana Pate** who were chosen by their class for the honor. This year's senior gift was a box for safety gear at the Res, the school's campus swimming hole. The Phoenix, the school yearbook, was dedicated in memory of **Shawna Midgett,** former Assistant to the Academic Dean.

Major Awards Recipients 2022 (L-R): Valedictorian **Kenneth Simmons**, The Lulu Hampton Owen Service Award recipient **Kathleen Perkins**, The Betty Guyear Condra Perseverance Award recipient Bansari Patel, The Sewanee Military Academy Memorial Merit Award recipient Breezy Rollins, The Day Student Award recipient Mac Croom, Head of School Karl Sjolund, The Boarding Student Award recipient Pyunn Ntwari, Best Male Athlete Tyler Rodgers, Head of School Award co-recipient and Best Female Athlete Charlie Barron, and Head of School Award co-recipient Riley Burnette.

## **Campus Farm**

The greenhouse at the SAS farm overflows with beautiful lettuce, kale, strawberries and more during the growing season. Students may participate in the farm's upkeep during the school year as an extracurricular activity and academic course. Former farm instructor Margaret Wilson '19 happily shared the farm's abundance with members of the SAS community. Participation in the farm's growth and upkeep continues even during the summer months.

## View more campus news...



## **WINTER 2021**

## **BASKETBALL**

The Middle School Boys Basketball team finished the regular season in second place at the conference. In the Championship game of the Super Seven Conference Tournament, the Mountain Lions beat the previously undefeated North Elementary School to claim the tournament crown. Leading the charge

were Sam Goodpaster '26, Eliot Sparacio '26, Tyler Rundle '26 Gus Sherrill '27 and the tournament and team MVP, Elijah Stark '26.





## **SWIMMING**

The SAS Varsity and Middle School swimming teams finished the '21/'22 season undefeated with new record holders. The Middle School Team won 4 of 4 meets against teams from Franklin County, Lincoln County, Tullahoma and Shelbyville. Many middle school swimmers qualified for the Regional Championship Meet including: Sawyer Barry '28, Samuel Frazier '28, Konrad Knoll '28 and Will Roberts

'28. Kiran Malde '26 and Sarah Russell Roberson '26 were among the meet's top ten finishers. The Varsity Team ended a successful season with seven qualifiers for the Middle Tennessee High School Swimming Association Regional Meet. Those swimmers were: Sienna Barry '25, Sara Knight '24, Maya Mauzy '25, Reese Michaels '24, Libby Neubauer '23, Lucie Watch '22 and Tobias Van de Ven '25.

## **WRESTLING**

Varsity Girls' Wrestling State Champions Melanie Val '24 and Verena Pate '23 were named to The Tennessean's All-Midstate Girls' High School Wrestling Team. Head Coach Matt Sparacio and Assistant Coach Hayley Chelsvig also helped celebrate and welcome Riley Burnette '22 to the second TSSAA All-State Team. SAS Wrestling team members including Sophie May '26, Charlie Barron '22, Emmanuel Karanja '23 and Dimitri Sherrill '24 participated in at-home matches and collected wins.



## **SPRING 2022**



## **VOLLEYBALL**

The Middle School Girls' Volleyball Team welcomed coach **Anna Konradi** this past 2022 Spring season.





## **TRACK & FIELD**

The Varsity and Middle School Track and Field teams had a tremendous 2022 season with an impressive number of students becoming State qualifiers. All three runners in the 4x800m event qualified for state competition: **Pyunn Ntwari '22, Alex Brewster'22** and **AJ Clements '23**. The varsity girls' team was the 2022 TSSAA East Regional runner up. Having defeated Christian Academy of Knoxville by a half point, the team finished 2nd out of a total of 13 teams competing. **Chloe Middlebrooks '22, Charlie Barron '22, Caroline Neubauer '26** and **Melanie Val '24** broke the second school record for the 4x800m. The Varsity Boys' Team finished 4th in the TSSAA

East Regional Meet after competing against a total of 14 teams. Caleb Simmons '22 placed 8th in Shot Put, Elijah Seavey '22 placed 8th in the 400m Dash and Luke Morrison '22 placed 7th in the 300m Hurdles. The Middle School Track and Field Team accomplished many personal and school records during their season. Ketiah Inganji '26, Keziah Ingeli '26, Caroline Neubauer '26 and Annabelle Close '27 dominated the 4x200m Relay with a time of 2:08.36. Kiran Malde '26 added his name to the list of 13 middle school track and field school records, having secured exceptional times for the 100m, 200m, 800m and 1600m.

## **TENNIS**

SAS Tennis Team seniors **Sanaya Cody '22, Emma Greer '22** and **Brooklynn Nichols '22** were honored during Senior Night on April 28, 2022. The girls' and boys' tennis teams finished the 2022 season with a lot of heart and greatly improved skill sets. Finishing 4th in the TSSAA Division IIA District 2 tournament, the teams qualified for the East Region Team Tournament. **Emma Greer '22** finished 4th in the District II singles, while **Emily Bailey '23** and **Lacy Conley '23** finished 4th in District II doubles. All three girls earned All-District Team honors and qualified for the Division IIA East Region Individual Tournament.

Coach **Kelley Black** stated, "They have built a solid foundation for future success."







ervice Coordinator Rachel Malde led a service trip to Zuni Pueblo in western New Mexico for a week during Spring Break of 2022 after a Zuni educator introduced her to this opportunity. Malde, alongside thirteen SAS students, partnered with Zuni Youth Enrichment Project, an indigenous-led non-profit organization, to host a Spring Break Camp for elementaryaged children. ZYEP is focused on strengths-based enrichment for Zuni youth, which was also the focus of the SAS arts, science, and athletics camp. Abbott Root '23 stated, "I've done a lot of babysitting, so I've spent a lot of time with kids, and I was surprised by how kind the kids were to each other and how they looked out for one another." In addition to volunteering with Zuni youth, SAS students had the opportunity to help a local family complete the construction of a concrete floor in their home.

"As a non-American you have this idea of what an American represents... This is a different perspective on what it means to be American. There's not this uniform culture." —Phoenix Yuan '22

Between projects, students explored the southwestern landscape and participated in cultural activities. Shortly after arriving in Zuni, SAS students hiked through the Petrified Forest National Park and learned about the origin and history of the Zuni people from the director of the A:shiwi A:wan Museum and Heritage Center. Throughout the week, students met with local community members, craftspeople and musicians to share stories and traditions. To conclude the week, SAS students led the camp participants on a hike through El Morro National Monument.

This trip and its exceptional experiences for students were made possible by the school's partnership with the Zuni Youth Enrichment Project. The ZYEP site includes a full turf field, a sustainable rain collection system, miles of hiking trails and a beautiful view of the mesa that is sacred to the Zuni people. The programs at ZYEP have been running since 2009 and are open to all children in Zuni at

no cost. SAS students worked hard to use the time they had in Zuni to make a difference, no matter how small, to ensure that they did their part for the children and community members of Zuni. SAS students will return to Zuni in March 2023, to continue their work and strengthen their partnership with the people of Zuni.











uniors, Seniors and their guests danced under the stars at the 2022 Spring Formal, hosted by **Karl and Susan Sjolund** at Ayers House. The celebration took place on April 30 from 8:00–11:30 p.m. Mr. Sjolund, alongside other faculty volunteers, created a starry, starry night with stringed lights, sparklers, and an extravagant photo backdrop for students to enjoy. This annual celebration is planned by students and faculty sponsors in the fall. It is one of the many ways the SAS community includes joy through the school year.





he SAS Science Department has long received accolades from graduates, friends and community members. Enriched by years of experience, higher education and passionate instructors, the SAS Science Department is currently all women. Dr. Viva Reynolds, Marion Knoll, Dr. Peggy Ankney, Dean Kelley Black, Haley Chelsvig, Dr. Tracy Terry and Katherine Archambault are among the most dedicated members of the school's faculty. From providing hands-on experiences in and outside of the classroom to challenging yet rewarding class work, this department is energetic and engaged on all fronts.

A Class of 2021 alum stated, "I think it shows women empowerment at a whole new level when a discipline that is thought to be male dominated can be an all female department. As a young female student, it definitely makes me believe that it is possible for me too."



## Take Stray Ense

t. Andrew's-Sewanee School students, both past and present, demonstrate tremendous talent for projects that they are passionate about. Though genre and medium vary widely, music is a common thread year after year. Take Stray Fossa, for instance. Brothers Nick Evans '10 and Will Evans '12 together with childhood friend Zach Blount '12 grew up writing songs. "We all remember performing at creative expression assemblies; these were among our first opportunities to try out original music in front of people," said Nick. Though they had different artistic tastes, these three alums enjoyed collaborating to create music. In 2008, they combined artistic forces to form The Culprits, an Indie pop band that produced three CDs of original songs. The group played in numerous venues near and far.

As life moved forward after high school, the bandmates followed their post high school plans and pursued their own musical journeys. Following a six-year hiatus, the three college musicians reunited and took the big leap to pick up where they had left off. Nick, Will and Zach moved to Charlottesville, Virginia in 2018. After building a studio in the attic of their home, the three began creating music together again. "Having a space that felt creative, relaxing, and in itself a retreat made all the difference for us, our mental health and our music. We were lucky to be able to stay there for so long before taking the project remote," said Zach. This was the birth of Stray Fossa, their new Indie band. Stray Fossa's first recorded song "With You For Ever" was written and recorded entirely in 2020. When asked about something they each had learned following their reunion, Zach stated, "This is something we've all known for a long time, but I'd say it became extremely clear when we

first moved in together and sat down in our studio that we all have very different musical tastes and influences that had developed while apart from one another."

Though the bandmates knew that the songs they had produced wouldn't completely capture what the world was experiencing during the COVID-19 pandemic, they were determined to portray what people were feeling at a time of such uncertainty and isolation. The bandmates' next steps would represent that theme more than they knew at the time.

At the start of 2021, the bandmates expanded their

"After SAS we all went on different paths but these positive early experiences were the foundation we needed to stay motivated."

## Listen to their music here!





collaboration globally when two of the three members of Stray Fossa moved to Germany and the third bandmate stayed in the United States. Though this move created more hardships for the childhood friends, they were determined to keep moving forward. In November 2021, the band released its cover of "Heartbeat" by The Knife, which was organized and released as part of a Nice Guys Records compilation album.

Through their exceptional work ethic, these three musicians have overcome many obstacles along their journey. Their devotion to their fans and to each other keeps this band

moving forward and striving for more. "Of course we find some common ground, but especially during the first year or two of the project, it was frustratingly funny to find that instinctively we all move in different creative directions when working on the same song," said Zach. Stray Fossa's second studio album, *Closer Than We'll Ever Know*, dropped June 2022 on Born Losers Records. The band is touring to promote the release of the album this fall, once again bringing the childhood friends together to do what they love.

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## Welcoming Listeners Back to "The Mountain"

aculty, students and the community are tuning in after the long-anticipated and upgraded return of WMTN-LP, The Mountain, the SAS radio station. After many months of meetings, phone calls, traveling and determination, SAS's very own Music Director J.R. Ankney was able to announce the return of The Mountain to the airwaves–with the added advantage of streaming and more sophisticated equipment. Although it first hit the airwaves April 24, 2004, from the ground floor of the Owen Student Union, the station was dormant for more than two years following the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The station was the gift of **Bud Walters**, **SMA** '59, a former SAS Trustee. Bud is the owner and president of Cromwell Group, Cromwell Media, a digital/social media company and the licensee and operator of five Nashville radio stations. When asked why he chose radio as his career path, he stated, "I saw what a difference a local radio station makes to a small community. Local radio is the lifeblood of many smaller communities. Ninety percent of Americans listen to local radio weekly...even with all the digital audio and satellite

services now available." Bud and his suppliers donated most of the station's equipment and technical assistance. By providing this opportunity to St. Andrew's-Sewanee students, Bud hopes to spark student interest in the broadcast field.

"The Mountain" provides solid gold hits programming in a non-commercial, public radio format via a streaming station and broadcast to a 10-mile radius of campus. A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place during this year's Alumni Weekend in June in front of the Owen Student Union, and the station has been moved upstairs for greater visibility. Past participants and alumni of the school came to help celebrate the reopening of this cherished SAS project. Ankney introduced the new location, and he allowed alumni to share their favorite memories of their time at SAS.

Said best by Bud Walters, "Local is the key and local radio can and does shape the good of most communities." WMTN gives students, faculty, and friends the opportunity to connect with those near and far. We are grateful for this link to our forever community.







## MEMORIES, MARCHES AND MEDALLIONS

LUMNI WEEKEND 2022 was an important reunion to welcome alumni back to the SAS campus following two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. We were especially excited to have the Sewanee Military Academy classes of 1970 and 1971. In 1972, SMA was demilitarized and became Sewanee Academy. Having missed receiving their 50 year medallions in 2020 and 2021, a large turnout of SMA alumni participated in the Medallion Ceremony on Saturday of Alumni Weekend. The ceremony featured special alumni speakers

Christopher Julian '70 and Lee Stockdale '70, who reminded SMA alumni of the timeless bond they share. Beloved former faculty member Phil White was also on stage to present the SMA medallions to many of his former students. The celebration continued with the SMA Memorial Service at the University's Chapel of the Apostles. On Sunday, bagpipers and drummers led former cadets from Quintard Hall to All Saints Chapel in the traditional Sewanee Military Academy march, reminiscent of the daily marches while in school on the Mountain.



## Sewanee by lauren faye baulch '13 Sewantee For

you've spent a lot of time on this mountain top from times of old, for years to come you've taken all you can take from this place

and what we gave to you, you should know is the promise that wherever you go you can always call this place your home

one day you'll say:
don't cry cause I'm leaving
when you knew that I would
I wanted to make myself something good

send me a letter through the Sewanee fog it came with the seasons it's been there through it all

oh oh the winds of time blew a change in me oh oh

you know you're always gonna be my friend God be with you till we meet again you know you're always gonna be my friend oh yeah

God be with you till we meet again

send me a letter through the Sewanee fog it came with the seasons it's been there through it all

send me a letter

send me a letter through the Sewanee fog you know that you'd miss it it's been there through it all

God be with you till we meet in the Sewanee fog oh it's been there through it all





## **Board of Trustees Welcomes New Members**

### Andrew W. Ruffner

Director of Finance • The Grove, Boot Ranch

Andrew W. Ruffner joins the SAS Board as an at-large member having first served in this capacity in 2012. A certified public accountant, Mr. Ruffner is the Director of Finance for The Grove (Nashville, Tenn.) and Boot Ranch (Fredericksburg, Texas). He is a graduate of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, Class of 1986, and the University of Tennessee. Mr. Ruffner currently serves on the Taraloka Foundation board

and previously served as Treasurer on the Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club, Erlanger Health Systems Foundation and North Chickamauga Creek Conservancy boards. He and his wife, Meredith, live in Signal Mountain, Tennessee. He has a daughter who works as a Music Therapist and lives in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Ruffner will serve on the Audit and Finance Committees.



## Nancy M. (Mishoe) Brennecke

Professor of Art History • University of the South

Nancy M. (Mishoe) Brennecke joins the SAS Board as an at-large member. A graduate of the University of the South, Columbia University, and City University of New York, Dr. Brennecke is Professor of Art History at The University of the South, where she teaches courses in American, British and French art of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and the Surveys of Western Art. For many years, she taught in the interdisciplinary Humanities program and served as the faculty representative

for the European Studies program. Dr. Brennecke is a member of the Strategic Planning committee, the Honorary Degrees committee, and the Lease committee. She has also served on the Board of the Association of Historians of American Art and as a section editor for the association's publication, Panorama. She and her husband, Professor Fred H. Croom, have children who are SAS alumni. Dr. Brennecke will serve on the Enrollment Committee.



## Distinguished Alumni & School Service Awards

Each year during Alumni Weekend, we are honored to recognize members of the SAS Community for their extraordinary accomplishments, significant professional achievements and/or distinguished service to our school. The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to an alumna or alumnus who has achieved excellence in their field of endeavor and made outstanding contributions to their community, thereby bringing distinction to themselves, their professions and their alma mater. The

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School Service Award is presented to individuals or organizations who have exhibited exemplary support for and/or leadership of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. Receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award this year were Michael Hollingsworth II '88, Jim Boyd StA '65 and Peter Jenkins '91. Receiving the School Service Award were Louie Buntin, Lynn Smith and Rich Westling.

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## 1900s

Reid Harvey StA '68 — "Having returned two weeks ago from a fourweek training in Rwanda, I am happy to report that the insulating rocket stove that is described is now portable! The stove is 2-piece, the upper liner interchangeable for use of the stove with pots of various sizes. In compliance with SDG7, this stove is remarkably low-cost. It can be produced almost anywhere. Because the stove burns biomass with no smoke at all, there is no need to cut down trees for fuel wood. There is no need to produce charcoal or carbonized fuel. I am also happy to report my discovery while in Rwanda, of the Gatagara Stoneware Pottery. In beginning planning for return to Rwanda for further training, one outcome envisioned will be initial production of sanitary stoneware toilets. The glassy surface of these toilets will give an incomparable, hygienic surface that is easy to keep clean."



**Lee Stockdale SMA '70** — Lee's debut poetry book, *Gorilla*, has been accepted for publication by Main Street Rag Publishing Company with an anticipated publication date of Fall 2022



---- Edward "Mark" Lewis '84 — MEDI-

SYS, an Alabama-headquartered provider of medical practice software and services, announced the promotion of Mark Lewis to Vice President of Sales. Mark will be responsible for guiding and developing sales efforts for the company. Mark is a key part of our success at MediSys, and we are thrilled to promote him to this important position, said Gavin Ellis, a principal at MediSys. Mark joined the company in 1996 as an Account Manager, was promoted to Senior Account Manager in 2001, and was promoted to Senior Healthcare Information Consultant in 2004. Mark graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia with a bachelor's degree in Managerial Economics and worked at Regions Bank, Brookwood-Baptist Hospital, and United Healthcare before joining MediSYS.

**Aaron Brockett '90** — Aaron was appointed mayor of Boulder Colorado in November 2021.

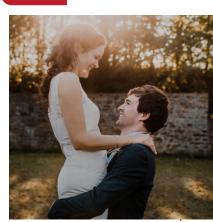
Jan Stevens '95 — Jan was appointed Residential Life Coordinator at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School in July 2022.



Elizabeth "Hamilton" Charlson '04 — Virginia Palmer Charlson was born February 18, 2022, to Hamilton and husband Jake Charlson.

**Anneli Virkhaus '03** – Anneli owns a studio in Monteagle, Tennessee called High Vibes Healing and Yoga.

## 2010s



Nick Evans '10 married Leo Rademacher in September 2020. Leo was an SAS ASSIST student from 2008 to 2009.



Anna-Grace Owens '11 – Anna was married to Gershon Fredericks in Nashville, March 2021, and works for Fourth Capital Bank in Nashville.



Jay Motley '98 — Jay and wife, Beth, welcomed Emma Kathryn to the family on June 16, 2022.

## 2000s

Maggie "Morgan" Matens '00 — Morgan was the puppet designer for the *She Kills Monsters Dungeons & Dragons* inspired play at Knoxville's Clarence Brown Theatre in March 2022.



**Will Evans '12** and Theresa Parstofer were married in July 2021.



Joshua Yap '12 — Joshua recently received his flight instruction certificate and is now teaching flight instruction at a university.

Lauren Faye Baulch '13 — Lauren renewed her vows with her husband Nick Breining in May 2022. Lauren and Nick married in a private ceremony when COVID restrictions were not yet lifted. Their vow renewal allowed them to celebrate their union with family and friends.



**Allison Bruce '15** — Allison was engaged to **Noah McIndoo '15** in July 2022. They currently reside in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

**Ethan Evans '15** — Ethan recently completed the Appalachian Trail to raise awareness and funds for the Trevor Project.



**Isabel Butler '16** — Isabel moved to Boston in December 2021 and works on the Kitchen Ops Team at America's Test Kitchen.



Emily "Maggie" White '17 — Maggie presented her digital story, a video reflection, to the 2022 cohort of Bonner Leaders and Canale Service Interns (known on campus as "Bonners" and "Canales"). Her digital story was a fitting reflection on her experience, from trying on three majors at Chattanooga State and not knowing exactly what she wanted to do with her life to transferring to Sewanee. For her, community service was the key to her growing sense of vocation.





Sarah Mondragon '18 graduated from the University of Minnesota with a major in English and a minor in Spanish. She plans to continue her education in Secondary English Instruction in Minneapolis where she is residing. Sarah is the daughter of Rebecca Alexander and stepdaughter of former SAS faculty member Kenneth Alexander, daughter of Tom Mondragon and twin sister of Jack Simons.



Robert Jack Simons '18 graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in Civil Engineering. Jack is the son of Rebecca Alexander and stepson of former SAS faculty member Kenneth Alexander, son of Tom Mondragon and twin brother of Sarah Mondragon '18.



Sarah J. Kemmer '19 - The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation, a century old organization that honors, supports and educates emerging servant leaders at colleges and universities across the American South, proudly announces that Sarah Jane Kemmer of Centreville, Alabama has been named a 2021 Sullivan Foundation Scholarship winner. Currently a junior at Sewanee: University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee Sarah Jane is the daughter of Attorney Richard M. Kemmer and Probate Judge Stephanie Kemmer of Centreville, Alabama. Awarded each year since 1934, Sullivan Scholarships celebrate incoming freshmen at 23 partner colleges and universities who possess exemplary character and integrity along with a passion for serving others. This year's 122 Sullivan Scholarship winners will divide more than \$940,000 in scholarship funds.



Sarah Beth Hobby '20 has been awarded the Charles W. Ferguson Endowed Prizes in Public Speaking. Established in 1966 by Charles Ferguson, a senior editor of the *Reader's Digest* honors students who demonstrate exceptional ability in public speaking in the forensics program at Macalester College.





## **Atlanta Gathering**

Top L to R: Clay Cushman SA 80, Jonathan Merril '88, David Allen StA '77, Michael Holingsworth '88, Karl Sjolund, Hojabr Niakan StA '80, Katie Armbrester, Kellina Pierce '14, Michael Asmussen '01, former trustee Laurin McSwain, Assistant Director of Advancement Stephen Brehm.

Front L to R: Randy Bailey, Fran Adams SMS '65, Lucy Newton SMS '63, Ralph Newton, Heidi Simmonds SMS '61, Andy Simmonds StA '61, Anna Watkins StA '80, current SAS parents Robin Murphy, Jim Murphy.



## Chattanooga Gathering

Head of School Karl Sjolund talks with hosts Phil and Jerry White.

## **What We Once Had**

By Onawa Henson '24

The town from which you came is the same that bears your name.
I didn't think you would soon be gone but I never imagined you'd stick around so long.
You quickly became friends with mama kangaroo and you went on many an adventure too.
Yes, you had quite a life.

Then you settled down and she became your wife.
We put you in cheap costume jewelry that we thought was like gold, when even then it was old.
We dressed you in clothes that were pretty, probably the nicest in animal city.

One of us — I don't remember who — pulled off your soft black nose.
I sewed on a button because we couldn't fix it with glue, now you smell of mildew and its been ages since you went through a door. You never even leave my drawer.



## Sewanee Gathering

Top L to R: Kiki Beavers SA '82, Ben Beavers SA '81, Phil White, Head of School Karl Sjolund, Rob Utlaut '85, Christi Teasley '83, Carlton Young, Ashley Dryden '82, Garth Lovvorn '92, Han Clark, Almeda Roberson '95, Beth Sperry SA '76, Chris Asmussen, Lawson Bordley '91.

Front L to R: Kyra Wilson '17, former CFO Sarah Lodge, Grayson Clark '28, Erica Clark, Susan Sjolund, Margi Utlaut, former Director of College Counseling Christina Asmussen, Jerry White, Holly Kruse '82, Lucy Murray '84, former Athletic Director Ellis Mayfield.



## **Knoxville Gathering**

L to R: Karl Sjolund, Leslie McLaurin III SMA '72, Virginia McLaurin, Larry Robinson StA '72, Jamie Brown '88, Clifford Brown, Suzanne Angele '91, Assistant Director of Admission and Financial Aid Ashley Close, Renee Sprouse '94, David Sprouse '94, Lawson Bordley '91, Assistant Director of Advancement Stephen Brehm, William Lyons, Phillip Patterson Jr. '90, Chuck Gouffon '88.



## **Alumni Council**

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Terry Snyder '85 Beth Sperry SA '76 Joshua Yap '12

## **In Memoriam**

## **Sewanee Military Academy**

Sidney J. Stubbs III SMA '40

December 12, 2021

Lucien Y. Dyrenforth II SMA '44

November 2, 2021

Frank B. Bondurant SMA '45

September 16, 2010

Russell C. Haehl, Jr. SMA '45

December 11, 2010

Terrell Simpson SMA '45

September 28, 2010

Marshall C. Stone SMA '45

November 25, 2021

George Culbertson Jr. SMA '46

March 30, 2013

C. Donald Strait SMA '48

August 14, 2021

Arthur S. Welch SMA '48

October 3, 2021

William N. Fry III SMA '49

September 2, 2020

Marvin L. Nelson SMA '49

April 27, 2021

Walter Montgomery Oates SMA '49

June 9, 2022

Thomas J. Taylor SMA '49

January 9, 2022

Thomas Crooks Ferguson SMA '51

June 28, 2021

Maurice R. Linton SMA '51

May 24, 2016

Robert L. Watson, M.D. SMA '52

November 12, 2021

Kenton B. Rea SMA '53

February 19, 2022

Arthur F. Dismukes Jr. SMA '55

May 27, 2010

Joseph Giardina SMA '55

September 17, 2020

Alexander P. Looney SMA '55

March 17, 2022

Tommy E. Adams SMA '56

November 17, 2021

Joseph J. Gee III SMA '57

July 8, 2022

Raymond A. Goodwill, Jr. SMA '57

February 24, 2021

William G. Attaway SMA '58

January 14, 2019

Lewis S. Roberts SMA '58

March 11, 2021

James W. Spencer SMA '60

February 26, 2022

Charles C. Hillyer II '62

March 22, 2022

Lawrence A. Kirkland II SMA '63

August 12, 2021

Kenneth M. Ogilvie, M.D. SMA '63

March 18, 2022

Joseph E. Gardner, Jr. SMA '67

December 16, 2021

## **Sewanee Academy**

Lawrence Meade SA '73

January 14, 2021

Pelham H. Anderson III SA '74

December 9, 2020

## St. Andrew's School

John A. Church, Jr. StA '52

May 21, 2017

Glen W. Lenker StA '55

June 19, 2021

Christopher Park Bird StA '56

December 25, 2021

James Rivington Pyne StA '64

January 19, 2022

Patricia Greeter Nobles '87

August 24, 2022

## St. Mary's School

Alice Marlowe Scott SMS '42

May 12, 2022

June Brown Voynich SMS '43

August 10, 2019

Rene Dudney Lynch SMS '49

August 5, 2017

Sarah Barnwell Elliott Howe Hay SMS '61

December 10, 2021

## St. Andrew's-Sewanee School

Kevin Hudson '93

April 4, 2022

Charles D. Sledge '00

November 17, 2021

lan Asmussen '03

February 27, 2022

Myles J. Kincaid '13

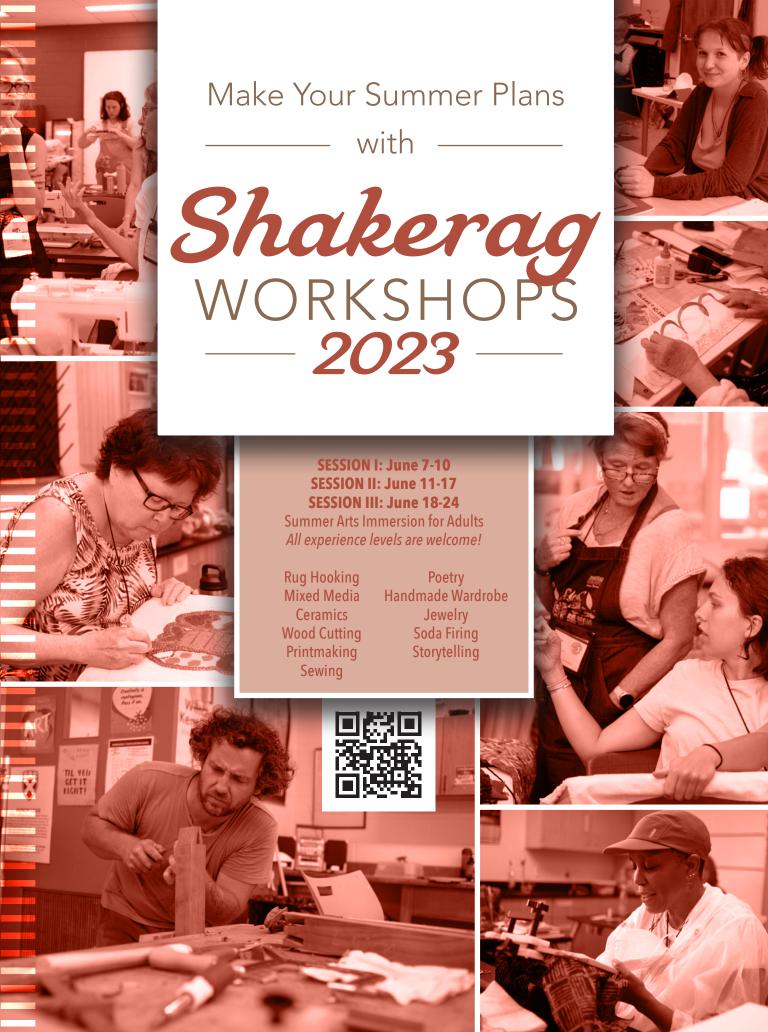
April 21, 2022

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



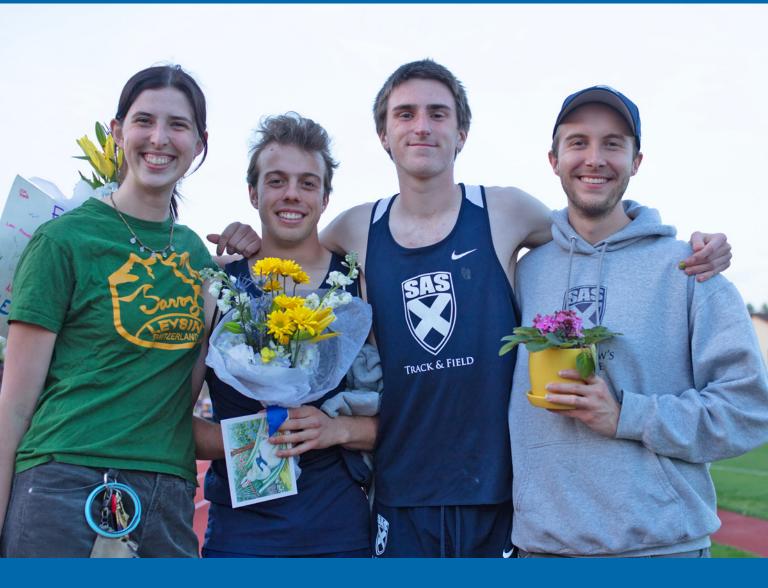






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"Most modern teenagers are becoming increasingly aware of the vast amount of social issues plaguing our country. I never thought about economic inequality or how much one's household can affect their school experience. At SAS, I truly believe that we are on the right path towards properly solving several issues that affect our school community. I am grateful to be a part of the change."

—Alex Brewster '22 at Tearing Down the Walls Conference 2021