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The Brunswick Academy Tradition



Spring/Summer 2017

Head of School Overview



The past twelve months have been a time of renewal for Brunswick Academy in many ways. The faculty, staff, administration, students, parents, and friends have pulled together to work on moving BA into the 21st century as we provide an education conducive to society's needs. Many changes occurred as Mr. Dave Newsom and Mrs. Sandra Wrenn both retired last summer.

At the end of this school year, other long-time employees, Mrs. Glenda Wootton and Mrs. Betty Carraway, both retired. These long-time educators will be hard to replace in and out of the classrooms, but by putting forth our best effort we will do our best to provide a great education for our students.

We completed our 5-year interim VAIS review in November and received affirmation in January that our accreditation through VAIS will continue for another 5 years. This process was a daunting task, but one that the staff embraced and faced with dedication to get the job done. Mrs. Diane Frazier led the charge for this important event during the year. This self-evaluation process proved to be a learning task for all to understand our purpose and mission in a more complete way.

Our BA traditions are continuing and growing. We started the school year with the Senior-First Grade march and we expanded this to the Big Vikes-Little Vikes program. Our seniors visited, worked with, and celebrated their first grader all year long, then had an end of year gathering to wish each other well. The Juniors and Kindergarteners were introduced at the end of year gathering, so they could start their bonding experience. Amanda Sadler, Board member and parent, was instrumental in starting this program as well as the "Boo Walk" that was held for Halloween.

Many other firsts occurred during the year. The PTO had a vendor/craft fair in December. Seniors left their mark on campus by adding their originally painted rock to the recently installed rock walkway at the flag poles. Some classes visited Longwood University for a visit with

authors and we had author Francis Wood come to campus to talk about the writing process and his inspirations. Several classes went on field trips this year that are traditions for us (such as Jamestown, Pamplin Park, Virginia Capital building). We plan to expand these and offer new experiences for our students next year.

The faces of BA are changing, and the traditions and education are expanding and getting better. Change will always occur, the important thing is how we embrace it and adjust to it to make life better at BA. We will have several new teachers and staff members for next school year. We will be starting a new STEM class in the high school as well as offering classes that have not been offered in recent years. Through a new partnership with Liberty University Online Academy, students will be able to take classes for high school and/or dual enrollment credit that we have not been able to offer in the past. This is a new way of learning that our students will need to adjust to as they prepare for college, so we are starting them here and building their foundation. This new partnership will provide many opportunities for our students that are unique to our school. It will expand dual enrollment offerings and provide more opportunities to earn college credits while still in high school. This gives BA an advantage in being able to offer dual enrollment opportunities from two institutions of higher learning.

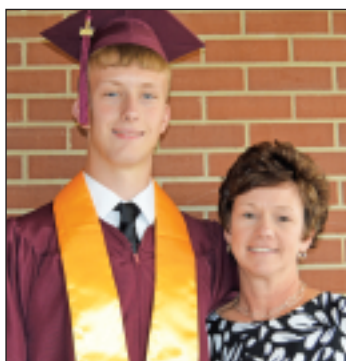
BA is doing things to lead the way and make the education here even better as we prepare our students for the future. We are excited for new opportunities and new faces for 2017-2018 school year. As we embrace changes, we also remember our BA traditions and values - once a Viking, always a Viking.

My first year as Head of School has been a busy one. It was a challenge to come in to get acclimated to everything and deal with the retirement of 2 long-time employees that are sorely missed. The faculty and staff have been a great support in educating me on various aspects of the private school arena, working together as a team we have moved forward. I know this upcoming year will be a challenge, as well, as more changes occur. This is home for me and I am loving the time I get to spend with the students here at BA, watching them grow and mature in so many ways. The BA family is the best.

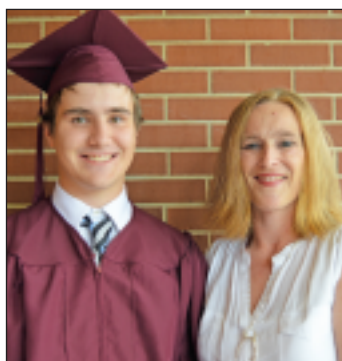
Class of 2017 Children of Alumni



Katherine Hill Daniel, daughter of Raymond Sherwood Daniel, Jr., Class of 1986, and granddaughter of John Douglas Owen, Class of 1967



William Hunter Elliott, son of Kay Kidd Elliott, Class of 1987



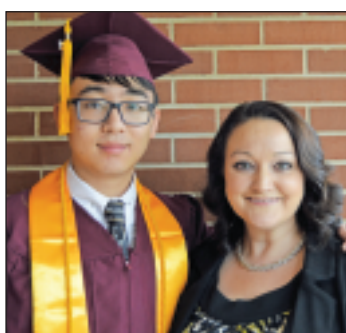
James Harrison Haislop, III, son of Melissa Harris Haislop, Class of 1991



Mason Rylands Jones, son of Sigmund Todd Jones, Class of 1984



Shirlkay Nikole Poarch, daughter of Ron Poarch, Class of 1988



International Student Housed by Alumni - Xuanjiang (Bob) Guo, host son of Katie Link Turner, Class of 1997



International Student Housed by Alumni - Zihua (Lesley) Qu, host daughter of Kim Clary Williams, Class of 1980

*Congratulations
Class
of
2017*

2017 Honor Graduates

Brunswick Academy held its 2017 Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 26, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Gymnasium where 22 graduates received their diplomas. The traditional Baccalaureate Service was held on Sunday May 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM. The guest speaker was Rev. Bryson Smith, Lead Pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Staunton, Virginia.

The valedictorian was Samantha Kelsey Woyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Woyer of Alberta, who will attend the University of Virginia. William Howard Wright was the salutatorian and is the son of Mrs. and Mrs. William Wright of White Plains, who will attend North Carolina State University in the fall.

There were three other honor graduates. Mason Rylands Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Jones of Lawrenceville; Zihua Qu (Lesley), daughter of host family Ms. Kim Clary Williams of Lawrenceville; and Xuanjiang Guo (Bob), son of host family, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Turner of Emporia. Mason Jones will attend the University of Virginia, Zihua Qu (Lesley) will attend the University of California-Davis, and Xuanjuang Guo (Bob) will attend Perdue University.



Samantha Kelsey Woyer



William Howard Wright



*Xuanjiang Guo
(Bob)*



Mason Rylands Jones



*Zihua Qu
(Lesley)*

Poetry Contest Winners



Brunswick Academy is pleased to announce that two students' poems were chosen to be published in The America Library of Poetry's special book, *Imagine*. Mrs. Betty Carraway, a 4th Grade teacher at B.A., submitted Natalie Hall's and Emma Jones' poems for The America Library of Poetry 2016 Winter Student Poetry Contest. Natalie's poem, "Happiness" and Emma's poem, "Halloween and Leaves", were both chosen for publication. We congratulate both girls on such a wonderful accomplishment. A copy of the book will be available in the Brunswick Academy library soon. Natalie is in 5th Grade and is the daughter of Dawn Hall of Lawrenceville and Charles Hall of Brodnax. Emma is in 4th Grade and is the daughter of Greg and Julia Jones of Gasburg.

Pictured (l to r) - Mrs. Cheryl Bowen, B.A. Head of School, Emma Jones, and Natalie Hall

"If I Were Mayor" Essay

Brunswick Academy is pleased to announce that 7th grader Jerry "Trey" Mitchell, III of Emporia, VA was presented a plaque by Gov. Terry McAuliffe at the Library of Virginia for winning Region 7 and the entire State of Virginia for the essay he submitted in the Virginia Municipal League's, "If I were Mayor for a Day" essay contest. Mayor of Lawrenceville Bill Herrington was on hand for the presentation and congratulated Trey. The presentation was made on January 25, 2017, which was Virginia Municipal League Day at the Virginia General Assembly. Trey's parents are Paula Anderson and Jerry Mitchell, Jr. of Emporia.



Love Accepted in Ballet Program

Congratulations to 7th Grader, Shana Love. Shana auditioned for the Orlando Ballet Summer Intensive and was accepted! Shana is the daughter of David (Class of '92) and Cory Love of South Hill.

Photo Credit: Robert Harris Photography



Chinese New Year

Our International students had a Chinese New Year Celebration at the home of Kim Williams on Saturday, January 28. The students prepared the delicious meal themselves and a good time was had by all celebrating the Year of the Rooster.



Middle School Forensics

On Friday, March 10, Brunswick Academy's fifth, sixth, and seventh grade Middle School Forensics Team participated in the AVA Forensics Competition at Kenston Forest School. This exceptional group of students left the competition with third place in fifth grade, second place in sixth grade, and first place in seventh grade. Overall, the Middle School Forensics Team placed second in the competition. The students who participated and their rankings are as follows:

Fifth Grade: Girls' Prose - Madalynn Writtenberry; Boys' Prose - Chris Parrish; Girls' Poetry - Lane Whitehead; Boys' Poetry - Charlie Pope; Girls' Monologue - Bryn Montgomery - 3rd; Boys' Monologue - Berkeley Jones - 2nd; Serious Speech - Savannah Nunnally - 3rd; Humorous Speech - Denver Wright; Spelling - Natalie Hall - 1st

Sixth Grade: Girls' Prose - Allie Short - 1st; Boys' Prose - Ashton Phillips - 1st; Girls' Poetry - Rahilly Abernathy - 2nd; Boys' Poetry - Matthew Gullivan - 1st; Girls' Monologue - Meredith Greene - 1st; Boys' Monologue - Davis Whitehead - 3rd; Serious Speech - Cassidy Smith - 2nd; Humorous Speech - Katie Lambert; Spelling - Cullen Corum

Seventh Grade: Girls' Prose - Lydia Smith - 1st; Boys' Prose - Vincent Edmunds - 2nd; Girls' Poetry - Alyssa Rivas - 3rd; Boys' Poetry - Brett Allen - 2nd; Girls' Monologue - Shana Love - 1st; Boys' Monologue - Harrison Harper - 2nd; Serious Speech - Alora DeCorte; Humorous Speech - Emily Roberts - 1st; Spelling - Bryson Poarch - 1st



Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day



Brunswick Academy held its Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day Program on Friday, March 24. Students in Grades PreS - 5 sang songs and dressed in their poodle skirts, leather jackets, and rolled up jeans. Elvis was also spotted in the building! Faculty and Staff also dressed the part of Pink Ladies! BA enjoyed having all of our special guests on campus.

Local Author Visits Campus



Brunswick Academy was fortunate to have local author, Francis Eugene Wood, visit on March 29. Mr. Wood attended B.A. in the early 1970's before moving back to Farmville. Wood had the opportunity to talk to students in grades 3-12 about his books and writing styles, and shared stories about his childhood in Brunswick County. For more information on Francis Eugene Wood go to his website www.tipofthemoon.com.

Big Vikes / Little Vikes



The Big Vikes and Little Vikes program began this year as a new tradition! Board Member Amanda Sadler is the face behind this wonderful program. Each senior is assigned a first grade "Little Vike" at the beginning of the school year. Throughout the year, the Big Vikes and Little Vikes had holiday parties, read books, had recess, and spent lunch times together. The Little Vikes visited the Big Vikes during their special luncheon and had an end of year celebration with Wally the Wacky Waiter. Many new friendships were made and lives touched! The Little Vikes wish their Big Vikes (Class of 2017) the best of luck in their future endeavors!

Teachers Retiring



When **Mrs. Glenda Wootton** graduated from Brunswick Academy in 1970, little did she know that she would return in the fall of 1976 to teach here. Mrs. Wootton has taught World Geography, Etymology, English, Literature, Speech, Drama, and Dual Enrollment Grammar and Composition over the years. She has become a legend at B.A. and so many students have had the honor of being taught by her. If you were lucky enough to have Mrs. Wootton (to some of you, Mrs. Link), you definitely learned how to write. Mrs. Wootton also did more than teaching. She helped with the Brunswick Academy Theatre for a few years then took on all of the directing of the productions of Sound of Music, Footloose, Singing in the Rain, Grease, with her last production being Cinderella. Mrs. Wootton's daughter, Katie Link Turner (Class of '97) helped her as choreographer in these Theatre productions.

When asked how she feels about her retirement, Wootton says, "I have mixed emotions. I love the kids and leaving them will be the hardest." She does hope to be able to come back to watch more ballgames. Mrs. Wootton also said that she has "so many wonderful memories having been here for forty-one years and having gone to school here." She said there have been a lot of changes throughout the years, but the one thing that has not really changed are the B.A. students. They are all concerned about their grades and what they are going to do in the future. She said she never had to worry about disciplining the kids.

Mrs. Wootton hopes to catch up on reading and needlepoint in her retirement and also plans to help her husband, John, at Wootton's Nursery. Mrs. Glenda Wootton's shoes will be hard ones to fill at Brunswick Academy. We will miss her dearly and wish her the best in her retirement!!

Mrs. Betty Carraway started teaching at Brunswick Academy in 1988. Her time began at B.A. as a substitute teacher which eventually turned into a full time teaching position where she has been for 29 years. Mrs. Carraway taught first grade and fourth grades during her years at B.A. She has had a great influence on many students over the years. Both of Mrs. Carraway's children, Eric Owen (Class of '97) and Allison Owen Arce (Class of '00) went to B.A. as well. She intends to spend a lot of time with her grandsons going to ballgames (Eric has three boys and Allison has a new baby boy) now that she is retired. She also plans on going to the gym with her husband, Randy, working in her yard, and travelling. We will miss Mrs. Carraway, but we know we will see her around campus substituting next year!



Alumni News

VIKINGS IN THE NEWS:

Tony Conner (Class of '85) was appointed to the North Carolina Building Code Council by Governor Pat McCrory in December 2016.

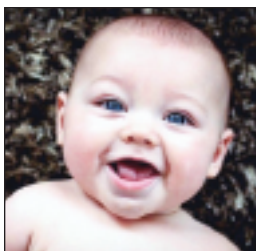
David Everett (Class of '83) was promoted to Associate Athletics Director at Virginia Tech in December 2016.

Bladen Finch (Class of '98) was recognized by the State on March 29, 2017, during the annual Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign luncheon for service and contributions to the surrounding community through civic engagement.

Bobbie Williams Lugo (Class of '83) and her husband Chris, opened Dot's Country Store at 30336 Christanna Hwy. between Alberta and Blackstone. Go check it out!

Becky Spence Walker (Class of '85) has been appointed Library Director of the Meherrin Regional Library. She has been with the Library for over 18 years as Library Assistant I & II, Public Services Coordinator, and Library and Systems Tech Manager. The Meherrin Regional Library System serves Brunswick Co., Greenville Co. and City of Emporia.

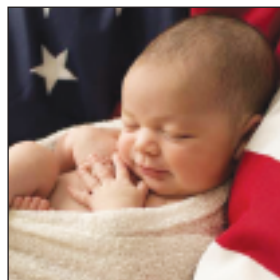
VIKINGS HAVING BABIES:



Hunter C. and **Jenna Myers Wells** (Class of '??) announce the birth of their son, Gunner James Wells at 3:21 p.m., on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at Southside Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. and was 20.5" long. Maternal grandparents are Frank and Susan Myers (Class of '??).

Paternal grandparents are David and Katrina Wells.

Keri Johnson Clour (Class of '02) and her husband, Timmy, welcomed their daughter, Madilyn "Madi" Parker, on November 27, 2016 in Cary, NC. She weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz. and was 19" long.

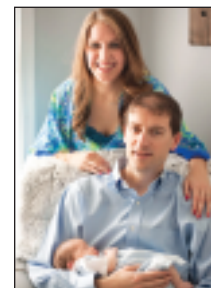


Grace Marshall Lucy was born December 23, 2016. She weighed 7 lbs., 8oz. Proud parents are **C. Ryan Lucy** (Class of '07) and **Emily Hughes Lucy** (Class of '09).

Adam Britt (Class of '08) and his wife, Amber Britt, welcomed Presley Faye Britt on January 10, 2017. She weighed 5 lbs. 6 oz. and was 18 1/2" long.



Jade Jones Kindley (Class of '07) and her husband, Kyle, welcomed Cabell Fletcher Kindley at 2:39 on February 8, 2017, weighing 6 lbs. 7oz., 19.5" long at UVA where Jade is a resident physician in dermatology. Kyle commutes to Centra in Lynchburg and Farmville as an ER doctor. They reside in Charlottesville.



Ryan Britt (Class of '03) and his wife, Lindsay welcomed Emerson Peyton Britt on March 10, 2017. She weighed 6 lbs., 13oz. Her sister, Tatum, is now 2 and starting in the 3 year program at BA in the winter.

Billy and Megan Holloway (both Class of '05) proudly announce the birth of their son, Charles Wyatt Holloway. Wyatt was born on April 16, 2017 at 1:11 pm. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21" long.



Chad and **Jessica Cassada Tudor** (Class of '00), along with big sister Olivia, are delighted to announce the arrival of Everett James on May 3, 2017.



Michael "Mikey" and **Ariel Thomas Daniel** (Class of '09) welcomed Michael Beckett Daniel on May 19, 2017 weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz. He was 19" long.

VIKINGS GETTING MARRIED:

Sarah Elizabeth Milteer and **Cameron Clarke Lundy** (Class of '07) were married Saturday May 6, 2017, at 4:30 in the afternoon at Duck Woods Country Club, Southern Shores, NC. The Rev. Sharon James officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Milteer of Franklin. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Kathryn Milteer and the late J. Thomas Milteer of Suffolk and the late Mr. and Mrs. John William Moody of Franklin. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Lundy, II of Lawrenceville and Mr. and Mrs. Meredith B. Freeman, Jr. of South Hill. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Lundy, Sr. of Emporia and Mrs. Margaret A. Clarke and the late Dr. Gordon Mitchell Clarke of College Station, TX. Sarah is a 2007 graduate of Southampton Academy. Both were 2011 graduates of Virginia Tech. The couple now resides in Raleigh, NC.



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Autism Awareness



Brunswick Academy showed their support for Autism Awareness Month by wearing blue on Monday, April 3rd!

Reverse Raffle & Dinner

Brunswick Academy held a Reverse Raffle, Dinner, & Silent Auction on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Workforce Development Center at Southside Virginia Community College. This was a great fundraiser that raised more than \$20,000 for B.A.! Thank you to all of the alumni, faculty, staff, parents, and community members who supported this wonderful event!

Upcoming Events

AUGUST 15: First Day of 2017-2018 School Year

AUGUST 31: PTO Back to School Family Picnic

SEPTEMBER 22: 8th Annual BA Golf Tournament at
Lake Gaston Golf Club

OCTOBER 13: Homecoming

Shrek - The Musical

Brunswick Academy Theatre presented Shrek The Musical on April 7-9, 2017. The cast and crew, under the direction of Mr. Kenny Warf, did an amazing job! The hard work and dedication of our talented students was apparent in the wonderful performances of all three shows.



ABOVE - Front (l to r) - Brysen Diefert, Dava Turner, Sara King
Back (l to r) Emma Jones, Caitlyn Moore, Allie Short, Bryn Montgomery, Natalie Hall, and Rahilly Abernathy

LEFT - (l to r) C.J. Gomez as Shrek, Heather Thompson as Fiona, and Ryan Powell as The Donkey

JV SOFTBALL TEAM - UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONS



Front row (l to r): Shelby Rideout, Carleigh Jarratt, Melody Cox, Naomi Sadler (C), Emily Roberts, Reanna Powers, Assistant Coach Belinda Rivas.

Back row (l to r): Head Coach Amanda Hawthorne, Nelia Washburn, Kaitlyn Waller, Taylor Hill, Alyssa Rivas, Sydney Paul, Cassidy Smith, Assistant Coach Darlene Roberts. Not Picture Scorekeeper Angie Sadler.

The Brunswick Academy JV Softball team completed an undefeated 2017 season with a 19-0 record. The Lady Vikings were victorious in the Virginia Colonial Conference championship with a win over Southampton Academy beating the Raiders with a score of 3-2. Seventh grader, Emily Roberts threw all seven innings and recorded seven strike

outs. Seventh grader, Sydney Paul along with eighth graders, Melody Cox and Kaitlyn Waller, had RBI's to bank the win. This marks two consecutive years as the V.C.C. Regular and Tournament Champions with undefeated conference records. The JV Lady Vikings are coached by Amanda Hawthorne, Darlene Roberts and Belinda Rivas.

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