

THE DONOHO SCHOOL ANNUAL MAGAZINE

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# SOAR



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**Donoho**  
SCHOOL  
ACADEMICS • ARTS • ATHLETICS

# Dear DONOHO FAMILY,



The 2022-2023 school year is off and running with many new faces, new places, lots of updates and changes, but still with the never-changing understanding of who we are as Falcons and the importance of our Donoho community in our daily lives. Our students come each day to learn and grow. Our alumni take those lessons and achieve at the highest level. Our faculty get to help foster and prepare them for that journey. It's a continuous cycle of excellence and achievement that we are proud to lead.

As you review this year's *SOAR* magazine, please take time to appreciate the many accomplishments from the past year as well as the many changes that took place over the summer. We are thankful to all those who support Donoho through their generosity that allowed many of those changes to take place. In many ways it is these contributions that enable our faculty to inspire, our students to soar, and our Donoho family to be so successful.

We hope this magazine will bring back wonderful memories of your journey and instill in you a desire to continue to help your Donoho family build its legacy of excellence for generations to come. Please remember this tradition of continued accomplishment is achieved only with your support of the Annual Fund. As we say each year, tuition alone does not cover the cost 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!!!*

Mr. David J. Noone  
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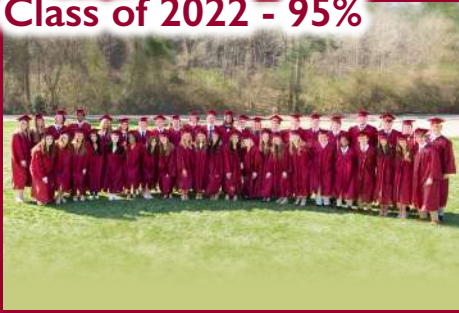
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# 2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS

## Class of 2022 - 95%



The Class of 2022 had an average ACT score of 30 with 95% receiving a merit-based scholarship for the attending school.

## State Champs!



The Lady Falcons clinched the 2021 AHSAA IA Volleyball State Championship.

## Scholars Bowl Champs!



Middle School Scholars Bowl team won the AISA State Championship!

## International Fair



The Lower School International Fair is an annual favorite event where students sample foods and learn about the many cultures of our families.

## All-State Academic Team



Julia Wiedmer & Naira Rehman were named to the Alabama Independent School Association (AISA) All-State Academic team. Only twenty-five students were selected state-wide with Donoho being one of only four schools with two selections.

## Blue Ribbon Award



We are honored to be a 2021-2022 AISA Blue Ribbon Award recipient.

## All-State Choir



All-State Choir students were chosen to perform at the 2022 AMEA All-State Choir Festival.

## Grandparents Day 2022



The return of Grandparents Day 2022 was a delightful addition to our spring.

## Mad Hatter Affair!



Our seniors and kindergartners ended the year with a Mad Hatter affair!

## 100 Days of School



Early Childhood celebrated being "100 Days Brighter" on the 100th day of school.

## 4 State Titles



The cast of *The Miracle Worker* brought home four state titles from the Alabama Conference of Theatre Trumbauer Festival.

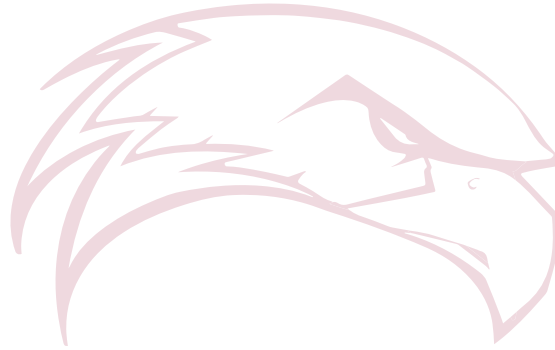
## Updates & Improvements



Facilities across campus received numerous updates and improvements, including the Connors Family Maker Space and Science Room in the Lower School and the Jase Alderman Memorial Weight Room in the Upper School Gym.

# 2021-2022 ATHLETIC SEASON

## Notable Achievements



★ **1 State Championship:**

- *Volleyball*

★ **1 State Runner Up:**

- *Girls Tennis*

★ **3 Individual State Championships:**

- *Tennis #1 Doubles - Claire Hillman & Lily Grace Draper*
- *Mountain Biking - Noah McLendon*

★ **3 County Championships:**

- *Boys Soccer*
- *Girls Soccer*
- *Girls Tennis*

★ **1 Final Four Appearance:**

- *Baseball*

★ **72 All County Athletes**

★ **18 All State Athletes**

★ **4 County Coaches of the Year:**

- *Kristie Alderman, Tennis*
- *Jamie Clendenin, Volleyball*
- *Jay Jenkins, Girls Soccer*
- *Tim Melton, Boys Soccer*

★ **4 All County Players of the Year:**

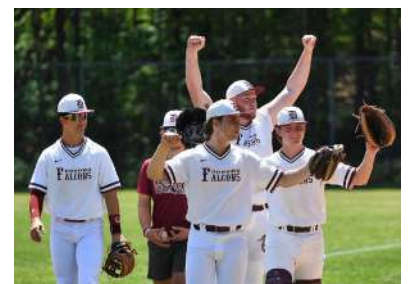
- *Slade Haney, Baseball*
- *Claire Hillman, Tennis*
- *Erin Turley, Girls Soccer*
- *Maggie Wakefield, Volleyball*

★ **5 Area/Sectional Championships:**

- *Baseball*
- *Boys Soccer*
- *Girls Soccer*
- *Girls Tennis*
- *Volleyball*

★ **2 Bryant-Jordan Scholarship Winners:**

- *Slade Haney*
- *Maggie Wakefield*





# The Donoho School

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Donoho Parents' Association (DPA) helps support and fund initiatives that enhance our children's experience at Donoho. The DPA invites you to invest some of your time, talents, and expertise to benefit our students - there is something for everyone, so join us and volunteer.

*Fundraising events and DPA-sponsored activities for the 2022-2023 school year are underway and we have many more to look forward to!*

- Donoho Arts Collaborative Winter Gala (12/9/22)
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (12/14/22)
- Spring Book Fair (2/22 – 3/3/23)
- Donoho Arts Collaborative Spring Gala (4/14/23)

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SPRING AUCTION!**  
**CASINO NIGHT at the Anniston Country Club**  
**Saturday, March 11, 2023.**



*The DPA contributed to the completion of several major projects at the school for 2021-2022:*

- Jelly bean mulch for the Lower School playground
- Upgrading the electrical system of the Lower School
- A/C in the Lower School gym
- Grading at the baseball field
- A/C for the girl's locker room
- Annual Professional Development
- Social Institute Program for 5th through 8th grades
- Senior graduation ad in *The Anniston Star*

*Be on the lookout for upcoming dates for more 2023 activities!*

- Mother/Son Event
- Sweetheart Dance
- Spring Fern-raiser
- End of Year Teacher Appreciation Luncheon



# Same School... but a **NEW LOOK**

*David J. Noone*  
Head of School



**T**his past year we were fortunate to greatly upgrade numerous facilities across campus. We even hired some current students as well as alumni to work this summer and help with the variety of projects. Let's look at some of the changes of the past twelve months:

### **The Jase Alderman Memorial Weight Room "The Possum's Den"**

Donations made to the Jase Alderman Memorial Fund in memory of alumnus Jase '20 (see pg. 7) were used to create a brand new, top-level weight room for our athletes.



### **Connors Family Science and Makerspace**

With a lead gift from George W. Connors, IV '78 work was completed on the Connors Family Makerspace and Science Lab in the Lower School. Highlighted by the tri-pane sliding glass barn door, these new spaces provide a state-of-the-art learning space and much needed versatility in the Lower School.



### **New Classroom Furniture**

All classrooms across campus received brand new desks and chairs, greatly improving both the look of our classrooms and the much-needed comfort for our students.



### **New Technology at all Levels**

To say we just upgraded technology would be an understatement. Here is a snapshot of what was purchased and installed over the summer:

- 30 70" Sharp monitors
- 35 Apple TVs
- 120 iPADS
- 35 faculty laptops
- 3 new admin desktops
- 6 document cameras



### **Lower School Gym Air Conditioning**

Thanks to generous donations and multi-year pledges by the Donoho Parents' Association and Falcon Pride, we were finally able to air condition the Lower School gym. In addition, new cafeteria tables were also purchased.

### **Baseball/Football Bleachers**

New baseball bleachers and visiting bleachers for football were added.

### **Classroom/Cafetorium Sound Augmentation**

Every Middle and Upper School classroom was outfitted with multi-speaker voice projection systems to enhance both learning and digital display. In addition, the sound system of the Cafetorium was totally revamped thanks to the generous gift of Donoho grandparent Harold Hoyle, in memory of his wife, Sam Hoyle, who passed away in 2020.

We are so fortunate to have been able to make these changes to our school infrastructure. The Donoho family was instrumental in making these changes happen, and we are so thankful for your support.

# DISCOVER DONOHO

Northeast Alabama's premier independent school



- Distinguished preparation for college-bound students with 95% of the Class of 2022 accepting a 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, world language, and tech time/coding
- 21 AHSAA-recognized sports teams with 22 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, broadcast journalism, and more

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 Vanderbilt University, University of Chicago, University of Virginia, Johns Hopkins University, Princeton 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 child. Contact our admissions office today at 236-237-5477.

Why start the Donoho journey now?  
***Because the most important moment in your child's education is now!***





# THE JASE ALDERMAN



## MEMORIAL WEIGHT ROOM

In the Fall of 2021, the Donoho Community lost a beloved student, athlete, and friend. In an effort to remember our dear friend, and per his family's request, The Donoho School weight room was completely renovated. This was named in his memory, The Jase Alderman Weight Room, also known as, "The Possum's Den." Since its inception in 2021, numerous student athletes have been in the weight room pounding the weights just like Jase once did.

If you knew Jase, you would know that he never missed a day in the weight room. Everyday, 8th period, or after school, he would be in the weight room cheering on friends, hanging out, or crushing weights. Jase was an extremely hard working young man in both the classroom and on the football and baseball fields. He molded himself into a great athlete through his efforts in the weight room. Upon his passing, it was only fitting to honor him by revamping this space for our student athletes.

***Some of the highlights from the generous donations towards the memorial fund include:***

- 4 Power Racks with Landmine, Dip and Press Attachments
- New ½ Inch Thick Flooring
- Rubber Dumbbells, 5 - 100 Pounds
- 2 Glute Ham Raise Machines
- 5 Trap Bars
- 4 Olympic Bars
- 1200 Pounds Rubber Plates
- 800 Pounds Bumper Plates
- 200 Pound Selector Weight Stack
- 4 0-To-Incline Benches
- 20 Jump Boxes
- Slam Balls from 10 - 20 Pounds
- New Paint and Signage

While the list above may not make sense to many, just know it is now one of the nicest weight rooms in the State with everything a student athlete would need to get bigger, faster, and stronger. The weight room is a cornerstone piece for any athletic program. It is something for all athletes and alums to be proud of.

If you are ever in town, feel free to stop by and check it out.

On a personal note, I am proud that it is named after my friend. I am reminded about him everyday when I step into the gym.

**Steve Gendron**, Athletic Director



**"Success isn't owned. It's leased. And rent is due everyday." - JJ Watt**



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# THANK YOU *to* TOM POTTS

*Director Emeritus*



*Thomas S. Potts, Jr. '73*

**O**n April 21, 2022, our very own Thomas (Tom) S. Potts, Jr. '73 was appointed as a Director Emeritus Member of The Donoho School Board of Directors. Tom has provided excellent leadership and service to The Donoho School, which his parents co-founded in 1963. We would like to recognize and honor him for his service and leadership to the school.

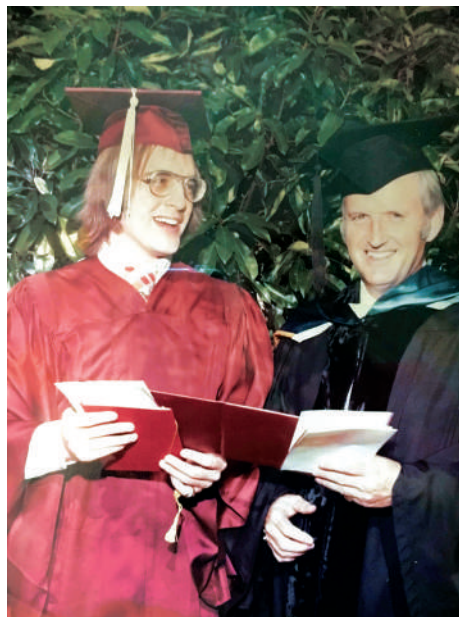


*(Above) Tom Potts & his mom Mrs. Beatrice (Betty) P. Woodruff*

After graduating from The Donoho School, Tom continued his studies at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. He also attended a year at University College in Oxford, England, before returning to Sewanee and receiving a degree in political science. Tom worked as reporter and news anchor in Georgia, then moved into media sales and management roles in Georgia and the Carolinas. He managed radio sports advertising for Clemson University and the University of North Carolina for their football and basketball programs.

Tom moved back to Anniston in 1999 to help re-establish local community theatre as a founding board member for Community Actors' Studio Theatre (C.A.S.T.). He then established Potts Marketing Group in 2001, specializing in many aspects of marketing and advertising. He is always assisting in community efforts whether it is supporting the arts, attending events, or being involved as a board member for many different organizations in the area. He earns the respect of others easily through his dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm for the betterment of our community.

Tom has led by example to instill core values of compassion, integrity, and a strong work ethic from being the president of the student body his senior year to serving on the board of directors for the last eighteen years. Tom has



always worked to make many lasting contributions to The Donoho School and has assisted in multiple campus expansion projects during his tenure. He also assisted to develop successful marketing and development strategies as well as being the unofficial school historian, while promoting continued success of The Donoho School.

When asked for advice to give our students, Tom's answer was simple: "Be willing to explore, then find your passion and vigorously pursue it."

What great words from someone who has vigorously pursued his own passions and dreams! Tom was selected as The Donoho School's 2004 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year and has continued to make invaluable contributions to the school he has served. He is an accomplished businessman, an outstanding citizen of our community, and a loving family man. Congratulations on this new distinction as Director Emeritus. The Donoho Family is very proud and will always be thankful for his continued service to our school.

*Tom Potts '73 receiving his diploma from his dad, Mr. Thomas S. Potts, Sr.*

# INTERSESSION 2022

## Grand Circle Trip

#FalconsGoWest



A group of six faculty joined over sixty tenth to twelfth grade students for a “Grand Circle Road Trip” of a lifetime spending five days visiting four national parks and three states. Their adventures started them off at the Valley of Fire State Park and then onto Zion National Park. Little did they know, they would get to witness many of the sights through six to twelve inches of snow due to a winter storm! It did not take long for the snow to fall and cover the Coral Pink Sand Dunes, Bryce Canyon, and the Grand Canyon. Despite nearly white-out conditions, they were able to safely travel and see these parks like many never will. After the snow, they were also able to see Horseshoe Bend and Antelope Canyon. The deep crevices and picturesque

scenes of Antelope Canyon are truly unbelievable, and Horseshoe Bend looks like a real-life optical illusion! To close out their grand adventure, they made a quick stop in a quaint town along Route 66 and took in the lights of Las Vegas.

One of the faculty chaperones, Anna Taylor, said, “Overall, this trip, along with all the Donoho Intercession trips I have experienced, left each person feeling more closely connected to each other and created a deeper understanding of the world, nature, and culture. In my opinion, these are the types of connections we strive for to make us all better people, and it truly embodies the mission of the school ... LEAD!”



# INTERSESSION 2022

## Washington D.C.



Each year, Donoho students have the opportunity to participate in job shadowing or educational travel during Intercession. Due to the pandemic, the opportunities were limited or non-existent the previous two years. We were so happy to be able to travel again with our freshman in February! As in years past, the freshmen class had the opportunity to travel to Washington, DC. Incredible opportunities were offered for these students to learn about the history of our nation. Throughout the week, students enjoyed walking tours of the city which included seeing the United States Capitol, Library of Congress, and Supreme Court Buildings. While students enjoyed walking along the streets of DC, this historical trip would not be complete without visiting the National Mall which includes plenty of monuments and Smithsonian museums.

Thankfully the city was not very crowded during their visit, so our students were able to enjoy visiting the monuments and museums with limited capacity. They were able to watch the sunset at the World War II Memorial, enjoy an early morning tours of the Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials, and look at several different artifacts in the American History Museum, Museum of the Bible, Natural History Museum, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

DC Trip Chaperone, Emily Dewberry says, “As a (history) teacher, it is always fun to watch students as they make their ways through the museums and monuments. Each individual student is able to have their own individual experience in a new learning environment. Along with all the monuments and museums that are always on any DC itinerary, we also visited Mt. Vernon, George Washington’s home and Arlington National Cemetery. Witnessing the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is such a special ceremony. Overall, students took in many of the nation’s famous sites and enjoyed taking time away from traditional classroom learning.”



# INTERSESSION 2022

## Job Shadow



### Ansley Simmons '23 and Babat Aremu '23 Job Shadow: Water Tower Films

Ansley and Babat had the best experience job shadowing Will Payne with Water Tower Films. During their time they were able to work with him on a short promotional video for the school's spring theatre production of "Into the

Woods." They thought it was really cool being in the studio and watching the production of commercials and documentaries come together. They both agree that job shadowing gives you a more in-depth and hands-on experience and really allows you to see what someone in their position did to where they are today. Ansley and Babat are both interested in filmmaking and were a big part of the school's musical, so this was the perfect opportunity for both of them.

Ansley shared, "At the time, this was not something that I thought I would be able to do in college, but, after my Intercession experience with Mr. Payne, I really would love to incorporate some film or fine art classes into my college curriculum."



#Intercession2022



### Olivia Caballero '22 Job Shadow: Anniston Police Department

Intercession is a great opportunity to explore many interesting jobs. Whether it is a profession you

plan on pursuing in college, or just something that interests you, intercession allows you to get a first look and many "hands on" experiences with the job. For Olivia's senior year, she chose to shadow the Anniston Police Department crime lab. She was able to go out in the field and be a part of real, small investigations. She also got to take photos in the lab of evidence, use chemicals to make fingerprints show up, and much more.

Olivia says, "Job shadowing is a great opportunity if you are stuck on what you think you want to be when you want to grow up. I took a forensics class when I was a senior at Donoho and found myself being very interested in forensic science and wanting to learn more. At first, I was intimidated due to the fact that I had never worked in an environment like a crime lab. Once I got there, I immediately felt more confident and realized that if you are interested in something enough, it is not a tough job."

For any students thinking about job shadowing for intercession, she highly recommends the crime lab and would definitely do it again.

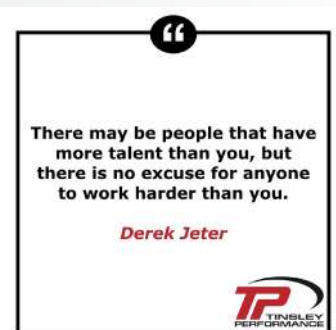


### Nic Thompson '24 Job Shadow: Tinsley Performance

Nic was able to job shadow at Tinsley Performance, a strength and conditioning facility in

Pelham, AL. The owner of this facility is Cal Tinsley who earned his degree in Human Performance at the University of Alabama. Nic said that he chose this for Intercession because he loves dealing with sports and sports medicine. According to Nic, the experience gave him the opportunity to learn different types of injuries dealing with baseball pitchers, their certain arm injuries, and how they recover from them. He was able to evaluate kids and learn about the injuries they have as well as how to assist them in their rehabilitation.

Nic shared, "I got there at 7am to work with professional athletes on rehab and regaining strength in their arms. My favorite part of job shadowing at TP was being able to catch a bullpen from Atlanta Braves Reliever Jackson Stephens and Red Sox Starter Garret Whitlock. I would definitely do this again because of the experience of being with professional athletes, learning about their injuries, and seeing how to help them."





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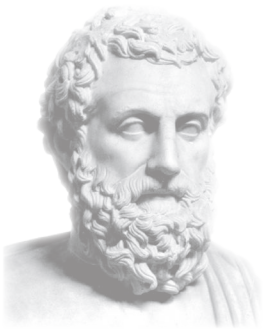
Camp McDowell is a long-standing Donoho sixth grade tradition. However, two recent sixth grade classes were unable to attend overnight camp due to COVID restrictions. In the Spring of 2022, we had a unique learning experience where sixth, seventh, and eighth graders participated together at The Camp McDowell Environmental Center.

Camp McDowell is more than just a walk in the woods. There is a variety of instruction and activities that take place in an outdoor classroom. Students are able to see and feel what they are taught as they interact among forests, canyons, and streams. Students are equipped with lessons that range from respecting the environment, team building, observing reptiles and amphibians, stream studies, and survival skills. What a great experience with outdoor learning, and we cannot wait to return this spring for our next Camp McDowell experience with our sixth graders.



Our fifth graders returned to Camp McDowell Farm School last April. Students were able to plant and harvest food, gather eggs from the chicken coop, observe and interact with the pigs, milk a goat, and have a farm-to-table experience. All meals are served family style, which involves sharing, serving, and cleaning-up, and students also measured their food waste at the end of each meal. Ending the visit with a barn dance was a highlight of the trip. Farm School is always an amazing outdoor learning experience for our students!





“ Educating the mind, without educating the heart, is no education at all. ”  
*Aristotle*

## ENGAGE MY PASSION

Aristotle once wrote, “Educating the mind, without educating the heart, is no education at all.” Unfortunately in too many public schools today, including most schools in Calhoun County, opportunities to “Educate the Heart” are being de-emphasized, scaled back, or cut altogether. Such an approach fails the child, as all studies show success in extra-curricular activities, specifically the arts and athletics, lead to greater success in the classroom. A key element of Donoho’s mission is to Engage My Passion. That passion is where the heart lies, and for us to truly meet our mission, educate it we must.

Two years ago Donoho purposefully modified its schedule to allow for more time to be devoted to engaging one passion, in addition, very specific plans regarding enrichments and opportunities in the Lower



*Above: Engineering Design Class*

School were implemented. The results have been dramatic. We now have scheduled time devoted to enrichments two periods a day. We have dramatically increased participation in Middle School Band and Choir, and we have begun to build lasting and successful programs with the Middle and Upper School Scholars Bowl (which has won both a Middle School and a High

School state championships) and Lower School Robotics (which has also had great competition success), each of which has over 30 participants. We have expanded our art offerings to include ceramics and are working on plans to create a Lower School Choir and Band. Theater and theater arts have always been tremendously successful at Donoho, and the designated time for Theater Tech has only enhanced the program. Our organic garden will be up and running fully by spring, and Engineering Design will have solved another problem on campus. If you follow our social media, you know that *The Pitch* is greatly improved and now regularly scheduled. All of these are opportunities for our students to try new things, gain new knowledge, become experts and leaders, and most importantly to *Engage Their Passions!*

## Into the Woods



**DAC**  
 Donoho Arts Collaborative



The Donoho Arts Collaborative presented the Sondheim musical *Into the Woods* last spring at the Oxford Performing Arts Center.

The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King’s Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch’s curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone’s wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to

haunt them later with disastrous results. Our students did a remarkable job with the difficult music in this mainstage production and our audiences were captivated by the characters they brought to life.

We had a very large, talented cast who also were a lot of our student-athletes doing double duty. We had a rare experience with some of the cast members unable to perform the first night due to baseball playoff games. Thankfully, some of our alumni actors filled in for the opening night performance. Special unique productions, both nights.

# SMILING FACULTY FACES

For the 2022-2023 school year, we welcomed a great group to our faculty and staff.

**Katrina Andrews**  
LS Librarian

**Monica Baker**  
3rd grade teacher

**Hannah Davis**  
US Math teacher

**Beth Dear**  
Pre-K Assistant

**Exavyer Jackson**  
MS Administrative Assistant,  
JVIV Cheer Coach

**Mattie Jackson**  
MS/US English teacher

**Katie Kearney**  
1st grade teacher

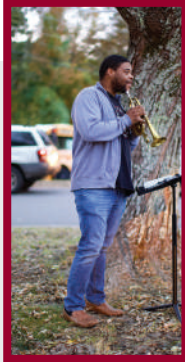
**Jeremy Satcher**  
MS/US PE teacher,  
Head Football Coach,  
Assistant Athletic Director

**Rebecca Sims**  
Advancement Associate  
of Admissions

**Kelsey Tankersley**  
Choral Director,  
Private Voice Instructor

**Cynthia Thompson**  
Pre-K teacher

**Lainey Twigg**  
Pre-K Assistant,  
After School Care





“The mediocre teacher tells.  
The good teacher explains.  
The superior teacher demonstrates.  
The great teacher inspires.”  
– William A. Ward



# CAMPUS *Life*





*every student,  
every day...*



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS



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## Kirklyn Pope Simonton '88

*Kirklyn earned her bachelor's degree at Randolph College in Lynchburg, Virginia. She currently lives in Greenwood Village, Colorado with her husband and three children.*

### What are you most proud of from your Donoho experience?

I am most proud that I received an education surrounded by people that continue to thrive and make the world a better place today. Although I do not keep in touch directly with everyone, thanks to social media, I see how there

are philanthropists, doctors, lawyers, coaches...now grandparents, aunts, uncles, and true friends. I do not recall one self-centered peer in my graduating class.

### What is your current position and how did Donoho prepare you for your career?

I am currently the National Director of Operations and Development for a non-profit based in Centennial, Colorado. Our focus is therapeutic play for children with long-term and life-threatening diseases through our Bags of Fun program. The core values of integrity and compassion that I learned while serving on the

Donoho Honor Council in 1988, are still essential in my job today.

### What is something at Donoho that you absolutely loved being a part of?

Mrs. Morgan's Art Club. It was a safe place to express myself artistically, even though I was not a gifted artist. This club made me feel like a true artist, which led me to study art in college.

### What is your favorite Donoho tradition?

The talent show. In the 1980s, everyone participated and there was no exclusivity or divisiveness.

### Any advice you would give current Donoho students and families?

Embrace education as a whole and not just academic books. Learn from your peers, your teachers, and your mentors. Be gracious and let these people know how much you appreciate them. Gratitude will take you further in life than comparing yourself, your grades, or your sports to others.



## Dr. Evan D. Schoenberg '01

*Evan earned his bachelor of science degree in Neuroscience with a minor in Computer Science at Vanderbilt University. Then he went to Emory School of Medicine for his medical degree with his Internship and Ophthalmology residency at Tulane University School of Medicine. Evan completed his fellowship in Cornea, Cataract, and Refractive Surgery at Price Vision Group. He currently lives in Atlanta, Georgia with his wife Jade Childers Schoenberg '00 and their daughters.*

### What are you most proud of from your Donoho experience?

Donoho provided a great foundation for collegiate and professional success, but I'm most proud of the lifelong friendships that came out of my time at Donoho! One of those friendships with Jade, grew into dating on August 20, 1997, and then eventually marriage on June 6, 2009...and then Leigha in 2013 and Isla in 2017.

### What is your current position and how did Donoho prepare you for your career?

I spend the greatest amount of my professional time as an ophthalmologist. Specifically, I'm a cornea and vision correction specialist, which means I provide eye surgeries to improve vision. That includes cataract surgery, cornea transplants, LASIK, and a wide range of other procedures. Surgery is my favorite part of the work, but clinic time can also be a lot of fun meeting people, planning and following up on surgeries, and treating some conditions medically, as well. I'm also managing partner of my practice, Georgia Eye Partners, which comprises 21 eye doctors across 7 locations in the greater Atlanta area, so there are some administrative and directional aspects to wearing that hat.

When I'm not in clinic or surgery, I am president of Switchboard, M.D., an artificial intelligence startup

focused on using natural language processing to help physicians and their teams. I'm also founder and CEO of Regular Rate and Rhythm Software, my mobile software development company under which I've made apps for both medical and non-medical purposes since starting it during the tail-end of medical school in 2008. I've always loved computers and technology; I'll never forget redirecting the class (much to the chagrin of my third grade teacher, Mrs. Mullins) into programming mode in the Apple 2+ computer lab during one of my first few weeks at Donoho.

Donoho was foundational for me to have the knowledge, scores, and varied experiences to successfully attend a prestigious college, cascading from there to medical school, internship, residency, and fellowship. Both matriculating and 'matching' (getting into residency and fellowship) are challenging, with even excellent students sometimes failing to reach the next level in the process. Leadership roles (like editor of the yearbook), AP classes, two-day history tests requiring meticulous memorization, and a social network full of supporting friends and friendly competitors (often overlapping) were all key.

### What is something at Donoho that you absolutely loved being a part of?

I had great teachers, but of all their impacts, the most enduring was surely that of Mr. and Mrs. "T." Mrs. Thagard taught me 4th and 5th grade English, and the writing skills I mastered under her have paid immeasurable dividends in the decades since. Mr. Thagard's senior year history class served as an experiential preview for the memorization demands of the first two years of medical school. However; what I 'absolutely loved being a part of' was not just their classes; it was, and is, being a part of their extended family. Their sincere, reciprocated love represented the best a teacher-student relationship could be.

### What is your favorite Donoho tradition?

Eating lunch outside between the upper school and cafeteria buildings.

### Any advice you would give current Donoho students and families?

Lean into the opportunities to lead and to compete; you may never again have so many possibilities within such a small community which is nonetheless so big and vibrant. Stay focused and get great grades, but don't forget to enjoy your time at Donoho. I certainly did.



## Taylor Dawson '10

*Taylor earned her bachelor's degree at The University of Alabama. She majored in political science and minored in French. She currently lives in Nashville, Tennessee.*

### What are you most proud of from your Donoho experience?

I didn't realize it until I was in college, but Donoho set a very high performance standard across the board – in academics, activities, and how we presented ourselves in general. I was naïve enough to believe that everyone was taught that way until I got to college. Learning how to be professional and disciplined in high school allowed me to go into college and my career way ahead of the curve. I have to give a special shout-out here to Mrs. Burrage. I hated (truth be told, still hate) public speaking. But being taught and conditioned on how to write and deliver a speech has served me well, especially with a career in politics.

### What is your current position and how did Donoho prepare you for your career?

When I tell people I work in a think tank, I get very confused looks. The Beacon Center of Tennessee educates Tennesseans on public policy issues. We defend our constitutional rights in the courts, and we advocate for free-market, limited-government

politics at the state capitol and on the local level. I am the producer and co-host of our weekly podcast "Decaf," and I manage all of our community engagement efforts, including marketing, coalition building, and advocacy. My friends joke that I'm really good at talking to "adults." My ability to build relationships and communicate clearly with the stakeholders we represent was a skill I developed at Donoho, and I wouldn't be able to do my job without it. Going back to my previous response, the ability to communicate professionally was expected of us, and I didn't realize at the time how fortunate I was to be taught how to carry myself in that way at such a young age.

### What is something at Donoho that you absolutely loved being a part of?

This is a tie for me: cheerleading and editing the yearbook. I miss Friday nights on the sideline so much, and my cheerleading experience allowed me to be a cheer coach at a small, private school when I lived in Birmingham. Being on the yearbook staff forced me to be organized and taught me graphic design skills that have opened doors for me in my career and allowed me to create a little side hustle, designing wedding suites for my friends and doing

projects for other organizations.

### What is your favorite Donoho tradition?

I really hope you guys still do this! There was nothing that got me more hyped up than the football players leading "Everywhere We Go" at the end of every pep rally. I say that in the past tense, knowing that to this day if I witnessed it, it would get me just as hyped. Blame it on my competitive nature, but the other team needs to know who we are and that we're coming for them.

### Any advice you would give current Donoho students and families?

There has been no other season in my life that I have been able to take advantage of so many opportunities at once. I – and probably a lot of other people – would have called myself an overachiever in high school because I was involved in everything. In retrospect, that motivation came from not wanting to miss out on anything. While you are at Donoho, be as involved as you can be. Get to know everyone while you're in an environment where you can. Rack up all the activities. It'll make you a well-rounded person, and give you great stories to tell.



## Dalten Martin '15

*Dalten earned his bachelors of arts degree in Media Studies with a minor in Marketing at Auburn University. He currently lives in Covington, Louisiana.*

### What are you most proud of from your Donoho experience?

To be honest, as I age and learn more about life, I've come

to realize that Donoho taught me so many valuable lessons that extend past education. If I had to boil it down to what I'm most proud of, I would have to say that Donoho provided the opportunities to explore my passions and gave me the confidence to chase my dreams. Every teacher at Donoho pushed us to be our best, no matter what we were doing. Mrs. Otwell, Mr. Connell, and Mr. Ford all took the time to personalize their lessons as well as challenge us to think critically in all situations.

### What is your current position and how did Donoho prepare you for your career?

I am currently a cinematographer / photographer / business owner, and I have a plethora of responsibilities. First and foremost, I consider myself an artist and am currently working to fully

develop a style to call my own. I have had the opportunity to create videos for Apple, Auburn University, and multiple influencers across the country. I have filmed pilot television shows, music videos, marketing advertisements, wedding videos, and more! I plan to film my first short film in the near future, and eventually, I plan to film full-length features. I practice photography any chance I get, and I recently had the chance to photograph Donoho's own Bret Holmes '15. My time at Donoho was precious. I think Donoho did a great job at teaching students "how to learn." Once I started college classes, I realized that many students didn't know how to research and genuinely learn about the topics that they were interested in. After I changed my major to media studies, I dove head first into studying lighting, composition, cameras, lenses, entertainment industry business and much more. I fully attribute all of my success so far to the teachers at Donoho, because without them, I wouldn't have known how to research to learn on my own or how to apply the lessons I was learning.

### What is something at Donoho that you absolutely loved being a part of?

I can't lie, I still have days that I miss the 2015 football team. I love and miss all of my friends from high school, but there was nothing like suiting up on a Friday night next to my best friends and going out onto the field ready to play. Whether we won or lost, I had a great time and miss all the players and coaches.

### What is your favorite Donoho tradition?

I would have to say that my favorite tradition is painting the senior lounge wall. I've come to realize, most schools didn't provide a lounge for their students to relax, study, and socialize, let alone decorate a place for themselves. I think it's a unique tradition that builds camaraderie and has a lasting impression on the students.

### Any advice you would give current Donoho students and families?

Trust the process. I know you hear that all the time about everything nowadays, but there's a reason for that... The further I go into my career, I realize that Donoho and the teachers provided me with the foundation to become successful, and for that I am so grateful.

# ONCE A FALCON, ALWAYS A FALCON

# ALUMNI SIGHTINGS ON CAMPUS



Eric Tolson '22, Dean Harrell '22, and Jack Burgess '22 with Coach Korielle Beavers



Dr. Edward Chen '08



**Member of the Class of 2022** - Hunter Davenport, Tyler Allen, Savannah Wright, Ridge Hopkins, Connor Goodson, Ivy Kate Hughston, and Madison Brown



Shawn Bailey '89



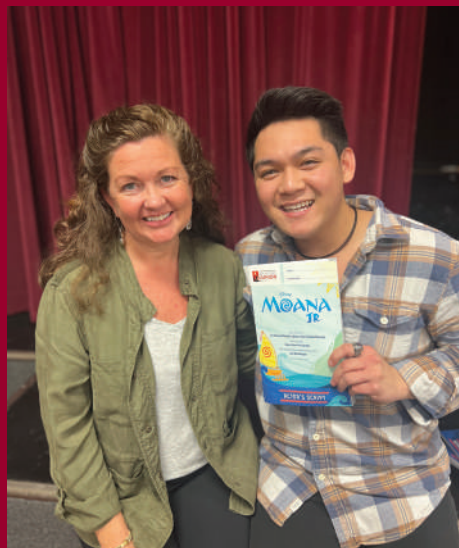
Ms. Dewberry and Tyler Allen '22

*We always love when*

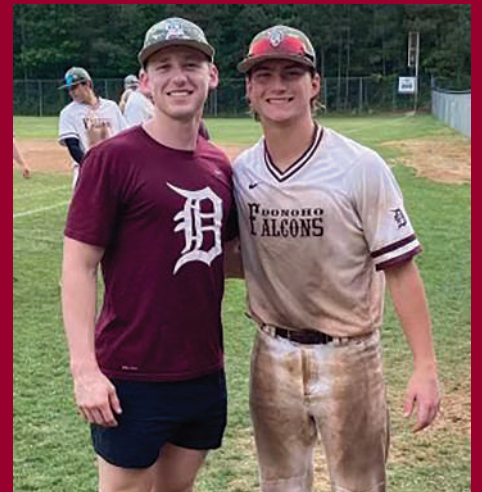
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Tyler Sherer '11 with Mr. Connell and Ms. Senter



James Gavino '17 and Mrs. Burrage



Seth Ford '19 with Lucas Elliott '23



Naira Rehman '22, Mrs. Senter, Mercy Mangum '22, Yana Osovskaya '22, and Ms. Dewberry



Janice Stanko '01 and Lauren Ledford Galbiati '01



Judson Billings '22, Grayson Marlowe '19, and Payne Golden '20 and Mr. Ford



Ms. Taylor, Mrs. Senter, and Caroline LaFollette '14



Kim Bradshaw Billings '88 and Gordon Bailey '88

*our Falcons return to the nest!*



Patti Reaves White '82 and Millie Reaves Nelson '86



Trey Brown '15



Mihir Patel '22, Coach Hayley Long, and Carter Stremmel '22



# CLASS OF 1982

40th Reunion



# CLASS OF 2001

20th Reunion





# OUTSTANDING ALUMNI RECEPTION



The Donoho School  
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2022 OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNA

Dr. Miriam Van Dyke '09

2022 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

Dr. Chuck Fagan '77



*Congratulations...*

to both these Outstanding Alumni on all their amazing accomplishments.

We enjoyed celebrating them with a special reception for prior Outstanding Alumni recipients, board members, administrators, and their distinguished guests.



# 2022 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

The Donoho School selects Outstanding Alumni of the Year annually to recognize graduates who have distinguished themselves through achievements since graduating from Donoho. Previous recipients have excelled in business, academia, medicine, and service. These graduates have excelled in their professions and made significant contributions to their communities. Our recipients epitomize the values of our mission. We are very proud to announce this year's honorees, Dr. Chuck Fagan '77 and Dr. Miriam Van Dyke '09.

Chuck was very involved while in school from playing football to participating in clubs such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Key Club, Hi-Y, and Mu Alpha Theta honor society. He graduated from Donoho in 1977 and then graduated cum laude with his bachelor degree from Birmingham-Southern College. Chuck continued his studies with graduating from UAB Medical School.

Chuck is certified by the American Board of Neurology, American Academy of Neurology, and the American Epilepsy Society. He has been a private practitioner since 1988, providing medical care to countless patients and has also served as a mentor for many others in the process of becoming neurologists.

He currently serves as Baptist-Princeton Hospital in Birmingham's Director of Neurology. He has received the Outstanding Physician Award at Baptist Medical Centers and in 2021 received a 30 year Service Award at Princeton Baptist Medical Center as well as the 2021 Partners in Hope Recognition Award. His nominators also shared that he is an avid salt-water fisherman where he enjoys sharing that time with lifelong friends, including those from his days at Donoho.

Chuck is a person to whom family, friends, and community life have always been important. He always valued relationships with his parents, the late Martha and Jack Fagan, and he continues to nurture relationships with his siblings, Beth and Frances. Chuck is a devoted husband to Dr. Kim Morrison Fagan with whom he



## Dr. Chuck Fagan '77

has three wonderful children. Chuck and Kim traveled literally around the world in their first year of marriage and then chose to make Birmingham their home.

When asked how attending The Donoho School made a difference in your life, Chuck responded with, "I learned critical thinking which I use everyday in Medicine / Neurology."

Chuck's advice for our Donoho family is, "Ask for help; you are depriving the other person of an opportunity by not asking. Don't be afraid to fail, if you don't fail then you are not challenging yourself. Develop the tool of critical thinking and don't accept what you don't know, search to find the truth or fact."

*Please join us in congratulating Dr. Charles Grover "Chuck" Fagan, Class of 1977, as The Donoho School's 2022 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.*

*Congratulations!*

# 2022 OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

## Dr. Miriam E. Van Dyke '09

Since graduating from Donoho in 2009, Miriam has had quite the impressive resume these last thirteen years. Miriam graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a Bachelor of Science Degree in nuclear medicine technology followed by a Master of Public Health Degree and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Epidemiology from Emory University. She has received an incredible amount of scholarships, fellowships, grants, and awards within the last ten years. She has continued her lifelong learning path with constant research to become more knowledgeable and skilled in her career.

Currently, Miriam serves as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As part of this globally recognized, highly competitive program, known for renowned investigative and emergency response efforts, Miriam has served on the front lines of CDC's response to the COVID-19 pandemic across the United States

and internationally. All of her service has been with one goal in mind – to address the health inequities that exist in today's society. Miriam published CDC's first Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) on community mask mandates within her first few months on the job. Overall, she has first authored or coauthored over 25 publications. She was chosen as the recipient of the CDC's 2021 Shalom M. Irving Health Equity Award as well as several other national fellowship awards.

When asked how attending The Donoho School made a difference in your life, Miriam responded with, "I will never forget Ms. Wingo's geometry proofs. While they were not my favorite to complete, the critical thinking skills I exercised in her class and in many other classes at Donoho set me up for success as I ventured to college and into a career in public health. We are often never given all of the answers to fix a problem; instead, we have to make do with what we have when we have it to make important decisions – and it's the critical thinking skills I



developed while at Donoho that have enabled me to do that."

Miriam's advice for our Donoho family is, "Say yes to the things and jobs that fill you with curiosity and challenge you. I would encourage you to say yes and figure it out as you go. The most valuable experiences I have had have been the ones that forced me to grow and develop my skills and perspectives."

*Please join us in congratulating Dr. Miriam Van Dyke,  
Class of 2009, as The Donoho School's  
2022 Outstanding Young Alumna of the Year.*

For a complete list and bios of all  
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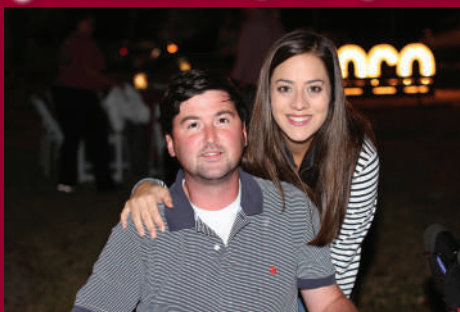


**REMEMBER...**

**THANK YOU...**

to our alumni and retired faculty/staff for spending their Friday night with us at the annual Homecoming event of an alumni tailgate party before the football game. We enjoyed a catered meal from Jim 'N Nicks, Falcon cheerleader spirit, as well as sounds from the Donoho pep band. We always love having our alumni back on campus!

*Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon!*



**#DonohoAlumni**

# HOMECOMING TAILGATE 2022



#DonohoFalcons



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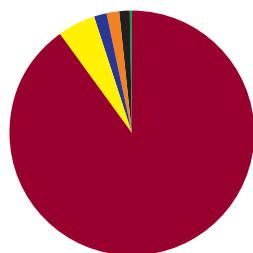
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# 2021-2022 Revenues & Expenditures

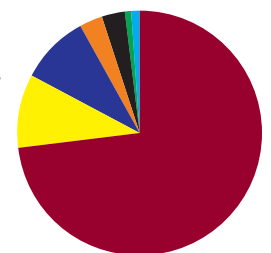


## Revenues

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Tuition              | 90.04% |
| Annual Fund          | 5.10%  |
| Parents' Association | 1.62%  |
| Athletics            | 1.61%  |
| Other Income         | 1.59%  |
| Interest             | 0.04%  |

## Expenditures

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Administration/Teacher Salaries and Benefits | 73.16% |
| Tuition Reductions                           | 9.70%  |
| Operational and Plant                        | 9.21%  |
| Athletics                                    | 3.13%  |
| Instructional                                | 2.89%  |
| Parents' Association                         | 1.00%  |
| Advancement                                  | 0.91%  |





# THE DONOHO SCHOOL CLASS *of* 2022



The Donoho School Class of 2022 was accepted to **77** colleges and universities across the country. **95%** received a merit-based scholarship for the attending school with **84%** receiving a range of half to full-ride scholarships.



*Congratulations to our Graduates!*

# Campus Greetings

from these **Young Alumni**



## **Corey Phillis '14** Georgetown University Urology Residency Program Washington, DC



Corey graduated with her bachelor's degree in Biology from The University of Alabama. In the Spring, she graduated from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. Corey is now in the Urology Residency Program at Georgetown University, Class of 2027.

**Donoho Tradition that you miss the most:** I miss playing volleyball the most! Spending time in the Senior Lounge is a close second, though!

**Advice:** If you are considering a career in medicine, get involved early! Find a research project, volunteer at a free clinic, take part in extracurricular activities, find hobbies. Acceptance into medical school is more than just getting great grades, so get involved as early as possible.

**Future plans:** I will finish my residency training and become a Urologist in a little under 5 years. I am still deciding if I would like to pursue a fellowship or go into private practice, but luckily I have some time left to decide.



## **Devin Raughton '21** Berea College Berea, Kentucky

Devin is majoring in Psychology and plans to graduate in May 2025. He is a Resident Advisor at one of the dorms so as a part of Residence Life, Devin has been able to plan and carry out a dodgeball tournament and

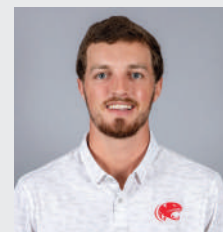
Pokémon showdown event. In his little downtime, he loves to walk around the beautiful campus, hang out with friends, and try to build relationships with his residents. He is also involved in the psychology club.

**Donoho Tradition that you miss the most:** Homecoming and the school spirit it brought to everyone. I miss dressing up for the themed days and going to the homecoming game as well as the dance after. I just really miss the small, but energetic Donoho family.

**Advice:** Learn now to go with the flow of life and accept that you will make mistakes. Not all plans work no matter how well thought out they are, and you are only human so learn to give yourself some slack every now and again. Also, you will definitely need to know how to write research papers when you get to college and collect resources for them. So work on that now, and you will thank yourself in the future.

**Future plans:** After I graduate, I am planning to either attend graduate school for a Master's degree in Psychology so that I may work in therapy, or I would love to stay on with my college in some position.

## **Jacob Lecroy '19** University of South Alabama Mobile, Alabama



Jacob is majoring in Exercise Science with a minor in Business with graduation set for Spring 2023. He is on the South Alabama Golf team. Jacob doesn't have a lot of free time during their season, but after October he likes to make it to Auburn and Alabama to see his friends from Donoho on the weekends. He especially loves to catch up with his best friends who are also student athletes, Hall Billings '19 at Huntington College and Harrison Hughston '19 at Montevallo. Jacob says, "Donoho helped me so much academically, but the relationships formed will last forever."

**Donoho Tradition that you miss the most:** I miss our old golf team glory days. We won state one year, and I won individually twice. This was an added advantage, but the moments we had together laughing and hanging out is something I miss more than anything.

**Advice:** Enjoy it. Don't take any of the time you spend with all of your friends for granted. I despise that I can't see my friends on a regular basis like I used to. I continue to grow up, but I would give anything to be back hanging out during lunch, PE, study hall, class, and the playing field. Those memories are planted in my mind forever, and I'm ever grateful Donoho gave me the opportunity to make those memories.

**Future plans:** I plan on going into the MBA program and staying on for an additional year to continue playing golf at South. After college, I still want to see if I can live the dream of becoming a successful professional golfer.

## **Ash Reddy '21** Princeton University Princeton, New Jersey



Ash is majoring in Chemistry and plans to graduate in May 2025. He is involved with the Princeton University Rock Ensemble (PURE). He is also a part of a student organization that provides emergency medical education to civilians and professional rescuers. Outside of class, Ash loves reading science fiction and he also enjoys being in nature a lot.

**Donoho Tradition that you miss the most:** I miss how normal everything was. At college, things and schedules are always changing, and while it is nice to have variety, I feel nostalgic for the steadiness of friends and teachers at Donoho.

**Advice:** Don't be afraid to ask and go beyond what is expected of you. At times, it can seem intimidating to ask people who are more knowledgeable than you about something, but I can guarantee that it will always help you in the long run.

**Future plans:** I hope to continue studying either chemistry or molecular biology, and I plan to attend medical school following college.

# December

## A Month of Giving to Donoho

As we continue our mission of *Empowering Excellence*, 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. We ask that you remember The Donoho School in your year-end giving as Annual Fund gifts are essential to our continued growth.

Our December Giving events are our way of saying “thank you” for your continued support, and we hope you will join us at one of our events to celebrate the joys of the season and the spirit of giving!

### Thursday, December 1 - STUDENT APPRECIATION

*Donuts at break for all students and staff*

### Tuesday, December 6 - PARENT & DONOR APPRECIATION

*Gifts at drop-off and in school lobbies until 2:30 p.m.*

### Friday, December 9 - HOLIDAY RECEPTION

*5:30 p.m. - First United Methodist Church breezeway*

### WINTER ARTS GALA

*7:00 p.m. - First United Methodist Church sanctuary*



Student Appreciation



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