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Episcopal schools nationwide are known for their academic excellence. For us, here at Episcopal in Baton Rouge, this is certainly the case. Our academic program is recognized as challenging and comprehensive, we are blessed with the highest number of Nationally Certified Teachers in the state of Louisiana, and our students continue to receive accolades for their performance on standardized instruments, such as Advanced Placement tests. (A Harvard recruiter mentioned to a parent on a plane that EHS was the only reason he bothered to come to Baton Rouge.)

Nevertheless, the achievements of our students are always filtered through our mission – one that links specifically to our foundation in the Episcopal church. We are mightily aware that our primary responsibility is to raise up children who “are just, and true, and good.”

The feature story in this issue of *On Campus* relates to our strategic and campus master plans. As excitement grows in the EHS community about the future, it's critical to remember that our plans all find their foundation in the Episcopal mission of the school. Our three plans: the accreditation goals (January 2007), the Strategic Plan (April 2007), and the Campus Master Plan (August 2007), are inter-active. Each expands and complements the other two in an elegant construct that will define the future of Episcopal. As EHS implements the plans, we'll not only enhance student achievement, but also, through the Cornerstones Program, become a resource for the wider Baton Rouge community. Cornerstones strives to develop graduates of understanding, integrity and compassion, who will serve and contribute to the world in which we live. In addition, the campus itself will serve as a model of environmental sustainability—as its bricks and mortar, gardens and stormwater management act as a demonstration model in the stewardship of southern Louisiana.

Episcopal was described to me three years ago as a school “perennially on the cusp of greatness.” That description was not directed toward individual students—they have always been our standard-bearers. It was not about our

curriculum or about our programs – they have always been engineered for achievement. It was certainly not about our facilities or about our teachers. I believe that statement meant that as a school we were unwilling to state unequivocally our commitment to making a difference in the world around us. I believe it was a statement about the necessity to forego the complacency that sometimes comes from being known as the best. I believe it is a description that is no longer true.

In the School's statement of mission and ministry, we pledge to educate students for “college and for purposeful lives.” In a recent Wall Street Journal article, a Louisiana expatriate is saddened that so many talented graduates leave our state, even though they continue to cherish it. Paraphrasing Wendell Berry, the farmer and agrarian poet, the author writes “we Americans educate our children today for outgoing, not homecoming, and what a shame that is... What kind of country we'd have if folks decided to stay home and love their little place.” There it was – in the Wall Street Journal for the entire nation to see – the acknowledgement that a future is waiting to be created here in Louisiana. Episcopal intends to be a part of it.

I hope you'll have the opportunity to examine all three plans. They form a strong fabric that links our past to our future—the School's past and Louisiana's future. Just as Episcopal's shield employs the pelican of Louisiana as its central motif, so too the School itself, in endorsing these plans, has made a promise to our community. A promise that we are committed to making a difference – to our students and our alumni, to our parents and our teachers, to our Baton Rouge, and to our Louisiana. As Margaret Mead stated, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Deborah Kay Betts  
Head of School

# From the Past to the Future: Strategic and Campus Master Plans showcase exciting possibilities



Episcopal unveiled the strategic plan and campus master plan to faculty, students, the Board of Visitors, current parents and alumni in presentations throughout October and November. The varied presentation times were planned to enable everyone to see for themselves the exciting changes envisioned for the future of Episcopal.

In the premier presentation to the Board of Visitors and friends of the school, Chairman of the Board Michael Ferachi praised the plans, saying that they will take Episcopal “to the next level.” Strategic Planning Committee Chairman Jamie Haeuser synthesized the two plans explaining that it was “historic to pull both the strategic plan and master plan together.” She went on to cite the school’s current progress in the areas of financial stability, the development of the Cornerstones program, the completion of these two planning documents and the environmental sustainability plan.

Head of School Kay Betts outlined the many steps in the campus master plan process that preceded its approval by the Episcopal Board of Trustees. She then reviewed detailed slides tracing the school’s physical development, presenting the current state of the physical plant and highlighting recommendations for future development. Ms. Betts clarified that the plans involve minimal demolition and gave assurances that future

construction will come about through donations, not tuition dollars.

NK Architects, a master planning firm from New Jersey, spent the 2006-07 school year assessing the school’s facilities, as well as curricular and programmatic needs, and proposed measures to address those needs and anticipate for the future. Some suggested changes are minor, and some go as far as the construction of brand new facilities. All aspects of the campus master plan support the school’s goal of environmental sustainability and protection of natural resources.

Generating excitement are the construction of a new science and math building, rerouting campus traffic with the construction of a new around-the-campus access road with a Lower School drop-off, construction of a new raised main gym, and significant changes to the lower school

building. Other facets of the plan address stormwater management, such as construction of a cistern and rain garden, creating a cross country course around the campus perimeter and building an outdoor classroom and eco pavilion.

Initial implementation of the plan will occur this summer, with plans to build a cistern and rain garden in the Middle School quadrangle to address stormwater management. Connecting Louisiana’s historical use of cisterns to our current environmental concerns, the cistern will provide for the collection of stormwater which will then be used for irrigation needs on campus. Using this method to meet the school’s needs will serve as a model for our students and the community. The campus master plan is designed to be a workable vision for at least the next ten years.



## EHS Welcomes New Faculty and Staff

In August, Episcopal welcomed sixteen new faculty and staff members for the 2007 – 2008 school year. New members attended a new employee in-service to learn more about Episcopal and to meet the administrators and one another. Parents' Guild and the Advancement Office hosted luncheons to welcome the new faculty and staff.

Ashley Bateman joins the staff as Kay Betts' executive assistant and administrative liaison, and Casie Burley is the new lower school administrative assistant. Jennifer Hicks is the assistant director of finance, Nancy Kramm joins the school as a library assistant, and Marjorie Gaudet is the middle school religion teacher and assistant to the Chaplain.

Joining the faculty this year are: Margaret Boudreaux '76, fifth grade reading and writing; Hollie Demirjian, lower school resource; Lindsey Erwin, fourth grade; Brittany Goodwyne, middle school English; Tiffany Kinnison, fourth grade; Christine Negulescu, dance and social studies; and Caroline Nash, pre-kindergarten. Returning to the faculty are two former Episcopal teachers – Kelly Dorris, who returns to her former position in second grade, and Dianne Greer, who now teaches seventh grade math.

Two new administrators have joined the school's administrative team. Richard Beagh is the Director of Admissions and Marketing. Richard has experience in this field having worked at Southeastern University, Episcopal School of Acadiana, and VES Boarding School. Jeff Brock, who previously worked at Isidore Newman in New Orleans as an administrator and teacher, is the new upper school division head.

Besides new faculty and staff, three Episcopal employees transitioned into new roles here on campus. Charlotte Carnes '72, previously a middle school English teacher, became the public relations and publications coordinator. Renee Chatelain, formerly a dance and social studies teacher, assumed the administrative position as Director of the Cornerstones Program. Will York '81, was named the Director of Operations after working as a teacher, coach, and transportation coordinator at Episcopal.



Episcopal's new faculty and staff include (front row left to right) Ashley Bateman, Caroline Nash, Dianne Greer, Margaret Boudreaux '76, Lindsey Erwin and (back row left to right) Jennifer Hicks, Jeff Brock, Nancy Kramm, Kelly Dorris, Casie Burley, Christine Negulescu, Hollie Demirjian, Tiffany Kinnison, Marjorie Gaudet, and Brittany Goodwyne.

## Pam Goodner selected as a Finalist for a Presidential Award.

Pam Goodner was named a state finalist in the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Program. She was honored at a BESE Recognition Ceremony and Luncheon at the Governor's Mansion on September 20, 2007. Mrs. Goodner was nominated by the school for her outstanding performance in the field of mathematics. She currently teaches math in the upper school and taught all levels of math in the middle school since joining the faculty in 1996. Prior to her work at Episcopal, she taught math and science in other local area schools and in Houston.

The Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Program, administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House, identifies outstanding mathematics and science teachers, kindergarten through grade 12, in each state. Awardees are recognized as highly qualified teachers who have both a deep content knowledge of their subject and the ability to motivate and enable students to achieve success. The Presidential Award is the highest honor bestowed by the United States Government on classroom teachers of math and science. Recipients of the award from each state receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the awards presentation at the White House and a cash prize.

## Emmitt Glynn models leadership

Episcopal social studies teacher, Emmitt Glynn, has been selected to be part of the Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Greater Baton Rouge Class of 2008. This program invites leaders from all professions around the city to spend one day a month learning about leadership, Baton Rouge and ways to contribute to the city. Past graduates of the program working at Episcopal are Renee Chatelain and Ralph Howe.

In addition, Glynn attended Columbia University in New York this past summer to study with renowned professor Eric Foner. Only 30 teachers nationwide were chosen for this summer study program.

## *Annual Fund Training Session Yields A Bountiful Harvest*

Just as the milder weather ushers in the fall gardening season, so too does autumn herald the beginning of Episcopal's Annual Fund campaign. On September 11, more than 75 EHS parent ambassadors learned "cultivation" methods for increasing the yield of this year's campaign. Inspired by opening remarks from Head of School Kay Betts, 42 of the ambassadors pledged more than \$60,000.

The "Cultivate" theme is especially appropriate this year, according to campaign co-chairs Sue Steitz, mother of Laura ('08) and Elizabeth ('10), and Carter Stone, mother of Eleanor ('11) and Patrick ('13). "Alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends are the strong hands that cultivate Episcopal's educational and spiritual grounds. Our Episcopal family nurtures growth and prepares our children to become responsible leaders and productive citizens," they said.

Episcopal's Annual Fund provides tax-deductible contributions to the operating budget. Since tuition alone does not cover the cost of an Episcopal education, the school must rely on the benevolence of its supporters to fill the gap. This year, the campaign targets a monetary goal of \$600,000 with 100 percent participation goals for parents, faculty and staff, and the Board of Trustees. Contributions will be used to support faculty salaries, computer technology, visual and performing arts, athletics, financial aid and facility maintenance.

The Annual Fund is the margin of excellence," said Steitz and Stone. "Whatever the size of your gift, it will make a difference. And, if you work for a matching gift company, you are given credit for the full amount. The impact of your gift can be doubled and, in some cases, tripled. Please, help this year's campaign yield a bountiful harvest for our school community with a generous gift to the Annual Fund."

~Sue Steitz and Carter Stone, Co-Chairmen of the Annual Fund Campaign

### **2007-2008 Annual Fund Leadership**

#### **Campaign Chairpersons**

Sue Steitz and Carter Stone

#### **Parent Campaign Chairpersons**

Pam Lawson and Jennifer Hicks

#### **Parent Division Chairpersons**

Therese DeMouy, PK-2

Karen Clark, 3-5

Kathryn Rust, 6-8

Laura Portwood, 9-12

#### **Grandparent Chairperson**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hise

#### **Past Parent Chairperson**

Cheney and Mary Terrell Joseph

#### **Faculty and Staff Chairpersons**

Sonny James & Cathy Sabottke,  
Lower School Faculty

Dawn Perret, Middle School Faculty

Sarah Pulliam, Upper School Faculty

Tammy Duos, Administrative Staff

#### **Kickoff Social Coordinators**

Cindy Maughan and Mary Nesser  
(decorations)

#### **Advancement Office**

Beverly Turner, Director of Annual Giving

Jody Kennard, Director of Advancement

Dora Jordan, Administrative Assistant



Annual Fund Leaders gathered for a planning session to cultivate some great ideas. Pictured are (front row left to right) Carter Stone, Sue Steitz, Kathryn Rust and (back row left to right) Therese DeMouy, Pam Lawson, Jennifer Hicks, and Karen Clark. Not pictured: Laura Portwood.

# ANNUAL FUND

## Thanks to campaign volunteers!

### **Pre K**

Gina Short, Class  
Chairman  
Mike Brice  
Rachel Frazer  
Jane Holden  
Kelli Stevens

### **Kindergarten**

Shannon Gregoire, Class  
Chairman  
Marie Acierno  
Corrie Kiesel  
Amanda LeBlanc  
Julie Tota  
Rosalind Willard

### **First Grade**

Paige Stewart, Class  
Chairman  
Aimee Broussard  
Rachelle Cope  
Rachel Dansky  
Jennifer Heath

### **Second Grade**

Deane Frazier, Class  
Chairman  
Stephanie Clark  
Travis Dickinson  
Teri D'Armond  
Jerrisse Grantham  
Stephanie Greiner  
Theresa St. Romain

### **Third Grade**

Barbara Haymon, Class  
Chairman  
Cheryl Callerame

Amy Ferachi  
Mimi Macmurdo  
Elizabeth Sammons  
Julie Tota  
Steve Winkler

### **Fourth Grade**

Shannon Dunham,  
Class Chairman  
Lynda Bell  
Tommy Bell  
Lisa Guarisco  
DeAnne Murrey  
Jo Ellen Prutz  
Linda Thompson

### **Fifth Grade**

Liz Noland, Class  
Chairman  
Cindy Berggreen  
Tony Boagni  
Teresa Bowman  
Rachelle Cope  
Cindy Pickel  
Theresa St. Romain  
Beverly Walker

### **Sixth Grade**

Missy Wiseman, Class  
Chairman  
Leslie Arceneaux  
Margaret Boudreaux  
Becky Cooper  
Karen Khonsari  
Laurie Maas  
Jo Ellen Prutz  
Tracy Streuli  
Michele Williams

### **Seventh Grade**

Kim Singletary, Class  
Chairman  
Kate and Tee Brown  
Janel Chapman  
Stacy Francise  
Carol Gikas  
Nancy Kramm  
Jo Ellen Prutz  
Beverly Walker  
Elizabeth Whitley  
Chris Woolf

### **Eighth Grade**

Diane Garrett, Class  
Chairman  
Becky Davis  
Barbin Graham  
Elaine Haun  
Kim Hebert  
Angie Herpin  
Janie Keller  
Suna Knaus  
Melanie Patrick

### **Ninth Grade**

Maia Jalenak, Class  
Chairman  
Leslie Arceneaux  
Janel Chapman  
Becky Cooper  
Suzette Howe  
Mark Murrell  
John Shafer  
Kathy Simpson  
Elizabeth Whitley  
Deanna Whittle

### **Tenth Grade**

Cindy Henkelmann,  
Class Chairman  
Connie Chetta  
Janet Holladay  
Mary Kenelly  
Cheryl Kirchoff  
Sunny McCoy  
Charlotte Murrell  
Cindy Palmer  
Edie Parnell  
Diane Schilling

### **Eleventh Grade**

Barbara Zellmer,  
Class Chairman  
Lisa Graphia  
Edwina Harvey  
Suzette Howe  
Kate Leupin  
Michelle Miller  
Mark Murrell  
Toni Phillips  
Jo Ellen Prutz  
Randy Roussel  
John Shafer

### **Twelfth Grade**

Liz Guerry,  
Class Chairman  
Connie Chetta  
Maria Darden  
Jannie Day  
Caroline Flint  
Cindy Hodges  
Madeline Kessler  
Kathy Simpson  
Elizabeth Whitley

*Cultivate*



## Come Grow with Us!

### A message from the Parents' Guild President

The hot summer months are over and fall is finally here! South Louisiana is in its busiest season – Football Season – but for Parents' Guild, we get to relax a little bit! Our busiest month was August with welcoming new parents and new students at a variety of socials, Picture Day events and Back to School receptions for the faculty and parents. So many PG teams helped out to make it all go so smoothly – even in the heat! The transition couldn't have been any easier and I thank all of those volunteers who helped make it happen.

When the school bell rang on August 10<sup>th</sup>, Parents' Guild moved into our "routine." We immediately started our service programs by volunteering in both libraries, serving lunch in the cafeteria or helping the little ones with lunch in their classrooms, preparing the altar for Eucharist services, assisting in the faculty daycare and nursery, sending cards and/or meals to our school families in need of a hug, and sorting through used uniforms to store them for the next sale. Our grade reps and room moms have been busy with organizing and planning all those classroom and grade level activities. Our fundraising programs are well underway too. We have our monthly pizza sales, which all the students look forward to, and our EGear items are selling faster than our pizza – which is a lot! Our committees have been hard at work in preparation for our two big fall fundraisers - the Greenery Sale and the Holiday Book Fair. All of our fundraising dollars support our many functions and events that benefit our students, faculty and parents. The extra funds we generate also help provide faculty with "wish list" items that benefit many of our students on a daily basis. We've also made sure that our programs connect with the Cornerstones program which we feel is a vital part of our children's school community and their spiritual growth.

I encourage you to get to know our Parents' Guild Association better.

Simply go to the Episcopal website and click on the Parents' Guild tab located at the right of that home page. We welcome everyone - present parents, past parents and grandparents to become involved. You can help our organization by ordering Greenery and even ordering popular EGear items for your favorite alum, child, grandchild, teacher, parent, or grandparent!

We have a wonderfully large group of parent volunteers who are genuinely happy to help our school. The attitude on campus and within our organization is very positive and uplifting, and we will work hard to keep it that way. We know that our positive outlook and efforts DO help our children by improving the environment in which they are growing.

Our Parents' Guild family tree is full of life and prospering well. Come grow with us!

Robin Kilpatrick 79



Robin Kilpatrick '79, Parents' Guild President, along with Charlotte Murrell (left) and Maria Darden (right), prepare for a Parents' Night reception in the VPAC.



#### TRADING SPACES:

Parents' Night Reception Chair Shannon Poche enjoyed being able to work in the VPAC kitchen while preparing for all three division receptions. Her culinary talents and work were made easier with the wonderful commercial refrigerator, ice maker and work table. Parents' Guild renovated the space in 2006 under the direction of Kara & Mitch Hebert, and it has now become a very viable, flexible space. When its window area is open to the lobby, the Performing Arts Department transforms the room to a concession area for all performances. We are proud to have this great space to share for many, many years to come!

## Make Your Way to Our Magical Holiday Book Fair

Mark your calendars now for our third annual Holiday Book Fair, to be held at the Citiplace Barnes & Noble during store hours from Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. A percentage of each purchase made with a voucher during this period will be given to Episcopal Parents' Guild. Selected artwork from each division will be on display throughout the store. Our Episcopal Readers' Review table will be located on the second floor, just off the escalators. Students and faculty have prepared book reviews and recommendations to assist shoppers in selecting good books. Also, shoppers will find the "Wish List" boxes, with gift ideas for our Cornerstone service project and the Episcopal faculty.

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, will be an Episcopal Event Day you will not want to miss. Our neighborhood bookstore will be filled with the sights and sounds of performances by Episcopal students. The Event Day schedule will be posted on the website the first of November.

The Holiday Book Fair will provide an opportunity for EHS students to share their love for books with our adopted school, Melrose Elementary. Our Cornerstone service project will provide "Wish Lists" from Melrose classroom teachers and the librarian for books and software. Our school family may fulfill these wish lists by purchasing selected books during our Book Fair, and having them gift wrapped. For convenience, the wish lists will also be posted on our Parents' Guild website.

Gift-wrapping services will be provided at the check-out area. There is no cost for this service, but donated money will raise funds for charities or student organizations.

Barnes & Noble is offering our school family and friends, no matter which state you live in, the option of phoning in orders during our Book Fair. Just call the Barnes and Noble, Citiplace location (225-926-9000), with your wish list and let them know you are taking part in the EHS Book Fair. Special phone operators will apply your purchases towards our Book Fair account. Shipping and special orders will also be available.

Start making your holiday gift list now. The more items sold, the higher percentage we get back! Check out our link on the EHS Parents' Guild website frequently. You will find printable Book Fair vouchers to hand out to all your family and friends.

-Cindy Henkelmann, 2007 Book Fair Chairman

### PHONE IN YOUR BOOK FAIR ORDERS

During the Episcopal Holiday Book Fair  
November 29<sup>th</sup> - December 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **BARNES & NOBLE**

2590 Citiplace Court  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808  
(225) 926-2600

**Books, Magazines, Games, Calendars, Gift Items,  
Godiva Chocolates, DVD's, CD's, Office Supplies,  
Travel Books and Maps, Journals, Stationary,  
Art, Scrapbook Supplies, Toys, Games, & Craft**

## 2007 Greenery Sale

The 2007 Parents' Guild Greenery Sale was a tremendous success! Episcopal students, faculty, staff and parents sold over 4000 items this year. Incentive prizes, such as having division heads and teachers dressing in school uniforms, LSU game tickets, and lunches or breakfasts for the middle and upper school, made the sale exciting and competitive.

A new facet of this year's sale was the addition of a Cornerstones donation program. Customers could add any amount to their purchase to help provide Christmas trees for needy families. Not only did the sale get enough contributions for the Episcopal Christmas Tree Project, but the Thanksgiving Basket Project was also funded! Over \$900 was raised for Cornerstones through this effort. "Another great year thanks to the overwhelming support of the Episcopal family," said Greenery Sale Chairs Therese Demouy and Leslie Arceneaux in expressing appreciation to their hard-working committee and all who participated in the sale.

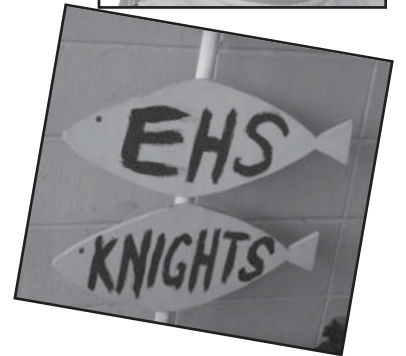


## Open House 2007

Sunday, November 11, Episcopal hosted its annual open house for prospective students and their families. Parents, faculty, staff and students all participated to make the afternoon a pleasant experience for our guests. Visitors toured the campus with our student ambassadors. Parent volunteers were a vital part of the Open House helping to greet the families, coordinate a reception in the Alumni House and provide food for the student ambassadors.



# Caught on Camera!



## Cornerstones Annual Speaker Series: Rev. Mike Kinman

Cornerstones' Annual Speaker Series began this year with Reverend Mike Kinman, executive director of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation. Kinman spoke to each division and the general public about the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) formulated by the United Nations and supported by the Episcopal Church.

Kinman's presentation explained the eight MDGs developed to meet some of the most important needs of our world by the year 2015. These goals form a blueprint agreed upon by all countries of the UN and have galvanized unprecedented efforts to meet the needs of some of the world's most impoverished peoples. Specifically, the eight goals are as follows: to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; to achieve universal primary education; to promote gender equality and empower women; to reduce child mortality; to improve maternal health; to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases; to ensure environmental sustainability and to develop a global partnership for development. Moved by the presentation, students in every division asked many questions to learn what they could do to help the cause.

### Capitol to Capitol Ride



Michael Benton, Brian Goh '98, Matthew Marrero & Will Benton meet with Cornerstones Director Renee Chatelain after speaking to the Upper School about their ride to raise money for cancer awareness. Michael and Will are the sons on Laurie Babers Benton '73.

### Hilary Fenet '02, shares experiences

"You are a lot stronger as a community than you are as an individual." Hilary Fenet, '02, shared this idea when she spoke to the upper school about her volunteer experiences in Nicaragua. She spent 13 months in Managua, Nicaragua assisting 400 families who live inside the city's trash dump. Hilary and her fellow teammates created a child sponsorship program to raise money for food, medical care and clothing for children of the families. Hilary's message to Episcopal students stressed the idea that a group is so much stronger than an individual. She urged students to serve in the community by working together to identify community needs and formulate plans to help meet those needs.



## CORNERSTONES



Hilary Fenet '02, speaks to the Upper School in the photograph above.

Pictured right are lower school students who delivered supplies to Melrose Elementary School.



### Cornerstones Connection: Lower School starts Melrose Project 4 Kids

A component of Episcopal's Cornerstones Program recognizes that all children, whatever their age, are able to contribute to and change their community in meaningful ways. Parents' Guild and Cornerstones have partnered to assist Melrose Elementary. After discussions with their faculty, we have designed service projects specific to the school's needs for this year. Our first project was collecting new school supplies.

Grades PreK - 5 donated school supplies during the week of August 20<sup>th</sup>. On Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, Renee Chatelain, Director of the Cornerstones Program, along with room mothers, grade reps and their children, loaded a school bus and delivered the school supplies to Melrose Elementary. Following the delivery, the group toured the school and learned how their gifts were enormous blessings to the students of Melrose Elementary.

Pam Lawson,



# Episcopal students earn national recognition

Nine students of the Episcopal High School Class of 2008 have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and National Achievement Scholarship Program.

Five students were tapped as semifinalists in the annual National Merit Scholarship Corporation competition based on their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT. They are: Erica Grilletta, daughter of Trent and Ann Massengale and Xavier and Claudette Grilletta; Haley Johnson, daughter of Frederick and Derren Johnson; Robyn Jones, daughter of Terry and Katherine Jones; Caitlin Miller, daughter of David and Renee Miller; and Taylor Peak, son of Craig and Libby Peak.

Two students were recognized as National Merit Commended Scholars for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT. They are Colin Baldrige, son of Charles and Betty Baker Baldrige, and Adam Grenier, son of Christopher and Andrea Grenier.

In addition, two students were tapped by the National Achievement Scholarship Program, a privately financed academic competition to honor African-American students and to increase educational opportunities. Tynika Thomas has been named a semifinalist in the 2008 Achievement Scholarship competition. Tynika is the daughter of Ms. Monika Wright. Devin Tempton has been named a 2008 National Achievement Outstanding Participant. Devin is the daughter of Willie and Fatrice Tempton.

## Mu Alpha Theta Contest Winners

Fifteen Episcopal students competed at the Baton Rouge High Mu Alpha Theta mathematics tournament in October against students from Caddo Magnet, the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts, Mandeville, Redemptorist, Lafayette, Jesuit, Grace King, Catholic, McKinley, St. Joseph's, St. Paul's, Brother Martin, Riverside and Barbe. Nearly half of the Episcopal participants were "rookies" to math contests, yet the EHS team had a student place as one of the top three finishers in each of the individual events in which they competed. Also, two of the teams placed in the Math Bowl events.

In the individual events, with each student competing in the course in which they are currently enrolled, Josh Parnell earned first place in Algebra II, Brittany Dillon placed 2nd in PreCalculus, Collin McKey won 3rd in Calculus AB and Erica Grilletta took 2nd place in Calculus BC.

In the Math Bowls, where teams of four students work collectively, the Calculus AB team of Jessica Chu, Alfonso Croeze, Emily Lutz and Collin McKey and the PreCalculus team of Robin Bowman, Brittany Dillon, Moreed Khosravanipour and Andrew Shockey, both won 3rd place.



Episcopal's National Merit and National Achievement scholars include (back) Adam Grenier, Caitie Miller, Colin Baldrige, Erica Grilletta, Haley Johnson, (front) Devin Tempton, Taylor Peak, Tynika Thomas, and Robyn Jones.

## Corrections:

•The following students were inadvertently omitted from the Summer 2007 *On Campus* and the 2007 *Accolade*.

Head of School list for 6th grade:

India Milton  
Mae Amanda Murrell  
Allison Claire Poche  
Elizabeth Prutz  
Patrick Stone  
Austen Turner  
Sharani White

Head of School and Division Head lists for 5th grade:

Caitlin Cooper – Head of School list for 1st, 2nd & 4th quarters;  
Division Head list for 3rd quarter  
Charles Cooper – Head of School for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th quarters

•In the Summer 2007 *On Campus* Alumni News, Kole Roybal was misidentified. He is a doctoral student at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

• In the summer 2007 *On Campus* Athletic Awards, Kramer Peak was omitted from the list of players on the District First Team for Baseball.

•We regret the errors.

## Kindergarten students participate in arts program

Episcopal's kindergarten classes are experiencing art in a new way this year! Thanks to a collaborative effort between the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge and our kindergarten teachers, School Readiness Through the Arts has been implemented into our kindergarten curriculum. This 28-week, developmentally appropriate arts-based curriculum provides arts-based teaching experiences where classroom teachers and teaching artists are able to reach students with diverse learning styles and help them succeed academically, emotionally and socially.

Award winning artist, Marita Gentry, is working with our students and kindergarten teachers this year. Ms. Marita has operated an art gallery and has been a member of the board of the Arts Council of Denham Springs. Ms. Marita manages her own studio, Studio Marita, where she holds classes and workshops.

Ms. Marita meets twice weekly with kindergarten classes and spends additional time planning the program with the kindergarten team. Their objective is to embed the basic art skills into the classroom experience while integrating them with the math, science, and language arts disciplines. The group develops lesson

plans, identifies benchmarks aligned with the kindergarten curriculum and uses those benchmarks to assess student growth over time.

Kindergarten teachers, Bridget Berrigan, Babs Harvie and Donna Willis, love this new approach to teaching art. "We were both excited and intimidated at the opportunity to work with a real artist! But after our first meeting, we knew this would be a wonderful experience for our children, as well as a great learning opportunity for the teachers. We plan each week with "Miss Marita" and work to embed the art standards into our existing curriculum. In just our first few class lessons, the children have learned about the seven elements of art and picture composition, such as background and subject. They learned how to blend pastels to create pumpkins in their first artistic endeavor and how to "walk" and "tip-toe" to create spiders with acrylic paint in the second. We all look forward to Miss Marita's visits each week!"

Student art is on display throughout Frazer Hall. Work focusing on the use of lines and curves will be displayed in the Lower School office soon.



Ms. Marita gives a lesson on the use of colors to students in Mrs. Willis' class.

## Drumming up school spirit – Knight Drum Corps begins!

"Drums fire people up!" said Athletic Director Myra Mansur explaining that she hopes the formation of the Drum Corps will become an Episcopal tradition. The idea for a drum line started a few years back to build school spirit. The drum line became a reality this fall with a few dedicated volunteers who squeezed practice time into their varied and busy schedules. Upper School math teacher Michael Davis, a talented set drummer, was a natural to serve as the director of the drum line. Marchelle Jones and Tia Willis were interested in drums and, with the inspired teaching of Mr. Davis, they now play tenor, snare, bass, and symbols. Andy Thompson plays the bass drum; Austin Guidry plays the small bass drum; and Josh Parnell and Joseph Goodman are the set drummers playing the snare drums.

Mrs. Mansur and Mr. Davis hope to grow the program. After tryouts in the spring, the corps will practice over the summer and possibly attend a camp in the summer.

"I'm so proud of the students, and I think they sound great! The Knight Drum Corps has really made a difference in our school spirit," said Mansur, and we agree!



The drum corps added a spark to the the Homecoming pep rally.

# ALUMNI CLASS NEWS



Linsley Brackin '00, in a wedding photo with her attendants which included EHS alumnae Lynn Austin, '00, Katie Hogan '00, Mittie Roger '01, and Stacey Rhodes '01.



Natalie Bourgeois Caldwell seen here in a wedding photo with bridesmaids Alexis Landry and Melissa Mobley Bolian, all of the Class of '95.

**1976**

**Lisa Thomas Richard** has become the Director of Catechesis of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at Trinity-by-the-Cove in Naples, Florida.

**1982**

**Logan Beckwith Martin** has been named to the Executive Board of the New Mexico Association of School Business Officials. He is the only charter school representative on the board. Logan is currently the business manager at Horizon Academy West, a K-6 charter school in Albuquerque, NM. Logan and his partner, Joey, are raising 3-year-old twins, Carol Marie Alexandra and Ewan Albert Garrett.

**1983**

**Shelby Seger Vickers** coaches boys and girls track and field at St. Thomas More in Rapid City, South Dakota. Her girls' team successfully defended its class A state title at the 2006 state outdoor meet, and the boys finished tenth. Her husband, Mark, assists her coaching the sprinters.

**1985**

**Neal Abramson** is running for Louisiana State Representative for District 98 in New Orleans.

**Mark Wrighton** has taken a new position as associate professor and chair of the Department of Political Science at Millikin University in Decatur, IL.

**1986**

**Laurie Brown** and Charles Besselman were married August 18 at Rosedown Plantation.

**1989**

**Becky Noriea** married Brandon Baird on March 24 at Southbrook Christian Church. The couple resides in Wilmington, Ohio.

**Keith Guillot** and his wife, Karen, have two children, Rhett Joseph, born on March 24, and Jeffery, who is three.

**1992**

**Ashley Ragusa Dupree** and her husband had a baby boy, Douglas Jackson Dupree, on September 14, 2006.

**1994**

**Alice Trask O'Neal** and her husband, Jason O'Neal live in Port Allen and have two children. Juliet Jackson was born in 2004, and Jason Michael O'Neal, Jr. was born in May, 2006.

**1995**

**Natalie Bourgeois Caldwell** married Aaron Caldwell in October of 2006. Natalie finished her Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology at LSU and now works for The Home Depot in Atlanta.

**Spence McClland** married Caroline Elizabeth Holmes on August 25 at First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

**1997**

**Kris Klar** married Rebecca Barrett Hall on May 12 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

**Brad Patrick** received his doctorate in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. He is embarking on a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Maryland Medical School in Baltimore.

**Anna Baker** married David Trimble on September 1 at Lansdowne Plantation in Natchez, Mississippi. Anna and David reside in Austin, Texas.

**Courtney McCullough** married Benjamin Moss on August 18 at First Presbyterian Church. Courtney and Ben live in Austin, Texas.

**Jeffery Cooper Hurst** married **Meghan Jean Boyce**, '99, on August 3 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

**1998**

**Kirk Billings** married Nancy Liddon on April 14 at Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis. Kirk and Nancy reside in Atlanta.

**Jennifer Greeson** married Bill Burst on June 30 at St. James Episcopal Church. Jennifer is in her 3rd year of medical school at Tulane, and she and Bill reside in New Orleans.

**1999**

For news about **Meghan Boyce Hurst**, see 1997.

**Carl Keever**, in partnership with his brother **Mark**, '03, have opened their second Chris Specialty Meats franchise in Lakeland, Florida.

# ALUMNI CLASS NEWS

**Chris Brock** married Sirena Angelica Camagna on June 23 at First United Methodist Church.

**Marian Butcher** married Ryan Rhodes Kraemer on May 19 at Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge.

## 2000

**Sarah Lyles** graduated with honors from the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine in May and is now an intern in small animal medicine and surgery at the Virginia-Maryland Veterinary College in Blacksburg, Virginia.

**Erin Maxwell & Daymon Gardner** were married on May 19 at First United Methodist Church. Erin and Daymon now live in New Orleans.

**Drew Laxton** married Katherine Elizabeth Petryk on March 17 at the Old State Capitol. Drew and Katherine live in Nashville.

**Lindsey Brackin** married Joshua Duncan on March 31 at Boone Hall Plantation in Charleston, South Carolina.

## 2001

**Blair Herrington** married Anthony Edward Napolitano on June 30 at St. Alban's Chapel.

## 2002

**Rachel Brower** married Michael Joseph Von Gruben on July 21 at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

## 2003

**Maya Guntz** graduated cum laude from Hampton University and received the Armstead Award for outstanding achievement in the History department. She served as Senior Class President during the 2006-07 school year. Maya now attends Mercer University School of Law on a full academic scholarship.

**Meghan Lee** married Brian Joseph Kurtz on October 13 at Houmas House Plantation in Darrow, LA.

**Lainie Smith** graduated cum laude from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and pre-occupational therapy. In January, 2008, she will begin the master of occupational therapy program at LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

**Katherine Norton** graduated cum laude from Samford University with a degree in classics. She is attending Florida State

University pursuing her masters in classics with an emphasis in museum studies.

**Mark Keverer**, in partnership with his brother, Carl, operates a Chris Specialty Meats franchise in Lakeland, Florida.

**Katie Machen** graduated with Honors from the University of Georgia and is attending Emory University School of Nursing.

**Ben Bowers** graduated from Bates College in Maine with a bachelor of arts in economics.

**Kaylee Hartung & Philip Broderick** graduated from W & L in May.

**Megan Embry** backpacked the Mediterranean for a month with classmates after graduating magna cum laude from the University of Richmond with a double major in History and Women, Gender, and Sexual Studies and a minor in Criminal Justice. She is now working as a paralegal in the New York law office of Hunton and Williams and has plans to attend law school in the future.



Lainie Smith, '03, graduated cum laude from the University of Georgia in May.

## 2006

**Stephanie Bayne** was one of the women racers in the Concrete Canoe Competition at Louisiana Tech University when it hosted the 2007 American Society of Civil Engineers Deep South Regional Conference. Her team's canoe, Genesis, came in fourth place overall. Besides being an engineering student at Tech, Stephanie will be a maid in the 2008 Krewe of Romany.

Philip Broderick receives his degree from W & L.



Kaylee Hartung receives her degree from W & L.



# ALUMNI CLASS EVENTS



Flashback to the totally awesome 80's as Class of 1983 friends gather for lunch to make plans for their 25th reunion in 2008. Pictured are Caress Crake Threadgill, John O. Hearin, Eric Sellman, Andy McCracken, Julie Weaver, and Bryan Hathorn.  
Not pictured: Thom Bonner



Catching up with old friends before the 2007 Homecoming football game are Mark Lappin '01, and Brandon Barnette '98.

Homecoming 2007: Rubin Patel '90, and Ravi Patel '01, visit with their father at the Alumni tent before the Homecoming game.



Camp Kaufman '85, Alumni Director Andrew Wylly '76, and Jay Graham '85, enjoy the 2007 Homecoming dinner for alumni.



Class of '87 reunion committee members pictured from left are Kristin Dickerson de la Houssaye, Ashley Roberts, Carlos Finalet, Molly McGehee Quinn, Rebecca Rainer Badeaux and Kim Stewart Carroll.

# BABY KNIGHTS



Rhett Joseph Guillot, the son of Keith Guillot, '89, was born on March 24.



Douglas Jackson Dupree, the son of Ashley Ragusa Dupree '92, was born on September 14, 2006.

## Alumni News Update

Alumni, please send us your news for the next edition of On Campus. Share news about your new job or promotion, marriages, births, hobbies, travel, awards, college degrees, etc. Photos are also welcome and can be returned. Mail to: Alumni News, Episcopal, 3200 Woodland Ridge Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70816. You may also e-mail [alumni@ehsbr.org](mailto:alumni@ehsbr.org).

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If you recently sent news that you do not see in this newsletter, it arrived after our deadline and will appear in the next edition.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## School Events

November 19 - 23  
Thanksgiving Break

November 29 - December 2  
Holiday Book Fair

December 19 - 21  
First Semester Exams; Early Dismissal

December 22 - January 6  
Christmas Break

January 7  
Second Semester begins

January 21  
Martin Luther King Holiday

February 4 - 8  
Mardi Gras Break

## Alumni Events

December 27  
Alumni Christmas Party

January 8  
Alumni College Day

March 17  
Alumni Golf Tournament  
Carter Plantation

For information or to help plan an event,  
call, Alumni Director Andrew Wyly at  
(225) 753 - 3180, ext. 1164, or email  
wylya@ehsbr.org.

## Episcopal's Mission and Ministry

As a ministry of the Diocese of Louisiana, Episcopal High School of Baton Rouge nurtures and develops the whole child – spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically, and artistically - through challenging academic and co-curricular programs which prepare our graduates for college and for purposeful lives.

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