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71 Owls Earn AP Scholar Honors from College Board

Since its inception in 1955, the Advanced Placement program has been based on the premise that qualified juniors and seniors are capable of college-level work, and that such achievement should be rewarded by advanced placement and/or credit in the college the student chooses to attend.

Students at MUS have been among the top AP performers since Owls began participating in the program in 1963, and this year was no exception.

In May 172 MUS students took 343 AP exams. Nearly 90 percent of tests taken resulted in a score of 3 or higher. Students earned the highest mark of 5 – designating them as “extremely well qualified” in the subject – on 36 percent of the tests. The average score

of all tests taken by Owls was 3.90. The national average was 2.84.

Tests are graded off-site by a committee of readers representing colleges and secondary schools. Once the results were tallied, 71 MUS juniors and seniors had qualified for AP Scholar recognition, with seven Owls achieving the highest honor of National AP Scholar.

Academic Dean **Flip Eikner '77** was pleased with these results. “As always, congratulations are in order for the dedicated and caring instructors and the highly motivated and hardworking students who continue our tradition of excellence,” Eikner said.

MUS currently offers 21 AP courses: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer

Science, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language and Culture, Latin, Music Theory and Composition, Physics I, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture, Statistics, United States Government and Politics, and United States History.

The school also offers 19 Honors Accelerated courses, designed to be equivalent in rigor to AP courses, including Advanced Topics with Multivariate Calculus, Chemistry II: Materials Science, Biology II: Molecular Biology, and Literature & the Monomyth.

AP Scores at a Glance

71

students earned
AP Scholar Awards

90%

of the tests
resulted in
a score of 3 or



Seven Owls achieved
the highest honor of
National AP Scholar.

Seven students earned this top honor, which is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

National AP Scholars

Brooks Eikner '17
Kian Ghodoussi '17
Rahul Mehra '17
Ramiz Somjee '17
Tom Wells '17
Chang Yu '18
Ray Zhou '17

Thirty-nine students received this honor, indicating they earned an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of

3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

AP Scholar with Distinction

Darius Cowan '17
Josiah Crutchfield '18
Philip Deaton '17
Andrew Douglass '17
Brooks Eikner '17
Benjamin Freeman '18
Kian Ghodoussi '17
Charlie Gilliland '17
David Graber '17
Davis Harano '17
Grady Hecht '17
Omkar Hosad '18
Jackson Howell '18
Alex Hyde '17
Jeremy Jacobs '18
Ammaar Kazi '17
Brad Kerkhof '18
Cade Klawinski '17
Ravi Lipman '17
Rahul Mehra '17
Jackson Moody '18
Ogonna Oraedu '17

Aneesh Ram '17
Rick Reinhard '18
Nick Rezaee '18
Callaway Rogers '17
Jacob Rotter '17
Will Schneider '17
Ramiz Somjee '17
Jon Staffel '18
Jacob Suppiah '17
Matthew Temple '18
Henry Trammell '17
Jacob Webb '18
Tom Wells '17
Luke Wilfong '17
Alex Wolf '17
Chang Yu '18
Ray Zhou '17

Seventeen students received this designation, indicating they earned an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or

higher on four or more of these exams.

AP Scholar with Honor

Charlie Evans '18
Marcus Gronauer '17
Henry Holmes '17
Liam Kaltenborn '18
Josh Karchmer '17
Chris Kerkhof '18
Barry Klug '18
John McBride '17
Micah Murdock '17
Mayur Patil '17
Tyler Rakers '18
Alex Salazar '17
Evan Smith '17
John Ross Swaim '18
Bobby Wade '18
Jason Wang '18
Mason Williams '18

Fifteen students received this designation, indicating they

earned scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

AP Scholar

Christian Berry '17
Ishan Biswas '17
Graham Boswell '18
Smith Duncan '18
Alexander Goodwin '18
Josh Gray '17
Jamie Lindy '17
Aidan Lonergan '18
Jake Meskin '17
William Miller '18
Sam Payne '18
Joey Rodriguez '17
Sloan Schneiter '17
Joshua Tyler '17
Jonathan Williams '18

Percentages of tests resulting in scores of 3, 4, or 5:

36%
SCORE of

5

32%
SCORE of

4

22%
SCORE of

3



Festivus Feats and Latin Feasting

Fall Festivus Competition

About 60 Bubones participated in the 10th Annual Latin Fall Festivus, sponsored by Germantown High School in mid-November. Seventeen Owls claimed 20 awards as they

competed against 250 students from 15 local institutions, including Rhodes College, in a plethora of academic, artistic, and athletic events:

OPEN CERTAMEN

Upper Level

1st Place Junior Warren Turner,
Sophomores Rob McFadden, Arjun Puri

2nd Place Juniors Ethan Hurst, Loyd Templeton

3rd Place Senior Chang Yu, Sophomore Gregory Guo

Lower Level

1st Place Eighth Grader George Zhang

2nd Place Freshman Ryan Peng

3rd Place Freshman Max Shackelford

MYTHOLOGY

Advanced:

2nd Place (Tie) Senior Chang Yu, Sophomore Rob McFadden

3rd Place Junior Loyd Templeton

Level Two:

1st Place Freshman Max Shackelford

2nd Place Freshman Fawwaz Omer

Level One:

2nd Place Eighth Grader Mark Hieatt

3rd Place Eighth Grader Kerry Zhao

VOCABULARY

Advanced

1st Place Junior Loyd Templeton

3rd Place Senior Chang Yu

Level Two

2nd Place Freshman Hart Gowen

3rd Place Freshman Cooper Grinspun

Level One

2nd Place Eighth Grader Kerry Zhao

3rd Place Eighth Grader George Zhang

DISCUS

1st Place Junior Kyle Gan

CLASSICAL MEME CONTEST

2nd Place Freshman Cullen Lonergan



Freshman Cullen Lonergan and his meme about Roman emperor Caligula's plan to make his favorite horse a consul.



Fall Festivus competitors, front row, from left, Noah Emmert, Brandon Roachell, Loyd Templeton, Zuhair Somjee, Kerry Zhao, Kyle Gan, Chang Yu; back row, Warren Turner, Talal Siddiq, Ethan Hurst, Ethan Lam, George Zhang, Cooper Grinspun, Ty Williams, Reid Chandler, Rob McFadden, Arjun Puri, Will Schuessler, Max Shackelford

Latin Veterani Gather

MUS hosted the Latin Veterani Dinner in October, an annual banquet for advanced Latin students in the Memphis area. A total of 67 students and teachers attended from MUS, Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School, Evangelical Christian School, Briarcrest Christian School, St. Mary's Episcopal School, White Station Middle School, White Station High School, Germantown High School, Houston High School, and Westwood High School. Latin instructor Dawn LaFon of White Station High School was the featured speaker.

"The Latin Veterani Dinner is a wonderful community event," said Instructor in Latin **Ryan Sellers**. "It brings both students and teachers from

a wide variety of schools together in celebration of the Latin language, and it provides much-needed encouragement and recognition to the students who have matriculated to the AP or IB levels of instruction."

The late Barbara Hardin, a long-time teacher at Germantown High School, organized an annual dinner for Memphis-area AP Latin students and teachers in the 1990s. After an



Owls attending the Veterani Dinner included, front row, from left, James Blatchford, Brandon Roachell, Zuhair Somjee, Loyd Templeton; back rows, Philip Wunderlich, Henry Wood, Louis Allen, Jet Tan, Sellers Shy, Kyle Gan, Warren Turner, Chang Yu, Ethan Hurst, Ethan Lam, and Ty Williams.

almost 20-year hiatus, MUS teachers resurrected the event in 2014 and renamed it the Latin Veterani Dinner. Since 2015 the event has been held on our campus.

MATHLETES EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Recent mathematics honorees are, from left, Chang Yu, Loyd Templeton, Arjun Puri, and George Zhang. Puri, Yu, and Zhang earned top placements in the Math Fall Startup Competition, and Puri, Templeton, and Zhang received recognition in the fall issue of the Pi Mu Epsilon Journal for solving a problem in the journal's Problem Department section.

Ninety-four Owls competed against more than 2,000 students nationally in last month's Math Fall Startup, and three mathletes earned top placements. Eighth grader **George Zhang** tied for fifth place in his age group; sophomore **Arjun Puri** placed 14th in his age group;

and senior **Chang Yu** placed ninth in his age group.

According to Dr. **Steve Gadbois**, instructor in mathematics, Yu's achievement is a school record: "To my memory, Chang Yu is the first student in MUS history to place in the top 10 every year of his

MUS career."

In addition to the Fall Startup rankings, three students, Puri, Zhang, and junior **Loyd Templeton**, received recognition in the fall issue of the *Pi Mu Epsilon Journal*, the official publication produced by the national mathematics honor society.

In the journal's section called the Problem Department, a question was posed to the readership: "Let ABCD be a quadrilateral with opposite right angles A and C. Let BE and DG be the perpendiculars dropped on AC and B and D respectively (see Figure 2). Show that AE = GC."

Puri, Templeton, and Zhang happened to be in Gadbois' classroom, read the problem, and submitted the solution.

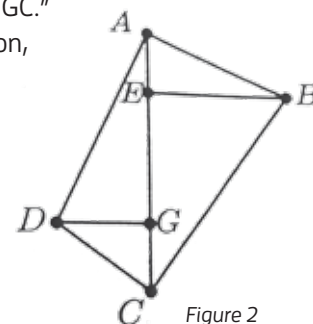


Figure 2

National Merit Program Honors 24 Owls



National Merit Semifinalists pictured, front two rows, from left, are Bobby Wade, Graham Boswell, Omkar Hosad, Liam Kaltenborn, Chang Yu, Jackson Howell, Brad Kerkhof, Mason Williams; back row, Eli Gruen, Jackson Moody, Jeremy Jacobs, Benjamin Freeman, and Rick Reinhard.

The 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program has recognized 24 Owls, which is 23 percent of the senior class.

Thirteen seniors have been named National Merit Semifinalists – the highest number of recipients among independent schools in the Memphis area. The Semifinalists are **Graham Boswell, Benjamin Freeman, Eli Gruen, Omkar Hosad, Jackson Howell, Jeremy Jacobs, Liam Kaltenborn, Brad Kerkhof, Jackson Moody, Rick Reinhard, Bobby Wade, Mason Williams, and Chang Yu.**

They are among 16,000 U.S. students, or less than 1 percent of U.S. seniors, honored as Semifinalists for their outstanding academic promise. They now compete for some 7,500 scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring.

About 90 percent of U.S. Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and about half of those will win Merit Scholar titles and financial awards. The number of Semifinalists is proportional



National Merit Commended students pictured, front row, from left, are Marshall Jones, Matthew Temple, Jason Wang, Jon Staffel; back two rows, Jack Eason, Barry Klug, Nalin Verma, Mack Bethell, and Javan Smith.

to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

The school's 11 National Merit Commended students, some of whom missed the threshold to advance to the Semifinalist level by as little as one point, are **Mack Bethell, Jack Eason, Marshall Jones, Barry Klug, Aidan Lonergan, William Miller,**

Javan Smith, Jon Staffel, Matthew Temple, Nalin Verma, and Jason Wang.

About 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Two Model U.N. Owls Win Honors, Go Banangos

Government Club sponsors Mr. **Davis Smith** and Mrs. **Jenny Pratt** took 32 delegates to the Washington University Model United Nations Conference in St. Louis, MO, in mid-October. Little did they know that among their delegates were two bent on foreign colonization and subjugation – and that Halloween, in the form of mutant-fruit-infected zombies, was coming early.

Sophomore **Vijdan Gill** earned an Outstanding Delegate award for his United Fruit Company (UFC) historical re-enactment, and freshman **Robert King** received an Honorable Mention representing Singapore in the United Nations Framework on Climate Change Committee.

Gill's assigned persona was a seemingly mild-mannered economics professor working for the United Fruit Company, an actual corporation from 1899-1970 that owned Central and South American fruit plantations, railroads, steamships, and 80 percent of the banana-import business in the United States.

Because of the company's size and power, the Guatemalan government hired the UFC to manage the country's postal service in 1901. This opened the door for more business acquisitions, worker exploitation, revolts, and riots.

As the political, economic, and humanitarian conflicts escalated, Gill had to think quickly and respond within the parameters of his role. He was not limited by the parameters of historical events, but he had no way of knowing what the students on the Crisis Committee would throw at him.

"The controversy made it morbidly interesting" Gill said. "How do we as a company react after a deadly riot? There are ethical decisions to make,



Model U.N. delegates, from left, Government Club Co-President **Omkar Hosad**, **Vijdan Gill**, Co-President **Oyama Hampton**, and **Robert King**

but we need to protect our image and keep profits up. Each new crisis complicated matters."

As an economics expert, Gill's persona worked heavily with the company's development and advertising departments.

"To try and improve cash flow, I invented a fruit-juice maker, then a hybrid between bananas and mangos. I named it the Banango," he said. "This went really well until the Crisis Committee told me the hybrid fruit made people sick and turned them into zombies." Thus, in true Model U.N. form, zombies forced history to take a left turn, preventing lawmakers from creating the labor protection and antitrust/monopoly regulations that would have calmed the crisis.

King's scenario was placed in the here and now but went equally haywire. Assigned to represent Singapore and tasked with ways to slow climate change, King created a solar-powered car – and a car company called Solary.

"But I realized that I needed way more assets to make the industry work, so I invaded Malaysia," King said. "It was a success at first ... but it turned into a nuclear war with factions popping up all over, oil plants being burned, and Kuwait bombing Japan."



The Government Club sent 32 delegates to the Washington University Model U.N. in St. Louis, MO, in mid-October.

King believes – notwithstanding the fact that he destroyed the world as we know it – that he earned an Honorable Mention on the merits of his creativity.

"I think I was recognized because the technology was a good idea, and they enjoyed the fact that I spiced it up a lot."

In addition to Gill and King, the roster of delegates included seniors **Oyama Hampton, Omkar Hosad**; juniors **Walker Crosby, Wood Davis, Eddie Feild, Call Ford, Jory Meyers, Richard Neff, Jack Powell**; sophomores **Robert Ayotte, Andrew Bragorgos, Caleb Brock, Reid Chandler, Parth Dahima, Cameron Evans, Jack Fernandez, Gregory Guo, Jesse Houston, Jonathan Huang, Yousef Husein, Kyle Koester, Carson Lakin, Daniel Lim, Arjun Puri, Drew Rakers, Jeffrey Shulkin, Sean-Marc Taylor, Jim Thomas**; freshmen **Evan Boswell**, and **Miller Galloway**.



Honor Council members, seated, from left, William Gooch, Carter Campbell, Charlie Gilbert, Joshua Blackburn, Tamaz Young; standing, Lewis Butler, McRae Dickinson, Honor Council President Josiah Crutchfield, Charlie Evans, Ben Spiegelman, Stephen Christenbury, Trey Thomas

2017-18 Student Leaders

STUDENT COUNCIL

UPPER SCHOOL

President Bobby Wade
Vice President Graham Boswell
Chaplain Wyatt Berry
Secretary/Treasurer Chris Kerkhof
Parliamentarian Rucker Wilkinson
Commissioners Edward Henley, Special Activities;
 Joe Carter, Student Athletics; Will Murrah, Student Welfare;
 Marshall Jones, Social Events

Representatives Smith Duncan, Tide Faley, Liam Kaltenborn, Hastings McEwan, AJ Varner, Jonathan Williams, Mason Williams, *Grade 12*; Trey Fussell, J.J. Johnson, Emerson Manley, William Pollard, Matthew Rogers, Sellers Shy, Philip Wunderlich, *Grade 11*; Stratton Barousse, Robert Dickinson, Edward Erb, Keithran Hopson, Cannon Hurdle, Samuel Kilgore, Will Portera, *Grade 10*; Ben Burkhart, Judson Fair, Akbar Latif, William Patteson, Edwin Shy, Nash Stewart, Harm Thomas, *Grade 9*

LOWER SCHOOL

President Edward Grinder
Vice President Brooks Croone
Representatives James Allen, Hays Hurdle, Loro Lado, Alex Li, Mac Owen, Ricky Ransom, Henry Weeks, Kollin White, Coleman Whitehead, Duncan Williams, George Zhang, *Grade 8*; Tate Farmer, Phoenix Hernandez, Chaun King, Will McDaniel, Dylan Robinson, DeWitt Shy, Wyatt Solberg, Morgan Temme, Rhodes Temme, Tanner Williams, *Grade 7*

HONOR COUNCIL

President Josiah Crutchfield
Representatives Charlie Evans, Trey Thomas, *Grade 12*; Joshua Blackburn, Stephen Christenbury, *Grade 11*; Charlie Gilbert, Ben Spiegelman, *Grade 10*; Drew Burnett, Tamaz Young, *Grade 9*; McRae Dickinson, William Gooch, *Grade 8*; Lewis Butler, Carter Campbell, *Grade 7*

OTHER LEADERS

Senior Class President Daniel Shumake
Government Club Co-Presidents Oyama Hampton, Omkar Hosad
Latin Club Consul Chang Yu

LITERARY LEADERS

The MUSE Editors Charlie Evans, Alexander Goodwin
The Owl's Hoot Editors Jackson Howell, Barry Klug
The Owl Editors Kayhan Mirza, Jackson Moody (Assistant Editor Barry Klug)

AMBASSADORS

Seniors Josiah Crutchfield, Smith Duncan, Charlie Evans, Benjamin Freeman, Miller Grissinger, Edward Henley, Jackson Howell, Jeremy Jacobs, Marshall Jones, Liam Kaltenborn, Barry Klug, Aidan Lonergan, John McBride, Hastings McEwan, Mathon Parker, Rick Reinhard, Ryan Seamons, Zachary Street, John Ross Swaim, Matthew Temple, Leon Vo, Bobby Wade, Rucker Wilkinson, Jonathan Williams, Cameron Wyatt, Chang Yu

Campus News

Juniors.....Louis Allen, Joshua Blackburn, Scott Burnett, Sonny Charbonnet, Stephen Christenbury, Jonathan Douglass, Henry Duncan, Trey Fussell, Reagan Griffin, Clay Harrison, Lukas Jakstas, Bailey Keel, Emerson Manley, Smith McWaters, Kayhan Mirza, Robbie Musicante, Houston Pate, William Quinlen, Matthew Rogers, Sellers Shy, Loyd Templeton, Ty Williams, Henry Wood, Philip Wunderlich, Grant Young

Representatives.....Benjamin Freeman, Miller Grissinger, Carlo Guinocor, Alex Humphreys, Foster Ligon, Tyler Rakers, Nick Rezaee, *Grade 12*; Wade Harrison, Nicholas Hurley, Ethan Hurst, Ev Nichol, William Quinlen, Ammon Wood, Grant Young, *Grade 11*; Robert Ayotte, Jacob Curlin, Parth Dahima, Gregory Guo, Kyle Koester, Drew Rakers, McKee Whittemore, *Grade 10*; Walker Burks, Michael Gallagher, Warren Johnston, Matthew Jones, Colin McCown, Everett Miller, Wes Vanderslice, *Grade 9*

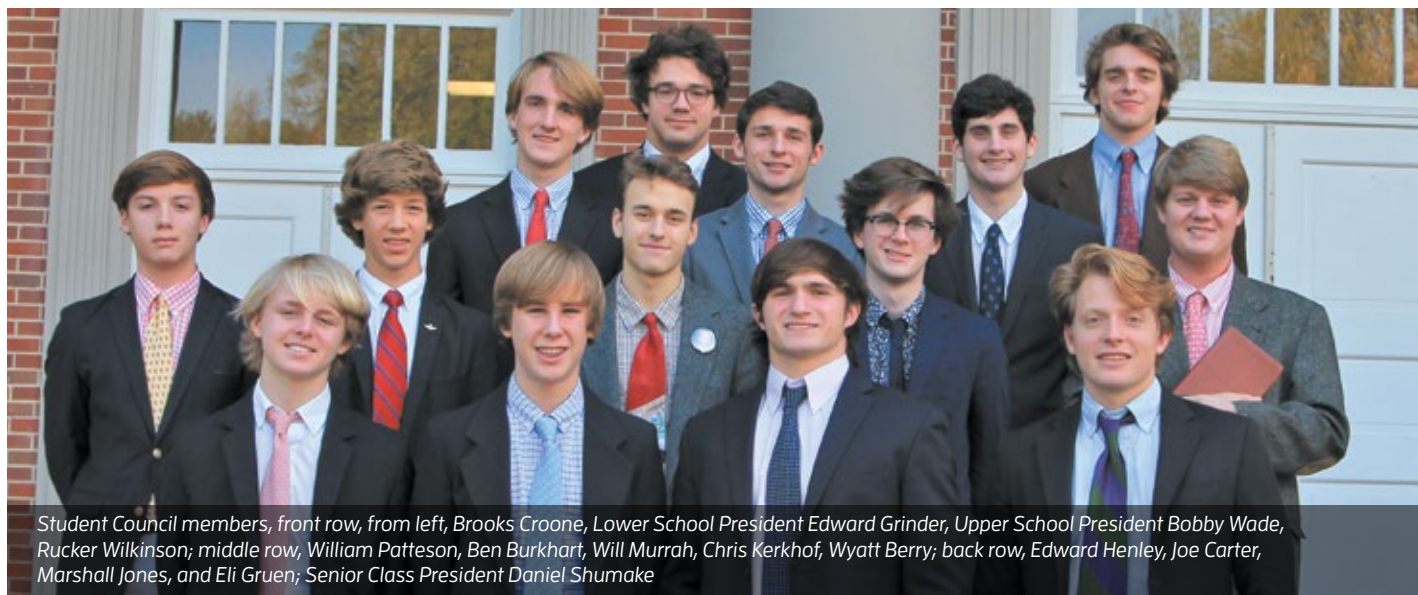
CIVIC SERVICE ORGANIZATION

UPPER SCHOOL

President..... William Miller
Vice Presidents.....John McBride, Matthew Temple
Senior Executives.....Brad Kerkhof, John Ross Swaim
Junior Executives..... Louis Allen, Jonathan Douglass, Bailey Keel

LOWER SCHOOL

President..... Matthew Mellone
Vice President..... William Gooch
Secretary/Treasurer.....Will Pittman
Communications.....Turner Bishop
Representatives Collin Craft, Forest Rudd, Coleman Whitehead, *Grade 8*; Ben McBride, *Grade 7*



Student Council members, front row, from left, Brooks Croone, Lower School President Edward Grinder, Upper School President Bobby Wade, Rucker Wilkinson; middle row, William Patteson, Ben Burkhart, Will Murrach, Chris Kerkhof, Wyatt Berry; back row, Edward Henley, Joe Carter, Marshall Jones, and Eli Gruen; Senior Class President Daniel Shumake



Civic Service members, from left, Matthew Temple, John McBride, Jonathan Douglass, Louis Allen, Upper School President William Miller, Bailey Keel, Lower School President Matthew Mellone, Forest Rudd, Collin Craft, Ben McBride, Will Pittman, and Turner Bishop



Freshman Leo Campbell, seniors Brad Kerkhof and Sam Payne, and sophomores Zane Snead and Jeffrey Shulkin were among the Owls who painted at Carpenter Art Garden on CSO Service Day.

Students Reach Out to Give Back

Students began the year with a host of Civic Service Organization and other volunteer projects throughout the city. One of the largest events each year is CSO Service Day in mid-September, when students help Memphis organizations while MUS parents attend Parents Back-to-School Day. In addition to serving at several local schools, the guys delivered meals for MIFA Meals-on-Wheels and painted at Carpenter Art Garden.

Senior **William Miller**, president of the CSO, said communication among some 400 Service Day volunteers was a challenge, but the 35 class representatives helped make it a success. "Our reps are very good and have worked hard so far this year."

Miller, whose goal has been to make CSO more efficient and raise participation, expressed a common sentiment among the volunteers: "I feel it is my job to give back, considering the privileges I have."



Senior Mac Robinson, left, and sophomore Collins Robinson work the chains in Binghamton for Memphis Gridiron Ministries.



From left, seniors Charlie Evans and Matthew Temple and junior Nicholas Hurley ring bells for the Salvation Army in December.



Volunteers, front row, from left, sophomore Ben Lindy, senior Josiah Crutchfield, junior Alden Southerland, senior Charlie Rhodes, Mr. Jonathan Large; back row, Mr. Eddie Batey, junior JoJo Fogarty, and sophomores Benjamin White and Stratton Barousse loaded and shipped off hurricane relief supplies.

With the variety of opportunities available, it is easy for everyone to find a project to enjoy, he said.

"If you like to interact with people, tutoring or Special Olympics are great ways to serve. But if you prefer to work with your hands, there are plenty of projects for that, too."

One such project was recently led by senior **Nick Rezaee** when he took a team of students to Memphis Tilth, Food & Faith Initiative, a nonprofit collective including GrowMemphis Community Gardens. Tilth provides economically sustainable, environmentally sound food to those in Memphis who live below the poverty line.

"Now that the space formally used by Urban Gardens isn't available anymore, it is more important than ever to help Tilth grow produce for the underserved areas of the city," Rezaee said. "It is difficult to think of the families who go to bed hungry at night, or lack a healthy diet due to poverty."



From left, senior John Ross Swaim, Mr. Jonathan Large, freshman Warren Barry, senior Matthew Temple, sophomore Edwin Rawson, junior Jonathan Douglass, eighth grader Turner Bishop, senior Nick Rezaee, eighth grader Matthew Mellone, senior William Miller, freshmen Everett Miller and Warren Johnston, junior Grant Young, and senior Charlie Evans



TEDxMemphis will be January 6, 2018, at Halloran Centre. Senior Alexander Goodwin, left, will assist with technical work, and senior Macon Orr will coordinate the MUS volunteers.



During Service Day a group of CSO volunteers worked for MIFA Meals-on-Wheels, delivering food to the underserved of Memphis.



Eighth graders, from left, Forest Rudd, Turner Bishop, and Collin Craft volunteered at the annual Forrest Spence 5K.



A Union Mission driver picks up sandwiches as sophomores Parth Dahima, center, and Gregory Guo, right, bring them out on carts.

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Spoke Owls Ethan Hurst and Loyd Templeton, juniors, put in the miles during the 24-hour St. Jude Ride.



CSO President William Miller assigns volunteers to teams on CSO Service Day.



Freshmen Colin McCown, left, and Doug Curtis made friends in Windridge Elementary School's ESL Class on Service Day.



Neighborhood Community Center volunteers, front row, from left, freshmen Everett Miller, Leo Campbell, Drew Burnett, sophomore Will Portera, and seniors Brad Kerkhof and William Miller; back row, freshman Wes Vanderslice, senior Sam Payne, sophomores Jeffrey Shulkin, Jonathan Johnson, and Zane Snead



Hickory Ridge Elementary Volunteers

Wish Bowl 2017

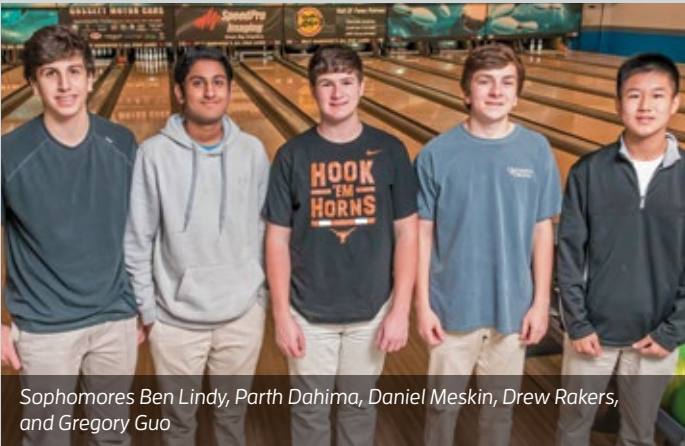


Juniors Sonny Charbonnet, Jonathan Douglass, Louis Allen, and Anna Kate Nearn and Ansley Stamper from Hutchison

Teams of friends, coworkers, and family gathered at Billy Hardwick's All-Star Lanes for the annual MUS Wish Bowl, an event hosted by the Civic Service Organization to raise money for local charities, including Make-A-Wish Foundation.



Junior Henry Wood, Hutchison's Phebe Rowland, and junior Clay Harrison



Sophomores Ben Lindy, Parth Dahima, Daniel Meskin, Drew Rakers, and Gregory Guo



Juniors William Quinlen, David Holmes, John Mann, Loyd Templeton, and Ethan Hurst



Seniors Oyama Hampton, Mason Williams, Rick Reinhard, and Tyler Rakers

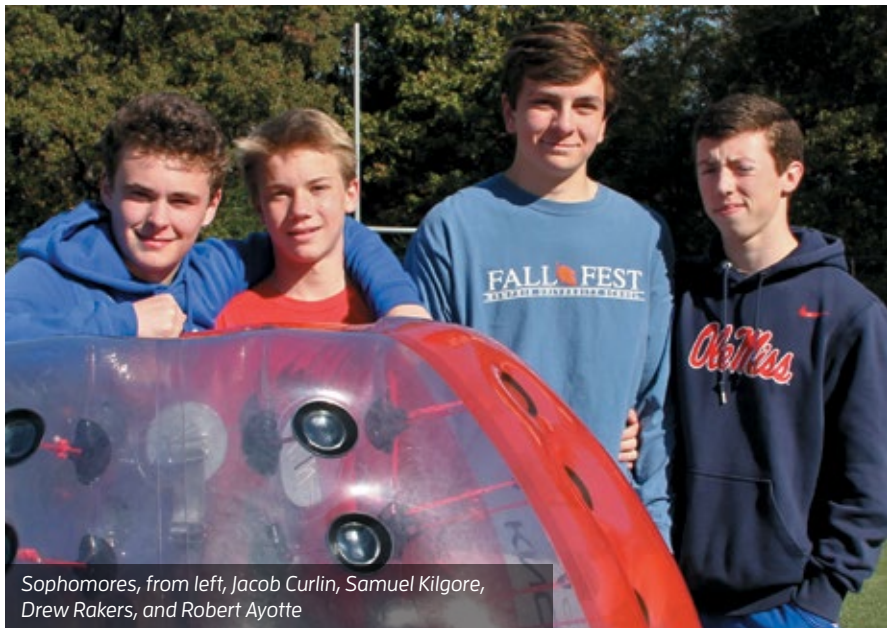


Seniors Foster Ligon, Bo McEwan, Edward Henley, and Ryan Seamons

Fall Fest 2017



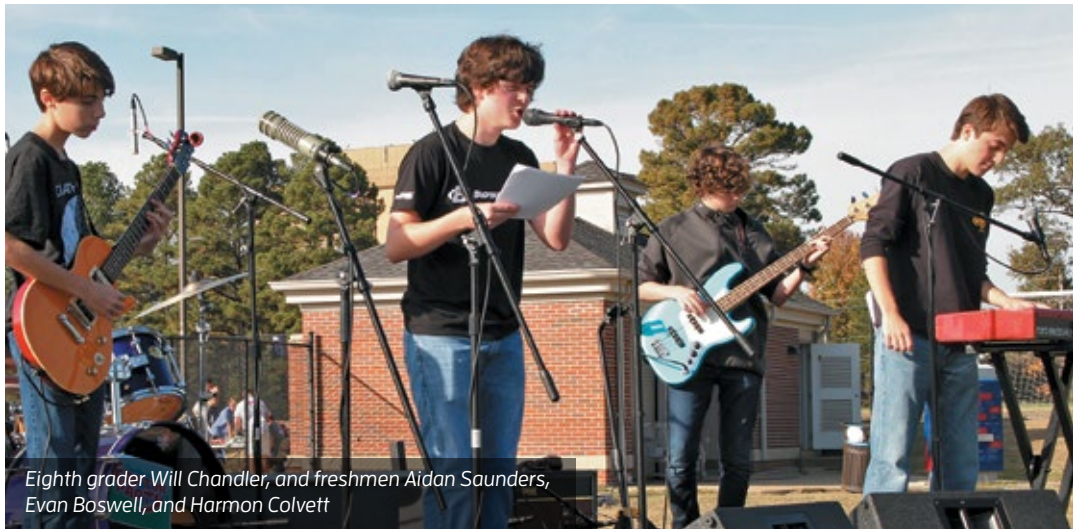
Senior Eli Gruen



Sophomores, from left, Jacob Curlin, Samuel Kilgore, Drew Rakers, and Robert Ayotte



Seniors Buchanan Dunavant and William Miller paint Annie Leatherman's (St. Mary's) face at Fall Fest.



Eighth grader Will Chandler, and freshmen Aidan Saunders, Evan Boswell, and Harmon Colvett



Junior Ty Williams



Junior Joshua Blackburn, sophomores Stratton Barousse, Jim Thomas, and junior Kirklin Perkins



Senior Stan Smythe



Sophomore Tre Johnson and senior Graham Boswell



Senior Tate Bailey



Mr. Joe and Mrs. Sherri Urcovich and sons, from left, Henry, Trey, and seventh grader Alex



Senior Benjamin Freeman, St. Agnes' Arabella Hamm, and senior Ryan Seamons play Spike Ball.



Senior Bobby Wade and Bobby Wade, Sr. '84



From left, Bo McEwan, John McBride, Brandon Haney, Marshall Jones, Tide Faley, Mr. Tim Greer, and Buchanan Dunavant

Targeting Forensics in Detective Fiction

In Mr. **Tim Greer's** Detective Fiction class, seniors use forensic labs to examine the science behind the stories – and the gunshot-residue lab is always a collective blast. Greer creates a controlled area to test powder patterns and burn marks at distances depicted in Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon* and Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Reigate Squire*.

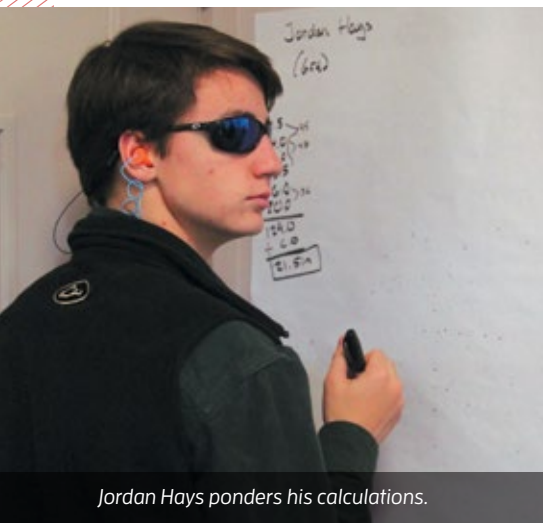
With a blank-firing stage revolver

securely mounted to a table, students don eye and ear protection and fire at paper targets, then scrutinize the evidence to write their reports.

"We demonstrate that many of the forensic science techniques still in use today had their origins a century ago in literature," Greer said. "By testing those techniques, we, hopefully, come away with a new appreciation for the power of fiction to communicate fact."



Jake Wilbourn and Harry Dunavant crunch the numbers.



Jordan Hays ponders his calculations.

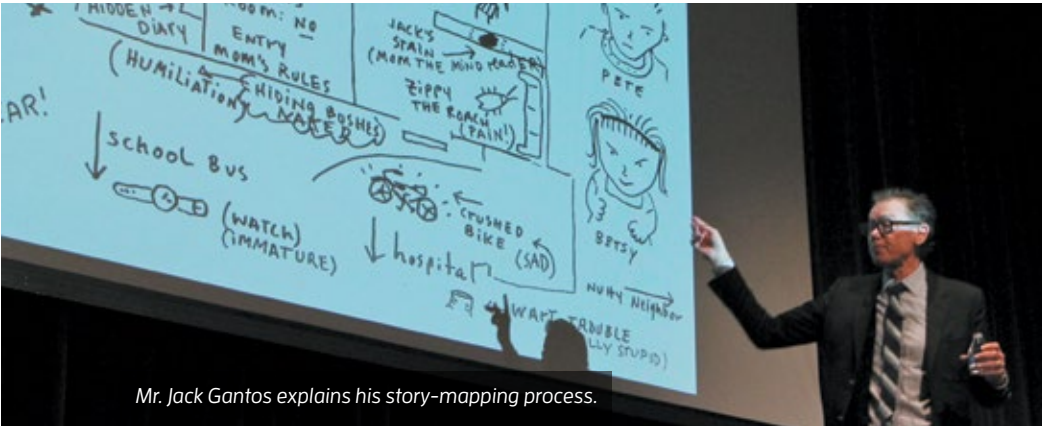


Hastings McEwan does his best Sam Spade impersonation.

Gantos a Big Hit

Newberry Medal-winning author Mr. Jack Gantos spoke in chapel, signed books, conducted writing workshops, and ate lunch with our book clubs this fall. He awed students with stories

from his childhood and encouraged them with writing advice. The stories continued as he signed books – with many recipients getting his unique drawings along with autographs.



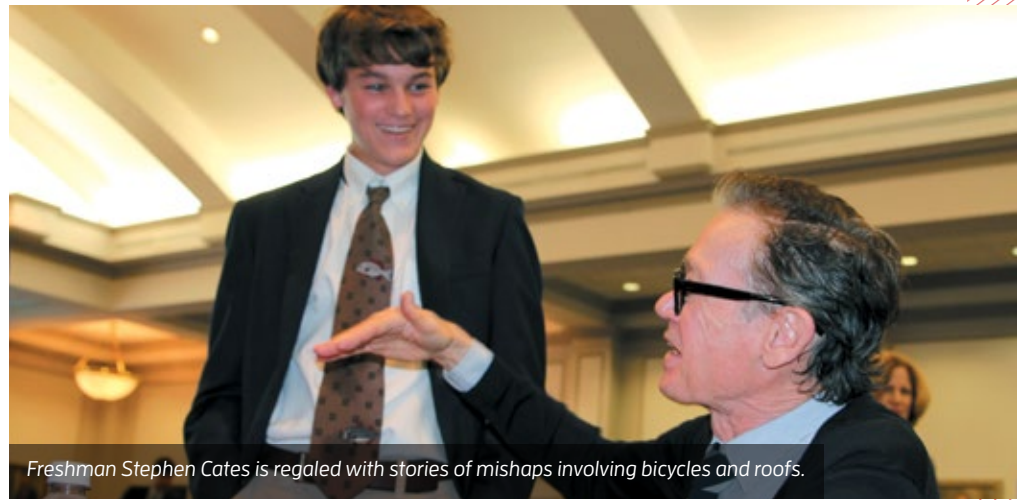
Mr. Jack Gantos explains his story-mapping process.



Sophomore Kemen Rosario gets an autograph.



Mr. Jack Gantos



Freshman Stephen Cates is regaled with stories of mishaps involving bicycles and roofs.



Dr. Eric Dalle picked up an autographed book for his daughter, Leonie.



Sophomores, from left, Cameron Evans and Yousef Husein, senior Zachary Street, sophomore Jesse Houston, and Mr. Jack Gantos

Earthquake Drill

Our annual earthquake drill briefly interrupted classes as boys ducked under chairs, then exited buildings per

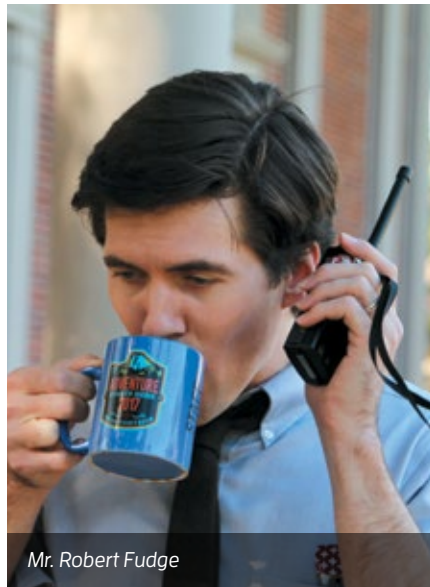
the national Great ShakeOut protocol. A team of adults have radios to confirm sectors of the campus are clear.



Seventh grader Caleb Wade



Seventh grader Aryaan Ahmed



Mr. Robert Fudge



Seventh grader Andrew Schell

Chess Club Tournament

The first quarter 16-team single-elimination tournament ended with seniors and Chess Club Co-Presidents Benjamin Freeman and Jackson Moody respectively taking first and second place, and junior Jory

Myers edging out junior John Mann to earn third place. "I was surprised by the strength of opponents in the tournaments," Moody said. "I just hope next time someone will overthrow the two co-presidents."



Competitors and commentators, from left, juniors John Mann, Will Cooper, Ben Cox, Jory Meyers, and Billy Weiss



Seated, from left, seniors Benjamin Freeman and Jackson Moody battle it out while senior Edward Henley and freshman Holden Pate follow intently.

HALLOWEEN IN THE HALLS

All Hallows' Eve is always interesting as hallways fill with critters, cartoon and comic book characters, and various other strange hauntings. Thankfully, the Brawny guy was on-site to clean up any messes.



Sophomores, from left, Hugh Bourland, Collins Robinson, and Graham West



Sophomores William Shepherd, Hunter Kendall, Jeffrey Shulkin, Riley Palmer, Zane Snead, Charlie Eason, and, kneeling, Cannon Hurdle



Sophomores Cameron Evans, Vijdan Gill, Ben Cramer, and Wasif Abdullah



Freshman Ke'Juan Jones



Juniors John Mann and Will Cooper, sophomore Churchill Akhigbe, and junior Grant Young

Pétanque

Just before Fall Break, Mrs. **Rebecca Keel's** Honors Accelerated French class learned the game and lingo of Pétanque, the French version of Bocce Ball.



From left, juniors Richard Neff, Sam Nelson, Jojo Fogarty, and Henry Wells discuss strategy.

Witness for the Prosecution

Students bring classic whodunit to life
– and death

Leonard Vole, center, presents his case to Sir Wilfred Robarts, left, and Mr. Mayhew.

When seemingly innocent Leonard Vole (senior **Witt Miesse**) is accused of killing a spinster for her money, it falls to his wife (Lauren Ledger, St. Mary's) and the famous barrister of Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals, Sir Wilfred

Robarts (senior **Matthew Stroch**), to save the hapless man's life. A classic thriller from the desk of Dame Agatha Christie, *Witness for the Prosecution* unfurls a chilling, twisting tale of murder, mayhem, and betrayal.



Office banter between Carter and Greta



Cast and crew of *Witness for the Prosecution*

Photos: Charles Herrell, showmystudio.com

Arts

CAST

Sir Wilfred Robarts..... Matthew Strock
 Leonard Vole Witt Miesse
 Romaine Vole Lauren Ledger
 Mr. Justice Wainwright Sam Payne
 Mr. Myers Jon Staffel
 Mr. Mayhew Joshua Blackburn
 Greta Callie Oehmler
 Carter James Smythe
 Inspector Hearne..... James Blatchford
 Plain-Clothes Detective..... Aidan Saunders
 Dr. Wyatt..... Henry Duncan
 Janet MacKenzie Emma Nair
 Mr. Clegg..... Stan Smythe
 Alderman/Clerk Ben Cramer
 Court Usher Ty Williams
 Court Warder..... Smith McWaters
 T.O. Woman Nora James Eikner

Members of the Jury/Gallery/Media:

Omkar Hasad (Foreman), Caroline Couch, Aidan Saunders, Jory Meyers, Chris Kerkhof, Ty Williams, Tre Johnson, MacKenzie Fittes, Nora James Eikner, Turner Bishop, West Loden, Mark Hiatt, and Reese Needham

Directed by Mr. Ted Fockler '10

Tech Direction by Mr. Robert Fudge and Mr. Trevar Marshall

Costumes by Ms. Amie Eoff, Ms. Alexandria Perel-Sams, and Alexis Doan

Makeup Special Effects Caroline Couch

Produced by Mr. Timothy Greer



Vole attempts to hold his own under cross-examination.



Myers sums up his case before Sir Wilfred and the gallery.

CREW

Stage Management

Alexander Goodwin
 Cameron Wyatt

Run Crew

Projection Design and Cue Playback

Eli Gruen

Sound Operation

Sophie Fernandez

Set Changes

David Byrd
 Reid Chandler
 Jack Fernandez
 Yousef Husein
 Carson Lakin

Theater Production

Class

Arnab Das
 Cameron Wyatt
 Ben Hernandez
 Jonathan Williams
 William Dellinger
 Austin Hamilton
 Griffin Hood

Afternoon Shop

Crew

Andrew Bragorgos
 Arjun Puri
 Cameron Evans
 Carson Lakin
 Cooper Grinspun
 Arnab Das
 David Byrd
 David Holmes
 Sophie Fernandez
 Jack Fernandez
 Harrison Finks
 Harry Dunavant
 Harry White
 Houston Pate

Holden Pate

Jason Nguyen
 Jeffrey Shulkin
 Jet Tan
 Loyd Templeton
 Mac Coleman
 Matthew Jones
 Matthew Phillips
 Reid Chandler
 Robert King
 Ryan Peng
 Thomas Eubank
 William Quinlen
 Yousef Husein



Romaine Vole visits Sir Wilfred's office.



Artist Tad Lauritzen Wright preps a canvas during his week as artist-in-residence this fall.



During his residency week, local artist Tad Lauritzen Wright created a new piece. The Fate of Adonis, has been added to the school's permanent art collection.

Resident Artist Explores Mythology

MUS hosted Memphis artist Mr. Tad Lauritzen Wright as the school's seventh annual Lockett-Guinn Artist-in-Residence in October. Founded by Mr. **Grant Burke**, acting chair of the school's arts department, the residency program brings a different local artist to campus for a week every fall, offering students the opportunity to see art created in a wide range of styles.

The theme of Lauritzen Wright's residency was "painting mythology," with a focus on the life and story of Adonis, the perfect man, and his relationship with Greek goddesses Persephone and Aphrodite.

Known for his single-line drawings, mixed media paintings, and simplistic sculptures, Lauritzen Wright does not explore what others might consider the traditional notion of beauty.

"I do anything but the 'ideal,'" he said. "I've always been drawn to an extreme. Within artmaking I believe in total freedom, and in the idea of pushing things to the point of almost breaking."

The completed artwork, a single-line drawing titled *The Fate of Adonis*, now hangs in the Campus Center alongside artwork from the previous six residencies. The Lockett-Guinn Artist-in-Residence program has been funded for the past four years by alumni **Oliver Lockett '92** and **Scott Guinn '07**.



Students visited during free periods to watch *The Fate of Adonis* come together.



Seniors, from left, Miller Grissinger and Carlo Quinocor lift an etching from the press.

Dry Point Etchings

Mr. Grant Burke's 2D Design class created dry point etchings this semester. The process involves etching a plexiglass plate before inking it and running it through the press.



Sample etchings from the 2D Design class



Seniors Carlo Guinocor, Miller Grissinger, and Bo McEwan roll the press.

Winter Concerts Delight

What better way to get the holiday season underway than fill the air with music? Our musicians took the stage in early December to delight audiences with holiday tunes and several genres of music.

Photos: Alan Howell Photography



From left, Ben Christopherson, Kollin White, West Loden, Lawson Touliatos, and George Zhang



Charlie Dyson



Samy Paul, Henry Yu, and Kyan Ramsay

Under the direction of Mrs. **Stephanie Hancock**, MUS Orchestra, Owl Strings, and the Jazz Ensemble featured sophomores **Jacob Curlin** and **Daniel Lim**, freshmen **Leo Campbell** and **Ryan Peng**, eighth graders **Mark Hiatt** and **Samuel Lim**, and seventh graders **Ting Key** and **Lou Zhou**, violins; eighth grader **Reece Needham**, viola; eighth grader **Noah Emmert**, oboe; freshman **Samy Paul**, eighth grader **Forest Rudd**, and seventh graders **Kyan Ramsay** and **Henry Yu**, clarinets; seventh grader **Matt Walker**, bass clarinet; eighth graders **Lawson Touliatos** and **George Zhang** and seventh graders **Vince Boberski**,

Charlie Dyson, **Joseph Keeler**, and **Nolan Yaren**, alto saxophones; seventh graders **Adrish Biswas** and **Brandon Walker**, tenor saxophones; freshman **Ben Burkhart**, baritone saxophone; eighth graders **West Loden** and **Kollin White** and seventh grader **Ben Christopherson**, trumpets; seventh grader **John Lee**, trombone; eighth grader **Loro Lado**, euphonium; freshmen **Akbar Latif** and **Fawwaz Omer** and seventh grader **Kartikeya Bomb**, percussion; eighth grader **Jace Ra**, piano; eighth grader **Will Chandler**, guitar; and Christopherson, electric bass.



Loro Lado and John Lee



Jacob Curlin, Daniel Lim, and Leo Campbell

Music directors **Chris Carter** and **Matt Tutor '91** led Beg To Differ and Studio Band I and II through a concert of rock, rhythm and blues, a cappella, and holiday hits.

Studio Band II members were senior **Jon Staffel**, bass; junior **Caleb Riggs**, drums; sophomores **Jackson Dyson** and **Max Sabin**, keyboards; sophomore **William Shepherd**, bass and percussion; and freshman **Hud McGehee**, guitar.

Studio Band included seniors **Tate Bailey**, guitar; **Graham Boswell**, bass and vocals; **Eli Gruen**, drums; **David Jones**, alto saxophone; and **Brad Kerkhof**, keyboards; sophomores **Harrison Finks**, keyboards, and **Ben Spiegelman**, guitar and vocals;

and freshman **Braxton Hart**, trombone. Soloists for the bands included seniors Boswell and **Stan Smythe**, junior **Ty Williams**, sophomores Spiegelman and **Tre Johnson**, and Mr. **Loyal Murphy '86**.

Beg To Differ comprised seniors **Wyatt Berry**, **Mack Bethell**, **Sam Payne**, and Smythe; juniors **Joshua Blackburn**, **Stephen Christenbury**, **Jojo Fogarty**, **Emerson Manley**, **Smith McWaters**, **Eli Nations**, **Houston Pate**, **Kylun Taylor**, and Williams; and sophomores **Ben Cramer**, **Michael Gayoso**, **Jonathan Johnson**, **Tre Johnson**, **James Smythe**, and **David Wassef**; and freshmen **McKnight Johnston**, **Warren Johnston**, **Daniel Russell**, **Aidan Saunders**, and **Tylyn Young**.



Caleb Riggs and Jackson Dyson



Studio Band with Ty Williams and Graham Boswell on vocals



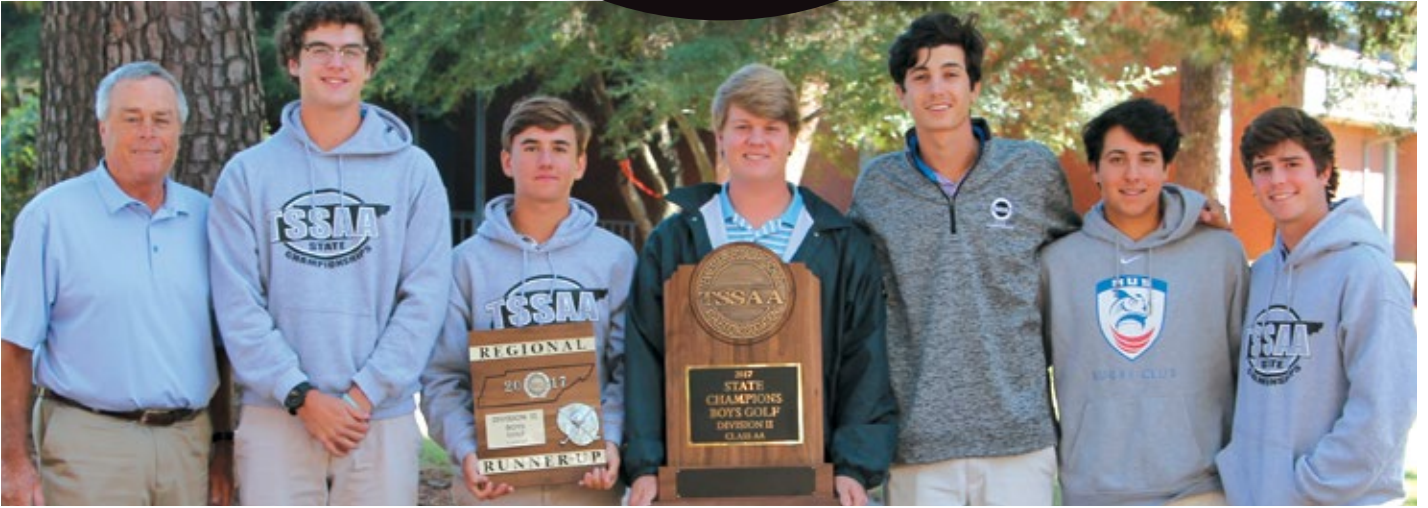
Jonathan Johnson



Beg To Differ with Stan Smythe at the microphone



David Wassef, Stephen Christenbury, Emerson Manley, and Wyatt Berry



State golf team, from left, Coach Cliff Frisby, Call Ford, Walker Crosby, Wyatt Berry, Henry Wells, Hall Upshaw, and Philip Wunderlich

Golfers Turn Tough Season into Second Consecutive State Title

by Daniel Black '18

It was a group laden with underclassmen, yet the 2017 varsity golf team captured the TSSAA Division II-AA state championship, held at Willowbrook Golf Club in Manchester, TN. Under the coaching of Mr. **Cliff Frisby**, 2017 TSSAA Coach of the Year, the Owls shook off strong performances from Brentwood Academy and Briarcrest to escape with a two-shot victory, ensuring their second consecutive state title – fourth in the last five years.

With the loss of six seniors from last year's team, the squad faced adversity all season, including disappointing performances at the Baylor Preview and the FCA Tournament. One high

point was the Ronnie Wenzler Memorial Tournament, named after former MUS Head Golf Coach **Ronnie Wenzler**. In that event the Owls defeated some of the city's top teams – Christian Brothers, Briarcrest, St. George's, Houston, Collierville, and White Station.

Senior **Wyatt Berry** entered the regional tournament, at Chickasaw Country Club, with mixed emotions.

"I was somewhat disappointed in myself that I wasn't playing to the best of my ability through the regular season," he said. "Fortunately, at the time of regionals and state, I finally connected with my short game and really put down some solid scores."

In the regional tournament, the Owls put together some of their best play of the year, falling to Briarcrest in sudden death to finish in second place. Junior **Walker Crosby** led the team with a 72, placing him on the all-region team. Other scores for the Owls included Berry and junior **Philip Wunderlich** with a pair of 76's, junior **Henry Wells** with a 79, and junior **Hall Upshaw's** 80. Their runner-up finish was enough to participate in the state tournament.

State competitors Berry, Crosby, junior **Call Ford**, Upshaw, Wells, and Wunderlich started off strong, finishing day one in fourth place with an aggregate score of 295. They trailed Briarcrest and



Gregory Guo



Philip Wunderlich



Charles Long



Hall Upshaw

SPORTS BUZZ

Montgomery Bell Academy by one stroke, and Brentwood Academy by three. Crosby led the Owls with a 68, followed by Wells, 73; Wunderlich, 74; Ford, 80; and Berry, 81.

The Owls continued superb play in day two, putting together a 299 to clinch the state title. Wunderlich fired a 72, which placed him in a tie for fifth individually. Crosby's 79 placed him in a tie for ninth, while Berry blazed the field with a 68 to finish tied for 11th. Wells was tied for 17th with an 80, and Upshaw joined the action with an 87.

The team featured one senior, Berry, and a multitude of

underclassmen who will inherit the responsibility of leadership next year – juniors Crosby, Ford, Upshaw, Wells, and Wunderlich, and sophomores **Gregory Guo, Cannon Hurdle, Charles Long, and Spence Wilson.**

Although Berry – soon to be playing collegiately at Delta State University – will be departing the team, he is proud to end his time at MUS as a state champion.

"We put all the pieces together toward the end, and I couldn't be more excited to end my high school career with a state victory. Go, Owls!"



Coach Cliff Frisby, holding the 2017 state champions plaque, presents the 2017 Treadwell-Condon Varsity Golf MVP Award to Walker Crosby.

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JV golfers, from left, Ben Cox, Hewes Scull, Robin Coffman, Daniel Russell, Warren Johnston

JUNIOR VARSITY GOLF

Coach: Jason Peters '88

Record: 11-6

Roster: Juniors Robin Coffman, Ben Cox, sophomore Hewes Scull, freshmen Warren Johnston, Daniel Russell



Lower School A Team, from left, Duncan Williams, Nelson Saenz, Sutton Thomas, Coach Jason Peters, James Alexander, Clarence Chapman, Taylor Patteson

LOWER SCHOOL FALL GOLF

Head Coach: Jason Peters '88

Record: 8-0

A Team: 2017 Shelby League Senior Division Champions with top 10 individuals: James Alexander, 4th; Clarence Chapman, 5th; Taylor Patteson, 10th

B Team: 2017 Shelby League Junior Division Runners-Up with top 10 individuals: Patrick Curlee, 1st; Drew Clift, 7th; Barrett Summers, 10th

Roster: Eighth graders Patrick Curlee, Nelson Saenz, Fred Schaeffer, Duncan Williams; seventh graders James Alexander, Clarence Chapman, Drew Clift, Taylor Patteson, Clyde Patton, Barrett Sexton, Barrett Summers, Sutton Thomas



Lower School B Team, from left, Drew Clift, Fred Schaeffer, Barrett Summers, Patrick Curlee, Barrett Sexton, Clyde Patton



Upper School runners, from left, Hastings McEwan, Benjamin Freeman, Peter Raves, Mason Love, Alex Warr, Joseph Barnes, and Duncan McLean

Strong Regional Result Highlights Cross-Country Season

by Daniel Black '18

The cross-country team entered this season coming off a successful 2016 campaign in which the Owls finished sixth in the state. Setting the bar high for themselves, this year's group was able to exceed the previous year's success. The regular season was prosperous, but the runners saved their best for last.

Following five regular-season meets – including the Frank Horton Invitational in which they finished sixth out of 22 teams – the Owls were triumphant in the region meet. Seniors **Hastings McEwan** (first place) and **Peter Raves** (third place) finished in the top three, in addition to a host of other Owls placing in the top 10.

They capped the season with a fourth-place finish at the TSSAA II-AA state meet in Nashville. McEwan led the team with a ninth-place individual finish, in addition to Raves' 11th-place finish, Love's 22nd, Warr's 27th, and

Freeman's 47th.

This year's team featured six seniors – **Smith Duncan, Benjamin Freeman, Jeremy Jacobs**, McEwan, Raves, and **Nick Rezaee** – and junior **Hudson Miller**. Sophomores were **Rob McFadden, Duncan McLean, Edwin Rawson, Alex Warr**, and **McKee Whittemore**; and freshmen were **Joseph Barnes, Elijah Graham, Ben Hernandez, Griffin Hood, Mason Love, Miller Pisahl, Max White**, and **J.P. Wood**.

"Our regional championship was the highlight of what was an incredible season," McEwan said. "We may not have had the fastest team in the state, but I believe we bonded extremely well and had great chemistry throughout the year. We weren't able to capture the state title, but I am still proud of how hard we worked and how we came together as a team in crucial moments."



From left, Smith Duncan, Nick Rezaee, Hudson Miller, and J.P. Wood



Max White



A flock of Owls trail Ben Hernandez and Miller Pisahl.



Coach Joe Tyler presents the Russ Billings Most Valuable Award in Cross Country to Peter Raves.



Front row, from left, Vince Boberski, Jackson Oswald, Andrew Schell, Kaleb Conway, Malcolm Wiener, Gryffin Ostner, Lawson Touliatos; back row, Reid Chauhan, Will Chandler, Jack Zanone, Rhodes Temme, Kollin White, Coleman Whitehead, Patrick Gavin, Alex Li, Eli Lewis, and Coach Antony Eddy

LOWER SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Head Coach: Antony Eddy

Record: Shelby League 7/8 Championship 3rd Place Overall

Roster: Eighth graders Will Chandler, Patrick Gavin, Mark Hieatt, Alex Li, Shuja Mirza, Gryffin Ostner, Jace Ra, Cole Rutherford, Lawson Touliatos, Kollin White, Coleman Whitehead, Malcolm Wiener, Jack Zanone, George Zhang, Kerry Zhao; seventh graders Vince Boberski, Kartikeya Bomb, Reid Chauhan, Kaleb Conway, George Flinn, Charles Hamlett, Jackson Oswald, Thomas Preston, Mason Putnam, Doty Rawson, Andrew Schell, Morgan Temme, Rhodes Temme



The varsity Owls take the field.

Football Season Held Highlights and Heartbreaks

by Daniel Black '18

The Owls' season held a multitude of highlights, including an appearance in the state quarterfinals for the 18th-consecutive season. However, they faced adversity throughout the year, dropping three contests in the final seconds and finishing their regular season with a record of 6-6.

Led by senior captains **John Bolton**, **Joe Carter**, **Buchanan Dunavant**, and **Bobby Wade**, the team started the season with two impressive victories over Ridgeway, 37-16, and Kingsbury, 46-6. Then the Owls entered a rigorous stretch of games, the first against Florida's Seminole Ridge High School, played at Disney's Wide World of

Sports in Orlando. MUS led the contest throughout, but the team ultimately was defeated by a touchdown in the final seconds, concluding the matchup with a 20-19 loss. The Owls traveled back home to host Montgomery Bell Academy, suffering another heartbreak, a 28-21 overtime loss. The squad hit the road again, falling victim to South Panola by a final score of 34-10.

Although the 2-3 start was disappointing, Coach **Bobby Alston's** Owls were resilient, taking their next two games – Haywood County, 33-14, on Homecoming and St. Benedict, 45-0, to open divisional play. MUS dealt with another gut-wrenching setback, losing

a road contest to Briarcrest 28-24, in which the Owls had led 24-7 at one point. The Owls defeated Douglass, 42-7, on senior night before falling to Christian Brothers, 17-6, to close the regular season at 5-5. The team faced St. Benedict once more in the first round of the state playoffs, trouncing the Eagles by a final score of 49-0. Unfortunately, the season came to an end the next week, with a 43-7 road loss to eventual state champion Brentwood Academy in the quarterfinals.

Bolton is hopeful that the lessons learned this year will strengthen next year's team.

"It was a very discouraging season because we had the talent to compete for the state title," Bolton said. "Losing three games in the final minute really hurt us, because I believe we were the better team. Hopefully, next year's group will learn from the mistakes, because they will be an extremely talented bunch that can make noise in the state."

Senior running back **Tide Faleye** led the Owls on the ground this season with 597 yards and five touchdowns from 109 carries. Furthermore, quarterback Wade rushed for 555 yards and 12 touchdowns



Hunter Kendall runs the ball as Matthew Rogers (22) and Barry Klug (64) hold the line.

from 142 attempts.

Through the air, Wade completed 52.5 percent of his passes for 15 touchdowns. Junior **Sellers Shy** also contributed to the Owls' passing attack, completing 64.3 percent of his passes for three scores. Junior **Maurice Hampton** stood out among the Owl receivers, catching 54 passes for 744 yards and nine touchdowns. **Thomas Hayden**, another junior, compiled 23 receptions for 295 yards and two touchdowns, in addition to senior **Daniel Shumake's** two scores from 17 receptions.

A host of Owls snagged interceptions this season, led by junior **Dekari Scott's** four, one of them a pick 6. Bolton followed with three, one returned for a score, and two from seniors Dunavant and **Jordan Hays**.

Defensively, Dunavant led the team with 91 total tackles, followed by juniors **Matthew Rhodes** with 82 and **Dorian Hopkins**, 67; and seniors **Sean Fitzhenry** with 53; and **John Ross Swaim**, 42.

Assistant coaches were **Mark Chubb**, **Hamilton Eggers '94**, **Jerry Ellis**, **Kyle Finney**, **Johnny Jones**, **Chris Lewis**, **Orlando McKay**, **Glenn Rogers**, **Buck Towner '07**, and **Charlie White**. Team managers were seniors **Matthew Stroock**, **Alexander Goodwin**, and **Mylan Taylor**, and freshmen **Michael Gallagher** and **William Patteson**.

Other team members were seniors **Tavion Alexander**, **Richard Bragorgos**, **Bentley Greenfield**, **Miller Grissinger**, **Brandon Haney**, **Edward Henley**, **Anderson Horton**, **Michael Jennings**, **Barry Klug**, **Aedan McKay**, **Mac Robinson**, **Trey Thomas**, **AJ Varner**, **Bays Webb**, **Will West**, and **Jake Wilbourn**; juniors **Scott Burnett**, **Stephen Christenbury**, **Anders Croone**, **Jack Dabov**, **John William Farris**, **Trey Fussell**, **William Garland**, **Ben Gilliland**, **Reagan Griffin**, **Jalen Hollimon**, **Bailey Keel**, **Emerson Manley**, **Sam Nelson**, **Eston Pahlow**, **Matthew Rogers**, **Liam Turley**, **Billy Weiss**, and **Johnathan Whitehead**; and sophomores **Bo Abbay**, **Alan Applewhite**, **Vaught Benge**, **Matt Camp**, **Gus Carter**,

Robert Dickinson, **Ben DiMento**, **Charlie Eason**, **Edward Erb**, **Charlie Gilbert**, **Marcus Henderson**, **Cody Hopkins**, **Keithran Hopson**, **Hunter Kendall**, **Devin Malone**, **Cole McDonald**, **Will McEwan**, **Daniel Meskin**, **Devonte Nelson**, **John Paik**, **Will Portera**, **Collins Robinson**, **Thomas Rogers**, **Ben Skahan**, **Ben Spiegelman**, **Charlie Street**, and **Graham West**.



Quarterback Bobby Wade

Photo: Gerald Galik, photoreffect.com

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Coaches: Varsity staff

Record: 5-1-1

Roster: Freshmen Elliot Allen, Banks Benitone, DJ Brown, Walker Burks, Drew Burnett, James Carden, Alex Coffman, Austin Dowdle, Chip Eason, Cade Fick, Christopher Goodwin, William Harris, Braxton Hart, Rhodes Heard, Jordan Helton, John Parker Hogan, George Howard, Jeffrey Ince, Will Jarratt, Roderic Lewis, Mac Magness, Gavin McKay, McLean Meeks, Watts Miller, Charlie Nichols, Mason Pahlow, Chris Parks, Darren Robinson, Jack Rogers, Daniel Russell, Carson Rutherford, TR Santos, Will Schuessler, Dan Shell, Edwin Shy, Nash Stewart, Harm Thomas, Briggs Thomason, Cason Triplett, Tamaz Young, Tylyn Young

8TH GRADE FOOTBALL

Head Coaches: Bobby Wade '84

Assistant Coaches: Trevor Benitone '91, Henry Dickinson '11, Larry Heathcott, Ben Stallworth '07, Jack Steffner '09, Ben Still '12

Record: 7-1-0

Roster: Eighth graders James Allen, Hunter Barnes, Will Camp, McRae Dickinson, Dean DiMento, Andrew Doggett, Owen Fussell, Edward Grinder, George Hamsley, Jackson Harding, Kyler Herring, Will Jenks, KJ Milan, Clayton Nearn, Mac Owen, Colby Ring, Jack Ryan, William Shell, Clarkson Shoaf, Porter Webber, Henry Weeks, Hayes Wilkinson, Christopher Yarbro

7TH GRADE FOOTBALL

Head Coaches: Derek Clenin '03, Richard Moore '98

Assistant Coaches: Jay Edwards '07, Drew Karban '10, Russell Nemon '06, Buck Towner '07

Record: 3-4-0

Roster: Seventh graders Van Abbay, Stryker Aitken, Charles Baine, Jack Blackwell, Andrew Burchett, Lewis Butler, Carter Campbell, Braden Chubb, Jack Fortas, Nicholas Galler, Charlie Gamble, Jaxon Hammond, Harrison Hayden, Rowland Hayden, Phoenix Hernandez, Chaun King, James Ledbetter, John Lee, Griffin Marshall, Ben McBride, Will McDaniel, Jackson Moore, Brown Nickey, Max Painter, Dylan Robinson, Liam Shepherd, DeWitt Shy, Morgan Temme, Rhodes Temme, Caleb Wade, William Watkins, Heiskell Weatherford, Demar Wells, Edward Wilson

2017 FOOTBALL AWARDS

POSITION PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Offensive Line	Stephen Christenbury
Offensive Receiver	Maurice Hampton
Offensive Back	Bobby Wade
Defensive Line	Joe Carter
Linebacker	Buchanan Dunavant
Secondary	Maurice Hampton
Special Teams	Trey Thomas

SPECIAL AWARDS

Steve Minkin Headhunter Award

Buchanan Dunavant

Holiday Ham Trey Jordan "Do Right" Award

Trey Thomas

Dan Griffin Spirit Awards

Offense: Bobby Wade

Defense: Buchanan Dunavant

W.S. Roberts MVP Awards

Offense: Maurice Hampton

Defense: Buchanan Dunavant

ALL-STAR SELECTIONS

Liberty Bowl High School All-Star Team

Joe Carter
Buchanan Dunavant
Trey Thomas
Bobby Wade

D-II AA WEST COACHES ALL-REGION TEAM

1st Team

Joe Carter
Buchanan Dunavant
Maurice Hampton
Bobby Wade

2nd Team

Stephen Christenbury
Dorian Hopkins
Anderson Horton
Matt Rhodes

Honorable Mention

Tide Faley
Sean Fitzhenry
Marcus Henderson
Dekari Scott

Owls Sign National Letters of Intent

Wunderlich Lobby filled with celebratory faculty, friends, and family as the first three seniors of the year made public their college commitments in early November.

Wyatt Berry announced his intent to play golf for the Delta State University Fighting Okra, **Buchanan Dunavant** will play lacrosse for the Ohio State University Buckeyes, and **Daniel Shumake** will join the lacrosse team for the Mercer University Bears.

Mr. **Mark Chubb**, assistant director of college compliance, officiated the ceremony.

"It was great to spend time with the families, all of whom have supported these young men through years of challenges and arduous work," Chubb said. "A signing event is a community celebration of the student's family support and encouragement, his coaches' and teachers' skill and dedication, and the signee's determination and commitment on the field and in the classroom."



From left, Wyatt Berry announced his intent to play golf for Delta State University; Daniel Shumake will join the lacrosse team for Mercer University; and Buchanan Dunavant will play lacrosse for Ohio State University.

The National Letter of Intent program includes 650 Division I and Division II participating institutions. The letter of intent is a binding agreement between the student-athlete and the college; for one academic year, the athlete agrees to attend

the institution full-time, and the institution agrees to provide athletics financial aid.

The next NLI event at MUS will be February 7.

Pictures from the November event may be found on the school website photo gallery and Facebook albums.



The 2017-18 Parents' Association

2017-18 Parents' Association Board of Directors

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Football homecoming court and escorts, from left, Kellie Taylor, Marshall Jones, Lucy Chancellor, Hayden Stark, Elizabeth Farnsworth, Rucker Wilkinson, Homecoming Queen Martha Kay Williams, Cam Clayton, Meredith Magness, Hastings McEwan, Mollie Claire Lawrence, and Foster Ligon



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Upper School Principal

Clay Smythe
Lower School Principal

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 3 School Holiday Ends/
Second Semester Begins
- 6 MUS College Day
- 8 Parents Morning Joe College Chat
- 10 Grade 8 Parent Meeting,
"High School Program"
- 12 ACT Registration Deadline for
February IO Test
- 15 School Holiday
- 18-20 Varsity Bowling State Championship
- 19 Rogers Leadership Forum

FEBRUARY

- 2 Third Progress Report Period Ends
Basketball Homecoming,
MUS vs. SBA
- 7 National Letter of Intent Signing
- 9 SAT Registration Deadline for
March IO Test
Varsity Swimming State Championship
- 16 Mid-South Model U.N.
Cum Laude Society Induction
Varsity Wrestling State Championship
- 19 School Holiday

MARCH

- 3 Varsity Basketball State Championship
- 3-6 Spring Musical: "Little Shop of Horrors"
- 8 Third Quarter Ends – Full Day of School
- 9-16 School Holiday
- 19 Fourth Quarter Begins
- 21 Junior Mock Interviews Begin
- 23 National Honor Society Induction
- 30 School Holiday

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On the Cover

Eighth-grade musicians, from left, Forest Rudd, Kollin White, and Reece Needham were among the many artists who delighted crowds during the winter concerts.



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