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Minding The Three Q's

Coach Jerry Peters could cut and paste an article with the best of them. I'm not talking Microsoft Word applications of highlighting digital text with a computer mouse and positioning it in a virtual document. *Please*. I'm talking sharp scissors flying throughout the newspaper, a scalpel in the surgeon's hands, deftly extracting the column of the day followed by fastidious application of Scotch tape affixed to perfect right angles thereby securing the gritty newspaper remnant to crisp copy paper, date and publication thinly sequestered to the far reaches of the margins for proportion, for balance, for accuracy of the citation. By today's pedagogical standards and digital affinity, this Neolithic practice could be deconstructed by contemporary educators as a dangerous exercise employing a sharp weapon, not to mention an inefficient waste of time.

This vignette brings to mind the elements critical to an effective educational experience: quality of instruction, quality of instructor, quality of those instructed. It exposes the craft of our profession at Memphis University School, of the eccentric teacher combining his method, mind, and skill, identifying a worthy idea for well-rounded boys to contemplate. In this case the professor literally framed the lesson out of the headlines in the context of the curriculum, choosing to deviate from the norm in order to instruct with a deeper illustration.

Scenarios such as this are ubiquitous here — albeit incorporating wide-ranging methods — because they are executed in the context of the trusted faculty/student relationships that are fundamental to MUS culture. We expect students to be able to read material and relate it to studies, drawing new inferences, and thereby expanding their worlds. For the system to work, the quality of those instructed must be on par with an institutional expectation that they want to learn, are able to learn, and seek to make the world a better place with what they learn.

Mr. Peters and I met one fateful day at the copy machine in the faculty workroom in the early 2000s, as he was busily carving some editorial for circulation to his class. There, the two of us stumbled upon our shared affinity for two monumental scholarly pieces that support daily life at MUS while decrying the current state of affairs in the American experiment:

1983's *A Nation at Risk: The Imperative for Educational Reform*, commissioned by The National Commission on Excellence in Education, and 1993's *Defining Deviancy Down: How We've Become Accustomed to Alarming Levels of Crime and Destructive Behavior*, by Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the late New York senator.

These two sociological essays were political hot potatoes for some, and even today there is much to be discussed in their conclusions with regard to the American family, natural law, meritocracy, education standards, equal opportunity under the law, and the historical inconsistent application of justice to our citizens. No question. However, it was not the politics that concerned the two of us. It was the articles' circumspect content and our shared cultural assumptions supporting what it takes for a boy to grow into a good man.

In summary, both pieces decried the encroaching cultural permissiveness, how the gradual allowance for tolerating bad behavior pacified those seeking short-term expediency while sacrificing our long-term health as a nation. More, both identified that traditional standards necessitated people acting in accordance with those standards, the same people expecting penalties for breaking the cultural codes.

Nostalgia for those faculty workroom conversations decades removed sounded the alarm today that we are not immune to the pressures of prevailing culture. At MUS we continue to uphold our standards in the face of declining external expectations, using the tools from Coach Peters' days — quality of instruction, quality of instructor, quality of those instructed, if not cut-and-pasted newspaper articles.

Then as now, we find that boys who demonstrate academic promise and character, in relationship with teachers who combine method, mind, and skill, supported by families who have high expectations, will prosper here. And they will grow into good men.

In the face of culture's downward deviancy, the process here is downright countercultural.



*Mr. Clay Smythe '85,
Lower School Principal*

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Players from the MUS production of *Monty Python's Spamalot*, front row, from left, Baker Ball (Galahad), Zach Shulkin (Patsy), Rashaan Jiles (Lancelot); back row, Augie Van Deever (Robin), Paul Stevenson (King Author), and Brad Jarratt (Bedevere)

Owlcolades

Mathcounts Wins State



Lower School scholars have math for lunch, along with a side of Dining Hall offerings, to prepare for Mathcounts competitions. Pictured, clockwise from left, are Chang Yu, Akaash Padmanabha, Mr. Loyal Murphy '86 (instructor in math), Jacob Webb, Jet Tan, Ethan Hurst, Jackson Howell, Jackson Moody, and Rick Reinhard.

A team of eighth-grade math scholars claimed the 2014 Tennessee Mathcounts championship, and Chang Yu earned the top spot in the state. Team members Jackson Moody, Akaash Padmanabha, Rick Reinhard, and Yu traveled with Coach Loyal Murphy '86, instructor in math, to the Tennessee Engineering Center in Nashville to compete in the tournament on March 22. The Owls were among 48 students from winning regional teams across the state. Read about the team's journey, which included hours upon hours of practice, and Yu's qualification for the national tournament in *Inside MUS* online, insidemus.wordpress.com.

Duke's TIP Recognizes 14 Students

Lower School students *Ethan Hurst*, *Akaash Padmanabha*, and *Jet Tan* earned nationwide Grand Recognition in Duke University's Talent Identification Program. They were also among 14 Owls whose SAT and ACT scores placed them among Tennessee's highest scoring middle school students, including *Mac Coleman*, *David Holmes*, *J.J. Johnson*, *Kaedmon Penney*, *William Quinlen*, *Zuhair Somjee*, *Loyd Templeton*, *Weston Toulitos*, *Warren Turner*, *Ty Williams*, and *David Zak*.

Zhao Physics Competition Semifinalist



Junior **Yunhua Zhao** was one of 400 semifinalists across the country in the 2014 International Physics Olympiad Competition. He was one of only two semifinalists from Tennessee. "It is impressive that Yunhua has earned this honor as a junior," Mr. Wayne Mullins, instructor in physics, said. "His accomplishment has placed MUS on a list that includes some of the top high school science programs in the nation."

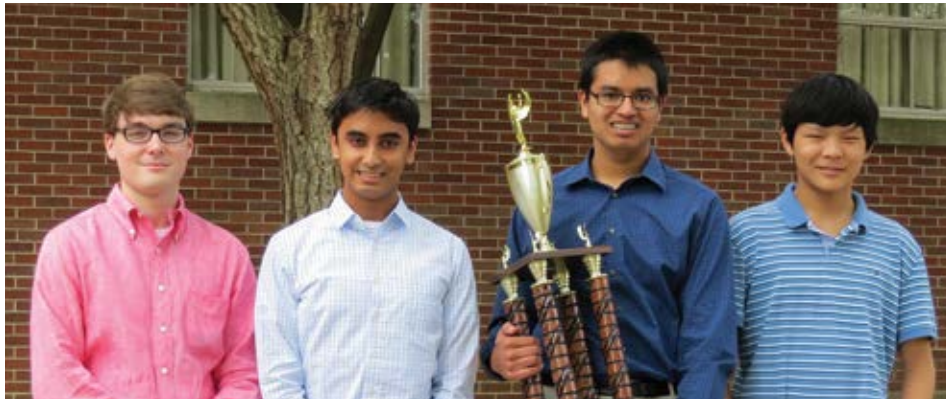


MUS earned first place in our nine-state region in the American Association of Physics Teachers Physics Bowl contest, and junior *Richard Ouyang* tied for the top individual score. Pictured, from left, are *William Lamb*, *Garret Sullivan*, *Richard Ouyang*, *Salman Haque*, and *Yunhua Zhao*.

National Merit Finalists Named

The following seniors were named Finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation: **Josh Douglass**, **Matthew Gayoso**, **Salman Haque**, **William Lamb**, **Ben Ormseth**, **Samuel Ostrow**, **Stephen Pacheco**, **Aditya Shah**, **Paul Stevenson**, **Garret Sullivan**, **Zain Virk**, and **Harrison Williams**. In addition seniors **Kameron Bradley** and **Josh Hawkins** have been named finalists in the National Achievement Scholarship Program, which recognizes outstanding black high school students in the United States.

Quiz Bowl Win Caps Season



Quiz bowl team members, from left, Stewart Love, Salman Haque, Aditya Shah, and Yunhua Zhao with the imposter trophy representing the team's win at the White Station Quiz Bowl Tournament.

The quiz bowl team of seniors **Salman Haque** (captain) and **Aditya Shah** and juniors **Stewart Love** and **Yunhua Zhao** won the White Station High School Quiz Bowl Tournament April 19. They jokingly presented an imposter trophy – rather than the medals they had actually received – to Headmaster Ellis Haguewood during chapel April 21.

“I accept this fake trophy from a very real quiz bowl team and a very real coach, Mr. [Darin] Clifft,” Haguewood said. “Under his leadership quiz bowl has become an exciting extracurricular activity that has brought honor and recognition to the school in an academic area.”

The team participated in seven tournaments this school year, collecting two first-place wins, a second-place finish, and three third-place finishes.

The lineup also included seniors **Shivam Bhakta, Samuel Ostrow, Cole Stockstill, Paul Stevenson, Garret Sullivan**; juniors **Andrew Elsagr, Ashish Kumar, Nevin Naren, Richard Ouyang, Arnav Thakur**; sophomores **Reed Barnes, Jason Lin, Saatvik Mohan, Patrick Murphy, Patton Orr, Zach Shulkin, Jordan Wallace**, and freshmen **Aneesh Ram, Kanha Mishra, and Brooks Eikner**.

Assisting Clifft this season were Mr. Jonathan Large, instructor in history, Mr. Doug Perkins, chair of the Department of History and Social Sciences, and Mr. Phillip Stalls, instructor in math.

Students Choose Honor Council

The student body elected junior **Jack Gray** as 2014-15 Honor Council president. In his chapel speech, Gray emphasized introspection and careful consideration: “If you have to leave this chapel with one message ... let it be, ‘I am the honor system,’ because you are. Every time you ... [do the right thing], you’re laying another brick on the monument that is the MUS Honor System.”

Headmaster Ellis Haguewood noted the significance of the office and the Honor Council during his chapel comments. “This is a unique honor system in the degree of responsibility that we allow students to have,” Haguewood said. “Our elected representatives take on a very heavy responsibility. Our Honor System is unique also in the degree of allegiance and loyalty that our students have to it.”

Following are the Honor Council grade representatives: 12th grade, **William Merriman** and **Griffin Wilson**; 11th grade, **Gabe Hanna** and **Connor Whitson**; 10th grade, **Alex Hyde** and **Henry Trammell**; ninth grade, **Josiah Crutchfield** and **Charlie Evans**; eighth grade, **Nicholas Hurley** and **Philip Wunderlich**; seventh grade, to be decided in the fall.

Student Leaders for 2014-15

The following student leaders will serve next year:

Student Council

President-
rising senior **Xavier Greer**

Vice-President-
rising senior **Selden Montgomery**
Commissioner of Student Athletics-
rising senior **Connor Wright**
Commissioner of Student Welfare-
rising junior **Tom Fowlkes**

Commissioner of Special Activities-
rising senior **Augie Van Deveer**
Commissioner of Social Events-
rising senior **Joseph Preston**

Secretary-Treasurer-
rising senior **Pierce Rose**

Chaplain-
rising senior **Jack Christenbury**
Parliamentarian-
rising senior **John Madden**

Civic Service Organization
President-
rising senior **Alex Carruthers**



Jack Gray addresses the student body during chapel.

Parliament of Owls Make Eagle



Hayden Combs

Seven students achieved the Boy Scouts of America Eagle rank recently: seniors **Hayden Combs, Cole Ettingoff, William Lamb, Thomas Norton,** and **Will Wells,** and juniors **Jeff Guenther** and **Zack Whicker.**

Ettingoff Elected to Chickasaw Board



Senior **Cole Ettingoff** has been elected to the Executive Board of the Chickasaw Council, Boy Scouts of America. The board, which serves as the governing body for all Scouting in the tri-state area, had previously named Ettingoff the Council Venturing President. In this capacity, he leads 2,818 young men and women ages 14-20. Ettingoff is an Eagle Scout and recipient of the Venturing Leadership Award.



As part of his Eagle project, senior **William Lamb**, second from right, collected books for Crosstown Arts. Juniors **Jeffrey Zheng, Nevin Naren,** and **Ahmed Latif** prepare to help **Lamb** transport the 2,500 books donated by the MUS community.



Thomas Norton, Zack Whicker, and Will Wells



Jeff Guenther and his father, Mr. Mark Guenther, with Jeff's Eagle project: an outdoor stage built with friends and family in Carpenter Art Garden in the Binghamton neighborhood

If your son is a current MUS student and has earned his Eagle rank, we want to know. Send photos and information to liz.copeland@musowls.org.

Governor Honors Latin Motto



Brandon Haney and **Alexander Goodwin**, backed by fellow eighth-grade Latin I classmates, display Gov. Bill Haslam's proclamation declaring April Latin Language Appreciation Month. The two students came up with a proposed Latin motto for Tennessee: *Musica e montibus fluit* or Music flows from the mountains. The governor responded with the proclamation.

Latin Exam Perfection



Eighteen Owls earned perfect scores on the 2014 National Latin Exams, and 111 received gold or silver medals. Pictured, front row, from left, are Latin I students **Alexander Goodwin, Jackson Howell, Charlie Evans, Matthew Temple, Benton Ferebee, Jon Staffel, Jason Wang, Jackson Moody** (Chang Yu not pictured); second row, Latin II students **Henry Trammell, Aneesh Ram, Brooks Eikner, Tom Wells;** Latin III students **Witt Fesmire, Will McAtee, Patton Orr, Bilal Siddiq;** and Latin Poetry IV student **Richard Ouyang.**



Junior **Richard Ouyang**, front row at right, scored a perfect 2400 on the SAT and a 36 on the ACT. He is also among seven Owls who achieved the top ACT score, including fellow junior **Yunhua Zhao**, front row at left, and seniors, back row, from left, **Matthew Gayoso, Zain Virk, William Lamb, Garret Sullivan,** and **Salman Haque.** Read about their advice to fellow students on how to maximize performance on college entrance exams in the online version of our school newsletter Inside MUS.

Economics Students First in State



Mr. John Knaff's EconChallenge team, from left, **Grayson Lee, Zack Spisak,** and **Witt Hawkins**, took first place in state competition March 21 at Tennessee State University in Nashville. They competed against 28 teams in the preliminary, online round of the David Ricardo division, for students who have taken any one-semester course of introductory or general, combined macroeconomics and microeconomics. At the state final they faced three teams. In the 2014 National Economics Challenge, a written test administered April 15, the team placed 11th out of 30 semifinalists nationwide.



Nuts, Bolts, and Computer Programming

The robotics team competed with 36 groups in the FIRST Tech Challenge, a regional robotics championship hosted by Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, MO, on March 1. MUS was the only team to qualify from Tennessee for this regional competition, which also included groups from Missouri and western Illinois. The competitors included, front row, from left, **Garret Sullivan, Samuel Hecht, Hunter Finney, Alex Creson, Thomas Hayes;** second row, Mr. Phillip Stalls (instructor in math), **William Lamb, Jack Hirschman, Sam Neyhart, Zack Whicker,** and Mr. Lee Loden (instructor in physics).

Monty Python's Spamalot

Wows Audiences, Collects Nominations



The Court of Camelot is a singing lot. Pictured, front row, from left, are Evan Arkle, Brad Jarratt, Rashaan Jiles, Andrew Hanissian, Augie Van Deveer, Baker Ball, Charlie Wiener; back row, Kathryn Miesse, Zach Shulkin, Clara McDonald, Paul Stevenson, Dorothy Oehmler, Olivia Wilkinson, Avery Blanton, and Chase Wyatt

After a zany, mirthful, crowd-pleasing run on the Hyde Chapel stage, the MUS production of *Monty Python's Spamalot* garnered a dozen nominations in The Orpheum's High School Musical Theatre Awards. Looking forward to the May 12 awards program, modeled after the Tony Awards, MUS players were brushing up a production number to perform at the Orpheum. Cast and crew, along with Director Tim Greer and Technical Director Robert Fudge, were hoping their show would follow the lead of the Broadway production, which won three Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

If audiences could vote, the Owl version of the Eric Idle-John Du Prez musical, "lovingly ripped off from the motion picture *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*," surely would collect on those nominations. Hyde Chapel rocked with laughter throughout the spring run, including the final night, April 1, when tickets sold out.

Cast members were seniors **Francis Carlota, Hayden Combs, Rashaan Jiles, William Lamb, Paul Stevenson, Chase Wyatt**; juniors **Evan Arkle, Baker Ball, Brad Jarratt, Daniel Nathan, Augie Van Deveer**; sophomores **Andrew Hanissian, Zach**

Shulkin; freshmen **Dylan Riggs, Charlie Wiener**; and eighth graders **Witt Miesse** and **Sam Payne**. The cast also included Avery Blanton, Lillie Burrow, Emily Cohen, Ann Catherine Demere, Patsy Detroit, Madeleine Fisher, Clara McDonald, Kathryn Miesse, Dorothy Oehmler, Eliza Oehmler, Margaret Shaul, and Olivia Wilkinson, along with faculty members Dr. Eric Dalle '93, Mr. Flip Eikner '77, Mr. Timothy Greer, Mrs. Rebecca Keel, Mr. Jonathan Large, Mr. Barry Ray, Mr. Spencer Reese '94, and Mr. Clay Smythe '85.

Crew members were senior **Will Wells**, stage manager; junior **Jim Waggoner**, assistant stage manager; senior **Doug**

McClew, lighting design; senior **Justin Goldsmith**, sound cue design and playback; sophomore **Nathan Dinh**, sound design and board operation; and the scene shift crew: senior **Luke Stallings**; juniors **Mitchell Clark, Jack Mullins, Peter Phillips, Ethan Pretsch, Zack Whicker, Brock Wright**; and freshman **Will Schneider**.

The Theater Production class and volunteers assisted with set construction. Student workers not previously mentioned included seniors **Drew Bell, Shivam Bhakta, Thornton Brooksbank, Chandler Brown, Alec Carro, Josh Dixon, Cole Ettingoff**; juniors **Mike Carrier, Bennett Wilfong**; and freshman **Chris Padilla**.



The cast and crew of *Monty Python's Spamalot*



French villagers take a break from taunting to inspect the objet d'art at their doorstep. Pictured, from left, are Andrew Hanissian, Margaret Shaul (foreground), Witt Miesse, Clara McDonald, Eliza Oehmler, Olivia Wilkinson, Patsy Detroit, William Lamb, Chase Wyatt, and Dr. Eric Dalle.



Pictured, from left, are Olivia Wilkinson, Chase Wyatt, Andrew Hanissian, Augie Van Deveer (in back), Avery Blanton, Baker Ball, Charlie Wiener, Paul Stevenson, Dorothy Oehmler, Evan Arkle, Rashaan Jiles, Clara McDonald, Kathryn Miesse, and Zach Shulkin.

The Play's the Thing, Students Say

Student theatergoers tell what drew them to see *Monty Python's Spamalot*, what left them laughing, and why others should give MUS theater productions a try.

Junior **Hayden Meacham**, who had never seen an MUS production before, had heard the play was “awesome” and decided to go. “I had high expectations, and I wasn’t disappointed. It was hilarious. I had a good time, sitting with friends. Knowing the guys in it made it even funnier.”

His favorite scene involved Mr. Spencer Reese '94, instructor in English, and Mr. Jonathan Large, instructor in history, playing castle guards, bantering back and forth from the turrets.

Junior **Griffin Wilson** also liked the Reese-Large verbal volley as well as seeing how the cast interpreted the movie. “That it was friends performing added to it,” he said. “Everyone did a really good job.”

The Knights Who Say Ni made senior **Kyle Naes** laugh, and the fire that came from Tim the Enchanter’s (Mr. Tim Greer) staff surprised him. “I didn’t see that coming – real flames on stage. The Lady of the Lake [Hutchison senior Dorothy Oehmler] was so talented. I thought she might not be a student.”

Naes had seen the movie the play is based upon, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, some time ago, but he said it wasn’t his type of humor. “The MUS version was much funnier – maybe because I knew the people.”

Senior **Fredrick Thompson**, on the other hand, enjoyed the movie and expected the play to be just as funny. “I was correct,” he said. “I loved the giant bunny.” He also thought the Frenchie character looked familiar and then realized it was the school’s instructor in French. “Someone beside me said, ‘That’s Ms. [Rebecca] Keel, Oh, my!’” he said.

Thompson offered a word of wisdom to fellow Owls considering going to a play in the future. “If you know someone in a play, definitely go,” he said. “Even if you’re just thinking about going, go – and bring your U Card. I wish I had gone to more plays.”

The Orpheum’s High School Musical Theatre Award Nominations for *Monty Python’s Spamalot*

Outstanding Overall Production

Outstanding Achievement in Musical Theater

Outstanding Lead Actor: *Paul Stevenson* as King Arthur

Outstanding Supporting Actor: *Baker Ball* as Sir Galahad

Outstanding Featured Actor: *Chase Wyatt* as Brother Maynard
Augie Van Deveer as Robin **Won**

Outstanding Featured Dancer: *Margaret Shaul*

Outstanding Small Ensemble: The Knights

Outstanding Comedic Duo/Trio: **Won**
Arthur (Paul Stevenson) and Patsy (Zach Shulkin)

Outstanding Direction by a Teacher: *Tim Greer*

Outstanding Set Design **Won**

Outstanding Student Creative Achievement: *Doug McClew*



The giant wooden rabbit intrigues Camelot adventurers, played by from left, Rashaan Jiles, Zach Shulkin, Augie Van Deveer, Brad Jarratt, Baker Ball, and Paul Stevenson.



Baker Ball, Olivia Wilkinson, Avery Blanton, and Rashaan Jiles mind their steps as Paul Stevenson prepares for his entrance.

Digital Design Students Create Resumes

Digital Design students recently put skills learned in class to a relevant use: creating attractive, informative running resumes.

“Resume information takes a lot of time to pull together, and details can be forgotten,” Mrs. Terry Balton, instructor in fine arts and technology, said. “When a resume is needed, the running resume can be edited quickly to meet the particular situation.”

Students will need resumes for a wide variety of audiences, including scholarship committees, college organizations, and employers, Balton said. “Often resumes are used to weed out applicants before they are even seriously considered for an interview. A well-designed document helps an applicant stand out. It shows that someone has taken the time, cares enough, and is professional.”

Students learned proper writing, formatting, and printing practices, as well as common mistakes to avoid. Then, utilizing Microsoft Word and online templates, they created their own resumes.

Senior Aditya Shah, president of the Service Through Entrepreneurship Club (formerly Future Business Leaders of America), said having a strong resume is valuable to individuals of all ages.

“As Mrs. Balton has taught us to make resumes,” Shah said, “we will have an advantage as we apply for summer internships, scholarships, and college.”



Beg To Differ Spreads Harmony

Photo Credit:
Memphis Symphony League

At a Memphis Symphony League luncheon, Beg To Differ stopped for a photo with Roland Valliere, center, Memphis Symphony League’s president and chief executive officer. Pictured, from left, are Harrison Tabor, Nicholas Manley, Andrew Counce, Samuel Ostrow, Jalen Friendly, Paul Stevenson, Warren Townsend, Augie Van Deveer, Baker Ball, David Nelson, Valliere, Patrick Murphy, Sherman Tabor, Tom Fowlkes, Selden Montgomery, Michael Reddoch, Evan Arkle, Rashaan Jiles, and Andrew Elsagr.



Under the watchful eyes of Mr. Leigh W. MacQueen and Mr. John Murry Springfield, Beg To Differ performs in the Dining Hall during Grandparents Day. Mr. John Hiltonsmith directs, and Sherman Tabor is featured.

Mid-South Scholastic Art Awards



Sophomore Jackson Pacheco won a Gold Key for his oil-on-paper self-portrait submitted through Elaine Neeley Studio



Eighth-grader Zachary Street won a Gold Key in Sculpture with Alligator, created last year in Mr. Jim Buchman’s Art 7 class



Senior Anthony Walton won a Silver Key in Photography with his portrait of fellow senior Bobby Lewis, created in Mr. Grant Burke’s Photography class.

VARSITY Basketball



James Prather, left, and Michael Baker reach for the rebound as Sam Fowlkes and Bailey Buford watch the action during a game against Houston in the FedEx Forum. —Joe Murphy Photography

Hoopsters Deliver Heart and Drive in Exciting Postseason Run

Facing one of the most competitive schedules in the program's history, the 2013-14 varsity basketball team gained hard-fought experience early on, playing national powers White Station, Chicago's Simeon and Orr high schools; top-notch Nashville-area teams; and some of the best squads in Shelby County. Head Coach Matt Bakke and assistants, Coach Mark Counce '77 and Coach Trey Suddarth, trusted that the gauntlet would prepare them for postseason competition. Fortunately, their objective played out as planned. Despite finishing 14-13 in the regular season, the team advanced to the BlueCross Championship Game and finished as TSSAA Division II-AA runner-up.

One of the team's advantages was the experience of nine seniors, each of whom had been in the program for at least four

years. Captains **Bailey Buford** and **Chris Galvin**, both guards, anchored this crew and led with their words and actions, as both had excellent seasons. **Michael Baker** and **Andrew Counce** also started much of the year, providing consistent play with their rebounding and defense and frequently hit open shots. Depth came from guards **David Blankenship** and **Sam Fowlkes**, who provided great energy off the bench, and forwards **Renn Eason**, **Max Jenkins**, and **James Prather**, who brought toughness and drive to the squad.

Juniors who saw varsity action included **Will Farnsworth**, **Peyton Jones**, **Michael Reddoch**, **Connor Truitt**, and **Preston White**. These five played hard throughout the year, embracing their roles to assist the team.

Three sophomores also logged varsity minutes. The team's fifth starter was **David Nelson**, who at 6-foot-7 was the tallest player. His presence inside was key as he led the Owls in blocked shots and had some very good games offensively, including scoring 15 points in a division win against Briarcrest. **Philip Freeburg** and **Owen Galvin** also played this season and will be expected to provide leadership in the near future.

Highlights during the regular season included playing against White Station, at the time ranked in the top-five in the nation. The Owls stayed close throughout and twice closed the lead to 2 points inside the final minute before losing, 50-46. A similar plot unfolded against Chicago Simeon, a traditional national power that came out on top, 41-35. The team also played in the FedEx Forum against Houston High School in late December, taking the floor before a Grizzlies game. MUS logged wins against quality non-divisional teams such as Ripley, Bolton, Father Ryan, Lausanne, and Evangelical Christian School, and they finished 3-3 in the league, twice defeating St. Benedict and beating Briarcrest at home.

As the third seed out of the Western Division after the regular season, the Owls took on St. Benedict for a third time, defeating the Eagles by 5 to advance to the quarterfinals. In that round they traveled to Chattanooga to take on the East/Middle region top seed, McCallie. Despite the Blue Tornado's athletic roster and home-court advantage, MUS dismantled the hosts, 56-33, holding McCallie well below their season average for points. With that win the Owls advanced to Nashville and



Coach Matt Bakke gives directives to the troops. Pictured, foreground, are Chris Galvin and James Prather; in the back are Peyton Jones, Max Jenkins, Renn Eason, Will Farnsworth, Owen Galvin, David Blankenship, David Nelson, and Connor Truitt. —Joe Murphy Photography



Varsity basketball players, from left, Will Farnsworth, Sam Fowlkes, David Blankenship, Owen Galvin, James Prather, Preston White, David Nelson, Renn Eason, Michael Baker, Chris Galvin, Max Jenkins, Bailey Buford, Andrew Counce, and Connor Truitt



Chris Galvin drives into the paint against Briarcrest.

the semifinals, where they would take on familiar foe Briarcrest in the Allen Arena on the campus of David Lipscomb University. After having split with the Saints in the regular season, the team expected a close game, but the Owls dominated throughout, holding Briarcrest to only 8 points in the first half and 23 for the game en route to the 41-23 victory

and a berth in the finals. In the title game against Nashville Ensworth, the team played valiantly, but by the end of the game, the Tigers had claimed their fourth consecutive state championship, 57-46. However, the loss did not diminish the Owls' inspiring postseason run and the team's 2013-14 experience.

"The accomplishments of this year's

team are extremely gratifying for me because of the tremendous attitude and effort that the players displayed throughout the season," Bakke said. "The demanding schedule led to some setbacks — nine losses by 6 or fewer points — but the guys continued to compete at a high level and maintained belief in one another. Their hard work paid off with a memorable tournament run. I also want to express my appreciation to Coach Counce, Coach Suddarth, Coach [Dax] Torrey '94, and Coach [Joe] Tyler for their invaluable contributions, which helped make the season so successful."

Best of the Preps

The following athletes were selected for *The Commercial Appeal's* Best of the Preps for winter sports.

Basketball

Bailey Buford
Chris Galvin
David Nelson

Swimming

Christian Berry
Thornton
Brooksbank
Drew Evans
Henry Keel
Jack McCaghren
Alex Robinson
Sherman Tabor

Bowling

Jack Mullins
Harrison Stewart

Wrestling

Connor Stewart

Junior Varsity Basketball

Coach: Trey Suddarth
assisted by Mark Counce '77

Record: 16-4

Roster: juniors Chandler Braxton, Marcus Evans; sophomores Philip Freeburg, Jalen Friendly, Owen Galvin, Gabe Hanna, Cole Harrison, Matt Kruczek, Austin Lacy, Reid Smith, Colin Threlkeld, Connor Whitson; freshmen Josh Gray, Luke Wilfong



Reid Smith grabs the rebound.



Chandler Braxton fights for his shot.

Ninth Grade Basketball

Coach: Joe Tyler

Record: 4-11

Roster: Carter Braswell, Jack Crosby, Reeves Eddins, Jack Heathcott, Walker Horn, John Walker Huffman, Josh Karchmer, Ben Mims, Ogonna Oraedu, Max Scott, Timothy White



Jack Crosby slides past a St. George's defender as Coach Joe Tyler looks on.

Eighth Grade Basketball

Coach: Dax Torrey '94

Record: 22-4; runner-up in Shelby League Tournament

Roster: Jackson Bridgforth, Smith Duncan, Eric Gray, Michael Jennings, John McBride, Aedan McKay, Charlie Rhodes, Johnny Ruffin, Zachary Street, Mylan Taylor, Bobby Wade, Bays Webb



Eighth-grade basketball team, from left, assistant coach Brad Kerkhof, Eric Gray, Mylan Taylor, Smith Duncan, Jackson Bridgforth, Zachary Street, Johnny Ruffin, John McBride, Bobby Wade, Bays Webb, Michael Jennings, Charlie Rhodes, and Aedan McKay

Seventh Grade Basketball

Coach: Jason Peters '88

Record: 20-6

Roster: Garrott Braswell, Scott Burnett, Walker Crosby, Wade Harrison, Thomas Hayden, Emerson Manley, Matthew Rogers, DeAndrus Sanders, Dekari Scott, Sellers Shy, Josh Tanenbaum, Johnathan Whitehead, Philip Wunderlich, Philip Zanone



Seventh-grade basketball team, front row, from left, DeAndrus Sanders, Scott Burnett, Dekari Scott, Walker Crosby, Wade Harrison, Philip Wunderlich, Josh Tanenbaum; back row, Thomas Hayden, Johnathan Whitehead, Matthew Rogers, Emerson Manley, Philip Zanone, Coach Jason Peters, and Sellers Shy (Garrott Braswell is not pictured.)

SWIMMING

Aquatic Owls Make Waves With Runner-Up Finish at State



Seamus Fitzhenry



Senior swimmers celebrate the team winning the 2013-14 Shelby County Championships, front row, from left, Jake Eissler, Thornton Brooksbank, Seamus Fitzhenry; back row, Drew Evans, Tal Keel, Andrew Crosby, and Davis Howe. (Senior Reed Harrison is not pictured.)

Marking the highest finish in school history, Coach Bryan Parker and the 2013-14 swimming team claimed second in the Tennessee State High School Swimming and Diving Championships.

The aquatic Owls participate in the Shelby County High School Swim League, competing against public and private schools throughout the county. The team swam in seven league meets and dominated their competition, losing to only two teams during the regular season. That dominance gave the Owls confidence heading into the postseason.

The Owls defended their Shelby County Championships title for the sixth straight time at St. George's. With that impressive accomplishment, they advanced to the state meet in Nashville, held February 14 and 15.

The depth of the squad was key to the outstanding season. Eight seniors provided leadership that was essential to success. **Thornton Brooksbank, Andrew Crosby, Jake Eissler, Drew Evans, Seamus Fitzhenry, Reed Harrison, Davis Howe, and Tal Keel** all continued the tradition of hard work



Nathan Dinh, far lane, and Matt Fuess, middle lane

and dedication. The Owls also benefited from the contributions of juniors, sophomores, and even a very talented freshmen class as they overwhelmed local competition and swam very competitively in the final meet.

At the state competition the team did well in the individual races. In the 50-yard freestyle race, four Owls placed, with freshman **Christian Berry** taking seventh, sophomore **Henry Keel** eighth, junior **Sherman Tabor** 12th, and Brooksbank 15th. In the 100-yard freestyle contest, Berry and Keel once again did well, finishing fifth and 15th respectively. In the 500-yard freestyle race, freshman **Alex Robinson** finished fourth, while fel-

low freshman **Jack McCaghren** claimed seventh. McCaghren took eighth in the 200-yard individual medley race, and Robinson finished ninth in the 100-yard backstroke competition.

The team also excelled in their relay events. The 200-yard freestyle team of Berry, Tabor, Brooksbank, and Henry Keel finished second overall, and the 400-yard freestyle group of Berry,



Nicholas Manley

Henry Keel, Evans, and Robinson claimed third. Not to be outdone, the 200-yard medley relay team – made up of Robinson (backstroke), freshman **Parker Kaye** (breaststroke), Tabor (butterfly), and Brooksbank (freestyle) – took third. These finishes helped the Owls score 191 points, trailing only perennial power Chattanooga Baylor.

“This year’s team worked incredibly hard, and the results showed that by the end of the season,” Parker said. “Almost everyone went best times for their best individual events this year. The senior leadership was excellent and necessary. Hopefully, the underclassmen can learn from their attitude and drive.”

Though Parker and the team will miss those eight seniors, the younger guys are looking forward to filling the void and continuing the Owls’ upward trend. These up-and-coming swimmers are juniors **Jeff Guenther, Nicholas Manley, Nevin Naren, and Richard Ouyang**; sophomores **Sam Bartz, Forest Colerick, Tucker Colerick, Sam Collier, Nathan Dinh, Wes Flemmons, Matt Fuess, Andrew Hanissian, Edwin Hussey, Andres Salas, Henry T. Stratton, and CJ Turner**; and freshmen **Mackey Alexander, Ishan Biswas, and Kian Ghodoussi**.



Forest Colerick



CJ Turner



Drew Evans



Henry Keel

Lower School Swimming



The Lower School swim team, front row, from left, Bobby Wade, Liam Kaltenborn, Rick Reinhard, Benton Ferebee, Ty Williams; second row, Justin Martin, Omkar Hosad, Ev Nichol, Jet Tan, Ethan Hurst; third row, Louis Allen, Will Huffman, John Keegan; back row, Warren Turner and Bailey Keel (Robin Coffman and JoJo Fogarty are not pictured.)

Coach: Drayton Carlisle

Record: Undefeated season
 November 2 league meet - first out of 8 teams
 November 16 league meet - first out of 8 teams
 January 11 league meet - first out of 17 teams
 Shelby County Swim League Championships - first out of 18 teams

Roster:

Eighth graders Benton Ferebee, Omkar Hosad, Will Huffman, Liam Kaltenborn, John Keegan, Rick Reinhard, Bobby Wade
 Seventh graders Louis Allen, Robin Coffman, JoJo Fogarty, Ethan Hurst, Bailey Keel, Justin Martin, Ev Nichol, Jet Tan, Warren Turner, Ty Williams



Wrestlers, front row, from left, Xavier Greer, Connor Stewart, Evan Arkle, Jack Hirschman, Grady Hecht, Charlie Jones, Alex Wolf, Jacob Suppiah, Carlo Guinocor, Cam Clayton, Eli Christenbury, Tim Hart, Evan Knaff, Samuel Gordon, Mitchell Clark, Chris Boswell, Keith Burks, Gaines Whittington, Josh Dixon, Jalon Love, David Dabov, Marvin Banks,

Varsity WRESTLING



Jack Hirschman sizes up his opponent

Youthful Team Wrestles to Build Solid Foundation

With one of the youngest wrestling teams in the state, Head Coach Steve Hendricks and assistants, Coach John Knaff and Coach James Walker, were looking to become more competitive and build excitement this season. Based on some good performances in local tournaments, the team definitely improved, setting the foundation for a solid program going forward.

The 2013-14 Owls had only two senior wrestlers, **Josh Dixon** and **Kyle Naes**, along with manager, **Cole Ettingoff**. The rest of the roster was made up of underclassmen, including a large freshman class.

In spite of their youth, the team won multiple dual matches and did well in several tournaments. The Owls posted victories over Cordova, East, Fayette Academy, Ridgeway, and St. George's, and they did well in competitive tournaments, placing fifth in the Blackhorse Invitational, the Millington Invitational, and the Dog Fight Tournament. At the Blackhorse, held at Houston High School, two Owls excelled, including junior captain **Xavier Greer**, who finished second in the 120-pound class, and fellow junior captain **Connor Stewart**, who took second in the 138-pound class. At Briarcrest's Dog Fight Tournament, six Owls wrestled in the title match. Eighth-grader **Cam Clayton** defeated freshman **Zachary Klinke** to win in the 106-pound class, and sophomore **Tim Hart** won in the 220-pound class. Claiming second in their respective classes were Greer (120), junior **Marvin Banks** (126), and Stewart (138).

Hendricks recognized the importance of the regular season to ready his team for the postseason and state meets. "Every match, every practice is getting us ready," he said.

At the state meet in Franklin, the Owls had five wrestlers advance to the Division II-AA state individual tournament. Stewart bettered his sixth-place finish from last year with a fifth-place showing in 2014, winning two matches in the 138-pound bracket. Banks (126) also won a match in his bracket. Other Owls who qualified for the state tournament included freshman **Jacob Suppiah** (113), Hart (220), and junior **Chris Boswell** (285). Unfortunately, Greer, who likely would have been the team's sixth qualifier, had his season cut short because of an injury suffered in the regional tournament.

Hendricks was proud of the state qualifiers, particularly with Stewart and his effort.

"Connor Stewart had a good showing at state with a fifth-place finish, and we feel that next year he can do much better," Hendricks said. "There are at least four other wrestlers who are just an extra-effort away from placing well at state."

Other Owls to wrestle this season included juniors **Evan Arkle**, **Darien Bradburn**, **Mitchell Clark**, **Samuel Gordon**, **Wesley Grace**, **Jack Hirschman**, **Gaines Whittington**; sophomores **David Dabov**, **Gil Humphreys**, **Evan Knaff**, **Jackson Pacheco**, **Drake Richmond**; freshmen **Keith Burks**, **Eli Christenbury**, **Grady Hecht**, **Charlie Jones**, **Jalon Love**,



on, Ramiz Somjee, Zachary Klinke, Conor McGowan, Henry Trammell, Wesley Grace, Max Bannister, Peter Raves; back row, Barry Klug, Joe Carter, Gil Humphreys, Tom Wells, and Nick Rezaee



Xavier Greer takes down a Houston wrestler

Ramiz Somjee, Henry Trammell, Tom Wells, Alex Wolf; and eighth-grader Joe Carter.

Postseason awards went to Stewart, who was named Most Valuable Wrestler; Banks, named the Most Improved Wrestler; and Hart, tabbed as Rookie of the Year.

The coaches said they were pleased with this year's strides, and they are looking forward to next year, hoping to energize the returning roster and attract some new, enthusiastic wrestlers to help the program continue to improve.

"Now we are looking for a few tough-minded Owls to join with our current winners and make us a good team," Hendricks said. "How good we become depends on how bad these Owls want to win, how tough they are mentally and physically, and how well they learn."

Lower School Wrestling



The Lower School wrestling team, front row, from left, Hudson Miller, Ryan Aghabeg, Peter Raves, Will Cooper, Carlo Guinocor, Harry Dunavant, Cam Clayton, Loyd Templeton, Stillman McFadden, Jack Dabov; back row, Dorian Hopkins, David Byrd, Ben Gilliland, Barry Klug, Nick Rezaee, Sam Nelson, Matthew Rhodes, Conor McGowan, Joe Carter, Matt Fogelman, Stephen Christenbury, and Jory Meyers

Coaches: James Walker and Jonathan Jones

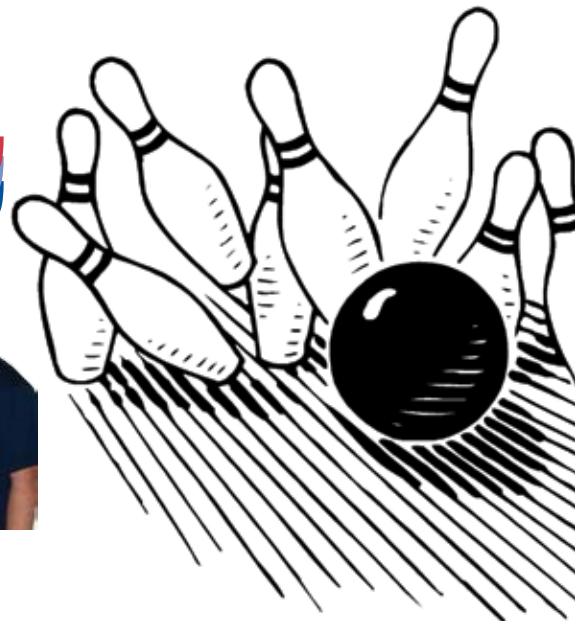
Record: Undefeated
Wrestlers posted wins against St. Benedict, Briarcrest, St. George's (twice), Collierville, Arlington, Houston, and Millington

Roster:

Eighth graders Ryan Aghabeg, Joe Carter, Cam Clayton, Harry Dunavant, Sean Fitzhenry, Matt Fogelman, Carlo Guinocor, Barry Klug, Bo McEwan, Conor McGowan, Peter Raves, Nick Rezaee

Seventh graders David Byrd, Stephen Christenbury, Will Cooper, Jack Dabov, Ben Gilliland, Dorian Hopkins, Stillman McFadden, Jory Meyers, Hudson Miller, Sam Nelson, Matthew Rhodes, Loyd Templeton, Jim Thomas

BOWLING



The 2013-14 bowling team, from left, Jack Mullins, Zach Walker, Charles Brandon, Josh Hawkins, Ellis Kennedy, August Klinke, Joseph Preston, Hayden Hunt, Harrison Stewart, Tom Garrott, Fredrick Thompson, and Francis Carlota

Owls Score Successful Season in 2013-14

Coach David Jackson and Coach Jenny Fernandez looked at the 2013-14 bowling season with great anticipation in the fall. A second-place finish in the TSSAA Division II tournament last year had provided bowlers with valuable experience. As the Owls began practice in September at Billy Hardwick's All-Star Lanes, the coaches witnessed the commitment and talent of the participants, and they knew this year would be special.

The bowlers started the season well by winning their first four matches, including the defeat of the 2013 state champion, St. Benedict, in the first match, 20-7. The streak ended when the squad fell to Christian Brothers by only two pins, but the team came back to avenge the loss by beating the Purple Wave two weeks later, 20-7, with junior Jack Mullins bowling a season-high 279. The Owls went on to claim five of its final seven matches,

defeating Briarcrest, Christian Brothers, Harding, Lausanne, and St. Benedict, losing only to St. Benedict during that stretch. With their 10-3 regular season, they were tied with St. Benedict for the region lead and claimed the West's second seed in the Division II state tournament, held in Smyrna.

The team relied heavily on its five seniors. **Francis Carlota, Josh Hawkins, Ellis Kennedy, Harrison Stewart, and Fredrick Thompson** were talented bowlers who brought years of experience and provided good leadership throughout their tenures. An excellent group of juniors also were major contributors this year, including **Charles Brandon, Tom Garrott, Hayden Hunt, August Klinke, Jack Mullins, Joseph Preston, and Zach Walker.**

For the state tournament the Owls qualified two individual participants. After bowling four games, Mullins (157 average) and Stewart (128 average) did not reach semifinal action – only the top six bowlers out of the 24 competitors advanced.

In the team championships all eight teams bowled in a Baker match-play round, which involves players from each team participating in a game. The Owls earned the third seed, meeting Chattanooga McCallie. Their season ended there as the Blue Tornado beat MUS, 19-8, in the quarterfinal round. Mullins led the team in this match with a 182.3 average during the three games. Coaches Jackson and Fernandez saw great value in the season.

"This season was memorable for several reasons," Jackson said. "We beat St. Benedict for the first time in four years. We had the experience represented in our first four-year lettermen, Josh Hawkins and Harrison Stewart. Jack Mullins scared a 300-game to death, raising hopes for next year. Coach Fernandez stepped in to fill the void left when Dr. [Michael] Schwartz moved away. And we had a large entourage of parents in attendance at the state tournament in Smyrna. Thanks to all who combined to create this great success."

SPORTS BUZZ



Charles Brandon



Francis Carlota



Josh Hawkins



Ellis Kennedy



August Klinke



Zach Walker

Varsity FENCING

Fencers Score State Three-Peat

For the third consecutive year, Owl fencers are state champions. Held April 5 at Baylor School in Chattanooga, the 2014 state tournament included 18 teams and 68 fencers. MUS took the overall title by winning the epee and saber team events as well as claiming second in the foil team event.

The team had some outstanding showings at this final state competition. Junior **Jeffrey Zheng** won the program's first state individual champion gold medal in the open foil division. Other Owl finishers in the foil division included sophomore **Wesley Wells** (seventh), senior **Samuel Ostrow** (eighth), freshman **Dylan Riggs** (13th), and eighth-grader **Jacob Webb** (14th). These results helped Coach Brad Kroeker's team claim second in the foil division.

"New St. Mary's coach and MUS Assistant Coach Sergey Petrosyan gets the lion's share of credit for the foil team's great results," Kroeker said.



Fencers Zack Whicker and Andrew Elsagr with the Tennessee saber team championship trophy, Samuel Ostrow with the state overall team championship trophy, and Nick DiMento with the state epee team championship trophy



Fencers, front row, from left, Wesley Wells, Samuel Ostrow, Azeez Shala, Sam Neyhart; second row, Omkar Hosad, Jason Wang, Nick DiMento, Ethan Lam, Coach Sergey Petrosyan; third row, Jon Staffel, Will Tomes, Jeffrey Zheng, Andrew Elsagr, Ahmed Latif, Coach Skip Aymett '08; back row, Coach Brad Kroeker, Dylan Riggs, William Lamb, Alec Scott, Jacob Webb, and Zack Whicker

In the epee division the team had three fencers in the top eight. Junior **Nick DiMento** finished third overall, while senior **William Lamb** claimed fifth, and senior **Sam Neyhart** eighth. Freshman **Alec Scott** (16th) and Webb (18th) also did well.

"Coach Skip Aymett's [08] work all year with the epee team and the terrific performances by Neyhart, Scott, and Webb pushed the team to the top," Kroeker said. "Coach Skip will be leaving us for graduate school at the end of the season. He will be greatly missed."

The saber group, all juniors, won their division as the team placed five Owls in the top 13. **Zack Whicker** (fifth), Zheng (seventh), **Azeez Shala** (10th), **Ahmed Latif** (12th), and **Andrew Elsagr** (13th) all performed very well, helping the team bring home the trophy.

The 2013-14 season started last September, and the Owls competed in events throughout the winter. One of the more exciting competitions each season is the battle for the St. Michael's Cup, in which one fencer from MUS and one from Christian Brothers compete at halftime of

the MUS-Christian Brothers basketball game. This season the Owl participant, DiMento, started well, grabbing a 4-2 lead, but the Christian Brothers fencer rebounded to win, 5-4. The event was exciting and produced enthusiasm for the program.

In addition to the state competitors, other Owls who fenced this season included freshman **Will Tomes**; eighth-graders **Omkar Hosad**, **Jon Staffel**, and **Jason Wang**; and seventh-graders **James Blatchford**, **David Holmes**, and **Ethan Lam**.

Looking back on the season, Coach Kroeker expressed admiration for his team.

"Each year seems to create another high point for the individuals and the team," he said. "We continue to develop some of the best fencers in the state. The depth of each team, leadership from the top fencers, and efforts from third, fourth, and fifth fencers in each event continue to win successive championships. I am so grateful to MUS, the assistant coaches, parents, and the fencers for the success and the pleasure we all take in our work here."

CELEBRATING COLLEGE SIGNEES



Fellow Memphis University School athletes celebrate the final signing ceremony of the year April 16 with, seated, left to right, Witt Hawkins, who will play football for Washington and Lee University; Michael Birnbaum, who is joining the tennis team at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; Nick Schwartz, who will play lacrosse for Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Chandler Brown, who will become a member of the trapshooting team at Mississippi College; and Davis Owen, who will join the tennis team at Sewanee: The University of the South. Backing them up are, from left, Tal Keel, John Estes, Jay Mitchum, Tucker Fox, Sam Fowlkes, Seamus Fitzhenry, Myatt McClure, Will Hunt, Ben Ormseth, Harrison Stewart, Gary Wunderlich, Blake Fountain, Luke Stallings, and Austin Swatzyna.



CAMPUS NEWS

Delegates Earn Honors at YIG

Owl delegates distinguished themselves at the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government Conference at the State Capitol March 27-30, coming away with impressive honors, including Outstanding Bill (Andrew Elsagr and Jason Stein), Outstanding Statesperson (Kamar Mack), and two delegate positions for the national conference this summer (Cole Ettingoff and Aditya Shah). In addition five students were voted into officer positions for next year's conference (Saatvik Mohan, Jason Stein, Alex Mansour, Ahmed Latif, and Kamar Mack).



Front row, from left, Joey Rodriguez and Ray Zhou, back row, Salman Haque, Davis Howe, and Micah Murdock



From left, Saatvik Mohan, Alex Mansour, Andrew Elsagr, and Jason Stein

A Taste of Portugal

Ms. Jenny Fernandez, instructor in Spanish, taught a class in Portuguese language and culture on Thursday evenings for seven weeks. For one assignment the students prepared food from the country to share, such as the famous custard pastry *pastel de nata* and cod or *bacalhau*. The class also enjoyed guest speakers Mrs. Caroline and Mr. Ian Yarwood (Christian's parents), who own a home in Portugal. Pictured in front, from left, are McLean Todd, Joey Rodriguez and Andrew Elsagr, in back, Hamid Shirwany, Zain Virk, Zach Walker, Christian Yarwood, Paul Stevenson, Fernandez, Thornton Brooksbank, Sam Neyhart, and Drew Evans.



Model U.N. Model Students



Presenting, debating, and reporting on resolutions of worldly importance, students learned about the operation of the United Nations at the Rhodes College Model U.N. conference February 14-16. Hayden Meacham was named Best Delegate for his portrayal of a French member of the International Press Corps. Pictured, from left, are Ahmed Latif, Russell Sands, Aneesh Ram, Brooks Eikner, Kamar Mack, Ramiz Somjee, Aditya Shah, Kanha Mishra, Jason Stein, Ravi Lipman, Hayden Meacham, Arnab Thakur, and Mayur Patil.

Testing the Waters



The MUS crew aboard the Living Lands & Waters barge, in front, Pork Chop (the dog), Kenneth Watson, Leo Bjorklund, Mike Coyne-Logan of LL&W; back two rows, from left, Stewart Love, Samuel Ostrow, Richard Ouyang, Coach Kyle Finney, Garret Sullivan, Malik Smith, Anthony Walton, Hays Moreland, David Blankenship, Jeremy Boshwit, Bailey Buford, Lee Jennings, Connor Dowling, Ben Blackmon, Austin Swatzyna, Jake Eissler, Mrs. Shauna Miller, Max Meyer, Gaines Whittington, Will Morrison, and Carter McFerrin.

Mrs. Shauna Miller took her AP Environmental Science classes on an all-day field trip aboard the Living Lands & Waters barge. LL&W is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection, preservation, and restoration of the natural environment of the Mississippi and other polluted rivers of the United States. Crew members spend up to nine months a year living and traveling on a barge conducting river cleanups, watershed conservation initiatives, and tree plantings. The students attended a workshop on the barge April 9, learning about LL&W and conducting water-quality experiments. Earlier this semester Miller took her students to visit the T.E. Maxson Wastewater Treatment Facility. For more on these stories, visit the online version of *Inside MUS* at insidemus.wordpress.com under the Science tab.

CSO Serves Up Service

CSO was busy this semester, collecting more than 4,000 cans of food for Mid-South Food Bank, planting more than 1,000 tree seedlings at Shelby Farms, prepping soil and sowing turnip seeds at the Urban Farms plot in Binghamton, and loading care packages and making sandwiches for Memphis Union Mission.



Bobby Lewis does his Campbell's Soup impression to publicize the can drive.



Ready to dig in and plant seedlings at Shelby Farms are, first two rows, from left, Bennett Wilfong, Max Simpson, Colin Threlkeld, Tejvir Vaghela, Jeremy Boshwit, Luke Wilfong, Dennis Parnell, Tucker Colerick, Seamus Fitzhenry, Reed Harrison, Forest Colerick, Robby Matthews, Henry Keel, Sherman Tabor; back two rows, Mackey Alexander, Philip Freeburg, Kyle Naes, Owen Galvin, and Bobby Lewis.



Wish Bowl bowlers, from left, Tejvir Vaghela, Nick Schwartz, Jake Eissler, Seamus Fitzhenry, and Tal Keel



Students exhibiting can-do spirit are, from left, Micah Murdoch, Matt Silver, Will Johnson, Henry Trammell, and Will Collier.

Seventh Graders from MUS and Hutchison

Pitch in to Help Out



Allen Hughes plays soccer with Perea Preschool students.



Sam Nelson gives a piggyback ride at Perea Preschool.



Seth McKay and JJ. Johnson with a young friend at Perea.



Jet Tan, Matthew Rogers, and Alden Southerland put trikes away at Kingsbury Elementary.



Mid-South Food Bank benefited from the students' sorting and organizing work.



Ethan Hurst, Ev Nichol, Houston Pate, Thomas Mirth, and Stillman McFadden create a garden at Perea Preschool.



Philip Wunderlich makes a new friend at Kingsbury Elementary.

EIGHTH GRADERS' DAY OUT



Charlie Rhodes and Chris Kerkhof tune in.



From left, John McBride, Aedan McKay, Bentley Greenfield, Bobby Wade, Barry Klug, Zachary Street, Tavion Alexander, and Anderson Horton await their Rendezvous repast.



From left, Bays Webb, Mylan Taylor, Trey Thomas, John Ross Swaim, Nalin Verma, Cameron Wyatt, Jacob Webb, and Chang Yu in front of Stax Museum.



From left, Jonathan Williams, Josiah Crutchfield, Bentley Greenfield (in back), and Carlo Guinocor.

Summer Tasks for Juniors; Fall Break College Tours

by Ms. Katie Parr, Associate Director of College Counseling

With the school year drawing to a close, we want to remind junior students and their parents of several tasks they should complete over the summer to help prepare for the college application process in the fall. Please remind your son to do this work over the summer. It will make the beginning of his senior year go much more smoothly.

Naviance/Family Connection Surveys

There are two surveys on Naviance/Family Connection that we ask you to complete over the summer. One is the Senior Summer Survey, which can be found under the "About Me" tab on your son's Naviance/Family Connection. Your son must complete this by the end of the summer. This survey gives us insight into his achievements and aspirations and helps us when we begin writing our letters of recommendation. The second is the Parent Insights Survey, which is to be completed by the parents. You will find the Parent Insights Survey under the "About Me" tab when you log into Naviance/Family Connection using YOUR registration information, not the registration information for your son. We would love to have your comments by the end of the summer so we can include them in our counselor letter of recommendation to the various colleges.

College Application Essay

The most important summer assignment for juniors is writing the essay for the Common Application. The essay is a large part of the application, and we like for it to be written over the summer so your son can bring it to be proofread and approved by his college counselor as soon as we come back to school in August. The essay must be from 250 to 650 words and must be in response to one of the following prompts:

- Some students have a background or story that is so central to their identity that they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what lessons did you learn?
- Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
- Describe a place or environment where you are perfectly content. What do you do or experience there, and why is it meaningful to you?
- Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.

Fall Break College Tours

We are offering two different college tours over Fall Break, which provide great opportunities for your son to travel to a variety of campuses. The Northeast Tour will travel to Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York City visiting the University of Pennsylvania, Haverford College, Villanova University, Bucknell University, Lehigh University, Lafayette College, Princeton University, New York University, and Columbia University. The Southeast Tour will travel to Georgia and South Carolina to visit Emory University, Georgia Tech, University of Georgia, Furman University, Clemson University, University of South Carolina, and Wofford College. These trips are open to all high school students. Sign up and pay the \$200 deposit by August 14. For more information and to sign up, contact the College Counseling Office.

Our Morning Joe college chats will start up again in September, and as always, we encourage you to contact the College Counseling Office if you have any questions or concerns regarding the college application process.



Ms. Felicia P. Thompson and senior Fredrick Thompson attended Evening With Colleges last October.



Juniors signed up for mock interviews to help them prepare for the college admission process. Alumni, parent, faculty, and staff volunteers met with students to ask them questions pertaining to their academic records, interests, goals, and extracurricular activities, and to give them pointers on improving their presentations. Pictured, from left, are Ethan Pretsch, Hamid Shirwany, Ahmed Latif, Nick DiMento, Dub Sorrells, Max Meyer, Will Farnsworth, Ross Redmont, Paul LaHue, and Baty Daniel.



Junior Preston Roberts and his father, Richard Roberts, get information at Evening With Colleges.



Look Who's Caught on Camera

Learning Labs Pros



Mrs. Sally Askew's Lower School English Lab is a popular place to hang out — especially right before an exam. Pictured, from left, are Tyler Rakers, William Dellinger, Rashaad Clayton, Askew, Tavion Alexander, and John Bolton.



Mrs. Alberta Sullivan, who is retiring in May, has helped many a Lower School student in the Math Lab. Students, from left, are Richard Bragorgos, Hayden Stark, and Thomas Hayden.

School of Sharks



Freshman Timothy White appears a bit uncertain about his dissection subject in Mrs. Laura McCormick's Honors Biology class.



2014 Basketball Homecoming Court

from left, Sandy Smith, Myatt McClure, Ashton Reece, Cal Edge, Lauren Atkins, Gary Wunderlich, Katie Buckmaster, Seth Young, Susannah Straton, John Valentine, Chloe Duke, and Jackson Roberts.

A Grand Day

Lower School Students Welcome Their Grandparents



Mrs. Pat Kerr Tigrett with Jacob Herter



Ms. Pat Barnes and Ty Williams



Mrs. Suzie and Mr. Jim Grow with Stuart Grow



Mrs. Betty Jo and Mr. Bill Dulaney with Nicholas Hurley



Mrs. Carole and Mr. Bill McIntyre with Will Maiden



Mrs. Margaret and Mr. Eugene Klug with Barry Klug

Street Party 2014

Food, Drink, and
Campaign Promises



Alex Robinson, Callaway Rogers, Andre Johnson, Osman Blackett, Matthew Horton, Darius Cowan, and Henry Holmes



Nicholas Manley, Jeff Guenther, Christian Schneider, and Spencer Richey



Renn Eason, Connor Dowling, and Eason Taylor



Senior Sam Fowlkes got a behind-the-scenes look at Sports Illustrated at work. Art instructor Mr. Grant Burke, who works part time with NBA Entertainment, and Fowlkes set up camera remotes with Mr. Greg Nelson, staff photographer for Sports Illustrated in preparation for the NCAA Sweet 16 and Elite 8 games at the Fedex Forum. Fowlkes also had a chance to get behind the camera himself.



Trey Moore, Devin Perry, Kenneth Watson, Anthony Walton, Drake Richmond, and Drew Richmond



Andres Salas, Linhao Zheng, Nevin Naren, and Matthew Gayoso



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2014 Upcoming Events

- May 14** End of Fourth Quarter
- May 15-22** Underclassmen Exams
- May 18** Baccalaureate and Graduation
- May 19** School Holiday: Hutchison/St. Mary's Graduation
- May 23** Last Day of School, Half Day
- May 26** Memorial Day – Administrative Offices Closed
- June 2-July 25** Summer Programs
- August 11** Convocation Day (1/2 day)
- September 1** School Holiday – Labor Day
- September 17** Parents' Back-To-School Day (Student Holiday)
- October 9-13** Fall Break

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