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"A leader takes people where they want to go. A *great* leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go but ought to be."
-Rosalynn Carter

Mrs. Novak is a very familiar face around the campus of Fletcher Academy. She plays so many important roles and she is involved with a little bit of everything. Over the past years, she has held many different positions, including Vice Principal, Registrar, Business teacher, Interim Principal, Student Association sponsor.

There are so many facets to this amazing woman: she loves talking, has a boisterous sense of humor, is always willing to listen to the opinions of the students, enjoys playing tennis, has an extraordinary collection of Longaberger baskets, goes out of her way to facilitate SA events and even loves playing in the dirt!

Thank you, Mrs. Novak, for your loyalty and dedication to Fletcher Academy!

Mrs. Novak

Teacher Dedication: 31 Years of Service



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Shaping our Legacy

"Life is a succession of moments.
To live each one is to succeed."

~Corita Kent



SENIORS *class of 2008*



William Bradford Barxon

S: "Gasp" **E:** Basketball, video games, hanging out with friends, not getting in trouble **N:** Billy B, Will, William, Frog toes! **I:** Stupid people **O:** I want to be a dentist and open an office with someone so that I'm rich **R:** Hanging out with Starla, Emily, Brock, Nathan, and Josh, going off campus, having people to tell what's going on in my life **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** Mr. Yingling, because he is thoughtful and smart, but it shows at the proper times. **What has been your most memorable moment of high school?** Finding some of my best friends that I will never forget because I won't lose contact with them after school! They are awesome!

Lindsay Evangeline Archer

S: "Gotta go," "What up?" **E:** Showing God's love, spending time with my amazing boyfriend Ryan, being with family and friends, photography, music **N:** Cutie, Shorty, Lou **I:** When people chew with their mouths open **O:** Occupational Therapist **R:** Senior Survival, senior class trip, hanging out with my favorite guy Ryan Suzcs, hanging out with all of my other friends. **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** Mr. Yingling, because he is really smart and he cares about our futures! And, I have really enjoyed Johnson because he is a lot of fun all the time! He knows what's important and he cares a lot about us. **What has been your biggest regret?** Not talking to or being friends with many more people.



Joseph Michael Bobbitt, Junior

S: "Umm... whatever," "All in all is all we are," "Sure" **E:** Driving, listening to music, reading, X-Box, Internet **N:** Joey, Senator, Joe-Bob, Bobbitt the Hobbit, Bobbitt **I:** Loud obnoxious people, stupidity, stupid rules, know-it-alls, self-righteous people, close-mindedness **O:** Business Marketing, Psychology, pottery **R:** Senior Survival, spending quality time in the hospital, grounds. **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** Mr. Yingling, in a positive way, he is the most seasoned teacher here and has so many brilliant insights. He lives the life that he teaches. **What do you hope to have accomplished ten years after graduation?** Graduated from college, married, kids, steady job, and happy.



Helen Zerihun Atsbe

S: "Yo," "Whatever," "Cool," "Si," "Really," "That's awesome," "HA," "Hm... gottcha," "Sweet dreams," "Yeah right" **E:** Laughing, singing, listening to music, designing **N:** Heylie, Helu, Ethiopian Princess, Helena, Helen of Troy **I:** Fake people, people who talk behind your back, judgmental people **O:** Nurse practitioner, pediatrician, singer, actress, designer **R:** Senior class trip, Boston history trip, dorm life. **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** Mr. Bass, he makes the class easier to learn. His personal stories impact me a lot. Mr. Gerst, he made me comfortable in the first steps of Bible class. Mr. Sigsworth, he is supportive and helpful with all my worries. Mr. Johnson, he makes me laugh. Mr. Yingling and Mr. Sampsel, they're patient and geniuses in their field.



Tony Lamont Bowers, II

S: "It's custard time!" "Mmm... My favorite" **E:** Playing basketball, hanging out with friends **N:** Tony Da Tiger, Tony Bear, Lil' Tony, Uncle Jemima **I:** Annoying people, cheese **O:** Lawyer, Funeral Director **R:** Working in the caf, working with Landon and Andy G. **What are you going to miss the most about being out of academy?** Dean Gann, Mrs. Gann, and little Caleb Mike. And my friends. **What event has impacted your spiritual life the most this past year?** The week of prayer.

Daniel Ivan Avila

S: "So..." **E:** Gymnastics, reading **N:** Dan the Man **I:** (None) **O:** MBA **R:** Gym tours, spiritual events **What event has impacted your spiritual life the most this past year?** Bible class with Mr. Bass. **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** Mr. Gerst, he has helped me understand God and accept Him. **What are you going to miss most about being out of academy?** Dorm life.



Vladimir Patrick Cagilus

S: "Come on man," "Flyboy," "What's good?" "Sup?" **E:** Sports, singing, laughing with friends, eating, sleeping in class, parties, etc. **N:** Flyboy, Mr. Cagilus, Vlad, Sister, Babbs **I:** People who talk too much **O:** International Business **R:** Senior Survival, banquets, class parties, good times in gymnastics. **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** Well all the teachers had a big impact on me so I'm just going to choose Gerst, because even though he gives a lot of work, in the long run it actually helped me. **If you had a million dollars to donate, what charity would you choose?** The United Negro Fund.



Brock Alan Bannister

S: "Is that right?" "Snap," "Ba," "Wow" **E:** Soccer, swimming, playing instruments, preaching, medical work, hanging with friends **N:** Broccoli, B-Rock, Rock **I:** Failure, ignorance, sitting out in the cold during rec **O:** Medical, media, business, missionary work following God's plan **R:** My roommate Buddy, intramurals, quality time with friends, Starla, Sybil, Stevie Dajuan, and I wouldn't trade the world for this summer and meeting CW because they led me to Florida Academy. **What event has impacted your spiritual life the most this past year?** Seeing God in my friendships, not just between peers, but also between students and staff. Also, how this school operates as a family.



Cinta Fael Cairo

S: "Take care of yourself" **E:** Friends, food, looking around, parties, sleeping, watching TV **N:** Checha **I:** Annoying people **O:** Dentist **R:** High school, friends **What event has impacted your spiritual life the most this past year?** The Mexico camp out, Senior Survival, and the Girls Club camp out. I saw God in a lot of things. **What is one thing you have learned that you wish you would have known as a freshman?** How to follow the rules.



Hyun Woo Cho

S: "Yo!!!" "How are you doing?" **E:** Hanging out with friends **N:** Ceo, Cocoa Puff, Sushi
I: Maybe homework, slow Internet **O:** Go to Korea and have fun! **R:** All the tours **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** Dean Gann because when I need to talk, he's always there to talk to me, and he is the coolest work boss I have ever had. **What do you hope to have accomplished ten years after graduation?** Become the nicest father in the world and work on God's projects.



Starla Sherree Edney

S: "This is foolishness," "Sketchy," "You scoundrel!" "Bothers," "Can't contain myself," "Let's migrate south," "Can we please evacuate?" "Please remove yourself" **E:** Being silly, singing, creative writing, traveling, photography, soccer **N:** Starfish, Starlight, Starlation, La Star **I:** People who stare, slow drivers, gum-smacking, liars **O:** Singer, accessory designer, or a magazine editor **R:** Mary-Kate and Ashley cruise of 2001, Italy trip, summer of 2007, Faith Christian School years **What event has impacted your spiritual life the most this past year?** The Sheree Peters youth rally at Arden church Junior year. **What is one thing you have learned that you wish you would have known as a freshman?** Better communication skills.

Karen Elizabeth Cottrell

S: "I know, right!" "I'm upset!" "I'm not even joking" **E:** Hanging out with friends and family. I could never ask for better people in my life. Love you guys! And I love drivin' in the car with the windows down listenin' to my music! Oh yeah, and you can't forget donuts! **N:** Kern, Kare Bear **I:** People who think they know everything, slow drivers, and writing - it's hard **O:** Business Management or Graphic Design **R:** Senior class trip, Senior Survival, just the random things and people that make up our class. **What event has impacted your spiritual life the most this past year?** Probably Senior Survival. Some of the activities help you grow as a class. Some of them help you grow together spiritually. To think and dig deep and find answers. Not just about spirituality, but also about self-worth. It was awesome!



Merelyhope Intalligando Estavas

S: "What, what, what!" "Goodness," "Wait, wait, wait!" "You know?" **E:** Hanging out with friends, eating, sleeping in class, parties, listening to music and singing along, taking pictures, etc. **N:** Merely, Vietnamese. Small Girl, Big Voice, Brother **I:** Back stabbers, people who don't give other people a chance, ignorant people, snobs **O:** Pharmacist or photography **R:** All the banquets, sports, just being out with friends here in school **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** Johnson, because he makes my class fun, he makes me forget all my worries, and he makes me laugh. Gerst, because even though he gives a lot of homework, I still remember it. Bass, because he makes the class seem so simple and he is nice and understanding. Sigsworth, because he is very helpful and understanding.



Chase Martin Crowl



Ceceely Garcia

S: "I don't know" **E:** Sports, hanging out with friends, being involved **N:** Ceci Boo, Cecelest, Ceci, Celery **I:** Negative people **O:** Something in the medical field **R:** All the crazy and fun times with my friends, trips, banquets, get together, parties, all the people I love, Senior Survival **What is one thing you have learned that you wish you would have known as a freshman?** That being involved makes academy life so much better and helps you make a difference. **What do you hope to have accomplished ten years after graduation?** I hope to have finished college and be enjoying my job. I hope to have visited more countries and traveled more. Also by then I hope to be married and settled down with a family. I hope to have enjoyed life to the fullest and keep on enjoying it.

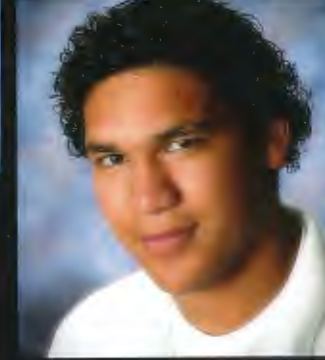
Amber Michelle Duckworth

S: "RAWR!" "Huh? I'm confused!" "GRRRR!" "BOO!" "Did I scare you?" "Oh dear!" **E:** Playing basketball with Philip, hanging out with my friends at the dorm **N:** Duckie, penguin, Duckworth, Monkey, Miss Michelle, Baby Cakes. **I:** The third wheel, math, when people obnoxiously beat or bang or thump something constantly, spelling, the hand-off policy **O:** Wedding cake design or dessert specialist - I plan to own my own business **R:** Senior survival, senior class trip, Acrofest 2006, gymnastics tour 2006, choir tour 2006, dorm life, the summer of 2007 **If you had a million dollars to donate, what charity would you choose and why?** I would come to Alumni Breakfast and donate it to Fletcher Academy! Mainly for the Girls Dorm!



Gamaliel Garcia

S: "Get to gettin'" **E:** Hanging out with friends, sleeping, playing sports, listening to music, driving **N:** Syd #2, Goma, PJ's **I:** When people wake me up **O:** Surgeon **R:** Acroknights trips and class trip **What are you going to miss most about being out of academy?** I am going to miss hanging out with my friends.



Steven Eugene D...

S: "Hold up now!" "Jes!" **E:** Sports, Taco Bell, friends, music, skateboarding **N:** The Dullicious, Stevie G. **I:** Cocky people, being framed for something I didn't do, people who think you're not cool just because you're not in gymnastics. **O:** Celebrity **R:** Class trip, going to Taco Bell with friends, Senior Survival **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** Mr. Bradley He has taught me so much about life and decisions and has helped me make better choices in my life. He always listens to my problems and gives me honest answers, even if it's not what I want to hear. **If you had a million dollars to donate, what charity would you choose and why?** Habitat for Humanity, because they help build houses and everyone should have a place to call home.



David Oscar Geneve

S: "Salami," "It's ok to lose your pride over someone you love, but it ain't ok to lose someone you love over your pride." **E:** Sports - especially football and basketball **N:** Oscar **I:** When people smack their lips together when they eat. **O:** Engineering/Business Management. **R:** Class trip, Senior Survival **What do you hope to have accomplished ten years after graduation?** Have a house and family, maybe two kids by then. Hopefully have a well established and stable home. **What are you going to miss most about being out of academy?** Friends, definitely my friends, because you will never have friends like the ones you have in high school. **What has been your biggest regret?** Not being more open toward people.



Steven Dennis Green

S: "Say no to drugs," "Seriously guys, no joking around in here, this stuff is really old." Playing Capture the Flag, playing in band, piano, trumpet, drawing, jazz ensemble **N:** Steven
I: Brittany not playing what's on the choir music, people being stupid and not paying attention in class, people joking about God **O:** Pastor **R:** Playing Capture the Flag with Christina and Stephanie, CUC Band Fest, touring the monuments **What event has impacted your spiritual life the most this past year?** When I studied and preached about Jesus' gift, it changed me. It put my relationship with Him into a whole different light. **What do you hope to have accomplished ten years after graduation?** Be a pastor somewhere, have a family, and be working for God



Emily Beatrice Moronta

S: "Foolishness," "I need to be enlightened!" "Trix are for kids," "How did you get from point A to point X?" **E:** Reading, writing, taking pictures, sharing memories with old friends, tanning, traveling, airplanes, learning new languages **N:** Memily, Youngin', Sha-Sha, Mi-Mi, Manita **I:** People chewing or talking with their mouth open **O:** Working for a company as a translator and interpreter, or as a speech pathologist **R:** Brazil, dorm life, summer 2006 in the Dominican Republic, working at FPI **What do you hope to have accomplished ten years after graduation?** Being fluent in multiple languages and working as a translator with a steady job and a husband with a steady job as well. Having three or four kids and having a nice house in a tropical place. Be happy, love my family, and love life.

Sybil Alexandra Hammond

S: "Bothered," "I reckon" **E:** Babysitting, hanging out with my friends and sister, shopping, getting my nails done **N:** Sybs, Blondie, Shorty, Barbie **I:** When people blow their air in my face **O:** Ultrasound Tech, teacher, anything I can achieve in the medical field **R:** Senior class trip when we went to the ocean, Senior Survival when I was covered in grass and dirt **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** Mr. Carter, he is always there for you and always has a smile on his face and is ready to help with all of my problems. **What event has impacted your spiritual life the most this past year?** I really enjoyed when GLAA came to put on Week of Prayer. Also when Steven Green did worship on senior class trip and Wednesday chapel.



Danielle Marie Nolan

S: "Guess what" **E:** Hanging out with friends, photography **N:** Daniellea, Dani Girl, Nolanitus **I:** People who have no ambition **O:** Photographer/Nurse, also interested in fashion design **R:** Dorm life, me and my roomie playing pranks on Alisha, the laundry crew, got milk?, the Three Musketeers, sardines, the many times in laundry laughing so hard I couldn't breathe, leafless clover, the many awesome friends I've made here, senior nights out, but most of all coming closer to God **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** Mr. Yingling, he is a great teacher, always willing to help, and he always encourages you to do your best. Mr. Bass, because he is one of the few teachers I look up to as an example. His Bible class is my favorite class. You can really see Jesus in his actions.



Nathaniel Alexander K...

S: "When in Rome," "Where he is, it's important!" "What say you?" "Yes I'm a Viking, can you see?!" **E:** Paintball, the Steelers, everything about Rome, reading, computers, talking, singing, sleeping **N:** Otar, Big Red, Gentle Giant, Hey you! **I:** Stupid people, pointless rules, people who talk incessantly, migraines **O:** Roman Historian, Business administrator, tour guide in Europe, gladiator **R:** Touring the monuments in DC on Bandfest, all of my roommates, working with Steven **What was the most memorable event of your high school years?** After I had mono and pneumonia, when I came back to the dorm, almost everyone in the dorm came up to me, welcomed me back and told me how much they missed me. Same thing with school the next day. They made me feel like I was finally at home



Evan Matthew Pischel

S: "Close, but no cigar" **E:** Sports, quality time with friends **N:** Sasquatch, Chuchumaco **I:** Chewing with your mouth open **O:** Hospital air lift crew **R:** All the times I got to spend with my girlfriend Alexandra **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** I have always looked up to Mr. Gettys. He always puts family ahead of his work and will do anything for them. He always sets aside time to spend with his family and with God. Mr. Gettys inspires me to be the best father and husband that I can be when the time comes. **What are you going to miss most about being out of academy?** I think I will miss the spiritual atmosphere in this school. This is a unique experience and I enjoy it while I can.

Emily Jean Lynes

S: "Ooo doggies," "Hey y'all!" "There we go!" "Dude" **E:** Playing sports, reading, playing music, listening to music, watching movies, hanging with friends **N:** Emma Jean, Emaline, Amelia, Emica, Emily I, the red head **I:** People telling me what to do, ignorant people, lack of time **O:** Broadcast journalism **R:** Senior Survival, pranking, drama **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** Mrs. Watkins, she always challenged me to do better and believed that I could do whatever I put my mind to. She actually cared how we were doing and reminded me that God is always there for me. **What was the most memorable event of your high school years?** When our freshmen girls beat all the girls in football and basketball!



Cecil Codworth Rowe

S: "It's all good," "I'm cereal" **E:** Sports **N:** Cecil, Cec, Geskil, Gee Guy **I:** Homework **O:** Carpenter **R:** Class trip **If you had a million dollars to donate, what charity would you choose and why?** Make-a-Wish Foundation



Eric Justin McK...

S: "Well, better than most," "Like OMG" **E:** Music, playing guitar, food, mowing grass (None) **I:** Talkative people, having wet hands, cocky people, nagging, holier-than-thou people, being on a schedule, ignorance, cliques **O:** (None) **R:** Senior class trip, ground guys, The Brotherhood, Taco Tim **What is one thing you have learned that you wish you would have known as a freshman?** Keep your GPA up as much as possible, because it's hard to get it back



Daniel Michael Sampson

S: (None) **E:** Hanging out with friends **N:** (None) **I:** People who talk too much about stupid stuff, people who keep telling me the same thing, people who don't do what they say they will **O:** Mechanic **R:** Grounds, Senior Survival **What is one thing you have that you wish you would have known as a freshman?** You should think before saying things. **What event has impacted your spiritual life the most this past year?** Not just one thing, but all the speakers that have come. Here at Fletcher there are always things affecting your spirituality. **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** Mr. Yingling, he always tells me to do my homework, so I've turned in most of my homework in every class.



Jill Lyn Campbell

S: "No way man!" "Cuz I'm cool like that," "I'm all over it!" **E:** Friends, gymnastics, sports
N: Jilly, Jilly Bean, Pinky, Jillica, Hill Jilly **I:** Andre and Johnson! Just kidding, I love
guys! People who don't listen and you have to repeat stuff a gazillion times **O:** Psych
PhD **R:** Senior Survival, class trip, gymnastics trips **What was the most memorable event of your**
high school years? Rough housing in gymnastics, Senior Survival when Ceo took out the electric line, a
class with Karen, any class with Johnson! **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life**
why? Mr. Johnson. He's always been there for me, not only as a teacher but also as an awesome gymnastics
coach! He is always encouraging when times are tough. I love his sarcasm.



Amanda Mary-Kristine Shea

S: "Alrighty then," "Thats my que," "Whats cracklelackson?" **E:** Swimming, singing, reading,
playing games **N:** Shanaray, Amander, Panda **I:** People not giving other people a chance
O: Psychology research **R:** Having art class with the coolest bunch of people, Mr. Lindquist in
Music Appreciation, eating warheads, Mr. K and the whole choir, chatting late with my suite mate Lineth, and
going to Tabby's room **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?** Mr.
Lindquist, I have only had him in Music Appreciation and Choir, but I really like him. I always look forward to
his class, and he always takes the time to talk to us just as a friend. **What is one thing you have learned**
that you wish you would have known as a freshman? Not to care what people think.

Joshua Paul Sanabria

S: (None) **E:** Traveling, eating good food, watching movies, the beach **N:** Joshy **I:** Lack of
free time, the absence of a place to hang out during lunch, the immaturity surrounding the
friendship policy, banning us from the LPC - which we have just as much right to be in **O:**
Advertising manager **R:** Outdoor church, pranking drama **If you had a million dollars to donate,**
what charity would you choose and why? I would donate to a church building fund for impoverished
nations. **What is one thing you have learned that you wish you would have known as a**
freshman? That life throws us strange turns, but through them, God is with us.



Kelli Laurel Starr

S: "See ya later Alligator!" **E:** Football, gymnastics, friends **N:** Kelster, K. Starr **I:** Wrinkly
clothes **O:** Sonogram technician **R:** Class trip, senior survival, gymnastics **What do you**
hope to have accomplished ten years after graduation? Be married with three kids,
a big house, and a steady job as a sonogram technician. **What are you going to miss most about being**
out of academy? Seeing all of my friends every day. **What is one thing you have learned that you**
wish you would have known as a freshman? To take class seriously. **What has been your biggest**
regret? Failing Earth Science.



Adxiana Sanchez Paz

S: "Como se dice?" **E:** Being with my friends, relaxing, eating, playing the cello **N:** (None)
I: Lazy people, when you're talking to someone and they aren't paying attention to
drivers lists, lights out **O:** Nutritionist or teacher **R:** (None) **What are you going**
most about being out of academy? I'm going to miss my friends, the people of the dorm. I will
fold blankets with Emily and fighting with Jael. **What is one thing you have learned that you**
wish you would have known as a freshman? That high school is never going to be easy and you need to
your best from the beginning. **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your life and why?**
Bass, because I like how he teaches his class.



Buddy Ray Summitt

S: "I'm alright" **E:** Photography, rock climbing, backpacking, hiking, running, biking, snow
boarding, gymnastics, reading, videography **N:** Budward, Summitt, Blondy **I:** Myself,
annoying people, blonds, dumb people, school **O:** Public relations and/or marketing with
minors in photography and videography **R:** Senior Survival, class trip, Acrofest, dorm life, rooming with Lester,
rooming with Brock, going off campus with JB **What teacher has had the greatest impact on your**
life and why? Mr. Garcia, He was a great teacher, friend, and mentor, and he cared about us and led by
example. **If you had a million dollars to donate, what charity would you choose and why?** I
would give it all to Advent Home, because they have done so much for me and turned my life around.

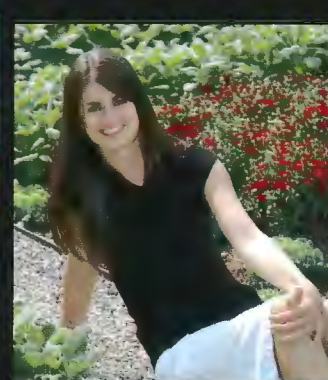
Dajuan Shyaam Sanders

S: "Shoot," "Na man" **E:** Chilling with my homies and going to Taco Bell with Taco Tim and
Stevie D. **N:** Tito, Peanut Head, Mr. D's **I:** People that talk about stuff that they don't know
about **O:** Something in engineering **R:** Going to Taco Bell, Senior Survival **What teacher**
has had the greatest impact on your life and why? Mr. Yingling, because he is one of the most positive
teachers at this school. And he listens to the students. **What event has impacted your spiritual life the**
most this past year? Senior Survival, because I saw Jesus in a lot of my classmates. **What is one thing**
you have learned that you wish you would have known as a freshman? That grades really are
important in the long run.



Janel Marie Taxy

S: "Alrighty then" **E:** Having my friends so close **N:** Nelly, Nelo **I:** Chewing gun with an
open mouth **O:** Pre-Law/law enforcement **R:** Always having Karen, Emily, and Lester
around to talk to **What are you going to miss most about being out of academy?**
being care-free and dependant on my parents. **What is one thing you have learned that you wish you**
would have known as a freshman? Four years goes by faster than you can imagine. Slow down, love being
a freshman while you're here. **What was the most memorable event of your high school years?**
Senior Survival - living so close to my best friends and finding out how hard it is to put up with even them.



Lineth Adxiana Santiago Cortez

S: (None) **E:** Gymnastics, soccer, hanging out with friends **N:** Lenny, Little Lineth **I:** Lineth
on clothes, when people eat with their mouths open, not being able to get moves in gymnastics
O: Something in the medical field **R:** Gymnastics trips, rec time **What event has**
impacted your spiritual life the most this past year? I think that the testimonies given by my friends
have impacted me the most spiritually. **If you had a million dollars to donate, what charity would**
you choose and why? I guess that I would donate it to a charity that helps with starvation. **What has been**
your biggest regret? I don't think I have any. I have made mistakes and have learned from them.



Brittany Michelle Weis

S: "That's tight like soy sauce," "I do so think my dance moves are cool!" **E:** Laughing and
smiling for sure, playing sports - especially tennis, traveling **N:** B. Weis, B. Rabbit, Sparkles,
Gullible **I:** People that pop their knuckles, getting referrals, losing my lip gloss all the time
O: Cosmetic dentist **R:** Making AMAZINGLY awesome friends! Senior Survival in the Mansion, my Joe Dirt
haircut, having fun being on SA, Bible Conferences **If you had a million dollars to donate, what**
charity would you choose and why? I would put it to an amazing summer camp kids where orphans
could come for free and have it be something so fun for them that they'd remember it forever! And since it's free
they could just come back every summer without feeling a burden of money as an issue.



senior Wills

What is a Senior Will? Here's the definition.

Will (noun) - a legal document in which a person declares to whom his or her possessions are to go to after death (*or in this case, graduation*).



Christina Renee Whalen

S: "You've got to be kidding me," "You're not very good at this game," "That's probably safe" **E:** Being with the people that I love, long conversations, good food, reading, the snow, Christmas music, traveling **N:** possessions, Chrissy, Kurstina **I:** People who respect their own, people who respect God, fake friends, hypocrites, condescending people **O:** Business Administration **R:** A green pen a wall and shirt, a set of keys and a cranium, September 26, June 17, class trip, mission trip **What is one thing you have learned that you wish you would have known as a freshman?** important to be kind to everyone because sometimes, another person's self worth is determined by what they others see in them. **What has been your biggest regret?** I wish I'd be the person people think I am.

Timothy John Wilson

S: "Im basically like..." **E:** Chilling with friends **N:** Taco Tim, Timbo **I:** Slow drivers **O:** I'd like to become an architect **R:** The late night Taco Bell runs with the guys **What do you hope to have accomplished ten years after graduation?** I hope to be a millionaire architect and have a house that I designed and built. I'd like to live on an island with a nice boat.



Matthew Joshua Marshall

S: "What happened?" "Go burn!" "Where you at?" "I'd like a half-pound cheesy bean burrito grilled" **E:** Going out with my friends, eating, sleeping, basking in my own glory, Jafar, Matt, Furby, Mr. Freakinawesome **I:** People who can't make up their minds, people who don't know when to shut up, people who can't let things go, when they don't grill your burrito **O:** Living in a van down by the river **R:** That one time in Asheville, that one time in downtown Hendersonville, that one time we all... **If you had a million dollars to donate, what charity would you choose and why?** one of them that helps third-world countries in need. **What was the most memorable event of high school years?** When I realized that people won't change.

"I will my bright orange 70's retro couch to Terry Smith." -Eric McKay
 "I will my walk to Donovan Jenks." -Daniel Avila
 "I will my whack math skills to Angie for geometry. I will all the Sugar Daddies of the world to Andre Drapiza. I will my whale crackers to Brianna Cave. I will my long night talks to Flor Meza. I will 'la loquera' to Julien Howard and Daniel Pileggi. I will dorm life to my girls, (Nikki Jackson, Crystal Bass, Flor Meza, Brianna Cave) and to my boys (Daniel Pileggi, Julien Howard, Lil John). And last but not least, I will the yummy cafe food to everyone that finds themselves eating there next year. Good luck and enjoy!!" -Emily Moronta
 "I will that [gArCiA] thang to Brittney Garcia. Keep that rep!" -Cecely Garcia
 "I will my 'sparkle dust' to next year's posters." -Brittany Weis
 "I will my ability to accept others for who they are, no matter what, to the class of next year." -Brock Baer
 "I will my awesome personality to Nikkia Jackson, and my superior athletic abilities to Tabby Amoroso." -Evan Pischel
 "I will my coolness to Salye Tapia. I will my loveliness (it's our thing) to Ahixa Castillo. I will my sleepiness to Alisha Bernard. I will my smile to Mr. Gettys. I will my hugs and kisses to Nikki Jackson. I will my niceness to Julien Howard. I will my style to Brooke Gough. I will my creativity Becky Wright. I will my youngest-person-in-class status to Andy Wright. I will my early mornings to the caf. I will my friendliness to Monica Gayton. I will my Ethiopian-ness to Pastor Jo." -Helen Atsbeha
 "I will my choir voice to Shelby Buckner. I will my room to Stacey Park. I will my art skills to Megan Baker, Becky Wright and Jason Dull MY CUTIE, not Merey's! I will my hair to Astrid Weaver (frog with a wig). I will my volleyball skills to Anna Cave. I will my tallness to Angie Ortiz. I will my Zac Efron posters to Salye Tapia. I will my giggles to Mr. Lindquist. I will my senior books to Tabby Amoroso. I will my Fletcher polos to Ahixa Castillo. I will my quietness to Julien Howard, John Khargie, Andre Drapiza and Brittney Garcia (shhh.)." -Amanda Shea
 "I will my hat to Jimmy Bunch." -Tony Bowers
 "I will my job at the maintenance office to Katie Starr." -Kelli Starr
 "I will my job to who ever gets to it first." -Daniel Sampson
 "I will my tuba to Mr. Lindquist and the Music Department. I will my computer and my massive game collection to my roommates (to be divided by them). I will my couch to Josh Cote and my books to Sam Wagner. I will my tuba skills to Alex Brown. I will my sense of humor to Mr. Knipple. I will my intelligence to Philip Amoroso. I will my comfy mattress to Josh Cote. I will my tallness to Chelsea Coston. I will my size and structure to Josh Cote. I will my singing voice to Rachel Nolan. I will my legacy as Big Red to a worthy red-head. I will my clothes to whoever needs them. I will my shoes to whoever can fit them." -Nathan Kerr
 "I will my love to Ryan Szucs. I will my locker to Hannah Simmons." -Lindsay Archer
 "I will my piano to the Chapel." -Steven Green
 "I will my sense of humor to Philip Amoroso. I will my love to Philip Amoroso. I will my recorder to Mr. Lindquist. I will my dorm room to Jessica Kelly. I will my money to Fletcher Academy. I will my shortness to Jens Grindley. I will my Duckie coolness to Lauren Krupp." -Amber Duckworth
 "I will my socks to the poor little freshmen." -Billy Barron
 "I will my stupidity and dance moves to Julien Howard." -David Geneve
 "I will love for Fletcher to Cody Johnson. I will my Spanish skills to Stephanie Sossong. I will my ability to stay out of choir to Megan Metcalf. I will my love for spaghetti to Autumn Hubbell. I will my yearbook-editorship to whoever can convince Mr. Carter to make cheesecake for every class. I will my pink Fletcher Academy polo to Nick Philpott. I will my good attendance to Taylor Ford so he can make some money." -Christina Whary
 "I will my basketball skills to Enoch Lavarin. I will my Haitian-ness to Mr. Johnson." -Vladimir Cagilus
 "I will my hair to Mr. Carter." -Josh Sanabria
 "I will my hair to Mr. Johnson. I will my Mexican pride to Monica Gayton. I will my laughter and gym skills to Flor. I will my koolness to Michael Weis. I will my four white walls of the Girls Dorm to Nikki Jackson. I will my shyness to Julien Howard. I will my Spanish to Andre Drapiza. I will my sporty-ness to Brittney Garcia. I will my shortness to Jens Grindley and Jimmy Bunch. I will my friendliness to Leanne Sterner. I will my smile to Russcile, Brussel, Russell Drapiza. I will my hugs to Gordy Larose. I will my flexibility to Astrid Weaver. I will my hotness, intelligence, and love to all my friends LUV YOU GUYS! AND WILL MISS YOU!!" -Lineth Santiago
 "I will my love to Crystal Bass and Robby Courtney. I will my 'light' to Nikkia Jackson. I will my piano songs to Andre." -Jill Sampson
 "I will my math skills to Gordon Larose and Enoch Lavarin because ten days ago I helped them in math. If they had a littler skills in math, they will be good in math." -Ceeo Choi
 "I will my sense of humor to Linnsey Stier." -Starla Edney
 "I will my shortness to Jimmy Bunch. I will my coolness to Monica Gayton. I will pimples to Salye Tapia. I will all my pictures to Stacey Park. I will all my tunnel here in school to my fake father, Mr. Johnson. I will a big hug to my husbands Andre Drapiza and Julien Howard. I will my locker divider to Il Ji Park. I will my drawing skills to Andy Wright, Becky Wright and most of all MY CUTIE (not Amanda Shea's!) Jason Dull." -Merely Estavas
 "I will my slippers to Heidi Freck." -Janel Tary

SENIOR LEGEND

- S** Sayings
- E** Enjoyments
- N** Nicknames
- I** Irritations
- O** Occupation (future)
- R** Remembrances

Class of 2000

Through Thick and Thin

"These were tough times, but all the fun made up for it."

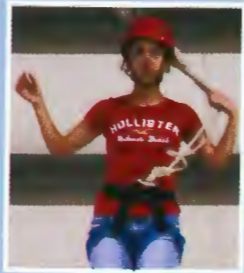
"I have to say that Senior Survival was definitely one of the most memorable moments of my senior year. I will never forget this experience, which proved to be as good as everyone claimed it would be. There were tough times, but all the fun made up for it. I can say that this trip really bonded our class together more and helped us all grow as closer not only in trust, but also in working together as one. I'm sure everyone has great stories that we will remember and cherish forever. It was GREAT!

I love all you guys! You're the best class ever! I will never forget you! Thanks for all of the awesome memories !! Go '08!!"

Cecely Garcia

Your '08 Class President

Below and Right: Team-building activities are always an integral part of a successful Senior Survival experience.



Above: Senior Survival affords many students the chance to face some of their fears. Adriana Sanchez prepares herself mentally before conquering the high-ropes course.



Left: Year after year, many seniors dread going on Senior Survival only to find out afterwards that it becomes one of their fondest academy memories. This fact is no exception for Jill Sampson and Christina Whary.

Above: Many of the activities require strength, balance, agility and are really close to sweaty and stinky.



Far Left: Matthew Wright and Josh Sanabria work diligently to free themselves from each other during a mixer game.

Left: Nothing like a birds-eye view of the class of 2008! Every moment was enjoyable, and senior survival was truly an event that seniors will remember forever.



Far Left: Lineth Santiago, Brittany Weis, Emily Lynes and Kelli Starr conquer boredom on the bus by practicing some "never-before-seen" faces.



Senior Class Trip

September, 2007: Orlando, Florida

It is a safe assumption that almost every student looks forward to their senior class trip for years. The class of 2008 was no exception.

This year, the class of 2008 broke tradition and went on our class trip in September instead of spring. That was only the first twist that made their class trip unique. From decorating the bus and racing shopping carts in the Ooltewah Walmart parking lot, to Epcot and the pool at the coast, every moment was incredible.



Above and Right: If you have ever been on a trip with friends, you know that the long ride there and back is half the fun of the entire experience!



Left: It wasn't hard to tell that class spirit was running high on this trip! This "bus art" was created late at night in a parking lot. The seniors took turns standing in shopping carts so they could each sign a window.



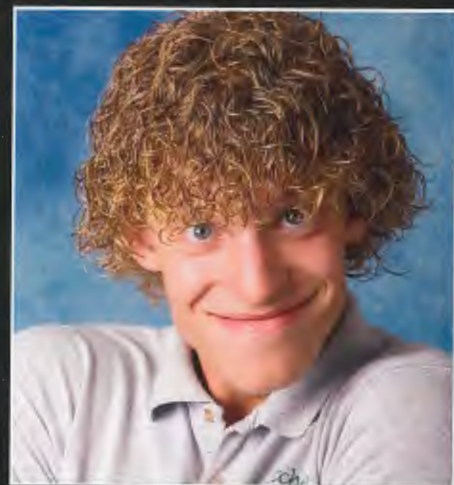
Left: Have you ever been to a Mexican restaurant and had a man offer to make you a balloon animal? The seniors did! That should be proof that a Mexican restaurant is a great place to make unconventional memories.

Left: There is something unique about nature that tends to bring people closer. This beach trip was no exception. After an afternoon of jumping the waves and doing gymnastics in the sand, the seniors enjoyed a relaxing vespers on the beach.



Nathan Kex

"Billy was doing leaning bench presses in my doorway, and Sam and I were leaning on his back to add weight. We were just goofing off, but when Daniel Pileggi came around the corner, he stopped and looked at us like we were "strange." We all had a good laugh, especially since I had just said, "What if someone came around the corner? What would they think?"



Emily Moronta

"One day at church I saw a man from far away that looked exactly like my dad, same jacket and everything, so I started walking toward him. When I got close, I hugged him and started asking him some random question. When he turned around, I realized that it was not my dad."

Amanda Shea

"One day in Wal-Mart, I saw someone who looked like a friend of mine and I started calling her name and yelling hello. As I got closer, I realized that it wasn't her, got really red and just said "sorry" and casually walked away. Talk about embarrassing!"



Evan Pischel

"My most embarrassing moment was in eighth grade at Captain Gilmer. While playing dodgeball, Emily accidentally took my pants with her. You can just imagine how I felt when the whole class looked our way."

Billy Baxton

"When I was young I liked this girl that was in my class, so, I decided to ask her to the fair one day. The day at the fair was nice, but as I took her back home, I wanted to give her a good night kiss on the cheek so I leaned over, completely missed and fell right on her!"



Kelen Atsbeha

"When we went to Atlanta for our choir tour, we went to the mall and the drink I was carrying around accidentally spilled all over the girl walking in front of me. Although it was really embarrassing, all we could do was laugh about the whole situation."

Ambex Duckworth

"The crowd roared as the music blared. The first move had been wonderfully executed. Move after move was successful. Whirly birds were the next move. The move which I had practiced faithfully time and time again. The adrenaline filled my veins as I ran into the feet of Cecely and grabbed on as I was whirled around by Andrew. At the last moment, as David grabbed me and twirled me around into the elevator position, my uniform pants fell down to my ankles. Wearing bright yellow underwear was not the best choice I could have made that morning, especially since my leotard was white and somewhat see-through. I had to continue the move unphased as we went up for the first show-and-go and then ceased to a halt and quickly pulled up my shorts. It really wouldn't be that big a deal for me IF I wasn't in the front row of the move, IF there wasn't this crazy lady yelling at me "Your pants fell down! Pull them up!" IF I wasn't doing the move in front of a bazillion people at a Bobcats Arena for the half time show!!! But with my luck, it happened."

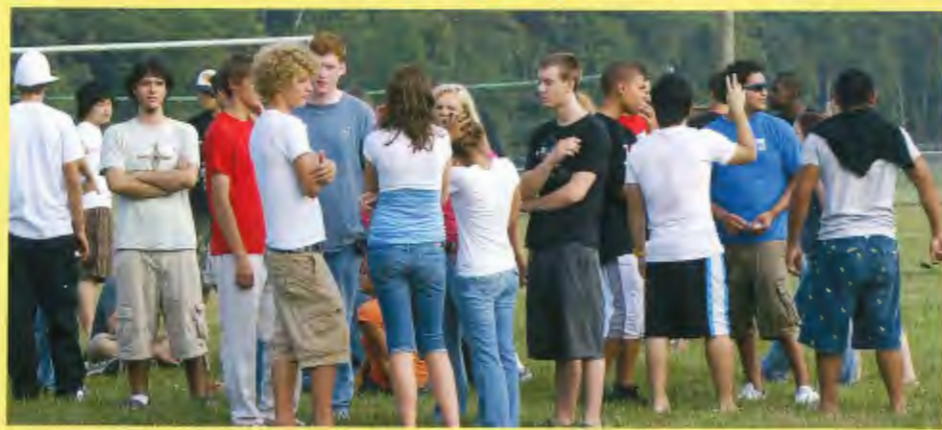


2008

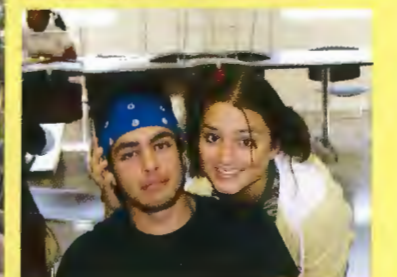
"You did what?!"



Seniors reveal their deepest, darkest and most embarrassing moments. Don't worry...you'll have some to share too!



Class of 2008



Juniors

class of 2009



Kelly, Jessica

King, AJ

Krupp, Lauren



Lavarin, Enoch

Meza, Flor

Miles, Lindsay



Park, Il Ji

Pendleton, Sydney

Pileggi, Daniel



Allen, Tori

Amoroso, Tabitha

Bass, Brian

Bass, Crystal

Brinson, ...



Sampson, Nichole

Seiden, Kelli

Smith, TaLissiya



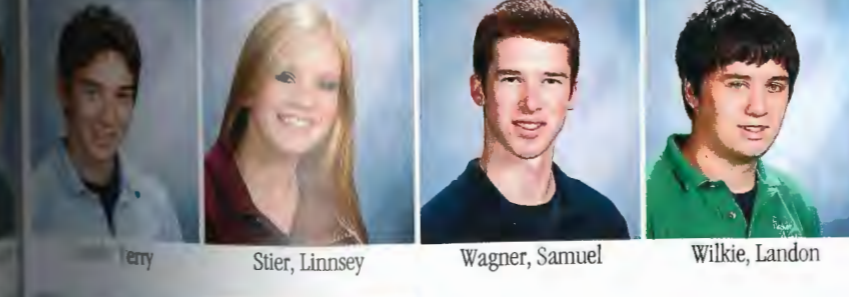
Castillo, Ahixa

Christensen, Jon

Cote, Joshua

Drapiza, Andre

Espinoza, ...



Stier, Linnsey

Wagner, Samuel

Wilkie, Landon



Garcia, Brittney

Hadley, Matthew

Howard, Julien

Iglesias, Justin

Jackson, ...



Zhe, Zhang

What makes your class unique?

- ▶▶ "Our class is cool because we're all really different, but we all get along. We're like a big family."
-Tabby Amoroso
- ▶▶ "I honestly don't know."
-AJ King
- ▶▶ "The people."
-Crystal Bass
- ▶▶ "We really like to have fun."
-Josh Cote
- ▶▶ "We are all really close."
-Lauren Krupp
- ▶▶ "We have a lot of class spirit."
-Kelli Seiden
- ▶▶ "They have a myriad of personalities."
-Brandy Gettys

Guess Who

Do you really know the Junior class?

1. Whose Hair?

- A - Alisha Jennings
- B - Gordon Larose
- C - Enoch Lavarin
- D - Daniel Pileggi

2. Whose Hand?

- A - Samuel Wagner
- B - Andre Drapiza
- C - Landon Wilkie
- D - Josh Cote

3. Whose Lips?

- A - Ahixa Castillo
- B - Brian Bass
- C - Josh Cote
- D - Linnsey Stier

4. Whose Foot?

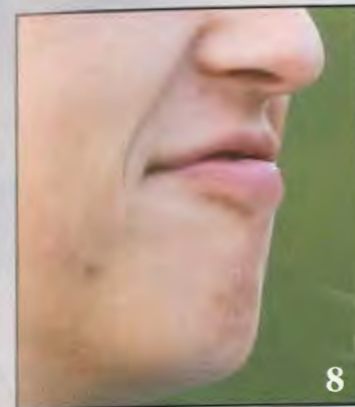
- A - Kelli Seiden
- B - Sydney Pendleton
- C - Flor Meza
- D - Jessica Kelly

5. Whose Eyes?

- A - Kelli Seiden
- B - Melanie Ritterhoff
- C - Crystal Bass
- D - Lauren Krupp

6. Whose Head?

- A - Gordon Larose
- B - Enoch Lavarin
- C - Daniel Pileggi
- D - Terry Smith



7. Whose Legs?

- A - Tabby Amoroso
- B - Lauren Krupp
- C - Kelli Seiden
- D - Jessica Kelly

8. Whose Face?

- A - Julien Howard
- B - Daniel Pileggi
- C - Sean Brinson
- D - Terry Smith

9. Whose Forehead?

- A - Julien Howard
- B - Daniel Pileggi
- C - Nikkie Jackson
- D - Andre Drapiza

10. Whose Neck?

- A - Sean Brinson
- B - Matthew Hadley
- C - Landon Robinson
- D - Terry Smith

11. Whose Chest?

- A - Il Je Park
- B - Daniel Pileggi
- C - Tabby Amoroso
- D - Jessica Kelly

12. Whose Bangs?

- A - Nikkie Jackson
- B - Alisha Jennings
- C - Enoch Lavarin
- D - Nichole Sampson

13. Whose Legs?

- A - Terry Smith
- B - Sean Brinson
- C - Andre Drapiza
- D - Landon Wilkie

14. Whose Elbow?

- A - Daniel Pileggi
- B - Brittney Garcia
- C - Flor Meza
- D - Andy Wright

Answers:

- 1. Hair: Daniel Pileggi
- 2. Hand: Samuel Wagner
- 3. Lips: Josh Cote
- 4. Foot: Sydney Pendleton
- 5. Eyes: Crystal Bass
- 6. Head: Gordon Larose
- 7. Legs: Kelli Seiden
- 8. Face: Sean Brinson
- 9. Forehead: Julien Howard
- 10. Neck: Matthew Hadley
- 11. Chest: Tabby Amoroso
- 12. Bangs: Nikkie Jackson
- 13. Legs: Flor Meza
- 14. Elbow: Andy Wright

SOPHOMORES

class of 2010



What makes your class unique?

- ▶▶ "There are no guys."
-Anna Cave
- ▶▶ "There's a lot of girls, and we're all friends!
We laugh a lot."
-Brittany White
- ▶▶ "The most unique thing about the sophomore class is their ability to obtain information and then lose it."
-An Anonymous Sophomore Girl
- ▶▶ "People."
-Rachel Nolan
- ▶▶ "Overachieving, spirit, hot, humor, changing you, and raging hormones."
-John Khargie
- ▶▶ "We have mostly girls and hardly any guys."
-Marissa Hagan
- ▶▶ "Well, you can imagine how much they talk since there are so many girls! Let's just say the class is VERY close."
-Mr. Carter

Would You Rather

Sophomores reveal answers to some very deep and intimate... in all, actually, silly questions.

Be eaten to death by ants or by lions?

Abby Herbert: "I would rather be eaten to death by lions because it would be quicker."



Experience life like a video game or a movie?

Angie Ortiz would rather choose life like a movie, even though in a video game you have do-overs.

Have one giant tooth or millions of tiny teeth?

Rachel Nolan would rather have millions of tiny teeth. Besides what would you do with one really big tooth?



Hit every red light for the rest of your life or always be wrong about everything?

It was an easy choice for Elizabeth Tullock; she immediately went for hitting every red light for the rest of her life rather than being wrong.

Be three feet tall or nine feet tall?

"I would much rather be a little short three footer than a gigantic nine footer." Anna Cave



Above: Julia Bonney, Brittany White, Megan Jenks and Shelby Buckner take a moment to pose their posse for a perfect portrait. Friendships are easily developed during bonding moments such as fall picnic.

Right: Being a class sponsor can be fun, yet frustrating at times. Although it looks like Mr. Lindquist is unhappy, we believe that he is planning the sophomore class' next strategy.



Above: In a textbook example of teamwork and class spirit, the sophomore class bonds together to give a mighty cheer.

Left: All kinds of interesting things happen during class scramble. Andy Griffin and Abbey Herbert represented their class by doing the "wheelbarrow." What we kind enough to not put in here was when Andy pushed Abbey too fast and she did a face plant in the grass.



Have the ability to fly or to be able to read other people's thoughts?

Katie Starr would like to be able to fly, because that would be so cool.



Wear a life vest for the rest of your life or always wear parachute pants?

John Khargie opted for a "stylish" life vest.

Have the ability to fly or to be able to read other people's thoughts?

Marissa Hagan liked the idea of flying better than knowing other people's thoughts, because who knows what kind of bad things they could be thinking about you.

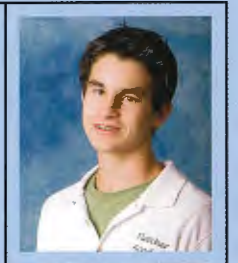


Have one giant tooth or millions of tiny teeth?

Caroline Christensen would like to have millions of tiny teeth.

Wear a life vest for the rest of your life or always wear parachute pants?

Although Gerald Tary was not sure what they were; he ultimately settled on parachute pants.



FRESHMEN

class of 2011



What makes your class unique?

- ▶▶ "We have a lot of creative and crazy people in our class."
-Alex Brown
- ▶▶ "Our freshmen class is awesome because we want to be involved in our school, and we're happy to be here. Also, we have self-confidence in ourselves."
-Maggie Pickens
- ▶▶ "We're very odd. We don't do things normal classes do. We have interesting people in our class."
-Becky Wright
- ▶▶ "The freshman class is very loud and fun to be around. There is never a dull moment."
-Autumn Hubbell
- ▶▶ "We have awesome people in our class. We know how to have fun."
-Megan Baker
- ▶▶ "People are cool in every one's own way."
-Jason Dull
- ▶▶ "They're a class full of individuals with really neat hair."
-Shelly Hickethier

For some people in life, there are a lot of things to be afraid of. Entering high school, facing new teachers, switching classes, meeting new people and just wondering if you're going to fit in are just some of the worries that freshmen face. Apart from school there are many things to be terrified of. Thank you freshmen for sharing your inner fears!

Top 10

Freshmen reveal their top 10 fears.

- #1 - Burning to death
- #2 - Drowning
- #3 - Spiders
- #4 - Snakes
- #5 - Heights
- #6 - Bees
- #7 - Small Spaces
- #8 - Needles
- #9 - Darkness
- #10- Doctors



Although it appears that Hannah Simmonds is afraid of Duke, she is actually afraid of the dark (well, that's what she's supposed to be pretending she's afraid of). We're pretty sure that when Coach Johnson sees this photo though, she should be afraid that he'll steal and burn her blanket since he's a Tarheels fan.



Who beat up Jason Dull ?



Chelsea Coston and all of the freshmen agree that burning to death would be the worst way to go!

Fear Factor

Will you always be afraid?



"I hate elevators. I got stuck in an elevator for an hour and a half with twenty people on my class trip."
~Megan Baker

"Small rodents, lizards, frogs etc. Gross stuff like that scares me out of my wits. I can't even stand to think about it."
~Morgan Ludders



Is it possible to overcome a phobia?

86% Yes, of course!

14% No Way!



"I am afraid of losing my eye sight, or losing any physical abilities."
~ Alex Brown

FACULTY

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Arany, Karina
Biology



Arany, Ken
Information and Technology Director, CCNA Instructor



Bass, Bill
Vice Principal for Student Services, Work Coordinator, Bible IV, Home Repair, Auto Mechanics, Transportation



Bradley, Connie
Librarian



Bradley, Mark
Family and Health



Carter, Carolyn
Dean of Girls, Tools for Success, Girls' Club Sponsor



Carter, James
Chaplain, Bible II, Yearbook Advisor, Looking Back Sponsor, Photography Club Sponsor



Carter, Jeanine
Assistant Food Service Director



Gann, Michael
Dean of Boys, Freshmen P.E./Health, Boys' Club Sponsor



Gann, David
Bible I class Sponsor



Gettys, Rob
Principal, Senior Class Sponsor, S.A. Sponsor



Hickethier, Shelly
Assistant Dean of Girls, ESL, Girls' Club Sponsor, Senior Class Sponsor, Outdoor Club Sponsor



Holt, Sue
Art



Jenks, Salli
Administrative Assistant, Webmaster, Attendance Officer, Journalism/School Paper, Computer Applications/Keyboarding (IC3), Outdoor Club Sponsor



Johnson, Craig
World and American History, Government, Economics, Acroknights Head Coach, Junior Class Sponsor



Knipple, Rob
Choral Director, Voice, Orchestra



Lane, Frieda
Food Service Director



Lindquist, Greg
Director of Music, Concert Band, FA Brass Quintet, Music Appreciation, Private Music Instruction, Sophomore Class Sponsor



McDonald, Tom
Assistant Dean of Boys, Intramural Director, Officiating, Consumer Math, Acroknights Assistant Coach, Boys' Club Sponsor



Novak, Janet
Academic Vice Principal/Registrar, Accounting, Keyboarding and Computer Applications, S.A. Sponsor



Samuel, Reneita
Literature Evangelism Director



Sigworth, Dean
Math/Science, Sophomore Class Sponsor, Honor Society Sponsor



Sigworth, Katie
School Nurse



Watkins, Sandy
Spanish I and Spanish II



Yingling, Brent
English II, III and IV and Freshman Class Sponsor

Teaching is the profession that teaches all the other professions." -Author Unknown... "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." -Henry B. Adams... "The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn." -John Lubbock... "Be careful to leave your sons well instructed rather than rich, for the hopes of the ignorant are better than the wealth of the ignorant." -Epictetus... "To arrive at the simple is difficult." -Rashid Elisha... "Whatever is good is difficult to learn." -Greek Proverb... "Education is more than a luxury; it is a responsibility that society owes to itself." -Martin L. King, Jr... "Intelligence plus character that is the goal of true education." -Martin L. King, Jr... "No matter how good teaching may be, each student must take the responsibility for his own education." -John Carolus S.J... "Education is the art of making the ignorant intelligent." -George Hegel... "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." -Andy McIntyre... "Experience fails to teach where there is no desire to learn." -George B. Shaw... "A child educated only at school is an uneducated child." -George Santayana... "There is more to life than the speed of light." -Mohandes Gandhi... "Never let formal education get in the way of your learning." -Mark Twain... "I am not ashamed to be an ignorant of what I do not know." -Marcus T. Cicero... "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." -Malcolm X... "An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't." -Anatole France

FACULTY

When most students here the word "faculty," they usually think of adults who govern the halls and classrooms of Fletcher Academy. It's very easy to forget that even these mighty men and women were once in our shoes. I think you'll find these pictures interesting, and you might even recognize a few of their faces! I hope this helps you to see your faculty as people just like us, only a little older...



How well do you know your staff? (Survey based on 28 staff)

Our staff have a total of **41** children.

They have a combined **264** years of teaching experience.

18 can play an instrument.

They have been to **57** foreign countries.

Our staff have failed **16** classes.

The average age of our staff members' first kiss was **14**.

1 has been arrested.

They have received **51** speeding tickets.

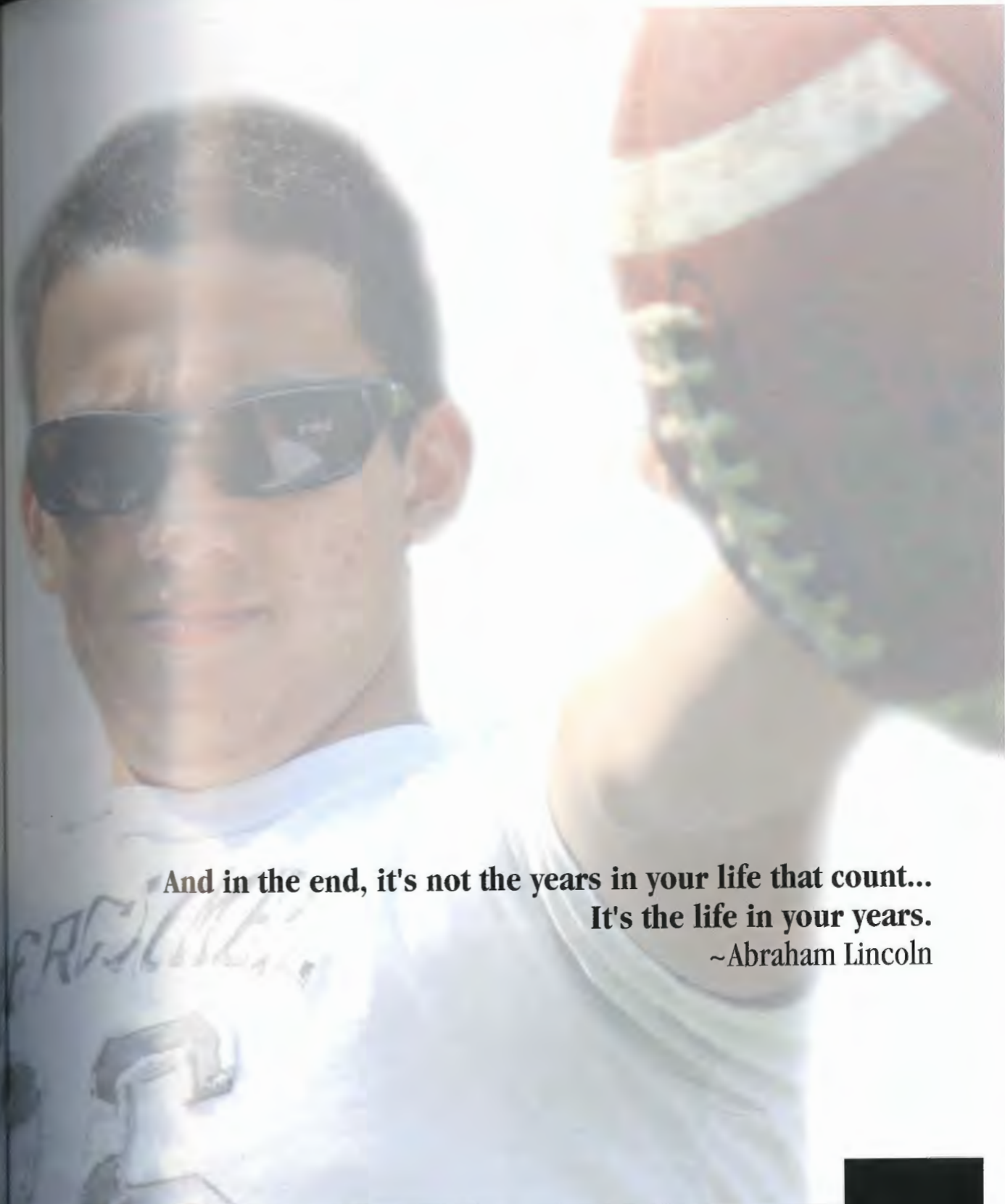
5 have been suspended from school.

They have spent **161** years in college.

13 admit to having cheated on a test.



Living our Legacy



And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count...
It's the life in your years.
~Abraham Lincoln



The Old and the New

Did anyone bring the hand sanitizer?

Some people just can't resist cheesing for the camera. Angie Ortiz and Alisha Bernard ham it up for the yearbook staff.



Not only is coach Johnson known for his great athleticism, he is also a master of unique facial expressions.



Above: Many students watch in wonderment as the SA officers make their grand entrance in a fire truck.



Katelyn Pettijohn recounts her summer memories with animated enthusiasm.



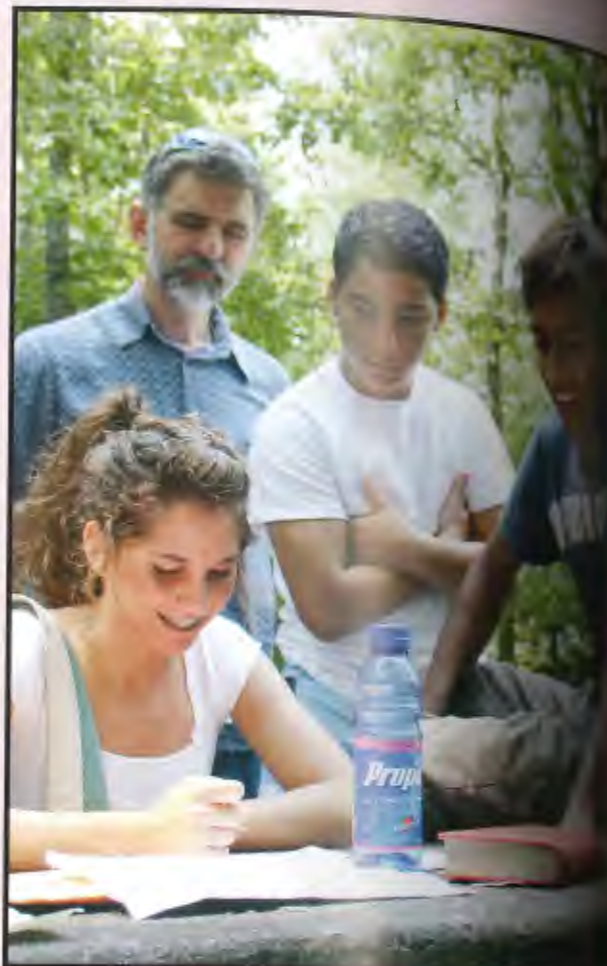
Though Mr. Johnson lobbed the balloon ever so gracefully, Mr. Gettys' catch ended in a spectacular explosion of water.

Below: The staff enjoy being able to shake hands with and even hug the students they been missing during the summer.



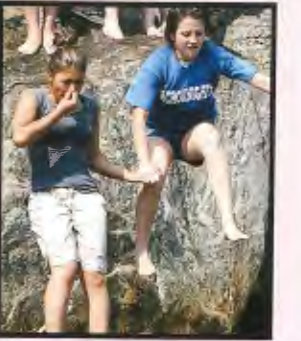
Above: Russel Drapiza wonders if Heidi Freck will be able to maneuver herself through the hula hoop as Becky Wright waits patiently.

Left: Bubbly, Brittney Garcia, our SA secretary greets the freshmen class of 2011.



Pink Beds

The happiest man is he who learns from nature the lesson of worship."



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...Clasas Scramble

Right: "Has anyone seen my contact lens?" The mighty freshies were actually quite organized and demonstrated that they will be a force to be reckoned with in the coming years.

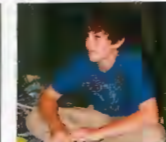


Below: Who knew that the seniors would throw a fit when they didn't get the point?



On our first full weekend of school together everyone comes down to the field to display their various odds and ends. It's always suprising to see who is going to bring the toiletpaper, iron or dryer sheet. There are also activities to involve the entire class, such as 'circle the wagon', 'dead cockroaches', and 'air raid'.

Right: The sophomores throw up their hands in triumph of a hard earned win.



Below and Left: David Geneve and Michael Weis pucker up to show off their gorgeous new shades of lipstick.



Left: No, Fletcher Academy is NOT promoting guys wearing make-up! However, it does provide for a good laugh to see girls decorate their classmates with bright colors. Michael Weis proudly displays the artistic work of Megan Jenks.



Seiden is a little gender-ambiguous for a shave.



Above: Since she teaches accounting, Mrs. Novak is always a "shoe-in" for keeping score during class scramble.

Continuing the Legacy

"The greatest wealth is health." -Virgil

Throughout its existence, Fletcher Academy has been blessed in so many different ways. From alumni donating money to different projects to volunteering materials and hours to help improve the school, we have many reasons to be grateful. The Lelia Patterson Center for the LPC, as it is commonly called, was years in the making and was a matter of much prayer,

fundraising and planning.

Though our students see this facility mainly as a convenient place to work out and hold activities, the LPC is also allows us to share our beliefs and lifestyle choices with members of the community in a friendly, open atmosphere.



For years the barn has been part of the Fletcher Academy legacy. The memories of this rustic building are as many as the students who made them. From a boarding house for horses, to a favorite photo location for students to where many students enjoyed bonding with their friends during movie nights, this barn has been an intricate part of many peoples' lives. Unfortunately, there comes a time when all good things must come to an end...like the barn.

Crash and Burn

: January 10, 2008



Left: Trying to pump up his biceps and feel the burn on the seated-curl machine, Philip Amoroso looks away from the camera with utter embarrassment.



Below: No, Terry Smith isn't vain! If you've every been through one of Mr. Gerst's conditioning classes, you know that it's important to maintain proper form, and it just so happens that that looking in the mirror helps.



Left: Enoch Lavarin, Jimmy Bunch and Billy Barron spend some time relieving their stress by playing some "21." The LPC offers students, faculty and community members with the opportunity to become healthier.

Above: As one alumnus put it, the LPC is Fletcher Academy's new "Battlestar Galactica." We are indeed blessed to have this fine facility on our campus.

Fall Picnic

Part of Fletcher's ongoing legacy



Let the games begin!...

Many students were nervous as the annual opening ceremonies began. Class colors were proudly displayed throughout the campus and class spirit could be smelled in the air. As the opening ceremony took place, each class was presented. Competitiveness was running high, but the bond between friends and classmates was impossible to miss.



...game over!

"Winners never quit and quitters never win."

It has been proven that Fletcher Academy has no quitters. Even though some knew that they had a slim chance of winning, each contestant did their best. That's what fall picnic is all about: enjoying time together and creating a legacy.



SCOREBOARD

We made it look like a walk in the park

JUNIORS 243 : SENIORS 240 : SOPHOMORES 199 : FRESHMEN 199

5K	(minutes)
Kelli Seiden (Jr)	28.15.21
Liz Kerbs (So)	28.34.59
Maggie Pickens (Fr)	30.46.00
Cecely Garcia (Sr)	31.43

Brian Bass (Jr)	20.46.15
Michael Weis (So)	21.59.12
Andy Griffin (So)	22.12.21
Ryan Szucs (So)	22.18.09

50 YARD DASH	(seconds)
Nikkia Jackson (Jr)	7.06
Carly Blanchard (So)	7.25
Kelli Starr (Sr)	7.30
Lauren Krupp (Jr)	7.57

Andre Drapiza (Jr)	6.06
David Geneve (Sr)	6.28
Chase Crouch (Sr)	6.40
Enoch Lavarin (Jr)	6.44

100 YARD DASH	(seconds)
Megan Jenks (So)	13.22
Katelyn Pettijohn (So)	13.23
Nikkia Jackson (Jr)	13.41
Holly Geddings (Fr)	13.79

Andre Drapiza (Jr)	11.38
Danny Avila (Sr)	11.53
Lester Espinoza (So)	11.85
Andy Griffin (So)	13.22

MILE	(minutes)
Kelli Seiden (Jr)	7.19.36
Brittany Weis (Sr)	7.33.36
Cecely Garcia (Sr)	3.36.49
Liz Kerbs (So)	7.36.52

Eric McKay (Sr)	5.40.48
Brian Bass (Jr)	5.45.05
Michael Weis (So)	5.49.82
Buddy Summitt (Sr)	1.01.44

440 DASH	(minutes)
Karen Cottrell (Sr)	1.36.84
Lineth Santiago (Sr)	1.36.84
Nikkia Jackson (Jr)	2.01.50
Lauren Krupp (Jr)	2.01.50

Buddy Summitt (Sr)	1.01.44
Brian Bass (Jr)	1.04.69
Michael Weis (So)	1.06.15
Sean Brinson (Jr)	1.13.56

440 RELAY	(minutes)
Nikki Jackson, Kelli Seiden, Sydney Pendleton, Lauren Krupp (Jr)	1.01.67
Megan Jenks, Katelyn Pettijohn, Leanne Sterner, Carly Blanchard (So)	1.02.10
Brittany Weis, Janel Tary, Karen Cottrell, Kelli Starr (Sr)	1.03.47

Buddy Summitt, Cecil Rowe, Chase Crouch, Danny Avila (Sr)	0.51.81
Brian Bass, Andre Drapiza, Lester Espinoza, Enoch Lavarin (Jr)	0.51.59
Landon Robinson, Jon Khargie, Gerald Tary, Michael Pendleton (So)	0.59.50

FOOTBALL THROW	
Stephanie Sossong (So)	97'10"
Jill Sampson (Sr)	95'3"
Janel Tary (Sr)	95'
Monica Gayton (So)	85'7"

Jens Grindley (Fr)	157'
Jimmy Bunch (Fr)	154'
Tony Bowers (Sr)	148'4"
Gerald Tary (So)	147'6"

SHOTPUT	
Jill Sampson (Sr)	
Brittany White (So)	
Leanne Sterner (So)	
TaLissiya Smith (Jr)	

Danny Avila (Sr)	
Gama Garcia (Sr)	
Andy Wright (Jr)	
Landon Wilkie (Jr)	

HIGH JUMP	
Kelli Starr (Sr)	
Astrid Weaver (So)	
Danielle Nolan (Sr)	
Angie Ortiz (So)	

TUG-OF-WAR	
First Place: Seniors	
Second Place: Juniors	
Third Place: Sophomores	

FLAGBALL	
Girls First Place: Freshmen	
Girls Second Place: Sophomores	
Girls Third Place: Juniors	
Guys First Place: Juniors	
Guys Second Place: Seniors	
Guys Third Place: Freshmen	



Left: What's better than a hay ride? Crawling around in the dark. This year, students were offered the opportunity to do both.



Below far left: The baked goods projectile area (otherwise known as the pie throwing booth) was a favorite with the crowd.

Below left: How much would you pay to have someone kissed? I'm pretty sure that's not Fletcher approved!



Left: To most high school students, there is nothing that can motivate you to give away your money faster than the opportunity to get a free homework pass. The freshmen put this plan into action by hosting a dart throwing booth.



Harvest Party

A party without the harvest.

Right: Mr. McDonald donned a full body Tigger costume for the upcoming Girl's Club banquet.



Below: The boys showed extraordinary effort in the complete transformation from a smelly guy's dorm to a winter candy land.



Right: Ryan Szucs demonstrates the vast roominess of a boys' dorm dresser. If you look closely you can see a stuffed penguin on his bed.

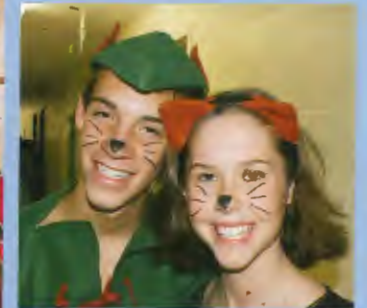


Right: As is shown by the awe on their faces, Jessica Kelly (a lovely Snow White) and Kelli Seiden obviously can't believe that the guys' dorm actually looked presentable.



Girls' Club Banquet

...and they lived happily ever after.



Above: Monica Gayton and Dajuan Sanders made a cute Native American couple.

Above: Our Girls' Club officers came spectacularly arrayed and presented a magnificent banquet enjoyed by all.

Left: It was obvious that there was a lot of thought in staging a horse-drawn carriage to transport all of the students to the banquet. For some, it was indeed a fairy tale moment.

Boys' Club Open House

Once upon a time...



Help Wanted

Hard working and honest students to help pay for their education.

"What do you enjoy about work?"

"It's fun to be able to stay with your friends and not get out of school at three." -- Alex Ludders



Above: Although it looks like Nicholas Philpott isn't working, he's actually anticipating a very important "work-related" E-mail to come through. Nicholas was an integral part of keeping our new network system up and running during the school year as Mr. Arany was not able to successfully clone himself.



Right: It takes great talent and the ability to multi-task while working the front desk at Fletcher Park Inn. Brittney Garcia handily demonstrates her prowess as answering two calls at the same time.

Right: With so many older buildings needing constant attention, Andy Wright found himself doing everything from something as simple as changing a lightbulb to more difficult tasks such as changing pipes on a sink.



The careers are vast: Agriculture, Laundry, Grounds, you name it. It's a huge part of every student's experience at Fletcher. Even though it's sometimes challenging and frustrating, students have the unique opportunity to get a taste of the "real world" before we even step back on Fletcher's campus.



Above and Below: Maggie Pickens did not seem to appreciate the distraction from work for a photo shoot. However, our persistent photographer finally managed to get a smile.



Left: Although most students don't enjoy working in the greenhouse on the agriculture farm, Alexandra Muniz demonstrates that if you have a positive attitude, even watering plants can put a smile on your face.

Winter Olympics

It's not quite Salt Lake City, but it was close.

Before the Winter Olympics, there is always a scramble to find competitors for all the events. Despite this obstacle, however, each participant came ready to have a great time.

"One thing I love about Fletcher is our ability to have fun when we compete. We don't get mad and hold grudges against our opponents, and we don't make fun of people who can't do as well as someone else can. To us, competition is just an opportunity to have fun together." (Christina Whary)

From swimming to basketball, everyone had an opportunity to participate in something they excel in, and everyone had a great time.



Above: Hannah Simmonds exhibited her fine basketball skills in the freshmen vs junior basketball game. Although the juniors won, the freshmen put up a valiant fight.

Right: Winter Olympics is generally characterized by a competitive nature. Everyone drops their bias to cheer on every competitor in the bench press event.



Left: Morgan Ludders, Alex Ludders, Melanie Yoon and Chelsea Coston gleamed with pride over their triumphant swim relay.

School Spirit

A pleasant change from the Fletcher pole.



Above: If you have ever wondered if our teachers are really soldiers in disguise, look to Gerst to clear up any confusion.



Left: Michael Weis, Anna Cave and Gerald Tary absolutely personify "Hillbilly Day." And just in case you were wondering, yes, Gerald is a "genuine" hillbilly.



Left: Rachael Nolan proves that there are indeed cute hillbillies.



Below: Mrs. Jenks makes her tropical appearance straight from the islands.



Above: Flor Meza takes a moment to pose with her two "patients" (Elizabeth Seitz and Salve Tapia) that were obviously beat up in a fight - not with each other of course.

Left: Joey Bobbit proudly displays his authentic Jewish garb while Lineth Santiago embodies her Mexican heritage. Jael Cario's outfit is a bit more ambiguous but she still wears her Argentinean colors proudly.



Above: Wide-eyed and astonished, Amy Eckart can't believe the deal she is about to receive! The evening was full of all kinds of surprises and was sure to keep everyone on their toes.



Right: Enjoying every moment of their evening together, Abbey Herbert and Mark Griffin make the most of their time by taking a moment to pose for the perfect "Kodak moment."



"Light Up the Night"

Brightening up the classic look...

Planning 101

Planning the banquet was fun and rewarding.

—Add Jackson, Secretary



"Planning the banquet was intense. I also became more grateful of past banquets because I realize how much work it actually takes!"

—Lauren Krupp, Treasurer



"Planning the banquet was cool, even though at times it became stressful."

—Lester Espinoza, Parliamentarian



"Planning the banquet was very tiring, but so much fun! I really liked the lights idea."

—Ceeo Choi, Vice-President



Left: Sharing fun and exciting moments together with friends in high school is what makes memories that will last a lifetime. Taking a moment from their delicious meal, Elizabeth Tullock and Marissa Hagan humored the photographer by displaying their award-winning smiles (including their pearly whites).



Goes Extreme!

In snow skiing at Copper Mountain in Colorado, the outdoor club kept active.



Left: Nothing gets your blood pulsating through your veins like going down a raging river. That's exactly what happened during one of the first outdoor club outings when they traveled to the Nantahala Outdoor Center.

Fletcher Academy Outdoor Club 2007-2008



Outdoor Club

From the Virginia Creeper to white-water rafting on the Nantahala



Left: Kristina Moore and Gary Tunis take some time to share some laughs on the way up the ski lift while enjoying the snow on a sunny day at the slopes.

Above: Whether ski boarding or snowboarding everyone had an exhilarating day on the slopes.

Make it real

Getting out of the textbooks and classrooms helped the students

Right: No it's not an English project, it's a one-of-kind bird feeder that was the result of many intense hours of hard work in the new class "Creative Expressions." Becky Wright and other students enjoyed the opportunity to express their more creative sides and learn some new craft skills that they will hopefully be enjoyed in the future.



Below: Maria Panther watches in awestruck wonder as Mrs. Carter demonstrates her artistic ability. These hands-on creative classes were a welcome change to the typical desk work.



Have you ever wanted to paint an egg or make a ceramic mask? How about crochet your own scarf or learn how to bake mouth-watering desserts?

This year, we have a number of new electives that focus on developing students' creative abilities. From Journalism and Art to Life Skills and Creative Expressions, these classes allow our students to think outside of the box.

Of course, English and Math are still important, but variety is the spice of life! Besides, isn't it more fun to play in paint than do Algebra?



Right: They could't be more proud to display their newest pieces of artwork! Kelli Starr and Karen Cottrell enjoyed the new addition of Mrs. Holt's art class that allowed them to express their creative genius.



Enoch Lavarin, Daniel Pileggi and Terry Smith are rockin' the 1770's.

This year, besides learning the fact that Johnson is a Ninja, the junior class decided to take a trip back in time to the place where some of history began: Boston, Massachusetts.

Visiting Plymouth Rock (which happened to be upsettingly small), the Mayflower (where we found the biggest dog, no lie!), Bunker Hill Monument (which is actually located on Breeds Hill), Harvard University (think you're smart enough? Think again!!) and many other attractions, not only helped them understand the country's history better but also brought them closer as a class.



(Left) Walking around Plymouth Plantation there were many interesting things, one of these being the interesting lifestyle of the Wampanoag Indians.



American History Trip

"The heart of the world beats under the three hills of Boston."

FOOTBALL

"If it doesn't matter who wins or loses, then why do they keep score?"



FOOTBALL....

Whether it's during intramurals, a 5-on-5 competition, or simply cheering for your favorite team, football can be fun for every student. It's not just about throwing a ball and scoring a touchdown. It's about learning to work together as a team to achieve that one goal: winning. As students we also learn that that even God can be shared throughout sports by showing sportsmanship and encouraging others to do their best. So next time you are out on the field, don't forget that it's not all about winning! Just have fun and give it your all!!



Q: Why Football?



"I like football because it is the only sport that girls don't play professionally..."

-Jimmy Bunch
('11)

"I like football because it is fun and it's just a bunch of action packed stuff."

-Tony Bowers
('08)



Clash of the Titans

This season brought fierce competition in both leagues resulting in the...

Right: Caroline Christensen and Amanda Shea wait with anticipation to return the ball to the opponents side of the court for a point.



Below: Even after a grueling hour of gymnastics practice, Carly Blanchard still had enough energy to sky and spike on the opposing team.



Bump, set, spike!

With the addition of a second league and an additional playing court this year, spectators and players alike saw more games and phenomenal plays than they bargained for. The competition in "B" league was competitive, while the competition in "A" league was nail-biting at times. Regardless of who won, everyone demonstrated good sportsmanship and showed encouragement to fellow teammates as well as their opponents. One new addition that was welcomed this year were the student officials that had to officiate all intramural games as part of their officiating class

Right: Steven Green executes the perfect "textbook" forearm pass to Danny Avila who hit it over for a point. It was this kind of consistent playing that led the team to the championship game and the final championship.



Left and Below: "We Are the Champions" didn't play when they won their leagues, but victory was sweet nonetheless. The blue team took the championship in "B" league, while in "A" league, the black team claimed bragging rights. More important than winning, each team had a great time making memories and playing hard.



~Some "not-so-known" terminology~

~Campfire Defense: when a ball falls to the floor in an area that's surrounded by two or more motionless players; it appears the players are encircling and staring dumbfounded at a campfire.

~ Husband-and-Wife-play: a ball drops untouched between two players because they failed to communicate; the situation generally will not improve unless somebody apologizes

~Jedi Defense: play where immobile defender thrusts one arm at the ball, resulting in a miraculously perfect pass and prompting the coach to mutter "Hmm, the force in her, strong it is."

that it's not fair having an all adult team. I would probably argue with you. The Johnson's volleyball tournament and brought home the victory.

Each Basket Counts

There were so many close games that players really had to keep in mind that...



Right: This year in our intramurals we had a team come up from Captain Gilmer. Although some may have underestimated the elementary school participants, they went far beyond many of our own teams.



Right: Jens Grindley towers above the rest as he makes a shot to help win the game.



Far Left: Using his long arms and strength as leverage, Jimmy Bunch took the perfect swing and ended up hitting it over the fence.

Left: Mr. Carter fills in at second base for his team while enjoying the fellowship and exercise with students and other adults.

Below: Sydney Pendleton's body language says it all: "Why won't someone hit the ball to me? I'm so bored!" Despite not having the ball hit to very often, Sydney was able to help spark her teams' offense.



Above: Anticipating the next ball hit in play, Sean Brinson positions himself to score if possible.

Far Left: Forgetting that he was playing softball instead of golf, Ceo Choi is fooled by a low pitch that he wished he wouldn't have taken a swing at.

Left: Always ready to pounce on any ball hit his way, Landon Wilkie demonstrates the classic "ready" position. Landon's fierce defense and potent offensive skills helped his team out when they needed it the most.



Hitting the Long Ball

With the addition of a fence this year, students had a more difficult time...

FOLLOWING HIS Legacy

I may be here for a shortwhile...
gone tomorrow into oblivion
or until the days come to take me away.

But, in whatever part you play...
be remembered as part of a legacy
of sharing dreams and changing
humanity for the better...

...It's that legacy that never dies.
-Unknown Author



Below and right: The juniors volunteered at a local public school. Even though they worked hard, they weren't too busy to enjoy a little bit of time with the people they were there to serve: the kids.



Below: Whoever thought that mulching could be so much fun. Chelsea Coston and Amy Eckart make their community service day more enjoyable by getting to know each other early in the year.



Left: Installing a new sidewalk was the task for the morning to eliminate muddy carpet in the school. Ahixa Castillo, Tabitha Amoroso and Eiji Kano demonstrated team work and efficiency during their project.



Left: Community Service Day doesn't always mean that students are always working. Tori Allen and Brian Bass were extremely happy to take a quick moment for a break and laugh at their classmates doing something crazy.

Below: Part of the freshmen class mulched a playground that desperately needed some TLC. In addition, they also stumbled upon a beehive that was eradicated to make the playground safe for young people.



In His Service

"Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others." 1 Corinthians 10:24

Community service days are always highlights of our school year. They are an opportunity to take a break from the monotony of classes and put our faith into action. They are also a great time to bond with our classmates.

NC. Because it is a warehouse, students don't get to see the direct benefits of this mission, yet it could be considered one of the most important outreach opportunities we have. This organization provides food for 327 agencies in Western North Carolina. These agencies go on to provide more than 9,000 meals a day!

Whenever hard manual labor is involved, it is easy to get caught up in how difficult the work is and forget the reason for our mission: to help those in need. Every task, no matter how big or small, has the ability to change someone's life. Take, for example, the Manna Food Bank.

No matter how big or small the service may seem, we do it for God, and that makes it significant!

"Whatever you did for the least of My brothers and sisters, you did for Me." Matthew 25:40



Above and right: The sophomores spent some time working at MANNA Food Bank sorting box after box after box of frozen chicken. The job seemed very tedious and repetitive, but was something that needed completed. Working with friends and even faculty members made the time go by more quickly.



For years, we have been visiting the Manna Food Bank in Asheville,

Grow Closer to Christ

Bible Conference at Indian Creek and Prayer Conference at Kulaqua helped

During the course of one's academy experience, there are numerous opportunities for spiritual growth. One of the greatest ways for spiritual growth, in addition to meeting new people from other academies in the Southern Union is by attending Bible Conference. The opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship abound. This year's speaker at Indian Creek Camp was Pastor Carl Wilkens who serves as the senior pastor on the campus church of Milo Adventist Academy. As a missionary during the genocide in Rwanda, Pastor Wilkens experienced numerous life-changing situations that increased his faith in God. His stories helped us to see that God is all powerful and love us tremendously. In addition to the meetings, students were able to enjoy their free time water skiing, kayaking, swimming, playing basketball and board games and just making new friends that will last for a lifetime. If you've never been to one of these conferences, you are really missing out on great messages that will challenge your walk with the Lord and good fellowship.

Every January when it's cold in North Carolina, it's nice to take a trip down to Camp Kulaqua in High Springs, FL for the Southern Union's annual Prayer Conference. Each year there are literally hundreds of students from many academies in the Southern Union that desire to give their spiritual lives a boost. This year was no exception. Sam Leonor, the chaplain at La Siera University mixed humor with biblically applicable texts to help us see that we have been adopted by Jesus Christ and that we are heirs of the heavenly kingdom. In addition to the daily meetings, every student in attendance had an opportunity to participate in small groups. Small groups provided mixer games and activities that really got people involved, thinking and brought the entire group closer to one another. Being at Camp Kulaqua affords students that opportunity to ride horses, play miniature golf, ride go-carts, play basketball or volleyball, walk the boardwalk or just relax while deepening friendships with other academy students.



Left: In a small group mixer, Leanne Sterner and Lester Espinosa experience what it's like to try and untangle a mass of people. Mixers like this helped to break down barriers and form new friendships.

Below: One of most participated in activities at Campu Kulaqua is one that provides teenagers the ability to drive whether they have their license or not. Lindsay Archer and Astrid Weaver experience the thrill of racing against other academy students



Right: Shelby Buckner, Leanne Sterner and Monica Gaytan chill during their free time with some new friends from Southern Union academies.



Far Left: Although it looks like they are bored to death, Lineth Santiago and Ceo Choi were actively engaged in a small group discussion that was quite gripping.

Share Their Faith

VBS, an evangelistic crusade and reaching out in the community helped students...

Right: Developing friendships with the local people is part of what makes mission trips memorable. Megan Jenks, Elizabeth Tullock, Brittany White and Abbey Herbert ham it up with some of children from their Vacation Bible School class. Our students were greatly missed after their departure.



Right: While Melanie Yoon and Starla Edney try to figure out how to put together the next craft, Brock Baer was busy interacting with the little ones in the 2-4 year old group. This mission trip provided students with one-on-one teaching experiences that they'll remember for the rest of their lives.



Left: Sometimes when teenagers get bored at airports, they try some creative things for some excitement. Elizabeth Tullock accidentally forgot to pack an all important letter from the doctor which then necessitated a "pat-down" search by an airport official. It provided a great memory early on in the trip.



"What do you miss the most about Panama?"

"The people were really easy-going and nice and were easy to get along with. In addition, I really miss our fellow VBS teacher, Mirza."
-Rachael Nolan



"What was the most unique thing about your trip to Guyana?"

"It was really fun! We had to bathe and swim with the piranhas! Also, we went to church in boats!"
-Landon Robinson



"What was your favorite thing about your Panama trip?"

"I really liked Panama, especially all the adorable little kids. It was also cool getting to know other students I never really knew before."
-Marissa Hagan



"What did you learn about life from the people in Panama?"

"I loved the people there. Although they had nothing, they were thankful for what they did have. And though they didn't know us, they loved us like we were family."
-Megan Jenks



"What touched you the most about the people you met in Guyana?"

"Everyone is relaxed and only needs the necessities of life. They aren't striving to overachieve. They all seem content and happy, even though they have so little. That was really good for me to see."
-Jens Grindley



Above: No mission trip would be complete without the dreaded group photo. As you can see, Mr. Carter and Brock Baer were outnumbered big time by the ladies. All of the ladies assured that there were NEVER any dull moments!



Right: Upon arriving in the "ghetto" of Las Tablas, many students were amazed at some of the living conditions. This particular house made of wood and a metal roof is typical of many Panamanian homes. This one is particularly special because it has a concrete floor instead of a dirt floor.



Right: Working together night after night and living together for thirteen days allowed these lovely ladies to grow closer to each other. Crystal Bass, Brittany White, Julia Bonney, Elizabeth Tullock, Abbey Herbert and Megan Jenks share their gorgeous smiles with the camera prior to one of their many evening meetings.



Left: Young Panamanian children are usually very captivated by white Americans. This youngster was no exception as he explored Carolina Christensen's face.

Below: If those weren't rakes, these guys would look dangerous!



Below: Some of the junior girls decided to take a break in a giant bed of leaves.



Left and below left: Even though we didn't actually make these shoe boxes, it's awesome to know that we have helped bring a little bit of joy to the life of a child.



Of all the community service days, leaf rake and Operation Christmas Child are always two of our favorites. Whenever a group of friends gets together to rake, a little bit of fun is always implied. Although it is a lot of work, it is impossible to make a pile of leaves and not urge to take a plunge. If the opportunity for a little bit of fun isn't enough to keep us interested, there is always the satisfaction of knowing that we have made an impact on someone's life.

...lotion, bubbles, vitamins and chocolate have in common? For the average person, possibly nothing. But for the students at Fletcher, they are contraband. Packing the shoe boxes is one of the most common activities for volunteers at the OCC warehouse, and the students attack the task with enthusiasm. It is always a very rewarding experience, and knowing that the shoe boxes are packed with toys only makes it better!

Above: At the end of each assembly room, the shoe boxes were packed into larger boxes so they could be shipped to the distribution sites.

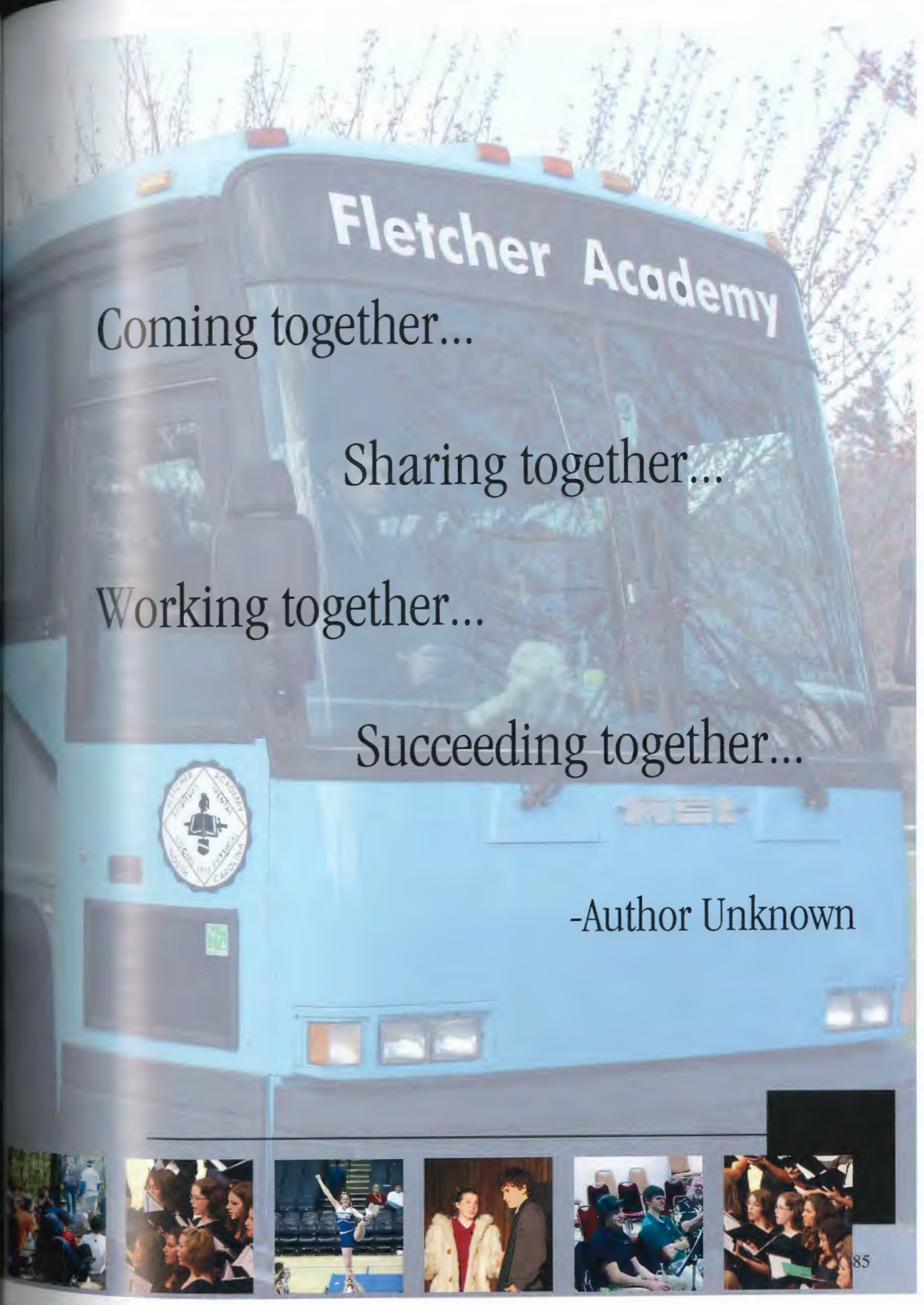
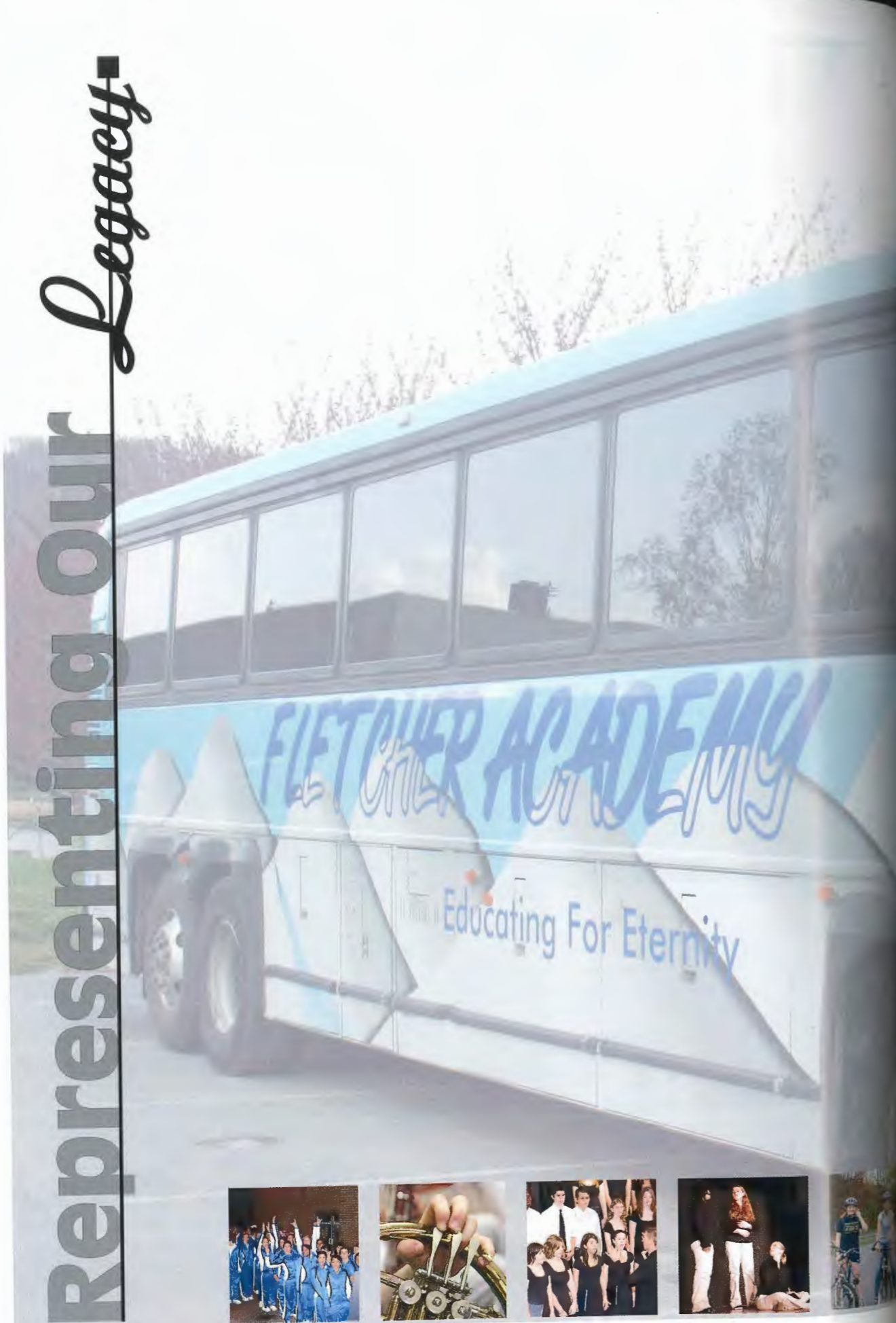
Leaf Rake Day

"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." John 13:15

Operation Christmas Child

"...the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" Matthew 19:14

Representing Our Legacy



Coming together...

Sharing together...

Working together...

Succeeding together...

-Author Unknown





"Gymnastics makes me healthier and more active."

-Carly Blanchard
(6th year member)



"Gymnastics makes me feel like I am actually a part of something, like a family, and it keeps me strong. I get to see people I don't see during the day. It keeps me sane!"

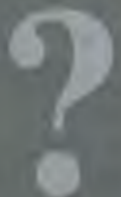
-Julien Howard
(2nd year member)



"Gymnastics makes life more fun and gives me motivation to try my best every time."

-Astrid Weaver
(2nd year member)

How does gymnastics affect your daily life?



Rising to the challenge

...the Acroknight's are flying high



"Being in gymnastics teaches me a lot about hard work and commitment. It keeps me healthy and I love going on tour!"

-Robby Courtney
(1st year member)



"Gymnastics gives me something to look forward to each day. It pushes me to try harder and keeps me healthy in a fun way."

-Cecely Garcia
(4th year member)



"Gymnastics is fun!!"

-Donovan Jenks
(1st year member)

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Roughin' it!

Exchanging their beds and hairdryers for leaves and pinecones, the girls found themselves



Above: For some girls, being outside is scary with all of the lions and tigers and bears (oh my!) that are lurking in the woods. Mrs. Carter and her son Preston enjoyed the campout without even seeing any dangerous animals.



Above: Laughing with almost uncontrollable hysteria, Miss Shelly, Amber Duckworth, Lauren Krupp, Stacey Park and Jael Cairo find themselves enjoying one of the many "modern day" parables that were presented during an interactive worship.



Below: It doesn't look like the guys did as much relaxing as the girls did. However their efforts produced a very impressive sand woman, with Gordon Larose somewhere under there.



Band of Brothers

Fresh air and fun times away from campus

Right: Jon Khargie and Liz Kerbs were shocked at their son's reluctance to ring the Salvation Army bell. In the end, though, Matthew Hadley's character realized the importance of self-sacrifice.



Above: Marissa Hagan had to step into character to play a run-away in this year's Christmas play about helping the less fortunate.



Right: Wouldn't life be easier if we could choose what verses we wanted to be in the Bible? In this play, Shelby Buckner's character tried to do just that. Her friends Monica Gaytan and Emily Lynes were quick to explain how important God's Word is - just as it is.



Left: Being serious isn't always easy when funny men like Justin Iglesias are constantly in your face. However, Matthew Hadley was able to keep his composure throughout the performance.



Above: Monica Gayton's character enjoys volunteering in the local Salvation Army soup kitchen. Service towards others was a very strong theme in this year's Christmas program.



Left: The Acts II Drama team consists of the following talented individuals. Front Row (L to R): Justin Iglesias, John Khargie, Matthew Hadley and Rachael Nolan. Middle Row (L to R): Emily Lynes, Marissa Hagan, Josh Sanabria, Shelby Buckner and Liz Kerbs. Back Row (L to R): Alexandra Muniz, Evan Pischel and Monica Gayton. Not Pictured: Director, Mr. Craig Gerst.

Character Sketches...



Liz Kerbs
Years in AcTs II : 2
Favorite character: A debater
Why drama?: "I've always loved theaters and acting."



Josh Sanabria
Years in AcTs II : 2
Favorite character: Pap
Why drama?: "We have so much fun just messing around it's ridiculous."



Monica Gayton
Years in AcTs II : 2
Favorite character: A preppy cheerleader
Why drama?: "I love to act. I grew up acting in plays and skits in church."



Justin Iglesias
Years in AcTs II : 2
Favorite character: A twin
Why drama?: "I took theater I thought it would be fun to do while."

"Coins in the Kettle"

Living a life of service is more convincing than talking about it.



Above: Band members try to imagine what it would be like standing in a soup and bread line while visiting the Teddy Roosevelt museum. Visiting new places of interest is always an enjoyable part of tours.



Above: Long bus rides provide opportunities for exhausted students to catch up on much needed sleep. Megan Metcalf catches a quick power nap after finishing her homework.



Right: Performing in a large group of dedicated musicians was an experience that band members won't soon forget.

Blowing Hot Air!

With the addition of some new members and new instruments, band wasn't just...



Left: One of the highlights of the Christmas concert was when Gerald Tary was given the opportunity to direct the band. The band worked hard to make sure that Gerald looked his best.



Left: Although band festivals are exciting, it does get pretty tedious just sitting the majority of the day playing songs over and over again. Lester Espinosa endured the torture because in the end, it was all worth it to hear the fantastic performance.



Left: The Fletcher Academy Brass Quintet had multiple opportunities to perform the music that they worked on throughout the year. Christmas concert was no exception.



Far Left: Mr. Lindquist demands perfection from the band. Upcoming tours provided the band the extra stress and motivation they needed to sound the best they could.

Left: Nathan Kerr provides the strong foundation that is necessary in band through the use of his new shiny tuba.



Above: The Women's Chorus toured to the Atlanta North Church to spread the gospel through song.
 Below: The ladies couldn't help but utilize the large sweeping staircase after their performance.



With the addition of Mr. Knipple as a part-time teacher on staff this year and part-time minister of music at the Fletcher SDA Church, Fletcher Academy and the local community were blessed with many performances throughout the year. Choir members also enjoyed touring various parts of the country to share the music that they had worked diligently to perfect. Being in an organization such as choir allows students to fine tune the God-given gifts that have blessed with.



2007-2008 Fletcher Academy
 Select Choir



2007-2008 Fletcher Academy
 Women's Chorus



2007-2008 Fletcher Academy
 Men's Chorus



Above: Anna Cave and Shelby Buckner enjoy their ride to Atlanta, GA on the Blue Bird during a Women's Chorus touring weekend.



2007-2008 Fletcher Academy
 Mass Choir

Serenading...

... our Heavenly Father

Student Association

Thinking of and executing memorable activities was SA's passion.

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Yearbook

Capturing moments throughout the year that helped create your lasting legacy in story and photo.

Editor's Message

If you are even slightly acquainted with Fletcher Academy, you probably know that it was established in 1910. As of this year, that's 98 years of history. Countless people have stood on this campus and called Fletcher their school. Now, you have the opportunity to do the same.

You might be wondering why this is significant; we all know the history of Fletcher. That's true, we know the history, but don't forget that *we* are the *identity*. Without the people, Fletcher would be nothing. Years from now, when your classmates and friends look back to their high school experience, they will remember you. We are part of the legacy of Fletcher Academy.

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."

-Pericles

A legacy is something that is passed down. So what will your legacy be? What impact will you have? What impact *can* you have? It is so easy to fall into the myth that one person is insignificant, but just think...

Without Konrad Zuse we wouldn't have computers. Without Louis Pasteur we wouldn't know that germs exist. Without Mikhail Gorbachev Russia would still be communist. Without Thomas Edison we might still use candles. Without Harriet Tubman dozens of slaves would never have found their freedom. Without Elisha Otis there wouldn't be elevators. And most importantly, without Jesus Christ, none of us would have the promise of salvation.

When Jesus hung on the cross, He proved how much your life is worth. As are God's children, we are His legacy. How will you represent Him?

Christina Whary
Senior Class of 2008



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Amanda Shea

Time has flown by so quickly, and you have grown up so fast. Our journey has been an adventure, with memories a lifetime to last. The future is yours for the making, the world you have by the tail. Keep Christ as your Friend and Guiding Light, for His love will never fail.

We are so proud of you Amanda!



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Steven Green



Steven,
Your father and I are so very proud of you. You have exceeded our greatest dreams for you and have certainly been blessed by God with many great talents. Our wish and hope for you is that you continue on the path that the Lord has lain before you and never stray from the family of God.
"I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known." ~Author Unknown
We love you very much!
Mom and Dad

Emily Lynes



Dear Emily,
Wow! We can hardly believe you are graduation already! It has been such a joy to watch you grow up. You've always been able to make us laugh, and your smile brightens up any day! Keep God in your life and you'll go far (but don't forget the way home!).

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Mom & Dad
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Love,
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Dearest Christina,
You are our a precious gift from God! We still remember our first picture of you, how you have grown! You have always been a great joy to us; you have always made us proud. Keep reaching for the stars and become all that you can be.
With all our love,
Mom, Dad and Philip



Jill Sampson

Dearest Jill,
We thank God for bringing you into our lives and giving you such a mischievous, lively personality. Watching you grow and mature into a beautiful, talented young lady has been a special treat. Your spirit and determination are incredible even in the midst of difficult trials! Now you've reached an exciting milestone in your life. As you head off to college, keep God first. He will bless you richly and guide you through the rough spots ahead. Congratulations!! We are very proud of you!

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