

THE DONOHO SCHOOL ANNUAL MAGAZINE

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# SOAR





# Dear DONOHO FAMILY



What makes Donoho a great school? I have been asked this question numerous times, and often I will cite accomplishments and accolades, sports victories and test scores, or performances that left audiences speechless. Those answers, however, may have been expedient and flashy, but they did not convey what makes Donoho a great school. To understand our greatness, you must experience the laughter and unmatched curiosity of our youngest students. You need to hang out with middle-schoolers during break and watch them welcome a new student to our community with sincere caring and openness. Spend just ten minutes in the senior lounge and hear the banter of students who have spent as many as thirteen years together and feel their closeness and the strength of their friendships that are sure to last a lifetime. Having done that, you will know why Donoho is a great school. You will feel the community spirit and commitment to excellence in academic, athletic, and artistic endeavors AND the commitment to their classmates, teachers, and this place that has been their home. Such commitment ensures not only future success but also lasting memories and lifelong connections.

The accomplishments of today are built upon the foundation created by those of our past. We hope this magazine will bring back wonderful memories and instill in you a desire to continue to help Donoho build its legacy of excellence for generations to come through your support of the Annual Fund. For it is only through your support that these wonderful experiences, and our greatness, are made possible. As we say each year, tuition alone does not cover the costs of a Donoho education. It is our partnership with Alumni, Parents, Grandparents, and Friends that makes all of our successes a reality. It takes a community for a school to be successful, and we are blessed with a community beyond compare.

As you turn each page, you will notice that this issue of the Soar magazine is quite unique. Some events occurred last fall or winter before the COVID-19 pandemic; some were during our spring quarantine, and the most recent content highlights our current school year as we continue to navigate new protocols and mandates. Donoho is a wonderful place to learn, to work, and to grow, and the difficulties of this past year have reinforced the truths of who we are, what we believe, and what we mean to each other. As French playwright Molière wrote, "The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it." Yes, this year's obstacles have been great, but this year's glories will be well earned and all the more meaningful.

We are honored to serve you and are thankful for your support.

**Donate today to join us in "Guiding Our Future" for the Falcons of tomorrow!**

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# 2019-2020 HIGHLIGHTS

## State Champs!



2019 Volleyball State Champs!

## 97%



97% of the Class of 2020 received an academic or leadership scholarship.

## 8



8 Donoho Students named to All-State Choir.

## Champs!



Varsity Scholars Bowl Team Regional Champs!

## 2nd Overall!



The Science Olympiad team placed 2nd overall at the Elementary Science Olympiad.

## Champs!



Middle School Scholars Bowl Team Regional Champs & State Runner Up!

## Robotics



The all-girls Lower School Robotics Team won the regional Design Award and advanced to the State Competition in Auburn.

## Characters



Favorite Book Character Day was a hit during Read Across America Week.

## 5th Graders



Our 5th graders experienced the farm-to-table lifestyle at Camp McDowell's Farm School.

## Sweet!



Seniors & Kindergarteners: The sweet tradition continues!

## 100 Days



The Early Childhood Department hosted "Camp Learn-A-Lot" to celebrate 100 Days of School.

## Best in Show



The Donoho Arts Collaborative swept district competition, including "Best in Show" with continued success at the Trumbauer State Theatre Festival.



# REMEMBERING Dr. Gerald G. Woodruff, Jr.

*founding Director Emeritus*

DR. GERALD G. WOODRUFF, JR. (1928 - 2020)

**D**r. Gerald Woodruff, Jr., loved his community and his community loved him back. He served Calhoun County as a pediatrician for over 50 years. For many families, he cared for up to three to four generations of patients. He was a generous multi-talented individual who excelled at just about anything he put his mind to do. Dr. Woodruff was also a history buff. A great example of this is his family home, which was originally built by Anniston's founder, Sam Noble. Built in 1882 on Woodstock Avenue, it was scheduled to be demolished in the 1960's to make room for the new Anniston High School. Through his determination and imagination, he devised a plan to divide the house in half and transport it from Woodstock to its present location in Booger Hollow just off of Coleman Road. No small feat.



*The Family Home 'Camwood'*

Dr. Woodruff loved to paint, particularly water colors. He gave away many paintings as gifts and some were used as art for his original Christmas cards. He also loved college football, particularly when his beloved Crimson Tide took the field.

In 1963, Dr. Woodruff took charge of the oral vaccine program in the fight against polio in Calhoun County. Thousands of residents lined up to get immunized with a sugar cube containing the vaccine. That very same year, Dr. Woodruff also found time to become an active member of the very first Board of Directors of the Anniston Academy (now The Donoho School). On July 30, 2020, Dr. Woodruff's passing was mourned by many. Among his many distinctions we want to pay special tribute to his wise leadership and also recognize that he was the last surviving member of the founding Board of Directors for what we all now know and love as The Donoho School.

*(L to R) Mimi Woodruff,  
Margaret Woodruff '87,  
Gerry Woodruff III '77,  
Dr. Gerald Woodruff,  
Beatrice P. Woodruff,  
Tom Potts, Jr. '73,  
Marian (Potts) Papy '74*



*Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Woodruff*







# When Life Gives You LEMONS...

*How to Rethink, Redesign, and Reimagine in 2020*

*David J. Noone*



We have all seen the memes, heard the jokes, and voiced our displeasure about the year 2020. We have also all had disappointments, anxieties, and at times experienced the solitude that 2020 brought. This past year has thrown things at us we could never have imagined and made us rethink almost everything we do. The challenges seemed daunting. Out of this avalanche of change and uncertainty, however, have emerged new skills, new opportunities, and in many cases redesigned “traditions” that not only survived 2020 but came out better, stronger, and more meaningful. So instead of lamenting what could have been, let’s talk about what was and how it has made Donoho a better place.

The first great “success” in the time of COVID-19 was the class of 2020 graduation. Thrust into the time of immense uncertainty and extreme anxiety, this event was well-thought-out and purposeful in its planning, almost perfect in its execution, and, to be honest, beautiful and meaningful to experience. For those unaware, it was held outdoors on Lentz Field, live-streamed, and pro-



fessionally recorded. It featured parents presenting diplomas, the valedictorian’s speech live from China, and a beautiful sunset as the seniors graduated, metaphorically symbolizing that their time as students had ended and their new role as alumni had begun. So powerful, beautiful, and meaningful was this “new” graduation that it impacted how we think about the ceremony and may lead to lasting changes. **A little lemonade was made.**



The second great “success” was our vastly-increased understanding of virtual learning and the huge strides we have made in both our ability to go virtual and the quality of our virtual product. To say we were caught unaware and unprepared in the spring would be an understatement, and at times we did struggle along with our parents and students. We had to set aside lofty goals and instead focus primarily on trying to maintain a sense of normalcy in a world turned upside down. This summer was spent, however, refining, expanding, and better organizing our virtual learning should it be needed again. Academic rigor was re-established and a purposeful, goal-oriented program of instruction was created and is ready for use if needed again in the future. This process brought out the very best of the admin-

istration and the faculty, rejuvenated our belief in ourselves as educators, and put us in a position to be adaptable in the future without any loss of our educational focus. **A little more lemonade was made.**

The third great “success” is really the combined weight of a myriad of little changes that have proven to be more impactful and productive than its predecessors. Open house was broken into pieces for social distancing, but what we found is the event allowed for real conversations between students, parents, and teachers and offered a much better start to the school year. A new daily schedule in the middle and upper schools to facilitate distancing around lunch has proved to be a great change, allowing for a more meaningful advisory time and a better pacing to the school day as a whole. The hiring of a school nurse and a counselor/language professional for the lower school was born out of necessity but exposed why those positions should have been filled long ago. This list of positives that has emerged from the time of COVID-19 goes on and on, and it will have a meaningful impact once the pandemic is behind us. **Again, more lemonade was made.**

Yes, the year 2020 was and is a difficult time. There are things we cannot do that we wish we could. But all great difficulties call for a new outlook, new approaches, and a renewed commitment to your core beliefs. Great organizations not only rise to meet these challenges but emerge stronger and better when they have passed. Donoho has proven to be such an organization.



# DISCOVER DONOHO

Northeast Alabama's Premier Independent School



- Well-rounded college preparatory curriculum for PreK through 12th grade
- Accredited by SAIS
- AISA Blue Ribbon School
- 75% of faculty hold advanced degrees
- 95 National Merit Scholars in the school's 53-year history
- All enrichments begin in PreK, including art, music, foreign language, and tech time/coding
- 22 AHSAA-recognized sports teams with 21 state championships
- Robust opportunities through the Donoho Arts Collaborative, including jazz, concert, and pep bands, choir, theatre, and visual arts
- Enrichment opportunities in robotics, mountain biking, ACT prep, creative writing, and more
- Distinguished preparation for college-bound students with 97% of the Class of 2020 receiving an academic or merit-based scholarship



Our youngest Falcons find joy in their educational journeys through experiential and hands-on learning, and our upper school students are challenged by honors, Dual Enrollment, and Advanced Placement courses. Our graduates are being admitted to some of the nation's top colleges and universities, such as Duke University, Vanderbilt University, University of Chicago, University of Virginia, UCLA, John Hopkins University, Brown University, and Emory University - just to name a few. Graduates who chose to stay in-state have received academic scholarships at a historic level.



We invite you to visit The Donoho School if you are looking for an independent education as an option for your children. Contact Katie Newton, Director of Advancement & Admissions: [knewton@donohoschool.com](mailto:knewton@donohoschool.com) or 236-237-5477. Why begin the Donoho journey? **Because the most important moment in your child's education is now!**





# Homecoming

Each year, cooler temperatures and changing leaves mean it's time for our annual traditions of **Homecoming** and the Lower School **Fall Fun Day**. This year, the events were modified to meet current protocols, and the days were full of smiles, Donoho spirit, and Falcon pride. Our annual alumni festivities were regrettably postponed until the fall of 2021, but we're already looking forward to gathering together again.



# Fall Fun Day





# Alumni Q&A



## **Rick Durrett, '69**

Rick received his B.S. and M.S. degrees at Emory University in 1972 and 1973, then received his Ph.D. at Stanford University in Operations Research in 1976. He lives in Durham, North Carolina and has been a professor at Duke University since 2010.

**Tell us what you do now. What does your typical day entail?** I am a math professor but with the pandemic happening I mostly sit in my office teaching and talking to students using zoom.

**Where have you taught?** UCLA 1976-1985, Cornell 1985-2010 (raised two kids), Duke 2010-2020.

**How has your life journey been influenced by your time at Anniston Academy/The Donoho School?** The school gave me a solid education which helped me succeed in college.

**What are some words of wisdom you'd like to share with current Donoho students?** It is from a Ricky Nelson song: "You can't please everyone so you've got to please yourself."

**What is your favorite Anniston Academy/Donoho tradition?** I graduated more than 50 years ago. The school was very small - 20 in my graduating class. The people in my class are what I remember most.

**Blog:** [services.math.duke.edu/~rtd](https://services.math.duke.edu/~rtd)



## **Brent N. Heard, '81**

Brent earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Jacksonville State University in mathematics and did post graduate work in mathematics and engineering management at the University of Alabama, Huntsville. He currently lives in Williamsburg, Virginia.

**Tell us what you do now. What does your typical day entail?** I am a NASA researcher and have been for more than 30 years. I spent the first 13 years of my career at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama and then moved to Virginia to work at Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia, where I presently work on a project related to inflatable decelerators - a type of heat shield - for atmospheric re-entry. In addition, I have taught at the college level for more than 25 years. Presently, I am an Visiting Assistant Professor for the College of William & Mary, and an Adjunct Professor for the University of Maryland and Saint Leo University. A typical day for me (prior to the coronavirus situation) would consist of teaching a class at William & Mary in the morning, traveling to Langley Research Center to do my NASA work, taking my lunch break to teach a math class to Airmen at Langley Air Force Base for Saint Leo University, finishing the day with NASA and then going home to teach a class for the University of Maryland online. I know it sounds

like a lot, but I enjoy it. In my spare time, I still love writing and telling stories. I wrote a weekly column for about ten years, and I have cut it back to once a month. Another hobby I enjoy is telling true stories on stage.

**How has your life journey been influenced by your time at Donoho?** I don't know how to answer this question. I will simply say that what I am, who I love, and the sweetest memories I've ever known all involve The Donoho School in some way. I always say, "I finished in the "Top 25" of my graduating class - my children graduated from a high school of 1000+ students, so it sounds impressive. I think my graduation class at Donoho was around 46 to 50 - so 25th or possibly 26th wasn't really that impressive. It's all in how you tell the story... My wife, Marian Morrow Heard '81 also graduated from Donoho, as well as my brother Bud '75 (Anniston Academy).

**What are some words of wisdom you'd like to share with current Donoho students?** My words of wisdom - "Be kind to everyone, love everyone, appreciate your parents and bust your ass doing your best - because it does matter." Also, have a good time and help everybody you can.

**Blog:** [www.cranksmymytractor.com](http://www.cranksmymytractor.com)





## **Kidada Hawkins, '92**

Kidada received his B.S. in Biology from Morehouse College in 1996 and his M.S. from UAB in Healthcare Administration and Business in 2008. He lives in Vestavia Hills, Alabama.

**Tell us what you do now. What does your typical day entail?** I'm Chief Operating Officer for Princeton Baptist Medical Center, a 505-bed acute care hospital in downtown Birmingham. Trust me, there's no "typical day" in healthcare leadership, particularly in the midst of a pandemic. My day usually starts at 5:30 AM. Usually, the first thing I do is review my calendar for both the current and next day. I then prioritize how I want to approach all of the necessary "to dos." I do this knowing full well that there's better than a 95%+ chance my day will be completely disrupted by some unexpected occurrence prompting immediate attention and thus the likelihood of my



## **Allison Black Gregg, '95**

Allison earned her undergraduate degree at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Then she went to medical school at UAB. She lives in Birmingham, Alabama.

**Tell us what you do now. What does your typical day entail?** I am currently a physician, a neonatologist on faculty at University of Alabama School of Medicine. My typical day as a full time working mom of 3 is pretty full! My schedule is rather variable week to week depending on where I am seeing patients, because our group provides coverage for 6 different NICUs in the Birmingham metro area. On the mornings when I do not have an early administrative meeting, I am able to start the day with getting my first, third, and sixth grader off to school. I typically then spend the next hour or two knocking out administrative and educational tasks such as drafting policies, updating quality improvement initiatives in our various NICUs or working on educational materials. Once those tasks are complete, I go into whatever unit I am covering to round, see patients, speak with families and chart. Depending on the day, that usually occupies me until late in the afternoon and sometimes into the night if I happen to be on call. Many days I have educational or administrative meetings that I attend in the afternoon, because I serve on various committees and fulfill administrative roles in several of the hospitals where I see patients. On the days when I am not on night call, I sign out to my partners at 5 PM to cover my patients which leaves me free to shuttle my 12 year old to tennis, and (pre-covid) my 8 year old to guitar and swimming, and my 6 year old daughter

day progressing as planned is essentially none. I still plan things out everyday, though. After all, a man can dream, right? The "regular" irregularity is what makes my job both challenging and rewarding. While I do savor the few days when things progress as planned, the same routine each day would drive me insane.

**How has your life journey been influenced by your time at Donoho?** I learned valuable study habits which made my first few years of college less challenging in comparison to what I saw amongst my then peers. Exceptional performance in college set me on a course for immediate acceptance into postgraduate programs and laid the foundation for my development as a professional.

**What are some words of wisdom you'd like to share with current Donoho students?** Adulthood will be here in due time. Enjoy your youth and your relatively carefree times while you can. Also, take full advantage of the rich education you're blessed to be a part of.

to ukulele and soccer. Then it is home to do homework, dinner and get everyone ready for the next day. Once all the kids are in bed, I tend to be a night owl and stay up working another hour or two on whatever emails, lectures, documents I didn't finish earlier in the day. I do try to take an hour or so, either early in the morning or sneak it in later afternoon when possible, to do some type of exercise –usually running, pilates, or a ride on my peloton. That is necessary for my sanity!

**What are some words of wisdom you'd like to share with current Donoho students?** I encourage the students to not be afraid to try something new or that makes them uncomfortable-whether that is a new sport, a class that they would normally not sign up for, or participating in the school play. Some of the things I most enjoyed in high school and college were not what I thought I had "planned." That probably explains why my major in college was French even though I ended up going to medical school, but that also allowed me to live abroad with a host family and have experiences I would not have had otherwise.

**What is your favorite Donoho tradition?** My favorite Donoho tradition is one that I think, sadly, is no longer. As a member of the Varsity Volleyball team, every summer the entire team traveled to Destin, Florida, for practices and team bonding before the season started. Fourteen girls and 4 (brave) adults all piled into 3 condos for one week. We had a one mile run on the beach every morning at 6 AM and countless card games, movies and heart to hearts each night. Some of my fondest memories and stories about high school include that trip, and it created friendships that have lasted until this day.



# Alumni Q&A

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## **Clayton Collins, '07**

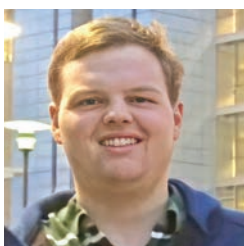
Clayton received his B.A. degree in Communication and Information Sciences from The University of Alabama. He was also recognized in 2018 as an Outstanding Alumnus in Journalism and Creative Media. He currently lives in Cary, North Carolina.

**Tell us what you do now. What does your typical day entail?** This month, I'm embarking on a new adventure as a Commercial Real Estate Professional in North Carolina, but I spent a decade working in broadcast media for NBCUniversal in the New York City area, most recently as a producer in the Olympics and Features Unit of the NBC Sports Group. If I've learned anything from this year, it's that the grit developed in those formative years as a Falcon is now proving to be of paramount importance. So much that we perceived as "normal" has been upended entirely this year, and I'm so thankful for the tough lessons on flexibility and resilience that came from my 6 years at Donoho.

**How has your life journey been influenced by your time at Donoho?** As a high school athlete, I played a role on a team who experienced a winless season and a team who won a state championship. In my time at Donoho, we were

blessed to taste victory and defeat in equal measure, and I'd like to think that imparted a realistic viewpoint regarding the opportunities one faces as life plays out. You're never going to do it perfectly, but you can always get back up and try again.

**What are some words of wisdom you'd like to share with current Donoho students?** Something I've noted in the years since high school is that "adults" don't actually have all the answers to life. When you enter each new decade, you're not handed a cheat sheet or pointed to a shortcut. For better or worse, we're all still figuring things out. Even the most successful members of society are seeking advice, trying things, noting what works, and hoping to learn from shortcomings. Being okay with the idea that you never stop learning and that being wrong can lead to greater insights is something I wish I'd known sooner. Keeping that in mind, I'd recommend current students experiment with what works for them and be open for evaluation and reflection. The *Obstacle is the Way* by Ryan Holiday is a book I recommend everyone read. He explores this theme of exploration and reinvention even among the greatest minds in history. From Abraham Lincoln and Winston Churchill to Marcus Aurelius, each person that lives gets a chance to make the most of the opportunities presented to them.



## **Richard Bateman, '14**

Richard graduated from the University of Chicago in 2018, majoring in economics. He currently lives in Jersey City, New Jersey.

**Tell us what you do now. What does your typical day entail?** I now work at Lord, Abbett & Co. as an Investment Analyst on the firm's Value Equities team. My daily routine can vary quite a bit, but I spend most of my time building financial models, speaking with public companies' management teams, and generating investment ideas for the mutual funds my group manages.

**How has your life journey been influenced by your time at Donoho?** Donoho provided a robust educational background and a platform for me to explore my interests. The teachers, staff, and administration were always eager to invest in and encourage students. It was an excellent starting point for my journey, and I'm very grateful for it.

**What are some words of wisdom you'd like to share with current Donoho students?** Think deeply, be kind, and follow your own path. Make an effort to look through multiple lenses and to learn from others' perspectives.

**What is your favorite Donoho tradition?** My favorite tradition at Donoho was Intersession. Whether you shadowed or traveled, you got an immersive experience, learned a lot, and came away with things to reflect on.





# CONTINUING *the* Donoho Tradition

*This year, we have 32 children of Donoho Alumni enrolled in PreK through 12th grade.*





ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



*Dr. Jason  
Cook '99*



The Donoho School selects an Alumnus/Alumna of the Year annually to recognize a graduate who has distinguished himself/herself through achievements since graduating from Donoho. Past recipients have excelled in business, academia, medicine, and service. Our 57 past recipients epitomize the values of our mission, and we are very proud to announce this year's recipient, Dr. Jason Cook, '99.

While at Donoho, Dr. Cook excelled in academics as the Salutatorian, Reynolds Renaissance Award recipient, National Merit Scholar, Eagle Scout, among many other club involvements. He was also on the varsity soccer team all four years and senior year was team captain and all-county. After Donoho, he attended The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, where he graduated magna cum laude in 2003 with a B.A. in Religion. He then continued his studies at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham receiving his M.D. in 2007. Dr. Cook received the Family Medicine Award Mountain Area Health Education Center, Asheville, NC and completed his residency in Family Medicine in 2010.

Dr. Cook is currently a partner with The Family Health Centers in Asheville, North Carolina, where he practices primary care and headache medicine. He is the founder and CEO of Olfax Medical, a medical device startup developing nasally administered therapies for migraine and other disease processes. Dr. Cook spent four years serving the rural populations of North Carolina as a member of the National Health Service Corps from 2010-2014, then began his current practice with The Family Health Centers in 2014. In 2015, he founded The Family Health Centers Headache Clinic, where he provides both primary care and specialty headache care for thousands of patients every year. He is a Clinical Instructor of Family Medicine for the University of North Carolina School of Medicine where he lectures on advanced headache management to medical students and residents. He has been a Community Faculty member for the MAHEC Family Medicine Residency Program and received the Community Faculty Award in 2013. He served on the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians from 2014-2018. Dr. Cook has also served as a volunteer physician since 2007 at the local medical society's free clinic.



Jason with wife Wren, son Noah, daughter Eliza, and dog Daisy, atop Max Patch Mountain, NC

When asked how The Donoho School made a difference in his life or education, Dr. Cook said, "Having close relationships with faculty as a result of the small size of the school was very positive for me. I remember a conversation with (French teacher) Mrs. Richardson during my senior year that helped me make the decision to go to Sewanee rather than a large state university, which was such a pivotal decision that has positively impacted every aspect of my life since then."

Dr. Cook is the son of James and Gail Cook of Anniston. He resides in Asheville, North Carolina, with his wife Wren, son Noah, daughter Eliza, and dog Daisy. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Jason Cook, Class of 1999, as The Donoho School 2020 Alumnus of the Year.

Jason '99 and brother Wes '97 fly fishing at Yellowstone



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Drs. Vishwanath Reddy and  
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Anonymous  
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“Do your little bit of good  
 where you are; it's those little  
 bits of good put together that  
 overwhelm the world.”

*Desmond Tutu*

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1. You gave your gift before July 1, 2019 or after June 30, 2020.

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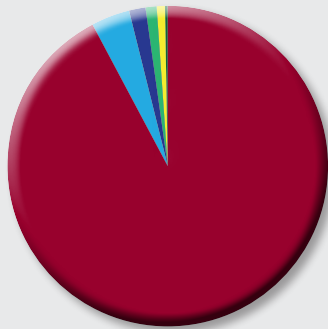
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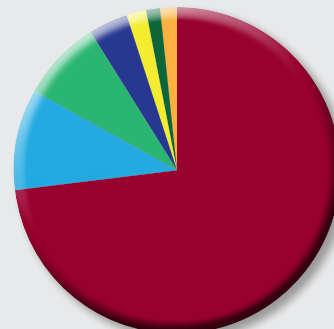
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 In memory of Mr. Ken Warren  
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 In memory of Rakesh Vaidya '98  
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 In memory of Martha Vandervoort  
*Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Vandervoort*

## 2019 - 2020 REVENUES & EXPENDITURES



### Revenues

Tuition	92.31%
Athletic Income	1.21%
Interest Income	0.04%
Annual Fund Income	4.00%
Parents' Association Support	1.60%
Other Income	0.84%

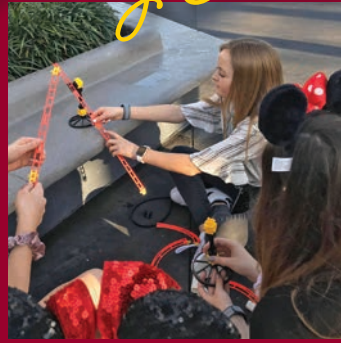


### Expenditures

Administration/Teacher Salaries and Benefits	73.09%
Operational and Plant	7.99%
Advancement Dept.	1.30%
Tuition Reductions	10.23%
Instructional Expenses	3.82%
Athletics	1.94%
Parents' Association	1.63%



# Disney Education Experience

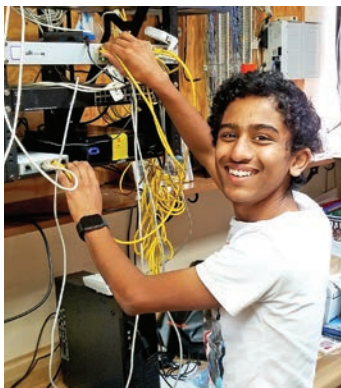


## Macey Thompson '21

**Job Shadow:** *Dietetics and Nutrition department at Samford University*

Last year for job shadowing, I had the opportunity to shadow several different professors in the Dietetics and Nutrition department at Samford University. Before this experience, I knew I was interested in something involving public health. The job shadowing helped me to realize that dietetics is something I want to pursue. Throughout the beginning of the week I was able to talk to different department heads and sit in on classes, like a fun cooking class where we made avocado brownies. I learned more about the field of Dietetics and had the opportunity to explore different programs provided at Samford. It was a really beneficial experience!

## INTERSESSION 2020



## Mihir Patel '22

**Job Shadow:** *IT department of Jacksonville State University*

I shadowed at the IT department of Jacksonville State University with Thien Bui. We visited all the different databases of the university and essentially saw the backbone of the college. I have always been interested in computer science, and this was an incredible opportunity that could not be passed up. I learned that the IT Departments of various companies and colleges are often the background heroes that keep everything from going under in this technological world. In addition to the job shadowing, I loved the cafe and all of their delicious food. I wish I could do it all over again!



## Washington, DC



# Keeping up with our Falcon Faculty Families

The Donoho School's faculty is the heart of our school community. When our educators choose Donoho for their children or grandchildren's education, our history is celebrated, and our future is supported. In addition to the students below, our current team of faculty also has fifteen children who are Donoho Alumni.



Ashley Burrage, Drama Teacher and Fine Arts Department Chair, and Griffyn '22



Sue Canter, PreK Teacher and Admissions Associate, Amber Canter Harrell '94, Second Grade Teacher, and Dean '22, Susanna '23, & Will '28



Russ Connell, MS/US Director and Upper School English, and Estella '24



Cody Elliott, PreK Teacher, and Lucas '23



Steve Gendron, Lower School PE and Athletic Director, and Hank '35



Amy Golden, Middle School Science, and Sam '31



Carol Hagan '90, Finance Manager, and Jennings '29



Suzanne Haney, Middle School English, and Slade '22





Carol Howell, 5th and 6th Grade Math Teacher, and Annabelle '32 & Evan '34



Angie Kelley, 4th Grade Teacher and 5th Grade History, and McKayla '21



Gina Mangum, Upper School Math, and Mercy '22



Katie Newton, Director of Advancement & Admissions, and Elle '29, Eli '31, Vera '35, & Noah '35



Jenny Patterson, Upper School English, and Brady '22



Lauren Pollard, School Nurse, and J. Tyler '32 & Wyatt '34



Mark Sanders, Upper School PE and Football Coach, and Cade '25, Caylee '25, & Madelyn '27



Tricia Seals, Lower School Librarian, and Kathleen '22



Jennifer Senter, Upper School Science, and Noelle '29



Anna Taylor, Upper School Science, and Callee '26 & Reid '32

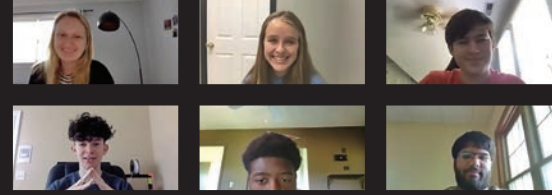
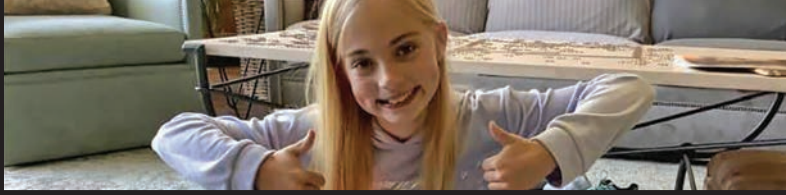


Julie Whisenant, Middle School History Teacher, and John Wyatt '28

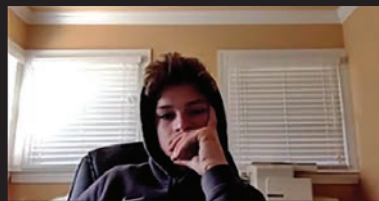
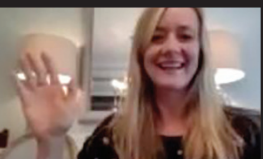
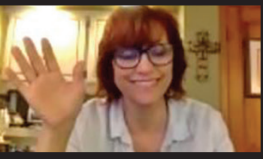
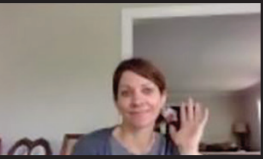


Jenniffer Whyte, Upper School Spanish, and Lizzie '24






This past spring, the COVID-19 pandemic brought a sudden shift to virtual learning while quarantining at home. Our faculty rallied to implement new technology and teaching strategies, and our students and parents were engaged and supportive as we navigated uncharted territory. Thanks to technology and a dedicated team, we learned that even when we are apart, we can still be virtually together.







# THE DONOHO SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020



The Donoho School Class of 2020 was accepted to **38** colleges and universities around the country. **97%** received an academic or merit-based scholarship with **78%** receiving a full or half tuition award.





# Campus Greetings from these Donoho Alumni



## Shea Buckner, '17

The United States Military Academy at West Point  
West Point, New York

Graduating May 2021, majoring in Geospatial Information Sciences (GIS).

Shea spent a semester at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He also conducted Exercise Dynamic Victory in Grafenwohr, Germany with Cadets from the Royal Military Academy (Sandhurst), England. Shea played one year on the club soccer team. He enjoys scuba diving and climbing/hiking, as shown in this photo from Torreys Peak in Colorado.

**Advice:** Read Theodore Roosevelt's "The Man in the Arena" quote.

**Future Ambition:** Military Intelligence Officer

**Dream Post:** Ft Carson, Colorado or Ft Campbell, Kentucky



## Olivia Davis, '18

The University of Alabama  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Currently majoring in Psychology/ Political Science, with a minor in Criminal Justice/ Liberal Arts, and a concentration in Pre-Law.

Olivia received the Libby Anderson Carter Award for the 24th session of The University of Alabama Student Government Association Senate. This award is granted to the one Senator that the group of fifty has voted as the most outstanding across the areas of leadership and involvement. She now presides as Speaker of the Senate for the 25th session.

**Advice:** Push yourself to learn outside the classroom. Opportunities will always arise to broaden your horizons and learn from others with differing perspectives and ideas. These experiences are just as educational and impactful as lessons taught in the classroom.



## Sarah Green, '20

Davidson College  
Davidson, North Carolina

### *Belk Scholar*

Currently a Neuroscience major with a minor in French. Sarah is volunteering at the COVID-19 testing site on campus.

The John M. Belk Scholarship is one of our nation's most prestigious and generous undergraduate scholarships. The program is built around the belief that, as a Belk Scholar, a student possesses unique talents that should be recognized and nurtured. The Belk Scholarship provides comprehensive funding (tuition, fees, room and board) plus special study stipends. There are only 8 Belk Scholars named in each entering class with a total of 32 Belk Scholars currently enrolled at Davidson College.



# December Giving

## *Guiding Our Future*

As we continue our mission of empowering college-bound students, gifts to the Annual Fund allow us to hire the best teachers, add new classes, and provide the whole-child education that we feel is so valuable and crucial to our mission. Annual Fund gifts are essential to fostering our growth and *guiding our future*, and we ask that you remember The Donoho School in your year-end giving.

For our annual *December: A Month of Giving to Donoho* initiative, we have sadly postponed our Holiday Reception and Alumni Holiday Party until we can safely gather together again. From afar, we celebrate all of our constituents and wish you a holiday season filled with laughter, joy, love, and peace.



*Alumni Holiday Party*



*Elf Camp*



*Winter Gala*



*“An investment in knowledge pays  
the best interest.*

*Benjamin Franklin*

# *The* Donoho S C H O O L

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***Notice to Alumni Parents:***

If this is addressed to your son or daughter who no longer maintains a permanent address at home, kindly notify the alumni office at [alumni@donohoschool.com](mailto:alumni@donohoschool.com) of the new mailing address.

If your son or daughter has made a recent move, he or she may not be receiving information from the school. Contact information may also be updated at [www.donohoschool.com/update-your-information](http://www.donohoschool.com/update-your-information)