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OF SERVICE**

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A New Century Of

By Terry Pottle, Fletcher Academy's Vice Principal

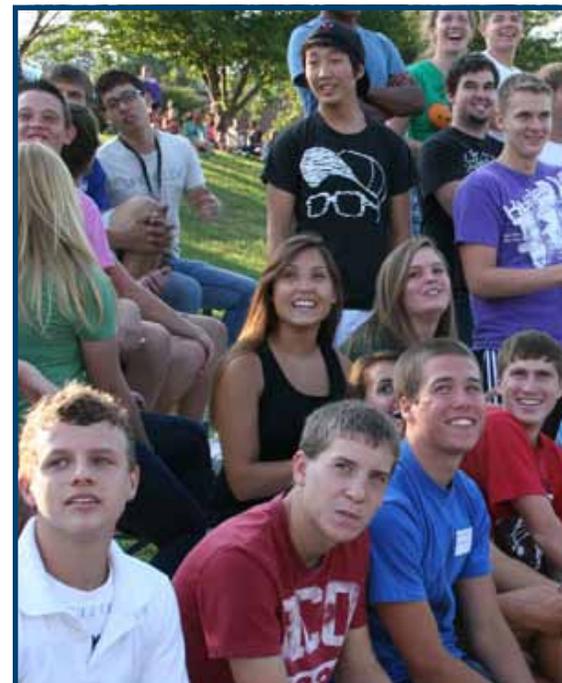
A new school year began at Fletcher Academy with a bang and every indicator was showing that we are moving forward and heading in the right direction. God is so good! The opening enrollment for the school year was up for the third straight year. We were blessed to have 159 students come, and the dormitories have seen the highest occupancy in more than 20 plus years. Along with these new students came numerous new faculty, including myself, to help complete the team of veteran teaching staff. This teaching lineup has its work cut out for them as they seek to increase the academy's ACT testing scores for the sixth straight year.

Numerous improvements have been made to the campus through the generous support of alumni and other friends of Fletcher Academy. Over the past two years the Girls' Dormitory was completely renovated and the Boys' Dormitory also benefited from some refurbishing of their facility. Along with these improvements came a gift of an intercom system which is able to broadcast through the two dorms, administration building, and the cafeteria or individually. This substantial donation

was made in ongoing efforts to improve the campus security.

The effect of technology's continuous development is forever changing the classroom environment and Fletcher Academy is striving to keep up with these new tools for educators. During the past year, with assistance from donors, the academy has laid to rest its last chalk board for marker boards and in two cases, Smart Boards. Each classroom is now equipped with video projection and every teacher has access to their own laptop for use while instructing. Forty new computers just arrived on campus which followed an earlier gift of twenty tablet laptops.

This school year Fletcher Academy is going through the SACS/AdvancED accreditation process for renewal. Although Fletcher has been accredited in the past, this year the evaluation instrument being used is very different from past years and is causing the academy to spend a large portion of time re-evaluating its mission and educating processes. The quality time spent has led to many changes for Fletcher. Through a cooperative



Service

effort with students, teachers, parents and board members, the academy has a new Mission Statement and for its first time a Vision Statement as well (*read these statements on page 11*). Teachers have felt the impact too. They were asked to help create Professional Learning Communities and were asked to implement improved instructional techniques in the classrooms. This accreditation process has raised the bar of quality for Fletcher’s education and the school is rising up to meet its challenge.

This is an exciting time to be associated with Fletcher Academy. I have the privilege of watching the growth of academic experiences as students’ minds are expanding and learning is taking place. It is thrilling to provide service experiences and watch the students using their knowledge and abilities in helping others. As I walk these halls, I get to witness firsthand students gaining spiritual experiences and choosing to make a stand to follow Christ. There is no better place to be than here serving at Fletcher Academy.





Home Coming 2011

Celebrating 101 Years of Service



Best Friends! Stella Duncan Bradley, Samiris Leonor, and Pam Krashingener Burchard.



Kenny Brown '88 and Rosellen Martínez Brown '89 with their daughter, Britani.



Lorraine Johnson Witzel '61 and Anita Cook Fuqua '60.

The white tent went up. The "Welcome Alumni" banners were once again hung. The yard was freshly mowed, flowers were arranged, and the beautiful soothing mountains above campus were starting to put on their coats of fall colors. Fletcher Academy Alumni Weekend has come again. "A New Century of Service", 101 years of service, learning, and growing. God is good and we love to get together with old friends and colleagues. Our school family.

The weekend started off with the Fourth Annual Alumni Golf Classic Tournament at the Cummings Cove Country Club. The evening brought name labels for registration and a reception for all. Friday evening's meeting was special. Jeannie Bradley Larrabee '88 led us in singing our school song, and Rick Pendleton '86 presented his testimony that was moving and inspiring. He challenged us all not to waste any of our lives, but to give ourselves to Christ and to watch what He can do. The Fletcher Academy's Exaltation Bell Choir blessed us with a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace as a closing meditative thought, followed by a prayer of consecration by Rich Pendleton.

The weekend activities continued with a meditative prayer breakfast with former students; teachers, coaches, and staff all joining together in prayer to ask the Lord to lead us all to be able to continue



Alumni Officers 2011-2012 - In chair the is our Alumni President, Don Lowe '58, behind him from left to right is Cathy Rowe Wilkie ('58), serving as Secretary, Kevin Osborne ('80) serving as Vice President, and Sharon Sanders McGraw ('79) serving still as Treasurer.



Celebrating 25 years!
Class of 1986

to “Educate for Eternity”. Next came the traditional Sabbath School led by the 25 year honor class, Class of 1986. The program featured Fletcher Academy students as they showed photos and told of their experiences on their mission trips to La Vida in New Mexico. We had a surprise for everyone at the end of our program, as for the first time Fletcher Academy presented an Alumnus of the Year Award to two brothers. John Krum '81 and Roger Krum '86 were awarded the honor for their service in Paata Mission (*read more about the Krum families on page 8*). Church was the highlight, and this year proved to be no exception as the Fletcher Academy Music Department, under the direction of Ginnie Hakes, drew our eyes heavenward with glorious notes of praise. Don and J.P. Mathis, who were teachers and gymnastics coaches from 1980-1988, presenting a simple, yet powerful, sermon. They reminded us that our real strength comes from Christ and from loving others.

The afternoon activities were enjoyable. Outside at the gazebo, Alumni and friends gathered to hear the Academy Band play some wonderful numbers. Others spent time visiting with friends and touring the Heritage Room. Still others went to say good-bye and have their photo made with an old friend. The iconic Willow Tree that proudly stands next to the Administration Building will be cut down soon. The tree is old and it will be missed (see feature article in this publication for more details). As the Sabbath closed many attended the traditional chapel vespers which was given by the Honor Class of 1971. Then on Saturday night, the Alumni and friends went to the Lelia Patterson Center for the special Gymnastics Reunion. Over half of the former coaches were represented. Many former team members had a great time reminiscing. Fletcher Academy Gymnastics has enjoyed a tradition of excellence for over 35 years.

Sunday morning started off with our annual Alumni Breakfast and Business Meeting. We heard reports and minutes from last year, out-going officers, Sandy Williams, Ken Hodges, and Jeannie Larrabee were recognized for their excellent years of service and new

officers were elected. Don Lowe '58 was elected President, Kevin Osborne '80 was elected Vice President, and Cathy Wilkie '58 was asked to serve as Secretary, and Sharon McGraw '79 will continue as Treasurer. Next a wonderful, hot and tantalizing breakfast was served. Can't you just smell those delightful biscuits? After everyone had eaten their fill, it was time to decide how to spend the Alumni Endowment funds of \$5,600. The vote was cast to use the full Endowment to help purchase a new Public Address System for the Administration Building and Dorms. Don Lowe pledged that the Century 100 Club would give the \$3,500 needed for the Student Center Upgrades. The Classes of 1958, 1959, and 1960 pledged to give \$4,500 towards the 5th octave bell set for the music department. Other gifts came in and were given to Kathy Hadley from the Accounting Department. Terry Pottle presented a report on the current happenings at Fletcher Academy and how God is still leading after 101 years (as noted in the opening article of this newsletter). Don Lowe had our closing prayer and the Business Meeting was adjourned.

Engines revved across the street in the Fletcher Valley Natural Foods parking lot as Alumni and friends got ready to roll out on the Second Annual Fletcher Academy Alumni Benefit Ride. It was a beautiful day for a ride through the colorful mountains of Western North Carolina. We look forward to next year's Alumni Weekend 2012. Plan now to join us on October 5,6,7, 2012. Let's make more memories!



The next generation of alumni. Katlyn Burchard, daughter of Pam Krishingner Burchard '86, Gracie Leonor, daughter of Samiris Leonor '86; and Allison and Zachary Bradley, daughter and son of Stella Duncan Bradley '86 and Gary Bradley '85.



Class of 1961

Front Row (l to r): Shirely Swain, Betty Rowe Adams, Lorraine Johnson, Sandra Bishop, Frances Hagan, Joe Hodges, Chick Hodges
Second Row (l to r): Diane Pritchard, Cathy Brooks, Donna Martin
Third Row (l to r): Sandra Rust Branson, Rose Neff Sikora
Fourth row (l to r): Nancy Hileman, Connie Zanes Hayward
Back row - Daryl Meyers, Jerry Reilly, and Barry Ulloth



Class of 1971

Front Row (l to r): Sue Collins, Candy Shadeck, and Larry Morris
Back Row (l to r): Deborah Hess, James Huddleston, Vernon Banks, Robert Grant, and Ken Henson.



Class of 1981

Front Row (l to r): Jay Merrifield, Marlene Stepp, and David Minesinger Jr.
Back Row (l to r): Kevin Haesche and Jerald Conner



Class of 1986

Front Row (l to r): Theresa Johnson, Gene Krishingner, Lisa Lugas, Pam Krishingner, Lora Polivka Patton, and Leland Krum.
Back Row (l to r): Kerry Brockway, Cynthia Clark Brockway, Judy Arnold, Samiris Leonor, Sherie Kwintner Reiner, and Stella Duncan Bradley



Generous Giving

from Fletcher Academy Alumni and Friends

Everyone at the academy wishes to thank the donors, friends, and alumni for the wonderfully generous gifts that were given to the school last year. Take a look below and see how your gifts made a difference. Words cannot express how much it means to the students, staff, and the school program. If you would like to give this year to our school, see the information below. Thanks again for your support! Interested in other giving opportunities at Fletcher Academy, visit our website at www.fletcheracademy.com.



Worthy Student Gifts – Over \$19,206 was given in Worthy Student funds last year. This includes the Alumni Scholarships offered each year to the F.A. Students. These funds make it possible for many more students to gain an educational and spiritual blessing every year they attend.

Upgrading the Student Center – The Century 100 gave the \$3,500 to upgrade the Student Center located in a downstairs room of the Administration Building. They would like to purchase a new Ping-Pong table, better furniture, and an air-hockey table or pool table.

Academy Track - The track is in great need of resurfacing. So far \$850.00 has been given to this project. Another \$25,000 is needed to complete this project. Matching funds are available.

Annual Alumni Golf Tournament - \$10,658.00 was raised from this event. The funds go towards buying new equipment for the Acroknight's Gymnastic Team. Thanks for helping to continue their tradition of excellence.

Girls' Dormitory Improvements – Upgrades were done to the Girls' Dormitory with the \$5,122 given for these projects. The ladies wanted to thank everyone.

Boys' Dormitory Improvements – Upgrades were done to the Boys' Dormitory with the \$5,810 given for these projects. Thank you!

5th Octave Bell Set – The music department and all the students who are in bells would like to thank the Class of 1958, Class of 1959, and Class of 1960 for their generous gift of \$4,500 for their new octave set. Other gifts were received and the new octave was purchased. They have already performed several times with these new bells.

Public Address System – Over \$6,000 was given towards this project which helps to get emergency messages to staff and students.

Academy Chapel – A loving gift of \$1,000 came in to help with the Academy Chapel.

Mission Trips – Many friends and family gave to support the students who wanted to have a mission experience. Gifts towards Mission Trips totaled \$52,074. What memories and lessons were gained as students reached out to others. What could be better?

Lelia Patterson Center – Your gifts made a difference at the LPC. The fitness center greatly appreciated the gift of \$7,300 for their projects.

Annual Alumni Motorcycle Rally - \$549.00 was raised at this event. This year the riders wanted the funds to go towards equipment for the Acroknight Gym Team. Thank you to all who rode and made a difference for our team!

In addition to these funds, another \$73,000 was given to the Fletcher Academy Incorporated Capital Donations Fund and another \$105,810 was given to the Fletcher Academy Incorporated General Donations Fund. Our dynamic and thriving program continues to improve through these gifts. Together let's keep working to make Fletcher Academy grow and to point the students to Jesus!

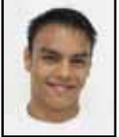
Investing in the Future Gift Giving Opportunities

You too can be a part of the future of Fletcher Academy. Join our giving team! Become a member by choosing one of categories below. Contact Fletcher Academy at their web site - www.fletcheracademy.com or connect Jon Smith, Advancement Office, at 828-209-6706. Next year in our Annual Report we will publish the names of those who have helped. Thanks for all that you do!

- Fletcher Donor – \$100-\$1000**
- Fletcher Friend- \$1000-\$2000**
- Fletcher Family – \$2000-\$10,000**
- Fletcher Legacy - \$10,000 and Up**

Fletcher Alumni and Friends 2011-2012 Scholarships

Thank you for your support and the difference you are making.

<p>The <i>Curt Watkins Endowment</i> (Two at \$1,250 each)</p>  <p>Joseph McDonald Senior</p>  <p>Isaac Fortunato Sophomore</p>	<p>The <i>FA International Student Assistance Scholarship</i> (\$997.73)</p>  <p>Jee In (Jane) Kim Freshman</p>	<p>The <i>Karen Brown Trivett Scholarship</i> (two at \$1,000 each)</p>  <p>Polina Gagarina Senior</p>  <p>Jessie Klinger Senior</p>	<p>The <i>Pauline Lowe Scholarship</i></p>  <p>Rebekah Palacios Sophomore</p>
<p>The <i>JR Kent ('81) Memorial Scholarship</i> (\$1,025)</p>  <p>Zack Pirkle Sophomore</p>	<p>The <i>Dee Moore Memorial Scholarship</i> (\$500)</p>  <p>Susanne McDaniel Junior</p>	<p>The <i>William Clayton Hodges Memorial Scholarship</i> (\$350)</p>  <p>Getsel Leon Senior</p>	<p>The <i>Carlton Hunt Scholarship</i></p>  <p>John Reece Senior</p>
<p>The <i>Class of 1963 Scholarship</i> (\$500)</p>  <p>William Hawkins Freshman</p>	<p>The <i>Gordon Brown Memorial Endowment</i> (\$325)</p>  <p>Jared Ryan Junior</p>	<p>The <i>Class of 1956 Scholarship</i> (\$150)</p>  <p>Samantha Hean Junior</p>	<p>The <i>Jimmy Garey ('59) Memorial Scholarship</i></p>  <p>Zach Henski Sophomore</p>
<p>The <i>Class of 1970 Scholarship</i> (\$300)</p>  <p>Austin Brown Freshman</p>	<p>The <i>Prof Nestell Memorial Scholarship</i> (\$375)</p>  <p>Shelby Spears Freshman</p>	<p>The <i>Class of 1962 Scholarship</i> (\$500)</p>  <p>Isaac Martinez Senior</p>	<p>The <i>B.J. Kohler Memorial Scholarships</i> (Four at \$625 each)</p>  <p>Danny Diaz Freshman</p>
<p>The <i>Alex & Margaret Clark Memorial Scholarship</i> (\$300)</p>  <p>Chris Wilcut Freshman</p>	<p>The <i>Kenneth Armstrong Memorial Scholarship</i> (\$250)</p>  <p>Dakota Brewer Sophomore</p>	<p>The <i>Ray Hoffmann Memorial Scholarship</i> (\$500)</p>  <p>Nathaniel Sipes Junior</p>	<p><i>Natibel Fortunato</i> Freshman</p> 
<p>The <i>Anne and Andy Carey Memorial Scholarship</i> (\$750)</p>  <p>Jonathan Mencias Junior</p>	<p>The <i>Scott Kinzer ('96) Memorial Scholarship</i> (\$250)</p>  <p>Sarah Inman Freshman</p>	<p>The <i>Marge Brown Scholarship</i></p>  <p>Danielle Heatherly Senior</p>	<p><i>Hannah Kim</i> Freshman</p>  <p><i>Sarah Graham</i> Senior</p> 

“Educating for Eternity”

Scholarships are made possible by friends and alumni of Fletcher Academy for the benefit of the students at Fletcher Academy and, frequently, in memory or honor of a classmate, friend or spouse. Individuals interested in contributing towards a scholarship or starting a scholarship or an endowment should contact Jon Smith (828-209-6706).

Alumnus of the Year Award

For the first time ever, Fletcher Academy presented an Alumni of the Year Award. There are so many outstanding graduates who are giving and serving around the world that it was hard to choose. The Alumni Officers and FA Administration decided that they should give the award to two brothers who have been serving God in Paata. Congratulations to John Krum '80 and Roger Krum '86. Unable to attend the Alumni Weekend, the brothers were surprised at the Alumni Sabbath School Program when a conference phone call to "interview" them turned into a special recognition.



John '80 and his wife Teresa, their daughters Lisa and Rachel.

John and his family went to Paata when his girls were 3 and 5 back in October of 1994. Paata is a small State in the Islands of Chuuk, Federate States of Micronesia. Their main goals were church planting and medical work. The work was large and they needed extra helpers. In 1998, Roger and Amy decided to go and be their assistants. After only eight months, John and Teresa took on other challenges and Roger and Amy were now in charge of the mission. Roger and Amy's top priority was connecting to the people and nurturing church growth. Amy did health education classes for the community. Next, they took on their greatest challenge of starting a school. It began as a two hour after school program back in 2003. They were trying to get a Charter to run the school full time. In 2007 the doors opened. Roger is currently the Principal and the teacher.



Roger '86 and his wife Amy, their children Nathan and Alyssa.

Right now Roger and Amy are in the states for a little while before going back to Paata. Roger has a huge burden to do some translations of books into the Chuukese language. There is so little written in the Chuukese language. A Bible and some hymns are about all. Some of the residents in Paata have translated the books Steps to Christ and The Story of Redemption. Roger would like to help them get the books published and into the hands of

the islanders. John and Teresa are currently serving God back in the states.

For all the Alumni who are out there in their Mission Fields every day, prayers are being lifted up for you. Each of us has a work to do in our homes, in our churches, and in our communities. Let us keep on serving the Lord and preparing for His soon return.

If you are interested in receiving the Paata newsletter or would like to help with the needs of this mission, please contact Roger and Amy at randakrum@yahoo.com.



Paata SDA Church

THE WILLOW TREE Campus Landmark



Our beloved Willow Tree is almost 60 years old. The tree has matured and is dying from the inside out. The extremely large branches are falling and the area around the tree is unsafe. We all love the Willow Tree. It has been a Fletcher Academy icon for years. The gently waving branches were always such a lovely site to see and walk beneath.

The Willow Tree was planted by Donald Hunt back in 1952. His father-in-law gave him the tree and told him to plant it. So he did. Only in 1952 there was no Administration Building. He planted it in his back yard for he was living in the Wager cottage, which was moved across Howard Gap by the original girls' dormitory. Mr. Hunt said that he wasn't sure how the twig survived, especially since he ran over it with his lawn mower, twice! Despite the encounters with blades, the tree grew and grew.

Mr. Hunt said that he used to give a break to his rambunctious students during class time. Get outside and get out some of that energy! We all have memories of this great tree. It will be missed.

The Academy will shortly have the Willow Tree removed and then start a new legacy with a new little tree. Generations to come will have the pleasure of watching the next Willow Tree grow. Students will take the time to sit under its boughs. The branches will wave in the gentle breezes once again.

Polina Gagarina, a Senior at Fletcher Academy, helps with the food drive.



Fletcher Academy Help with Local Manna Food Drive

By Robyn Marshall

Robyn is currently a Sophomore at Fletcher Academy

Providing "Service Experiences" is at the core of Fletcher Academy's mission statement. It is with this in mind that last month, Fletcher Academy participated in the annual MANNA fest Student Food Drive for the local food bank. On Sabbath, the 8th of October, part of our student body went out in the afternoon to distribute medium-sized paper bags to several communities. These paper bags had a little note attached to them that explained we were collecting non-perishable items and canned goods to support the Manna Food Bank and that we would be collecting the bags the next day. The students who went split up into groups of four and had a chaperone that drove them to the different communities where they were to pass out the bags. On that Sunday, our juniors and seniors went to pick up the bags since our freshmen and sophomores had CERT training, for disaster relief, on that day. Just as the previous day, the juniors and seniors were divided into groups of four that had a chaperone who took them to communities to which the bags had been passed out. At the end of the afternoon, everyone came back to the academy and put all the food in an enclosed trailer that Mr. Bass then took to Manna Food Bank.

Fletcher Academy came in 2nd place for collecting the most food. We collected 3,784 pounds of food, which will be able to provide at least 3,200 meals for those in need in Western North Carolina! With help from twenty seven other schools, Manna Food Bank was able to set a new record of collecting 74,388 pounds of food compared to 43,671 pounds the year before. Fletcher Academy would like to thank everyone who helped us with this outreach program, and we hope that you will have a Happy New Year in 2012!

Senior Recognized by National Merit Organization

Elsa Sanabria is a Senior this year at Fletcher Academy. In the fall of 2011, she was notified that she had achieved "Commended" status with the National Merit Organization.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended students are students who have placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2012 competition by taking the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"The young men and women being Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

When speaking with Elsa about the award, she stated that she was shocked and surprised about receiving this honor. One of the best parts of gaining this recognition is that this opens the door to so many college choices. Already she is receiving numerous contacts from colleges around the country and has visited the campuses of Yale and Andrew University, currently her top two choices. Elsa plans on majoring in Mathematics and then would like to pursue a Medical Degree. Fletcher Academy is proud to have Elsa win this award. She is also a big asset to the campus. Elsa is President of the local chapter of the National Honor Society at Fletcher Academy. Elsa was also responsible for starting the recycling program at the school. In her spare time, she loves spending time with her animals and reading.

Congratulations Elsa! May God bless you in your future plans.





Trips and Tours of Fletcher Academy

By Jeannie Bradley Larrabee '88



One of the great things about attending Fletcher Academy was all the trips that were available for us. I remember going to Florida for our class trip in the spring of 1988. We thought we were pretty awesome to raise enough money to go all the way to Florida! I remember the

choir trip we had to Washington, D.C. in spring of 1987. What fun we had! I was also a part of a group called "The Circuit Riding Preachers" and we traveled to other SDA Churches in area states and preached there. I was part of a team with Craig Marley '87 and Shawn Collins '87. We did a sermon in three parts and each one of us had one of the Three Angels Message. I am not sure which I enjoyed more, seeing all the sights of a new town or being on a bus with my friends!



What were your favorite trips? Where did you go? What did you see? Who did you get to sit close to on the bus? The trips we went on changed who we were. They helped us to see what we could never learn in a classroom.



Getting students to see the country and the world is still a part of the Fletcher Experience. Your life changes when you travel and can see how others are living. It molds you and shapes you into who you become. Your empathy, your feelings deepen when traveling and witnessing first hand other cultures and peoples.

Over the last few years Fletcher students have gotten the opportunity to travel to many places. A few of the trips were when the Fletcher Academy Choir went to Russia in February 2010 and witnessed to others about Jesus through their music. In March of 2011, the Seniors went to La Vida Mission in New Mexico for their class trip. They organized a medical clinic, did maintenance work, re-did the library and worked as teacher's aids.

This school year Fletcher Academy has had many, many trip opportunities for the students and more trips are still to come. There was the American History Trip for the Juniors. They went up to Boston, Massachusetts in September of 2011. There was

Sophomore Biology trip that went to Hunting Island in South Carolina during the same month. The new bell choir, The Fletcher Academy Exaltation Bell Choir, participated in a Bell's Festival in Toledo, Ohio in November, and in the same month the



11th Hour got the rare opportunity to sing about their Savior for all the tourists in the Dollywood Theme Park located in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The Seniors Class Trip will be to Tampa, Florida where they are planning on doing some intercity outreach activities. What a great idea. What a way to get out there and share what



you believe. The Fletcher Academy Acroknights Gym Team is having a busy year. They will be doing some local day trip to North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. They will also be performing for the Foster Children's Christmas Party and the Carolina Music Festival.

The Acroknights do more than shows and performances, they are taking a mission trip to Jamaica this year as well. There will also be a school wide mission trip opportunity for all students to go and serve for a while in the Dominican Republic. What a great group of students who are so willing to share and serve!

WOW! I wish I were back at Fletcher Academy. I loved the trips that I experienced. What an awesome opportunity for the students today at Fletcher Academy. What an opportunity to see their world. What great opportunities to witness and show the world how powerful are today's Christian young people.

Please pray for these students for safe travels. Thank you for your support in these trips. Last year the Alumni and friends gave over \$52,000 for mission trips. If you are interested in financially supporting some young people



on these trips please visit the Fletcher Academy web site at www.fletcheracademy.com or contact Jon Smith, Advancement Office, at 828-209-6706.

Fletcher Family

Updates on FA Alumni Classmates



Lora Polivka Patton ('86)

I am married to Jeremy Patton and have twin daughters, Jordyn and Ciara, who are 9. I live in Hendersonville, NC where I am an insurance agent for Nationwide Insurance, Mike Gilliam Agency. I did medical transcription prior to going back to work full-time

and was able to stay home with the the girls until they were 4. My daughters go to Captain Gilmer Christian School where I attended and I hope to send them to Fletcher Academy. My husband has recently completed his Master's in counseling and is waiting for licensure so he can start pursuing that career.

Connie Zanes Hayward ('61)

enjoyed the 50-year reunion with her class during the recent Alumni Weekend. She and her husband, Jerry, are retired, doing what they want to do when they want to do it! They just completed a 46-day road trip, and 10,000 miles of driving, around the USA, seeing mostly National Parks and a few friends.



Gary Bradley ('85)

Gary Bradley is a Professor of Math/Science Education at USC Upstate. He enjoys teaching in the classroom and mentoring student teachers. He received his PhD. from Andrews University in 2008. Stella Duncan Bradley (MAEd.), class of '86, teaches English at Mount Pishgah Academy. She is the editor of Peer to Peer: Live, Love, Jesus - Review and Herald's

2012 NAD junior devotional book. They have two children, Allison (10) and Zachary (8), who are home schooled by Stella's mom. As a family, they enjoy playing music together and exploring nature. They are looking forward to Jesus' soon return and realize that nothing is more important than being ready for that great day!



Natalie [Moore] Soulsby

graduated from Fletcher Academy as Senior Class President and P.R. Secretary of the Student Association in 1999. After she graduated from Fletcher, she went to Southern Adventist University and graduated with her B.S. degree in Graphic Design in December 2003, taking one

semester at Avondale College in 2001. From here, she interned at a graphic design firm for two years in downtown Chattanooga and discovered that Graphic Design was not what she wanted to do for the rest of her life, so it was back to the drawing board. Dentistry then entered her mind and she eventually ended up deciding to go to school for Dental Hygiene. After she received her license, she immediately began working at her father, Bill Moore's, dental office in Hendersonville, NC. She got married in 2009 to Nathan Soulsby and they welcomed their baby girl, Sara, in 2010. Nathan is taking pre-requisite classes right now to get in to the Funeral Directory Services program. Nathan and Natalie stay busy with work, taking care of Sara, going for hikes or backpacking, having fun with hobbies and staying in touch with friends and family.



The Hodges family live in Hendersonville, NC. Edwin, '90 and Ashlee '91 have 4 wonderful children and a very busy life. Edwin has his own landscaping company and Ashlee home schools their 3 younger children, while their oldest son attends Fletcher Academy.

Our Mission

“Educating for Eternity,” Fletcher Academy is dedicated to providing our students with Spiritual Experiences to enable them to become disciples of Jesus, Academic experiences to prepare them for college and career, and service experience to train the to be productive workers and caring citizens.

Our Vision

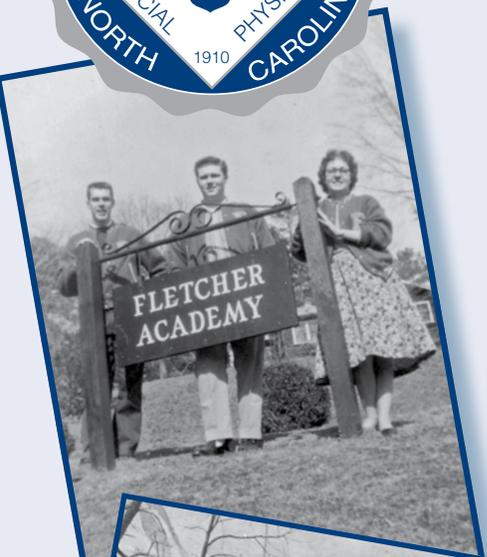
Fletcher Academy, an independent college preparatory high school founded in 1910, exists to provide a distinctly Seventh-day Adventist education where spiritual development is bolstered with academic rigor, work skills, and character development that challenges our graduates to have a transforming influence in their world as disciples of Jesus.



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Featured Weekend Speaker
Sam Leonor '88
Chaplain at La Sierra University



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ALUMNI HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2012

“Time to Re-Connect”

October 5, 6, 7

Special Events and Features...

- Annual Golf Tournament
 - Friday Evening Reception
 - Vespers Message by Pastor Jonathan Arroyo '02
 - Special Choir Reunion
 - Mass Choir Performing at the Church Service
 - Church Sermon by Sam Leonor '88
 - Sunday Morning Brunch & Business Meeting
 - Sunday Morning Motorcycle Rally
- ...and more!

Honor Classes 1952, 1962, 1972, 1987, 2002

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