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SOAR

THE DONOHO SCHOOL MAGAZINE

*every student,
every day...*



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Dear Donoho Family,

As I begin my second year as Head of School, and Ike begins his second year as Chairman of the Board, we both can't help but sit back and revel in the accomplishments of the past year. It was a year of academic success, with 63% of our seniors receiving a full-tuition scholarship to the school of their choice and countless other awards and honors bestowed upon our scholars. It was a year of athletic success with state titles, final four appearances, five county championships, players of the year, coaches of the year, and team and individual performances that were truly inspiring. Our artists wowed audiences and judges, winning accolades in competitions and bringing joy in their performances. Donoho is an amazing place where each day we take pride in our students, feel the support of our alumni, parents, and friends, and are thankful we get to help lead Donoho into the future.



As you read through this issue of SOAR, we hope you take pride in all of these wonderful accomplishments as well. For it is through your support of the school through the Annual Fund that these accomplishments are made possible. As you are all aware, tuition alone does not cover the costs of a Donoho education. It is our partnership with Alumni, Parents, and Friends that makes all of our successes a reality. It takes a community for a school to be successful, and we are blessed with a community beyond compare.

This year we hope all of you get a chance to visit the school, cheer at a game, shout "Bravo!" at a performance, or in any way feel the pride you should feel as being part of our family. We are honored to serve you and ask that you remember Donoho and provide us the support we need to continue to not only provide a great education but to build upon the excellence in which you all have played a major part.

Again, we are honored to serve you and are thankful for your support.

Donate today and watch our Falcons Soar!

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HIGHLIGHTS

96%



96% of the Class of 2018 received an academic or leadership scholarship with 89% receiving full or half tuition

Champs!



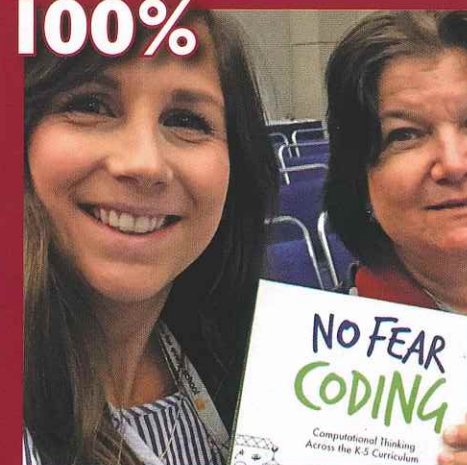
2018 Golf State Champions!

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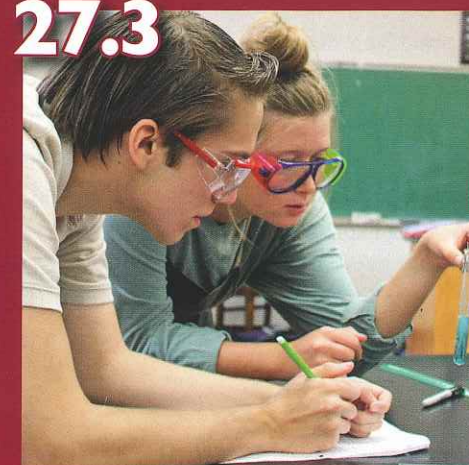
Best Private School in Calhoun County (niche.com)

100%



100% of Faculty and Administration support The Annual Fund

27.3



27.3 average ACT score (Class of 2018)

Tech



The Lower School tech space has been upgraded and re-imagined

Best in Show



Donoho's theatre group received Best in Show and Best Set at the District Competition with the One Act play, I Never Saw Another Butterfly, and advanced to state

Honor Roll of Donors - Annual Fund

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

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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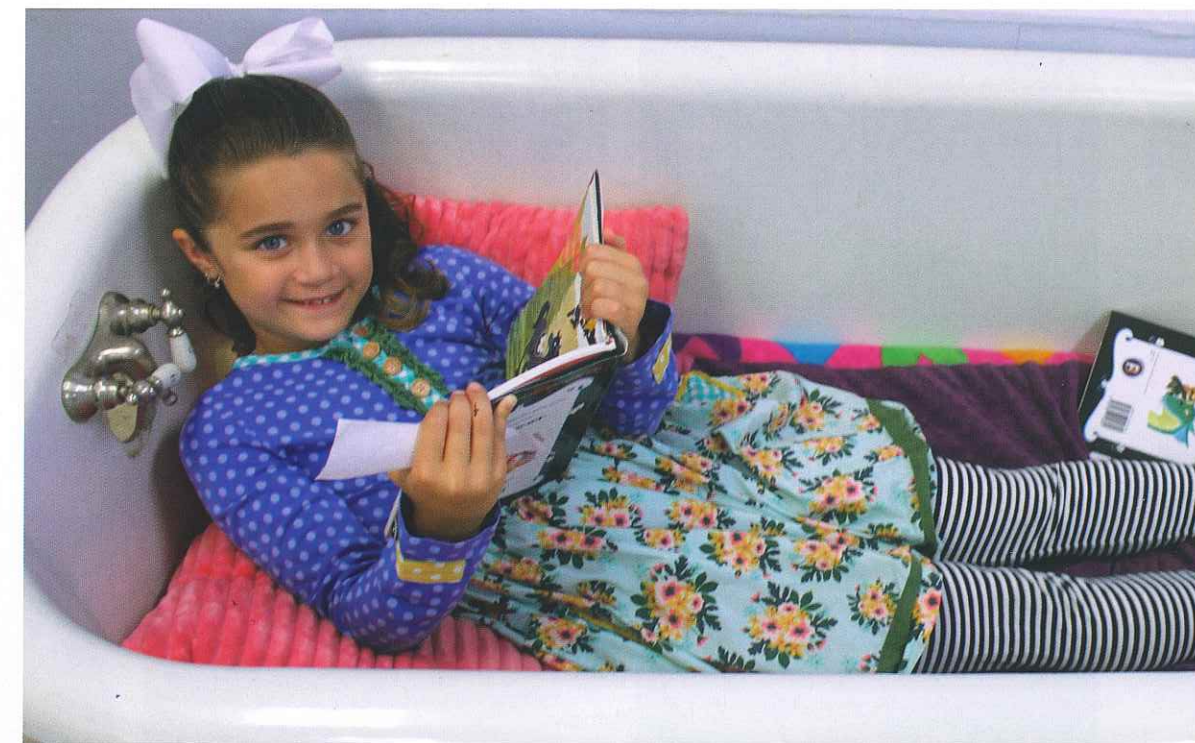
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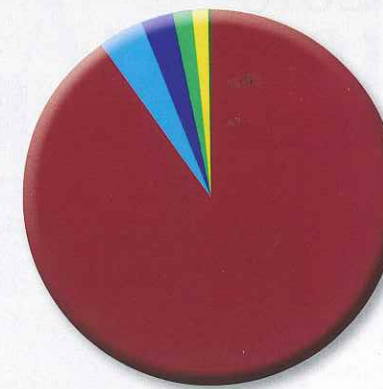
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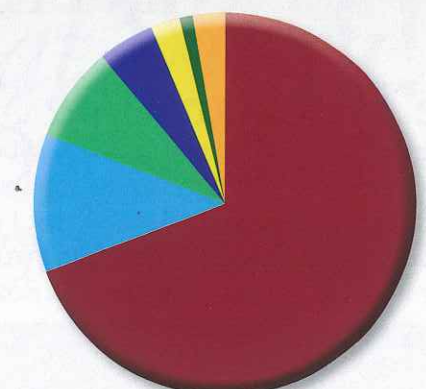
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Revenues

Tuition	90.27%
Athletic Income	1.76%
Interest Income	0.04%
Annual Fund Income	3.69%
Parents' Association Support	2.81%
Other Income	1.43%



Expenditures

Administration/Teacher Salaries and Benefits	69.40%
Operational and Plant	7.97%
Advancement Dept.	1.21%
Tuition Reductions	11.67%
Instructional Expenses	4.73%
Athletics	2.40%
Parents' Association	2.62%

THANK YOU to our grandparents and friends who support the lower school's "Grow Our Library" book dedication program:

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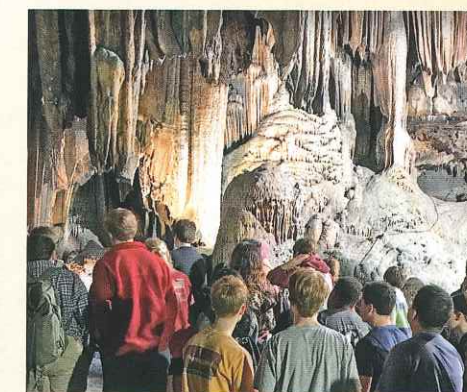
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On the road again *with* INTERSESSION 2018



Students pose in front of the the Palais de Luxembourg in the Luxembourg gardens in Paris, France.



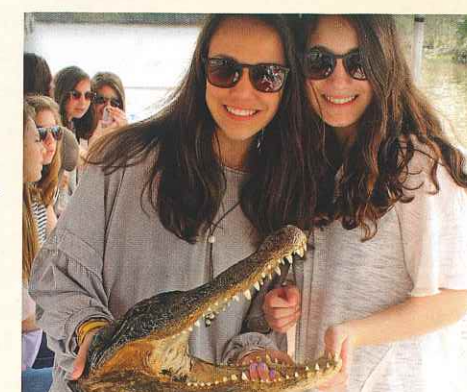
Intercession's Education Exploration students enjoyed exploring Desoto Caverns and learning about the unique science and history.



Students are having a hearty meal in the medieval village of Carcassonne. Cassoulet anyone?!



Students gather for a photo in scenic Jackson Square in New Orleans.



Ivy Kate and Claire grab a gator on the bayou.



Our students on the college tour met up with Donoho alumnus Chandler Collins ('16) at the University of Virginia.

INTERSESSION 2018

Annie Hillman - Job Shadow

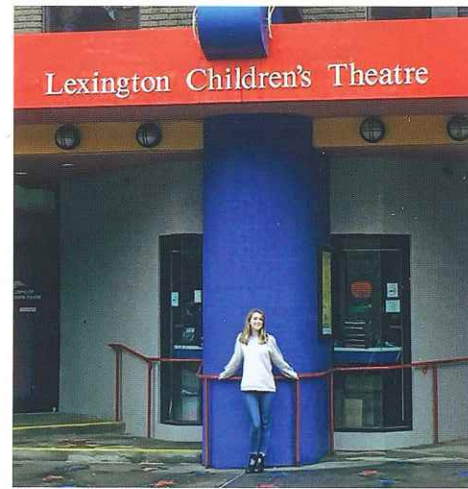
For Intercession, I job-shadowed Mrs. Lee Roberson, a first grade teacher at Graham Elementary School in Talladega, Alabama. This experience allowed me to confirm what I have always known- that I would like to be a teacher. I had a front-row seat to see the many challenges that teachers face. In fact, I learned that teaching is a juggling act. I observed Mrs. Roberson instruct, discipline, motivate, encourage, and nurture her students all at the same time. At the end of each day, I was exhausted just from watching her. When I had the chance to interact with the students, I was amazed at how eager they were to get to know me. My heart melted, and I knew I was hooked. I found myself dreaming of how I would run my own classroom. Then I realized that becoming a teacher is what I truly want to do. I would not have come to this conclusion without the valuable experience that I received through job shadowing.



Haley Holmes - Job Shadow

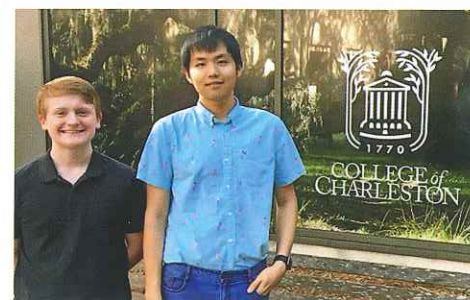
During Intercession week 2018, I was fortunate to experience a brief internship at the Lexington Children's Theatre in Kentucky. There, I worked as an assistant teacher guiding younger students through engaging in drama classes, prepping the classes, and understanding what it means to run a theatre.

My favorite aspect of the job-shadowing experience was the fact I was venturing into a new career I wouldn't have considered if not given the chance to explore my horizons. I learned about so many different aspects of teaching that I otherwise would have never known without shadowing at the Lexington Children's Theatre. Since my experience with Lexington Children's Theatre, I have been focused on a career in theatre for youth, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to have gained this knowledge.

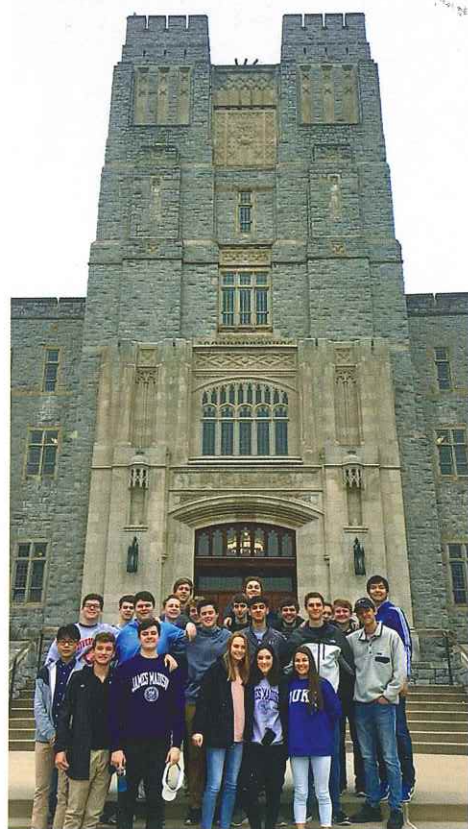


Adam Stremmel - College Tour 2018

Donoho's 2018 college tour was very insightful for me. We toured several beautiful college campuses, learning about everything that these schools had to offer. Through the span of five days, we visited nine college campuses all across the east coast. Our first two days were spent touring the University of Georgia, the University of Charleston, UNC Chapel Hill, and Duke's Pratt School of Engineering. The next two days were spent touring William and Mary, the University of Richmond, the University of Virginia, and James Madison University. Our final day was spent at Virginia Tech, followed by a long bus drive home. Overall, this was a fantastic trip for me. Over the course of the trip, I learned the kinds of colleges that I would enjoy attending, what a



college looks for in a student, and more about general college life. It is a very informative, very fun trip and is extremely helpful when deciding the kind of college that you would like to attend. I would encourage all upper school students to take the college tour at least one Intercession before graduation.



YOUR Annual Fund *at Work!* ...It's All About the Opportunities

David J. Noone

Great world leaders, business tycoons, championship athletes, Nobel Prize-winning scientists, or critically acclaimed artists at some point in their lives were given an opportunity to pursue their passions, to work with mentors who cared about them and their successes, and were instilled with the idea that no dream is too big, and nothing is impossible. At Donoho, we hope to be the place where the achievers of tomorrow begin that journey towards excellence, fostered in their growth by a faculty dedicated to helping their students become the best version of themselves. We believe in our students and our program, and we need your help to continue to provide the opportunities we believe will launch our students towards success. Your Annual Fund contributions make these opportunities possible and allow us to continue to introduce new avenues of experience and learning for our students.



This year, through the help of the Annual Fund, we are very excited about the new opportunities we are providing. In the Lower School, we have added a full-time educational technology instructor as well as a completely renovated technology space and equipment. Programming will begin in our youngest grades and carry on in various forms throughout all levels of the Lower School. We will begin a robotics program for grades 4-6, and technology will be better integrated into all disciplines. In addition, an after-school art program and athletic programs under the guidance of our varsity coaches will be offered for the first time. We talk about educating the "whole child." This year, with the help of donors to the Annual Fund, we are expanding the opportunities for our Lower School students for us to do just that.

In the Middle and Upper School, we are also increasing the opportunities for students. New course offerings are being added to history, science, English, and mathematics. In addition, we have begun offering Computer Science courses which we will continue to grow with the goal being a new three-year sequence in Computer Science electives. We are also trying to expand the opportunities for our students to lead and grow as a community. The 7th and 8th grades began the year with a kayaking trip to build teamwork and allow our new students to bond with their classmates, and we will be sending the 9th grade to a ropes course later in the year. All of these new additions are about providing opportunities for our students to pursue their passions, become better community members and leaders, and to achieve at the highest levels both at Donoho and beyond. Your Annual Fund contributions are essential to their success.

The mission of The Donoho School is encapsulated in the acronym LEAD. **Live with honor. Engage my passion. Act with humility. Delight in wisdom.** These are words we live by, and we strive every day to instill in our students. Equally important, we strive every day to provide the opportunities for these values to take root and grow, to be the fuel for a lifelong commitment to learning and excellence. For it is in those opportunities that real learning, real inspiration, and real accomplishment can be found. We need the whole Donoho family - alumni, parents, faculty, and friends - to support these opportunities to be successful.



*Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire*

William Butler Yeats

Falcon Faculty Features



As a child, I was fascinated with the American Civil War. While I may not have completely understood the concepts of federalism or even slavery, I was still intrigued by the war that split our nation. Fortunately, my parents recognized my obsession, and we spent our family vacations at places like Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Montgomery, Warm Springs, and etc. I soaked up all things American history.

As I grew older, I had the opportunity to travel to Paris, France. I was sixteen. It was pre September 11. It was my first flight. It was my first big city. We stayed nine days in the City of Light. It was there in a distant country that history became real, an experience. It was not the standard tourist attractions of the Eiffel Tower or the Arc de Triomphe. It was not the recognizable Notre Dame Cathedral or the chocolate crepe I enjoyed sitting outside of it. It was thirty miles outside of Paris in a palace called Versailles. It was a hall full of mirrors. It was realizing that I was standing in a room where diplomats had signed the Treaty of Versailles in 1919 which had caused eventual upheaval on the European continent. It was the concept that a palace so beautiful represented absolute power and eventually a group of French peasants and bourgeoisie, inspired by our own American Revolution, would revolt for liberty, fraternity, and equality.

Since then, I have had the opportunity to travel to other

European countries such as Scotland, Spain, and Italy. Each place holds a moment of true understanding of a small moment of time. In Scotland, I hiked to the top of King Arthur's seat and looked out over the medieval city of Edinburgh. In Florence, I sat in the Duomo surrounded by white flowers during the celebration of Easter. I have walked the streets of Pompeii and listened to a lone musician outside of the Seville Cathedral. Yet, there is so much more to experience and learn.

As a teacher, those experiences open one's eyes to this beautiful, diverse world. It makes something real, and every day I strive to make history real to my students. It is imperative for students to understand their place in this world. While we may not be surrounded by remnants of empires or Roman roads, we are connected to a wider world. While our world is ever evolving and adapting to new technology, problems that plagued civilizations throughout time seem to occur again. I am fortunate enough to have had a small amount of experiences that I can share with my students in order to provide a broader understanding of our world and the sheer drive of human nature that prompts revolutions, wars, and peace. To travel is to experience - to learn - constantly learn about the new. Each experience gives me a deeper understanding of our world, and it allows me to share those experiences with my students.



Emily Dewberry



Jamie Clendenin

been teaching for the past 7 years and coaching for the past 10 years. Growing up, my parents would always ask me what my dream job was, and I'd say teaching Second Grade. In 2016-2017, I was selected as Teacher of the Year for both Weaver Elementary School and the Calhoun County School System, and I look forward to continuing excellence in the classroom at The Donoho School.

Hello, my name is Jamie Clendenin. I am new to the faculty for the 2018-2019 school year as a second grade teacher and Director of Volleyball. I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to be teaching and coaching at The Donoho School. I have

The last few years, the urge to be a varsity volleyball coach was growing stronger and stronger. When God opened up the door for me to teach the grade that I've always dreamed of teaching and coach the sport that I love, I was thrilled. At Donoho, the volleyball program as a whole is in an extremely great place. In my role as Director of Volleyball, I oversee all components of the program, serve as the head coach for the varsity team, and am working to implement a training program for fifth and sixth graders. I am a firm believer in working hard for everything you get. I feel like coaching in general is so much more than just teaching a sport. It's also about learning life lessons. The team is doing a great job of responding to expectations and really striving to be the best they can be by supporting each other as a family. Playing a sport can give students the challenges and obstacles of what life is like after high school. Each game presents a new situation, and you can't approach each situation the same. The girls have become resilient, and they never give up. They have learned to win with honor and lose with dignity. These young ladies have a bright future. I cannot wait to be a part of as many Donoho students' lives as I can. Whether it be in the classroom or on the court, I hope that all students at Donoho know that I am here to support them!



Jennie Wall

Birmingham-Southern College. By this time, I was practicing 3 hours a day after school on both flute and voice. My teachers were very encouraging and paved the way for scholarships at Birmingham-Southern College where I studied voice and choral intensively.

During my collegiate studies, I fell head-over-heels in love with SINGING!! I went straight through to receive a master's degree in voice performance from the University of Tennessee while also under contract professionally for the opera studio of the Knoxville Opera Company. This afford-

I have always LOVED music. I started out as a flute player in middle school and transferred to The Donoho School, then The Anniston Academy, in the 9th grade. I found my voice teacher during the summer after my junior year of high school while participating in the Junior Scholar summer program at

ed me opportunities to perform and work with professional singers and directors from some of the world's leading opera houses. I enjoyed sharing the stage with singers such as Bianca Berini, Fred Burchinal, Karren Eriksen, and even Roberta Peters! I now have over 50 roles in repertoire and still enjoy being on stage. Along the way, awards include winner of NATS (National Association of Teaching Singing) Southern Regional Opera and finalist in the Region Metropolitan Opera Auditions. My favorite, though, was receiving the Chancellor's Award at the University of Tennessee for having the most professional promise. I am also grateful for the CAST and CHARACTERS theatre awards given to me for my community work here as they were given by my peers.

However, it is my experience over many years of encouraging and challenging young people through rich and transporting choral music, which has brought lasting fulfillment to my career in music. While in college, it was in choir rehearsals under the legendary Hugh Thomas that I experienced some of the richest moments of my musical life, moments that carried me through some challenging times. I am so grateful to be able to continue those rich moments through teaching and am hopefully passing the torch, and I am delighted to have returned to The Donoho School as a member of the faculty serving as Director of Choir and Private Music Instructor. I have seen quite a number of my students go on to achieve degrees in music and are happily at work now in the field. THIS, my friends, is reward indeed!

Sarah Green

World Leadership Congress

Hi, my name is Sarah Green. Last summer, I attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth World Leadership Congress in Chicago, Illinois. I represented Alabama among 400 other young leaders from around the world. At the World Leadership Congress, I met young people from Bolivia, South Korea, Turkey, Canada, and many other countries. We talked about the challenges young people face and discussed how we can become catalysts for positive change. We listened to many inspiring speakers from CNN hero Diane Latiker to the CEO of Cushman and Wakefield.

At the World Leadership Congress, I learned the three different parts to leadership: personal, group, and societal leadership. HOBY taught me that in order to achieve my leadership goals, I must challenge myself. I must step out of my comfort zone in order to encourage other young people to be leaders. I try and do this every day at Donoho. Whether it be in an SGA meeting, in the classroom, or with the Young Women's Empowerment Club, I am always searching for ways I can be a leader. I am grateful to Donoho for giving me an environment where I can demonstrate the leadership skills I learned at HOBY.



Rhett Rigsby

African Safari

Donoho senior, Rhett Rigsby, recently enjoyed a two-week African adventure with his family. Below, he shares the most poignant memories from his travels:

Filled with an overwhelming amount of natural beauty, Africa has to be one of the most beautiful travel destinations when regarding its animals and landscapes. From gazelles to lions to elephants, the continent contains many different animals of various sizes that all seem to have a natural understanding of their place in the ecosystem. Similarly to its wildlife, Africa's terrains can be drastically different. There can be green, hilly areas covered in trees, and there can be areas that seem flat and barren with only grass covering the ground. However, both places are likely filled with animals even if you can't see them. The scenery and creations are images that I will never forget. My dad visited the same region in Africa when he was a child, and it was a dream to share the same experience with our whole family. I am grateful for the opportunity and will treasure the memories made.

William Abernathy

Voice Actor

William Abernathy, 6th grader at The Donoho School, pursues his talents as a voice actor. William began with a few roles in commercials through radio clients of his dad's media company, Abernathy Voice. He did well and enjoyed the process, so an online profile was created for William that connects voiceover talent with producers globally. He was hired to record voiceovers for video games, an audio tour guide, a music video, television commercials, and even webisodes of a show from Sesame Studios, the makers of Sesame Street. His favorite role has been as Willie, a surfing werewolf, in the serial podcast "Spooky Troop."

In addition to exploring his passion, William is learning financial responsibility at a young age. The money William earns is split 50/50 between savings and discretionary money. In 2017, he spent some of his discretionary money to attend the world's largest voiceover conference, VO Atlanta. At the conference, he learned more about the business and made some awesome connections with other voice actors including Bill Farmer, a member of the Disney Hall of Fame who has been the voice of Goofy and many other Disney characters.

William does his recording in his home studio and sends his voice all over the world. In regards to his future plans in voice acting, William says, "I'd like to think of it as a starting profession, but later becoming more of a side hobby." We'll be listening for you, William!



William completes an interview at VO Atlanta.



ALUMNI FEATURES



Dr. Leigh Patterson '91

Dr. Leigh Patterson, associate dean for faculty development at East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine, has been named a 2018–19 Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM®) fellow.

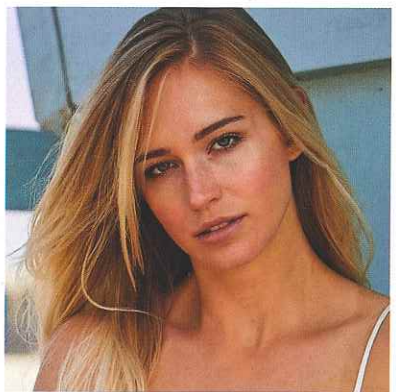
The ELAM program is a year-long, part-time fellowship for women faculty in schools of medicine, dentistry, public health and pharmacy which recognizes her potential for executive leadership in academic medicine.

Dr. Mark Stacy, dean at Brody School of Medicine acknowledges, "To have Brody's first ELAM fellow in many years is a testament to Dr. Patterson's excellent reputation and vital experiences that make her stand out as a leader."

The highly competitive ELAM program was developed for senior women faculty at the associate or full professor level who demonstrate the greatest potential for assuming executive leadership positions at academic health centers within the next five years.

Dr. Patterson is also an associate professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine, and her interests include exploring ways to preserve and optimize medical education and better defining faculty roles and titles.

When reflecting on her time at The Donoho School, Dr. Patterson shares, *"I have very fond memories of Donoho and all of my faculty. I remember the incredible patience of my algebra and calculus teachers, Mrs. Quattlebaum and Mrs. Win-go. It was shocking to arrive at college and learn that not all teachers understood their students or cared so deeply that they succeed. I remember writing countless essays for so many classes. While we, in medicine, need strong foundations in science and mathematics, we desperately need to communicate well with each other. My experiences at Donoho set me up to succeed at Davidson College and beyond."*



Gilda Osborn '09

Once Gilda completed her masters degree in occupational therapy at UAB in 2015, she moved to Miami to pursue modeling. Though she did not know a single person there, it had always been a dream to give modeling a shot, so she knew she had to go for it. Gilda is currently signed with agencies in Miami, Los Angeles, Chicago, Nashville, and Portland. She calls Birmingham, Alabama, her "home base," but she is often traveling. Gilda shares, "I have always enjoyed meeting new people and traveling, and modeling allows me to do both frequently. I have yet to work overseas, but it's something that I would love to do." Gilda has modeled for many notable clothing and product lines such as Adidas, Nike, Dooney and Bourke, Lands' End, and Dover Saddlery. Gilda has a "dream client list," and she is looking

forward to attaining those goals as she gains more experience. Through modeling, Gilda has discovered other hobbies that she is passionate about, such as fitness and nutrition. She is entertaining the thought of getting a second masters degree in nutrition and integrative health. Gilda says only time will tell what the future may hold.

Gilda adds, *"From an early age, the importance of furthering my education was instilled in me by the teachers at Donoho. I was given an excellent education that helped prepare me for my undergraduate and masters degrees. My classmates and I were always encouraged to strive to do our best in any task that we set out to do. I'm thankful that I had teachers that believed in me, which helped give me the confidence to further my education and enter into a very competitive career path."*

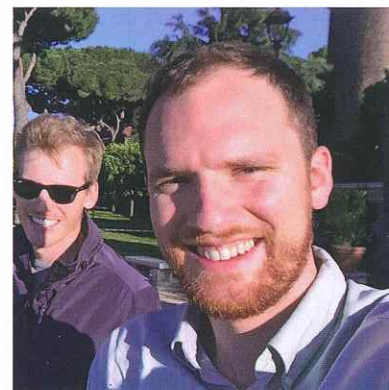


Daniel McCarty '07

Daniel is a corporate attorney in the New York office of the law firm Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP. In this role, he advises U.S. and international insurers on a wide range of insurance regulatory and corporate matters including InsurTech and the federal government's involvement in insurance.

Prior to joining Drinker Biddle, Daniel served as a policy adviser for the United States Department of the Treasury. In that capacity, he was senior adviser to the Director of the Federal Insurance Office and regularly met with senior Treasury leadership to discuss insurance policy and regulation at the state and federal levels. While at Treasury, Daniel co-authored a series of reports on modernizing financial regulation that resulted in hundreds of recommendations to the President and Congress. He also served as the Designated Federal Official of the Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance and was a U.S. delegate at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Daniel graduated from The Donoho School, received a B.S. in Economics from Auburn University, a Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law, and a Master of Law (LLM) in taxation from New York University. He attributes Donoho's strong commitment to developing well-rounded leaders as a factor in establishing a strong foundation upon which to build, and invites any students who think they may have a passion for law or civil service to reach out.



Brendan Rice '09

Brendan Rice, Class of 2009, shares, "When I started at UAB, I found that Donoho had taught me the study skills I needed to make my way through college. This gave me the space to figure out my core interests through internships and getting involved with community and campus organizations." Through UAB's Global and Community Leadership Honors Program, Brendan developed a passion for the issue of food security and graduated with a degree in International Studies. Since then, he has been working on related projects with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations based in Sierra Leone and Rome as well as with the social enterprise KadAfrica in Uganda. Brendan is currently studying on a Fulbright grant at the University of Goettingen in the program Sustainable International

Agriculture. His main research area of interest in Germany deals with how to improve the ability of poor, smallholder farmers in developing countries to be an engine for economic development in their countries. Germany is where Brendan was born, so he says it is fun for him to study and explore Germany at the same time. As an adult living and working abroad, Brendan draws from his education at The Donoho School. He adds, *"The creativity nurtured at Donoho's art department and the writing skills starting from Mrs. Thagard's lower school English classes are two areas I draw from on a regular basis."*

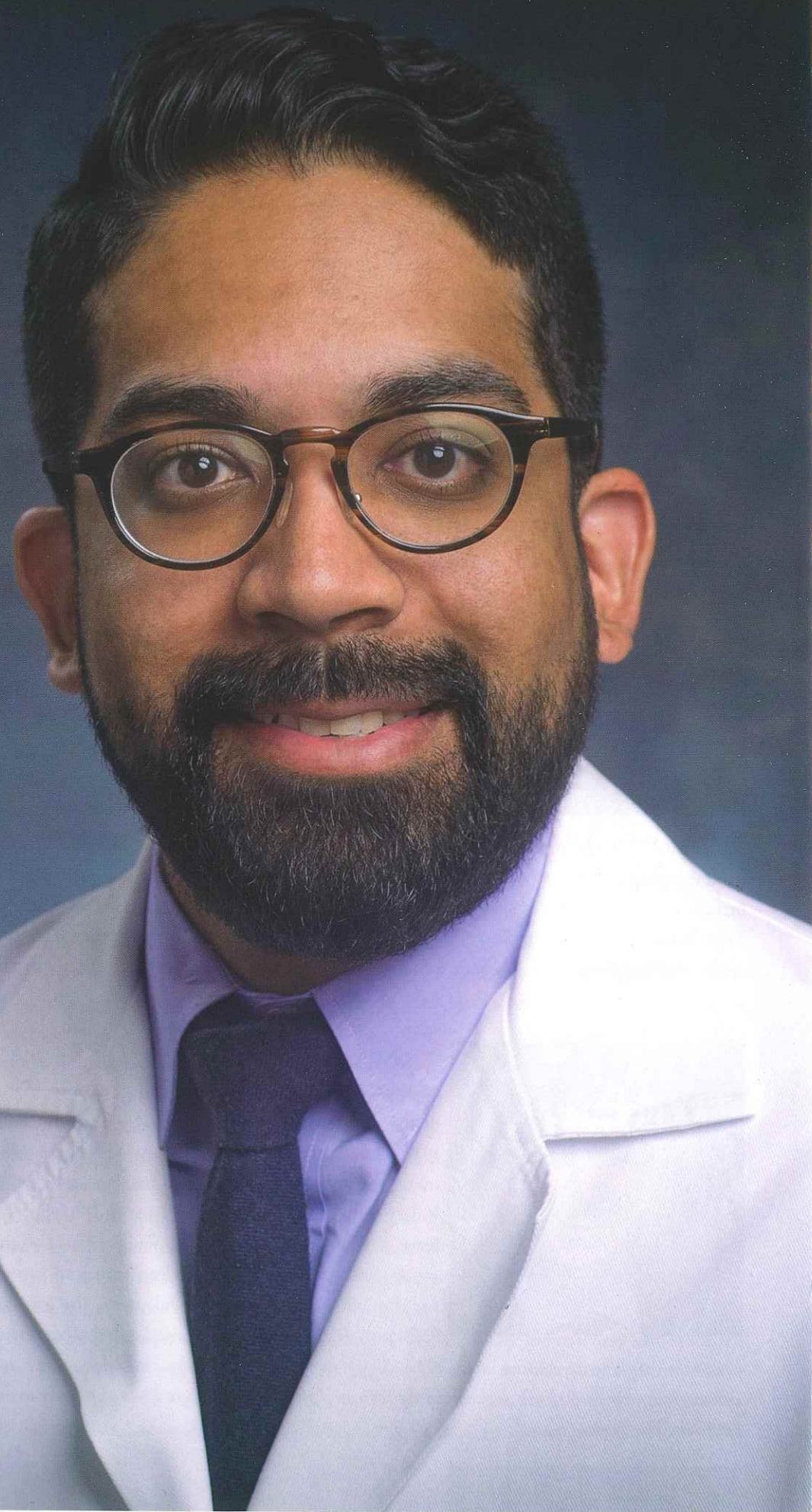


Vaughn Stewart III '07

Vaughn Stewart III is a 2007 graduate of The Donoho School, earning his undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Pennsylvania and his law degree from NYU Law School. Vaughn has practiced regulatory law at one of Washington, D.C.'s most prestigious law firms, and he also served as an intern for the White House Domestic Policy Council. He lives in Derwood, Maryland, with his wife Alex, and they have a newborn son, Finn. As an activist, Vaughn has fought for affordable housing and reliable access to transportation in his community. In June, he was elected to be his party's nominee for the Maryland House of Delegates, the lower house of the Maryland state legislature, and won the general election in November. The Donoho School named Vaughn as its

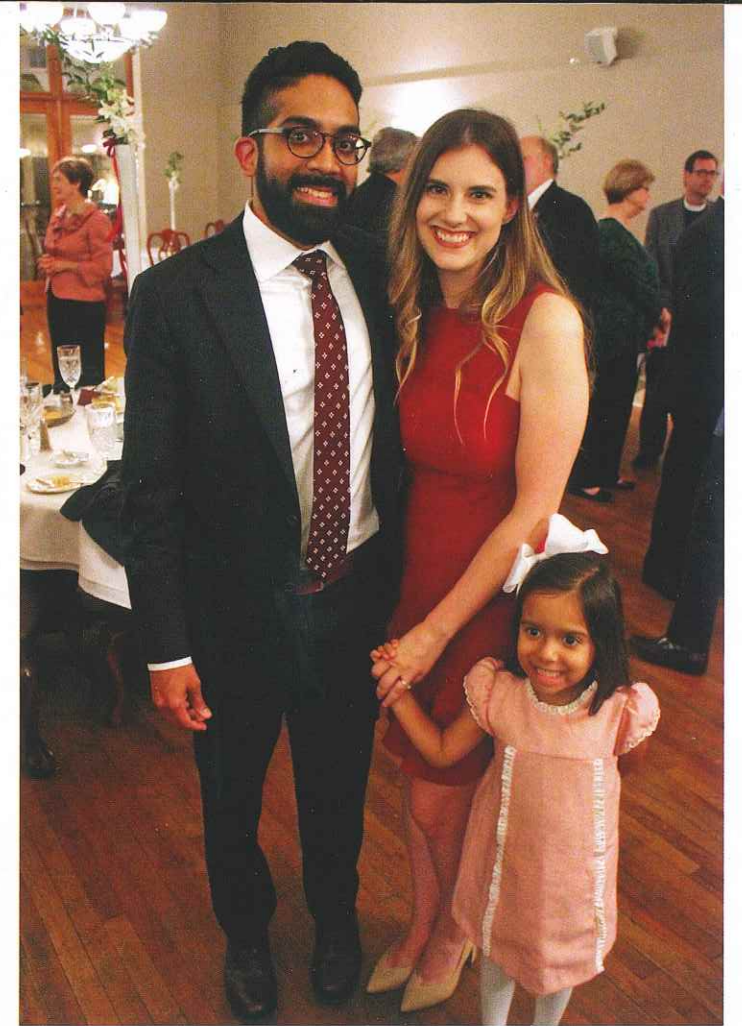
Outstanding Young Alumnus in 2014. Vaughn shares, *"Donoho instilled in me a moral compass and, more importantly, an urgency to put those values into action. I'm grateful that Donoho prepares its graduates to unsettle, rather than sustain, the status quo."*

Dr. Anand
IYER



Each year, The Donoho School selects an Alumnus/Alumna of the Year to recognize a graduate who has distinguished himself/herself through achievements since graduating from Donoho. Past recipients have excelled in business, academia, medicine, and service and represent the best of what a Donoho education can help a person achieve, and our past recipients epitomize the values of our mission we try everyday to instill in our students. We are very proud to announce this year's recipient, Dr. Anand Iyer.

Dr. Iyer graduated from Donoho in 2003 as class valedictorian. While he was at Donoho, he excelled in all areas of the school. He was a co-editor of the Penfeather and the Gauntlet, excelled at piano, was a four-time All-State choir participant, and was the Alabama IA 3200 meter champion. From Donoho, he attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham where he graduated Summa Cum Laude in Biology and was a member of UAB's Early Medical Program and the UAB University Honors Program. Upon completion of his undergraduate studies, he was selected to present the undergraduate commencement address to over 10,000 fellow graduates. Dr. Iyer continued his studies at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham (UASOM). While in medical school, he served as President of the UASOM Class of 2011 from 2009-2011, President of the UASOM Student Senate in 2010-2011, and was appointed by the President of UAB to serve as a UAB Student Representative on the University of Alabama System Board of

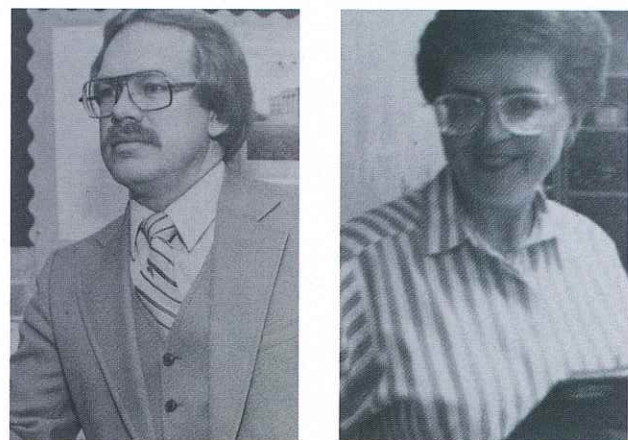
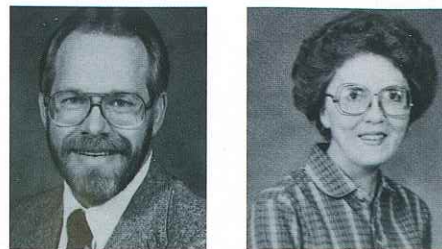


Trustees. He was again selected to be the commencement speaker at his graduation from medical school. After graduation, Dr. Iyer was appointed to the University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham where he currently serves as Assistant Professor of Medicine.

We hope all of our Donoho graduates become lifelong learners, and Dr. Iyer's career at UAB, through his research and publications, is an outstanding example of what such a lifelong learner should be. Dedicated to improving the life of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), Dr. Iyer has been published in major medical journals a dozen times already in his career and has completed many additional manuscripts awaiting acceptance and publication. He also serves as an Ad Hoc Reviewer for many prestigious medical publications. He has won numerous research awards and grants and was recently selected as one of three UAB Patient Centered Outcomes Research K12 Scholars, earning a grant in excess of \$240,000 to further his research in early palliative care in COPD. In his commencement address from UAB in 2007, Dr. Iyer challenged fellow graduates to give back to local communities as they leave their mark on the world. Clearly, Dr. Iyer has followed his own advice.

Dr. Iyer is the son of Dr. Sathyan V. Iyer and Mrs. Sharada Iyer of Anniston. He resides in Birmingham with his wife Emily, his daughter Esmé, and his son Ezra. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Anand Iyer, Class of 2003, as The Donoho School 2018 Alumnus of the Year.

The Redge and Jeanie Thagard Honor SCHOLARSHIP



Mr. and Mrs. "T"

The Donoho School Honor Scholarship has been renamed The Redge and Jeanie Thagard Honor Scholarship to honor Mr. Redge Thagard and Mrs. Jeanie Thagard, long-time faculty members and inspiring mentors for our students. Affectionately known as Mr. and Mrs. "T," the Thagards are often identified by our alumni when sharing fondest memories and strongest influences of The Donoho School. Mr. and Mrs. "T" devoted their lives to The Donoho School, and the Board of Directors and Administration are honored to present them with this distinction.

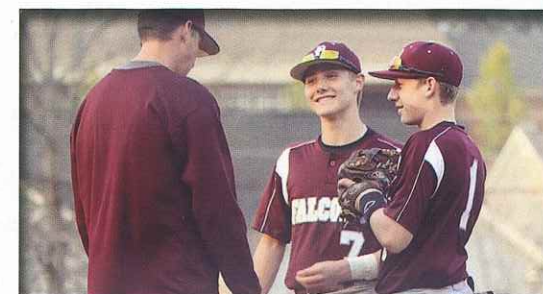


The Redge and Jeanie Thagard Honor Scholarship is a renewable, full-tuition scholarship for a new seventh grade student. The scholarship is based on academic performance and seeks to award a student who has demonstrated excellence in academics, character, and has shown potential for leadership. The deadline for application is March 1, 2019.



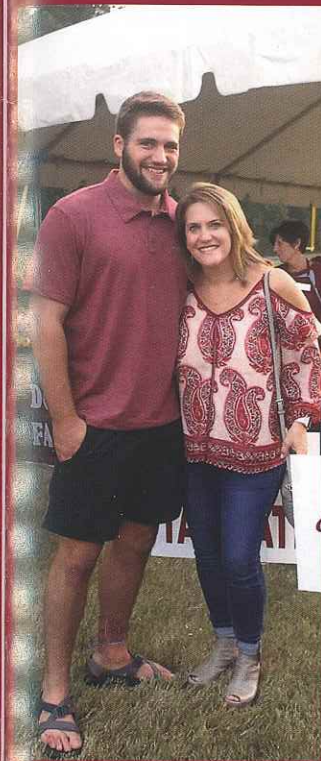
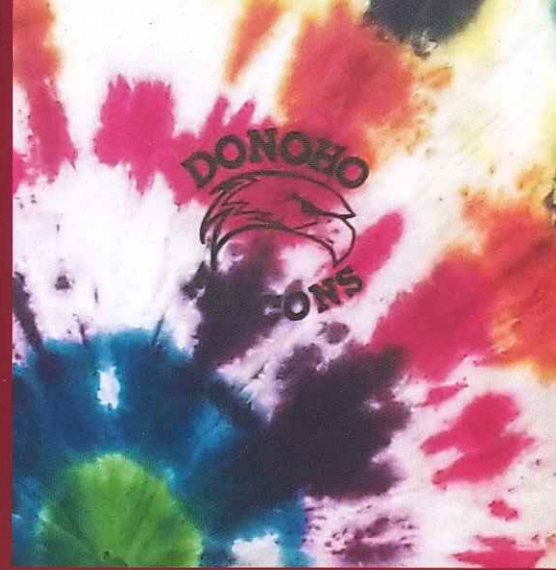
2017-2018 was a tremendous year in athletics!

- ★ 1 Individual State Championship (Golf)
- ★ 1 Team State Championship (Golf)
- ★ 1 State Final-Four Appearance (Girls Soccer)
- ★ 4 County Championships
- ★ 5 All-County Players of the Year
- ★ 2 All-County Coaches of the Year
- ★ 54 All-County Recognitions



Alumni Weekend 2018

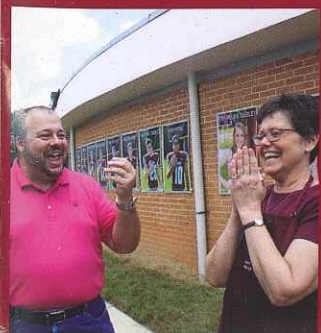
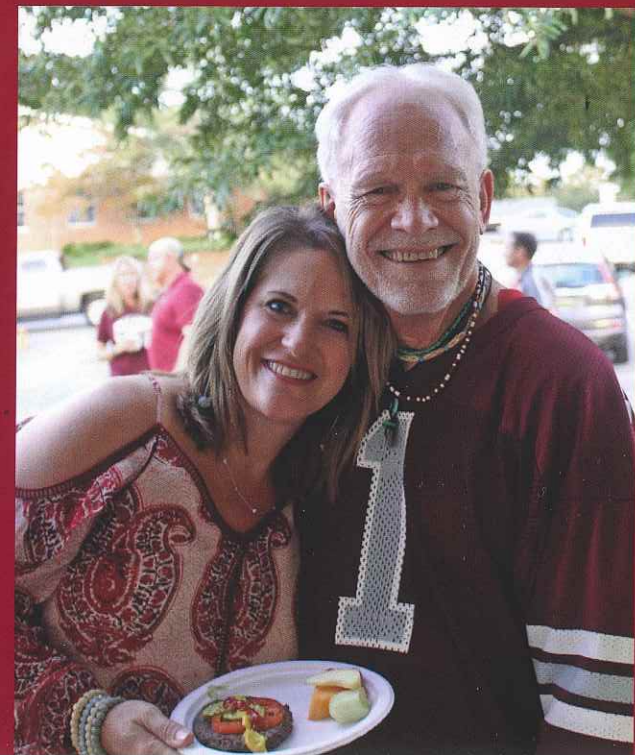
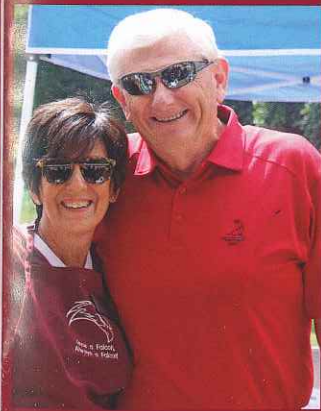
The Donoho School Alumni Weekend will become an annual Homecoming event with Outstanding Alumni recognition, an alumni tailgate party on Friday before the football game, and Alumni Family Day on Saturday.



This year's festivities were filled with good food and fun for all. Thursday evening honored Dr. Anand Iyer ('03) as the 2018 Outstanding Alumnus, and Mr. and Mrs. "T" were recognized for the naming of The Redge and Jeanie Thagard Honor Scholarship. Friday evening's tailgate served up burgers, brats, and dogs as music from the pep band filled the air. The fun continued on Saturday as we streamed college football games, feasted on Moe's Southwest Grill, tie-dyed t-shirts, visited with retired faculty, and created beautiful artwork under the guidance of Ms. Sarah Landrum. We loved having our alumni back on campus! Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon!



We hope all alumni will join us for Alumni Weekend 2019!





Congratulations to the Class of 2018! 96% of The Donoho School's senior class received an academic or leadership scholarship and were accepted to **49** college and universities.



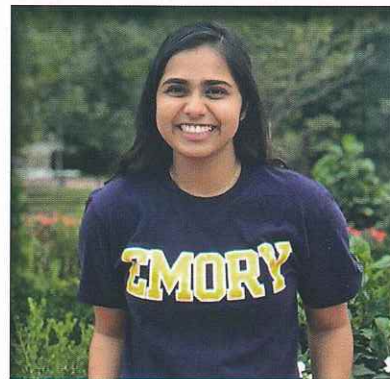
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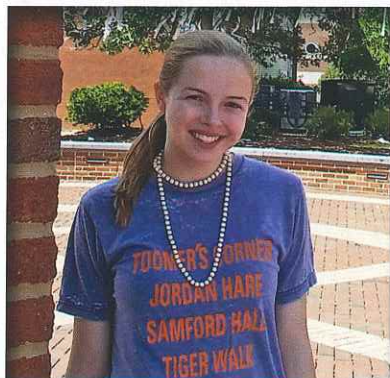
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New Zealand



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Emory University
Atlanta, Georgia



Rivers Owsley '16 & Harris Owsley '18
University of Mississippi
Oxford, Mississippi



Samantha Strunk '17
Auburn University
Auburn, Alabama

DECEMBER

A Month of Giving to Donoho

Dear Donoho Family,

As I reflect on my first year and a half as Head of School at Donoho, I am amazed at the accomplishments of our students, our staff, and the community, which has made my initial time here so enjoyable and fulfilling. Our students continue to excel academically, athletically, and artistically, and we have worked hard to upgrade our programs, facilities, and our student safety. New initiatives on student health and technology and programming are in their infancy but should continue to grow and enhance student life and fuel student achievement. We are a school feeling confident in who we are and our potential for growth, and the greater Anniston community has taken notice, with the admission of new students the past two years reaching levels not seen in the past decade. Yes, the Falcons are soaring, and the potential for reaching greater heights is within our reach.

Continued growth and enhancement of our program, however, needs the support of the whole Donoho family. This support can be most impactful by contributions to the Annual Fund, the most important source of additional funds we receive each year. Donations to the Annual Fund allow us to hire the best teachers, add new classes, and provide the whole child education we feel is so valuable and crucial to our mission. Our future success can be directly impacted by your generosity and support.

Again, this year we will sponsor various events through our **December: A Month of Giving to Donoho** initiative. This year's events are as follows:

Monday, December 3 - PARENT APPRECIATION

Gifts and refreshments in school lobbies

Tuesday, December 4 - STUDENT APPRECIATION

Donuts at break for all students and staff

Friday, December 7 - WINTER ARTS GALA

Upper School Cafetorium, 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Reception before gala for parents and friends of the School

Upper School library, 5:30 p.m.

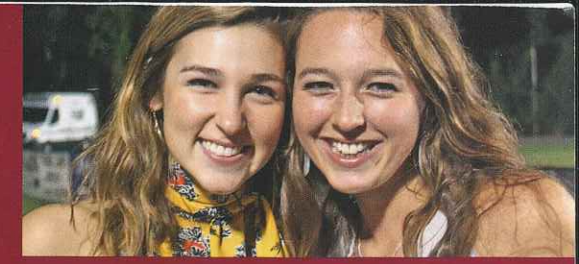
Thursday, December 27 - ALUMNI HOLIDAY PARTY

Cheaha Brewing Company, 7:00 p.m.

Please know how much we appreciate everyone's support and know how important gifts from all of our constituencies are in fostering our success and growth. The events we hold in December are our way of saying thank you and to serve as a reminder of the importance of giving to the Annual Fund.

So please mark your calendars and come join us as we celebrate the holidays and our great Donoho community!

*Warm regards,
David J. Noone
Head of School*



*“We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give.”*

Winston Churchill

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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