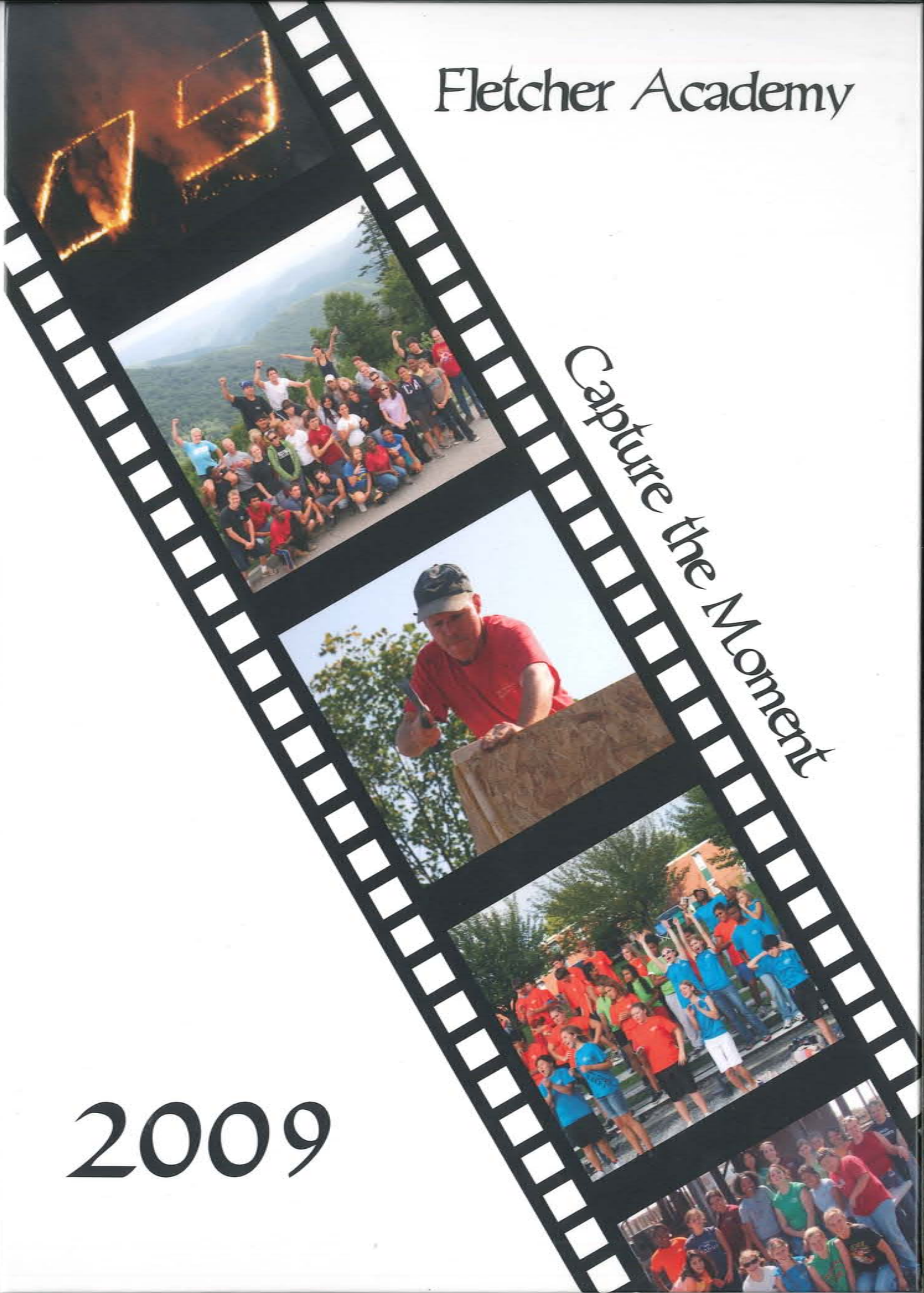


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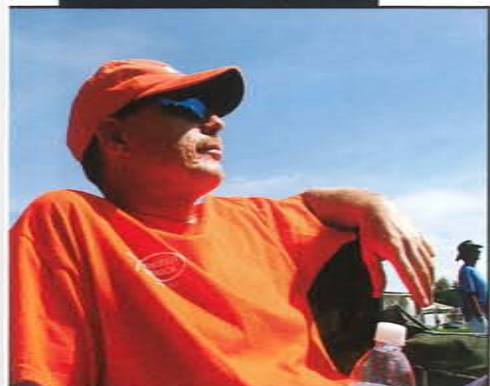


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Teacher Dedication

Mr. Bill Bass



Dear Mr. Bass,

As the years have gone by, I have grown to know you as a man who wears many hats. You have been my boss, my friend, my mentor, my counselor and my father. In these years you have encouraged me to grow in Christ, to establish my own morals and boundaries, to realize the love of Christ and to be a leader at Fletcher Academy and in my own life. You have given me advice on guys, helped me manage my schedule and even let me cry on your shoulder. For all of these things, thank you!

You have not only been a blessing to me but also to all the other students at Fletcher Academy. Whether you are playing on an intramural team or giving us a new job, you are always there, ready for action.

I once asked you why you like working at the academy so much. You explained it to me this way:

"When I cut the grass in my yard, it looks really good and I am very proud of it. But in a few weeks the grass will be long and I will have to cut it again. The results are temporary. When I come to work and interact with the students and take part in their daily lives, I see firsthand how they mature and change into adults. They learn lessons that will stick with them for a lifetime. The results of the job are permanent. Being a part of their lives gives better satisfaction than any other job."

On behalf of all students, thank you for your time and dedication to us and to our lives.

Love,
Nikkia Jackson



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[New Year]

[New Classes]

So what is it that brings us all together?
The simple thought that we are supposed to get along?
Or maybe...just maybe, there is more than meets the eye.

Walking down the hallways, do we ever stop to think that maybe
we're the ones making a difference in someone's life?

We're all part of a bigger plan
much greater than any of us imagine, and if there is one thing
that brings us together...it is [GOD].



[Faculty]



Ken Arany
IT Director, A+/Cisco



Bill Bass
VP for Student Services,
Bible IV, Home Repair,
Auto Mechanics, Director
of Transportation,
Freshman Class Sponsor



Connie Bradley
Librarian, ESL, Pre-
Algebra, Tutoring



Carolyn Carter
Dean of Girls, Study
Skills/Tutoring,
Girls' Club Sponsor,
English I



James Carter
Chaplain, Bible II and III,
Consumer Math and Life
Skills, Sophomore Class
Sponsor, Yearbook and
"Looking Back" Adviser



Peter Cousins
Principal, Physical
Science and I-life,
Senior Class
Sponsor, S.A.
Sponsor



Charee Dunder
English I, Spanish I
and II, Life Skills



Becca Evans
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Earth Science,
Physics.



Bryce Fisher
Assistant Boys' Dean,
Consumer Math,
Biology, Officiating



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



Craig Gerst
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P.E. Electives, AcTs
II Drama, S.A.
Sponsor



Salli Jenks
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Webmaster, Attendance
Officer, IC3, Freshman
Class Sponsor



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Economics, Acroknights
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Class Sponsor



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Food Service
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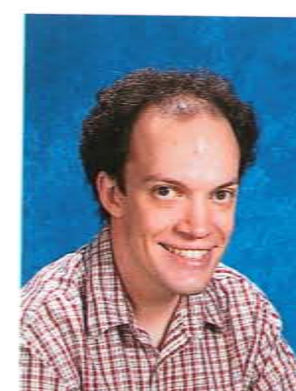
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Choral Director,
Voice Lessons,
Orchestra



Greg Lindquist
Concert Band, FA
Brass Quintet,
Music Appreciation,
Junior Class
Sponsor



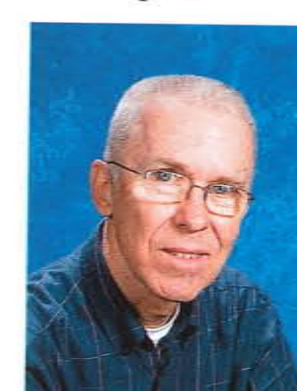
Janet Novak
Academic VP,
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Sponsor



Bryce Sampsel
Pre-cal, Algebra
II, Geometry, Senior
Class Sponsor



Dean Sigsworth
Math/Science
Teacher, Junior
Class Sponsor,
Honor Society
Sponsor



Brent Yingling
English II, III, IV,
Sophomore Class
Sponsor

[Class of 2012]



Christina Adams Henry Aguilar Evelyn Argueta Courtney Barron Chris Bass Christopher Bass



Garret Bergherm Julio Bernard Krista Bonney Caleb Fries Sarah Graham Danielle Heatherly



Amber Henski Mattison Jenks Casey Lawhorn Getsel Leon Katrina Lomax Andreas Low



Riina Lugus Isaac Martinez Josh McCarthy Dani Najafi Tyler Patterson Alex Pendleton



Freshmen English class visits the Carl Sandburg Home in Flat Rock, North Carolina.

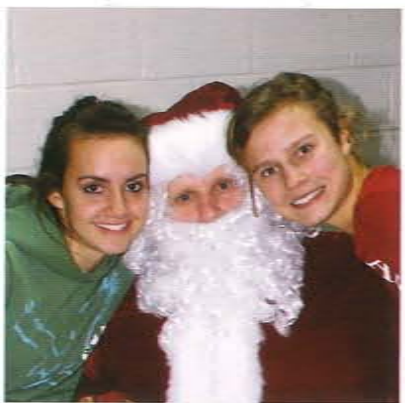


Karli Pettijohn Canny Pierre John Reece CJ Reeves Megan Rhyne Elsa Sanabria



Christopher Shaw Kassie Valcin Heather White Obadiah Wright

They've been good.

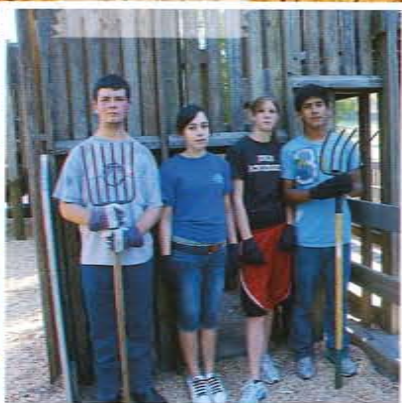


Book report due next week.

Flying high.



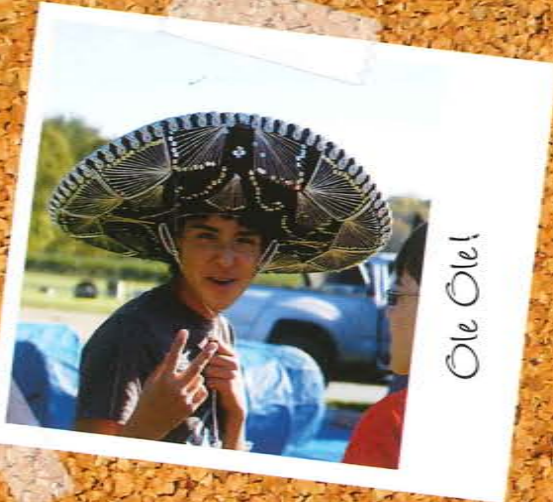
Their serious side.



Lending a hand.



Ole Ole!



Showing their support.



Study for health test!



[Class of 2011]



Philip Amoroso Megan Baker Levi Barron Alex Brown Monique Brown Jimmy Bunch



Clarissa Chaney Chelsea Coston Robby Courtney Dallas Cruze Candice Dill Russell Drapiza



Jason Dull Amy Eckart Taylor Ford Heidi Freck Joshua Fries Alex Gallimore



Holly Geddings Christy Geneve Nicole Gheorghe Andy Griffin Kiana Griffith Jens Grindley



Anthony Hall Lauren Heatherly Chris Heyer Seth Hill Dakota Hines Autumn Hubbell



Donovan Jenks Tamar Jerome Lobelia Low Alexandra Ludders Morgan Ludders Keilyn Ojeda



Maggie Pickens Janna Robinson Marc Salhany Chris Shin Hannah Simmons Ryan Tidwell



Rashayne Tulloch AJ Valcin Becky Wright Melanie Yoon Adrianna Young

Bible Homework due tomorrow!



Beautiful...

Sophomores

Shopping List:
*Cereal
*Poptarts



Friends



Blue 42

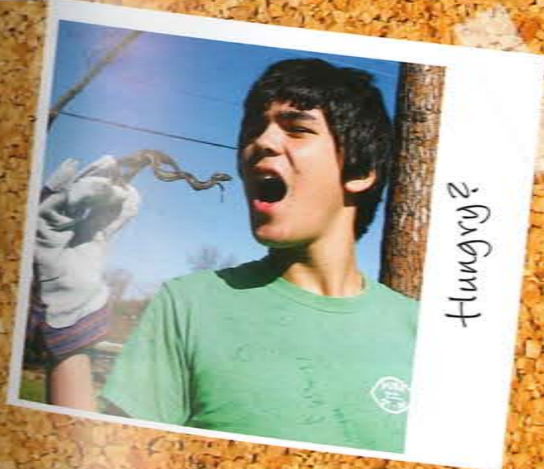


Everyone in!



GAMOROUS!

Game tonight!!



Hangin'



[Class of 2010]



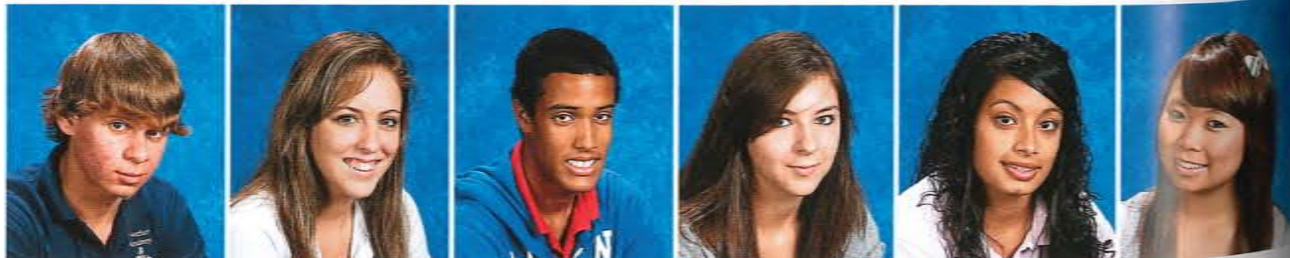
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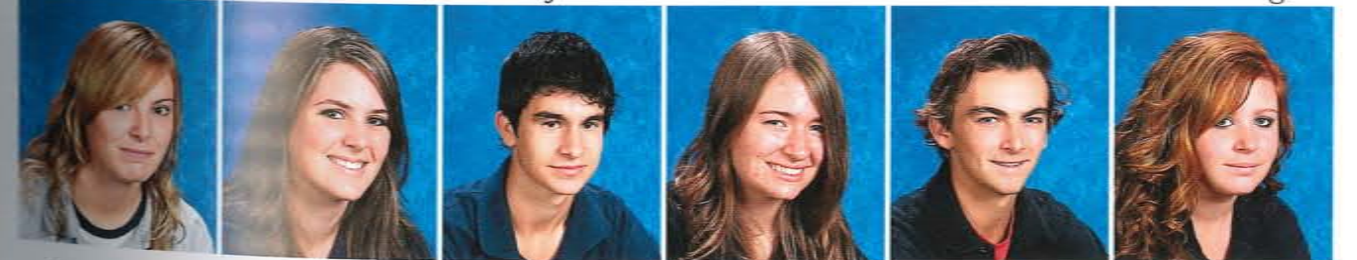
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Alex Langston Jenna-Leigh McKinley Bradley Montgomery Rachael Nolan Angie Ortiz Stacy Park



Michael Pendleton Jessica Perez Katelyn Pettijohn Landon Robinson Omar Santiago Stephanie Sossong



Katie Starr Leanne Sterner Gerald Tary Elizabeth Tullock Michael Weis Brittany White

JUNIORS

Hanging out!



Remember when...



Surprise!

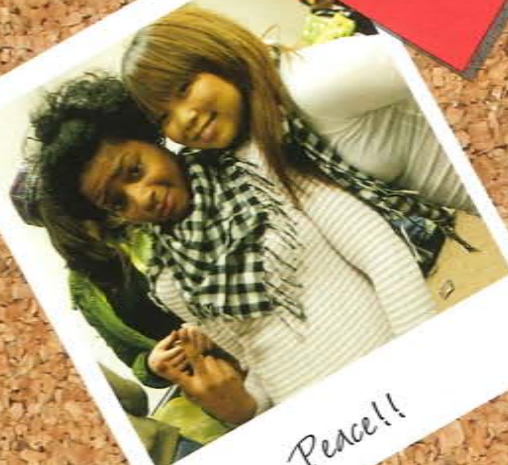


History homework!!
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Doah!!



Meeting after class!!



Perce!!



Rachael...



CLASS OF 2009



Brian Bass

Deal with it, um...okay.

A good prank, great friends, challenges.

Peter Pan

Gaelicum, people who don't try, people who act stupid.

Hacker, Network Administrator

Boston, band trips, senior survival, banquets



If you could be invisible for twenty-four hours, what would you do?

I would do everything I don't have the guts to do.

Crystal Bass



CLUB!!, Shoot!! Tell me how... (credit to Andre)

Sleeping, shopping, horseback riding.

Crister, Crystal-pistal, Grandmother Willow

People gritting their teeth, dumbness, chipping fingernail polish.

Nursing or teaching.

If you could fly, where is the first place you would go?

New York or London at night. With all the lights, I'd want to sit on the highest building and just relax.

My class, four years of dorm life, friends, senior survival, Boston trip.

Club!! So anyways...

Drawing, making things, reading, music, and shopping

Tabby, Tobby, Tabs, Tabbylicious, Tabertha

Unorganization, people who wear the same shoes as me!

Interior designer

Senior survival, Boston trip, dorm nights, late nights.



Tabby Amoroso

If you had one way to change the world, how would you do it?

I would give all the orphans or homeless children a loving home.

What is your favorite saying?

All is fair in love and basketball.

I'm a slap her, because I'm Gina.

Park Ride Hospital

Gina bina, jelly beans

FA

Nurse or police officer

My roommate whom I love dearly.



Gina Avila

CLUB!!

Movies, reading, music.

Lisha

People with no opinion whatsoever.

Dental hygienist or interior designer.

R

What is the one thing you have learned that you wish you had known as a freshman?

Study hard and never slack off.



Alisha Bernard

What advice would you give to the upcoming senior class?

Be cool. Stay in school.

MEH!!, Bust a move!, Dibs.

Fall picnic, ski days, Winter Olympics.

Seanyboy, Chuck Norris, N.D.

Certain staff, nousey people, slow chair lifts.

Audio/Video Director for NFL stadium.

Our cool entrance for fall picnic.



Sean Brinson

Ahixa Castillo

Oh my goodness, I love it, Huh?

Going to the beach, music, being on the computer.

Ahineth, baby doll.

Judgmental people, annoying people, lies.

Lawyer, psychologist, missionary.

Dorm life, senior survival.



What is one object you could not live without?

Computers.

Josh Cote



If you inherited a million dollars, what is the first thing you would do?

Buy season tickets to the Red Sox.

Special Forces, go move, would you fries with that

Paintball, computer games, football

Diutar, French Joshwaa.

Stupid people, whiners.

ER Nurse

Senior survival remember that one at leadership conference...

Brittney Garcia



If you were to die today, how would your friends remember you?

Bright, bubbly, crazy, optimistic, girly girl.

Forreal?! CLUB!!! Oh shucks.

Drawing, singing, soccer, watching football, decorating Jane.

Q, Fastino, BG, Britt, Minnie, Jellybean, Garcia, MOI.

People who chew with their mouths open, CHIVAS, homework.

Kate's Personal Cheerer.

Senior survival, Boston, tours, girls' nights out, chemistry class...haha.

Matthew Hadley



If you had one way to change the world, how would you do it?

I would create a device to dry towels.

Bust a move, dibs, MEH!!, you'll never catch me!!

Snowboarding, wakeboarding, guitar, video games.

Hadley, Matt, Slappy B.

Cutting my hair, Andy.

Street musician, network tech, film writer, producer.

Remember that one time at leadership conference...?

MAVS FEVER: catch it, spread it. How 'bout them Cowboys. Andy, you smell like a tortilla.

Mavericks, Cowboys, Stars, sports, making people laugh.

Dre, Dre Dre. Dre-dawg, Andre 3000.

Uniforms, morning classes, not having competitive sports.

NBA, NFL, or sports medicine...I haven't decided yet.

Senior survival, history trip, chemistry class.



Andre Drapiza

Which teacher has made the greatest impact in your life?

Craig Edward Johnson. Over the past 4 years he has given me a lot of good advice. Not only did it help me with my success in high school but I know it will help me throughout the rest of my life. He has done a lot for me and I really appreciate it. Thanks Johnson, and go Mavs #41!!

What is the one object you could not live without?

"My football."



Lester Espinoza

"I'm the BOSS," "chyaahh son."

Gymnastics, listening music, driving my ride and football.

BOSS

People who look down others.

Doctor

My awesome pairs partner Sydney.

That's MAD cool!!, Rock on!!, SHWEBET!!, Que lo que!, Wass good!!

Snowboarding, skateboarding, texting, dancing.

Colorado, Julie, Julz, Julio.

Annoying loud people, slow drivers, fake hugs, People that don't match.

Mechanical engineer.

Senior survival, Colorado ski trip (landing a backflip), rock climbing at MVA, class trips.



Julien Howard

What is your advice to the upcoming senior class?

Don't take senior year for granted. Things are going to get rough and you might run into trouble, but don't let it bug you. Just trust God and let Him do the leading.

Say what?! I see, I can tell...

Basketball, baseball, drawing, singing, and running.

J-Money, J-Honies, J-Monthly

People who think they know you but they don't.

Anime/manga artist or graphic design major.

Senior survival, View Southern, Boston trip, drama tours.

Justin Iglesias

Nikkia Jackson

Mercury!!
O SHOOOOT...

Gymnastics, laughing,
being a senior!!

Nicholas Armstrong

When people say, "I
can't," not having an
option, waking up
before 8 AM, Johnson.

Elementary teacher

Dancing in the dorm,
awesome friendships,
growing as a Christian,
mission trips, all three
jobs.



What is the one thing you
have learned that you
wish you had known as a
freshman?

That freshman year is one
of the best years in high
school. I would have
embraced it more.

Jessica Kelly



"I am a vampire, I
vampire," good grade
I'm going to look like
Crocodile-Dundee
wife.

Spending time with
friends, hanging out
with Chris.

JK, Jcrazy, little things

N/A

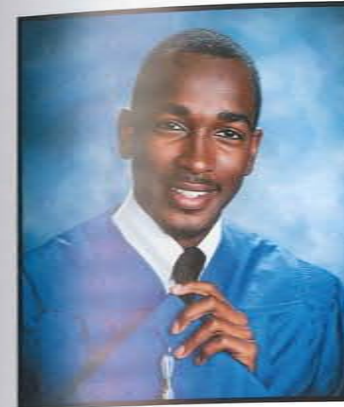
Teacher or social worker

If you inherited a million
dollars, what is the first
thing you would do?

Buy my parents land and
a house.

Freshmen PE, senior
survival, breaking bread
with Crystal, computer
room with Nikkia

Enoch Lavarin



Yeah. Zing. This is how
we do it.

Playing basketball

E-dawg

Redoing things

NBA Player

MOB

What is one object you
couldn't live without?

English.

Flor Meza



Are you serious? Dude!
Club!! In my country...
That's hot!

Soccer, reading, making
fun of Nikki & Tabby,
singing, dancing,
laughing

Flower, Flea, Florida,
Flo, Flor-boo, Dora

People who think they
know everything,
cockiness, loud people

Surgical tech, (Medical
field)

If you could fly, where
would you go first?

I would probably go to an
island and relax for a little
bit and then turn around
and go back.

Senior survival, tours,
Boston, chemistry class,
winning all the events,
dorm life, my girls.

How 'bout them apples?
Lets play a game!,
Club!! What happen
witch you?

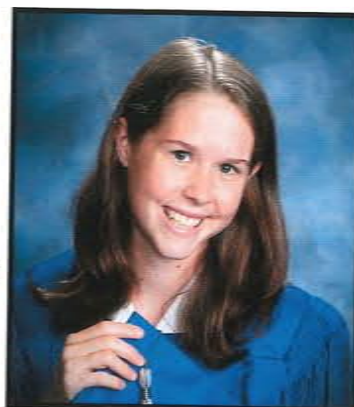
Reading, playing piano,
being with my family.

Kruppalicious, Kruppit,
Lauren-Boo

Repetitive sounds,
Spanish conjugations.

Medical missionary

3AM pranks, swimming
in a puddle, fun times
with the senior girls,
mine and Sydney's
awesome tent.



Lauren Krupp

What are the first three
things you will do when
you reach heaven?

Find Jesus and get the
best hug ever, find my
grandma and meet her for
the first time, fly
somewhere.

If you had one way to
change the world, how
would you do it?

I would give everyone in
the world a Bible.

Ballin', o my goodness
yo baby yo baby yo
later skater don't be
hater.

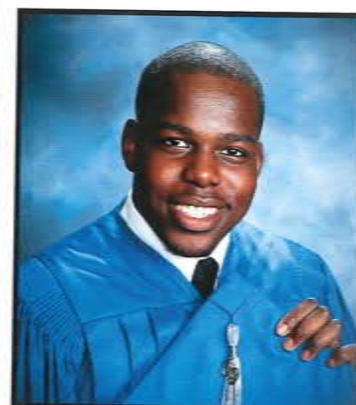
Games, TV

G-Roc, G-Dawg, Tera,
Gordono, Gordie

People doing the same
thing over and over
without learning

Accountant

MOB



Gordon Larose

Sweet! I win!

TV, long weekends,
Reeces, window
shopping, showers in the
middle of the day, cities.

Blondie, California,
Kristine, Sue.

The sound of socks
rubbing against carpet.

Radiologist, medical
field.

Boston trip, band trips,
banquets, Lake Tahoe,
staying up all night to
work on history projects.



Kristina Moore

If you could be invisible
for twenty-four hours,
what would you do?

I would explore all the
places I'm not supposed
to go into and pull pranks
on people because they
would never know it was
me.

If you were anyone
famous, who would you
be and why?

Elizabeth Blackwell,
because it would be cool
to be the first woman
doctor and show all those
men up!

Just try me!! Please
don't make me hit you. I
told you so!

Eating, reading and
relaxing.

Syd, Baby Sydness,
Syd-vicious, Spendleton

The sound of chewing.

Nursing...along with
being a mommy.

Boston trip, senior
survival, Outdoor Club,
camping with all my
guys.



Sydney Pendleton

Daniel Pileggi

Oh, Word, What's good?, you're not that tough, This is how we do it!!

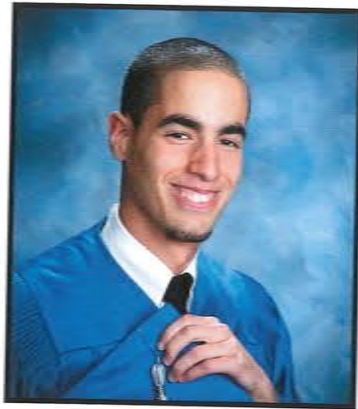
Cars, drifting, 4-wheelers, DJing, skateboarding, music, snowboarding, friends

Danny, Danny Boy, Pileggi, Papi

Cashews, people trying to race me, slow drivers, ricers, exaggeration, followers

Mechanical/Industrial Engineer

Senior survival, tent experiences, rock climbing at MVA, trips



Which teacher has made the greatest impact in your life?

I'd have to say Mr. Yingling. He's really laid back and gives you a lot of opportunities to make up your work. He always has a positive attitude and he likes to collect vinyl.

Cameron Randolph



If you were anyone famous, who would you be and why?

I would be Ronaldinho, because he is a really good soccer player.

None

Soccer, basketball, driving

Cameroo, new kid Jukebox, Ronaldinho

Dirty rooms, slow drivers

Police inspector then Marshall, FBI, CIA, Homeland Security

Senior class party

Terry Smith



I like it, bud my drink

Laughing with friends, scuba diving, scratching records with Daniel, trying to understand Crystal's awesome country accent

The Hulk, Destiny

People chewing with their mouths open, people putting words in my mouth

Undecided

MOB 61, Boston trip

What is one object you could not live without?

Deodorant

Linnsey Stier



Really? Rawr!, Wait, Wait! Bothered, funny, funny, funny.

Traveling, music, friends, gymnastics, shopping

Stierenstine, Linz-o, Deet-dee-dee, Linz, Lili, Dribble-dribble, Blondie

People who think they are better than others, not achieving a goal

Personal trainer

What is one TV show that has made a difference in your life?

"Friends", it always cheers me up, no matter what.

Working at FPI and LPC with the best people ever! Boston trip, senior survival

Sorry!! What??!

Taking pictures of nature, listening in on physical science class

Melmo, Mel

Backseat drivers

Chemist

Boston trip, senior survival, talking with friends



Melanie Ritterhoff

What is the nicest thing you have ever done for anyone?

Made them finish their homework assignment in class.

If you had one day left to live, what are three things you would do?

I would tell all my friends and family how much they mean to me. I would do something crazy, like base-jumping or skydiving. I would pray constantly for God to forgive all my sins.

None

Camping, hiking, friends, reading

Miss Linda

People who think they're better than everyone else, a lot of homework on the same day

Zoologist, marine biologist, conservationist or oceanographer

Senior survival, Boston trip, Outdoor Club trips, getting to know my classmates



Nicole Sampson

What's cookin' good lookin'? Got MAVS fever! It's Dunzo!, that's oober awesome

4-wheelers, shopping, friends, family, sports, wakeboarding, traveling, snowboarding

Megs, Mego, Mango, Meggy Poo

Smacking, no time, homework, getting up early

A teacher in Arkansas

Trips, breaks, chillin' w/ family and friends, seeing a bear



Megan Tidwell

What are the first three things you will do when you reach heaven?

1. Ask Jesus questions
2. Talk and see family
3. Play with tigers

If you had one way to change the world, how would you do it?

I'd educate all the lazy people on what they're missing...success and stuff like that

C'mon, now...Are you serious? Next...

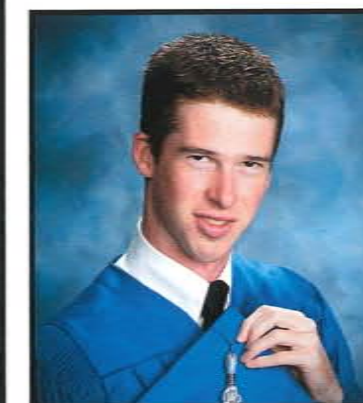
Soccer, softball, school, hacky sack, computer games, building computers

Sam, Waggles, Smartypants

Lazy people, loud noises, essays, repetition

Computer engineer

Boston trip, senior survival, winning all the events...



Samuel Wagner

Astrid Weaver

Love ya, miss ya, bye!

Gymnastics, music, friends, late dorm nights, sleeping, John Deeres!!

Asteroid, peanut, The Stroid, ILY

Feet, cocky people, laziness, no service, low-fat foods, kids, homework

Dentist and farmer

Dorm life, gym trips, Club!!, Senior survival, English class, friends, and high-school drama



If you could fly, where would you go first?

Disney World or Molin, Illinois (the birthplace of the John Deere Company!!)

Landon Wilkie



What is one object you could not live without?

My 4-Runner

MEH, Hai, Dere, De

Friends, softball, football

J. Pickle, Landon Landino the Great Bambino

Andy

Sonography

Squishing my thumb and Senior survival



Seniors

"I will my happiness to Jason." -**Andy Wright** "I will my matching to Shelby Buckner, my computer to Alex Brown, my hair to Johnson, my love for food to Michael Weis, my shoes to Jimmy Bunch, my Spanish skills to Randy Greve, my Spanish songs to Leanne, my coolness to Isaac, my dancing skills to Christy Geneve, my soccer skills to Josh Fries, my Vietnam apples to apples cards to Rachael Nolan, my 1st soprano section to Carolina, and my magazines to Donovan." -**Flor Meza** "I will my inherited Duckie coolness to Rachy Nolan. I will my long walk up the Captain Gilmer steps to Megan Baker and I will the seniors' love of Twilight to the upcoming upperclassmen of the dorm." -**Lauren Krupp** "I will my cooking and music skills to Steph, I will my straight hair to Chelsea, I will my flexibility to Jimmy, I will my republicanism to Bradley, I will my coordination for trio to my little sister Danielle, I will my Pooh bears to Katie, I will my music to Miss Evans, I will my night-owl status to Mrs. Carter, I will my secret recipe for possum stew to Johnson, and to my best friend Leanna, I will my social skills, my mad dance moves, and my John Deere's. Love ya, miss ya, bye!" -**Astrid Weaver** "I will my Mavs fever to Jimmy Bunch, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Cousins, I will my toilet paper to Ryan Tidwell and Christian Bunch, I will all my referrals BACK to Sampsel and Gerst, I will my ability to take down 5 girls at once to Michael Weis (Nikki, Tabby, Crystal, Flor, and Brittney), I will my racquetball skills to Mr. Carter, and I will Danielle H. and my brother Russell stunt in gymnastics for the next couple of years." -**Andre Drapiza** "I will my hair to Johnson, I will my ethnicity to Jimmy, and I will my arms to Robby." -**Nikki Jackson** "I will my parking space to Michael Weis." -**Matthew Hadley** "I will my smartness to Megan Jenks, I will my good heart to Jens and I will my big sister kisses to Alex P." -**Sydney Pendleton** "I will my notebook scrapping skills, my girliness, my outgoingness, my love for Fastino, all my colors and my stickers, and my print nuts to my MO, Katelyn, I will my smiles to Heidi, Christy, and Holly, I will the Mexican pride to Monica, I will my hugs to Christian B., I will my love for fashion to Nicole, I will my Apples to Apples skills and the Spike Lee card to Rachael Nolan, I will my love for A Night at the Museum to Johnson." -**Brittney Garcia** "I will my parking space to Michael Pendleton." -**Sean Brinson**

Whoa, whoa, whoa, calm down, DIBS, FAIL, huzzah!

Basketball, football, paintball, computers, music, skateboarding

Aazadan, Big Orange, The Son, cuddly-cakes, The Cook

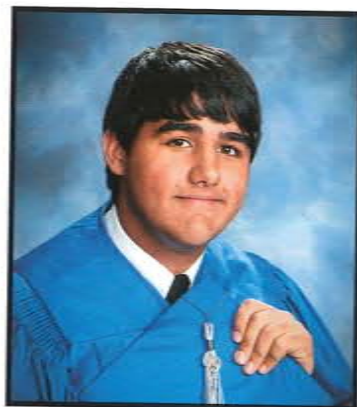
Landon, unseasoned food, haters, not loud music

Chef/hotel manager

Mr. Yingling's support, Johnson's class, all my awesome friends.

If you inherited a million dollars, what is the first thing you would do?

Pay off my parents' house and buy them each nice cars.



Andy Wright

2009

Saving

Enjoyment

Nicknames

Irritation

Occupation

Rememberance



[Developing] [Memories]

[Dorm Life]

[Homework]

[Work]

[Friends]

[Intramurals]

[Banquets]

A picture is worth a thousand words,
but when you think about it, pictures fade.
It's the memories that last a lifetime.

Whether it's staying up all night finishing homework,
losing a game, getting ready for banquets
or simply hanging out with friends,
every memory is engraved somewhere in our minds.

Never take a moment for granted because sometimes, it's all we
have, and if you're lucky, it stays with you [FOREVER].



I wish I would've had Germ-X...JK =)



August 10, 2009

Tonight we all gathered together at the football field for handshake. It started out when the Student Association officers made their grand entrance by driving around the track once in a truck with Josh Cote on a dirt bike in the bed of the truck throwing candy out to the students. Then, the S.A. officers jumped out and ran onto the field to introduce themselves to everyone. Following the officer announcements, we divided into one big square by grades and handshake began.

Students walked through the line shaking hands and introducing themselves or just saying "hello." When handshake was over, we played a few games to help us get to know each other better. Everyone received a piece of paper that had questions on it such as, "Have you ever been out of the country?" If you had, then you would have to find someone's piece of paper and sign your name beside the question.

In addition, we also had fun participating in the water balloon toss with a partner. When that was over we got together for our class pictures. Last but not least, we enjoyed watermelon and good conversation!

S.A. Handshake



"I always look forward to seeing the returning students again and welcoming all the new students."

-Mrs. Novak



"S.A. had a sweet ride!"

-Sean Brinson

Handshakes?

Whatever happened to XOXOs?



"Handshake was fun. I got to meet people other than the ones I usually see."

-Christina Adams



I like seeing all the kids from the previous year that I haven't seen all summer, and I like meeting all the new students."

- Mr. Yingling



Left: Freshmen John Reece and sophomore Taylor Ford prove that you can work together even if you are in different classes.

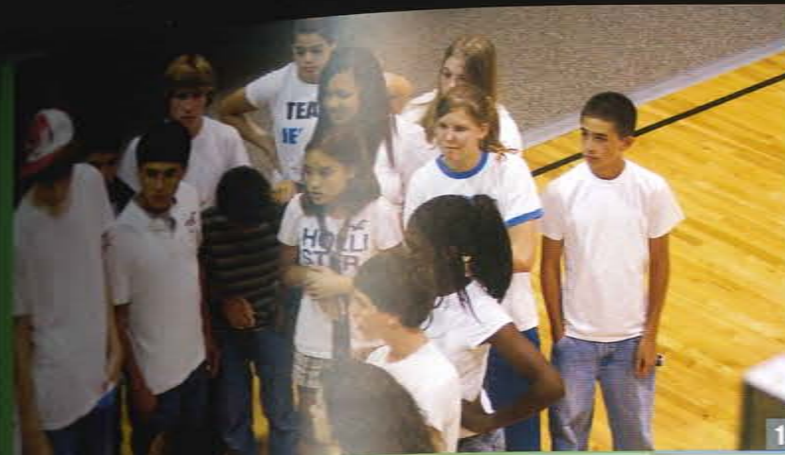
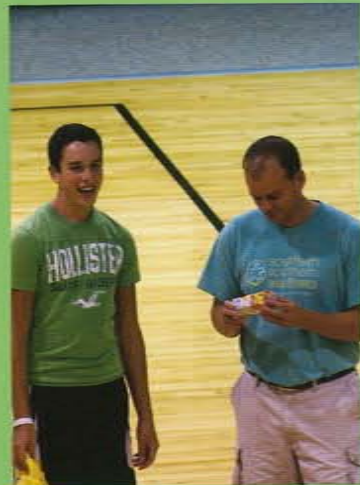


Below: Returning students enjoy seeing each other and catching up after a long summer.



Right: Not that the senior class has reason to be excited or anything; they just won Class Scramble.

Below: New to Class Scramble, Ryan Tidwell hopes that he brought the correct object so his class can get some points.



1. The freshmen listen intently as their sponsors explain Class Scramble.

2. Sophomore Hannah Simmons just wants to be able to put the gross shower curtain down.

3. The junior class explodes with jubilation after being awarded points on a controversial call.



Class Scramble

... who thought to bring an ironing board



"Although the competition looked fierce for the airplane throw, I never had any doubts."
-Brian Bass



"I like class scramble because it shows which class has the most junk."
-Landon Robinson



Kassie Valcin and Chris Bass



1. Tabby Amoroson and Flor Meza

2. Carly Blanchard and Peter Cousins

3. Chelsea Coston and Alex Ludders

4. Mr. Gerst and Canny Pierre



Michael Weis



Rashayne Tulloch

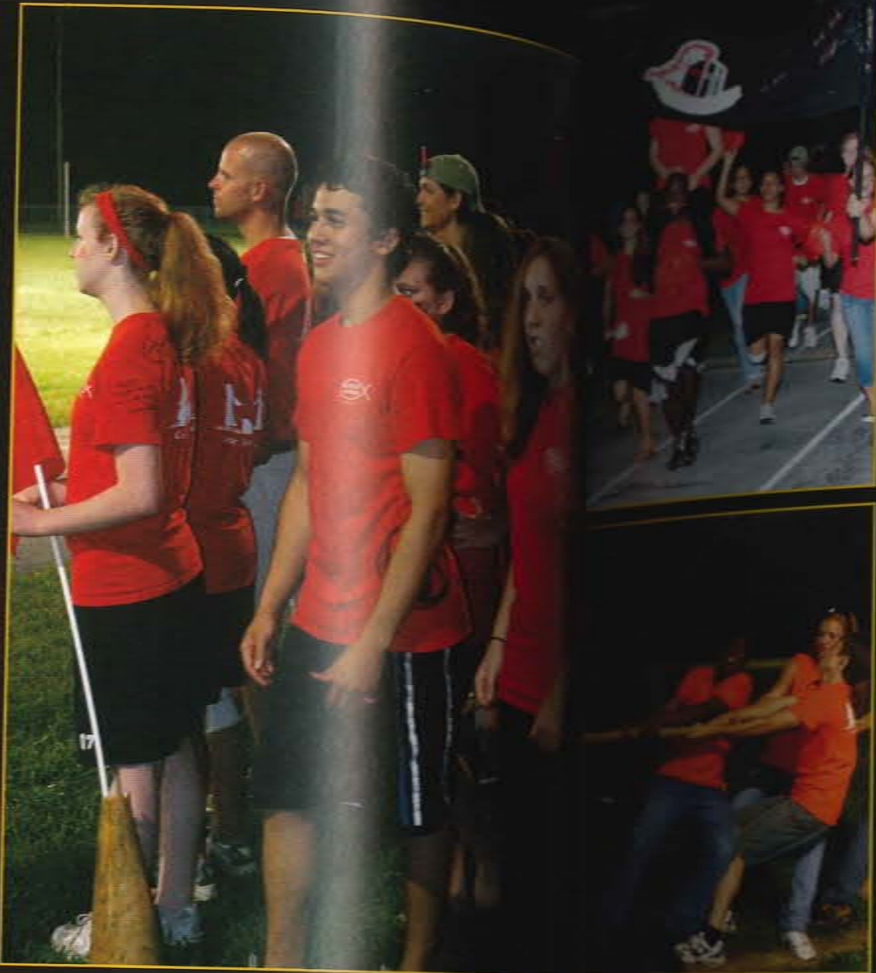
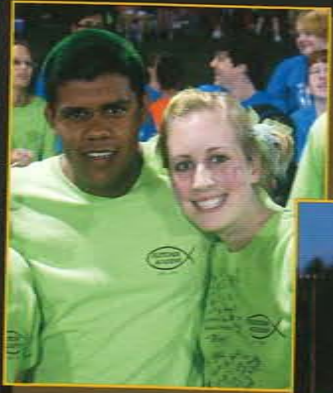


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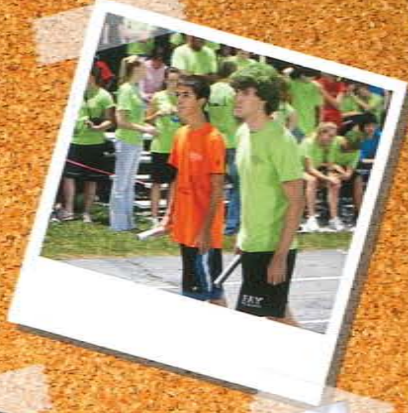

Above: Everything was peaceful until Mr. Gerst yelled, "DEAD COCKROACH!" and then everyone dropped to the ground.

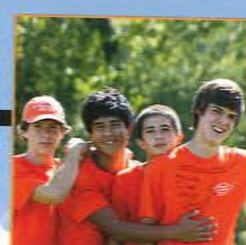
Left: The score says it all.



Winning & Losing ...together

Hey!!
 I hope you had an awesome time tonight! Did you see how fast that kid ran? Or how none of the classes wanted to give up in tug-o-war? It was also fun watching how people grow closer winning and losing together don't you think? Well, I'll see you bright and early tomorrow!
 Love always,
 ME

Left: Gerald Tary and brothers Brian and Chris Bass push their bodies to the maximum as they endeavor to place for their class.

Terry Smith, Senior

Alex Langston, Junior



Fall Picnic is not only a time to hang out with human friends, but as Terry Smith shows, it's also a time to hang out with our four-footed friends.

"Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will."



Left: It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Alex! Although it's not the conventional way for doing the high-jump, Alex Pendleton made this height look like child's play.

Threshing Festivites



Left: Where there are people, there are lines. Mr. Sigsworth and Mrs. Novak work feverishly passing out tickets to students anxious to play a game or eat some good food at the harvest party.

Below: Who says freshmen don't amount to much? Sarah Graham, John Reece and Danielle Heatherly "man" the class of 2012's most impressive booth where one could enjoy a marvelous Mexican feast.



Above: Using their charm and good looks, Holly Geddings, Russell Drapiza, Lauren Heatherly and Heidi Freck try to allure potential customers to the sophomore booth.



Above: It's not a slave auction, it's a junior class auction. Alex Langston tries to convince potential buyers that Landon Robinson and Randy Greve are worth their weight in Gold.



Left: Friends through thick and thin, Megan Jenks, Shelby Buckner and Brittany White take a moment out of their busy schedules to visit with their incarcerated friend Marissa Hagan.

Above: In total disregard of Fletcher Academy's "hands-off" policy, Andre Drapiza and Sean Brinson enjoy a most aggressive pillow fight American Gladiator style.

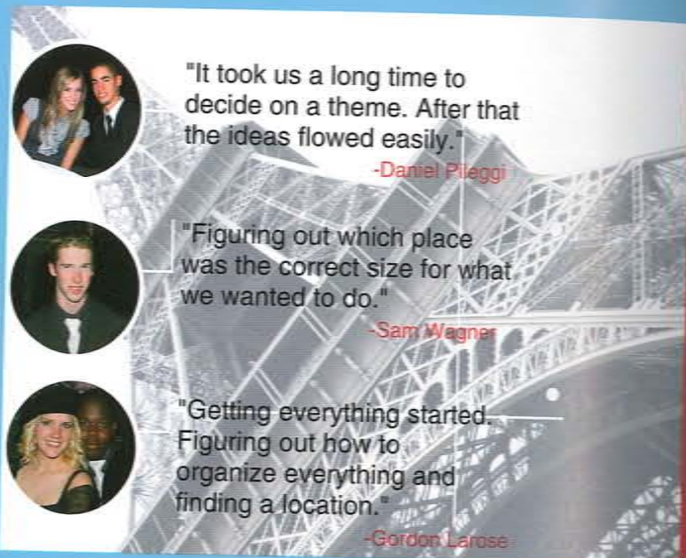


Sophomores displaying their yummy treats, and even better ... extra credit.

"A Night in Paris"



....hmmm.



"It took us a long time to decide on a theme. After that the ideas flowed easily."

-Daniel Pileggi

"Figuring out which place was the correct size for what we wanted to do."

-Sam Wagner

"Getting everything started. Figuring out how to organize everything and finding a location."

-Gordon Larose

"What was the hands part and planning the banquet"



Aww!!



Coolness!!



Fun times!



Did You Know...

The Eiffel Tower stands 984 feet tall. This is about the height of a 70-story building.



Abbey Herbert

"I can't live without my friends, because they are the best people in the whole world; they are always there for me even though I act dumb and they still choose to be seen with me and aren't afraid to tell me the truth."



Joshua Fries

"I can't live without food, because I'm always hungry."



Brittany White

"I can't live without my dog, because she makes my world spin! She's always happy to see me no matter what."



Lester Espinoza

"I can't live without my football, because I just love it!"



Katrina Lomax

"I can't live without God, because without Him, I feel like my world is empty and I feel alone."



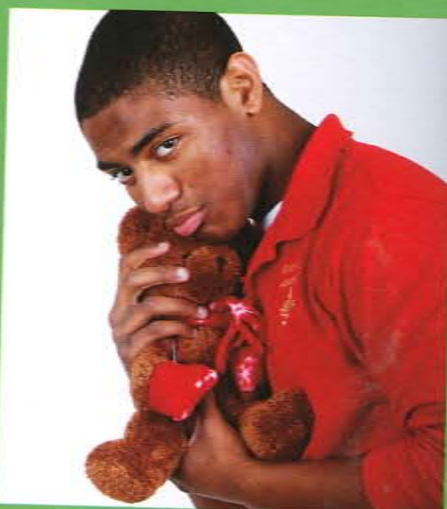
Gotta Have It!

Living in the United States affords most students with luxuries that most people in the world will never experience in their lifetime. Many people would say that our generation is made up of a bunch of spoiled brats. However, our generation is also very giving. We give of our time, energy and talents to better our community and serve mankind. It is also true that people quite frequently confuse their "wants" and "needs." While attending high school, there are just some items that teenagers cannot live without. We took to the halls of our little corner of the world known as Fletcher Academy to find out what students cannot live without.



Nicole Georghe

"I can't live without designer clothes, because it's what I love!"



Cherby Adam

"I can't live without my teddy bear because it can sleep with me and it gives me good dreams."



Kristina Moore

"I can't live without my scissors because they bring out my creative side."



Brittney Garcia

"I can't live without singing. It's been practically my life while growing up and even on my worst days, singing can solve anything!"



Alisha Jennings

"I can't live without my music, because it's a comfort and there is just no life without music!"

"When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude."

-G. K. Chesterton

[Bon Natali]



"Everyone left a little sweeter..."

Once upon a time...a group of students entered a building only to find that it had been taken over by cold winds and snow. As they walked further in, they were surprised that even Santa had appeared...no wait... Mr. Johnson? Snow fights erupted in the corners and soon snow balls filled the air. Everyone left a little sweeter; their bellies full of yummy treats. And who can forget the tiny snowman, reindeer and Santa Claus.



How did you feel about being Santa Claus?

"It was very lonely...no reindeer...no Mrs. Claus."
-Mr. Johnson



Left: Mattress sledding was a new and exciting adventure at this years' party. Marissa Hagan breaks in the mattress as one of the first victims.



Right: Shaving Cream + Blindfold = Lots of laughs and one bad Santa beard.



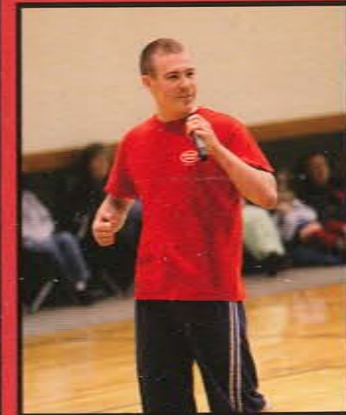
Did You Know...

- That the approximate amount of profit generated by photographs with Santa in shopping malls in the USA is \$2,255,750,000?
- That if you were to get every present in "The 12 Days of Christmas" you would receive 364 gifts?
- That in 1836, Alabama became the first state in the USA to declare Christmas a legal holiday?
- That the worlds biggest Christmas tree (251 ft. high) was put up in America in 1950?

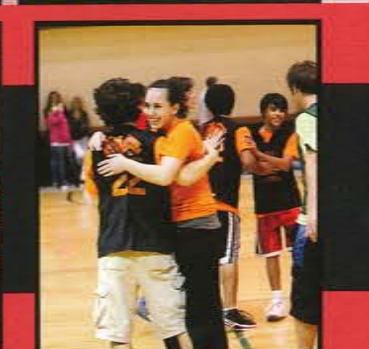


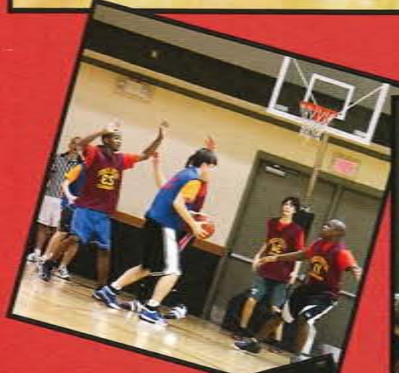
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Winter Games 2009





Event	Freshmen-219	Sophomores- 183	Juniors- 222	Seniors- 339
Jump Rope-Girls	Katrina Lomax-160	Nicole Gheorghe-133	Stacey Park-136	Astrid Weaver-105
Jump Rope-Guys	Obie Wright-134		Randy Greve-124	Daniel Pileggi-150 Lester Espinoza-136
Push-Ups-Girls	Danielle Heatherly-54	Monique Brown-53	Monica Gaytan-58	Nikkia Jackson-57
Push-Ups-Guys		Philip Amoroso-66 Robby Courtney-60	Randy Greve-61	Andre Drapiza-74
Sit-Ups-Girls	Danielle Heatherly-57	Lauren Heatherly-58	Caroline Christensen-52	Nikkia Jackson-58
Sit-Ups-Guys	Getsel Leon-55		Michael Weis-56 Brad Montgomery-54	Samuel Wagner-60
Shuttle-Run-Girls	Karli Pettijohn-9.63		Carly Blanchard-8.9	Sydney Pend.-9.38; Lauren Krupp-9.60
Shuttle-Run-Guys	Alex Pendleton-8.31	Dakota Hines-8.35	Michael Pendleton-8.27	Enoch Lavarin-8.19
Pullups-Girls	Danielle Heatherly-8; Matti Jenks-1	Monique Brown-1	Megan Jenks-1	Nikkia Jackson-6 Astrid Weaver-2
Pullups-Guys	Caleb Fries-16	Josh Fries-17	Randy Greve-17	Andre Drapiza-17
Vertical Leap-Girls	Elsa Sanabria-23"	Lauren Heatherly-20.5"		Kristina Moore-24" Astrid Weaver-22.25
Vertical Leap-Guys			Randy Greve-29" Brad Montgomery-28.75"	Andre Drapiza-34.25" Enoch Lavarin-31.25"
25m Swim-Girls	Riina Lugus-17.00	Morgan Ludders-17.72		Astrid Weaver-17.28
25m Swim-Guys	Elsa Sanabria-17.35	*Jens Grindley-14.31	Randy Greve-14.44	Andre Drapiza-12.72 Julian Howard-13.50
50m Swim-Girls	Riina Lugus-39.22		Brittany White-41.81 Jenna McKinley-43.97	Kristina Moore-38.03
50m Swim-Guys		Josh Fries-33.10 Jens Grindley-34.28	Michael Weis-31.63	Julien Howard-32.47
100m Relay-Girls Group	1st-1.11.28	2nd-1.12.04	3rd-1.12.15	4th-1.12.40
100m Relay-Guys Group	4th-1.05.25	2nd-1.01.16	1st-57.28	2nd-59.25
Brain Teaser-Group	2nd	2nd	4th	1st
Bench Press-Girls	Mattison Jenks-90		Megan Jenks-105 Katelyn Pettijohn-105	Nikki Jackson-125 lb
Bench Press-Guys			Randy Greve-205	Andre Drapiza-230 lb Gordon Larose-245 lb
Free-Throw-Girls	Matti Jenks-4		Monica Gaytan-5	*Kristina Moore-3 *Sydney Pendleton-3
Free-Throw-Guys	Chris Shaw-6 Getsel Leon-6	Jimmy Bunch-10		Cameron Randolph-6
3-Point-Girls		Maggie Pickens-4 Hannah Simmons-2	Monica Gaytan-2	Sydney Pendleton-4
3-Point-Guys	Chris Shaw-6	Russell Drapiza-6 Jimmy Bunch-4		*Cameron Randolph-7
Girls Basketball	1st	4th	3rd	2nd
Worship Attend	93%	83%	96.88%	100%
Guys Basketball	2nd	3rd	4th	1st

What

is

Your

Favorite

Sport?



Bas • ket • ball



Christy Geneve
"I like it because once a basketball gets into my hands I feel invincible and it's just me and the basket."



Kristina Moore
"I like it because I am tall, kind of, and it's ok to be violent. I also like it because I played varsity basketball for awhile."

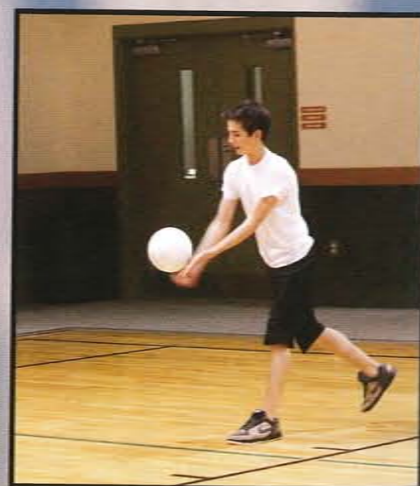


Shelby Buckner
"I like it because I have fun when I'm out there. It's not as competitive as other sports."



Autumn Hubbell
"I like it because it is something I am good at."

Vol • ley • ball



Foot • ball



Katelyn Peterson
"Tackling is awesome!! Chargers."



John Rocco
"I like football because it's more fun than anything else."



Snow • board



Sean Benson
"I like snowboarding because there is nothing better than to fly down a ski slope."



Norge Ortiz
"I love surfing because I love water. What can I say, I'm a Mermaid." =)

Landon Wilkie
"I like softball because it's something I'm good at I guess."



Christopher Bass
"I like baseball because I've played it forever."



Soft • ball

Base • ball



Soc • cer



Linnsev Stier
"I like soccer because you can keep running and you don't have to stop. It's all about endurance."



Nichole Sampson
"I like soccer because you can run and do almost anything without getting fouled and it's fun."

To Win or Not To Win

What do you think about intramurals?

"I think intramurals is a fun time for everyone whether you are playing or watching people play. It's a nice break from the stressful school day and hanging out with friends is fun."
-Flor Meza



I can't believe we lost today... better luck next time I guess.



Don't forget we have a game today!!



Instead of studying, they were...

Right: Julia Bonney and Jessica Perez watch in awe as their friends make their way (ever so cautiously) down the mountain.



Carving it up!

Right: Carving up the mountainside, Julien Howard eyes his line of approach for a daring jump.



Above: Taking a break with friends and sipping some hot chocolate after a frigid morning on the slopes helps these girls bond.



Left: Riding the chairlift can be a bone-chilling ride. Megan Baker and Alex Ludders try hard to stay warm.

Right: With a little prodding from some friends, Michael Pendleton goes for broke as he clears some air.



Above: Sean Brinson manages to pull off a jump without breaking any bones as photographer Brian Bass captures the action.



Left: The process of getting your equipment can be frustrating after a long bus ride. However, these guys made it look fun.



Left: Remember the old "Double Mint" gum commercials? We experienced it first-hand with the Ludder twins!



Left: Nothing brightens your day like hanging out with your friends outside of school as Megan Jenks and Katelyn Pettijohn can attest.



Above: Christopher Bass tries to alleviate his mother's fears as he explains what "really" happened.



Left: Brian Bass his purpose well as snow ornamentation while recovering from a difficult maneuver gone bad.



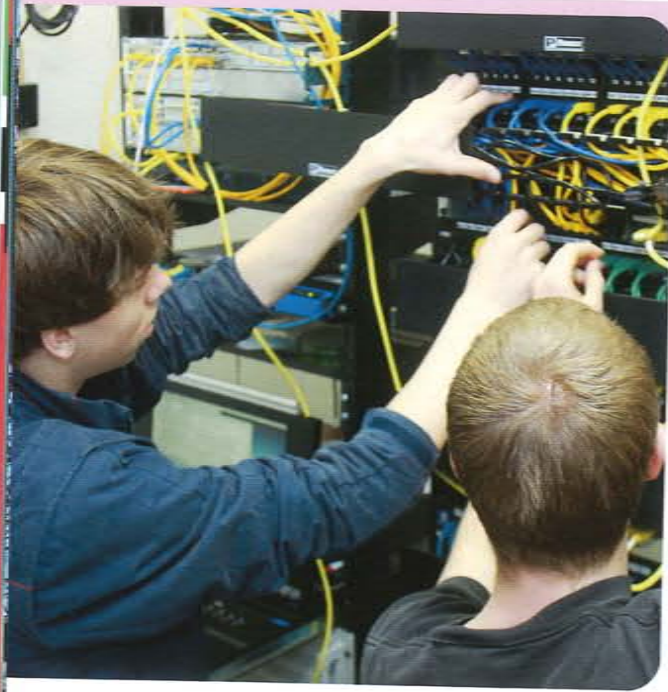
Left: Ski Day isn't only for students. Faculty members such as Mr. Sigsworth enjoyed getting out of the classroom and enjoying the free feeling of downhill skiing.

Right: Rina Lugus and Elsa Sanabria enjoyed carving up the slopes without breaking any bones.



Right: According to our "sources," this is what the "cool kids" were doing. Don't worry: Andre Drapiza and Julien Howard ARE wearing shorts, not just boxers.





Above: Maintaining the new campus-wide network is a major task. IT student technicians Matthew Hadley and Brian Bass work diligently to trouble shoot the system in order to fix some bugs.

Caution: Students at Work

Just about everyday, except Sabbath, you will find students working hard to learn and to have the education they need to succeed in the "real world." There are multiple jobs here on campus that vary from working in the greenhouse to working in the ad building as a teacher's aide. The jobs may not be something we like, but with God's help we are able to learn valuable lessons such as customer service, the importance of being on time and doing a job to the best of your ability.



Lelia Patterson Center

Jens Grindley-
"The thing I enjoy most about my job is being able to be responsible for the members of the LPC by watching out for them. They entertain me as well."

Laundry

Hannah Simmons-
"The strangest thing that has happened to me at work was when I found a bone with skin and blood on it. It was really gross!"



Fletcher Park Inn

Courtney Barron-
"The most embarrassing thing that happened to me at work was when I was walking into the kitchen and slipped on the wet floor and knocked a bunch of stuff over in front of everyone. EMBARRASSING!"

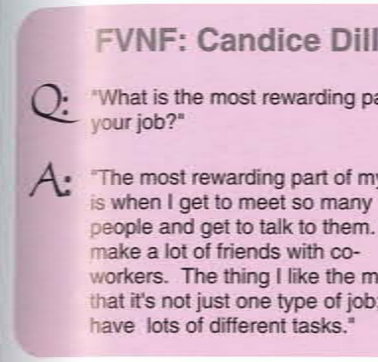
Maggie Pickens-
"The most difficult part of my job is when we have so many things to accomplish and little time to do it. I just have to remind myself to breathe and take things as they come."



Computer Assistant: Brooke Gough

Q: "What is the best part of your job?"

A: "I have a really cool boss. I like how I learn something new everyday whether it's difficult or easy. My job is a lot of fun especially when I get to go different places to fix things."



FVNF: Candice Dill

Q: "What is the most rewarding part of your job?"

A: "The most rewarding part of my job is when I get to meet so many people and get to talk to them. I also make a lot of friends with co-workers. The thing I like the most is that it's not just one type of job; we have lots of different tasks."



Library: Crystal Bass

Q: "What is the most rewarding part of your job?"

A: "The best part of my job is how flexible my hours are and I only have to work a couple hours, which leaves me plenty of time for projects. I've been helping with ESL and it has helped me see the skills I'll need if I decide to be a teacher."



CGS: Megan Tidwell

Q: "What essential skills are you learning in your current job that will carry over in the 'real world' work place?"

A: "My job allows me to experience what it's like to be a teacher because I want to be a teacher and work with young kids."



[Top 10]
[Skills Employers Want]

- ▶ Communication Skills (Verbal and Written)
- ▶ Honesty / Integrity
- ▶ Interpersonal Skills (relate well to others)
- ▶ Strong Work Ethic
- ▶ Teamwork Skills (work well with others)
- ▶ Analytical Skills
- ▶ Motivation / Initiative
- ▶ Flexibility / Adaptability
- ▶ Computer Skills
- ▶ Detail Oriented

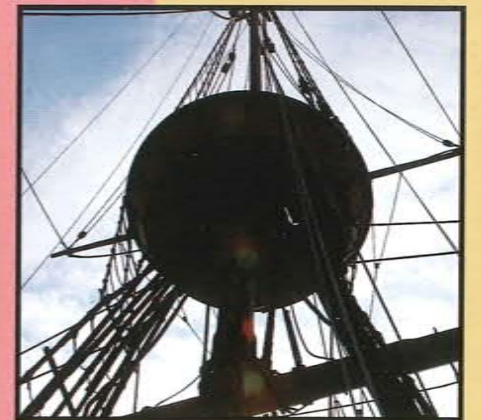


"I liked how Carl Sandburg lived in the city when he started his poetry and then moved to a place as cool as Flat Rock."

-Babar Bernard

"I really admired our country's NAVY. I also learned a Native American Indian dance that the native people taught me."

-Angie Ortiz



Freshmen Class

Field Trip to Carl Sandburg's



Junior Class

Trip to Boston



"I thought it was cool that there were bookshelves in every room. The coolest thing was that there was a toaster in the television room."

-Amber Henski



"We had a blast learning about our country's history and we bonded as class."

-Caroline Christensen



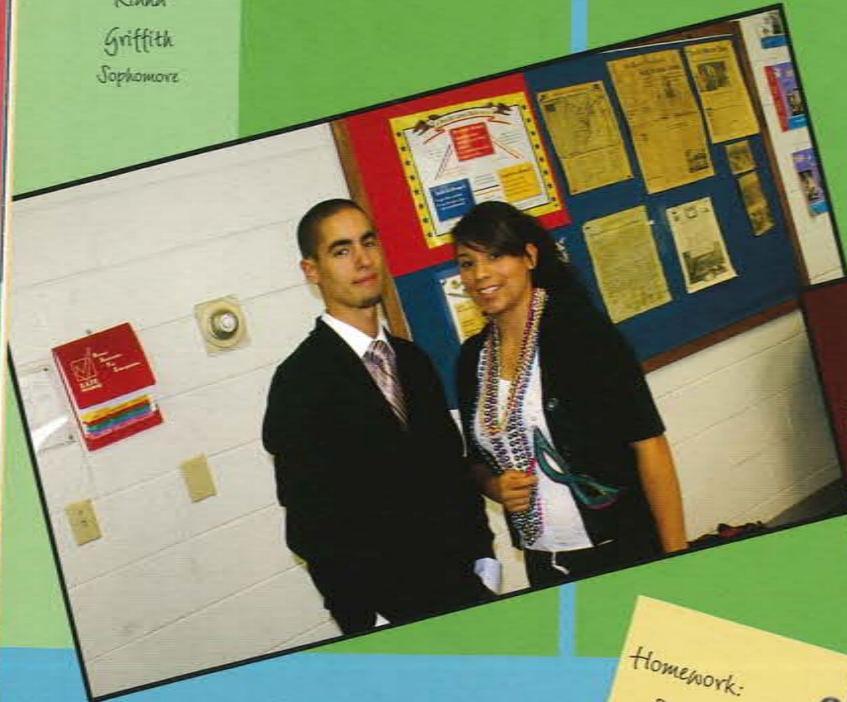
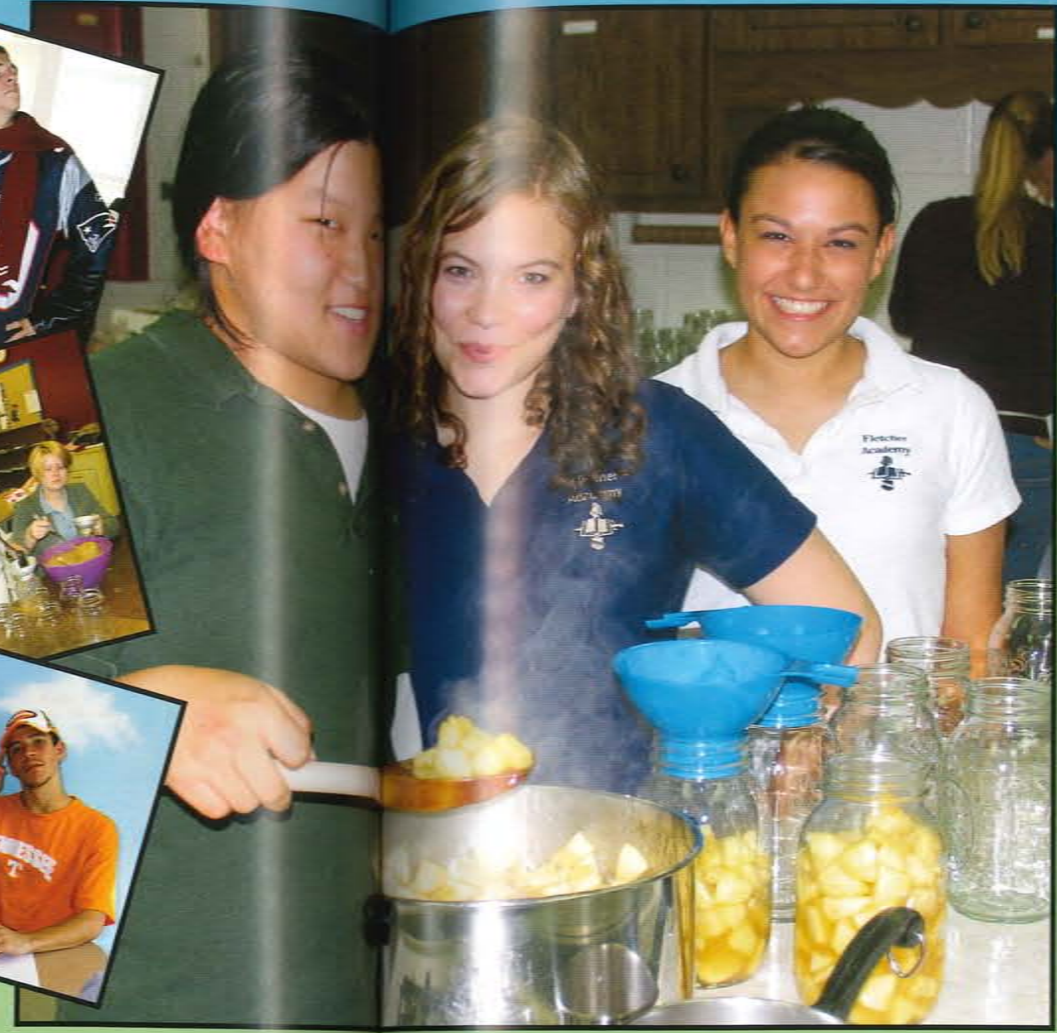
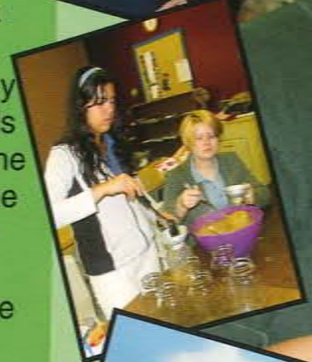
More Than Books



"We made applesauce for life skills. It took a while to make and I burned myself, but it was fun and it turned out really good."
Kiara Griffith
Sophomore

Fletcher Academy provides classes that teach practical living skills. Life Skills is such a class that provides hands-on projects that students can learn from that they will carry throughout their lives. Projects include knitting, baking, learning stress management, career exploration, budgeting and cooking skills.

Government is a class taken by seniors where they expand their minds through debate. One day, students came dressed up in an outfit that represented a state they chose. In addition, they were also required to turn in a petition on what rules they would change or add to Fletcher Academy.



Homework:
Sections 1 & 2
Study for quiz!!



What do you like the most about your class?

Matthew Hadley, Senior

"The fact that anytime we need a break we could easily get Johnson off topic!"



Heidi Freck, Sophomore

"I like baking. My favorite food we made was applesauce."



Andy Wright, Senior

"It's an awesome class! Mr. Johnson keeps us interested the whole hour. It's basically my favorite class."



Holly Geddings, Sophomore

"I like everything about Life Skills."



Below: There are some students that are just naturally "hands-on" learners. Following a lesson on structure and strength, Bradely Montgomery and Michael Pendleton put theory to practice.



Right: During shop class, Andy Wright and Josh Cote had an opportunity to practice what they had been taught by utilizing these skills to create a birdhouse.



A Step Ahead

Cooking, sewing, measuring and cutting kept us...

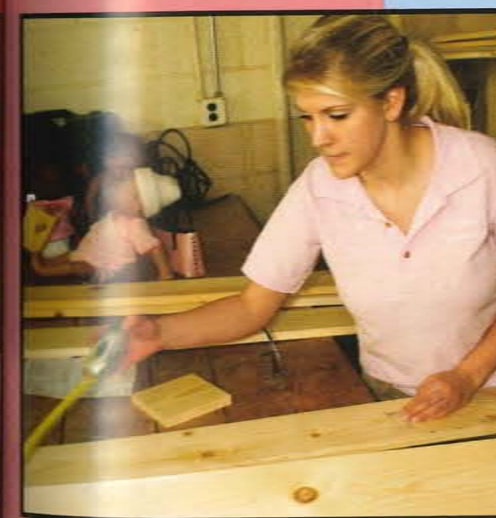
"Tick, tick, tick..." the minutes seem to pass by so slowly for most classes. It is true that most students dread going to classes, especially if all they do is sit around and listen to a lecture. Luckily, Fletcher Academy is still one of the few Seventh-day Adventist schools that still has classes such as wood working, home repair, auto, Cisco, IC#, art as well as other "hands-on" classes

that not only offer students the valuable experience they need in life, but the opportunity to learn through doing. From science labs, to cooking labs, to field trips that incorporate classroom learning into something tangible, students in all grades enjoyed the chance to learn from these classes that they can use sometime in their lives.

Top 10 Excuses For Not Turning Math Homework In

10. It's Isaac Newton's birthday.
9. I couldn't decide whether i is the square root of -1 or Pare-the square root of -1 .
- 8: I accidentally divided by 0 and my paper burst into flames.
7. It's stuck inside a Klein bottle.
6. I could only get arbitrarily close to my textbook.
5. I had too much and got sick.
4. Someone already published it, so I didn't bother to write it up.
3. A four-dimensional dog ate it.
2. I have a solar calculator and it was cloudy.
1. There wasn't enough room to write it in the margin.

Right: Power tools aren't just for guys as Brittany White, Megan Jenks and Katelyn Pettijohn prove. This was another team that was assembling a bridge.



Above: Striving for accuracy, Linnsey Stier puts her measuring abilities to the test while working on her class project.



Above: Bible class involves more than just sitting in desks. These girls are acting out some of the themes found in the book of Ephesians and then sharing how those principles apply to our lives.

[Finding] [Your] [Focus]

[Praying]

[Testimonies]

[God]

[Sharing]

[Teaching]

[Bible Studies]

"What will they think of me?"
"Will they think I'm weird for sharing God's Word?"
"What difference does one person make?"

Those are questions that usually run through our minds when we think about spreading the Word. What we fail to understand sometimes is that life is short and that there are many ways to tell people of God's love.

We need to realize that whether it's through speaking, music, community service or simply sharing a smile, we are all a part of His [PLAN].



Sabbath in the Mountains

Breaking outside the confines of a church building, students always look forward to...

Sabbath in the Mountains has become a tradition at Fletcher Academy and one that returning students look forward to, while new students only hear about from their peers. This year the Student Association officers worked closely with the Campus Ministries office to provide the students with an exciting, hands-on Sabbath School experience that

they wouldn't soon forget. Church outside is all about connecting students to God through music, acting, fellowship and studying God's Word. After lunch was served and everything was cleaned up and the buses were loaded, students and faculty alike enjoyed a mild hike and a dip in the pools at Graveyard Fields. Although the water was a little low this year, there was still enough to dive into. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to fellowship together and to worship our Lord and Savior outdoors.

Left: The Student Association officers led out in an interactive Bible study on various topics. Each group had to present their subject in the form of a short skit and then a spokesperson from each group helped tie in the lesson to the drama skit.



"Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders You have done. The things You planned for us no one can recount to You; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare." -Psalm 40:5 NIV

"The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God." -Anne Frank



Right: Carly Blanchard serves Stephanie Sossong during the communion service while at Prayer Conference.



Below: Checking the horse runway both ways before posing for a photo. Britney Garcia and Nikkia Jackson show how much fun they're having.



Above and Right: Prayer Conference is the ideal place to mingle with people you may not typically hang out with at school. There is always plenty of time to meet new people and form new friendships that will last a lifetime.



Left: Students are given the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of the meetings. Brian Bass was one of the many students that blessed students with his special music.



Left: Any existing walls that are created through the first semester usually crumble when students go to Prayer Conference. Here we have a perfect example of sophomores and juniors getting along just fabulously!

Prayer Conference

Provides students with an opportunity to "get your Jesus on."

From thirty-second "Jesus parties" to ten guys having to share one shower, the experience of the annual Prayer Conference is like non other. In anticipation of this annual event, students who were struggling with raising money for the trip overheard Mr. Carter saying repeatedly, "If you want to go, please come and see me. Money isn't an issue!" Due to the generosity of many members in the local community and an anonymous donor,

several students were given the opportunity to attend Prayer Conference, many for the first time. This was a great year to go too because the speaker was dynamic and it was also the largest Prayer Conference in the history of the Southern Union with over four hundred students in attendance. When asked how Prayer Conference impacted her, Marissa Hagan stated, "I've learned to live out what I believe through my actions rather than just talking about it."

Community Outreach



<< Day of Caring

Chelsea Coston and Morgan and Alex Ludders display where there hard "work" has gotten them.

Day of Caring >>

Taking a break from spreading thousands of pounds of new mulch, the freshmen relive a classic masterpiece.



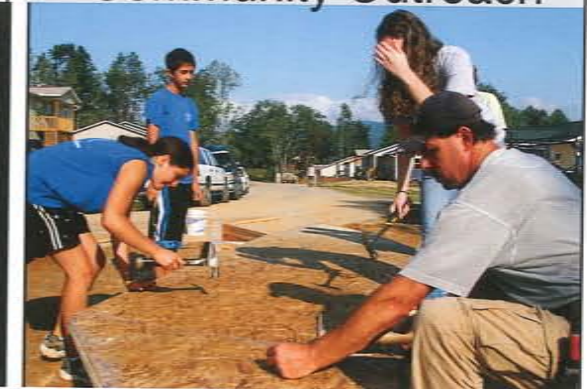
<< Asheville Parks

The freshmen display team effort as they spread a tractor trailer load of mulch on a playground.

HFH >>

Student and adult volunteers work on assembling part of a gabled roof.

Community Outreach



<< WNC Nature Center

Seniors had fun painting fences and each other while beautifying the WNC Nature Center.

WNC Nature Center >>

Landon Wilkie works on a retaining wall.



<< Leaf Rake Day

Several juniors had the opportunity to help a man who had recently had his legs crushed by a stack of plywood.

Manna >>

They were supposed to be boxing food, not people.



<< Asheville Parks

The freshmen displayed great vigor in their project and finished the majority of the project.

Asheville Parks >>

Newly sanded rails will keep little ones splinter-free for years to come.



<< Leaf Rake Day

Trading maturity for creativity, the seniors find other "practical" uses for a leaf blower.

HFH >>

September 28 found several students and staff doing a build for Habitat for Humanity.



Service With a Smile

Whether it was raking leaves, singing to the elderly, calling numbers for bingo or tutoring, we provided...

Dateline: September 4, 2008. Fletcher Academy students participated in an area-wide service project through the United Way called the "Day of Caring." Students were part of a larger group of 1,600 area volunteers that took part in various projects that saved Buncombe County over \$100,000.00.

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."
-MLK

Dateline: September 28, 2008. Witnesses claim that certain students and faculty members from Fletcher Academy were seen driving towards Edneyville, North Carolina to assist Habitat for Humanity build a house for a worthy family. Witnesses claim the students were smiling, talking and laughing while volunteering.

Dateline: November 22, 2008. Fletcher Academy students are on the prowl again looking for ways they can share Christ to others. Hoards of students were spotted in neighborhoods going house-to-house offering free leaf removal for those that needed it. Our sources tell us there has been an outcry from lawn service companies due to this disturbance.

Dateline: December 3, 2008. Our informants told us once again that students from Fletcher Academy were spotted driving towards Charlotte, North Carolina in a caravan of buses. Suspecting these "Christians" were up to no good, the informant followed the group to Charlotte where we were informed students were volunteering their time at a warehouse. Upon further

inspection, our sources tell us that these students were involved in a much larger operation than we could have imagined. One that will potentially bring joy to over 8 million children around the world. Suspects were seen fleeing the warehouse with smiles and merchandise.

"Religion is to do right. It is to love, it is to serve, it is to think, it is to be humble."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dateline: January 27, 2009. Despite multiple warnings from the government officials, students from Fletcher Academy were once again helping the less fortunate by volunteering at places such as Goodwill, Manna Food Bank, Hearts With Hands, Helping Hand Development Center and Boys and Girls Club of America. Impact occurred.

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." Albert Einstein

"Service is what life is all about." Marian Wright Edelman



<< OCC

Three seniors enjoy their last experience at Operation Christmas Child in Charlotte, NC.

Manna Food Bank >>

The freshmen and juniors had an opportunity to sort and pack food boxes for the needy.



<< OCC

Chris Heyer and AJ Valcin worked diligently in the "filler" area while in Charlotte, NC.

Laurels >>

During our last service day of the year, Adriana Young played B-I-N-G-O with her partners.



<< Goodwill

Liz Kerbs and Cherby Adam enjoy developing friendships while volunteering.

Boys/Girls Club >>

Sophomores and seniors helped out in various ways at the BGCA of Hendersonville.



<< OCC

Students managed to squeeze out a smile even after a two-hour drive and working on their feet all day.

Laurels >>

Melanie Ritterhoff calls numbers for a game of Bingo while volunteering at the Laurels.

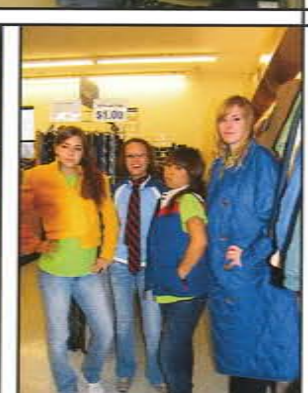


<< Manna

Freshmen and juniors had a blast working together fighting hunger in Western North Carolina.

Goodwill >>

It's just not possible for girls to work around clothes without trying them on.



<< OCC

For senior Tabby Amoroso, her last volunteer experience at OCC is one to remember.

Goodwill >>

Not only is it fun to help others, it is also fun to play while helping as Randy Greve and Kari Pettijohn demonstrate.



<< Laurels

Sydney Pendleton took time to help an elderly woman feel beautiful again by painting her nails.

Goodwill >>

It's always much more exciting when a group of friends volunteer together.

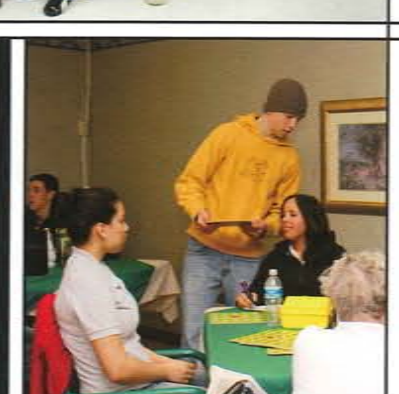


<< Goodwill

Reverting to their childhood, Keilyn Ojeda and Lauren Heatherly take a timeout to dress up.

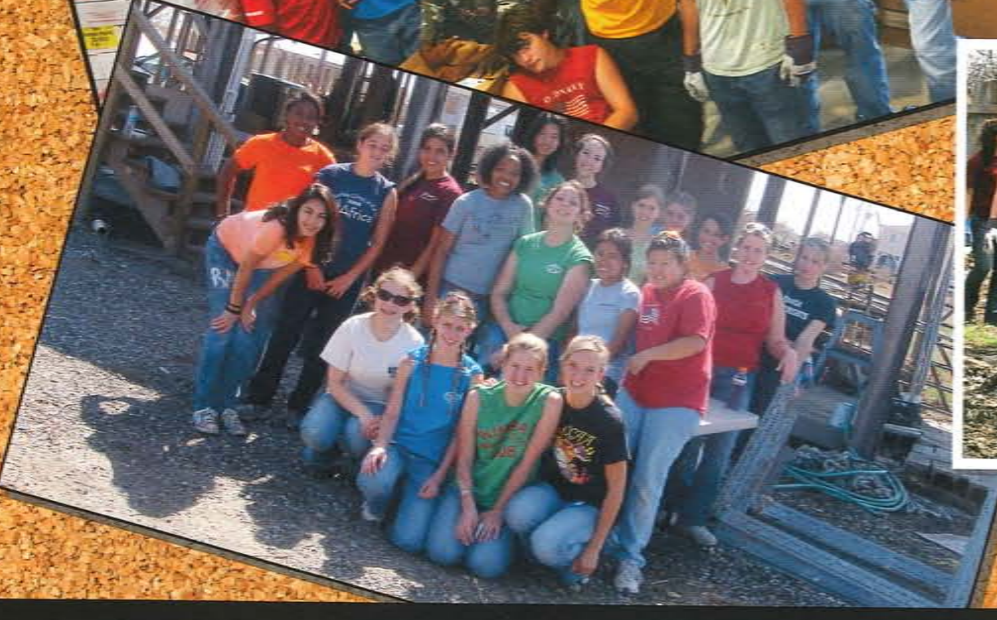
Laurels >>

You can never have enough people assisting you with Bingo.

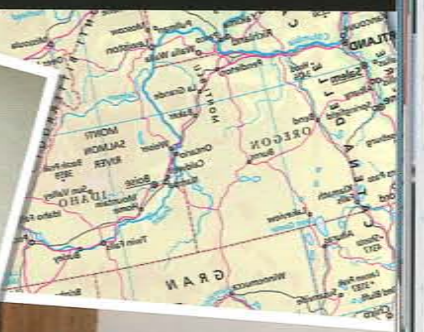
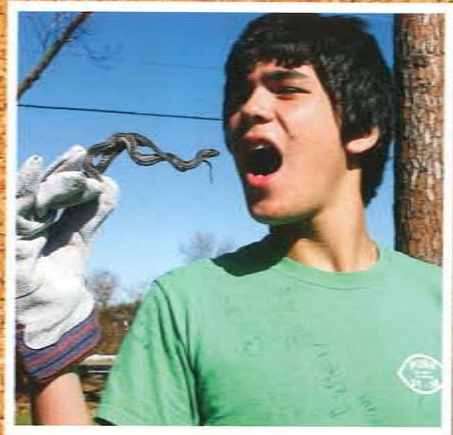


[Texas Relief]

"For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink..." Matt. 25:35



I know MREs do not taste very good... but I can't imagine that the snake will be that much better. :-)



Right: Texas natives Andre Drapiza and Megan Tidwell help lead the church in "Adoration." Their leadership and preparation made for an enjoyable time to praise God.

Below: Kimbia Mission 2008 members Hannah Simmons, Jens Grindley and Landon Robinson took some time to share about their past experience as well as how excited they are to be going again this year.

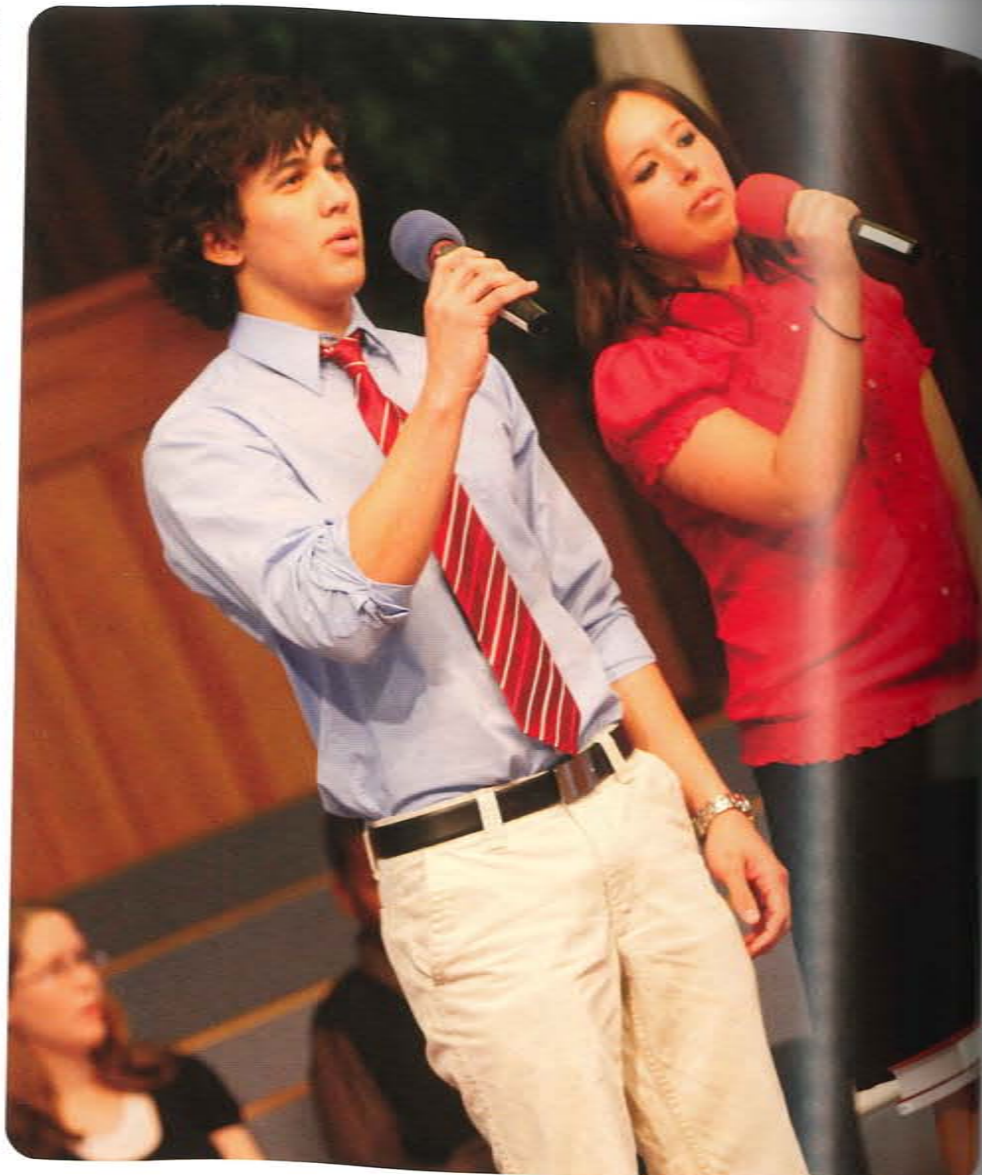
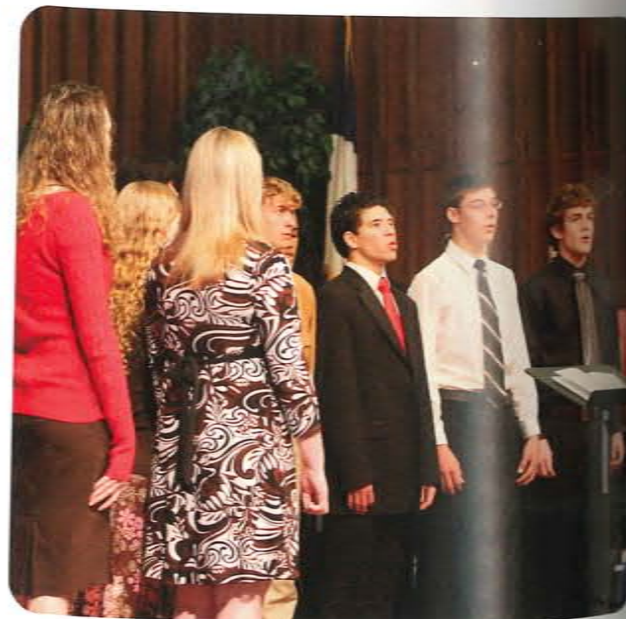


Above: Using more than one God-given talent, AJ Valcin blessed the congregation with his musical rendition of "My Tribute" as well as a short sermonette.

Right: Using the excitement she could muster, Hannah Simmons shared a very memorable children's story that will not be soon forgotten.



Right: It was fitting on Youth Church Sabbath that the Fletcher Academy Select Choir perform a special music.



Left: Stationed where he feels most comfortable at church, Matthew Hadley is one of the many students that help video the weekly church service that is broadcast at Fletcher Park Inn for the residents that can't make it to church.



Below: We're not sure if someone was singing off key, but there seems to be some looks of disgust and concern going down the pew.

When given the opportunity to lead out in church service, they became...

Youth With a Mission



"That God can raise up even the driest bones. You only need to believe on the Lord's name."

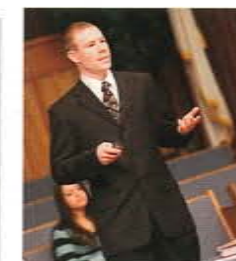


"In your walk with God, it's normal to have those spiritual highs and lows. But no matter how distant you feel from God, know that He is right beside you, ready to take your hand and lead you where you need to be."

"What was the spiritual 'nugget' of your message you shared during Youth Church?"



"Coming to Fletcher Academy and participating in all of our outreach activities has given me the biggest spiritual boost in my life....Spiritual growth is not always easy to maintain, for it's hard to focus when so much is going on in our lives."



"I am so glad that I could grow up in the church and learn to love God from a young age."

[From A] [Different] [Angle]

[New Places]

[New Tours]

[New Moves]

[New Ideas]

[New Songs]

[New Lines]

Getting involved is a great part of a students life.
What better way is there than using the talents God has given
us and sharing them wherever we go?

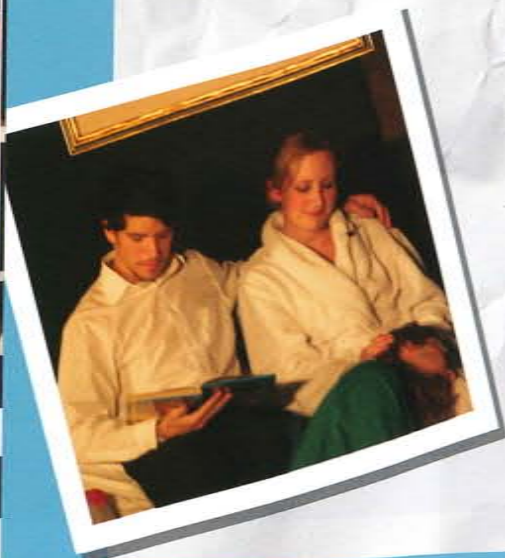
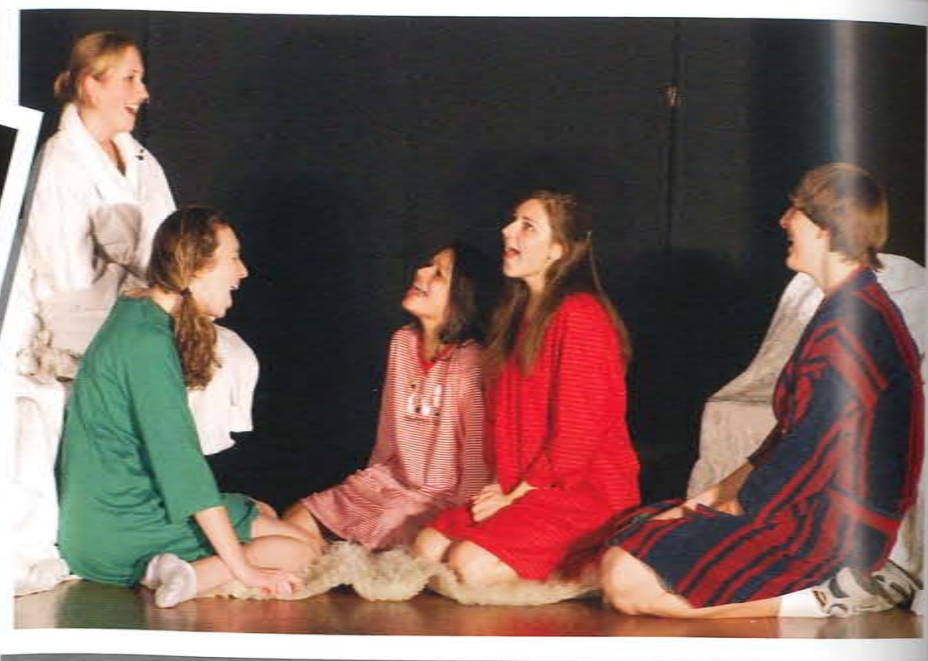
Close your eyes and imagine being on a bus
with 40-50 students for about 5-10 hours.
It's not a very pretty picture is it?

However, when you see beyond the tired eyes, the complaining
and the long hours of practice, there is laughter, there are a
million memories and inside jokes but most importantly, there is
learning from each [OTHER].



Acts II

"God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear." Acts 2:32,33



Swifter, Higher, Stronger

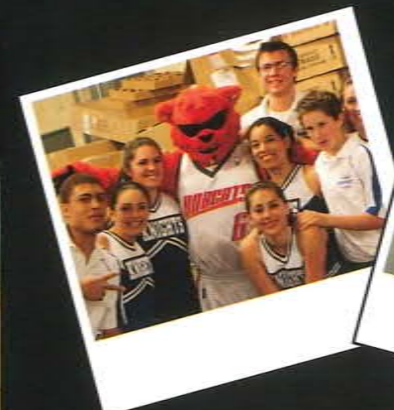
Nervous silence fills the air,
every muscle is holding back its fury,
then all of a sudden it starts...
An explosion of movement filled with
soaring flips and countless cartwheels.

All of their bodies are trained for this,
their only thoughts are singled on each move,
performing complex moves as if it's natural.
Near the end, their bodies glisten in sweat,
while the repetitive beat of 5,6,7,8 is still there.

They finally finish and the applause is deafening;
the crowd cries encore and the knights try,
and are successful, after finishing again,
they thank God and huddle for one more cheer...

Who are we?
WE ARE THE ACROKNIGHTS!!!

A Tribute to the Acroknight
by Taylor Ford



Making Music



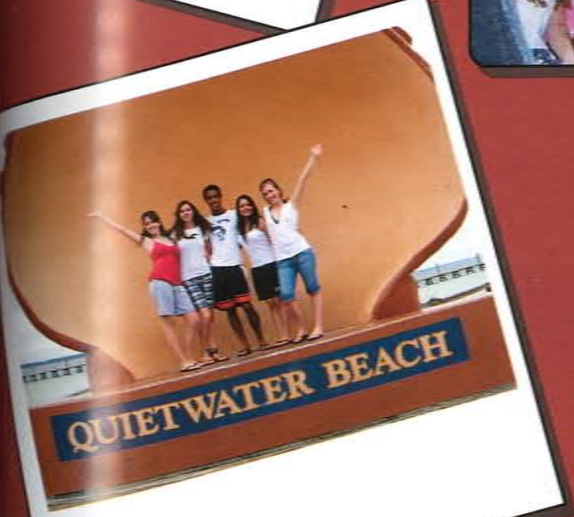
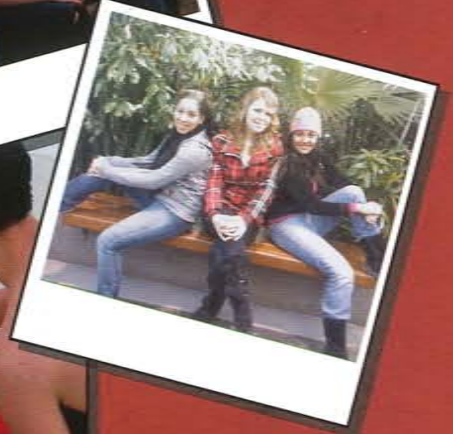
"When words fail,
music speaks."
-Hans Christian Anderson



Band Performance



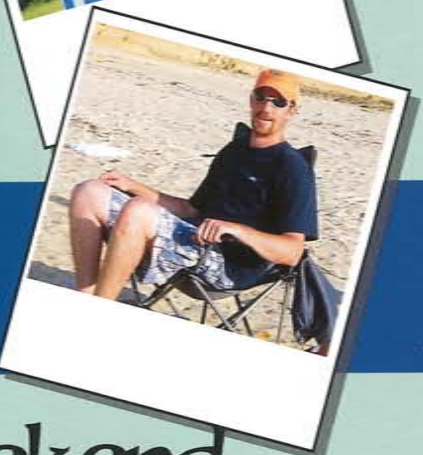
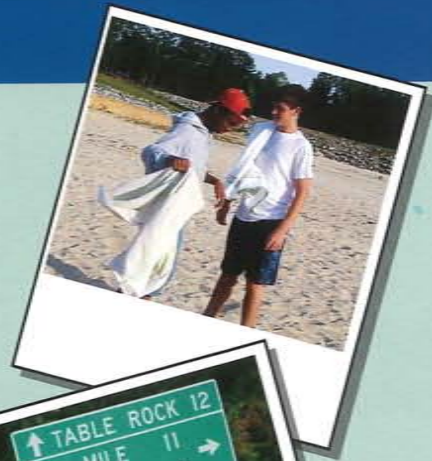
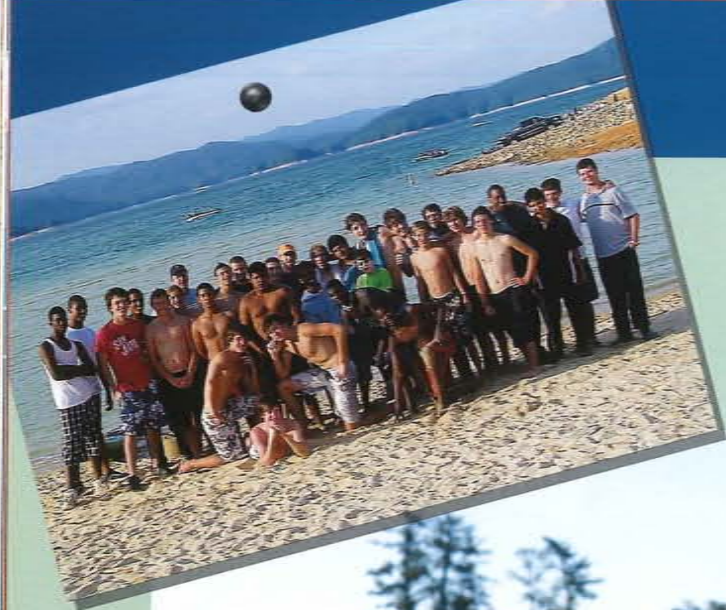
The Sound of Music



You know...I've got to say that even with all the frustration and time we have spent learning new songs this year, it has been a blast! Going to Chicago and Florida were some of the coolest experiences ever! I have learned some pretty important things:

1. Take very big coats when you know that it will be -15 degrees.
2. Do not at anytime think all showers are warm...you are in for a surprise...

Well, like they say, c'est la vie. =)



Boy's Club



Camp Out Weekend



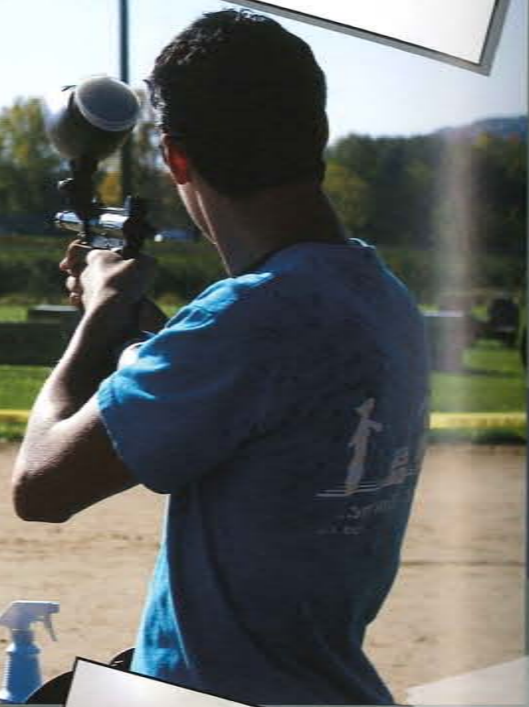
"I enjoyed the call of the wild, bonding with, and coming closer with my brothers. Being the Ooga Booga was pretty cool."
Randy Greve



"Most of the guys didn't want to go camping; we always have our rednecks and or city boys, but in the end I think we all enjoyed it."
Chris Shaw



"It felt good, and I still want to know who wet his sleeping bag."
Tiffer Bass



[Glamour Girls!]

Friday, August 22

We all gathered at the flag pole at 4:15 in the afternoon with our necessities. We then crammed into the mini bus and talked during the 45 minute ride to Mills River Campground. Once we got there, we set up our tents and prepared a hearty meal. We started a fire, then sat and talked until the evening. Many of the girls shared their testimonies, including Clarissa Chaney, Canny Pierre, Maggie Pickens, Tamar Jerome and Katrina Lomax. We then went to our tents and slept.

Sabbath, August 23

We woke up bright and early and ate a delicious breakfast. We all scattered and had personal devotionals for 30 minutes, then discussed what we read.

Some of the girls went off and explored in the creek and decorated their faces with charcoal. The other girls stayed at the campsite, braided each others hair and went in herds to the closest functioning restroom. We made smores and sang until the beginning of the evening. After we closed the Sabbath, we played "Never Have I Ever," "Truth or Dare" and "Seat Swap" that enabled us to learn more about each other.

Sunday, August 24

We woke up, took down our tents, ate cereal for breakfast and left on the mini bus.

The poetry of the earth is never dead.
-John Keats



God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees and flowers and clouds and stars. -Martin Luther

How glorious a greeting the sun gives the mountains! -John Muir



Right: Canny Pierre, Brooke Gough, Tamar Jerome, Clarissa Chaney, and Nicole Gheorghe walking back from a nice Sabbath walk to the bathrooms.



Above: Rachael Nolan reading the Bible for her morning devotion.



Right: For those that were more adventurous like Monique Brown, catching fish and newts was a rewarding treat for a Sabbath afternoon.



Above: Jessica Perez still maintaining her hygiene even if it calls for brushing her teeth over a trash can.

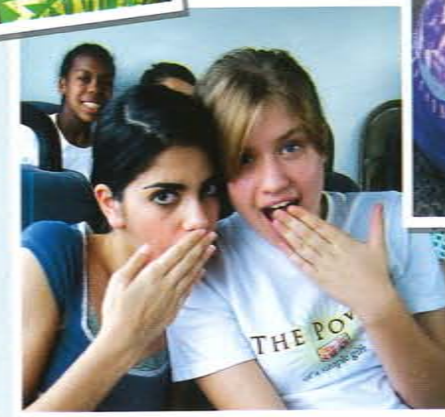


Left: Kassie Valcin and Jessica Perez smiling big for a picture.



Left: Maggie Pickens and other girls enjoyed the more laid back pace of this weekend to spend time reading and drawing closer to God.

Right: Nicole Gheorghe and Hannah Simmons are excited about leaving for the campout!



Right: Braiding each others hair was one of the numerous bonding experiences that was shared.





The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its inception.



How has being a member of the NHS helped you in your plans for the future?
 "It has helped me apply for scholarships and get money for college."
 -Samuel Wagner

How has being a member of the NHS helped you this school year?
 "It has helped want to keep my grades up and try harder in everything I do."
 -Brittney Garcia

How has being a member of the NHS helped you overall?
 "It has helped to enhance the strenght of my college applications."
 -Lauren Krupp

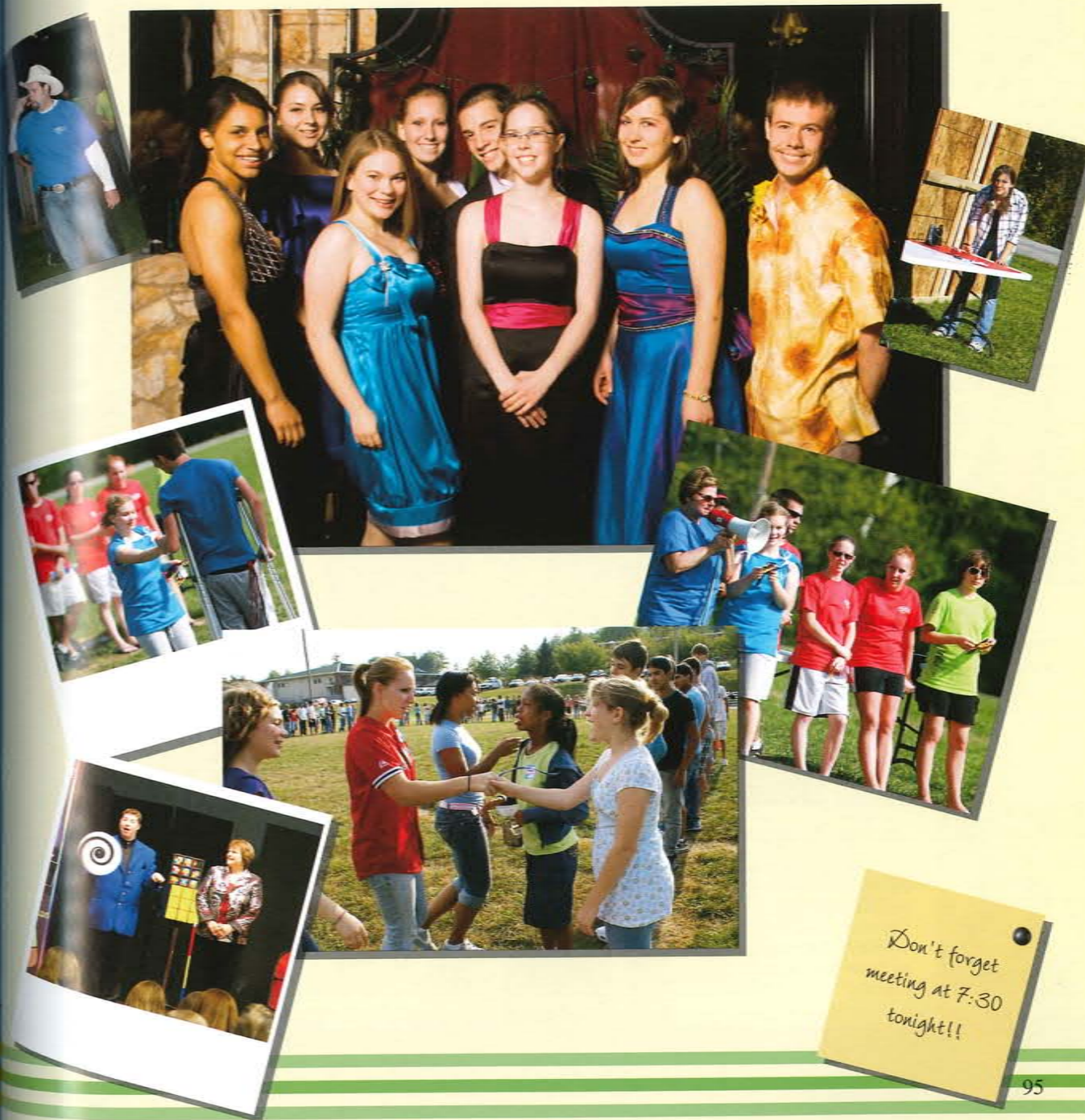


National Honor Society

Student Association



President: Nikkia Jackson | Vice President: Josh Cote | Secretary: Chelsea Coston | Treasurer: Liz Kerbs | PR Secretary: Lauren Krupp | Parliamentarian: Rachael Nolan | Pastor: Brian Bass | Rec Coordinator: Astrid Weaver



Don't forget meeting at 7:30 tonight!!

Sean Brinson

This is Sean's second year taking charge of the yearbook DVD that has become an annual tradition now. We hope you enjoy it.



[YEARBOOK]

Nicole Gheorghe

"What is your favorite part of yearbook?"
"I like knowing that the yearbook will be remembered forever."



Autumn Hubbell

"What has been the best part of yearbook?"
"Getting to meet people throughout the school year. I also loved taking pictures of people! I liked how it was a class that you could just relax and just have fun!"



Kiana Griffith

"What has been your greatest challenge this year in yearbook?"
"Photo captions. We are supposed to do more than state that obvious in photos, and therefore, captions have been difficult to write."



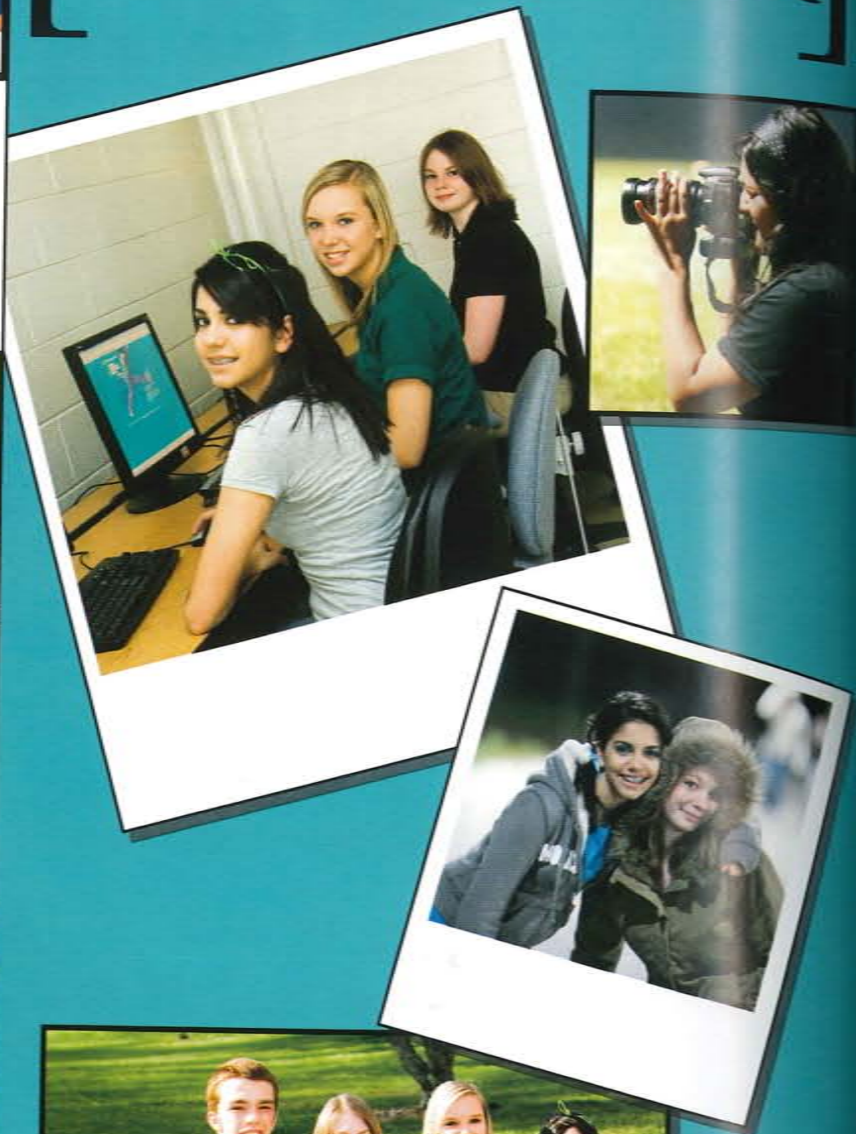
Andy Griffin

"What has been the most rewarding experience for you in yearbook?"
"Completing the entire yearbook!"



Janna Robinson

"What has been the most frustrating part of yearbook for you?"
"Trying to meet the deadlines that crept up on us faster than we had realized."



Looking at past yearbooks and the last few pages that were carefully made, I have come to realize something. Cameras capture moments...pictures keep the moment alive, but what about all the things in between? What about capturing the story of that one class that had no money but yet managed to give an unforgettable banquet? Maybe, it was capturing the feelings freshmen and new students on the first day of school or the smell of the room as the class dissected a shark. What about capturing the face of those girls who got kidnapped from the LPC, only to realize that it was for a surprise birthday party?

"The photograph itself doesn't interest me. I want only to capture a minute part of reality."

Every moment, every picture, is reality. But never forget why the girl next to you in the picture is hugging you. Never forget the reason you were dying of laughter when the picture was taken. Never forget all the little moments that can only be captured in your mind.

Thank you for all the support shown in simply smiling for the camera and for last minute quotes!! It has been one of the craziest but greatest years ever!!

<3 always, your Editor,
Brittney Garcia

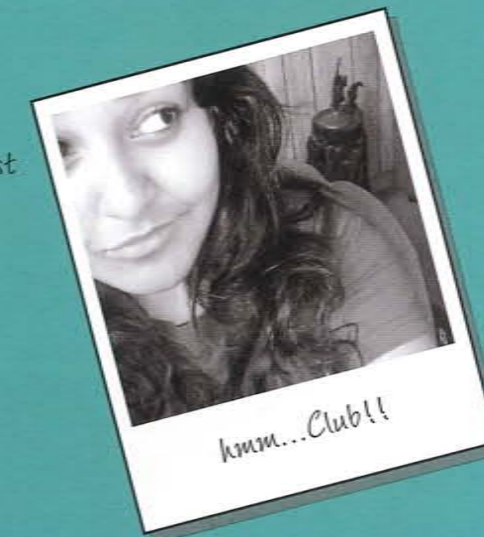
<---P.S. For my Senior Girls!!



my cool looking bubble.



....our 3 am picture



hmm...Club!!

[Cash] [Crop]

[Supporting] [Unity]
[Donating] [Another Year]
[A Helping Hand] [Together]

Throughout the year we have learned that supporting each other is more than just about giving money. It is about giving back to the community that has willingly helped in making the school a success.

From schools nearby, local churches and business to various contributors around the nation, we have come to realize that as a whole, we can achieve [ANYTHING].





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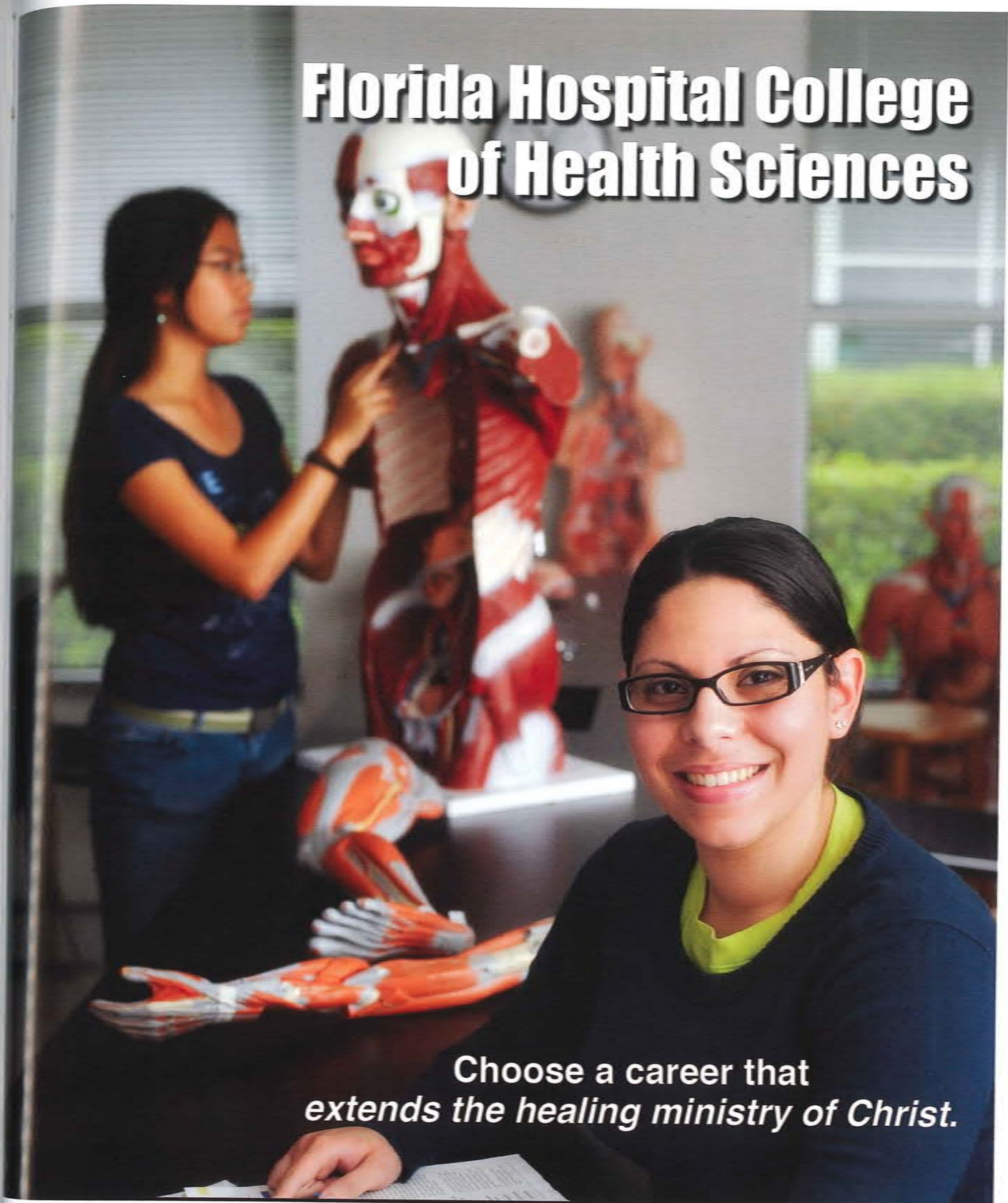
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Cameron Randolph



Cameron,

Congratulations son, we knew you could do it! We are SO proud of how hard you have worked to achieve this goal. We pray that as you begin to make your own life decisions that you will continue to listen for God's still small voice and let Him lead you. Put your trust in Him instead of the world, and you will never be led astray.

We love you so very much and wish you much happiness in the years to come.

Love Always,

Mom and Dad

Megan Tidwell

Meg,

Your Senior year has been one crazy ride. You missed out on a leadership role, childhood friends, and your big senior trips. For all the changes you have been through, you are still smiling and on top of the world. Your positive attitude is a trait that will help you greatly in life. You bring laughter, singing, positive attitude and lots of joy in our home. Whatever you do in life, you will succeed because you truly rely on God for your joy.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

We love you to the moon and back! Dad, Mom & Ryan



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