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every day...*

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Dear Donoho Family,

Live with Honor, Engage my Passion, Act with Humility, and Delight in Wisdom. These words are the cornerstone of The Donoho School experience and remind us daily how to live our lives. This past year, with these values guiding our endeavors, Donoho students and faculty soared to new heights, finding success in all areas, culminating in true achievement that makes all in the Donoho family proud. As you will see in the coming pages, Donoho is truly a special place filled with outstanding young men and women, led by dedicated and talented educators, who go on to change the world.



As you take pride in the accomplishments of the Donoho community, please remember that these successes are dependent upon the contributions of the many alumni, parents, and friends who understand the importance of the Annual Fund and the need for all to contribute what they can to make Donoho the best it can be. Tuition alone does not cover the costs of a Donoho education. It takes a commitment to excellence and a giving heart by all in the community to make the Donoho experience a reality.

So enjoy the reading that awaits, and relive, or discover for the first time, the wonderful exploits of our students, faculty, and alums. At the same time, remember Donoho needs your support to make such achievements possible in the future. *Give today and watch our students Soar!*

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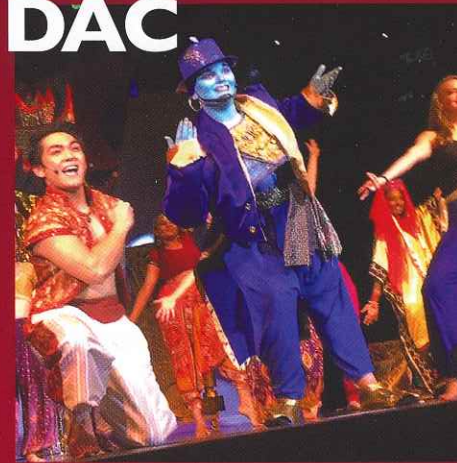
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HIGHLIGHTS

DAC



Fine Arts Department was rebranded as the Donoho Arts Collaborative with a full-tuition scholarship component

Best



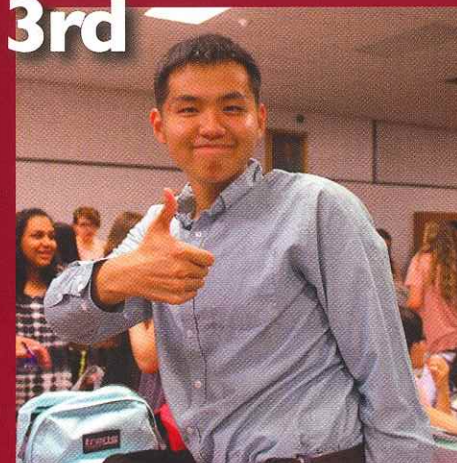
Selected as the Anniston Star's "Best Private School" by the Readers Choice Awards

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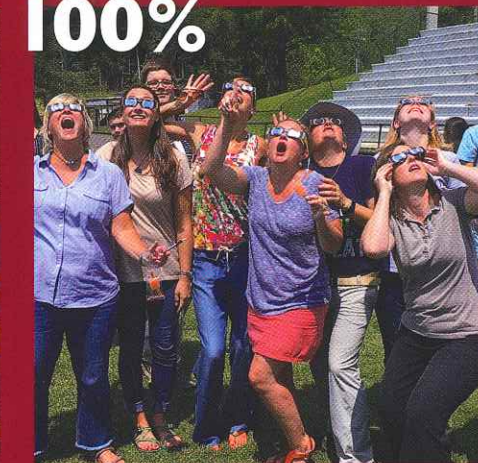
22 AHSAA recognized athletic teams for grades 7-12

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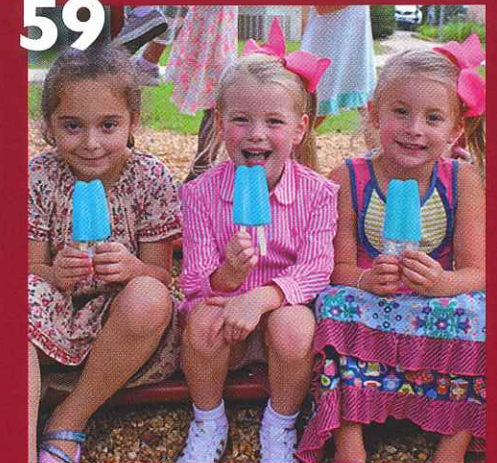
Ranked the 3rd best school in Alabama (niche.com)

100%



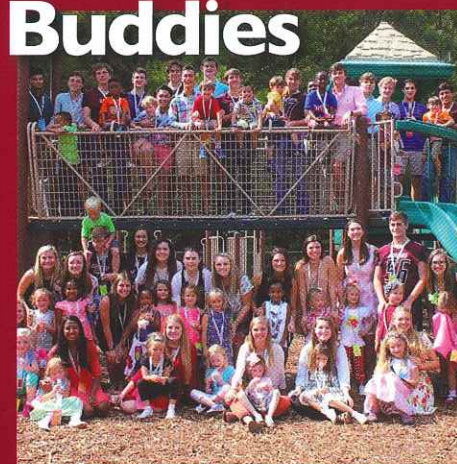
100% of Faculty and Staff support The Annual Fund

59



The 2017 school year began with 59 new students

Buddies



The Donoho tradition of the senior-kindergarten buddy program continues to provide amazing memories every year

\$20,900,000



The Class of 2017 received over \$20.9 million in scholarship offers

27.05



27.05 average ACT score (Class of 2017)

Honor Roll of Donors - Annual Fund

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Thank you to our incredible supporters for your investment in quality education and the lives of our students at The Donoho School. It was a rewarding year full of growth and noteworthy accomplishments. You are helping to produce the leaders of tomorrow, and we greatly appreciate your generosity!

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Boyd McGehee, Father of Anna Harrison '28

"Why do I give to the Annual Fund? The better question is, why would I not? I can name none."

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In this report are names of people who made gifts to The Donoho School that were processed through the Advancement office between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017. There are a few reasons your name may not appear:

1. You gave your gift before July 1, 2016, or after June 30, 2017.
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If you have questions, please contact the school office at 256-237-5477.

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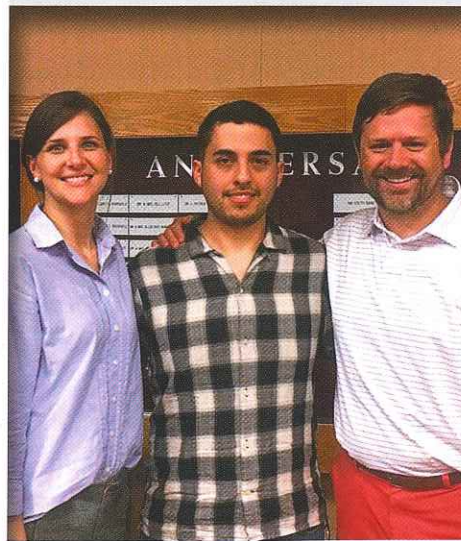
Tonia Bodiford, Faculty and Mother of Walker '23

"Our family gives to the Annual Fund as a way to say thank you and to support all of the great things that are happening inside and outside of the classroom at Donoho."

Sally Haynes, Mother of Sallie-Grace '19

"I give to the Annual Fund for my child. Participation in the Annual Fund enhances the experiences and opportunities offered to her at The Donoho School."

ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES



Last year, an Alumni Speaker Series was chartered. Please let us know if you would like to make a campus visit to address and inspire our student body.

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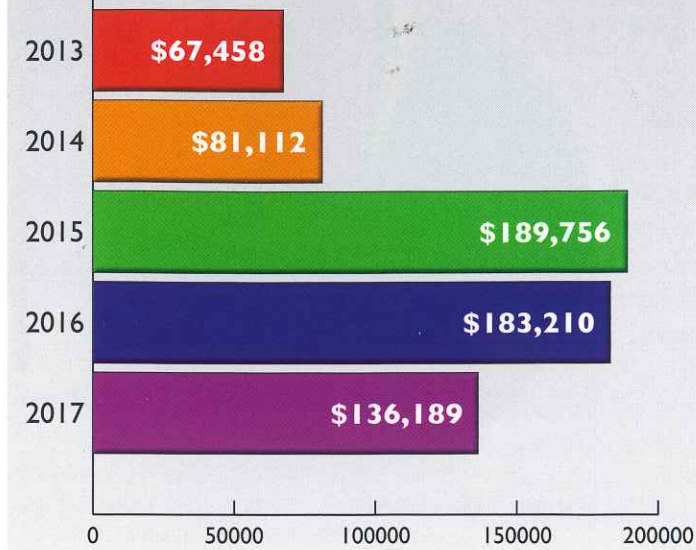


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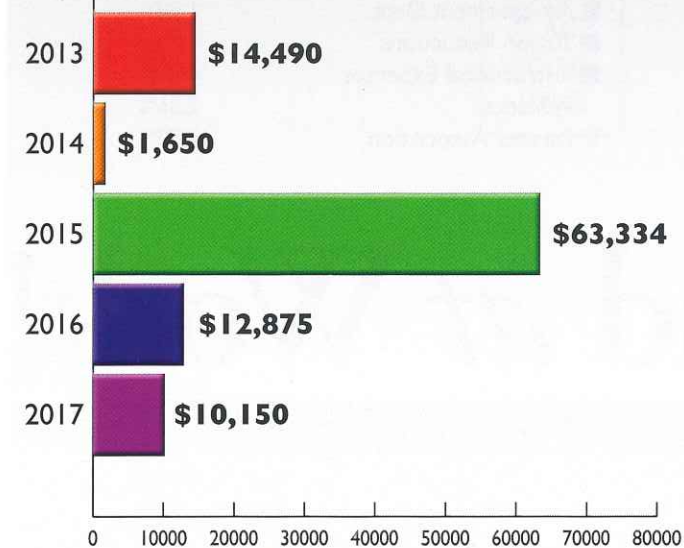
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5 Year Trends

Annual Fund Gifts - 5 Year Trend



Endowment Gifts - 5 Year Trend



I give to the Annual Fund because...

Betty Hoke, Faculty

"Your gifts to the Annual Fund provide the needed resources to help me grow professionally so that I can make a difference in the lives of our youngest Falcons."

Cathi Thurston, Faculty

"I give to the annual fund because it gives us resources that enrich our classrooms and make instruction more effective."

Matt Ford, Faculty

"I give to the Annual Fund because I believe it's worth investing time and money into things that matter, and Donoho certainly matters to me. The Annual Fund helps Donoho make a lasting, positive contribution to this community, which should make it matter to all of us."

Thank You DPA!



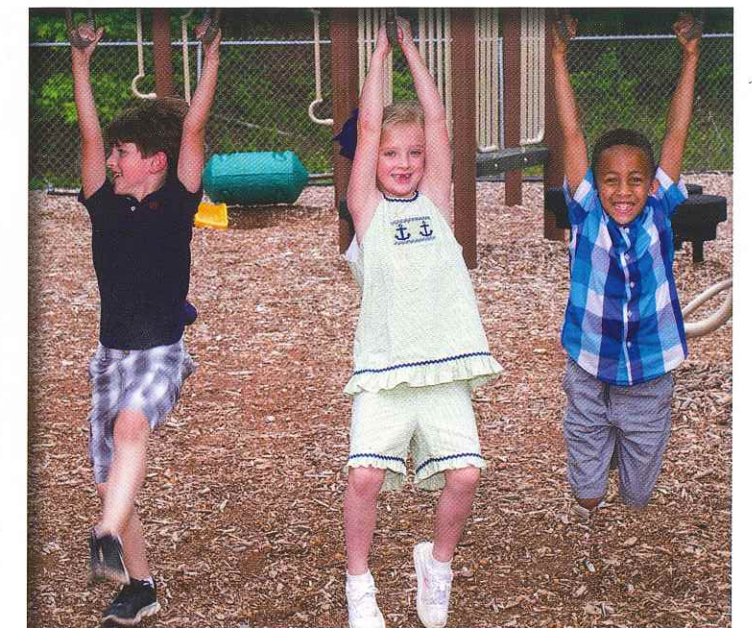
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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

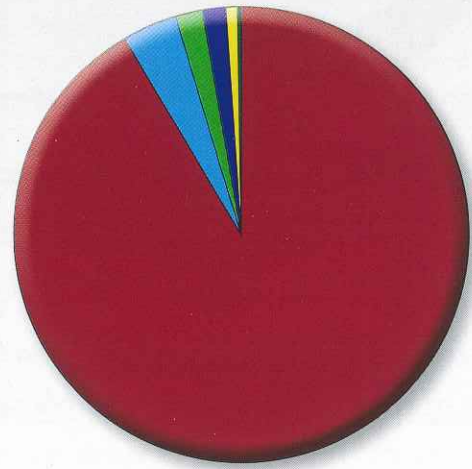
The Donoho Parents' Association - never-ending suppliers of time, energy, and valuable resources!

Everyday we see parents volunteering their time to make The Donoho School a better place for its students. Through organizing events, serving as class parents, and making sure lunch is available daily, we see their hard work. The DPA, however, does so much more. Through their fundraising efforts, and in conjunction with Falcon Pride, the DPA raised \$80,000 for the school's improvement. Through their hard work and generosity, the Middle School and Cafetorium were renovated, a state-of-the-art college guidance system was implemented, countless upgrades to athletic facilities and equipment were realized, including a new headset system for the football team, and \$10,000 was given to support professional development for our teachers. These are not small tokens of support, but school-changing contributions that make the lives of all of our students better.

We thank the Donoho Parents' Association from the bottom of our hearts for all they do to make Donoho great!

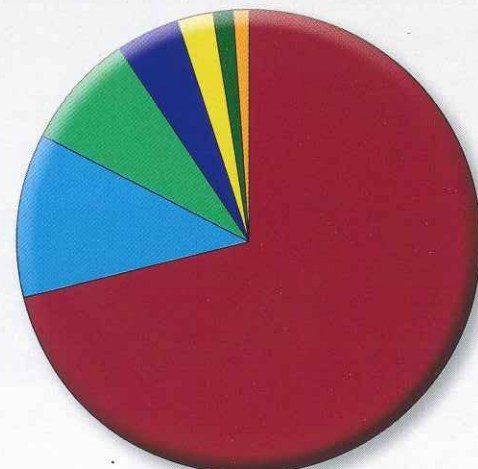


2016 - 2017 Revenues & Expenditures



Revenues

Tuition	91.56%
Athletic Income	1.88%
Interest Income	0.04%
Annual Fund Income	3.99%
Parents' Association Support	1.70%
Other Income	0.83%



Expenditures

Administration/Teacher Salaries and Benefits	71.37%
Operational and Plant	7.98%
Advancement Dept.	1.28%
Tuition Reductions	11.33%
Instructional Expenses	4.51%
Athletics	2.56%
Parents' Association	0.97%

YOUR Annual Fund *at Work!*

Each year, the support of alumni, parents, and friends through the Annual Fund allows The Donoho School to educate and inspire our students. Aside from tuition income, the Annual Fund is the single most important source of revenue for the School, allowing us to hire and develop talented teachers, to provide appealing, safe, and well-equipped spaces for learning, and to offer a multitude of experiential opportunities in academics, arts and athletics that no other independent school in the area can match. Your donations to the Annual Fund are essential to making the Donoho Experience truly life-changing for our students.



Donoho's exceptional team of faculty and staff is comprised of highly-qualified, professional, and dedicated individuals. Your Annual Fund dollars make this team possible!

The Multi-Faceted *and* Immensely Important Role of Alumni *in* Independent Schools

David J. Noone

For nearly a quarter century, I have worked in independent schools, differing greatly in mission, student type, geographic location, and size. One characteristic shared by each, however, is the love their alumni have for their alma mater and the deeply-ingrained desire to help sustain and grow the institutions that were so transformative in their lives. Students of independent schools are the spirit, the feeling of happiness, and the quest for personal and academic growth that we see on a daily basis. Faculty and administration are the drivers of the institutional bus, steering the School on its path forward. Alumni, adding to their numbers yearly, are the spirit of tradition and the ultimate stewards of the institution, ensuring the mission and values, independent character, and long-term sustainability of the school live on forever.

The Alumni of The Donoho School play three critical roles. First, they serve as ambassadors of the school wherever they may reside, helping with admissions locally, and by remaining in contact with classmates and friends around the country, helping remind each other of this special and important place in their lives. Alumni, more than any admission director or faculty member, can speak to what the Donoho experience means to them and how it has impacted their lives. Each year, we welcome back more and more children of Alumni, or cousins of Alumni, or neighbors of Alumni, or even just people an alum met just once but who decided to go look at Donoho because of the passion and love they hear in the voice of a Donoho alum. This service is irreplaceable.

Second, Donoho Alums dedicate their time to serving the School. Some

through their work on the Board of Directors, where the long-term strategic initiatives for the School are selected and planned. Others, through their expertise in a specific field, sit ready to answer the call when the School needs advice or guidance. Still others volunteer at the School, demonstrating firsthand to our current students and future Alumni, how important it is to give back to Donoho. In all these capacities, the hard work, wisdom, and care for the institution given enthusiastically by Donoho Alumni is critical to the health of the institution.

Finally, Alumni provide much-needed financial resources, ensuring the School's viability. Donoho alums are a crucial component of the Annual Fund, provider of endowment and scholarships funds, and often are at the forefront of capital endeavors. Through their giving, we are able to offer more to our students and the greater Anniston community, and we are able to add to the legacy of excellence that is The Donoho School.

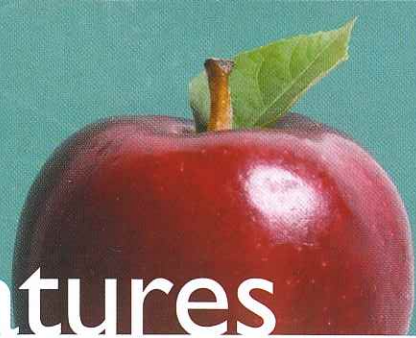
One of my primary goals as Head of School is to work tirelessly to bring more and more Alumni back to campus for games, reunions, or just to say hello. In the coming months, you will be hearing about different initiatives in all the areas identified above that are designed specifically toward building Alumni involvement in The Donoho School. In many ways, Alumni are our past, present, and our future.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill



Falcon Faculty Features



Ashley Burrage
Director of Fine Arts
B.A. Jacksonville State University

In my twelve years as Director of Fine Arts at Donoho, I have seen exciting and wonderful changes! During my first year, in 2006, only six female students enrolled in my drama class, so we chose *Steel Magnolias* (a show about six women) as our first show! We built a working beauty shop on our small cafetorium stage, and we haven't stopped building and growing ever since!

In 2012, when casting munchkins for *The Wizard Oz*, we had over 100 lower school students audition, and we knew we had outgrown our Donoho cafetorium stage! We initially moved our performances to the Anniston High School Performing Arts Center, but when over 120 students were cast in *The Lion King, Jr.* in 2015, we moved our venue to the Oxford Performing Arts Center to accommodate our colossal cast and crew.

During our production of *The Lion King, Jr.*, something really special began to happen. Students in PK4-12th grades became involved in all aspects of the show. The production was student-driven at every level, with students creating and designing the logo, set, props, and costumes. Seeing our entire school focused on one goal and working together in this way was part of the inspiration behind our new Donoho Arts Collaborative, launched in 2017.

I cannot express the joy I feel watching so many young people fall in love with the stage. Every year, we are graduating students who go on to pursue their dreams in the world of theatre!



Growing still, in April of 2018, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* will be DAC's biggest production yet, so don't miss it!



Matt Ford

Upper School History
B.A. Jacksonville State University
M.A. Jacksonville State University
M.S.E. Jacksonville State University
Ed.S. University of Alabama
Ed.D. (abd) University of Alabama
National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT)

I have heard people say that history is boring. I disagree, but to each his own. I have heard others claim - in this age focused on math and science - that learning history is unnecessary. Frankly, that statement could not be more false. Please do not get me wrong: math and science - along with English, world languages, and many other subjects - are certainly important. However, regardless of what field students choose to study or career they choose to pursue, every single one of them will be expected to be a competent, informed citizen capable of participating in the greatest republic on the planet. Forging that competent citizen falls to the teachers of history, who must help students study the decisions of the past and understand the complexities of the present to provide context for the challenges of future. As many have said before, today's students are tomorrow's leaders, and to send students into the world without a firm grasp on their heritage and an understanding of the society in which they live is to do them a profound disservice.

I am always thankful for the opportunity to help Donoho students learn to think critically, and I can only hope that they leave my class with a fraction of the love I have for the subject that is so dear to my heart.



Caroline Lambert

Lower School Faculty, 3rd grade
B.S. Jacksonville State University
M.S.Ed. exp. 2018, Jacksonville State University

Delight in Wisdom

Delight in wisdom. What does that mean for you? I know what it means for my classroom, for my students, and for myself. When my students come to me, I tell them about all the multiplication facts that they will learn. At first, they are not convinced, but when they become automatic with them, they are on top of the world. I love seeing their confidence build, how proud they are when they get every single one correct, and how fast they can solve them. Self doubt becomes self confidence, and that is always a big "Delight in Wisdom" moment in third grade.

I want my students to learn how it feels to be the best versions of themselves. We delight in the new things we learn, in how we "show what we know," and in how we grow. I want my students to leave my classroom with memories of quality experiences, a plethora of knowledge, and the ability to reason and use their good judgment. Leading students to delight in wisdom is one of my greatest joys as a teacher.

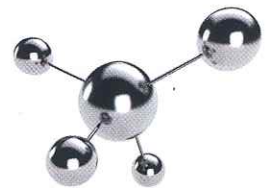


Donna Plunkett

Lower School Science
B.S. Jacksonville State University
M.S. Jacksonville State University

As a thirty-two year veteran science teacher at the lower school, I have seen quite a bit of change over the years. Trends have come and gone, wonderful teachers have passed through the school doors, and hundreds of students have been through my classroom. The one thing that has remained constant is the treasure that we call "our school."

The Donoho School has provided a platform for me to be the science teacher I want to be. The love for science came later for me...I was actually in college before the science bug bit....., so I want my students to be introduced early in their school career to the wonders that science holds.



Here at Donoho, students are always encouraged to learn, and there's nothing I love more than encouraging my students to "learn science." Whether it be studying insects, comparing molecules and compounds, or designing and building, I want my students to develop an appreciation and love for our natural world.



Jon-Paul Reed

Upper School English and Literature
B.A. Johns Hopkins University

My delight in writing and teaching stems from the earliest days of my childhood. For many years I was unable to speak, nor was I ever expected to. It was the hard work and sacrifice of many people around me which enabled me to experience the power of the spoken word, especially the seemingly simple "hello." Being able to express oneself in an effective and engaging manner is among one of the most influential skills anyone can have. Growing and learning how to write well is the next natural step in our journey to impact the world. It is a skill that takes time and conscious effort, and its difficulty can quickly discourage students.



Everyday I am reminded of the gift I was given in learning how to communicate. I can think of no better way of repaying that debt than by instilling the same joy and wonder of writing into the next generation. It is my hope that I can help students begin their journey of learning how to perfectly capture their thoughts on the page. It is a skill that will take time, and I can think of no better way to invest mine.

Donoho Student Features

Finding Abundance Abroad

by Harrison Han '19,
Chinese International Student

Attending The Donoho School means a lot to me. First of all, it gives me the opportunity to enjoy the excellent education from many, many erudite, responsible, and friendly teachers who care about every student's progression. Also, Donoho gives me the chance to make friends with a group of helpful, funny, and talented people who grew up in a different culture than I and who are willing to share their friendships with me. The Donoho School has taught me to LEAD through the school's mission statement -- live with honor, engage my passion, act with humility, and delight in wisdom.

To be honest, leaving my hometown where I spent my first 15 years and going to a country that is 10,000 miles away was

not the easiest thing to do. Now, I am glad and thankful that I made that decision because this country gave me so many more surprises than I expected. Especially in a relatively small school like Donoho, I can finally do what I want to do and train myself to become a better person. I'm on the robotics team, tennis team, and math team. In addition, I am really proud to say that I am a Student Ambassador.

What I love most about Donoho is that Donoho always provides the opportunities for every single person to showcase himself or herself. No matter if you are an athlete, an artist, a public speaker, an event planner, a technology guru, or an aspiring scholar, you will have the opportunity to pursue your passion and enjoy success.

Harrison, center, is pictured with teammates at a Robotics competition



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ADDIE!

At the age of three, Addison (Addie) Tucker, a current fifth grader, aspired to be a "talents girl in the Big Apple." At the time, her definition of a "talents girl" was someone who could sing, act, and dance. That passion grew as she got older and soon led her to the stage. She began by performing in school plays at Donoho. Her first community performance was the role of Gladys Herdman in the *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Since the age of eight, Addie has performed with CAST Theatre, CCT Elite Competition Troupe, Kimberlite Productions, and she is currently a member of CAST Kidz in Anniston.

It wasn't long before she expressed an interest in on-film acting. She's spent the past two summers in workshops learning the similarities and differences in acting on the stage and in front of the camera. In less than a year, she was cast in a feature film titled *Summer of 67* in which she plays the young version of one of the main characters. *Summer of 67* is a Vietnam War story told from the perspective of the women left behind. It is scheduled to premiere in theaters Veterans Day weekend 2018.

In addition to shooting a film this past summer, Addie was cast in an episode of a television program on the Investigation Discovery channel, which should air later this year. She went on to shoot a commercial and learned how much time and effort goes into a thirty-second advertisement.

She did, however, find time this summer to make a visit to New York City, something she had dreamed of since the age of three. The trip was a 10th birthday gift given to her by her grandparents, Glenn and Jan Hurd. She enjoyed touring the iconic sights and attending her first Broadway musical, *Wicked*.

She is currently represented by Atlanta Models and Talent Agency in Atlanta, Georgia.

Addie, a lover of all things chocolate, is a diligent student who enjoys creative writing and making movies on her iPad. She quickly learned that her passion involves hard work and dedication, and she is always looking forward to the next audition and landing the "perfect role."

Addie ('25) is the daughter of Jennifer ('93) and Brian Tucker and is the sister of Emma Kate ('22)



I give to the Annual Fund because...

Madison Huckaby '15

"I give back to support the school that helped me grow as a person and a student. No matter how small your donation is, it makes an impact on the school and the students."

Laura Jones, Mother of Ella '28

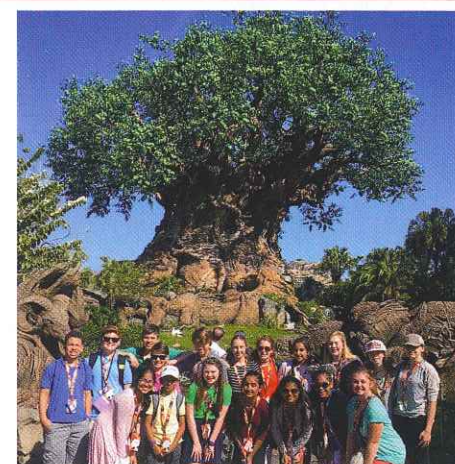
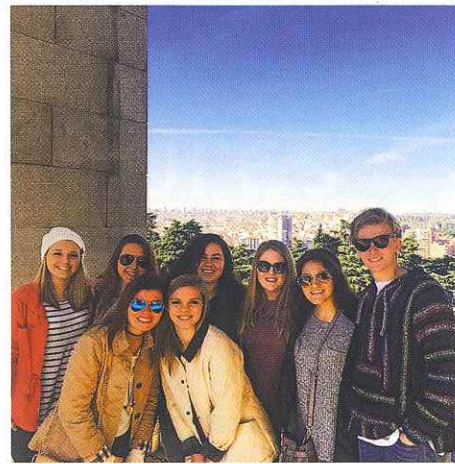
"We give to the Annual Fund because tuition doesn't cover everything that our school needs to grow and continue to be competitive."

Students *'delight in wisdom'* through Intercession 2017



SPAIN

Adventures in Spain with stops in Granada, Madrid, Seville, and Costa del Sol



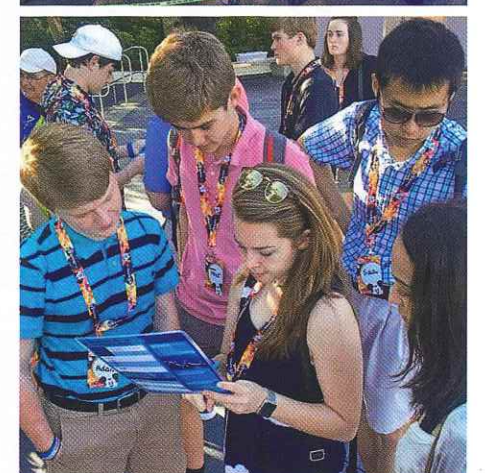
DISNEY YOUTH EDUCATION SERIES

Walt Disney World
Orlando, Florida



INTERSESSION 2017

Intercession: a unique opportunity for learning outside the box through travel, cultural immersion and job shadowing.



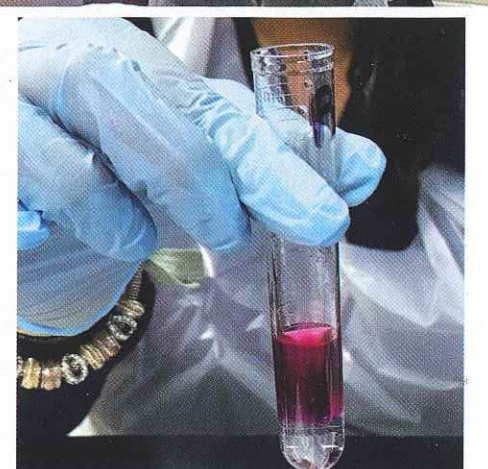
COLLEGE TOUR

with stops at Emory, Clemson, Furman, Davidson, UNC Chapel-Hill, Duke, Wake Forest, and Vanderbilt and the American Picker Archaeology Museum



CAMPUS OUTBREAK

On-campus Intercession event with emulation of a virus outbreak



Olivia Davis '18

Job Shadow: Pediatrics & Research at UAB

I have always had a passion for medicine, but I have never been quite sure which field or position to pursue due to a lack of familiarity with the subject. Because of this, I wanted to shadow in many different aspects of the medical world during Intersession 2017. After months of planning, I had the amazing opportunity to shadow several doctors and researchers at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. The entire experience was truly inspirational and very eye-opening! Each day of the week I worked at a different location, which taught me about the diversity of the medical world and the teamwork involved between the distinct professions. I was able to shadow in a Pediatric Surgery Clinic, Genetic-Biochemistry Lab, Rhett Syndrome Clinic, and Pediatric Neurology Clinic. Each day brought a new challenge and reward, and I was thankful at the end of the week to have experienced and learned so much! I am still not completely sure which job is the best fit for me, but the week gave me a small sample of what it is like to work in the field of medicine, and I now know with certainty that I want to be a part of it in the future.



INTERSESSION 2017

Abby Swinney '18

Job Shadow: Music Therapy at MDAnderson



This spring I was presented with the opportunity to travel to Houston, Texas, to shadow the music therapists at MDAnderson. When the week of Intersession arrived, my dad and I flew to Houston. Shadowing Mr. Santiago was an eye opening experience. I learned new things about the job that I had not known before, such as how much medical knowledge a music therapist has to know. I was able to sit in meetings with him as he collaborated with different parts of the hospital. The most informational aspect of my trip was sitting in the morning meetings with all of the doctors in the Integrative Medicine department. They were each so helpful and informative as they went through each patient and his or her condition, trying to decide what area of integrative medicine they should send. Being able to shadow a music therapist helped me make a decision on what I want to do in the future, and I am very thankful for the opportunity I was given to go!

Scholarships

The Donoho Honor SCHOLARSHIP

The Donoho Honor Scholarship seeks to identify, attract, and award a new rising seventh-grade student who has demonstrated distinction in academics and character and has shown potential for leadership. The Honor Scholarship is based on academic performance. One Honor Scholarship in the amount of full tuition will be awarded annually. This scholarship will be renewed on a yearly basis through twelfth grade providing the recipient maintains an exemplary academic and department record. **Deadline: March 1, 2018**

Encourage a student to apply for The Donoho Honor Scholarship or The Donoho Arts Collaborative Scholarship!



The Donoho Arts Collaborative SCHOLARSHIP

New in 2017! The Donoho Arts Collaborative Scholarship seeks to identify, attract, and award a new rising freshman or sophomore student who has demonstrated distinction in academics, character, and fine arts. The Donoho Arts Collaborative Scholarship is based on distinction in the arts. One Donoho Arts Collaborative Scholarship in the amount of full tuition will be awarded annually. This scholarship will be renewed on a yearly basis providing the recipient maintains an exemplary academic and department record. Candidates will be invited to The Donoho School for testing, interviews, and arts audition. **Deadline: April 16, 2018**

An application packet is available by contacting Katie Newton, Director of Advancement & Admissions, at 256-237-5477 or can be downloaded at www.donohoschool.com/scholarships.



Jihyeon Moon, 2017 DAC Scholarship Recipient

'16 - '17 Endowment Gifts

Alumni Scholarship Fund
Dr. and Mrs. John Wilson '76

Cissy Gorey Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mr. and Mrs. William Boozer

King/Connor's Scholarship Fund
Mrs. Grazier Connors Rhea '70

Thomas S. Potts Scholarship Fund
*Hellen Plummer Charitable Foundation
Dr. and Mrs. Gerald G. Woodruff, Jr.*

MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPDATE



Russ Connell
Middle/Upper School Director
B.A. Auburn University
M.Ed. Auburn University
National Board Certified Teacher

Major upgrades to many of our facilities. Our cafeteria and middle school have been refreshed with new paint and carpet, and the library experienced a major construction overhaul. The rear computer lab has been repurposed into two large study studios. These spaces, outfitted with whiteboards and conference tables, are ideal for students to gather and collaborate.

to align student strengths and interests to postsecondary goals while improving student outcomes and connecting learning to life. Equally important, Naviance provides test preparation solutions for the ACT. Naviance Test Prep seamlessly integrates with Naviance to help students be college and career ready. It involves the parents more in the college-selection process,

process through digitization. This platform, combined with our regular and frequent college rep visits and the annual Intersession college tour, serves to bring the college preparatory educational experience that Donoho offers full circle for our students and parents.

It is great to be a Donoho Falcon, and I invite you to check out the Social Mashup link on our school's website (www.donohoschool.com) to see and celebrate all of the incredible things that are happening on campus!



NAVIANCE

Beyond facilities improvements, I am most proud to announce our addition of Naviance to our school. Naviance is a college and career readiness solution that seeks

and by moving much of the college-application process to the cloud, it greatly increases efficiency by streamlining the

The summer of 2017 was a busy time on the middle and upper school campus! We experienced ma-

LOWER SCHOOL LOWDOWN



Jean Jaudon '78
Lower School Director
B.A. Birmingham-Southern College
M.A. University of Alabama-Birmingham

each day than by seeing the smiling faces of our students while having the opportunity to say "good morning" to parents during morning drop off. Our great start is the direct result of the planning, preparation, and commitment of a fantastic Lower School faculty and staff. "Delighting in Wisdom" is certainly evident within our school community as you visit academic and enrichment classrooms.

The development of new math, science, and language arts standards over the past three years included opportunities for faculty in each of these departments to attend

national subject-area conferences. And this year, our history and world languages faculty will be working to complete standards revisions in their departments. They, too, will be participating in regional and national conferences.

We are so fortunate to have such supportive and committed parents willing to partner with us to provide our children with the best educational experience in the area, and thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Parents' Association, additional funding is being provided for professional development school-wide,



which will make it possible for faculty across divisions to "Engage their Passion" at workshops, conferences and/or school visits.

We are excited about the year ahead with our Lower School students and honored to be a part of the tradition of excellence that has characterized The Donoho School for more than fifty years. *Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon!*

FALCON SPORTS SHORTS



Steve Gendron
Athletic Director

The athletic department had a banner 2016-2017 school year. The 2017-2018 school year should be no different with many talented athletes returning as well some new faces in the athletic department.

We welcome the following coaches:

Football: Mark Sanders, Karl Harris, Sr., and Jeremy Satcher

Volleyball: Destinee Briskey, Kayla Smith, and Jasmine Moten

Cross Country: Lynde Nanson

Track: Hayley Long

It is an exciting time to be a part of the Donoho Athletic program, and we look forward to another successful year watching our student athletes succeed both on the field and in the classroom. We welcome all Alumni and friends of the school to join us for a home athletic event sometime this year. Thank you for your support.

Go Falcons!

2016-2017 ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

CROSS COUNTRY

- Boys team placed 3rd in Sectionals
- Girls team placed 4th in Sectionals

FOOTBALL

- One student-athlete recorded 300th point of career
- Two student-athletes named All-Region
- Six student-athletes named All-County Class 1A-3A
- One student-athlete chosen for the 2016 Alabama Sports Writers Association All-State Team

SWIMMING

- Boys Team placed 1st in Calhoun County meet
- Boys team qualified for state meet in 200 and 400 relay
- Boys team finished 8th in state class 1A-5A 400 relay
- One student-athlete qualified for state in 100 fly and 100 free; Finished 4th in state in 100 fly and 8th in 100 free

VOLLEYBALL

- Won Area 10 championship
- Advanced to semi finals in Elite Eight State Tournament
- One student-athlete chosen as 1A-3A County Player of the Year

- Four student-athletes chosen as All-County 1A-3A

BASKETBALL

- Varsity girls team advanced to post-season play in Area 10
- Two students chosen for the Class 1A, Region 10 All-Tournament Basketball team (boys and girls)
- Three student-athletes named honorable mention 1A-3A All-County Boys Team
- Four student-athletes named honorable mention 1A-3A All-County Girls Team



BASEBALL

- Placed 2nd in Area 10
- Advanced to 1st round of the AHSAA State playoffs
- Three students named to Anniston Star's 1A-3A All-County baseball team

GOLF

- Placed 2nd in sectional and sub-state play
- Advanced to the AHSAA State Championship tournament and was runner-up in Class 1A-2A state tournament
- One student-athlete named Anniston Star Golfer of the Year

- Head coach named Anniston Star Coach of the Year
- Four student-athletes named to the Anniston Star All-County Team for 2017

SOCCER

- Boys and girls teams placed 1st in the inaugural Calhoun County Tournament
- Boys and girls teams both advanced to post-season play
- Girls team was area 6 winner
- Boys Team - Coach of the Year, Player of the Year for Anniston Star All-County team and six student-athletes recognized
- Girls Team - Coach of the Year, Player of the Year for Anniston Star All-County team and nine student-athletes recognized

TENNIS

- Girls team took 1st place in the Calhoun County Tournament
- Boys team took 2nd place in the Calhoun County Tournament
- Girls and boys teams won sectionals to advance to state tournament
- Five student-athletes named to the Anniston Star Boys All-County Tennis team
- Six student-athletes named to the Anniston Star Girls All-County Tennis team





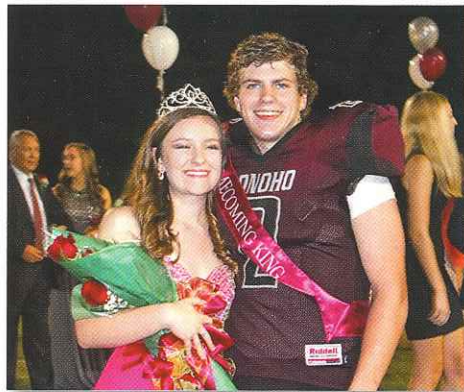
September 2016
Outstanding Alumni Celebration



December 2016
Alumni Holiday Party

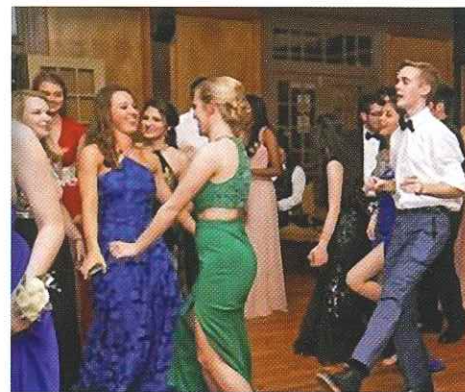


February 2017
Father - Daughter Dance



September 2016
Homecoming

2016 2017 RECAP



March 2017
Prom



November 2016
Giving Tuesday



April 2017
Senior - Kindergarten Breakfast



April 2017
Donoho Color Run



December 2016
Early Childhood Elf Camp

I give to the Annual Fund because...

Vaughn Stewart III '07

"Contributing to the Annual Fund is a way for me to show gratitude to Donoho for putting me on a path to success, and to ensure others are afforded the same opportunity. In particular, I want to play a small part in enabling students from varied circumstances to benefit from a Donoho education."

Ann Angell '77, Mother of Pitts '17, Cowan '13, and Ashby '08

"It is super important to me as an alumni and a parent of 3 alumni to give to the Donoho Annual Fund to keep the Donoho tradition alive and to give back to the school that gave me and my kids so much. With alumni and parent help, Donoho can continue to grow and to influence the future generations and provide the best college prep education around."



April 2017
Fine Arts Production - Aladdin



May 2017
Graduation

Save-the-Date for these Upcoming Events!



DECEMBER:
A Month of Giving to Donoho
December 1-31, 2017



Spring Fine Arts Production
The Little Mermaid
April 6-7, 2018



Alumni Holiday Party
December 26, 2017



Intersession
February 19-23, 2018



Lower School Grandparents' Day
April 6, 2018

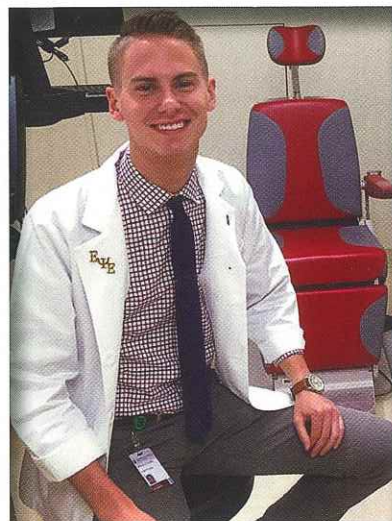


Graduation
May 25, 2018

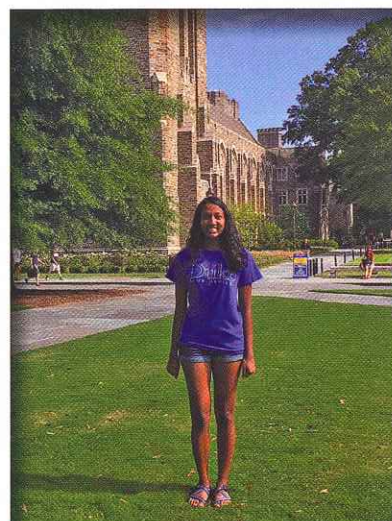


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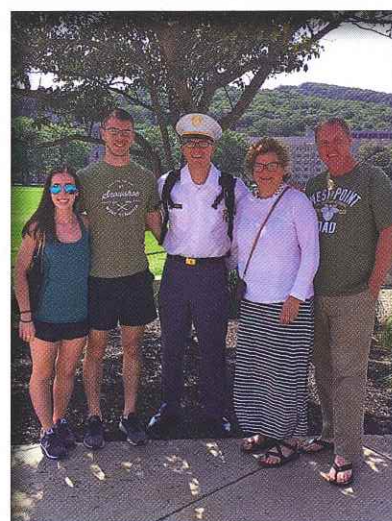
from these
DONOHO ALUMNI



Bryce St. Clair '11
The Ohio State University
College of Optometry
Columbus, Ohio



Meghana Giri '17
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina



Shea Buckner '17
The United States
Military Academy
West Point, New York

The Class of 2017 received merit-based scholarship offers in excess of **\$20,000,000!**



DECEMBER

A Month of Giving to Donoho

The goal of every independent school is to produce graduates with the needed skills, intellectual curiosity, and quiet confidence that come from an outstanding primary and secondary education. Such graduates not only excel at the next level but embrace the challenges they face, envision and achieve success, and ultimately impact the world in a positive way. That is our lone goal at The Donoho School and our hope for all of our graduates.

This December we will be embarking on a dedicated plan to grow our Annual Fund for the 2017-2018 school year. Called **December: A Month of Giving to Donoho**, this endeavor is crucial to providing additional resources to grow our academic program to ensure we continue to prepare our students for the future. Today's competitive educational landscape calls for students who show passion and dedication to a focused area of study and who have demonstrated scholarship and leadership beyond the classroom. As we look internally at our program, we need to offer more occasions for such opportunities. Adding additional science and technology staff and classes, building the lower school enrichment and technology offerings, revitalizing and focusing Intersession, and providing real-world leadership experiences for our students are all paramount to our growth as an institution and ultimately to the continued success of our students.

In the coming weeks, you will be hearing about our plans for this program. There will be unique events and giving opportunities as we reach out to all of our constituencies who not only understand the importance of moving Donoho forward but the need for all to participate in the process. We ask you all to reflect on your experiences, support our growth, and make The Donoho School a continued part of your lives.

“Giving is not just about making a donation.
It is about making a difference.”

Kathy Calvin

The Donoho SCHOOL

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The Donoho School empowers me to live with honor, engage my passion, act with humility, and delight in wisdom.

- L** - *Live with honor,*
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Notice to Alumni Parents:

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

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