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Shown, from left, are Hagan Eubank, Peyton Gunn, Casey Barron, Michelle Barron, Maggie Jackson, Tate Whitfield, Caleb Carter, Grant Barron and Art Teacher Tina Cheek. (Not pictured- Eli Sims)

Tiny Hands 2013



HAGAN EUBANK



PEYTON GUNN



CALEB CARTER



MAGGIE JACKSON



TATE WHITFIELD



ELI SIMS



GRANT BARRON



THE LITTLE SCHOOL HAND BOWL
BY: 4TH GRADERS 2013

A surprise art project evoked memories for seven Tallulah Falls School seniors and one special mom.

School counselor Michelle Barron, mother to senior Grant Barron, purchased a pottery bowl when her son attended The Little School.

Then fourth-graders, Grant and several of his classmates created the bowl made of clay handprints.

This year, the seniors recreated an updated version of the bowl as a surprise for his mom. The hands, now a little larger, remind the recipient of the passage of time and the value of her investment in guiding young people.

IT Specialist Casey Barron introduced the idea to art teacher Tina Cheek to honor his wife's connection to the senior class.

On Dec. 10, the seniors presented their creation to an appreciative Michelle Barron.

"Ms. Cheek and I got all the students to drop by her room to capture their handprints at the beginning of the school year," Casey Barron said. "This class is special to her for many reasons; she had a hand in their high school years at TFS. Michelle has cherished the original bowl, and I know she will love the new one for many years."

Cheek says she was honored to play a part in creating and presenting the pottery piece.

"She does so much for our students and us teachers," Cheek said. "I know that group holds a special place in her heart and this bowl from their senior year will be cherished."

The excited recipient said it was the sweetest surprise she had ever received.

"This group of young people is truly outstanding in every way, which means they are busy. It means so much that they took time out to

recreate a ceramic bowl of their hands during their last and final year of high school," Michelle Barron said. "I looked closely at the sweet hands that made the original bowl many years ago and how those hands have grown and changed over time. As a parent to one of these children, it makes you reflect on how quickly time goes by. Honestly, I am not sure if I am ready for all the changes on the horizon, but I am excited to see all the amazing things they will do with their lives."

"Seeing this group of kids grow up has truly been a gift. I will always cherish and remember the sweet hands that crafted both bowls. I am also very grateful to Tina Cheek for helping coordinate this project. She is amazing and truly one of the most thoughtful and talented people I know."

Senior Maggie Jackson said she'll remember the project forever.

"Even though all of us students from The Little School are together daily, it's rare that we get to gather and reminisce," Jackson said. "I was thrilled that we could do something for Mrs. Barron since she's been with us after leaving our little bubble; she's had a huge 'hand' in leading us toward our next chapter."

Seniors participating in the project then and now included Grant Barron, Caleb Carter, Hagan Eubank, Peyton Gunn, Maggie Jackson, Eli Sims and Tate Whitfield.





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COVER

Members of the TFS swim team were invited to take part as the first students in the new natatorium photo session.
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Everything we do is with the goal to inspire students to develop skills, cultural awareness and philosophies that will lead to a more fulfilling life and future success. That's why it's exciting to be at Tallulah Falls School these days. At every turn, a commitment to excellence is evident, with several major campus projects marked as complete recently.

We are certainly celebrating the long-anticipated opening of the new natatorium. Students and student-athletes are testing the water in a variety of ways – PE classes, swim team practice and more.

Lighting is also installed at the Higgins Baseball Complex and the Herb Amick Athletic Field. Evening practice sessions and games are now possible with this significant improvement. And the middle school baseball field is ready for play, located adjacent to the varsity complex. Overlooking the baseball field, a massive stone wall acts as a dramatic backdrop.

Students, faculty and staff are also enjoying the enclosed porch at our dining facility, Federation Hall. The extra 75-seat project added climate-controlled seating for dining, featuring expansive views.

And of great benefit to the school's bottom line, Plant Services added a mechanic's shop on campus, allowing repairs and routine maintenance to be performed in house.

I'm thrilled we have an opportunity to use our school magazine to showcase both current students and the continued success stories of our graduates. In this issue of On Campus, we are proud to feature five student-athletes who will be competing at the next level.

This issue also features Rahel Gizaw, Class of 2009, a healthcare hero who is working on the front lines treating COVID-19 patients. A more recent graduate, Alia Bly, Class of 2020, is making a tremendous first impression at Oxford College at Emory University, writing and presenting in the field of epidemiological studies and public health.

We continue to be grateful for the partnership of our parents and guardians for supporting our dedicated faculty and staff who work very hard to keep our school environment as safe and healthy as possible.

Warm regards,

President and Head of School

SENIORS EXPLORE FUTURE CAREER POSSIBILITIES



HALLE WEYRICH

CAINAN YASKIEWICZ

Members of the Class of 2021 took another important step toward graduation with the delivery of capstone speeches recently.

Modifications to the process included having community judges serve as evaluators via Zoom and blended learning students speak from around the world using the same digital platform.

"Despite the challenges due to the pandemic, the students showcased deep knowledge of their subject matter coupled with polished presentation skills," said capstone teacher Dallas Barron.

"The speech was the final step to complete the capstone project. This group of seniors can now relax as they have successfully presented a completed research project."

CLASS OF 2021 CAPSTONES

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TATE WHITEFIELD



HAGAN EUBANK

Shown, from left, are alternate speller Madeline Martin of Cornelia, champion spellers eighth-grader Ava Hamon of Mt. Airy, classmate Jace Ibemere of Decatur and teacher Hannah Gibson.



Madeline Martin



Ava Hamon



Jace Ibemere



Bryson Perdue



SPELLING BEE

More than 25 middle school students brought their A-game to the Tallulah Falls School competition for the annual Georgia Independent School Association spelling bee.

The two champion spellers are eighth-grader Ava Hamon of Mt. Airy and classmate Jace Ibemere of Decatur. Alternates are eighth-grader Madeline Martin of Cornelia and seventh-grader Bryson Perdue of Clayton.

Participants in grades five through eight earned a certificate, performing exceptionally well in the grade-level spelling bee before the school-level competition.

"The top wordsmiths spelled at least 20 of the 25 words correctly, words like 'substantial' and 'clamorous,'" said teacher Hannah Gibson. "The second champion title and the alternate positions had to be determined based on

the tie-breaker words, words like 'chalet' and 'irreversible.'"



Space Walk ON CAMPUS



A cosmic walkabout through the solar system delivered experiential lessons to Tallulah Falls School sixth-grade science students.

Teacher Hannah Satterfield led field trips to the upper school campus for all science classes, culminating in a study of the universe.

Students used a Planet Walk Bingo game to learn more about the solar system, Satterfield said.

"They were required to conduct research on different characteristics of their assigned planet such as distance from the sun, size, composition, orbital period and surface features," Satterfield said. "In addition, students created a scale model replica based on their planet. This was a great project for students to analyze and interpret data to compare and contrast objects in our solar system."

The school has a scale model of the solar system, researched and installed by astronomy students from the 2005-06 academic year.

According to teacher Linda Harris who led the project, the 3,680,000,000 miles that Pluto is from the sun have been condensed down to a mere .4 miles on the TFS campus.



WE HAVE SOLE

Students in Stephanie Witham's sixth-grade digital arts class learned about shoe design by creating sketches and converting their ideas into Adobe Illustrator files.

"As they worked in the digital environment, some sketches got changed a little and even blended two different designs into one," Witham said. "During the process, they realized what they draw doesn't always look the same when traced digitally."

The next step was to visit the Vans Shoe website to translate the files into an actual shoe template.

"Some of them had to go back a couple of times and modify their design so it would fit as they wanted on the shoe," Witham added.

Several of the students purchased shoes even though it was an optional step.

"They are a very talented group of students and have learned to navigate Adobe programs very well," she said. "I think we have some future designers in this class."

Chloe Eller of Clarkesville loved how the shoe project turned out.

"Digital art is one of the most fun things I've done. Learning how to use different programs and hanging out with my friends was fun," Eller said.

"When I was designing my shoes, I learned that you should never throw away your rough drafts. My final design was originally just something I was going to throw away."

Another student who ordered a pair of Vans, Lizita Miller of Mt. Airy, enjoyed learning keyboard shortcuts for the various Adobe programs.

"These commands help me design faster and correct my mistakes," Miller said. "In Illustrator, I learned how to use the pen tool to duplicate and trace. I sketched my pattern and traced

everything on the computer. I learned how to modify different aspects of my design to fit what I wanted to show. Designing my Vans was fun and I'm happy with the results. It turned out to be unique and what I hoped it would be."



SHOWN FROM LEFT ARE AVERY KEIM, MEGAN PRINCE, CAYLIN TUCKER AND OLIVIA HENDERSON

With a goal to collect 200 cans for the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, middle school students at Tallulah Falls School more than doubled that target with a total of 466 cans.

Sixth-grader Megan Prince of Rabun Gap spearheaded the drive with representatives from each middle school house engaged in coordinating the month-long effort.

Along with Prince, house representatives Avery Keim of Clarkesville, Caylin Tucker of Demorest and Olivia Henderson of Clarkesville were on hand when David Smith from the FBNG picked up the weighty contribution on December 15. Owl house representative Laurel Blake Kafsky couldn't be there for the pick-up, so Henderson stepped up.

Prince was delighted with the response from the TFS learning community. "I got involved with the food drive project because I thought of all the people who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic, and those who do not have enough money to put food on the table," Prince said. "These people should not have to go hungry over the holidays, so I came up with the idea of a canned food drive! Without the help of Caylin, Avery, and LB, it would have been tough to complete this project."



FALL YEAR-END AWARDS



Middle School Outstanding Teacher and Student

Kim McClurg & Lizzie Wanner

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Upper School Outstanding Teacher and Student

Cody Coleman & Maggie Jackson

Tallulah Falls School has announced its outstanding students, faculty and staff for 2020.

Award winners were surprised at a December 2020 virtual assembly.

"It is my pleasure to recognize excellence through these annual awards," said President and Head of School Larry A. Peevy. "I offer my congratulations to these deserving honorees for their dedication to our TFS community."

This year's award-winners were announced as follows: Lizzy Wanner, outstanding middle school student of the year; Kim McClurg, outstanding middle school faculty member of the year; Maggie Jackson, outstanding upper school student of the year; Cody Coleman, outstanding upper school faculty member of the year.

IT Department staff members Casey Barron, Josh Brady, Joel Cox and Zeke Masee were named outstanding staff members of the year; and David Chester was named the Light in the Mountains honoree [outstanding senior staff member of the year].

Also during the virtual assembly, winners of the Christmas card art contest were announced.

The winning card for the upper school was designed by junior Macy Murdock of Carnesville with the winning card for the middle school card designed by seventh-grader Isabella McClain of Toccoa.

Second place for the middle school card contest was eighth-grader Emma Barron of Clarkesville and third place was eighth-grader Rylee Vandiver of Mt. Airy.

There was a tie for second place for the upper school card contest with senior Maggie Jackson of Clarkesville and junior Sophie Herrera of Mt. Airy.

"This is a wonderful way to showcase student talent each year," Peevy said.

Winners of the door decorating contest were announced and prizes were presented by the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Georgia TFS State Co-Chair Martha Lee Sherman.

First place in the door decorating contest went to Mrs. Hannah Satterfield's class, second-place honors went to Mrs. Jane Shoemaker's class and third-place went to Mrs. Nancy Almoyan's class.

There were two honorable mentions – Mrs. Heather Henriques and Mrs. Kim McClurg.

Members of the Stone Mountain Woman's Club visited TFS to judge the door decor.

The judges for the Christmas Door Decorating Contest were: Barbara Luton, Nelda Lunsford and Shari Carter.

The award money for the door decoration contest was donated by GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club and GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club.



Door Decorating Contest Winner:
Mrs. Satterfield's Class



Shown, from left, are Zeke Masee, Josh Brady, David Chester, Casey Barron and Joel Cox.

OUTSTANDING STAFF IT DEPARTMENT & LIGHT IN THE MOUNTAINS DAVID CHESTER

DR PEPPER AND DUDE PERFECT

How a contest changed the lives of deserving families

At the age of 10, Kale Corbett was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) and was given a slim 15% chance of survival. A bone marrow transplant from a rare match saved his life. His parents, Tim and Brandy, and sister, Katy, were by his side through the entire journey.

Doctors' orders included a stoppage in playing football among other sports, and a quick pivot to a battle off the field in tackling ALL. Through Kale's incredible journey, he discovered his life dream of being able to give back through his future career plan to become a pediatric oncology nurse.

Dr Pepper has given over \$10 million in scholarship tuition to date, and in its 12th year, is awarding a historic \$2 million in tuition.

Kale recorded his story on his phone in 57 seconds and submitted it to Dr Pepper. With his story being one of more than 93,000 entries submitted,

he knew it was a long shot. He worked with his sister, Katy, on his video.

Along with head-to-head throw competitions with the finalists, Dr Pepper teamed up with Dude Perfect's Brian Bosworth - The Sheriff of Dr Pepper Fansville, Kane Brown, Justin Guarini as "Lil' Sweet," and The Dallas Cowboys through social media and Scholarship America. Finalists completed a throw competition for a shot at \$125,000 in tuition dollars in mid-November at the Dude Perfect headquarters. Those were aired during the December 19 ACC, BIG12 and SEC Championship games.

However, there were also Virtual Giveaways in 2020, and that's where Kale's story comes in.

Kale joined a video chat thinking he was about to play in a trivia contest as part of the competition. That's when Bosworth told him that he had already won the \$50,000 tuition giveaway, surprising Kale and his family.



"In the Dr Pepper Tuition Giveaway, they'd never had a submission quite like Kale's," stated Bosworth on social media.



No sooner had he been told he won a \$50,000 scholarship award that he was given an even bigger surprise – the chance to meet his bone marrow transplant donor from nearly 10 years ago. He knew the donor's name, but had never met her.

Bosworth informed Kale in the video chat they were able to locate Barbara, Kale's donor. She popped up on screen, much to Kale's surprise. For the first time, Barbara and Kale saw each other, with each recognizing the impact of that decision many years ago.

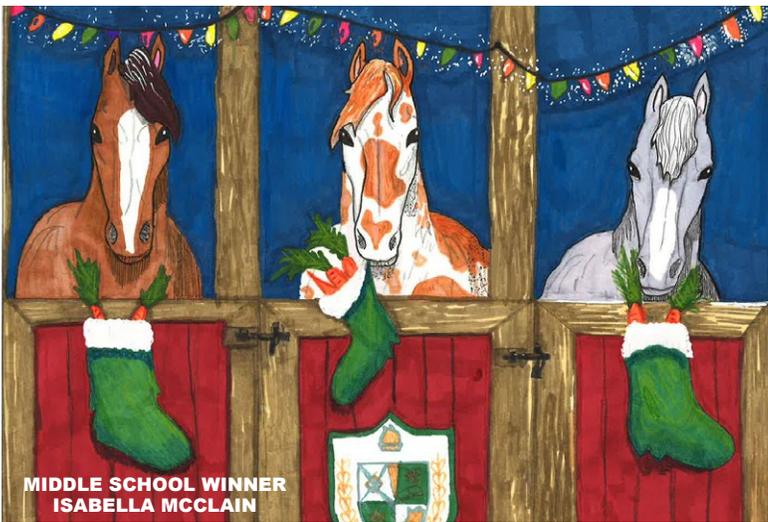
"I've got one more surprise for you," said Bosworth in the video call.

Bosworth announced to the surprise of all present on the video chat, that Barbara's two children would also be receiving \$50,000 in tuition money to

pursue an education. While Barbara was reduced to tears, Kale spoke up, as it was his original idea to share any funds awarded with Barbara.

"It doesn't even begin to amount to what you've done for me though," added Kale. "Thank you so much for everything you've done."

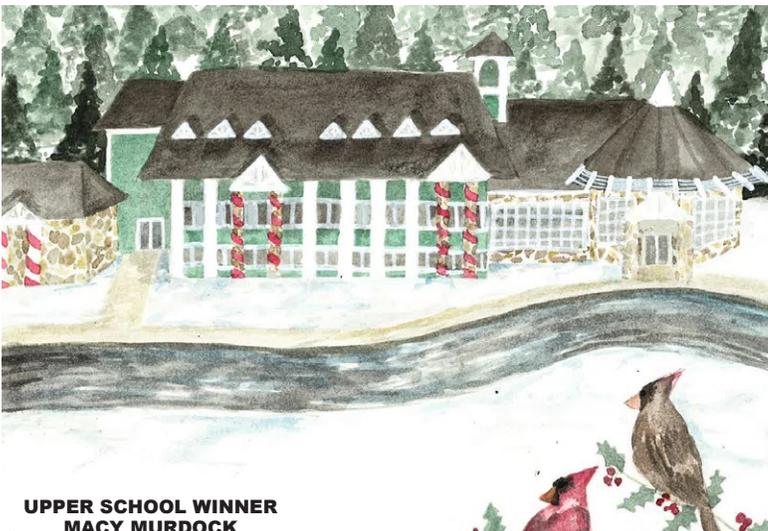
The Dr Pepper Tuition Giveaway validates the longstanding commitment Dr Pepper has to education by giving students a chance to make their academic dreams a reality. The Dr Pepper Tuition Giveaway is part of an official sponsorship of the College Football Playoff and Presenting Sponsorship of the National Championship Trophy.



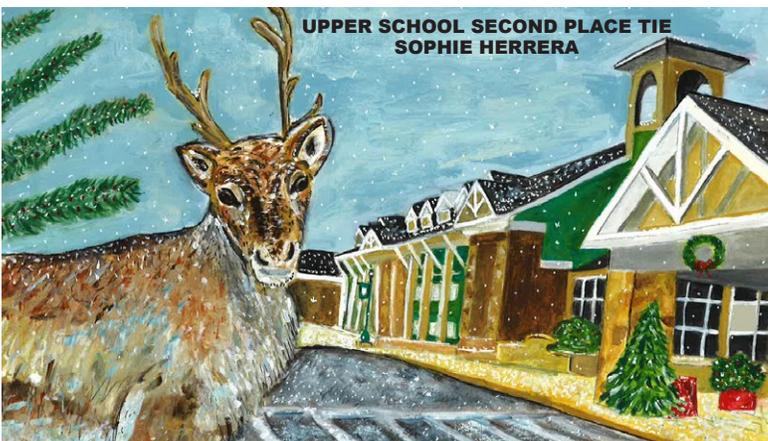
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ISABELLA MCCLAIN**



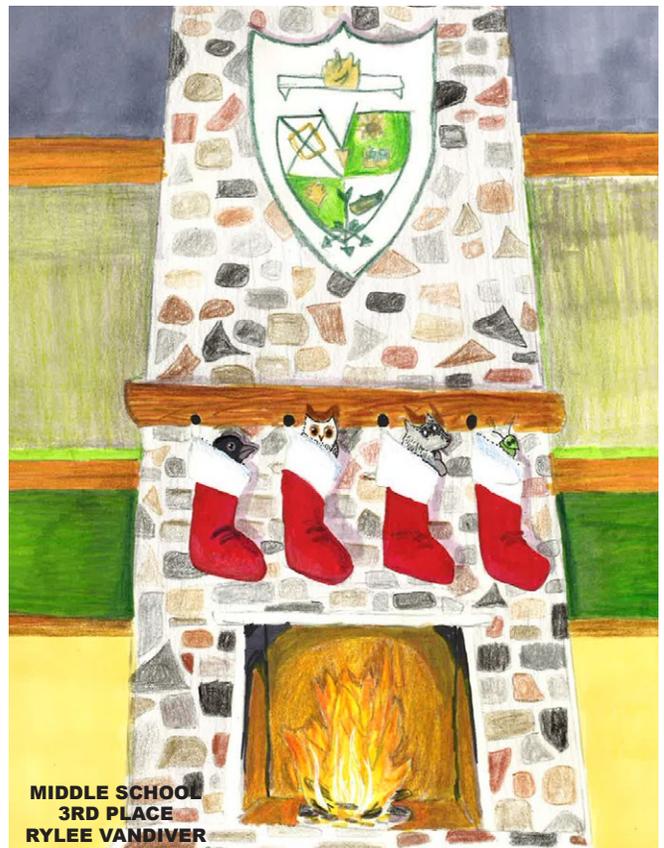
**MIDDLE SCHOOL SECOND PLACE
EMMA BARRON**



**UPPER SCHOOL WINNER
MACY MURDOCK**



**UPPER SCHOOL SECOND PLACE TIE
SOPHIE HERRERA**



**MIDDLE SCHOOL
3RD PLACE
RYLEE VANDIVER**

Merry Vibes

2020 TFS CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST

**MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNER
ISABELLA MCCLAIN**

**UPPER SCHOOL WINNER
MACY MURDOCK**

**UPPER SCHOOL SECOND PLACE TIE
MAGGIE JACKSON**



The annual Christmas card art contest again impressed faculty/staff judges, with winning designs representing various artistic styles.

During the virtual assembly held December 2020, art teachers Cat Schappach and Tina Cheek announced the winners.

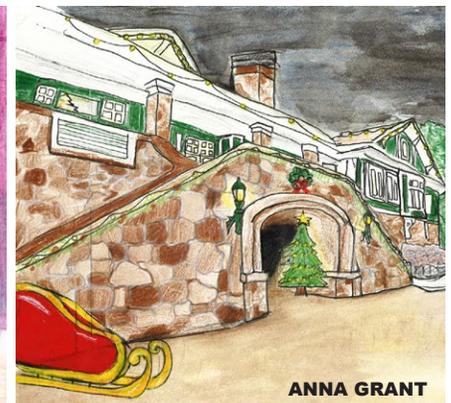
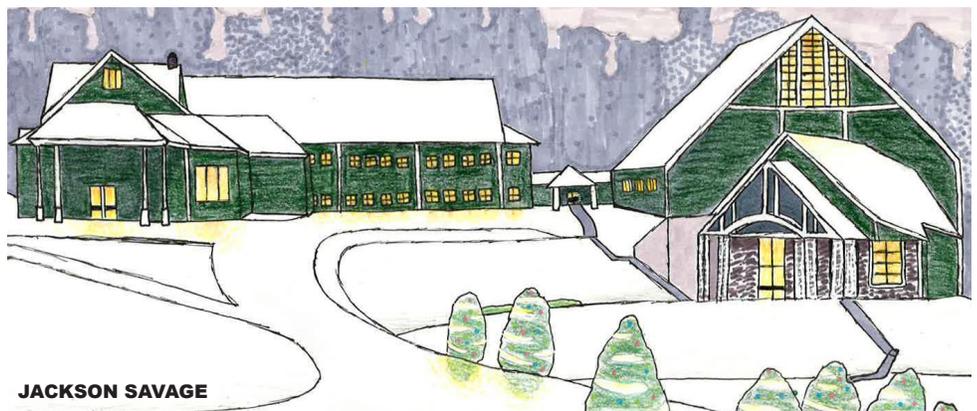
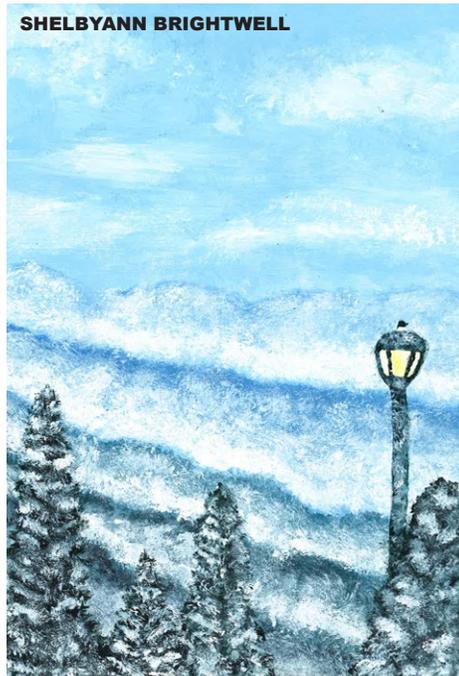
“The card contest is a wonderful way for our students to showcase their artistic talent,” said President and Head of School Larry A. Peevy. “This year’s batch illustrates the incredible talent we have at our school and the affection these students have for their school community.”

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The cards are distributed annually to TFS families, faculty/staff, area chamber of commerce members, women’s club members and other friends of the school, Peevy added.





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WHAT IS FOOD JUSTICE?

Class of 2020 alumna Alia Bly continues to excel as she settles into her first year at Oxford College at Emory University.



Bly, majoring in human health with a minor in predictive health, intends to focus on epidemiological study and public health.

After starting college during a pandemic, Bly says she never expected the first steps of her scientific career to take place over Zoom.

“I’m grateful to the Emory community for helping me develop my passions despite the external stress of the pandemic,” she says.

Bly, passionate about research, was accepted to the Emory University Food Recovery Network’s Research Digest Program, a student-directed research group raising awareness for issues related to food justice.

Working with mentor Antara Palkar and peers to develop an independent research study, she invested

in honing her research skills.

She presented a study “Disparate Rates of Exposure to Microbial Foodborne Illnesses in Food Insecure Communities” at a symposium in early January.

The study examined the relationship between levels of exposure to deleterious microbes like salmonella, listeria and campylobacter and the perpetuation of food insecurity in areas of low socioeconomic status, Bly said.

The symposium was partially directed by Dr. Stacy Lindau and the Lindau Lab, a lab group based at the University of Chicago. Dr. Lindau is a leader in the fields of food justice and integrative medicine, and she served as the keynote speaker prior to the presentation of student research, Bly says.

“Overall, my experiences allowed me to observe the process of research in a new light, and I pushed myself to overcome a variety of obstacles indicative of building a scientific study,” Bly says.

The ambitious college student is also a staff writer for SciOx, a student-led undergraduate research journal sponsored by Emory University. She is authoring two articles to be published later this year as follows:

- “Quantum Computing and Healthcare: Connecting Humanity and Technology,” discussing the potential impacts of utilizing technology as a means of reforming healthcare and medicinal design and distribution.

- “Meningitis Malpractice: The Detriments of Delayed Diagnosis,” discussing the rates of misdiagnosis of meningitis and the outstanding impact they have on the effectiveness of subsequent treatment.



DISPATCH FROM THE COVID FRONT LINES: RAHEL GIZAW

Deeply immersed in patient care, one Tallulah Falls School alum is living out her medical career dreams with a side of artistic expression.

Rahel Gizaw, Class of 2009, is a resident physician specializing in emergency medicine, working primarily at Grady Health Center. She also rotates through Emory's different campuses and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Crediting her experience at TFS with sparking her early plans for attending college, she enrolled at the University of Georgia, graduating in 2013 with a degree in biological sciences.

"Going to boarding school is a rite of passage in my family. They chose TFS because of a family friend who attended and had many great things to say," Gizaw says. "TFS made me competitive enough to go to my No. 1 choice for college, which had a great pre-med track."

At TFS, Gizaw met people from across the globe and made lifelong friendships.

"TFS provided an opportunity for one-of-a-kind education and experiences," she says. "I am still best friends with my old roommates/classmates."

She says it is hard to fully recognize the positive impact of faculty and staff.

"Mrs. Harris is an absolute gem. No matter how terrible I was at math, she made it enjoyable," she says. "My dorm counselors Susan Crater, Beth Meek and Sarah Lowry were always there when I needed them. We still keep in touch to this day!"

Being a part of the TFS Centennial Class in 2009 was especially meaningful, she says.

While at TFS, she was captain of the cheerleading squad and editor of the yearbook, as well as



a National Honor Society member and a TFS Ambassador.

After UGA, she graduated from the Morehouse School of Medicine in 2019 and is working through her residency at Emory.

She's one of the many medical heroes of the pandemic, and while it has taken a toll personally, Gizaw is persevering.

"Residency training is undoubtedly difficult, but the addition of a global pandemic makes it 100 times worse," she says. "I knew when becoming a doctor that I would take care of dying patients. However, I could never anticipate seeing people dying in this way. My heart breaks for those that had to suffer and die alone. Not to mention, having to tell a family that their loved ones are dying over the phone is so unnatural."

Personal sacrifices are built into a career in medicine but magnified in a global pandemic. Being separated from family has been especially difficult.

"That has been the hardest for me. No matter what safety precautions I take, I'm in constant fear of getting them sick. I went half a year without even seeing them. Since the summer, I have seen my family twice, outside and masked. Thankfully we are all healthy and safe, but I wish I could hug them especially knowing how tomorrow is never guaranteed."

She hopes to remain in Georgia, working at an academic medical center to collaborate with both residents and medical students.

Although her primary focus is patient care, Gizaw has a creative side that graphically communicates clinical imagery.

Graphic medicine uses visual illustrations in medical education, patient care, and other applications, she says.

"As a med student, I started a platform on Instagram [@PhysicianDoodles] to help provide FOAM (Free Open-Access Medical Education). Since then, my platform has grown, and I hope I can continue to incorporate my doodles even after residency.

Atlanta Medicine Magazine recently featured one of her illustrations as cover art. A serendipitous connection with a colleague who was writing an article for the issue.

"She expressed to me how she needed to find some graphics that related to the struggles during COVID," she says. "That's when I told her that I did illustrations, and from there was history."



Tallulah Falls School eighth-grader Breelyn Wood of Demorest is making tracks to stardom with a lofty career goal at the end of the journey.

Setting her sights on fame at the age of seven, she signed with Presence Models & Talent and then Atlanta-based J Pervis Talent & Click Models a few years later.

She did a national commercial for TNT Network's March Madness coverage with former Atlanta Hawk Steve Smith and quickly landed a three-spot commercial deal with Ford Automotive.

She's currently part of a brand family representing Mercy Health, which operates 12 hospitals in Ohio and Kentucky. She appears in print, commercials and on more than 100 billboards with her "family." The Mercy project has been her favorite on-location experience so far.

"Because they had really good craft services," she says.

Wardrobe was also a highlight, with racks at the ready with clothes and shoes.

"Getting ready was really fun," she says.

"You feel all professional."

Working on set was exhausting, she says, but redemption came in the form of a canine actor.

She loves animals and ultimately wants to earn enough money acting to go to vet school in Colorado.

"I like helping animals and I also like interacting with them," she says.

She says the anticipation prior to a shoot is the hardest part, with overcoming nerves just part of the job.

Asked how she overcomes the nerves, she has a simple answer.

"Pray," she says.

She's also a talented singer, and has often been invited to sing the National Anthem at TFS athletic contests.

With COVID shutting down studios this year, Bree began focusing on voice-over work, which she records from a home sound studio with the help of her mom, Brandi. Just in the past year, she has been booked for more than 100 voice-over projects.



REACHING FOR THE Stars

TFS STUDENTS SEEN
IN PRINT & ON SCREEN

A Tallulah Falls School sophomore is once again expanding his acting resumé.

Ben Rosenthal of Cleveland had a part in a Christmas film released in November 2020. Locally, the movie showed at Habersham Hills Cinemas.

According to Cyndi Rosenthal, Ben's mother, filming for "A Carolina Christmas" took place in November 2019.

"Ben has a speaking role, playing the child version of one of the main characters in the movie in a flashback scene, set in 1975," Cyndi Rosenthal said.

Because of pandemic restrictions, a Nov. 14 premiere event in Myrtle Beach didn't include the red carpet as planned, but he did attend a private screening for the actors.

The young actor has also worked as an extra in the Netflix series Stranger Things, appearing in multiple episodes over two seasons.

"Participating in the filming process was different than being a background extra," Ben Rosenthal said. "A lot more

is involved on my part, from memorizing lines to making movements seem natural."

With two pages of dialogue, some lines were cut, he said, but most of what he memorized made it into the final version.

"The most challenging aspect of having a speaking role was not stuttering; a scene is filmed from every angle at least five times," he said. "It gets challenging to maintain the same performance on repeat."

The pandemic has put most auditions and potential projects on hold, he said, but his long-term goal is to leverage these experiences to develop a deeper comfort level in front of the camera. He eventually wants to land a job on the Weather Channel as an on-air meteorologist.



A sprinkling of stardust fell on Tallulah Falls School when Isabelle Almoyan, Class of 2015, enrolled in the eighth grade.

Fast forward post-graduation from Liberty University, Almoyan is forging her way to a career in the film industry.

She aspires to be an actor but her current role in set production is infusing her with creative energy.

"There's no life like set life," she says. "I also want to continue to be a light in a really dark industry. Every day the entertainment industry gets darker and darker; I really want to shine God's light and put a spotlight on Him in such a secular industry."

A young veteran of stage, digital and film productions, she credits her time at TFS with building the foundation for future success.

"I appreciate the discipline and time management that it taught me and also the importance of community," she says. "I knew every teacher and every student and loved that it was such a tight-knit community."

Building confidence through campus experiences, she tried on a variety of roles. She vividly

remembers winning the All-Star Cast Award and the One-Act competition her senior year as well as hitting 1,000 points in basketball, breaking the school record at the time.

She says strong connections to faculty and staff members enriched her academic abilities, including Dr. Robert Barron, who sparked her love for biology.

Academic Dean Kim Popham provided guidance as well. "She was always there to listen and work with my crazy schedule," she added.

And, like he is for all students, Head of School Larry A. Peevy was a constant cheerleader. "He always believed in me and helped me out in life more than I could ever express!"

She loved being a part of the drama department during her high school years.

"I was involved in a fall play and a spring musical every year and those afternoons at rehearsals and show nights I think really solidified my love for acting," she says. "I am involved with film now, but being involved in those productions really made me want to pursue acting."

She's met several well-known actors including Melissa Gilbert [Little House on the Prairie], Cloris Leachman [Young Frankenstein, Malcolm in the Middle] and most recently, Cameron Arnett [Overcomer, I Still Believe].

But it's entertainment icon Julie Andrews who truly inspires her. "She's the best actress to ever live, in my opinion," she adds. "Really all actors inspire me because of their hard work and determination."

To those following in her footsteps, she has this advice:

"Make sure that it's your passion and that you love it. Pursuing this career path is not for the faint of heart. It's very challenging (and also very rewarding), but just make sure that it is really something you want to do."



Senior Sonnets

Students were invited to submit literary works for this issue of the TFS magazine. Seniors studying Shakespeare shared sonnets – a poem of 14 lines using any of a variety of rhyming schemes, in English typically having 10 syllables per line.

A FICKLE DROPLET

By Caroline Turpin, Brinson Hall and Katy Corbett

The sunlight sessa and the clouds roll in
The thunder cracks and the lightning whips
across the sky
A day undone along with my grin
It helps so much but the ado makes me cry.

Thou is not merry anymore
I'm a wretch with my plans pushed anon
I cannot do the things I had planned before
There is so much mud and disaster while the sunlight is gone.

But the flowers blossom and the grass turns green
Fare thee well to all of the woe that filled my thoughts
I gaze around and the visage is a beautiful scene
The sky is filled with these glorious and helpful little dots.

I bade God why he makes such a controversial weather
Pray tell why such good and bad are in a raindrop together.



THE VITAL FATE

By Baylee MacBeth and Pengyue Wang

The flow of time, aye, I do admire thee,
For golden years doth flourish on thy hands;
For thou hast brought me on one Odyssey
Toward the edges of uncharted lands.

But on thy path are dreadful thorns of woe
That often pins my merry heart at bay:
Responsibilities, failures, and foes
Lie thither, but I cannot steal away.

Forsooth, death shall purloin
thine own being,
Carting thy mind into unconsciousness;
From desolation that sleep is freeing,
A bittersweet, vital apocalypse.

Good morrow, for such is not eternal,
And fare thee well, to fate universal.

THE VOICE OF THE LIGHT

By Maggie Jackson and Tate Whitfield

Soft! It's the ringing of our hearts combined
Thou must hear the sound in bright and merry,
But she comes through dark places to remind
Those near of their memories far and wary.

On the backs of these notes emotion ride
And down to the depths of sadness they flow
Taking the heart where the demons dost hide
And it's there into light, darkness will grow

These notes anchor to the past, yet she leads
us closer and woos thee with catch and curl
to the places whence light succeeds.
Undone, our heartstrings now twist and whirl.

In deep and hollow humor filled with woe
Out then sound leads us to soothe the
shadow.



REESE WILSON
PRINTMAKING

ANTICIPATION

By Camden Hughes and Mirko Racic

No, don't come hither! I want to
love and long for the two eyes of thine from afar.
Because happiness is good only when it's due,
While it gives just a glimpse.

No, don't come hither! There's more allure
to this sweet longing, waiting and woe.
Verily, everything is much nicer to procure
While it's just a hint.

Prithee, don't come near me!
Why would you and for wherefore?
Only from afar everything shines like a star;
Only from afar we admire thee.
Nay, may not the two eyes of thine come near.

I bade, let me yearn from afar
Had as lief, from thee I protect my heart.



Interest in Aviation Takes Flight



One day last fall, a freight driver called the main number at Tallulah Falls School to find out where to deliver a flight simulator.

After being bounced around a bit, the call landed with Mrs. Lowry in the Boarding Office.

She quickly cleared up the mystery – the specialty item belonged not in a classroom but to TFS senior Seagan McKibben.

A birthday gift from his father shipped from Washington State, the package arrived and quickly saw heavy use by the aspiring aviator.

McKibben's dream to fly is shared by several Tallulah Falls School students, the majority of whom are planning to pursue aviation as a career path through application to a military academy or colleges or universities with ROTC programs.

McKibben's first-choice college is the University of Michigan where he plans to enroll in the ROTC program.

Thanks to McKibben, an aviation club, believed to be the first in school history, is now in motion.

While most of the members aim to experience flight as a pilot, some joined the club to

learn more about the field in general. Tower operation, engineering and other related areas are on the table for exploration, McKibben says.

Accompanied by a dorm counselor, McKibben flies locally at the Habersham County Airport. So far, he has 30 hours of flight time.

A recent field trip introduced Mirko Radic of Serbia to his first sky-based adventure through the local Young Eagles program, which sponsors free flights for youth ages 8-17.

"My life goal since I was seven years old was to become a professional commercial airline pilot," Radic said. "I decided to chase my dreams and come to the United States. I knew if I came to the U.S., I would have so many options that would help me reach my dream. As soon as I got accepted into TFS, I started doing research on how to position myself correctly when it comes to the education for becoming a pilot."

Club members will also explore the building and flying of remote-controlled model airplanes and other educational activities.

Short term, McKibben wants to establish the club on a solid foundation and long-term, he hopes the club will thrive beyond his leadership.

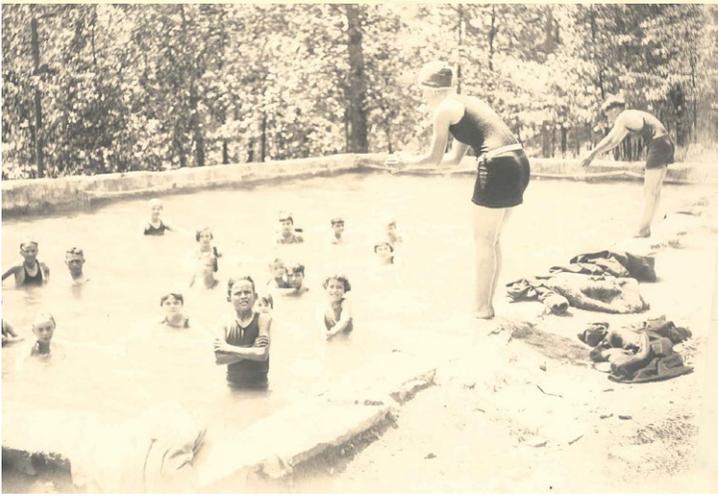
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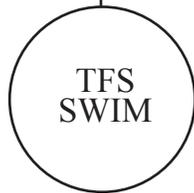


Shown, top row, from left, are Jack Guo, Baylee MacBeth, Collin Kelly; middle row, from left, are Mirko Radic, Junho So; front row, Seagan McKibben



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SPRING SWIMMING

Spilling forth from a deep well of history is the story of swimming at Tallulah Falls School.

Because of the school's location on the slope of Cherokee Mountain, the rich soil is saturated by natural springs, all running downhill.

Fed by these underground streams and constructed of native stone and concrete, the school's first pool delivered recreational swimming to 1920s-era students. Area children accustomed to taking a dip in rivers and creeks experienced quite an upgrade.

The Greater Tallulah fundraising campaign made possible the expansive aquatic escape; it was later named for Ida Lee Hester Fitzpatrick, resident trustee and director of TFS from 1932-1951.

The Light in the Mountains school history refers to it "as one of the prettiest sights imaginable on a hot afternoon. Built of stone and concrete, recessed in beautiful shade, it is the joy of the entire plant. Everybody takes a dip once a day and the children are all learning to swim."

Later at the TFS Farm, a small lake marked the spot for swimming and diving on hot days. It featured a dock and diving bar in the 1950s.

Long-time math teacher Linda Harris remembers taking her sons there to fish.

She would perch on a rock while the boys made their way around the circumference, hoping for a bite.

In 1971, the school celebrated the opening of The Young Matron's Circle Building, which included an indoor pool located below the current upper school practice gym.

This indoor heated pool was a favorite spot every evening and on weekends for boarding students.

According to middle school PE teacher Cyndy Campbell, students learned to swim, played games and practiced rolling kayaks and paddling canoes during the academic day classes.

"It was used in many of the same ways as we will use the new one," Campbell says. "I'm glad we have another one. The kids will love it."

Upper school math teacher Allen Campbell served as athletic director for some of the time the Circle Building pool was open.

"It was used for field day a lot," Allen Campbell says. Additionally, the school hosted community events in the space and faculty/staff used it for physical fitness purposes.

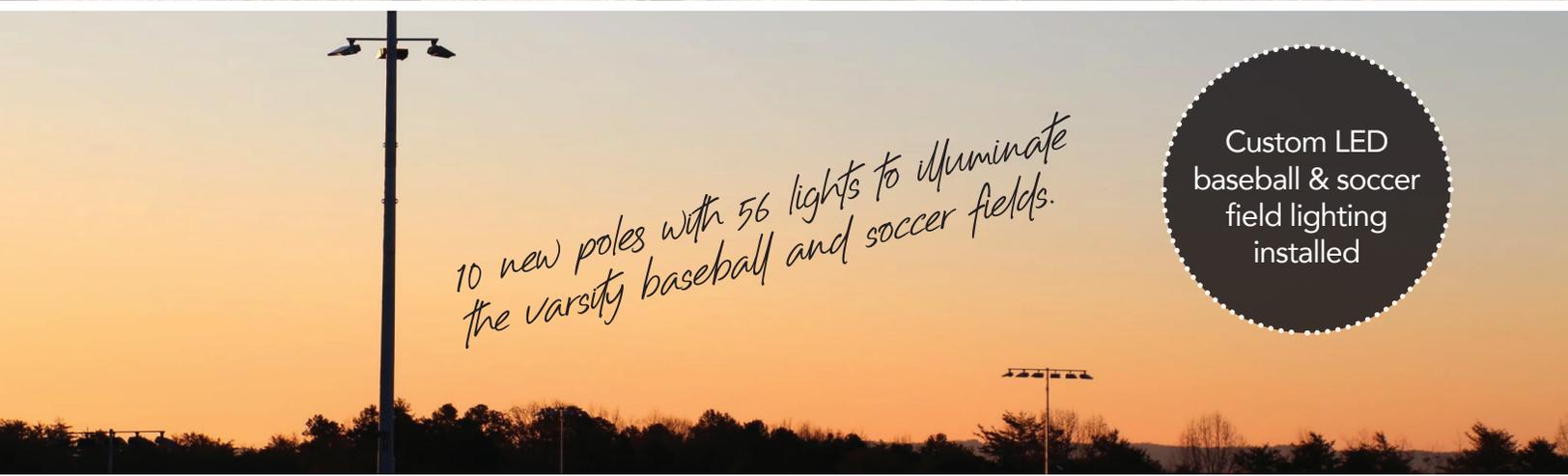
The pool closed in the early 2000s, making way for additional gym space.



CAMPUS UPDATES



2,000 cubic yards of rock and 10,000 cubic yards of dirt to build new wall



10 new poles with 56 lights to illuminate the varsity baseball and soccer fields.

Custom LED baseball & soccer field lighting installed



New outdoor dining space at the main campus



Hundreds of commemorative bricks in Natatorium Walk of Honor

NATATORIUM

by the

NUMBERS

MAIN LOBBY
WALL TILE

POOL
FLOOR
TILE

POOL
WALL &
FLOOR
TILE

TRIBE CAFE
FLOORING

MAIN LOBBY
ACCENT TILE

POOL DECK
ACCENT TILE

Ambitious in scope but thoughtfully planned and managed throughout the design, development and construction process, the new natatorium is now complete.

The pool, filled with 200,000 gallons of water, is ready for immersion; this campus landmark is sure to delight all who enter the expansive lobby, says President and Head of School Larry A. Peevy.

"We are thrilled to welcome the TFS community into this new multi-purpose space," Peevy says. "This project is the culmination of much hard work, made possible by our long-time partnership with Ron Cantrell Construction, Inc."

With 27 rooms and closets, 124 windows, 49 doors, 1,599 cartons of tiles, 151 hinges, 19 faucets, the 20,957 square foot building is a remarkable addition to the already impressive list of athletic facilities.

The state-of-the-art facility will feature a 10-lane competition-sized pool with bleacher seating for up to 240. Concession and special event areas, offices, locker rooms, restrooms and observation/gathering areas for visiting teams are all part of the space plan. Technology is integrated into the facility, with charging stations, monitors and high-end leader and scoreboards included.

The natatorium will be home to the TFS competitive swim team and used for physical education classes, including SCUBA, boating, and water-related safety courses. It will be open for recreational use for students, faculty and staff.

TFS SWIM TEAM



Front Row L-R: Emma Jackson, Halle Weyrich, Karis Tatum, Hannah Hickox, Harry Goldfine, Ethan Williams, Olivia Henderson, Keira Webb, Adelaide Tatum, Olivia Bonner, Walker Wright, Penny Damron
Middle Row L-R: Abby Walker, Layne Kafsky, Kate Trotter, Emily Wolfe, Jack Thomson, Lily Turpin, Molly Rickman, David Plaisted, Cole Borchers, Courtney Bard, Carsyn Griffis, Jasmyn Marshall, Landon Miller, Dan Griswold
Back Row L-R: Coach Stephanie Nicholson, Coach Kim Griswold, Coach Rachel Nichols, Aarington Brown, Tamia Moss, Camden Hughes, Emery Sims, Sydney Murdock, Carter Miller, Trevor Bramlett, Henry Rickman, Logan Huling, Morgan Mullins, Coach Chris Kafsky, Coach Wyatt Nicholson.

The success of the TFS swim teams throughout the 2020-21 season can be gauged on the common theme - setting personal records. That's what the TFS swimmers at both the middle school and high school level did on an almost weekly basis throughout the season.

In nearly every meet for the middle school, boys and girls continued to churn out personal bests, as the teams both took first place in their divisions in the final regular season meet. That meet featured 16 swimmers placing inside the top three of their respective events, and 20 middle school swimmers qualified for the January 30 GISA Middle School State Championships.

For the varsity swim team, the goal was to compete at the state level. A handful of swimmers accomplished that goal. In Tallulah Falls School's 10th consecutive appearance at the Georgia High School Association State

Swimming Championship, five swimmers took their opportunity to shine at the state level. Looking a bit different from previous years, spectators and limited team numbers were allowed entry into the building. This changed the atmosphere present in the facility for those who had competed at this level before. These changes, however, didn't deter TFS swimmers from having a great meet. During the girls' session for 1A-3A, the relay team of Tamia Moss, Karis Tatum, Daya Ssemakula, and Halle Weyrich swam to a 19th place finish in the 200-yard medley relay and an 18th place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a season-best time of 1:50.78, swimming to a 33rd place finish out of 37 scoring teams. In the boy's session, Nelson Wilkinson, the sole male competitor for TFS, swam to an 18th place finish in the 100-yard butterfly with a personal best time of 55.26 and a 21st place finish in the 100-yard backstroke. "We are so proud of our state team of

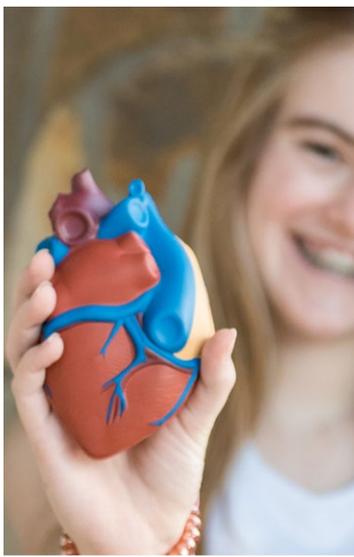
Tamia, Daya, Karis, Halle, Emily Wolfe, and Nelson," says coach Rachel Nichols. "As we only have one team member of this group graduating, we are looking forward to great success next year and in future seasons." In a season that featured more questions and uncertainty than in any previous year, TFS still found a way to make strides in 2020-21.

"Even with limited access to competitive opportunities, our swimmers had a very successful season," adds Nichols. "Our swimmers were motivated to improve on an individual level as well as on the team level. Our middle school teams saw improvement at the state meet with a 3rd and 6th place finish while our high school team made their 10th consecutive appearance at the state level. The growth seen within the team this season bodes well for the future of our program."





the heart OF A CHAMPION



Chesney Tanksley kept a secret regarding her health for several months, partially because she was scared and didn't want to imagine anything was wrong. Also, she loves playing sports at Tallulah Falls School and didn't want to miss the chance to compete. Finally,



on a leisurely beach walk with her family in the summer of 2020, her heart was racing so much Chesney couldn't walk. She felt the need to tell her mom about her ongoing condition in which her heart rate would randomly escalate.

"It had been going on for several months before Chesney told me," says Shana Tanksley, Chesney's mom. "Once she did tell me, I didn't think much about it because I was under the impression it had just started. I advised her to cut out caffeine, take deep breaths."

Shana wasn't aware of the problem until that day on the beach.

"I couldn't move, and I felt very dizzy," recalls Chesney. "I told my mom to feel, but she didn't need to because you could see my heart beating through my shirt. I checked my watch, and it said my heart rate was 220. Knowing that this was not safe, we made sure to make a doctor's appointment right away."

After a quick referral to a cardiologist, an issue showed up on the EKG and heart sonogram. Chesney was diagnosed with WPW syndrome, a condition in which an extra pathway exists from her heart's upper chamber to the lower chamber. That, in turn, produces a rapid heart rate.

"We were grateful for the diagnosis and that the procedure was done so quickly," says Shana. "Honestly, we had prayed and God gave us peace about the whole situation. Our prayers turned from praying for her health to praying for any person along the path of this procedure. We were at the hospital for a total of 14 hours. Recovery was the hardest, as she had to lay perfectly still for four hours."

With the procedure came some unexpected news to the Tanksley family. The physician made a surprising statement to the family that Chesney could be back on the court in a matter of days.

"We were shocked," says Shana. "She was extremely sore but did return to basketball five days after. Ches was adamant about finishing the volleyball season and going straight into basketball."

Chesney was torn, as she was fully committed to the basketball season yet cautious about her health. "I was a little concerned about finishing the volleyball season,"

adds Chesney. "The doctor told me I would be ok, but I was still unsure. It was scary at times, not knowing what was happening. I didn't want to quit, though. I knew I had committed to the team, and as long as it wouldn't hurt me to finish, I was going to."

"Chesney loves sports and being part of a team, so there was no stopping her drive to press on," says Shana. "She has built up her stamina, and we feel as though her being so active helped her recovery process tremendously. No concerns have arisen."

Chesney has, by her own account, had no problems since the procedure, despite a little soreness the first time back out. She learned quite a bit about herself in the process.

"I have learned to be stronger, not just physically but also spiritually," says Chesney. "Although it was tough, I had a great support team that helped me through it all. I think that I learned to be more cautious and not to be afraid when a problem does arise."

Chesney is a standout in volleyball, basketball, competes with the TFS bass fishing team and holds the middle school 800m school record. The support team that she refers to certainly includes her family, but also her friends.

These friendships have grown from her time at Tallulah Falls School, particularly in athletics.

"I love being a TFS athlete," says Chesney. "It means so much to me to have that family that will always be there for me. I know that these coaches will support me and that my teammates always have my back. Sports are very important to me, and playing for TFS makes them even more special."



LADY INDIANS	INDIANS - A TEAM	INDIANS - B TEAM
2 - LB KAFSKY	1 - TANNER DAVIS	10 - MONIL PATEL
3 - HAYGEN JAMES	2 - CLAY KAFSKY	11 - JACKSON SAVAGE
4 - GEMMA FARRIS	3 - NOAH PAGE	12 - MERRICK CARNES
5 - LIZZIE HUEBNER	4 - KC RESPRESS	14 - KADEN HUNTER
12 - MILLIE HOLCOMB	5 - ZACH FREEMAN	15 - LUKE DILLARD
13 - GRACEY ASH	10 - TJ COX	20 - WILL NESMITH
14 - CHESNEY TANKSLEY	11 - CHASE POLLOCK	21 - RYLEE SMITH
20 - EMMA ARDEN	12 - WILL GREEN	22 - JASON BARD
25 - BREELYN WOOD	13 - JACKSON CARLAN	25 - TATE TURPIN
	15 - WYATT FRANKS	30 - GAVIN TAYLOR
	21 - TERYK TILLEY	35 - ELIJAH BARKER
	32 - ZACH CARRINGER	

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

2020-21 may have been full of uncertainty and doubt, but the TFS MS girls and boys left no doubt who the best team was in the conference. Both teams walked off the court on February 1 at home as Tri-State Champions.

The Lady Indians had a remarkable season. All told, the girls were 11-0, and finished off as back-to-back undefeated Tri-State Champions. That's no easy task, as the members of the team have not lost in over two years.

Throughout the season, Haygen James was the dominant scorer the team needed her to be, while Breelyn Wood, Chesney Tanksley, Gemma Farris and Millie Holcomb, to name a few, helped guide coach Sharea Long's team to another title.

"Each girl stepped into their role and this group ran like a well-oiled machine," says Long. "They worked hard all season and pushed through some tough times but never lost sight of the season goal. I couldn't be more proud."

The ripple effects of great success will likely stretch across the years to come.

"To say I am proud of this group would be a huge understatement," states Long. "Completing an undefeated season is a task but adding a championship to that season is sweet!"

The middle school boys capped the year with a thrilling win over Rabun Gap to secure the Tri-State Championship. They were 8-2 overall under head coach Tom Tilley and assistant coach Anthony Cox. The team endured so much uncertainty and maintained focus on the court.

"I am so proud of these kids and their accomplishments," says Tilley. "Amidst a season of quarantine and game cancellations, the players played with heart, passion, togetherness and gritty defense."

To Tilley's point, the team averaged an astounding 13.2 steals, 11 deflections and 31.9 rebounds per contest, all while averaging 38.8 points.

"In 27 years of coaching, this is the most complete and together team I have ever had and they love each other," says Tilley.

The squad was comprised of all eighth graders on the "A" Team, while the "B" Team, headed up by Cox, went 0-5 as a young squad. The "A" Team featured many key playmakers including but not limited to Jackson Carlan, Tanner Davis, Zach Freeman, Clay Kafsky, Teryk Tilley and KC Respress. The "B" Team featured Jackson Savage and Elijah Barker among others.



IRAY ADELEKE

- 48% FIELD GOAL
- 6 REBOUNDS PER GAME AVERAGE
- SENIOR



KATY CORBETT

- 900+ CAREER POINTS
- 693 REBOUNDS
- 180 3-POINTERS
- SENIOR



VERONAYE CHARLTON

- 303 SEASON POINTS
- SOPHOMORE



DENIKA LIGHTBOURNE

- 318 SEASON POINTS
- SOPHOMORE



The overarching story of the Lady Indians' season is nothing short of special. When the girls reeled off a streak of nine wins out of 11, it was clear this was one to remember. TFS had a pair of five-game win streaks throughout the season and went 7-1 in the region.

TFS was named the regular season region champions, and took care of George Walton in the second round of the region tournament before falling to Athens Academy in the title game. After earning a home playoff game, the Lady Indians fell to Wesleyan to end their season.

TFS went 16-8 and was ranked as high as #9 in the state in Class 1A Private.

One notable moment throughout the season was senior night on February 5 against Athens Christian. A 71-10 victory was attached by history. Senior Katy Corbett connected on a school record 10 3-pointers, which was just three off the state record for a single game. She had her first 30-point performance in her career (32 total), and crushed her own single game record of six 3s. Fellow seniors Iray Adeleke (career high 18 points) and Abby Carlan (13 points) combined for 63 of the team's 71 that night.

The girls made it three playoff trips and winning seasons in a row. Coach Brandy Corbett became the program's all-time winningest coach with a 51-27 record and was named Co-Coach of the Year for Region 8-A Private.



Katy Corbett, Denika Lightbourne and Veronaye Charlton all earned First Team All-Region honors. Adeleke was an Honorable Mention. Lightbourne's team-leading 318 points were the eighth most in a single season, while Charlton's 303 were tenth most.

Corbett made 57 3-pointers, which left her just shy of the single-season mark. Corbett leaves TFS with over 900 points (6th most in TFS history), 693 rebounds (2nd), 237 assists (1st), 38 blocks (1st) and 180 3-pointers made (1st).



Back row left to right: Asst Coach Tim Corbett, Asst Coach Isabelle Almoyan, Abby Carlan, Tanisha Seymour, Denika Lightbourne, Iray Adeleke, Katy Corbett, Barrett Whitener, Head Coach Brandy Corbett
Front row left to right: Manager Sarah Jennings, Macy Murdock, Veronaye Charlton, Miracle Bain, Sanneka Hepburn, Kailyn Neal, Molly Mitchell, Allie Phasavang, Manager Addy McCoy



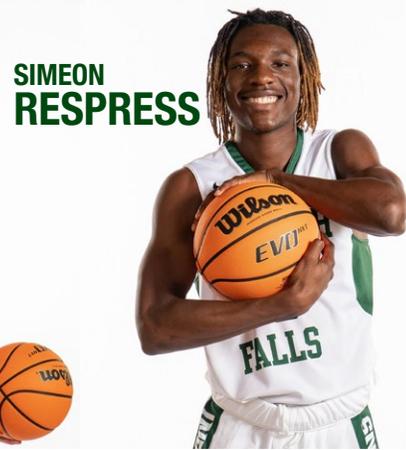
ANFERNEE HANNA



SAMMY DAVIS



GABE KEENE



SIMEON RESPRESS

The TFS boys basketball program has had plenty of great seasons, including two that contained more total wins and a deeper playoff run. But none hauled in a region championship, either the regular season or region tournament variety...until now. 2020-21 was a first for the Indians, who secured the title both ways to ensure there was no debate as to who the best team was in Region 8-A Private.

TFS went 18-5 with a perfect 10-0 region mark. That secured the regular season title, and the boys didn't disappoint in the region tournament.

The Indians slipped past host Athens Academy on a Simeon Respress buzzer-beater to win 61-59. TFS completed the task of taking home region title honors, cruising past George Walton 64-47. The Indians had already secured a state playoff spot and a home playoff game with the win over Athens Academy.

The state playoffs didn't quite go according to plan. Though the boys fought hard, the season ended with a loss at home in the first round of state. Still, it marked the second straight playoff season for TFS, and made it four out of the past five seasons going to the state tournament.

A 10-game win streak from December through January set the tone for the season, as the boys earned a #9 state ranking. Coach Cody Coleman was named Region 8-A Private Coach of the Year. Along with Coleman's accolade, Sammy Davis and Gabe Keene earned First Team All-Region nods, while Anfernee Hanna was named to the Second Team. Respress and Devonte Allen were Honorable Mentions.



Davis (11.8 points per game), Keene (11.8) and Hanna (11.0) were consistently leading the way in scoring. The scoring output for Keene (272 total points) and Davis (271) rank 19th and 20th, respectively, in team history.

Other notable stats include Keene's 162 rebounds and Hanna's 161, as both rank in the top-10 in a single season. Allen had 50 steals, good for 10th most in a single campaign, while Hanna came up with a massive 18-rebound game on January 26 against Loganville Christian. That was three shy of the school record set by Brandon

Mbaba (21 rebounds) back in 2009. Hanna also had a 13-rebound performance, while Davis had 15 in a game as well.

TFS graduates Davis, Respress, Julian Gober, Kale Corbett and David Moreno Rodriguez this spring.



Back row left to right: Head Coach Cody Coleman, Gabe Keene, Sammy Davis, Charlie Cody, Anfernee Hanna, Asst Coach Lowell Hamilton, Asst Coach Matt Crotta
Front row left to right: Manager Joel Bourlet, George Ketch, Diego Crotta, Julian Gober, Devonte Allen, Kale Corbett, Simeon Respress



JV BASKETBALL

The TFS boys and girls JV basketball teams had quite a bit to be proud of in 2020-21. The boys had a remarkable run, while the girls embarked on a new journey at TFS.

Going undefeated in any sport is quite the accomplishment. For the boys TFS JV Indians, the 2020-21 season came and went, and ended with a flawless record intact at 13-0.

Coach Lowell Hamilton guided the program to great success throughout the season, preparing the young men for the varsity level. A number of the players on the JV team have already logged varsity minutes, and their instruction and experience at the JV level has been invaluable.

Junior newcomer Gavin Page, who came to TFS this season, and sophomore Diego Crotta were consistently leading the way offensively. Others like junior George Ketch and sophomores Bryan Cope and Colton Hicks heavily contributed.

Out of 13 games played, the Indians won seven by less than 10 points, and five by fewer than four points. These boys are battle tested and ready for what lies ahead for each of them as many have or will be playing varsity very soon.

It was a first for Tallulah Falls School to feature a JV girls basketball team. Coach Tim Corbett headed up the endeavor, as the Lady Indians had many special moments, including winning in their first game of existence and getting a number of players invaluable experience.

“By adding the JV, all of the girls were given more opportunities to play valuable minutes in game situations,” says Corbett. “Those experiences cannot be emulated in any other way.”

The inclusion of the JV team, which went 5-4 on the season, is a result of the impact that girls basketball has had on TFS students over the past several years.

“For a number of reasons, the quality of this program has increased consistently for four consecutive years,” says Corbett. “The addition and execution of a JV season this year only adds to that momentum and will make the next chapter of TFS girls basketball very interesting, competitive and fun to watch.”



JV BASKETBALL ROSTER

- LADY INDIANS**
 2 - MOLLY MITCHELL
 3 - ALLIE PHASAVANG
 10 - MIRACLE BAIN
 22 - CHRISTY HULSEY
 24 - KEYGAN ANTOSIAK
 40 - ANA HARRIS
 45 - MAEBREE HOLCOMB
 50 - TANISHA SEYMOUR
 MGR - SARAH JENNINGS
 MGR - ADDY MCCOY
 HEAD COACH - TIM CORBETT
 ASST COACH ISABELLE ALMOYAN
 NOT SHOWN: KYNDAL ANDERSON
 SAMMEKA HEPBURN



- INDIANS**
 1 - TYLER BROWN
 3 - JADEN ANDREWS
 10 - DIEGO CROTTA
 14 - GAVIN PAGE
 21 - WILL SEAMAN
 22 - TOMMY CRAWFORD
 23 - SAM KETCH
 32 - COLTON HICKS
 33 - BRYAN COPE
 44 - GEORGE KETCH
 MGR - JOEL BOURLET
 MGR - KEELIE PARKS
 MGR - JACOB SOTUNDE
 HEAD COACH - LOWELL HAMILTON
 ASST COACH - CODY COLEMAN



Back row left to right: Brooklyn Reed, Mallory Higgins, Coach Amanda Rogers, Landry Carnes, Jace Ibemere
 Second row left to right: Lizzy Wanner, Zoie Kelly, Sarah Wilkinson
 Front row left to right: Makenzie Sanders and Haylen McGugan
 Not Pictured: Callee Elrod

Back row left to right: Coach Sassy Hayes, Isabella Jones, Jane Ibemere, Allie Kate Campbell, Mia Kwarteng, Lucy Ladd, Coach Kim Popham
 Front row left to right: Shelby Brightwell, Cassidy Hayes, Susie Sun, Mei Hui DeVelasco, Caroline Ball, Madysyn Ramey
 Not pictured: Ava Wehrstein



Cheerleading

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE ATTITUDE!

A cheerleader's responsibility is to radiate hope and excitement, no matter if the scoreboard says otherwise. TFS fortunately has done quite well in 2020-21 on the scoreboard, but the fans and players alike have been lifted by spirit of the cheer teams nonetheless.

The middle school and varsity squads, coached by Amanda Rogers and Kim Popham, respectively, have navigated an interesting season with great attitude and work ethic.

"The eighth-grade students have taken on the role of teaching the younger cheerleaders and have been very kind to them," says Rogers. "It has been a joy seeing the team work together so well. This is my third year teaching at the middle school so I have had the pleasure of teaching every cheerleader on the team. Building relationships with my former and current students has been so rewarding."

Things were a little fluid at first, but the team got into a routine fairly quickly.

"We were not sure where the cheerleaders would be cheering — the bleachers, on the floor or upstairs in the gym," says Popham. "Luckily, our gym has the extra footage at the end so the girls were able to cheer eight on the floor spread out. Our other four cheerleaders cheered upstairs beside our student section. The girls rotate locations every quarter."

The varsity program, despite not getting to perform in front of the audience they are used to, still went about business as usual.

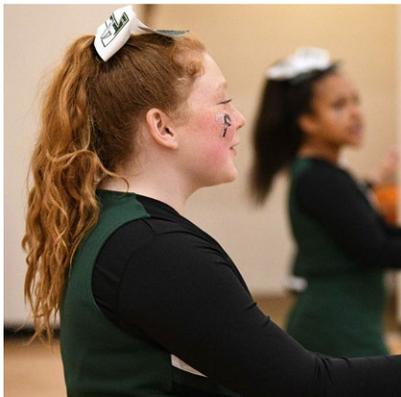
"The girls learned new material pretty fast and helped each other get ready to perform," adds Popham. "At the beginning of the season, the cheerleaders signed up to be captain and co-captain for a game. The responsibilities of the captain and

co-captain was to come with a cheer list for each quarter, quarter cheers, and halftime routine."

The mission for both programs were well laid out, and both were successful in achieving those goals. "The main goal that I had for the team this year was to be a positive light on and off the court," says Rogers of her squad. "And, they have been so positive during this time of uncertainty."

Popham's squad had very similar aspirations. "The main goal this season was to form a team that supports each other, cheers on our teams to victory and has fun," says Popham.

For both middle school and varsity cheer, the mission was completed!





Katy Corbett, of Lakemont, signed a national letter of intent to compete in beach volleyball for the Mercer Bears, located in Macon, GA.

Corbett recently led the TFS Lady Indians to a sixth straight state playoff appearance, and second-ever Sweet 16. She also serves on the GHSA Student Athlete Advisory Council and is the TFS winner for the High School Heisman.

Volleyball coach Matt Heyl spoke at the ceremony about Corbett's

growth as a player and as a person, and valued that in his program.

"At the next level, in athletics and in academics, just being around those people, you're going to make that college even more special," says Heyl.

Corbett is the record holder for single-game, single-season, and career kills, as well as all three categories for digs. The senior is a standout in basketball in addition to volleyball.

MERCER UNIVERSITY

Chathan Clouatre made good on his commitment to play baseball at Toccoa Falls College, signing on National Signing Day, February 3.

Clouatre will continue his baseball and academic career for the navy and gold Toccoa Falls College Screaming Eagles (NCCAA) in Toccoa Falls, GA.

The signing ceremony featured his current and some former TFS teammates, friends, and his family. His massive support system joined in celebrating the occasion.

Clouatre has persevered through many ups and downs in his baseball career due to injuries, but is set for a solid senior season in 2021. Athletic Director Scott Neal spoke briefly on Clouatre's toughness, while President and Head of School Larry A. Peevy talked about the impact Clouatre will have at TFC.

TFS baseball coach Justin Pollock, who won multiple national championships as the head coach at Toccoa Falls College, pointed out that the Indians baseball team follows Clouatre and his example.



TOCCOA FALLS COLLEGE



Maggie Jackson, of Clarkesville, signed a national letter of intent to play golf for the Wofford College Terriers in Spartanburg, SC.

"Maggie has proven herself an outstanding student and athlete," says Wofford coach Angie Ridgeway. "No doubt, she will make an impact for us. I'm thrilled for her to become a Terrier and join us!"

"She has worked so diligently since she was in middle school to accomplish this goal," says TFS coach Allen Campbell. "Wofford

will be getting a well-rounded and excellent student, golfer and above all, an excellent person. I feel fortunate to have been a part of the process and know she will accomplish great things in the future."

A top-ten ranked golfer in the state, Jackson was the area low medalist in 2018 as a freshman and third in 2019 as a sophomore. She finished sixth at state in the 2019 as well. Jackson and teammate Brinson Hall share nearly every shooting record in school history.

WOFFORD COLLEGE



TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS



Abby Carlan put pen to paper on February 3, making good on her commitment to play volleyball at Truett McConnell University for the Bears in Cleveland, GA.

“Abby’s dedication, focus, and passion fueled her persistence and consistency, traits that will serve her well as she furthers her education and competitive career at TMU,” adds Athletic Director Scott Neal.

“I am excited to have Abby joining our volleyball program,” says TMU coach Mark Corbin. “I believe she will be a great fit and will help build our volleyball program. Abby has all the attributes that we look for in a hard worker, a positive attitude, encourages those around her, and has a great Christian testimony.”

Carlan was a second-team All-Region honoree in volleyball in the fall of 2020 and a large part of the success of the Lady Indians program over the past several seasons.



Golf standout Brinson Hall signed her letter of intent with Troy University just days after making her verbal commitment to the NCAA Division-I program. While she’s finishing up her senior year at TFS, Troy is already anticipating the addition of Hall in the near future.

“Brinson is a coach’s dream,” says TFS golf coach Allen Campbell. “Hard-working, dedicated, and a highly competitive spirit. She pushes herself to get better every day.”

“We are very excited to add Brinson to our program,” says Troy golf coach Randy Keck. “She brings a strong resume and work ethic that will fit very well with what we do here at Troy.”

Hall and teammate Maggie Jackson are by far the top golfers in TFS history. She was the Area Runner-Up in 2019. She has placed in the top 10 individually at state, becoming only the second TFS golfer to accomplish that feat. Hall was named All-State in 2019.



South Korea

INTERNATIONAL *Day*

18 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
AT TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL



The events surrounding the celebration of cultural diversity at Tallulah Falls School are much anticipated each year.

A performance showcase, adjusted for format and timing due to the pandemic, came together on Feb. 15. Blended learning students from around the world submitted videos to be integrated into the live performances staged in the theater.

According to faculty sponsor Jennifer Walker, International Day is especially meaningful for this group of students.

“They are proud to share their home with their friends and teachers. It makes me proud to see them as citizens of the world – standing out, representing their whole country, but mostly I am impressed by the struggle – it is scary to be on stage and to speak in front of your whole school!” Walker said. “These kids are great about celebrating each other and encouraging each other to walk through that fear. It’s really quite an accomplishment for them to do this.”

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I AM ABLE TO LEARN SO MUCH ABOUT MY FRIENDS’ CULTURES. HERE AT TFS, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND I ALWAYS LOVE TO SEE WHAT THEIR HOME COUNTRIES MEAN TO THEM.

JOE GRISWOLD
GEORGIA, USA



“ WHY IS INTERNATIONAL DAY SO IMPORTANT? ”

I love to participate in International Day because it is so much fun to spend time with my friends while we are sharing our culture.
 – Sophomore Miracle Bain of the Bahamas

International Day exposes me to so many new cultures and helps me learn more about my friends and their hometowns. It makes me feel happy and fulfilled by being introduced to new languages, countries and traditions.
 – Junior Mara Radovic of Montenegro

I get to display what makes me who I am. It’s a blessing to have the opportunity to share what I’m proud of.
 – Senior Fendi Jean Louis of Stone Mountain

I am able to share the importance of my country with my classmates.
 – Senior Grace Kim of Buford



Khalisah Momoh
 Marietta, GA

“It is also a great learning experience and has taught me numerous details on different cultures worldwide. Additionally, learning about different cultures from my peers somewhat unites us and allows us to form closer relationships with each other.”



David Rodriguez Moreno
 Murcia, Spain

“International Day is very important for me because the diversity in our school is shown. I always have a lot of fun practicing and doing it because I get a lot of support from numerous people.”



This year’s showcase included Serbia, Montenegro, Africa/Caribbean, China, South Korea, Mexico and Spain, a portion of the eighteen countries represented in the school’s student body.

Senior Junho So of South Korea and junior Jerry Sang of China provided technical support for the program.



A SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVE

This semester science teacher Gayle Payne launched a new approach to inspiring her students. Working on projects, biology and chemistry students donned the figurative lab coat of an accomplished scientist to research and present from that individual's perspective.

A little role-playing with an academic filter, says Payne, created an experiential learning scenario.

"I truly hope that some of them will hit on something that sparks enough interest that they might look to a career in science," Payne says. "This is also an experiment on my part because they have to do the project and presentation from the perspective of the scientist."

Payne wants the students to realize the scientists are human.

"When they study these people and see what some overcame or gave up to do their research, I hope it inspires them to never give up no matter what adversity they face," she added.

FINGERPRINTING FORENSIC SCIENCE



A lesson in fingerprinting brought experiential lessons into the classroom for eighth-grade science students at Tallulah Falls School.

According to science teacher Heather Henriques, on Jan. 22, students dusted for fingerprints and used tape to lift the fingerprints from a slide. The next step was to dust a Coca-Cola can for fingerprints to compare it to the fingerprints gathered from classmates.

With a goal to determine who swiped the can, students were eager to solve the mystery, Henriques says. They learned first-hand how difficult it can be to get clear fingerprints, the value of attention to detail, and teamwork.

The forensics unit concluded with an integrated project with the English and drama departments, as students created and presented their own fairy-tale based crime scenes to a jury of their peers, Henriques added.



PIPER ALLEN
Freshman from Clayton, GA

Dr. Kathleen Reichs, the forensic scientist whose career inspired the long-running television series, *Bones*, responded personally to Piper Allen and subsequently connected with the excited freshman in a telephone interview.

Reichs, a board-certified anthropologist serves on the board of directors of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. A highly regarded expert in her field, she produced the television series, based loosely on her novels.

"The most rewarding part of my job is giving bones a voice...The forensics field is constantly changing but I would like to see more cases closed. What I tell people to pursue this career path is to be prepared to work hard," Reich stated.



JOEL BOURLET
Freshman from Tallulah Falls, GA

Bourlet selected Dr. Robert Kahn who is credited as a co-inventor of the internet. According to Bourlet, Khan collaborated with Vint Cerf to find a way to make messages sent between devices make sense.



MOLLY MITCHELL
Freshman from Toccoa, GA

Mitchell selected Dr. Jane Goodall, noted primatologist and anthropologist. Mitchell, in the voice of the esteemed Dr. Goodall posed the question about what separates us from chimpanzees. Goodall's decades-long dedication to her passion for unearthing discoveries about primates.

POLAR PLUNGE

The chilly temperatures on Jan. 15 didn't prevent members of the Tallulah Falls School swim teams from taking a traditional "Polar Plunge" in Lake Tallulah.

According to coach Rachel Nichols, the ninth annual event was a tremendous success.

"We had about 15 swimmers elect to get in the lake," Nichols said. "Those who didn't get in the lake had the opportunity to partake in hot chocolate and s'mores. This is a wonderful tradition that we were so glad to continue this year."

Some of the swimmers hung out for a bit in the water just off the beach, while others made a quick trip to the floating boundary before racing back to gather around the fire pit.

This much-anticipated annual tradition, according to senior Camden Hughes dates back to the inception of the swim team.

"I have loved being a part of the plunge because it is something that we can look forward to every year; it is a good bonding experience," Hughes said. "We do it to de-stress and just have the opportunity to be together as a team. There are always so many memories and laughs."

The Polar Plunge is unique, also, because Coach Nichols was actually a part of the class that started it, Hughes added.

"Because of that, she has tried to keep that tradition alive," she said. "Even as our numbers have grown, it has continued to be something that everyone enjoys."



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