

Dear **DONOHO FAMILY**

sk almost anyone what is most important to them, and almost all will sav family. For it is in family that one finds strength in time of adversity, happiness and support when feeling down, and



the unconditional love and care that we all need to thrive and to be the best that we can be each day. We, The Donoho School Community, are a family. We are there for each other in times of need, cheering each other on as we pursue our dreams, and in the familial care essential to growth and development. We are the Falcons! While these are words we hear superficially at games, they are also words with true meaning in our daily lives. For generations now those words have meant something bigger than just a school cheer. They have meant a shared experience, a shared commitment to excellence, and an unending commitment to our community. They have meant we are a family. A family that Kim and I are so proud to lead and one that we know will live on stronger than ever when our time of service here is passed.

As you review this year's SOAR magazine, please take time to appreciate the many accomplishments from the past year. As usual there was tremendous success in so many areas. We are constantly amazed at our students for all they do each day, and we are so thankful to our faculty and staff who work tirelessly to prepare them for their journeys. We are also thankful to all those who support Donoho through their generosity and contributions to the Annual Fund. In many ways it is these contributions that allow our faculty to inspire, our students to soar, and our Donoho family to be so successful. Annual Fund gifts are truly generous, tremendously appreciated, and extremely vital to our success.

We hope this magazine will bring back wonderful memories and instill in you a desire to continue to help your Donoho family build its legacy of excellence for generations to come. This sustained growth is achieved through your support of the Annual Fund. 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, all essential members of the Donoho family, that makes all of our successes a reality. It takes a family for a school to be successful, and we are blessed with a family beyond comparison.

We are the Falcons!!!

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2020-2021 HIGHLIGHTS



98% of the Class of 2021 received a merit-based scholarship to the school they are attending.



Three state championships in Girls Tennis Doubles, Track & Field, and Mountain Biking.



A National Merit Scholar and Two AISA Academic All-State Team Members

Mad Scientists



2nd Grade Mad Scientist Day is always a hit with our chemists-in-training!



Four State Runner-Up Titles: Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis, and Baseball.



Eight All-State Choir Members



Our 5th and 6th graders couldn't travel to Camp McDowell last year due to COVID protocols, so Camp McDowell brought Farm School and Environmental Camp to us!



Our Early Childhood Students celebrated 100 days of learning at a Lower School pop-up construction



From churning their own butter to sack races and spoon dolls, our 1st graders explore simpler times at Old-Fashioned Day.



The Upper School SGA hosted the inaugural faculty-student corn hole tournament, and proceeds from the tournament benefitted two service projects in our community.



Students harvest the fruits of their labor in the Middle School organic community garden.



Student artwork selected as the cover feature for The Modern Green Book.

DISCOVER DONOHO

Northeast Alabama's premier independent school





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, including Duke University, Vanderbilt University, University of Chicago, University of Virginia, UCLA, Johns Hopkins University, Brown University, and Emory University - just to name a few. Graduates who choose to stay in-state are receiving 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 or 236-237-5477. Why start the Donoho journey now? Because the most important moment in your child's education is now!

- Distinguished preparation for college-bound students with 98% of the Class of 2021 accepting an academic or merit-based scholarship
- Accredited by SAIS
- AISA Blue Ribbon School
- 75% of faculty hold advanced degrees
- 96 National Merit Scholars in the school's 58-year history
- All enrichments begin in PreK, including art, music, foreign language, and tech time/coding
- 21 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























What does LEAD mean to you?

David J. Noone

Posted around the school, featured on banners, our website, and almost everywhere Donoho exists in the world is the term LEAD. We all see it, but how often do we take the time to reflect on what it truly means, how it can inspire us to be our best, and how it truly represents our goals as a school? I will be honest, when I was hired and first heard the mission, I wasn't that impressed. Seemed a little simple and short. Each day, each month, and each year I have been here this simple mission has grown more impactful to me as I see our students, faculty, and alumni in action, pursuing their dreams, helping others, and exhibiting excellence at all levels. I now feel I know what LEAD truly means. I want to share some examples of how I see LEAD everyday and would like to have each of you ask yourself, "What does LEAD mean and how does it empower me?"

LIVE WITH HONOR

Seems simple on the surface but requires a deep felt understanding of what is right, what needs to be done, and the importance of doing what is right irregardless of how others may view your actions. Standing up for those who need your help. Being truthful and trustworthy at all times. Sacrificing comfort to do the right thing. All of these actions and many others show how living with honor is a true reflection of character and the true personification of the ideals of Donoho. About a month ago a principal of another school sent me a heartfelt note singing the praises of an unknown Donoho runner who had taken the time to help one of her runners who was injured across the finish line. She sent me a photo that was truly inspiring. That young man was Brady Patterson '22. He clearly is Living with Honor.

ENGAGE MY PASSION

This core pillar of the mission we see in action most. We see it in the classroom, on the court or field, on the stages, and hanging on the walls. Our students truly are amazing, and each day they find their joy pursuing the endeavors that bring them the most joy and satisfaction. One of my highlights everyday is seeing the work of Dorien Johniken '22, a brilliant artist who has blessed our community with his artwork since his arrival four years ago. Currently, he is in the process of creating a mural for the College Guidance Corner, Dorien engages his passion daily, inspiring all of us with his talent and aweing us with the beauty of his creations.

ACT WITH HUMILITY

Acting with Humility is a difficult pillar to see as its very nature is understated, personal, and calls for a humble and modest nature. You can however see this on display daily as our students live their lives, sharing with one another, encouraging each other, or quietly offering help or support to a classmate. Though it is the most understated in the outward appearance it is the most beautiful in its fruition. I encourage everyone to just walk the halls of any of the divisions and be touched by what they see. A perfect example of Acting with Humility is seen by seniors Anastasiya Budrevich and Griffyn Burrage '22 as they engage with their kindergarten buddy Lillian Peters '34.

DELIGHT IN WISDOM

As a school we see students Delight in Wisdom everyday. We also are blessed with an amazing faculty who love sharing their wisdom and inspiring others. Go to the Lower School when a class has library time with Mrs. Seals and see the look of happiness and joy as a lucky class gets to scour the shelves for their latest read. The most rewarding manifestation of this pillar is when we talk or hear of our graduates who have spent their life in pursuit of knowledge, exploring, researching, teaching others as they take their Delight in Wisdom and change the world. As you read the feature article on the 2021 Alumnus of the Year, David King, Ph.D., you can clearly see how by delighting in wisdom he has impacted the world of academics, philanthropy, and religious studies.

As you read this year's SOAR I ask you all to think about what LEAD means to you. Maybe like me you will discover it is so much more than a simple, short mission. It is who we are and what we strive to be.

2020-2021 was a year of

Athletic Achievements



4 State Runners Up: Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis, Baseball



4 Individual State Championships: Tennis #1 Doubles, Track and Field, Mountain Biking



2 County Championships: Girls Soccer and Girls Tennis



65 All County Athletes



15 All State Athletes



4 County Coaches of the Year: Steve Gendron, Baseball; Jay Jenkins, Girls Soccer; Hayley Loeken, Tennis; Hayley Long, Track and Field



3 All County Players of the Year: Maggie Miller, Volleyball; Erin Turley, Girls Soccer; Claire Hillman, Tennis



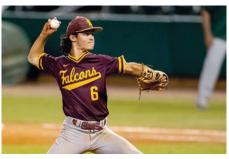
1 State Coach of the Year: Steve Gendron, Baseball



5 Area/Sectional Championships: Baseball, Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis

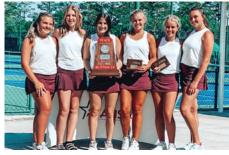


1 Bryant-Jordan Scholarship Winner: Maggie Miller













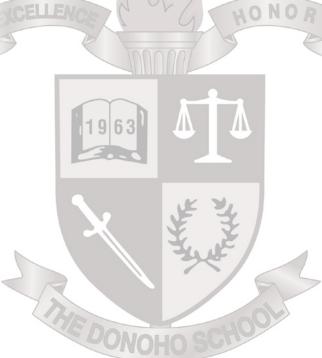


CONTINUING THE DONOHO TRADITION



This school year, we have 37 children of Donoho Alumni enrolled in PreK through 12th grade.

- Mr. Tom Arnold '81 Owen ('23)
- Mrs. Mary Beth Snead Beard '07 Olivia ('35)
- Mrs. Kim Bradshaw Billings '88 Judson ('22)
- Mrs. Toni Hurd Christopher '97 Zoe ('24), Cooper ('26), & Lola ('32)
- Dr. Karen Lewis Connell '90 Estella ('24)
- Mr. Rob Davie '99 Anna Grace ('34)
- Mrs. Jennifer Ghee Downey '92 Bruce ('26), Elizabeth ('29), & Julia ('32)
- Mr. Freeman Fite '97 Payton ('33) & Bodie ('35)
- Mrs. Carol Cooper Hagan '90 Jennings ('29)
- Mrs. Amber Canter Harrell '94 Dean ('22), Susanna ('23), & Will ('28)
- Mr. Braxton Harris '93 Anne Marie ('25)
- Mr. Will Hollingsworth, IV '03 Rhodes ('34)
- Mrs. Teresa Easterwood Johnson '89 Riley ('22)
- Mr. Boyd McGehee '99 Anna Harrison ('28) & Mary Lib ('35)
- Mr. A. Gray McMillan, IV '03 Quinn ('33) & James ('35)
- Mr. Greg Montgomery '96 & Mrs. Deena Cooper Montgomery '96 Sam ('26)
- Dr. Lucy Vandervoort Morris '01 Martha ('34)
- Mr. Tracy Perry '89 John ('23)
- Mrs. Jodi Welch Poe '86 Emily ('22)
- Mr. Eric Seals '91 Kathleen ('22)
- Mrs. Becky Miller Simmons '95 Russell ('29)
- Mrs. Jennifer Hurd Tucker '93 Emma Kate ('22) & Addie ('25)
- Mrs. Amy Rosenbaum Villeda '00 Eddie ('35)
- Mr. Bill Wakefield '80 Maggie ('22) & Sam ('25)
- Dr. Lucy Ballard Wiedmer '86 Julia ('22)
- Mr. David Wingard '89 Rose ('32)



ALUMNI SIGHTINGS ON CAMPUS

We always love when our Falcons return to the nest



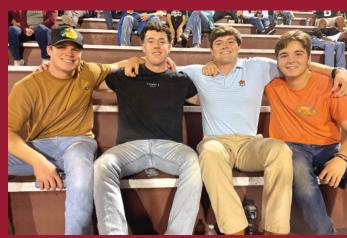
Bryant Barrentine '19, Hall Billings '19, Camden Kitchen '19, Nic Wright '20 with Señora Whyte



Coach Sanders with Walter Duke '74, David Smith '75, John Bryan '75, and Jim Meigs '74



Hannah Salame '20, Kate Porteous '20, Gillian Glass '20, Sarah Green '20 with Jacqueline Gaines, College Counselor



Reid Williamon '20, Dalton Nelson '20, Edwin Connell '20, and Nic Wright '20



Members of the Class of 1975 at Homecoming Game



Members of the Class of 2021 at Homecoming Game



FALCO loves our Alumni



Amari Smedley '21



Jocie Smith Meza '75 and Sonny Smith '73 with Alyson Mims, Alumni Relations



Trey Brown '15 at Senior Sunrise



Lee Taylor '83 at Prayer Breakfast



Anna Catherine Alderman '17



Jackson Hodges '12 and Alyson Mims '98



Harrison Han '19 and Camden Kitchen '19 with a few favorite teachers



Christopher Carr '14, Nisha Kashyap '11, and Justin Foster '15



Sailor Miao '20



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Mr. Sam Pierce '66

Sam was the valedictorian of the first Anniston Academy graduating class. He also served as SGA President and Senior Class President. Sam earned his undergraduate degrees in Political Science and History at Emory University. He then completed law school at the University of Georgia School of Law. Currently he lives in Marietta, Georgia.

Tell us what you do now.

I suppose I was asked to write this because Alyson was shocked to find such an old but very grateful and proud alumni. Well here goes. My graduating class was the very

first one-1966 (also known as the dark ages). A lot has changed since then including the name of the school for it was then known as the Anniston Academy. The student body was much smaller as there were only ten of us in the first graduating class. I believe the next class was about two times that size but the total student body probably totaled less than 90. The physical plant was miniscule when compared to today. The school consisted of one building. There was no field house and the school did not compete in football. All athletic teams changed into soccer, basketball, field hockey and baseball uniforms in the respective restrooms. Even though we were small athletic teams, we competed well and won a few trophies. The school did not have a lunchroom. If you did not bring your lunch, culinary choices were limited to gastronomic delights from vending machines.

After I graduated from the Academy, I entered Emory University in Atlanta from which I graduated with degrees in political science and history in 1970. While in college I was active in student government, the glee club, intramural sports, and the Sigma Chi fraternity. Political science and history majors were very interesting, yet, were not that marketable so I applied to and was admitted to the University of Georgia School of Law. Because of an Air Force ROTC commission and commitment, summer sessions of law school were mandatory which meant I completed law school in December of 1972. Ultimately the Air Force commitment was reduced and I spent three months on active duty in the summer of 1973 at Warner Robbins Air Force base followed by several years of reserve duty.

My practice of law began in January of 1973. January will be the start of fifty years of practice and next year will be my last. I have loved practicing law. The profession has provided me the chance to meet and help many wonderful people and I can truly say this work has made a difference in many people's lives. It has provided me with constant intellectual challenges and introduced me to some of the finest people imaginable. Law is the glue that cements the fabric of our society. Respect for our laws prevents complete chaos and protects our country's great democratic form of government. Being a part of this profession has been a privilege and an honor.

Has your life journey been influenced by your time at Donoho, if

so, how? The teachers I had were fabulous. Each instilled a desire for knowledge and helped me attain that. Each inspired me to perform to the best of my abilities and then some. Each provided a solid role model. Those same people helped me develop leadership skills and confidence. Their instruction, advice and encouragement laid the foundation for me to successfully complete additional degrees and comfortably take on leadership positions.

Any words of wisdom you'd like to share with current Donoho students? ENJOY BEING A STUDENT! Despite being challenged and needing to work hard later on in life you will look back and realize those were the years permitting the most freedom and opportunities to explore intellectually, develop and nurture friendships and open your eyes to the many and different people and ideas this world offers. BE A FRIEND! Make and work on as many friends as you can. Value each one. In order to have good friends you must first be that good friend. You will need them and they will need you throughout life. Lastly, FIND YOUR PASSION! Discover what excites you, floats your boat or whatever phrase you want to use. Then pursue that with all of your energy and enthusiasm. Rudyard Kipling wrote a wonderful poem entitled "IF" that I often repeat to myself. A portion of it goes "If you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds of distance run, yours is the Earth and everything that is in it..."

Giving back to your community and chosen organizations are important aspects of a fulfilled life. Over the years I have been involved in various civic boards and served in various capacities with my church. Through these organizations I have been able to help less fortunate people in my community and across the globe. If you are not familiar with civic organizations, I encourage you to give membership a try.

What is your favorite Donoho tradition?

We started each day around the circle by raising the American flag and pledging allegiance to this country. I hope this tradition continues. Indeed since we were so new, few traditions existed. We had no proms or school dances. One aspect of the school which jumped out at that time, and I'm confident continues to this day, is the quality of the teachers. All of mine were equal to, if not superior, to those I had in later years.



Mr. Brandon Dunn '07

Brandon earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science at Jacksonville State University. He currently lives in Birmingham, Alabama.

Tell us what you do now.

I'm a multi-business owner as well as the Assistant Director of Stewardship & Development at Storybrook Farm, a non-profit organization.

Has your life journey been influenced by your time at Donoho, if so, how? Yes, in so many ways. One in particular would have to be the attention to detail. The Donoho School prepared me to ONLY strive for excellence. Anything less is not the Donoho way or the "right way." The nickname given to me at The Donoho School during my high school football career became my official Dj name-"WellDunn," and now it's a well-known brand name throughout the Southeast. I'm blessed to be able to say that and credit my approach to professionalism to my parents and The Donoho School.

Any words of wisdom you'd like to share with current Donoho students? Be mindful that the things you learn now will prepare you for college and beyond. Do not take for granted that you have wonderful teachers and school support that challenge you because the real world has many challenges. Take notes!

What is your favorite Donoho tradition?

By far it has to be the creation of "CHIRP CHIRP." I'm not sure if the student body still says it but the inaugural year of Chirp Chirp (2011) with the sporting teams as a coach at my alma mater, to this day gives me chills. I truly enjoyed Intersession Week as well - both educational and fun.

ONCE A FALCON, ALWAYS A FALCON





Mr. Jackson Hodges '12

Jackson earned his undergradate degree in Political Science at Birmingham-Southern College. He currently lives in Anniston, Alabama (The Model City!).

Tell us what you do now.

I currently serve as the Public Information Officer (PIO) and Main Street Director for the City of Anniston, Alabama. When I started with the City of Anniston, there had never been an active Public Information Officer. There was

no format to follow, thus my growth started right away as I met with each director to learn about their department. I took what I had learned and created a new website for the city, something that we had needed for over 10 years. I then grew closer to the community, working alongside local church leaders, and helped to form Anniston Changers. This is an organization that has since completed 12 community service projects, moving over 20 tons of debris and litter out of the city. The more I grew, the more opportunities I was allowed. I led the city's census efforts by teaming with the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, we were able to get over 100 people signed up in our most crucial areas. I then got to work as the facilitator for the Anniston City Youth Council, a team of local high schoolers who I work with to develop plans and goals for the local, younger generation. Later on, I joined the homeless task force as well, and was elevated to the steering committee, where I work closely with United Way of East Central Alabama in an effort to fight the homelessness throughout our county. I have been blessed to serve the people, and in doing so I have grown a great deal, and with that growth came all the aforementioned activities, all of which have built me into a better individual.

Has your life journey been influenced by your time at Donoho, if so, how? Absolutely! There were many incredible men and women at Donoho who invested in me and encouraged me to be all that I can be in my own special way. I think back to my football coach, Shannon Felder, who

helped me find structure and build my work ethic. I also had many awesome

instructors, such as Mr. Connell, Mr. Ford, Mrs. Mullins, Mrs. Morris, and others. Nowadays, I am on camera a lot and I also have to do a great deal of public speaking. I credit Mrs. Burrage for helping me to craft my oration skills through participating in her plays, and I have always been thankful for my Spanish teacher, Mrs. Taylor. Each year, Mrs. Taylor had our class complete a Spanish video for our end of the year project. In doing these projects, I found a passion for videography, editing, and design. These passions became hobbies, and as I grew more proficient at those skills, those hobbies opened the door for me to do what I love doing now! Lastly, I must mention "The Pitch," which also played a big role in building my passion and skills for all my current roles.

Any words of wisdom you'd like to share with current Donoho students? Be the change. In whatever you do and wherever you are, be the change. Do not wait for change. Take action and make it happen. Not all journeys begin with attention and effectiveness. The things you can change are often, at first, very small. Pick up trash here, paint there, wash this, fold that. Do those little things. Take that action. For these little changes are the seeds from which true change grows, and one day you will bask in the peaceful shade of a decision you made long ago, a decision to be the change.

Little by little. Day by Day. Be The Change.

What is your favorite Donoho tradition?

This is hard, I enjoyed many things, from Super Smash Bros in the Senior lounge, to pep rallies, football games, plays, and more. If I had to pick one tradition though, I would say getting to be a part of "The Pitch," and being able to creatively express myself through that outlet, that was my favorite tradition.



Mrs. Bethany Keel Hunt '14

Bethany earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Special Education from Auburn University. She currently lives in Starkville, Mississippi.

Tell us what you do now.

My heart for people with disabilities began with my mom, who is also a special education teacher. Since graduating from Donoho, I have had the remarkable privilege and honor of getting to spend so much time within

my field of interest, soaking up every opportunity to learn more and more about the disability community and how I can be a practical advocate within it. Auburn's special education program spoiled me with a multitude of practicums, a diverse internship, and a setup to begin my career with an amazing toolbelt. My passion is basically to ensure that every student that I come into contact with receives respect, a tailored curriculum to meet their educational needs, and support to not only achieve their long term goals, but cater to their natural strengths. I am currently teaching special education for my fourth year, and it has been my favorite yet! I am an elementary self contained special education teacher, which means I have my own class of students. We have a LOT of fun; I make sure of that!

Has your life journey been influenced by your time at Donoho, if so, how? My trajectory, both at the collegiate level and post grad, has been significantly impacted by my experience at Donoho both academically and personally. I distinctly remember feeling over prepared for most of my core classes my freshman year at Auburn. I had become quite the note taker, which I can specifically thank Matt Ford's class for. I was so academically challenged at Donoho, especially since I had just transferred my junior year

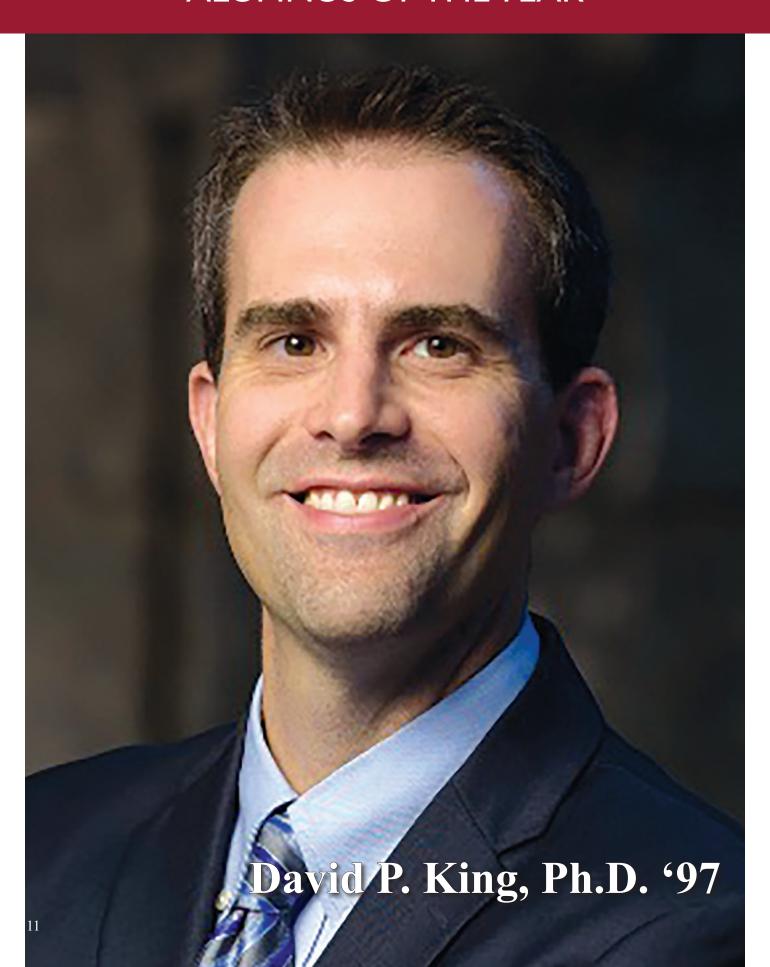
and was not at all used to the excellent standard that is set for students. That challenge was well worth the reward I gained as a young adult navigating the demands of college courses. Although academics are so important, the memories I made at Donoho within the Fine Arts Program, led under the fabulous Ashley Burrage, are some of my most cherished. I gained the unique opportunity as the "new girl" to hone in on my interests and thrive within a theater program community, which in turn made me feel so much less like a "new girl." My confidence skyrocketed because of the shots that the Donoho staff took on me. Because of this, I am now able to pinpoint my two years as a Falcon as fundamental in the path I am currently taking.

Any words of wisdom you'd like to share with current Donoho students? My greatest word of wisdom I can give to current Donoho students is simple: What you have at Donoho is SO GOOD. As a current teacher, I can tell you beyond a shadow of a doubt that the teachers you have are one in a million. Do not take for granted all of the opportunities that are around you to learn and to grow from some of the best teachers in Alabama.

What is your favorite Donoho tradition?

My favorite Donoho tradition has got to be the senior lounge and all of its amenities. Current students, when you all go to college, tell your friends about the senior lounge and their jaws will drop to the floor.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR



he Donoho School selects an Alumnus/Alumna of the Year annually to recognize a graduate who has distinguished themselves through achievements since graduating from Donoho. Past recipients have excelled in business, academia, medicine, and service. All of our honorees epitomize the values of our mission, and we are very proud to announce this year's recipient, Dr. David P. King, '97.

While at Donoho, David excelled in academics as the Valedictorian and member of National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Scholars' Bowl, and many other club involvements. He was also on the varsity football, basketball, and golf teams all four years. He was selected as Outstanding Junior Boy, Youth Leadership Calhoun County, and DAR Good Citizen. Much to no surprise, David was voted Most Likely to Succeed. His nominator for Alumnus of the Year shares, "The class of '97 was certainly intuitive! David has more than succeeded. In fact, he has exceeded every expectation his classmates had for him." How kind and how true!

After high school graduation, he attended Samford University where he graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. David continued his studies at Duke Divinity School (Duke University) in 2004 with a Master of Divinity and certificate in Baptist Studies, graduating Summa Cum Laude once again. He received his Ph.D. in Religious Studies at Emory University in 2012 with a concentration in Religious Practices and Practical Theology.

David is currently an Associate Professor of Philanthropic Studies at Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. He was recently awarded the prestigious Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Award at the University of Edinburgh, and in 2022 he will travel to Scotland under a visiting professorship for the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities. Furthermore, he is the winner of the 2020 Peter Dobkin Hall History of Philanthropy Prize and was awarded the prize for best book in the history of philanthropy from the Association of Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action. He is a sought-after lecturer who has secured grants for his research and work in excess of 6.2 million dollars.

In addition to his tremendous professional accomplishments, David is a faithful friend to many. According to his nominator, "he even traveled to Europe to walk the last miles with a friend on the Camino de Santiago, a storied spiritual journey of 500 miles. That is the kind of person he is. A man who would literally fly across the world to encourage another human's quest toward a deeper faith and life experience."





David King (in front) pictured with classmates: Daphne Wallace, Mithila Vullaganti, Isabelle Parker Silko, Erin Cowan Cobb, and James Murray

When asked what advice David would give to our students as they prepare for college and beyond, he shares, "There is so much noise vying for your attention, and it is increasingly difficult to focus on what is most important. Find something that makes your heart sing, not simply something that you think will make you money. At the same time, pay attention to those around you. Where can you make a difference in the lives of your classmates, your community, and the world? As writer Frederick Buechner says, 'vocation is the place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep need.' You do not have to figure it all out before you graduate, but listen deeply to what makes your heart sing."

Moreover, in regards to his high school alma mater, David adds, "The Donoho School challenged me to take pride in hard work and to expand my own imagination. That was true in the classroom, on the football field, and with classmates that have become cherished lifelong friends. I learned to ask questions, process information, and make my own informed decisions. Even more so today, what is "truth" is up for debate. I am grateful that Donoho taught me not only subject matter, but it also taught me how to be a lifelong learner. Seeking wisdom is so much more important than learning information. Knowing the difference is a gift that Donoho taught me, and one I cherish each and every day."

David is the son of Douglas and Kaye King of Anniston, brother of Jennifer King McCormack, '00. He resides right outside of Indianapolis, Indiana, with his wife, Lauren, and their four children: Audrey, Kathryn, Andrew, and Harper. Please join us in congratulating Dr. David P. King, Class of 1997, as The Donoho School 2021 Alumnus of the Year.

For a complete list and bios of all Outstanding Alumni recipients, scan this code...



David King and family 12

Alumni Tailgate

Thank you to our wonderful alumni for spending their Friday night with us at the annual Homecoming Tailgate before the football game. We enjoyed burgers and hotdogs, Falcon cheerleaders, as well as the Donoho pep band. It was special to have members of the inaugural football team from 1972 who were able to join us. Shout out to the Class of '75 for making a reunion weekend out of it. We always love having our alumni back on campus! Remember...

Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon!



























CELEBRATING 436 COMBINED YEARS of Service to The Donoho School



Mrs Donna Plunkett 36 years Retired May 2021



Mrs Sue Canter 35 years



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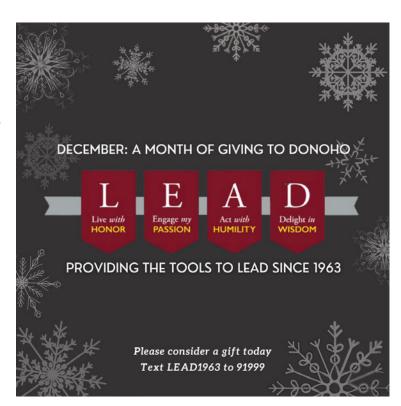
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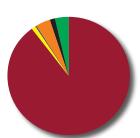






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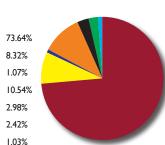
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Campus Greetings from these Donoho Alumni





Bryant Barrentine '19

University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Birmingham, Alabama

Bryant is majoring in both Computer Science and Neuroscience on the Personalized Honors Pathway. He was the recipient of the Presidential Scholarship and is in the Early Medical School Acceptance Program (EMSAP). Bryant has also enjoyed working as a resident assistant (RA) because it has allowed him to meet a lot of cool people that he wouldn't have met otherwise.

Advice: Learn how to manage stress effectively and how to balance your involvement in high school so it doesn't become overwhelming in college.

Future Ambition: I will be attending the UAB School of Medicine through the EMSAP in the fall of 2023.

Anna Ulrey '19

University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Birmingham, Alabama

Anna is in the UAB Honors College. She is majoring in Philosophy and French while in the Early Medical School Acceptance Program (EMSAP). Recently, Anna has discovered and nurtured a passion for the humanities and the arts. She's explored this passion while working for Student Media and Aura Literary Arts Review, serving last year as the poetry editor and this year as the website coordinator and lead author.

Advice: My advice is to study what you want rather than what you think you "should" study, regardless of what you intend to do in your career. You may or may not end up where you expected, but you'll enjoy the journey there so much more.

Future Ambition: As a member of EMSAP, I still intend to attend medical school after graduation. I hope to become an OBGYN, and I'm interested in traveling to Africa in the future to treat women suffering from obstetric fistulas. No matter where I end up, I can't see myself ever compromising my love for writing and the study of ethics and philosophy.



Rivers Owsley '16 Regent University School of Law Virginia Beach, Virginia

Rivers received her undergraduate degrees at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) in May 2021. She double-majored receiving a B.S.C.J. in Criminal Justice: Homeland Security and a B.A. in Spanish. She started law school in August with a tentative graduation date of Spring 2024.

Advice: Embrace the discomfort in big life transitions! Starting college, taking on a new job, and moving far away are all opportunities for growth. Don't let those hurdles stop you from achieving your goals!

Future plans: I'm still deciding! My short-term goal is to do well in these classes!

Seth Ford '19Samford University

Birmingham, Alabama

Seth is majoring in Exercise Science and plans to graduate in December 2022. He has been accepted into the 3+3 Fast Track Doctorate Physical Therapy Program which allows him to graduate with a DPT in six years rather than seven. He will start PT School this upcoming summer.



Advice: The biggest advice I could give anyone is to put your faith in Jesus Christ and He will guide you through all the ups and downs in your life. Second, do not let a day go by where you don't strive to be better than the day before. Every day you wake up is a blessing and a new opportunity, so make the most of it.

Future Ambition: I plan to open up my own Physical Therapy practice.

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