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On the Cover: Grade 9 students kayak during their class trip to Bald Head Island in October 2021.

Letter from the HEAD OF SCHOOL



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The 2021 – 2022 school year at Cape Fear Academy was a remarkable one in so many ways. It gives me a great sense of pride to share with you some of my reflections on a year that will be viewed by many as transformational for our school.

We began the year with record enrollment of 715 students and, while we continued to endure many challenges related to the pandemic, we pulled together as one tight-knit community and saw it through to the end. It was one of my great joys to see our students' and teachers' bright, smiling faces when they were able to come to school without a mask for the first time in nearly two years.

We witnessed the return of many time-honored traditions: the Kindergarteners' live performance of “The Mitten,” Middle School overnight trips in the spring, and Upper School artists of all types wowing us with brilliant performances. On the athletic fields, CFA attained our highest ranking ever in the Athletic Directors Cup, being named the second best overall athletic program in the NCISAA Division 3A on the strength of multiple state and conference titles.

We celebrated the Class of 2022, with graduates admitted to 128 different colleges and universities. These incredible students won a number of national academic awards and earned over \$1.5 million in merit scholarships.

This year also saw us taking financial steps to build upon our commitments to academic excellence and rich extracurricular activities both now and in the future. Alongside our record-setting Annual Fund, we raised more than \$4 million through our Be The Next campaign and also purchased 11.4 acres of land immediately adjacent to our main campus.

None of this would be possible without the long standing support and philanthropy of our generous benefactors, who, for many years now, have given unselfishly of their time and financial resources.

With the continued commitment and care of our brilliant faculty and staff, the fortitude and grace of our amazing students, and the dedicated and ongoing encouragement of our generous parents and friends, we are confident that CFA has many years ahead of us to continue offering our students a rich academic environment, a wealth of opportunities, and an abundance of care as we advance our mission in meaningful ways.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward M. Ellison". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Edward M. Ellison
Head of School

2021-2022

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Front row:

Head of School Ed Ellison; Elizabeth Wells (Secretary); Connor Keller (Vice Chair); Porter Young (Chair); Jason Dahl (Treasurer); Jill Webb

Back row:

Chris Fikry; Kelly Burnette; Trip Meine; Emily Garriott; Crystal Peebles; Peter Kane; Matt Scharf

Not pictured:

Michael Jacobs; Andrea Johnston; Tee Nunnelee

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

RECEIVES SIXTH NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARD



For the sixth consecutive year, the CFA Varsity Volleyball team earned the United States Marine Corps/American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award. The award, initiated in the 1992-93 academic year, honors volleyball teams that maintain a year-long grade-point average of 3.30 on a 4.0 scale or 4.10 on a 5.0 scale.

CFA's team GPA was in the top 20% of the 425 high school girls athletic programs receiving the award, and they were also recognized as a Team Academic Honor Roll school for the fifth straight year. Only four schools in North Carolina earned the Team Academic Honor Roll designation.

ARTS | CREATIVITY IN COMMUNITY

Many families have a refrigerator or corkboard covered with their children's artwork, but it was a special day in April 2022 when the Cape Fear Academy Arts Department opened the Boney Courtyard, McNeill Fine Arts Center lobby, and several rooms in the Beane Wright Center for Art Day, a retrospective show featuring drawings, sculptures, and more from students spanning all our divisions.

Conceived by Lower School Art Teacher Elizabeth Lineberger and Middle School and Upper School Art Teacher Lisa Rojek, planning for Art Day began even before anyone knew if guests would be allowed on campus. Still, Lineberger and Rojek hoped and planned for a group art event that would invite parents into the art classrooms and allow students to showcase their creative work.



Rojek traditionally hosts an annual viewing and reception with her AP Art students, but for Lineberger, putting together a show with a year's worth of work from nearly 300 students in Grades 1 through 5 created some intriguing possibilities and new challenges. "I thought it was important to teach kids how an art show is put on," she said. She developed a plan to teach students every facet of putting together an exhibition, from creating, storing, and displaying the works to training as docents who could talk knowledgeably about the various artworks.

In the weeks leading up to Art Day, Lower School students learned how to choose their show pieces from the many works they had created over the year. They wrote labels, matted and hung drawings and paintings, chose tables and platforms for sculptures, and prepared talking points to share with visitors.

In addition to viewing artwork with student guides, Art Day included interactive opportunities for visitors to explore artwork, books, and artist biographies that classes had studied. Lineberger also created stations where families could create their own art together, which she observed was very special and enjoyed by everyone.



Jamie Waskin, parent to Sophie (Class of 2024) and Ellery (Class of 2032), remembers the delight the day brought. "Having not been into the school due to COVID precautions, the magnitude of the CFA Art Fair was almost overwhelming, but in a very heartwarming way. Projects and creations of all kinds from every grade level were displayed on seemingly every surface throughout the school. My youngest daughter acted as docent, proudly showing off items she and her classmates made. Her joy was contagious."

Art Day 2022 was a stunning success in celebrating creativity and bringing the Cape Fear Academy community together once again.



Photos courtesy of Elizabeth Lineberger

VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

BIG WINS RESULT IN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



The 2021-22 Varsity Girls Tennis team receives the NCISAA Division III championship trophy.
Photo courtesy of Tim Howard/Coastal Preps

Saturday, October 30, 2021 was a crisp fall afternoon when the Cape Fear Academy Varsity Girls Tennis Team traveled to Kinston, NC to take on the #1 seed Arendell Parrott Academy (APA) Patriots in the NCISAA 3A State Championship. Despite playing on Parrott's courts in front of a fired up home crowd, the CFA team was looking for the upset after falling to Parrott 5-4 early in the season.

The Hurricanes knocked off APA 5-4 on that day to clinch the state title, ending the year with a 14-2 record and the program's sixth state championship. Playing against the undefeated APA team, Co-Head Coach Alex Gianapolous noted that it took every player's best effort to secure the victory. CFA had been the state runners-up in 2020, which provided extra motivation for the 2021 state match.

Led by All-State and All-Conference players Liza Wells '24 and Julia Johnston '22, who was also named the conference Player of the Year, the team included three other All-Conference picks (Tyler Beacham '24, Taylor Garriott '26, and Elle Harmon '24) as well as two honorable mentions (Isabel Bellamy '23 and Blythe Crocker '25).

The season included big wins over Hoggard HS, Rocky Mount Academy, St. David's, St. Mary's, and Carolina Day. "At the time we had a young team and they showed great resilience all year playing some tough schools. Towards the end of the year they were not afraid to show their energy and passion and they fed off that emotion in a positive way," said Gianapolous.

Co-Head Coach Lauren Isenhour and Assistant Coach Paula Sneed rounded out the coaching staff, with Gianapolous and Isenhour sharing the Coach of the Year Award.

VARSITY BOYS LACROSSE

CAPS OFF TOUGH SEASON WITH CHAMPIONSHIP

The Cape Fear Academy Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team defeated Forsyth Country Day School to claim the NCISAA Division II Championship. Playing in Concord, the team won with a score of 9-7, finishing the season with a 12-6 record.

After an aggressively scheduled early season and several heartbreaking overtime losses, the team started the season with a 1-5 record. However, Head Coach Paul Gilbert recognized that the team was solid, and they set a goal to improve as a team in each practice and game.

Under the leadership of senior captains Cam Arne, Gavin Bahner, and Owen Johnson, the team then went on a hot streak, winning nine of the next ten games and heading into the playoffs confident they were at their best.

In a very spirited semi-final game, CFA hosted arch rival Southlake Christian, winning by a

goal. Heading into the championship game, CFA faced another familiar and tough adversary in Forsyth Country Day School.

In the high-scoring event, Nick Spanola earned the offensive MVP award, hitting net three times (including the game winner), and Cameron Arne was made of iron, clearing the ball and setting up the team's offensive plays. On defense, Owen Johnson made several valuable saves in the cage, while Grant Underwood held FCDS's strongest player and biggest offensive threat scoreless.

"In the end our conditioning was the difference, and even though FCDS had a highly touted team, we out ran and out played them," said Gilbert.

In addition to Gilbert, the championship coaching staff consisted of Assistant Coach Scott Long, Goalie Coach Kenan Arne, and Offensive Coordinator John Dodd.



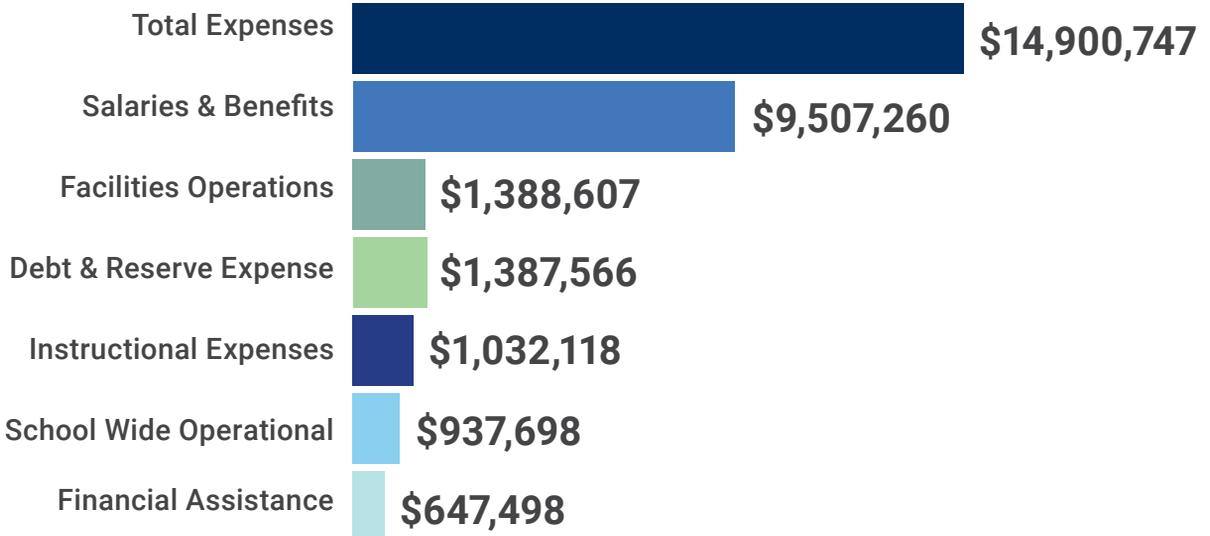
The 2021-22 Varsity Boys Lacrosse team receives the NCISAA Division II championship trophy.
Photo courtesy of Tim Howard/Coastal Preps

2021-2022 | OPERATIONS FINANCIAL PICTURE

REVENUE



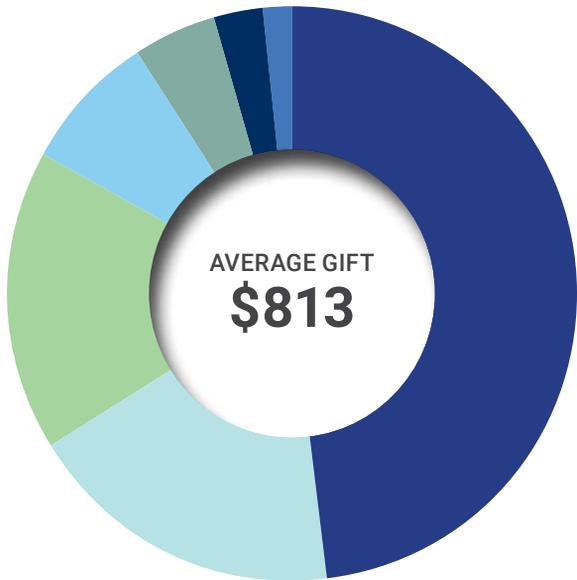
EXPENSES



ANNUAL FUND | AT A GLANCE

ANNUAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

(listing by primary constituency type only)



Alumni	\$40,392
Current Parents	\$221,703
Faculty/Staff	\$6,504
Foundations/Other	\$64,104
Friends of CFA	\$6,821
Grandparents	\$48,234
Trustees	\$78,850

TOTAL: \$466,684



The Class of 2034 took their turn carrying out a beloved CFA kindergarten tradition, performing "The Mitten" in the Brown Family Theater of the Erin E. McNeill Fine Arts Center.

With the aid of specially designed facial coverings, Upper School band students were able to safely perform their winter concert.



WHY WE GIVE | EMILY '08 & GREG POOLE



Photo courtesy of Emily Poole

As a graduate of Cape Fear Academy who benefited from financial assistance while attending the school, the decision about where to focus her donation was easy for Emily Hall Poole, Class of 2008, and her husband, Greg Poole. The Pooles generously committed \$350,000 to support need-based financial aid at Cape Fear Academy. With this gift, Poole hopes that giving back to Cape Fear Academy will enable others to enjoy the same experience she did.

I hope that it gives someone an opportunity and that the opportunity changes the trajectory of their life in a constructive manner.

"We strongly believe that CFA provides an extraordinary academic, extracurricular, and inclusive experience," Poole said. "Our hope is that by creating an endowment for need-based financial aid, we can create opportunities for children who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to attend CFA. An endowment was our choice of gift because it not only helps the school in the short term, but it helps to provide financial continuity to the long-term success of CFA."

Poole attended larger public schools throughout lower and middle school years, but when she came to Cape Fear Academy in 9th Grade she immediately felt the impacts of the CFA educational experience.

"The small class sizes made me feel more comfortable asking questions, and my teachers and classmates welcomed me with open arms and encouraged me to join clubs and sports that I would never have engaged in at another school. I ended up graduating from CFA with a high GPA, unbelievable lifelong friends and acceptance to the college of my choice, all of which I am forever grateful for."

Having personally experienced the way Cape Fear Academy can transform a student's relationship with learning and their life, Poole wanted to help provide that opportunity for future students.

"I believe strongly in the importance of paying it forward and investing in the next generation," she said. "More than anything, I hope that it gives someone an opportunity and that the opportunity changes the trajectory of their life in a constructive manner, and that they make a positive impact on the world in some way."

HOST FAMILIES

Our thanks to the families who opened their homes to international students during the 2021 – 2022 school year. Their hospitality increases our opportunity to carry out our mission of supporting high achieving students and thriving as an increasingly diverse and welcoming CFA community.

Eric Bishop & Karen Stump

Vytas Nausedas

Adam & Allison Brotman

Saransh Padhy

Chris & Regina Cox

Simeon Jeffers

Robert & Sarah Flaherty

Wenby (Jerry) Zhou

Kent & Jeannine Guion

Imran Armstrong

Tavi Sterling

Markus Pastorcic-Straum



Vytas Nausedas '23 has lived with Eric Bishop and Karen Stump since 2020. They enjoy many activities together, including a trip to watch a Virginia Tech vs. UNC football game.

Photo courtesy of Karen Stump

LOWER SCHOOL

BUILDING STRENGTH TOGETHER



Photos courtesy of Elizabeth Lallathin

As Hurricane Larry spun past the East Coast in September 2021, Grade 3 students at Cape Fear Academy gathered on the floor of their classroom with clay, popsicle sticks, tape, and construction paper. Their task? Design and build a house that would keep occupants safe and dry during a hurricane.

In Third Grade, Makerspace is an integrated part of the curriculum that weaves throughout various topical studies. It's a time when students are given open-ended challenges and then encouraged to create a solution using research, experimentation, and teamwork. The hurricane-proof houses activity coincided with science lessons on the environmental forces of wind, rain, and gravity.

Over the course of the study, students researched what makes a house strong and watertight. They quickly identified that during hurricane conditions, it would be very challenging to keep water from seeping into a structure through the joints and connections. As a result of this realization, students drafted plans ranging from houses on stilts to cylindrically-shaped buildings.

“Of course, the part of this activity students enjoyed most was when they put the house to the test!” explained teacher Elizabeth Lallathin. Using a watering can and fan, they started creating “Category 1” hurricane rain and wind conditions, gradually increasing the intensity until each house met its stormy demise.

Students worked in groups and were encouraged to meet challenges by testing and revamping their ideas. When a house didn't work out like they had planned, they were encouraged to ask "why," and then make and implement a new plan. Students were also inspired by examining what worked for others groups and consider how they could integrate that knowledge into their own strategy.

Lallathin says, “The ideas of persistence and finding growth in failure are the grandest objectives in Makerspace.” So, while the forces of nature may have triumphed over all their house designs, the overall lesson is something that will stand with our students throughout their education and beyond.

We believe that learning from our mistakes, learning from those around us, and persisting is what makes a learner and learning community better and stronger.
- Elizabeth Lallathin, Lower School faculty

MIDDLE SCHOOL

TRANSFORMATIVE COLLABORATIONS

Curious, creative, and confident are three adjectives frequently used to describe both Cape Fear Academy students and teachers. Bringing these qualities together results in engaging, impactful activities like the Ocean Cafe that transformed Rebecca Wells's 8th Grade Science classroom last March.

Middle School is a development stage when students take increasing ownership in their education, which Wells emphasizes in her teaching style. "I love it when students are active collaborators in their learning!" So during a deep dive into their unit on oceanography, she proposed the idea of a coffeeshop-style open mic session, where students would present their research in creative ways.

The Ocean Cafe influenced how I saw the ocean in many different ways. Through the cafe projects, I learned a lot about creatures, areas, and objects in the ocean. I also learned what pollution is constantly doing to our ocean and am now more aware of the things we can do in our everyday life to prevent it.

—Jace Williams '26

Wells acknowledges that although she provided the kernel of the Ocean Cafe idea (along with coffee and biscotti), the students are the ones who really brought it to life. "Some people did stand-up comedy; one pair ran a game show, like a trivia night. Another group decided to be the cafe servers — serving up knowledge along with pieces of a cake they decorated." Other highly entertaining and informative acts included a puppet show, a Bob Ross-style painting tutorial, and an original song.

Libby Wells '26, who worked with Alex Zakszeski '26, remembers how much they enjoyed the artistic freedom to decide the method with which to share their information. "We were

both really passionate about the project and felt we could use our creative skills to put together a fun performance for our peers." The pair researched various oceanic zones and wove that knowledge into a real-estate themed skit where Wells played the role of a mermaid (tail included!) looking to purchase a new home.

Students appreciated the collaborative energy as well. "I enjoyed working as a team while learning about the different layers and environments of the ocean. I also enjoyed seeing the creativity of the different presentations," says Eden Rienks '26.

The practice of choosing topics, carrying out research, and planning presentations as a group is key in preparing students for future success, says Wells. "This is part of trying to get them ready for jobs that don't even exist yet: giving them life skills to be able to collaborate and work towards a solution with anyone. The Ocean Cafe is a perfect example of them doing that."

Photo courtesy of Rebecca Wells



UPPER SCHOOL

ONE DAY MADE A DIFFERENCE



The transition to high school can be daunting, but the Class of 2025 faced the extra challenge of doing it during the COVID pandemic. Having spent the final months of Middle School in remote learning, their preparations for 9th Grade were experienced through the constraints of social distancing, online classes, and virtual meetings done from home. Stepping onto campus and into their first classes in Cameron Hall in the Fall of 2021, these students faced steep social, emotional, and educational learning curves.

So while CFA's class trips always play a vital role in building community spirit and individual character, the Niners Bald Head Island Trip that October could not have come too soon for this group of students!

Computer Science teacher Carr Fullagar was one of the trip chaperones, and remembers the heightened feeling of anticipation as they gathered for the early morning departure to BHI. "These students hadn't been together in person as a large group in a long time. That, and being out in the community again, created a sense of excitement that you could feel when they got onto the ferry. They were just excited to be on a boat and to be together for the day."

The schedule included both structured activities and free time, allowing students to develop their sense of independence and autonomy. Part of the

day was dedicated to letting the students roam the island by bike, deciding where they would go and with whom. They explored the beaches, relaxed under trees, or rode along the waterways, experiencing the beauty of the area at their own pace and developing relationships along the way.

Students also spent time learning from local experts with the Bald Head Island Conservancy, gaining knowledge that both deepened their understanding of the region in which they live and integrated with biology classes at CFA. "I think it was a powerful moment as the kids found more appreciation for where they live than they had before," says Fullagar.

For the teachers chaperoning the trip, it was also a chance to get to know the students more deeply in a fun, informal setting where they experienced new opportunities and challenges. Fullagar notes that the group activities were a time when some students started to evolve and be recognized as leaders, characteristics that carried back into their activities at CFA.

While it was just a one day experience, the Niners BHI Trip encapsulated the ethos of CFA's Upper School curriculum and student life goals, and students returned to campus better prepared and encouraged to take on new challenges as the Class of 2025.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT | GENNA ZIMMER '10



Photo courtesy of Genna Zimmer

Despite going to one of the most competitive business schools in the country, Genna Zimmer '10 says that high school at Cape Fear Academy was hands down the most difficult academic experience she has been through.

"I was the student involved in everything: Student Government Association, athletics, in the plays... I wanted to do all the AP classes, I wanted to do everything! It was stressful at times, but being involved in so many things at Cape Fear Academy sets you up so well for the future."

During high school Zimmer also worked part-time at REEDS Jewelers, a store founded by her grandfather after WWII. Zimmer's grandfather was an active leader in the Wilmington community and among the first business leaders in the city to provide credit to minority groups, and as Zimmer considered her future career options, she was interested in continuing the remarkable legacy of this family business.

After graduating from Cape Fear Academy Zimmer went on to complete her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from UNC Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler Business School. She credits high school peers with helping through the rigorous application process that entailed, including friends who reviewed

her essays and resume. "Going back to those contacts I had from Cape Fear Academy helped me succeed in college."

Zimmer began a career in corporate finance and accounting at Belk, but quickly felt REEDS Jewelers calling her home. In 2015, she completed a project management certification through Duke University, and then rejoined the REEDS Jewelers team as a project manager for their e-commerce and IT initiatives.

With the encouragement of the REEDS Jewelers Board of Directors, Zimmer returned to school at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. Completing a course that included independent study in China and attending Global Business Week events in Finland and Sweden, she graduated with a Master of Business Administration in 2020.

Currently, she serves as the Vice President of Operations and Strategy for REEDS Jewelers. She is responsible for home office operations and ensuring that the corporation is headed in the right strategic direction. Zimmer is passionate about keeping her grandfather's legacy alive, and helping a 76-year old business that was founded based on a love of people to flourish and remain current for many generations to come.



ON THE HUNT FOR KNOWLEDGE

1. Middle School students in Mr. Johnson's Advanced Pre-Algebra class participated in a Percent Change Scavenger Hunt.

2. As a part of their Virtual Reality Class, Upper School students designed and 3-D rendered a hotel that could decrease air pollution and harvest solar energy.

3. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, students in 1st Grade were asked to design and build leprechaun traps to catch their very own leprechaun.

4. Students in Ms. Lattin's 7th Grade social studies class participated in Renaissance character-themed "speed dating" to determine who their best match was based on history, accomplishments, education, and interests.

5. Upper School Biology students went on a trip to Greenfield Lake, collecting water samples to research and observe under a microscope.

6. Ms. Slovik's Little Explorers went on a fun scavenger hunt around campus to find different letters of the alphabet. Using their star pointers they found the first letter of their names.



2022 / BUILDING FOR THE NOW AND THE YET TO COME

On a beautiful evening in March 2022, more than 200 parents, alumni, and friends gathered on the Turf Field at Cape Fear Academy for the All-Weather Get-Together. It was Cape Fear Academy's first large social gathering since 2019, and attendees could feel a special excitement in the air as they got the chance to celebrate together in person.

The purpose of this event was to celebrate our Be The Next campaign, a fundraising initiative representing the opportunity to define the school's facilities and programs for the coming years and decades, ensuring Cape Fear Academy can live out its values and deliver on its mission for every child.

"For decades, the children of Cape Fear Academy have experienced an education made possible through the generosity of CFA's close and caring community," explained honorary campaign co-chair, former Board of Trustees Chair, and alumni parent Bill Squire. "Past donors have invested their time and resources to support Cape

Be the Next invited parents, family members, and friends of the school to invest in three far-reaching goals that have both immediate and long-term impact:

- Growing Cape Fear Academy's unrestricted endowment, enabling the school to expand financial aid, increase professional development opportunities, and build a stronger foundation for long-term financial stability
- Updating facilities and the Upper School STEM curriculum to establish community spaces and enhanced learning environments
- Building the Annual Fund into a more significant source of revenue that supports CFA's incredible enrichment programs

More than \$4 million has now been pledged for the Be Next Campaign, and Cape Fear Academy already benefits from this generosity. The Annual Fund has grown by 41%, and beyond simply strengthening the general endowment to its target amount, two additional endowments were created



1. Board members at the All-Weather Get-Together hold up placards showing the amount of money pledged at that point for the Be the Next campaign.

2. Board of Trustees Chair Porter Young cuts the ribbon on the first stage of Cameron Hall renovations.



Fear Academy and the generations of students who continue to benefit from this institution's commitment to children. For today's students and those still to come, we must continue this tradition of generosity and ensure Cape Fear Academy remains fully equipped to discover and develop individual potential in every child."

to expand access to a CFA education (the CFA Diversity Financial Aid Endowment Fund and the CFA Financial Aid Endowment Fund), while a third newly-created endowment (the Mack D. Webb '20 and Raney H. Webb '22 Endowment Fund) supports enhanced learning experiences in the Fine Arts, English, and History departments.



Students utilize the flexibility purposefully designed in new Cameron Hall STEM classrooms to work on individual and group projects.

The most visible impact, however, is apparent as soon as you set foot inside our two main classroom buildings. Godwin Hall, home to our Welcome Center as well as most Lower School and Middle School classes, received a facelift, bringing a bright, clean appearance to the oldest building on campus and making updates to modernize security features. Cameron Hall, where the majority of Upper School classes take place, was extensively renovated, with a dramatically revamped floor plan on the main level to create a common area, meeting room, and several new STEM classrooms.

Physics and Engineering Teacher Ed Naessens now teaches in a state-of-the-art classatory, a large, bright room lined with whiteboards essential for drawings and computations. Featuring adjustable-height wheeled desks, the space provides important flexibility as it is rearranged to accommodate student learning styles and various project needs.

An added benefit is the connected storage room, where Naessens organizes what he refers to as “the toys.” Having this space makes it easier for him to prepare the equipment needed for various laboratories that can be quickly moved in and out of the classroom, enabling him to teach a wider variety of subjects without significant set-up time. “There is no doubt this classroom aids in the students being able to learn more and learn better,” he says.

Across the hall, Keni Rienks agrees. “The opportunities and flexibility to adapt and rearrange classroom space sparks curiosity in the students, setting them up to inquire not just about what they will learn but also how they will learn it.” This engaged learning environment is not a happy accident, but the outcome of Rienks’s deliberate input into the design throughout the entire process of creating her classroom space. From the placement of counters, cupboards, and sinks to the tables and chairs purchased, her specific class needs and desires as well as advances in pedagogy factored into every decision.

When not in the classroom, students often gather in the new Commons, a window-lined room with a variety of tables and chairs perfect for working on individual assignments or hosting club events. This space quickly became central to the Upper School community as a comfortable hangout spot, while the adjacent Boardroom provides a more formal space for meetings and workshops.

One further project, for a portico outside of Cameron Hall, is still in the planning phases. By funding these campus renovations, along with the programmatic opportunities resulting from financial stability and the enrollment access created through increased financial aid, the Be the Next campaign will continue to enhance our school community in ways both obvious and subtle for generations to come.



In addition to celebrating our 2022 graduates, Cape Fear Academy awarded Todd Atwood with the title of Honorary Alumnus. Since 2008, he has supported the school as a parent and through service on the Board of Trustees and multiple committees.



2022 COMMENCEMENT READY TO GO FURTHER



On Friday, May 27, Cape Fear Academy hosted its 52nd Commencement Exercises for the 64 members of the Class of 2022.

Graduates and their family members gathered in the Athletic Center Main Gym to honor this exceptional class.

In addition to 100 percent of the members of the Class of 2022 planning to attend a four-year university, the class boasted a National Merit Finalist, over \$1.5 million in merit scholarships, a total of 295 acceptances to 166 different colleges, and six student-athletes who committed to play collegiate athletics.

Valedictorian

Wenbo Zhou

Salutatorian

Elizabeth Porter

Head of School Award

Gavin Bahner
Lillian Scoutelas

Alumni Award

Owen Johnson

School Service Award

Anna Knorr
Mackenzie Mills

CLASS OF 2022

The members of the Cape Fear Academy Class of 2022 were accepted to the following colleges and universities.

American University	High Point University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Miami
Appalachian State University	James Madison University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Michigan
Auburn University	Limestone University	Simmons University	University of Mississippi
Bates College	Loyola Marymount University	Skidmore College	University of New England
Birmingham-Southern College	Marshall University	Southern Methodist University	University of New Hampshire
Boston University	Marymount Manhattan College	Stony Brook University	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Bucknell University	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	SUNY at Purchase College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Campbell University	Mercer University	Syracuse University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Cape Fear Community College	Meredith College	Temple University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Chapman University	Methodist University	Texas A&M University	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Clemson University	Miami University (Oxford)	Texas Christian University	University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Coastal Carolina University	Middle Tennessee State University	The College of William and Mary	University of Pittsburgh (Bradford)
College of Charleston	Mount Holyoke College	The Ohio State University	University of South Carolina
Drexel University	New York University	The University of Tampa	University of Southern California
East Carolina University	North Carolina State University	The University of Texas at Dallas	University of St Andrews
Eckerd College	Northeastern University	The University of the Arts	University of Vermont
Elon University	Oberlin College	University of California (Davis)	University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)	Oglethorpe University	University of California (Irvine)	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Emerson College	Pennsylvania State University (Main Campus)	University of California (Riverside)	Villanova University
Fairfield University	Pennsylvania State University (World Campus)	University of California (San Diego)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Florida Atlantic University	Purdue University (Main Campus)	University of California (Santa Barbara)	Wake Forest University
Florida Institute of Technology	Queens University of Charlotte	University of California (Santa Cruz)	Washington and Lee University
Florida International University	Randolph-Macon College	University of Colorado Boulder	Washington University in St. Louis
Florida State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Colorado Denver	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Fordham University	Roanoke College	University of Delaware	Western Carolina University
Franklin & Marshall College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Denver	Western University
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Georgia Southwestern State University			
Guilford College			
Hampden-Sydney College			
Hawaii Pacific University			

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Lower School

Blue & Gold Award (5th Grade)

Liam Frueh '29 & Drew Losch '29

Blue & Gold Award (4th Grade)

Abby Glover '30 & Sophia Kotlyarevska '30

Faculty Recognition Award

Libby Kenney '29 & Hazel Lee '29

Faculty Recognition Award

Mac Purvis '30 & Chesson Wells '30

Spelling Bee 2020-21

Myra Shankar '30

Upper School

Head of School's Purchase Awards

Aurelia Colvin '23, Sydney Cortina '24, & Fraley Kelley '23

Simmons-Wenning Scholarship for Fine Arts

Imogen Marino '24

Matthew 25 Award

Tanner Macpherson '22

Highest Academic Achievement Award Salutatorian & Valedictorian

Wenbo (Jerry) Zhou '22 (Valedictorian)
Elizabeth (Betsy) Porter '22 (Salutatorian)

National Merit Scholarship Program (Finalist)

Finalist — McLain Adams '22

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Recipient

Ben Kane '23

Faculty Recognition Award - Grade 9

Ryder Adams '25

Faculty Recognition Award - Grade 10

Mariel Cantalapiedra '24

Faculty Recognition Award - Grade 11

Jenny Carrera '23

Faculty Recognition Award - Grade 12

Dylan O'Neill '22

English Department Award

Julia Johnston '22 & Betsy Porter '22

Barbara Proctor Award

Bella Santos '22

Middle School

Triangle Award

Katharine O'Donovan '26

True Blue/Solid Gold Award

Ethan Burnette '26 & Kameo Morrison '26

Faculty Recognition Award

Kylie Petrides '26

Geography Bee 2020-21

Takoda Castillo '27

Scholastic Key Award Recognition

Bella Santos '22 & Jagger van Vliet '23

Social Studies Department Award Recipients

Owen Johnson '22

World Language Department Award

Adaline Bloom '22 & Elle Burnette '23

Mathematics Department Award Recipients

Jerry Zhou '22

Science Department Award

Gavin Bahner '22

Dott Taylor Hooten Award

Will Johnson '22

Computing, Innovation, & Design Department Award

Revant Maridi '22

AP Capstone Department Award

Avery Bishop '22 & Bella Santos '22

Band Director's Award

Adaline Bloom '22

Honors Band Award

Cameron Tait '22

Band Department Award

Gavin Bahner '22 & Logan Aimone '22

Chorus Director's Award

Isabella Roos '25

ACADEMIC AWARDS CONTINUED

Honors Vocal Ensemble Award

Raney Webb '22

Excellence in Visual Art Award

Aurelia Colvin '23

Scholastic Art Award Recognition

November Woditschka '22

Excellence in Performance Award

Dalton Mitchell '22

Spirit of Theatre Arts Award

Audrey Dahl '23

Extraordinary Contribution to the Theatre Arts Award

Cameron Toler '22

Technical Theatre and Design Award

Jenny Carrera '23

Sewing and Fashion Design Award

Elle Burnette '23

Publications Department Awards

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Photography Department Awards

Sienna Ezzell '24 & Charlee Vliet '24

STUDENTS EARN

NATIONAL ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

AMERICAN MATHEMATICS CONTEST



Out of the 18,730 students that took the American Mathematics Contest 12 test, Cape Fear Academy's Jerry Zhou '22 finished with the 27th highest overall score nationally and the top score out of all North Carolina students. Zhou's score was in the top 0.1% of all students that took the test.

SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARD WINNERS



Two Cape Fear Academy students were awarded national medals in the Scholastic Art and Writing competition. While these awards are a first for our school, the two students embody the originality and depth for which the CFA writing program is known and respected.

Bella Santos '22 was awarded a National Silver Medal Award for her personal essay entitled "I Believe in Buddy Holly." Kylie Petrides '26 was awarded a National Silver Medal Award for her short story entitled "Keep Your Head in the Game."



STUDENT-ATHLETES

TAKING IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Six members of the Class of 2022 graduated into new endeavors as collegiate student-athletes.



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THE IMPORTANCE OF PHILANTHROPY AT PRIVATE SCHOOLS



Initially, Duane and Kelly Burnette selected Cape Fear Academy for their children Elle (Class of 2023) and Ethan (Class of 2026) because of the school's premier academic reputation. But as the years have passed, they have come to realize that the opportunities available at the school include so much more than just high test scores.

Most importantly, Cape Fear Academy provides a place for the Burnette children to grow and develop in a supportive community, with a peer group that shares the values of discipline, confidence, welcome, open-mindedness, kindness, and determination. The safety they experience at CFA is the reason Elle and Ethan choose to return to the school each year.

As parents, Kelly and Duane appreciate the excellent overall school environment. Kelly credits the unique and enriching academic offerings, small classes, and the guidance of incredible and dedicated teachers with creating an educational experience unlike any other in the Wilmington area.

The Burnettes also deeply value the opportunities Cape Fear Academy provides for parents to be involved in the school. "We knew investing in our

children's education would be the best gift we could ever give them," says Kelly. In addition to attending events like parent-student-teacher conferences, athletic competitions, and curriculum nights, the Burnettes prioritize supporting the Annual Fund as another important way that they affect and enhance their children's school experience.

Thanks to generous donors like the Burnette family, Cape Fear Academy is able to successfully fulfill its mission to provide a personal educational experience where every student is known, loved, and challenged to be their best no matter the situation.

"The world is vast, and CFA does a fantastic job at getting our kids out in it and bringing it to campus through unique extracurricular activities and enhancements," says Kelly. "Our children enjoy numerous opportunities outside the classroom, including day field trips, class trips and team building events, club competitions, and athletic team travel. These experiences couldn't happen at the level they do without the support of the great families of CFA."

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Billie and George Wall
Karen and Rick Webb*
Shannon and Calvin Wells*
Gail Wells
Sylvia Wilkins*
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Heather and Billy Anderson
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Marcy and Derek Wright*
Porter and Vance Young*
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Shana Barclay*
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Julie Capps*
Gretchen Carlson*
Carrie Casson*
Heidi Goldstein Cavileer '95
Christine Chappell '82
Becky Clamme

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Jeanette Crim
Jennifer Daniel
Cole Dittmer
Ed Ellison
Trisha Ellison*
Jamison Fee
Nathan Gergel
Elizabeth Gibbs
Megan Green
Amanda Hamby
Eli Hamel
Rachel Hatfield*
Amanda Holliday '93*
Bill Kanzinger*
Cheryl Kanzinger*
Kim Karns
Ellen Kazura
Kristen LaCoe*
Elizabeth Lallathin
Susan Mailey
Chris Meehl*
Lisa Miller*
Nicole Miller*
Becky Mills*
Deb Mills
Anderson Moya
Nelda Nutter*
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Katie Ragan
Tobi Ragon
Keni Rienks*
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Lancaster Helms & Player Real Estate, Inc.
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Mansfield Sales & Repair, Inc.
Net Logistics
Net Recycling
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Capital Group Charitable Foundation
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The GE Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. James E. S. Hynes Foundation Fund
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2021-2022 OTHER GIFTS

Gifts in Kind

Christine and John Branka
Coastal Beverage
Lumina Wealth Management
Elizabeth Shippey

Restricted Giving \$1,000 & up

Birgit and Kirk Arb
Bruce Arné
Blue Surf Cafe
Dan Cameron Family Foundation
Christine '82 and Bruce Chappell
EmergeOrtho
Beth and James '79 Hooten
Denise and Mark '82 Hooten
Trevia and Clayton Jenkins
Michelle and Kevin Kernan
Emily '08 and Greg Poole
Graham Proctor
Bryan Weckel MD Family Medicine
Pam and James Wenning
Cacky and Brian West*

Cumulative Lifetime Giving \$100,000 & up

Anonymous (4)
Amanda and Mike Baker*
Julie and Jim Balloun*
Jennifer and David Barnes
Agnes Beane
Eleanor Beane
Jean and Robert Bellamy
Angela and Robert Brown
Bruce Barclay Cameron Foundation
Dan Cameron Family Foundation
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Susan and Roger Gendron
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Mary and Robert High
Janet and Robert Hutch
Carole and Richard Johnson
Tanya and Peter Kane*
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Peggy and Chip Mahan
Sandy and Hank Marks
Anna and Mark Maynard
Phyllis McGovern
Nina and Dickson McLean*
Cyndi and Ronnie McNeill
Diane Beecher and Mark Morris/The Brand
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Robin and Chad Paul
Beth and Howard Penton
Emily Hall Poole '08 and Greg Poole
Denise and Dan Smith
Beth and Laurence Sprunt
Wesie and David '85 Sprunt*
Anne and Bill Squire
Teresa and Keith Stark
Shannon and Chris Stephens
Jackie and Glenn Tilton
Marjorie and Allen Trask, Sr.
Linda and Neil Underwood*
Sarah and Erik van Rens*
Deedy and John Vincent
Cacky and Brian West*
Helyn and Jim Wisner

Cumulative Lifetime Giving \$50,000 - \$99,000

Anonymous

Buffy and Steve Anderson
Carol and Todd Atwood
Alice and Jay '87 Baker
Estelle and Johnny Baker
Peter Berkey Foundation
Michelle and John Bratton
Mary Jo and Bill '72 Cameron
Sandy and Ken Crumrine
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Vicki and Ken Dull
Stephanie Mann and Chris Fikry

Catherine and David Floyd
Andrea and Jim Johnston
Martha and Bob King
Allison Klein
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Lumina Wealth Management
Louise '90 and David Mann*
Myra and Tim Matt
Joe McKinney
Peggy and John Meehl
Vicki and Tim Milam
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Elizabeth and Vin '94 Wells*
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Rose and Alan Zimmer*

In Memory of

Reynold Carrera

Atlanta Carrera

Bryan Connaughton

Beth and Mike Connaughton

Gay Creech

Paula and Kent Knorr

Ann Fitzgerald

Walter Fitzgerald

Elizabeth Forkin

Jessica and John Spencer

Dott Hooten

Beth and James '79 Hooten
Denise and Mark '82 Hooten

Ruth Kalmar Lewis

Edie '81 and Jim '79 Brown

Ann McIntyre

Laura and Thomas Rollins

Barbara Proctor

Graham Proctor
Will Stanfield '88

Jeremy Revell

Alexa Revell*

Chip Robinson

Edie '81 and Jim '79 Brown

In Honor of

Todd Atwood

Carolyn and Bruce Moskowitz

Aubrey '32 and Evan '34 Baker

Nicole and Michael Baker

Corrina Basta '26

Martha Miles

Hadley '30 and Hatcher '34 Beale

Judy and Henry Morris

Cate Broderic '25

Kit and Robert Miller

Liza '28 & William '30 Bulluck

Elaine Bulluck

William Clark '33

Margaret and Jim Hynes

Gia Davidson '24

Francesca Fazzolari

Sunny Everhart '30 & Andrew Everhart

Shirley and George Everhart

Harrison Garrett '34

Dallas and Zach Garrett

Ava '33 and Eliza '34 Goulding

Betsy Short

In Honor Of

Valan '30 and Merri '34 Hagy

Laura and Hogan Hagy

Coach Jim Hall

Marty Stanfield

Mandy Hamby

Chris Hamby

Susan Harrell

Mary Grigg Fountain '08

Otto Hepburn '33

Sara and Ash Hepburn

Rob High '13

Mary and Robert High

Kim Karns and Little Explorers

Anderson Moya

Bellamy Koonce '21

Emmett Haywood '73

Jeff Kotzan '28

Juliana and Jeffrey Kotzan*

Susan Mailey

Sharon and Jerry Mailey

**William '25, Carter '27, Cully '27,
and Henry '29 Mann**

Tonie and Charles Mann

Delia McFarlane '24

Linda and Duncan McFarlane

Peggy and John Meehl

Kim and Chris Meehl*

Dillon Moore '23

Sherry Matule

Paula Sneed '76

Beth and Bob Cherry

Sprunt Family

Mimi and Frank Liggett*

Cameron Toler '22

Tyke and John Toler

**James '27 and Catherine '30
Whitney**

Marie and John Lennon

**Lew '31, Harrison '34, and
Sally '36 Williams**

Anne and Ford Williams



The Cape Fear Academy 4th Grade performed *Munchkin Mediation: Conflict Resolution in Oz*. The play tells the story of what happened after the events of the *Wizard of Oz*, and how the characters learned to use conflict resolution skills to move past their issues in the merry old land of Oz.

2021-2022 BE THE NEXT CAMPAIGN

Visionaries:
\$100,000 & up

Leaders:
\$50,000 - \$99,999

Pacesetters:
\$25,000 - \$49,999

Entrepreneurs:
\$10,000 - \$24,999

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Peggy and Chip Mahan
Emily and Huntley Garriott
Wesie and David '85 Sprunt*
Sheila and Wayne Carlstedt
Denise and Dan Smith

Leaders

Anonymous
Stephanie Mann and Chris Fikry
Andrea and Jim Johnston
Tanya and Peter Kane*
Crystal and Harrison Peebles*
Amy and Dave Sweyer*
Carollee Vernon

Pacesetters

Leslie and Jay Atkinson
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Mary Papageorgiou-McGrath and Ron McGrath
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Elizabeth and Vin '94 Wells*
Porter and Vance Young*

Entrepreneurs

Joanna Miles-Basta and Nick Basta*
Elizabeth and Stephen Beacham*
John Berkey
Kelly and Duane Burnette*
Sue and Spencer Carney
Cheryl and Paul Colvin*
Laura and Thomas Covington
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Kathy and Ed Ellison
Francesca Fazzolari
Shahrazad Nasser-Gardner '89 and Tim Gardner*
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Jamie and Randy Waskin
Jill and Bo Webb
Meredith and Hal '93 Wells
Cacky and Brian West*
Jessica Whitney*
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CAPE FEAR ACADEMY ENDOWMENT



Recent CFA alumni returned to campus to speak to Upper School students about preparing for and succeeding in college.

In Cape Fear Academy’s recent history, alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends have established named endowment funds to provide lasting support for financial aid, faculty development, and academics. It is Cape Fear Academy Board of Trustees’ policy that unrestricted, named endowment funds may be established with a gift of \$25,000 or more, and restricted, named endowment funds may be established with a gift of \$100,000 or more.

Our school’s endowment portfolio is managed by Lumina Wealth Management under the direction of our Finance and Investment Committees of the Board of Trustees.

Names listed under specific funds indicate a donation to that fund in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Class of 2020 Endowment Fund

Established in the spring of 2020 by the parents of the Class of 2020 to honor this amazing group of students and ensure the legacy of Cape Fear Academy’s 50th graduating class.

Cacky and Brian West*

Class of 2021 Endowment Fund

Established in the spring of 2021 by the parents of the Class of 2021 to honor this amazing group of students and ensure the legacy of Cape Fear Academy’s 51st graduating class.

Birgit and Edward Arb

Class of 2022 Endowment Fund

Established in the spring of 2022 by the parents of the Class of 2022 to honor this amazing group of students and ensure the legacy of Cape Fear Academy’s 52nd graduating class.

Kym and Robby Adams
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Shana Barclay*
Amanda and Todd Bariglio
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Francine Streich and Kelly Fitzpatrick
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Nicole and Scott Hinson
Kimberly and Ted Johnson

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Timothy and Gretchen Scoutelas
Ashley and Ben Wall*
Jill and Bo Webb

Julie and Steve Wells
Tazza and Stephan Woditschka

***Consecutive Giving of 5 Years or More**

CAPE FEAR ACADEMY ENDOWMENT GIVING

CFA Diversity Financial Aid Endowment Fund

This fund was established in 2020 by Emily and Huntley Garriott. Expenditures from the fund will be used to provide financial aid to students that will help build and maintain a more racially-diverse student body.

Anna '08 and Kurt '07 Taylor
Carol and Todd Atwood
Tanya and Peter Kane*
Stephanie Mann & Chris Fikry
Emily and Huntley Garriott

CFA Financial Aid Endowment Fund

This fund was established in 2021 by Emily Hall Poole '08 and J. Gregory Poole. Expenditures from the fund will be used to provide need-based financial aid for students who need tuition reduction based on the family's financial need.

Emily '08 and Greg Poole

Dott Hooten Endowment Fund

This fund was established in 1986 by the Hooten family in honor of Dott Hooten. Expenditures from this fund provide an award to a graduating senior who intends to major in science and has a strong academic record in this subject during their time in Upper School.

Beth and James '79 Hooten
Denise and Mark '82 Hooten

E.E. Ford Professional Development Fund

This fund was established in 2010 by the E.E. Ford Foundation to support professional development for faculty in all positions and divisions.

General CFA Endowment

Bruce Barclay Cameron Foundation
Dan Cameron Family Foundation
Jennifer and Jason Dahl*

Matthew 25 Scholarship Fund

This fund was established in 2007 by the Dooley and McLean families for the purpose of providing need-based financial aid for students.

Barbara Proctor Scholarship Fund

This fund was established in 2016 in memory of Barbara Proctor, a beloved CFA teacher for 34 years, by her friends and family. Expenditures from this fund provide a monetary award to a student with a strong interest in writing.

Graham Proctor

Mack D. Webb '20 and Raney H. Webb '22 Endowment Fund

This fund was established in 2020 by Julie and Jim Balloun. Expenditures from the fund will be used to enhance the learning experience in Fine Arts, English, and History.

Julie and Jim Balloun*
Andrea and Jim Johnston

Libby White Fund

This fund was established in 2014 to support Lower School faculty professional development.

CLASS NOTES

Class of 1975

Eileen O'Grady Ramage of Potomac, MD was awarded the 2021 Nonprofit of the Year Award for Financial Excellence on Nov. 3, 2021 in Washington, DC. Eileen currently serves as Treasurer and CFO of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, DC. She was recognized for her vision for operational excellence, innovation in finance and management, exceptional leadership and commitment to improving accountability and financial reporting. Prior to joining NHBA, Eileen served as CFO of AHCA, Sonepar Distribution/Capital Lighting, VP of Operations at Surgical Specialties Instrument Co. and a Partner at Friedman and Fuller LLP.

Class of 1983

Cape Fear Academy is sad to announce the passing of **John Wells** on June 23, 2022. Known for his sense of humor and school spirit, he will be remembered and missed by many.

Class of 1988

Cape Fear Academy is sad to announce the passing of **Valerie Hardison Thomas** on March 11, 2022. Valerie was a student at CFA since kindergarten. She was salutatorian of her class and a winner of numerous awards and accolades during her twelve years. Valerie was a friend to many and will be missed by many.

Class of 1998

Nathan Anderson and wife Sally announce the birth of a son, Bohdi Wilder Anderson, born on July 6, 2022.

Class of 2000

Kristin Kelly Broyles has been appointed to serve as District Court Judge in Judicial District 21 serving Forsyth County. Since 2016, she has served as a Partner at Halvorsen Family Law Group. Previously, she was a Partner at Kelly & Payne, PLLC, an Adjunct Professor at Forsyth Technical Community College and a Staff Attorney at Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc. She earned her BA at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her Juris Doctor at North Carolina Central University School of Law. In October 2022 she was selected as a recipient of the 2022 Leadership Award from the Winston Under 40 group. This organization awards young professionals for their outstanding achievements in both their professional and volunteer efforts.

Class of 2003

Chris Blizzard and wife Grace announce the birth of a daughter, Maeve, born November 20, 2021.

Class of 2004

Carey Brewbaker married Chris Taussig on August 21, 2022.

Elizabeth Cherry Stern and husband Ian announce the birth of a son, Alec Hansjoerg Stern, born May 31, 2022.

Class of 2005

Roxanna Goudarzi completed her MBA at the Kellogg School of Management.

Leigh Anne Jackson graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a Masters of Occupational Therapy.

Sarah Tedder Pirog and husband Kenny Pirog announce the birth of a son, Louis Jay Pirog, born September 27, 2021.

David Point and wife Keri announce the birth of a son, Oscar McAfee Point, born March 6, 2022.

Andi Matt Van Trigt and **Will Van Trigt** announce the birth of a daughter, Greta Evans Van Trigt, born December 20, 2021.

Class of 2006

Holly Clark Herndon and husband Brad announce the birth of a son, Alton Brooks Herndon, born October 19, 2021.

Lindsay Howard married Oscar Hernandez on September 25, 2021.

Dena Stanley Snyder and husband Jes announce the birth of a daughter, Frances (Francie) Margaret Snyder, born September 2, 2021.

Josh Snyder and wife Ashley announce the birth of a son, Luke Odin Snyder, born February 17, 2022.

Class of 2007

Alex Dobo and wife Bran Jade announce the birth of a son, Jameson Lee, born July 13, 2022.

Cape Fear Academy was saddened to learn of the passing of **Nick Huth on December 3, 2021**. Nick was a valuable member of the Varsity Lacrosse Team. Known for his sense of humor, Nick was honored by his class as having the best. He will be missed by many.

Stephanie Thompson King and husband Tony announce the birth of a son, Eli Jackson King, born September 22, 2021.

Brian Wiese accepted the Sports Medicine Coordinator position with St. Luke's University Health Network, a not-for-profit hospital system based in the Lehigh Valley area of Pennsylvania. Along with being on the Sports Medicine leadership team, he primarily oversees all of the collegiate and university programming. He will also engage with their research initiatives, fellowship programs, mentorship programs, subject matter expertise lines, and possibly become adjunct faculty with college and university sports medicine educational programs.

Class of 2008

Katie Lovett graduated from Wake Forest University Medical School with a PA degree. She plans to move to Denver, CO, to work in primary care.

Thomas McMerty and wife Julia announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Cecilia McMerty, born February 25, 2022.

Evan Wheeler and **Lexy Perrott** announce the birth of a daughter, Harper Bailey Wheeler, born August 31, 2021.

Jared Simmons married Amanda Tow on April 30, 2022.

Alexis Gainey Swist and husband Jason announce the birth of a son, Cooper Andrews Swist, born January 30, 2022.

Class of 2009

Harry Archer and wife Taylor Archer announce the birth of a son, Harry James Archer V, born October 19, 2021.

Jesse Burns and wife Melinda announce the birth of a daughter, Grace Eliza Burns, born August 26, 2021.

Catherine Brown Moore and husband Jack announce the birth of a son, John Andrew Moore IV, born August 15, 2022.

Alex Smith and **Sarah Barbour Smith** announce the birth of a daughter, Aubrey Elizabeth Smith, born April 22, 2022.

Class of 2010

George Chadwick and wife Meg announce the birth of a daughter, Holland Beatty Chadwick, born September 18, 2021.

Elizabeth Harry married Tyler McGee on May 21, 2022.

Mason Hawfield married Allison Murray on October 1, 2021.

Kathleen Hayes married Michael Feeney on April 2, 2022, in Limerick, Ireland. Kathleen lives and works in New York as the Senior Director of Corporate Responsibility at Charter Spectrum.

Sarah Barnes Rogers and husband Kyle announce the birth of a son, James Alexander Rogers, born February 22, 2022.

Laura Shannon married Chris Johnson on July 7, 2021.

Tom Squire married Hilary McLeod on May 21, 2022.

Class of 2012

Caroline Barnes Gianoplus and husband **Alex Gianoplus '13** announce the birth of a daughter, Harper Marie Gianoplus, born November 2, 2021.

Mark Maynard and wife Janna announce the birth of a daughter, Grace Rivers Maynard, born September 28, 2021.

Grayson Palmer is a real estate/broker with Intracoastal Realty in Wilmington NC.

Christian Soltis graduated from UNC Charlotte with a Masters in MSEE with a focus in Embedded Systems.

Ashleyanne Stratass married Tommy Hubbard on March 26, 2022.

Class of 2013

Alex Gianoplus and wife **Caroline Barnes Gianoplus '12** announce the birth of a daughter, Harper Marie Gianoplus, born November 2, 2021.

Abby Hale is the Manager of International Marketing with HBO in New York, NY.

Elisabeth Hill married PJ Greenleaf on May 21, 2022.

Dakoda Lipscombe received his JD from UNC Chapel Hill School of Law.

Class of 2014

Anna Hyman is a Cloud Strategy Consultant at Deloitte in Nashville, TN.

Adelyn Massey works in Aspen, Colorado for a ski apparel company, Obermeyer, as a designer.

Sarah Schneider graduated in 2021 from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. She was sworn in the Ohio Bar October 2021 and began her career at Hahn Loeser and Parks in Cleveland, OH.

Class of 2015

Kate Brennan received her law degree from American University.

Trey Carraway completed his MBA at Jacksonville University. Trey lives and works in Charlotte, NC for US Bank in FIG (Financial Institution Group).

Tayah Lowery and **Chrisyanna Riley '16** announce the birth of a daughter, Cienna Marie Lowery, born February 25, 2022.

Logan Oberg graduated with a BE (Bachelor of Engineering) from Clemson University.

Tanner Paul married Bailey Merrill on April 30, 2022.

Fisher Yeargan married **Wilker Ballantine '17** on June 11, 2022.

Class of 2016

Tony Batchler graduated from UNC Wilmington with a Masters degree in Social Work.

Elisabeth Dill received her Masters in Industrial Engineering from NC State.

Josh Reda works with the COO of J Geiger Shading in all parts of business operations. The company is a window shading technology company based in Charleston, SC.

Chrisyanna Riley and **Tayah Lowery '15** announce the birth of a daughter, Cienna Marie Lowery, born February 25, 2022.

Class of 2017

Wilker Ballantine married **Fisher Yeargan '15** on June 11, 2022.

Jordan Caplanson graduated from NC State cum laude with a degree in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

Kamryn Kellogg graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a double major in Biology and Psychology and a minor in Chemistry.

Yasmine Henneke graduated from NC State with a BS in Zoology and Wildlife Conservation.

Dr. Madeline Keller Loew graduated from Ohio State University with a doctorate in occupational therapy.

Camryn Kellogg graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a BS in Biology, with minors in chemistry and neuroscience. He also graduated from Honors Carolina and received the designation of Honors after completing a thesis on an asthma-related protein (BPIFA1). While he has always planned to go to medical school, he has decided to take some time off after graduating to focus on growing his business. Camryn started a bakery (Ollie's Great Bakery) after his great-grandmother Ollie passed from COVID. His

CLASS NOTES (cont.)

bakery has been very successful on the UNC Chapel Hill campus this last year. He states he has absolutely loved the process of starting a business and is working with the Morehead Foundation and the UNC chancellor to play a role in catering on campus now that he has graduated.

Matt Sweyer graduated from Clemson University in the fall of 2021 with a degree in Communication and Business Administration. He is the Events Manager at Kanga Coolers.

Class of 2018

Ugonna Agbafé graduated from Yale University with a Bachelor's degree in History of Science, Medicine, and Public Health. He plans to study for the MCAT, doing a mix of healthcare research and a music start-up before pursuing an MD/MBA.

Sylvia Atwood graduated from Brown University with a BA in Visual and Performing Arts.

George Austria received a BS in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, Aerospace Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Will Boggio graduated from NC State with a double major in Political Science and Criminology. He plans to remain in Raleigh, pursue a pilot's license out of RDU, and become a commercial or private pilot.

Alexa Borstad graduated from Pepperdine University with a degree in Political Science.

Tershona Branch graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a Honors BS in Neuroscience, a BS in Biology and a minor in Spanish for the Health Professions.

Sean Brennan graduated from NC State with a BS in Business Administration. He works in Charlotte, NC, with Bank of America as a Strategy and Management Analyst.

Brittany Brooks graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with honors in May 2022 with a BS in Psychology and Exercise and Sport Science. Following graduation she moved to Pittsburgh, PA, to attend University of Pittsburgh for a doctorate of occupational therapy.

Chase Carraway finished second in the ICSA (International Collegiate Sailing Association) Single-handed Nationals, held on Chesapeake Bay in November 2021. During the weekend, he was also presented with the George Griswold Trophy, an award presented to the second place finisher in the nationals. He graduated cum laude with a degree in Economics and minors in both Entrepreneurship and International Relations from Hobart Smith College. He now lives and works in New York, NY, where he will be an investment banking analyst in the financial institutions group at Credit Suisse.

Mollie Carter graduated from NC State with a BA in Communications, with a concentration in Public Relations.

Porter Creighton received a BS in Interior Design from Meredith College.

Bennett Dahl graduated from Bucknell University with a Managing for Sustainability, Environmental Studies degree.

Jocelyn Dahl graduated from Wake Forest University with a degree in Business Administration and Management.

Wallace Fee graduated from NC State University with a degree in Animal Science.

Elizabeth Filbert graduated from NC State with a BS in Animal Science.

Grant Frazier graduated from Brigham Young University with a BS in Entrepreneurial Management.

Sebastian Hajek graduated early from NC State and began working with CrossCountry Mortgage in Wilmington as a loan officer. He has also ventured into owning a car dealership with **Spencer Lampkin '20**, selling imported vehicles while enjoying being a member of the Port City Young Professionals.

Evan Head lives in Sneads Ferry, NC. He is an officer in the MARSOC (Marines Special Forces).

Laurel Homer graduated from Rutgers University with an Animal Science degree.

Eric Kanzinger graduated from Elon University with a major in Theatrical Design and Technology.

Luke Ivey graduated from High Point University with a BSBA in Entrepreneurship and a minor in Professional Sales. He works in Burlington where he will be a business development representative for his family's car dealership. It is his hope to take the business to the next level.

Gray Keith graduated with degrees in Economics and Psychology from Vanderbilt University. He works as a Data Analyst for AArete.

Cameron Lefler graduated with a BS in Economics from East Carolina University.

William Lewis graduated from NC State with a BA in Agricultural Business Management with minors in economics and entrepreneurship. He lives and works in Raleigh with SECU.

William Martin graduated from Boston University with a BA in Computer Science.

August Mills received a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies from UNC Asheville.

Delaney Mitchell graduated from Towson University with a Finance degree. She lives and works in Wilmington, NC, as a business analyst at Live Oak Bank.

Grace Murtha graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a BA in Media and Journalism.

Jimmy Neil graduated from UNC Wilmington with a BS in Business Administration.

Brooklyn Owens is completing her first year at Campbell Law School after graduating from NC State last year.

Robert Pelloisi graduated from Elon University with a degree in Finance and Accounting. He will be living in Melbourne, FL, starting a three year rotational position for L3Harris Technologies in their Global Business Services Leadership Development Program.

Anike Pruiem graduated with Honors from UNC Wilmington, majoring in marine biology and a minor in mathematics. She is job searching in Wilmington and Raleigh in a biology or marine biology field. Grad school will be in her future.

Grant Reed graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a Business major and History minor. He will be living and working in consulting at PwC in Austin, TX.

Caitlin Rodzik graduated from Tulane University with a BA in Political Science.

Nick Santomassi graduated from Pepperdine University with a BA in History.

Chengyi (Danny) Shen graduated from Penn State University. He is attending grad school at The University of Michigan, pursuing a masters degree in supply chain management.

Duncan Sullivan graduated from NC State with a Finance degree. He lives and works in Raleigh, NC, in sales for Total Quality Logistics.

Jillian Tucker graduated from UNC Charlotte with a BA in Mass Communications/Media Study.

Sydney Williams graduated from NC State.

Lily Wojciechowski graduated from LeHigh University with a BA in Graphic and Production Design.

Class of 2019

Isley Pulliam was awarded the 2021 – 2022 Student Employee of the Year award by the UNC at Greensboro.

Class of 2020

Cape Fear Academy mourns the passing of **Harrison Steven** on April 4, 2022. Harrison was known for his sense of style. He made great impacts in the theater department both on stage and in production. As a member of the Surf and Swim teams, Harrison helped his team achieve great success in his four years at CFA. He will be greatly missed by many.

IN MEMORIAM

Jerry Wilkins passed away on Dec. 24, 2021. Jerry served as a trustee from 1983 – 1992. He was very active in the Booster Clubs, seen at all games in and out of town. He was the treasurer and served as Chair of the Board from 1987 – 89. His son, Jerry Jr., graduated in 1991 and his granddaughter Callie Wilkins is a student in the Class of 2036.

Jocelyn Lynch passed away on May 24, 2022. Jocelyn was an art teacher at CFA from 1977 – 79. Her sons Alan '98 and Will '91 Lynch are alum.

Betsy Leonard passed away in July 2022. She served as a trustee from 1991 – 95, as the treasurer her last two years on the Board. Often found in the classroom as a volunteer parent and at every booster event, Betsy volunteered in many aspects of the Academy. Her two sons, Christopher and Will, are CFA Alumni, graduating in 1993 and 1995 respectively. Grandchildren Graham '26, Chase '27, and Ellie '32 currently attend Cape Fear Academy, and CFA alumni Emma '23 and John '25 attend school in Florida.

You Are Invited
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CEREMONY

SATURDAY
January 21
2023

Erin E. McNeill Fine Arts Center
Cape Fear Academy Campus

Cape Fear Academy Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2022:

Teams

1992 NCISAA State Champion Girls Soccer Team
2011 Boys Swimming State Champion 200 Freestyle Relay Team

Coach

Beverly Blalock

Individuals

Cherry Woodbury '87
Caroline Barnes Gianoplus '12
Alex Gianoplus '13

Tickets available online at bidpal.net/homecoming2023

CAPE FEAR ACADEMY

2010's

Alumni Decade Reunion

Flying Machine Brewery
3130 Randall Parkway, Wilmington

Saturday, January 21, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

RSVP no later than January 13

Purchase Tickets: bidpal.net/homecoming2023

Any questions, contact Paula Sneedden at psneedden@capefearacademy.org

HOMEcomings WEEKEND

Friday, January 20, 2023

1:00 pm — Tour of Campus

1:30 pm — Pep Rally

5:30 pm — Girls' Varsity Basketball vs Harrells Christian Academy

Halftime of Girls' Game — Introduction of Hall of Fame Inductees

6:45 pm — Homecoming Court Presentation

7:00 pm — Boys' Varsity Basketball vs Harrells Christian Academy

Saturday, January 21, 2023

2:30 pm Hall of Fame Inductions — Erin E. McNeill Fine Arts Center

5:30 – 8:30 pm — Reunion for 2010s Alumni who graduated or attended CFA with those classes

Alumni Reunion Hosts

Victor Agbafé '15

Elisabeth Dill '16

Harris Dozier '19

Kathleen Hayes Feeney '10

Talat Goudarzi '13

Fields Pierce '12

Emily Foster Rogers '11





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