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# From the Head of School



Dear Bright School Community:

Thank you for warmly welcoming me and my family to Bright School this year. It is hard to believe that a year has passed since I started this rewarding opportunity, and I can't wait for year two to begin.

I hope you feel the pride that I do reading through our magazine as we celebrate the year that we have had together and the successes of our students, faculty and alumni. We are a strong, vibrant community with a shared commitment to building a foundation upon which students become wise and compassionate citizens of the world.



*Kristin Watts*

We are grateful for your continued support of Bright School and look forward to the upcoming year, continuing our strong traditions and adding some new ones. To our current parents, thank you for sharing your children with us and for the joy they have brought into our community. To our alumni and past families, thank you for playing an important role in building the legacy of Bright School.

Best,  
Kristin Watts



*Mrs. Watts and her daughter, Colby, a rising third grader, enjoy the Fifth Grade vs. Faculty Basketball Game. Mrs. Watts scored her first career points for the faculty during the game!*



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*For alumni, parents and friends of The Bright School*



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ON THE COVER

*The gym, built in the mid-1970s, was renovated in summer 2021 as part of the Building a Bright Future Capital Campaign and dedicated as the Pamela Dee Blevins Gymnasium in fall 2021.*

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# BRIGHTBRIEFS



## Author Visit

Josh Funk, author of the hilarious book series Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast, met with students in grades K-5 and explained how he got the idea for his books when his children couldn't decide what to have for breakfast one morning. He encouraged students to always have a notebook handy to jot down story and character ideas. Mr. Funk is a software engineer by trade and writes books on the side. He has written more than 20 books with subjects that include coding, fairytales and foods that go awry in the refrigerator. **1. Librarian Elizabeth Oakes with author Josh Funk, third grader Mykenzi McGraw and first grader Hudson Fuller.**



## Music Day

Musicians from the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera played and taught students about their instruments during Music Day, which is made possible by the Aldridge/Patten Fund for Visiting Artists, started in 2017 by Class of 1955 alumni Henry Aldridge and Fontaine Patten Moore. The strings quintet played several selections and showed how their instruments varied in size and sound. The woodwinds quintet demonstrated different kinds of rhythm in their selections that included ragtime, a march and blues. Both groups played "The Bright School Song," and students sang in accompaniment. **2. Music teacher Julia Mayo and fifth graders Anna Zmaj and Liam Jackson with the strings quintet.**



## Change Bank

Fourth graders learned how to make change with dollar bills and coins in a project called the Change Bank. Younger students brought in a dollar, and fourth graders made exact change for them to take home. **3. Zoan von Schultz, right, counts change for second grader Miller Haluska.**



## Long Distance

Fifth graders met students their own age in Alicante, Spain, via Zoom. The students introduced themselves in Spanish one by one, said their age and a sport or activity they like. Then the students in Spain did the same thing in English. **4. Cooper Brooks speaks in Spanish to students in Spain as other fifth graders watch and listen.**





## Champion Climber

Ronnie Dickson, whose left leg was amputated when he was 17, talked to fourth and fifth graders about setting goals and answered curious questions about his prosthetics that help him climb and run. Dickson is the husband of fourth grade teacher Amanda Dickson. He is a champion climber in national and international competitions and also makes prosthetics for amputees. **5. Ronnie Dickson shows students how his prosthetic works.**

## Santa's Gift

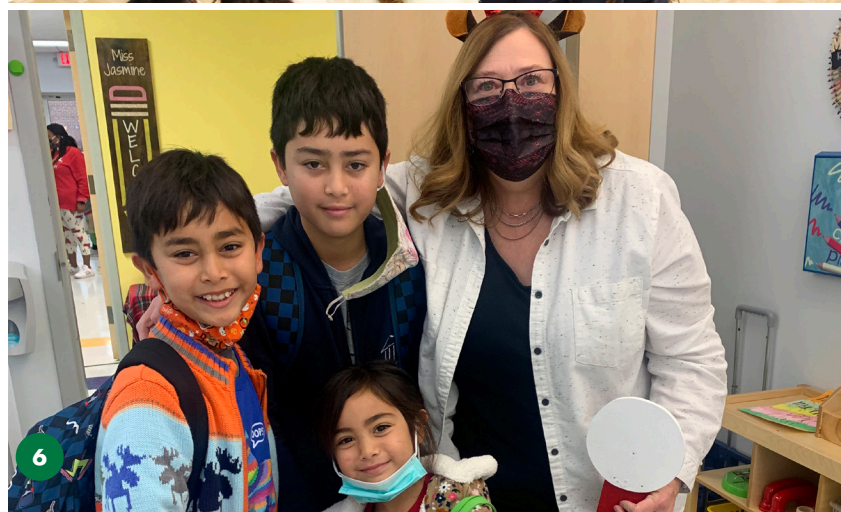
After the Sommer family learned their junior pre-kindergarten teacher, Karen Thompson, missed the wooden Santas made by her children at Bright, they decided to give her one of theirs. Every student makes a Santa in shop class before graduating from Bright. Fifth grader Marshall Sommer offered his Santa to Ms. Karen, and he and his siblings, fourth grader Wyatt and PKer Charlotte, presented it to her. All three had Ms. Karen as their teacher in JPK. **6. Wyatt, Marshall and Charlotte Sommer with JPK teacher Karen Thompson.**

## Community Service

Students and families helped community organizations in a variety of ways this year. After Halloween, students donated candy to the Hamilton County EMS to be distributed to first responders. Students wrote letters to active and veteran military men and women for Veterans Day. For Christmas, fourth and fifth graders sorted items and stuffed goody bags for homeless people who receive help at the Chattanooga Community Kitchen. Younger students drew pictures on place mats that were used for holiday meals. As part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance, families cleaned out their closets and brought in more than 200 coats, hats, and scarves to donate to the Maclellan Shelter for Families. The school collected more than 250 boxes of rigatoni pasta that was donated to the Chattanooga Community Kitchen in conjunction with the fifth grade vs. faculty basketball game. **7. Fifth graders Patrick Perdomo, Evan Sanders, Max Sawrie, Alba Ortega MacLean, Peyton McGraw and Pei-Ying Olsen sort candy for the Chattanooga Community Kitchen.**

## Spelling Survival

Fourth grader Nayana Vardhana correctly spelled Darwinism to win the bee. Fifth grader Anna Zmaj was second, and fourth grader Chandler Eichelberger was third. This is the second year in a row the bee was won by a fourth grader. There were 51 fourth and fifth graders who bravely entered the bee. **8. The top finishers with Mrs. Watts: Nayana Vardhana, Anna Zmaj and Chandler Eichelberger.**





# RECOGNITION DAY



There were 24 fifth graders who qualified for the President's Education Excellence Awards, which is based on cumulative GPA of 90 or higher in reading, writing and math during fourth grade to the second trimester of fifth grade and score of 90 or higher in reading or math on the ERB tests given in January. Bottom row, left to right: Anna Zmaj, Ellie Moore, Harper Thomas, Riya Sekhar, Briley Kesler, Cate Hemphill, Pei-Ying Olsen, Lauren Reisman, Maddie O'Dell, Lila Taslimi and Phoenix Beasley. Top row: Liam Tabibiazar, Harrison Phillips, Waylyn Pullen, Charlie Searce, Marshall Sommer, Thad Smith, Davis Dillard, Evan Sanders, William Arnold, Liam Jackson and Deaglan Roach. Not pictured: Leighton Lorge and Olivia Lunn



Austin Center '85 presented the Center Community Service Award to Lauren Reisman '22.



Erin Worthington '95 presented the Helen C. Murray Geography Award to Lila Montgomery '22.



Linda Mines presented the Daughters of the American Revolution history award to Riya Sekhar '22 and citizenship award to Alba Ortega MacLean '22.



Bill Kilbride presented the Benjamin W. Kilbride Scholarship to fourth grader Mary Cleveland Oxford '23.



Lupton Winningham '77 presented two new awards to fourth graders. The Z. Lupton Patten Scholarship for the top academic student in fourth grade was presented to Mary Elizabeth Hicks '23.



The Douglas Beall Moore Jr. Sportsman Scholarship was presented to Keaton Furrow '23.





## GRADUATION

# Congratulations to the Class of 2022!



The 43 members of the Class of 2022 graduated on May 27. Graduation was held again on the field, and the weather was beautiful. Students played hand bells and recorders and sang to “Country Gardens,” a tradition started by founder Mary G. Bright. Librarian Elizabeth Oakes was the graduation speaker and reminded students of lessons learned in the library that they can carry on through life. Fifth grade teacher Ann O’Brien provided words of wisdom from the Class of 1972, which held its 50th reunion and wrote letters to the fifth graders. Josie Card, Harper Thomas and Deaglan Roach presented the class gift, new basketball goals and other upgrades for the fifth grade play area.



*Fifth graders walk onto the field to begin the ceremony.*



*Fifth graders play recorders during graduation.*





# BRIGHT LEGACY

*Honoring the  
past, present  
and future*

**B**right Legacy is a new alumni program that honors and recognizes families with multiple generations of graduates and students. For the 2021-22 school year, there were 40 families with enrolled students that included parents who graduated from Bright School, and of those, several included parents and grandparents who went to Bright.

Legacy families help preserve traditions and the history of the school. That could not be better demonstrated by the Smith-Street

family, which has four generations of Bright students. A new display in the front lobby of the school explains the history of the current location and honors the family connections. It reads:

“The Bright School moved from 833 Fort Wood Street near downtown to the current location in 1963. The building was designed by architect Gordon Laidlaw Smith, who combined traditional and modern themes in his work. This is demonstrated by the classic brick and colonnaded entrance and the clean glass-walled quadrangle overlooking a courtyard. Gordon P. Street, chairman of the board of trustees, oversaw the project. The Smith and Street family includes four generations of Bright School graduates and students. The Carter family donated 10 acres, and the school bought another 12 acres for the campus. Construction began in 1962, and the students, faculty and staff moved into the building in spring 1963. The original building included classrooms for kindergarten through sixth grade, an auditorium, cafeteria and gym.




*From an article in the Chattanooga Daily Times dated January 6, 1962, Board of Trustees Chairman Gordon Street, seated on the left, meets with architects Leland Ashby and Gordon Smith, standing, and H.M. Collins of Collins & Hobbs, which was awarded a \$650,000 contract to build the new campus off Hixson Pike.*

The gym was converted to a library, and a new gym was completed in 1973. The next addition was in 1987 with more classrooms and science and technology spaces. The Early Childhood Center was completed in 2001, and the school added

ages 3 and 4 and discontinued sixth grade. The Gus McCravy Athletic Complex, including the track and field, was completed in 2015.”

Mr. Smith’s family includes four generations of Bright School graduates and students: daughter-in-law Frances Street Smith ’42, Gordon L. “Trip” Smith III ’66, Preston Smith ’68, Sally Smith Crimmins ’70, Jenny Smith Wright ’91, Gordon L. “Skip” Smith II ’94, Alice Smith Harris ’97, Lauren Wright ’10, Sara Wright ’18 and Ben Harris ’27. Trip Smith, who as a student recalled walking through the school as it was being built, served as chairman of the Board of Trustees and helped oversee construction of the 1987 wing for additional classrooms. His wife, Chris Benz Smith, served as president of the Parents’ Association.

Mr. Street’s family includes Gordon P. Street Jr. ’50, Gordon P. Street III ’77, Lorie Street Runge ’75, L’Anne Street Gilman ’81, Miriam Street Novotny ’83, Nicholas Mallchok ’03, Eller Mallchok Kelliher ’04, and Parker Mallchok ’05. 



*Trip Smith ’66, Alice Harris ’97 and Ben Harris represent three of the four generations of the Smith-Street family who attended Bright School. The Smith family donated the original blueprints for the 1963 building.*



*The first Bright Legacy event was held in April 2022, and families enjoyed getting to know each other and playing on the Hill playground. Back row, left to right: Suzanne Felts ’69, Royce Felts ’25, Charles Felts and Charlie Felts ’00; Robert Batson ’85, Walker Batson ’21, Whit Batson ’23 and Jane Batson; Christie Dillard ’91 and Rand Horsman ’29; Taylor Vinson ’98 and Pate Vinson ’26, and Caroline Guild ’92 and Eliot Guild ’27. Middle row: Head of School Kristin Watts; Lynn Shelton ’87 and Evie Shelton ’24; Mandy Sutton ’94 and Ellie Bea Sutton ’29; Lauren Reisman ’22, Barrett Reisman ’26 and Will Reisman ’87; Alice Harris ’97, Ben Harris ’28 and Trip Smith ’66; Mamie Treadwell ’23 and Emmie Treadwell ’91, and Jennifer Cole ’99 and Cannon Cole ’29.*





# CITIZEN OF THE WORLD

## Meghan Boehm '16

High school junior Meghan Boehm '16 gives back to the community in many ways and is this year's recipient of the Citizen of the World Award. Meghan, who is a student at GPS, visited the fifth grade classrooms to accept the award and talk to students.

The Citizen of the World Award recognizes alumni who are fulfilling the school's mission: "The Bright School builds a foundation upon which students become wise and compassionate citizens of the world. Its century of progress fosters the intellectual, artistic, physical, and moral growth of young boys and girls." To be eligible for the award, alumni must be current students in high school (grades 9-12), college, or graduate school. The winning alumni demonstrate leadership in service to others in the broader community. Anyone may nominate an alum for the award. Fifth graders read through the nominations (with names and schools redacted), score the nominees with a rubric, and select the winner.

Two years ago, Meghan decided to start a fundraiser for the Walter E. Boehm Birth Defects Center, which helps babies, children and adults fix or improve brain and spine defects. The fundraiser, dubbed "Share a Scare," benefitted the center, which provides medical care for free to anyone who cannot afford their medical treatment and provides financial support for the families to be able to make trips to receive the medical care they need. Meghan met with company executives across Chattanooga to ask for sponsorships for "Share a Scare," in which donors purchase signs to display in lawns at their homes or homes of their friends. She was inspired to find a new type of fundraiser because the pandemic halted many in-person gatherings. So far, \$54,000 in sponsorships and an additional \$11,650 from selling 570 signs has been raised through the fundraiser. She also spent last summer volunteering at Erlanger Hospital and getting to know patients who benefited from the center.

Meghan, who has played the violin since age 6, is a member of the Chattanooga Youth Symphony Orchestra. Realizing not everyone can afford music lessons, Meghan volunteers in a program to provide free violin lessons to elementary students.

According to her nomination, "Meghan uses her time and talents to give children the same opportunities that she has valued and enjoyed."

Head of School Kristin Watts presented Meghan with a certificate and \$100 check in her honor to donate to her non-profit of choice, the Boehm Birth Defects Center. Meghan spoke to the fifth graders about community service, and she answered questions about moving on to middle school and her plans for the future.



Top: Meghan Boehm '16 is the winner of the 2022 Citizen of the World Award. Bottom: Meghan Boehm talks to fifth graders about community service and preparing for middle school. Fifth graders choose the winner of the award each year.

### The other alumni nominated for the award were:



Alia Sherrow '16, a junior at Baylor, tutors at an inner-city community center while

balancing a rigorous volleyball schedule. She has dedicated more than 140 hours to the program and served in a leadership role this year. Alia planned and raised money for a holiday party for the children and wrote a grant to seek funding for summer camp scholarships for the children at the center.



Lily Monen '17, a sophomore at Baylor, joined a community service program in 2020 to tutor inner-city children. According to the

nomination, Lily was the only one who stayed with the program throughout the 18 months the children were learning on Zoom. She worked one-on-one with a scholar who had significant learning challenges and required a great deal of patience. Lily has accrued more than 280 service hours and earned a position on the leadership board. She worked on a grant proposal for funding for an art program for the children.



Hannah Levin '15, a senior at GPS, enjoys history and honed critical thinking skills in a social justice class last year. She is a member of Amnesty International, which works to end abuses of human rights. Hannah helped organize and advertise the group's poetry jams, letter writing campaigns, and fundraising events. Last summer, she was a counselor in training at a summer camp for Jewish children, mentoring nine- and ten-year-old girls and teaching dance.



Caroline Clark '16, a junior at GPS, organized a project to benefit 7th Well, an organization that helps survivors of human trafficking. She collected more than 350 self-care products donated by fellow students and then delivered them to the organization. Caroline also has volunteered at Pilgrim Food Pantry and Chattanooga Area Food Bank and tutored Spanish at school.



## Faculty & Staff Updates

### WELCOME NEW TEACHERS

We are excited to welcome 15 new faculty and staff members, and some of those we are welcoming back to Bright!

The new faculty include Emily Taylor and LeAnne Sharpe in kindergarten, Jessica McNeel and Wynne Pietrantoni in first grade, Amy Boyanton in second grade, Allison Sakich in third grade, Libby Waddell in fourth grade, Stacie Steel and Sarah Baker as PK assistants, Corri Whitmire and Laura Streets as kindergarten assistants. Emily Henn is the new library media specialist, Kristin Lyman is the new speech language pathologist, and the new auxiliary programs coordinator is Alyssia Harper, who will oversee Bright Afternoons and all after school classes. Leisl Slaughter is the new business office assistant.



New faculty and staff attended orientations in the summer. From left to right, Emily Henn (library media specialist), Allison Sakich (third grade), Libby Waddell (fourth grade), Amy Boyanton (second grade) and Alyssia Harper (auxiliary services).



Jessica McNeel (first grade), Wynne Pietrantoni (first grade) and Emily Taylor (kindergarten).

### FACULTY ANNIVERSARIES



Faculty and staff who have been at Bright five-10 years as of this year were honored at Open House. From left to right: Amanda Angel (6), Denise Hurlbut (15), Kendra Reasor (5), Cindy Womack (6), Karen Smith (10), Jan Vance (6), Bill Greene (7), MacKenzie O'Neal, Allie Hyer (6), Jana Evans (6), Elizabeth Oakes (11), Ann O'Brien (5), Amy Hutcherson (5), Thankful Davis (8), Richard Parks (8), Katie Shirley (7), Jasmine White (5), Kayla Greco (5), Cindy Avendano (6), Chasity Robinson (5) and Elizabeth Davis (7). Ray Park marked 15 years, and Friederike Watkins marked eight years.



# Faculty & Staff Updates

## FAREWELL TO

### *Elizabeth Oakes* LIBRARIAN

Elizabeth Oakes, who joined the faculty as a third grade teacher in 2011, is relocating to Memphis to be closer to her family and to continue her coursework towards earning a doctorate in education. She moved to the library in 2016 and combined traditional library curriculum with new media and technology. Ms. Oakes also oversaw the Bright Post, the post office run by third graders, and helped students learn about the history of the school and its founder, Miss Bright. She was awarded the most prestigious honor at the end of this year, the Michael G. Murphy Award for faculty, as voted by her peers.

### *Amanda Angel* FOURTH GRADE

Amanda Angel joined the faculty in 2016 and first taught third grade. She moved to fourth grade and focused on math and Math Academy. After winning the O.J. Morgan Travel Grant in 2019, she traveled to China and then shared what she learned and experienced with students. Ms. Angel will be exploring new opportunities in an exciting chapter of her life.

### *Katie Shirley* KINDERGARTEN

Katie Shirley joined the faculty in 2015 and taught third grade and PK between stints in kindergarten. She is taking a year off to spend with her newborn son, Charlie.

### *MacKenzie O'Neal* FIRST GRADE

MacKenzie O'Neal joined the faculty in 2016, and she also taught second grade. She is taking time to welcome her new baby and will serve as Margaret White's maternity leave substitute in second grade for the first half of the 2022-23 year.



OAKES



ANGEL



SHIRLEY



O'NEAL



VANCE



VIDAL



McDANIEL



LINDSEY



PATEL



PRITCHETT



PORTWOOD



MILLSAPS



BALLARD



DICKERSON



FRAEBEL

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### *Jan Vance*

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

Jan Vance joined the faculty in 2016, teaching younger children in the library and keeping track of birthday books and donations. Her three daughters – Charlotte, Mimi and Caroline -- attended Bright. She will be taking time to focus on her family.

### *Jeresa Vidal*

SPANISH

Teresa Vidal joined the faculty in 2019 and taught Spanish to early childhood, visiting classes daily to sing songs and talk about Spanish culture. She is retiring and spending time with her family in Colombia and in the U.S.

### *Marla McDaniel*

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

Marla McDaniel joined the faculty in 2019 and was an integral part of the options made available to parents through the Kilbride Enrichment Center. She is focusing her time with family, particularly her oldest child who is entering his senior year of high school. Her younger son, Wyatt, graduated from Bright.

### *Denalyn Lindsey*

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF

BRIGHT AFTERNOONS  
Denalyn Lindsey joined the faculty in 2019 and has worked as a PK assistant, Bright Afternoons counselor, and substitute. She was a student-teacher in fifth grade this past year. She is relocating to California this summer.

### *Sonal Patel*

KINDERGARTEN

Sonal Patel joined the faculty in 2020. She shared Indian culture with her students, celebrating Diwali each year with traditional dress, dances and activities. She is looking forward to exploring new opportunities.

### *Lauren Pritchett*

SECOND GRADE

Lauren Pritchett joined the faculty in 2021. She will be taking time with her new baby and young family.

### *Shannan Portwood*

FIRST GRADE

Shannan Portwood joined the faculty in 2021. She will be taking time to spend with her baby.

### *Claire Millsaps*

THIRD GRADE

Claire Millsaps joined the faculty in 2021. She is pursuing other teaching opportunities.

### *Abigail Ballard*

PK ASSISTANT

Abigail Ballard joined the faculty in 2020 and was assistant in Jill Johnson's classroom. She is pursuing other professional opportunities.

### *Claudia Dickerson*

PK ASSISTANT

Claudia Dickerson joined the faculty in 2019 and was assistant in Emily Hon's classroom. She is pursuing other professional opportunities.

### *Bailey Fraebel*

KINDERGARTEN ASSISTANT

Bailey Fraebel joined the faculty in 2021 and was assistant in Sonal Patel's classroom. She is taking time to spend with her newborn son.



1972-2022

# Golden Reunion

**The Class of 1972 held its 50th reunion this spring. Planned by John Shearer, Kathaleen Scott Hughes, Lucie Stevens Holland and Scott Sereteian, the reunion was held in May and included lunch and a tour of the school. But the big draw was reconnecting with classmates and even teachers.**



*Class of 1972 graduation in the auditorium.*



*John Shearer with former P.E. coach Bill Wolcott and wife Sharon in the current library, which is under renovation and was originally the gym.*

John Shearer, a longtime news reporter, captured the spirit of the reunion in a column he writes for *The Chattanooga*:

“The reunion turned out well – although it was probably too short an event for me. A small number of us had decided a year or so ago to have

one and began planning it. Of the less than 50 class members from the two sixth-grade classes still living, 14 showed up along with three or four spouses. About three others were planning to come, including key planner Scott Sereteian all the way from Oklahoma, but had to cancel at the last minute for a variety of reasons. In Scott’s case, it was due to tornadic activity in his home state.”

“While some of the original school plant we remembered had been remodeled slightly or had new floor coverings, etc., it still felt like home. We reminisced about the great meals in the cafeteria, the Friday educational films and plays in the auditorium (now called a theater), the location of the original music room, and how the head of school’s office was once the student or parent check-in location.

We continued walking down the hall away from the office and, almost by instinct, we decided to go in our old sixth-grade room with Miss Reeve, and those of us in her class posed for a picture outside the door.” Janet Reeve joined the alumni at the event.

“We then went out on the quadrangle for another photo, and as we were finishing up there, I saw an older couple coming across the parking lot to the concourse, and I realized it was my old boys’ phys ed coach Bill Wolcott and his wife. I had not seen him in about 50 years, and I ran up and reintroduced myself, and I was thankful he seemed to remember me – or at least courteously acted like he did!

We went in the current library that had been the old gym, and it was neat again going back in time. As we continued walking the halls, he told me when we went down one area that was where he learned the news that President John F. Kennedy had died in 1963, a couple of years or so before many of us would even enter kindergarten there.”

“Overall, I was thankful for the experience of getting to add one more chapter – 50 years later – to my fun experience that had been Bright School. It was where I fell in love with history and geography, and where I was first nurtured in sports and writing and just encouraged to get the most out of life.” 🏠



*Front row, from left: Kathaleen Scott Hughes, Mikki Moore Schnur, Virginia Anne Corey Manson, Lucie Stephens Holland, Boofie Lupton Crimmins, John Shearer’s spouse Laura Shearer, and former sixth-grade teacher Janet Reeve. In the back, from left: Mary Claire Pruett Thompson, David Christian, Beth Jenkins Fogo, Larry Fogo, Lyn Meyer Marvil, John Shearer, Herndon Elliott, Bob Franklin and Lisa Lowe Stauffer.*



# What's Next? Where They're Headed



The Class of 2015 gathered for the annual High School Senior Party in May. Retired fifth grade teachers Brenda Austin and Vicki Everett, third grade teacher Elizabeth Oakes, retired Head of School O.J. Morgan and Assistant Head of School Renee' Kropff attended.

Front row, left to right: Hannah Levin, Maddie Kim, Caleb Nuñez, Trinity Phillips, Lindsay Phelps, Lizzie Hill, Zoe Stalvey, Merritt Kelley, Liza Rogers, DaCorian Jones-Montgomery, Loren Floyd, Samantha Kate Helton, Margaret Anne Hudson, Bryn Adair, Nic Peirano and Hunter Banks.

Back row, left to right: David Stutz, David Crum, Mari Douglas, Anjali Bhushan, Bryson Jackson, Wes Glass, Ben Johnson, Danny Rifai, Sonny Ravinder, Amaar Memon, Nick McKenney, and Luke Gallien.

Bryn Adair..... Southern Methodist University  
Dara Bage..... Washington & Lee University  
Hunter Banks.....University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
Anjali Bhushan..... Appalachian State  
Luke Collins..... University of Texas at Austin  
Kirsten Crawford.....University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
David Crum.....DePaul University  
Phili Dankerl.....Germany  
Mari Douglas..... Samford University  
Nate Drew..... National Outdoor Leadership School in fall/  
.....Appalachian State in spring  
Loren Floyd.....Savannah College of Art and Design  
Luke Gallien..... University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Wes Glass..... Roanoke College  
Sophie Goetz..... University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Kye Hamilton.....Emerson College  
Samantha Kate Helton..... University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Ashton Higdon..... J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College  
Lizzie Hill..... University of Alabama  
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Bryson Jackson..... University of Alabama  
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Katie Kraus..... Fordham University  
Abby Grace Kueter..... University of San Diego  
Hannah Levin..... American University  
Bryce Lindeman.....The Citadel  
Paul Loew.....Germany  
Natalie Lusk.....Florida State University  
Nick McKenney..... University of Virginia  
Amaar Memon..... University of Pennsylvania  
Caleb Nuñez..... Northwestern University  
Johannes Oppermann.....Germany  
Nic Peirano..... University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
Lindsay Phelps..... Harding University  
Trinity Phillips..... Samford University  
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David Stutz..... University of Alabama in Huntsville  
Henry Warren..... Tulane University  
Merritt Yarbrough..... University of Tennessee, Knoxville



# New Beginnings

Familiar Favorites Return in New Ways

By Elizabeth A. Davis '86



*Fifth graders gather around the B in the center of the new basketball floor in the gym after the Fifth Grade vs. Faculty Basketball Game.*





*The gym, long a fixture in the Bright School experience, has a new look after more than 45 years. In November 2021, the renovated gym was dedicated as the Pamela Dee Blevins Gymnasium in memory of the mother of Lauren Wolfford '99 and grandmother of current third grader Rett. The renovation was part of the Building a Bright Future Capital Campaign and made possible by the Schillhahn-Huskey Foundation. Taking part in the ribbon cutting were the Wolfford family, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Kropff, Mr. Morgan and P.E. coaches past and present: Bobby Gendimenico, Ashley Linehart, Kristen Curtis, Bob Cutrer and Jan Connell.*

## The last two years have been full of change, and yet, in many ways Bright School has remained much the same.

Case in point: the gym. The gym is a familiar and beloved place since the mid-1970s when Coach Bob Cutrer planned the first ever gym show with children displaying their tumbling and athletic skills, and it has remained mostly the same until a major renovation in summer 2021.

When school began in August, the gym was still the gym, but it had been reborn into a shining and gleaming space with new lighting, paint, bleachers, flooring and climbing wall. Thanks to a generous gift from the Schillhahn-Huskey Foundation in the Building a Bright Future Capital Campaign, the gym was unveiled and dedicated as the Pamela Dee Blevins Gymnasium in November.

The new school year brought a new head of school. Kristin Watts, along with daughter, Colby, a second grader, began the year as a new parent and new student in the Bright community. Mrs. Watts is the first female head of school since 1982 and 13th head in the school's history.

She spent many hours observing and playing with children in the classrooms and memorized the names and faces of all 350 students, 60 faculty and staff and many, many parents and grandparents. She started a new tradition of visiting with each



*BEFORE: A picture from the 2020 Scooter Races before the gym was renovated.*

child in the classroom on his or her birthday and presenting him or her with a special Bright School pencil.

"I am grateful for the opportunity this year to be a part of the Bright School community and to know our families. I have found tremendous joy in getting to know parents, children, and our faculty this year," Mrs. Watts said.

The history of the school, founded in 1913, is a demonstration of remarkable resilience and vision. Founder Mary G. Bright navigated through illnesses, the Great Depression, and two world wars. The last two years have been one of those challenges.





*The PK Luau returned this year and was held in the Centennial Theater. Students sang and danced as parents and grandparents took many photos and lots of video.*

Mrs. Watts was immediately challenged to find ways to keep faculty, staff and students safe and healthy through the continuing pandemic and ever-changing health recommendations while learning everything there is to know about Bright School.

“The emotional toll of living with a virus for two years has impacted all of us. What has kept teachers and staff showing up every day throughout this pandemic is the joy the students bring to our lives each day,” Mrs. Watts said.

And still, the school year ended with the 109th graduation with the familiar sound of recorders playing “Country Gardens” and girls in their white dresses and boys in their Bright plaid ties. For the third year, graduation was held outdoors, a necessity during the pandemic that has turned into a beautiful new tradition.

The school year saw the return of all plays performed by kindergarten through fifth grade. “Our plays are an important opportunity for our students to be on stage and feel the success that comes with their performance. Grade level plays are an important Bright School tradition that was started by Miss Bright,” Mrs. Watts said.

We also had the PK Luau, King and Queen of Hearts for

Valentine’s Day, Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Days, Open House, Bright Fit, scooter races, volleyball, basketball, the Bright Post, Camp Lookout, Splash Day, and the Bright School Picnic with all parents. So many events returned either as they were or in a different form for health reasons that may stay for good because people enjoyed the new format better.

One event that everyone wanted back was the Christmas Assembly when alumni come for candy canes from Santa, and they announce their names from the stage while the students wonder who will be oldest. To bring the community together and celebrate the holidays, there was a musical performance for current families and alumni outdoors in the form of a Christmas tree lighting in the courtyard in the early evening. Families brought ornaments to hang on the trees. It was unseasonably warm, and the hot chocolate very hot. There were more alumni from varying years – 1952 to 2021 – than in any recent time when the event was held during the school day in the Centennial Theater with Santa sneaking in through the back door. It was so successful and well-received, the tree lighting is planned again for December 2022. And yes, the school has already put in a request



*AFTER: A picture from the 2022 Scooter Races after the gym was renovated.*







*First graders performed "Arctic Animal Antics" for their play. Grades K-5 each performed plays this year.*



*P.E. Coach Ashley Linehart scores on a lay-up for the faculty in the Fifth Grade vs. Faculty Basketball Game, which returned after a one-year hiatus due to COVID. Students enjoyed cheering their favorite team in the newly-renovated gym. PHOTO BY MED DEMENT*

for Santa to make a surprise visit to the theater for the assembly for students.

"We began the year excited to get back to school plays and field trips, felt excitement as we re-entered the dining hall, and enjoyed celebrating the holidays in a new way with our choir and handbells concert and community tree lighting. We realize that the traditions of Bright are a vital part of the experience for both students and parents and that these traditions make memories that last a lifetime," Mrs. Watts said.

Over the summer, more changes happened with the renovation of the library and 1987 wing. The third and final phase of the capital campaign includes the first renovation of the library since the 1970s when it was converted from the original gym built in 1963 into the library and the fourth, fifth, technology and science classrooms of the 1987 wing.

Again, the old and familiar becomes new and better. Everything needs a refresh once and a while, even when you're more than 100 years old. 🏛️



*Hand bells and the Bright School Chorus performed at the Community Tree Lighting in the courtyard in December. Alumni received candy canes from Sabrina McAllister; the longest-tenured staff member. This event replaced the indoor Christmas Assembly in which alumni have traditionally attended. The outdoor event will be planned again for this year.*



*Parents continued their domination over their fifth grade challengers in the annual tug-of-war contest at the Bright School Picnic. Grades also competed against each other.*




*The Bright School Picnic, which was started by Miss Bright more than 100 years ago, was held on campus this year. All parents were invited. Families set up chairs and blankets along the GMAC track and field to watch the races. Jazzy jars and the cake walk, favorites from Bonanza, were a big hit with students.*





## Building a Bright Future Capital Campaign Update

Work on the third and final phase of the Building a Bright Future Capital Campaign began this spring with work on the library. All the books, historical items, furniture and shelves were boxed up and moved to another part of the school. With the carpet and furnishings removed, the space looked like what it was originally built to be – the gym. In fact, the current library was the gym until the current gym was built in 1973. A special celebration for the library reopening is being planned.

The library is not the only space getting an update this summer. The fourth and fifth grade, technology and science classrooms in the 1987 wing are being refurbished, too. Those areas will have new carpet, windows, and cabinets to go with the new furniture already in place. Art and shop are getting new flooring and plumbing, and art will have new windows. New flooring also has been installed in the Spanish and JPK classrooms beside the library. 



BEFORE

*The library was originally a gym when the campus was built in 1963. It was converted into a library when the new gym was built in 1973. Computers replaced the card catalogs many years ago, but the library has remained and will remain a place where children discover the love of reading and learning.*







*Fourth graders Eleanor Kates, Mary Cleveland Oxford, Whit Batson, and Olivia Brewer carry books from Mrs. Von Glahn's classroom to make way for renovations.*



**DURING RENOVATION**



*Workers installed new carpet in all the classrooms in the 1987.*



*The same new flooring throughout the quadrangle area of the school has been installed in the 1987 wing. This is a picture of the new flooring in the fifth grade hallway.*

## Classroom Dedications

The Bright School is grateful for the many generous donors of the Building a Bright Future Capital Campaign. Dedications for classrooms were held in the spring. These classrooms were part of Phase 1 renovations completed in 2019.



*Ben Dillard '22 and Davis Dillard '20 celebrated the dedication of Mrs. Hurlbut's second grade classroom in April.*



*Brook, Harlan '23, Ari '21 and Jason Soss celebrated the dedication of Miss McGuire's third grade classroom in April.*



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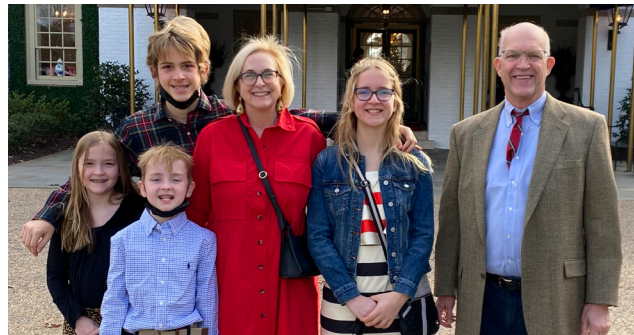
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# GRADUATE GARLANDS

## 1955

**Dr. Henry Aldridge** was honored by the Michigan Theater Foundation with a plaque memorializing his contributions, including his vital role in saving the Michigan Theater and the Barton Organ from the wrecking ball in 1979.

## 2015



**Maddie Kim** was Baylor's 2022 valedictorian. She also won the Upper School English Award and presented at the Global Scholars Symposium.

**Javen Johnson** won the Kinser Music Award at McCallie and was a member of Keo-Kio.

**Maddie Kim, Nick McKenney, and Caleb Nuñez** were named semifinalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program competition. These seniors were also selected for the annual David M. Abshire Civic Leadership Trip, created in 2009 in partnership with the Center for the Study of the Presidency.

**Kye Hamilton, Maddie Kim, and Caleb Nuñez** were selected to Baylor's Round Table literary discussion group. Kim was elected vice-president. Selection to Round Table, founded in 1942, is among Baylor's highest honors.

**Nick McKenney** was a recipient of the Herbert B. Barks, Jr. Award, presented to seniors who have contributed richly to the Baylor spirit. McKenney was also a presenter at the school's Global Scholars Symposium and was elected by the student body to the Baylor Honor Council.

**Hannah Levin and Merritt Kelley**, senior members of Terpsichord at GPS, were inducted into the National Honor Society for Dance Arts.



*Hannah Levin '15 and Merritt Kelley '15*

**Amaar Memon**, a member of Keo-Kio, and **Sonny Ravinder** were named faculty scholars at McCallie.

**Caleb Nuñez** was elected to the 2021-22 Baylor Student Leadership Board.

**Reagan Shaw** started a mural business called Art by Reas, and she was chosen to create murals at Girls Inc. and for the EPB public art community mural on the side of the 10th Street Substation.

## 2016

**Caroline Clark** was elected president of Student Council at GPS for the 2022-23 school year.

**Sophia Baleeiro** was selected for the Joe Key Award, a week-long adventure trip to Maine that recognizes selfless character and efforts at Baylor. At the Chattanooga Regional Science

and Engineering Fair, Baleeiro won first place in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, received the United States Air Force Award, earned an alternate spot for the Regeron International Science and Engineering Fair, and placed as an ISEF observer. A member of the Baylor fencing team, she was league runner-up in ladies' epee. She also was an upper school crew member for Baylor's production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.

**Claire Holtzclaw** was selected to travel to Washington, D.C. this summer on Baylor's David C. Abshire Civic Leadership trip and extensive eight-day course of study on national leadership, ethics, honor, and service.

**Alexander Moyer** was the men's foil champion in the On Guard High School Fencing League for Baylor.

**Gabby Czarnecki** was named to the *Chattanooga Times Free Press* 'Best of Preps' in tennis.

## 2017

**Talia Joels** was part of the cast and crew for the Baylor Players' production of *Anne of Green Gables* and was part of the team that defended Baylor's championship at the Green Prix electric car race in November.

### Fencing



Bright School alumni were on the Baylor fencing team that was the top team in the On Guard High School Fencing League. They include, standing, Brennan Buzinkai '17, fifth from the left; Alexander Moyer '16, middle with trophy and blue ribbon; Aiden Saadeh '18, fifth from the right, and Evan Yim '18, far right, and kneeling, Sophia Baleeiro '16, fourth from the left, next to Maddie Kim '15 and Valerie Davis '17. Not pictured: Prescott Hampton '18. Sophia Baleeiro, Brennan Buzinkai, Valerie Davis, Kistler Hampton '15, and Maddie Kim were on the first team USA Fencing High School All-Academic team.







# GRADUATE GARLANDS



**Noah Cobb '17** is realizing his dream to become a professional soccer player. In March, he signed with Atlanta United 2 for the 2022 USL Championship season. Noah started playing soccer at age 4. After Bright, he went to Baylor and was then given the chance to play for Atlanta United's youth academy three years ago. He takes classes online in between soccer practice and training. Atlanta United 2 is in the division below Major League Soccer in the U.S. Noah visited school this year and saw the renovated gym, where he set the school record for high jump at 5 feet as a fifth grader in 2017. His photo is on the board that displays the winners each year.



**Acadia Phillips** was a winner in the Young Southern Student Writers contest, and her poster for the Tennessee Fire Prevention contest was the top 10th grade submission for the state.

**Jude Rifai** won the T.E.P. Woods award for academic excellence for tenth grade at McCallie.

**Helen Guerry** and **Claire McOmie** were named to the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*' Best of Preps in tennis.

## 2018

**Max Hickman** was part of Baylor rowing's Men's Novice 8 crew that finished fourth at the Head of the Hooch regatta this fall, the highest ever finish

for a Baylor novice crew at the Head of the Hooch, the second largest regatta in the U.S.

**Isabella Moore** auditioned and was selected to attend a five-week summer intensive program at Ballet Met in Columbus, Ohio. She performed in Baylor's production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* as Linus' blanket and was a star fairy in Chattanooga Ballet's production of *Cinderella*. She was one of five student choreographers and 15 performers at Baylor's Vervé Spring Dance Collection.

## 2019

**Davis Bartow** placed magna cum laude on the National Latin Exam at McCallie.

**Jim Bradshaw** was the winner of the Middle School Latin Award at Baylor.

**Willie Howard, Zain Rifai, and Ryan Sanders** were named to the Honor Roll list at McCallie.

**Sara Jackson** won the eighth grade art award at Chattanooga High School Center for Creative Arts and the Hunter Youth Artist Award from the Hunter Museum of American Art at the 2022 teen art show.

**Jake Jones** won a distinguished student award for exemplary work ethic at McCallie and placed gold summa cum laude on the National Latin Exam.

**Luke Jones** won the mathematic achievement award at McCallie, placed gold summa cum laude on the National Latin Exam, and was named to the Middle Men, a group of young men committed

to serving the school and local community by participating in various acts of service.

**Jake Jones** and **Luke Jones** were named to the Head of School list and the Faculty Recognition list, which honors students who have distinguished themselves in their classes for exemplary work ethic.

**Andrew Kreek** won the director's award for handbells at McCallie.

**Arwyn LaRock** was a winning designer in the Epiphone Student Guitar Design Contest, and her guitar design was displayed at the Dogwood Arts Gallery in Knoxville and Songbirds Guitar Museum in Chattanooga.

**Petra Lund** and **Ella Clare Stalvey** were elected to Baylor's 2021-22 Middle School Advisory Council.

**Wyatt McDaniel** was part of the team that defended Baylor's championship at the Green Prix electric car race in November.



### *The Sound of Music*

First graders **Jillie Jackson** and **Ellie Brown** were in the GPS production of *The Sound of Music* with Bright School alumnae, **Caroline Rowe '16** and **Sara Wright '18**.







# GRADUATE GARLANDS

## *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*



Matilda Joels '20, Samantha George '21, Ben Dillard '20, Carlos Baleeiro '20, and Katherine Pipes '20 were cast in the Baylor Middle School play, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. Senior Kye Hamilton '15 was a sound designer.

**Piper Ryan** was the Middle School salutatorian at Baylor, won the Middle School Music Award, took first place in the spelling bee and received recognition for Outstanding Bill at the 2022 YMCA Youth in Government conference.

**Daisy Skates** won the eighth grade math award at Boyd Buchanan.

**Sye Simmons** won the drama award for best actor at McCallie.

## 2020

**Carlos Baleeiro, Matilda Joels, and Avery Levin** received Outstanding Statesperson awards for their individual participation at the YMCA Youth in Government conference.

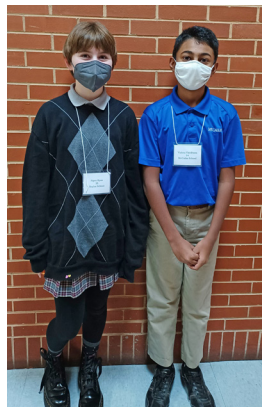
**Matilda Joels, Carlos Baleeiro, and Mia Kinney** were elected to Baylor's 2021-22 Middle School Advisory Council.

**Christopher Kim** won the T.E.P. Woods Academic Medal of Excellence for seventh grade, which honors the student with the highest GPA in the grade, and the public speaking award at McCallie.

**Vishnu Vardhana** was a co-winner of the spelling bee at McCallie.

## 2021

**Ann Boehm** was one of six sixth graders at GPS to memorize the location and names of all 54 countries on the continent of Africa over spring break.



*Piper Ryan '19 and Vishnu Vardhana '20*

**Meg Finger** won the sixth grade communications award at Chattanooga High School Center for Creative Arts, and a 100-word short story she wrote was published in *Spine Chillers 2021*, a compilation of middle and high school work from across the U.S.

**Samantha George** and **Stone Caputo** represented Baylor at the MATHCOUNTS competition. In addition, Samantha was a delegate at the YMCA Youth in Government conference.

**Nina Lail** was elected to Baylor's 2021-22 Middle School Advisory Council.

**Brooks McKenna** and **Sunjay Ravinder** were named Middle Men at McCallie.

**Carter Witt**, a sixth grader at Baylor, performed with the Chattanooga Boys Choir as part of the children's festival choir opened the 2022 Conference of the American Choral Directors Association at the Duke Energy Center for Performing Arts in Raleigh, N.C.

## Former Faculty and Staff

**Helen Murray**, who taught sixth grade from 1979-1998, was inducted into the Educator's Hall of Fame at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, this spring. Her biography was read by Voice of the Vols, Bob Kesling. The induction had been postponed due to the pandemic.

## In Memoriam

Ted Finlay '57  
Jamie Hudlow '79  
Lucinda Gibson '62  
Greer Brody '08  
Ned Wheland '57  
Douglas Gilman '65  
Lynn Alsobrook '60  
Martha Wasdin, *Extended Care director*  
Howard Levine '50  
Bill Latimore '37

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JULIAN NUNALLY '06

## Labor Lawyer and New Dad

Julian Nunally likes the structure of the law and how it can be used to help people and order society. It is for these reasons that he was drawn to become a lawyer. And for similar reasons of how the tenets of faith can be used to help people and guide society, he also is heavily involved in the Christian community.

Nunally, who graduated from Bright in 2006, works now as a labor and employment lawyer for the Jones Day firm based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Given all the changes to the work environment from the pandemic, this sector of law has been very busy these last two years. "There has been a myriad of problems that clients face due to ever-changing Covid policies," he said. "Those problems have allowed my work to be both interesting and dynamic."

Nunally went to McCallie School after Bright and earned his bachelor's degree in the comparative study of religion at Harvard University, where he was captain of the track and field team. His thesis titled "Theology of Mass Incarceration" explored how Christianity can help ameliorate the over-incarceration of our nation's most vulnerable. His thesis received cum laude honors. Julian went immediately from his undergraduate studies at Harvard to pursuing his law degree at Harvard Law School.

During his law school summer, he worked at Miller & Martin in Chattanooga under the mentorship of Chuck Lee, co-chair of the firm's labor and employment practice. "The structure of law in the arena of employment affects everyone. It is vital that our employment laws and regulations are fair and facilitate productivity," Nunally said. Another thing Nunally enjoys about his work is the crazy stories that arise from workplace altercations: "Disputes in the workplace are dramatic. I love talking to people and hearing their stories."

He graduated from Harvard Law School in May 2020 in the midst of the worldwide shutdown due to COVID-19. He finished law school

virtually and had a virtual graduation. Nunally's first job out of law school involved serving as a judicial clerk for U.S. District Judge Wilhelmina M. Wright in St. Paul, Minnesota, for one year. Judge Wright was on President Biden's shortlist to be considered as a Supreme Court nominee.



Julian Nunally

Nunally met his wife, Kianna, at Harvard. She is studying to be a radiologist at the University of Minnesota and grew up in the area. "I didn't think I'd like it," Nunally said about living in Minnesota. "But it is more diverse than I expected, it has great food, and the traffic is not too bad." That's unlike Boston, where he enjoyed living "with people from all over the world" and going to school for seven years, but "the cost of living is astronomical, and traffic is a disaster." Their daughter was born this spring. Her name is Aletheia, which is the Greek word for truth.

While at McCallie, Nunally said his goal was to become a minister, and he plans to attend seminary later in life. He is a self-professed "rule follower," and that's what he likes about the law. "If there are two lines, I'll try to stay between them," he said. "I don't like arguing. I like knowing how to settle and resolve disputes. Finding solutions that work for both parties is more attractive to me than merely arguing."

Bright School is where his educational journey took off. He appreciated "the amount of care teachers showed toward their students," Nunally said. "Having people who care about your growth is invaluable." He keeps up with classmates through social media mostly and reported they all went to college and seem to be happy. "Being surrounded by peers who want to succeed is helpful."

Some of his favorite events at Bright were the picnic, Santa's visit, the rocket launch,

plays and el mercado in Spanish class. One misstep he does remember is misspelling the word "grape" during the spelling bee, but it didn't seem to slow him down any. "It turned out OK," he said. "Bright School set me up for the many things I've been able to do."



Julian Nunally with his wife, Kianna, and daughter, Aletheia.





## THE BRIGHT SCHOOL

# ALUMNI GATHERINGS



The Class of 2020 gathered in the fall as seventh graders, brought their yearbooks to sign, and toured the renovated gym. Their sixth grade party was postponed due to COVID.

*From left to right: Finn Beasley, Avery Levin, Brodi Headrick, Adela Sewell, Zohayr Memon, Christopher Kim, Grant Simmons, Caleb Hitchcock, Ian Mahone, Levi Davis, Noah Mouw, Carlos Baleeiro, Ben Dillard, Simon Monen, JJ Connor, William Carlone, Hamzah Nayab, Gabriel Cyrus, Caroline Hatfield, Matilda Joels, Tess Rafai, Hallie Hampton, Greta Olson, Lucinda Ranalli, Ashley Yim, Chloe Sawrie, Reese Finlay, Harriett Howard, Lina Farmer, Alyssa Pashley, Katie Grace Tudor, George Simpson, Katherine Pipes, Addie Tabibiazar and Sydney Lawson.*



The Class of 2021 gathered to receive their yearbooks and tour the renovated gym.

*From left to right: Charlotte Hoss, Addie Cannon, Caroline Trainor, Margaret Daniel, Helen Kates, Banks Born, Walker Batson, Preston Burns, Patrick Rice, William Oehmig, Zoe Robinson, Meg Finger, Nina Lail, Ayla Holt, Samantha George, Nancy Charline Farrell, Lela Kate Sorrow, Molly Boyd, Lucy Nall, Catherine Curtis, Londyn Busby, Sunjay Ravinder, Addison Boehm, Keegan Hirayama, Stone Caputo, Luke Mouw, Sissy Oehmig, Luke Sawrie, Quinn Davenport, Ari Soss, John Robbins, Brooks McKenna, Thomas Anderson, Carter Witt, Riley Headrick, Means McCurdy, and Jack Houghton.*



*Mr. B visited school and saw former student Lynn Shelton '87 and colleague Sabina McAllister.*



*Former teacher Jim Bullinger likes to gather with alumni when he visits Chattanooga from Michigan. From left to right, Mr. B, Amber Stohler '86, Jennifer Brown '86, Carol Cutrer, Bob Cutrer and Susi Bullinger. The Cutrers are former P.E. teachers, and Mrs. Cutrer also taught first grade.*







## THE BRIGHT SCHOOL

# ALUMNI GATHERINGS



*Gabi Wallace '21 joined her mother, Jenchele, who read her new book Always Daddy's Little Monster to first graders. Pictured with Gabi's kindergarten buddy Lucy Webb and librarian Elizabeth Oakes.*



*Christopher Gordon '21 visited school during exams and was happy to see his second grade teacher MacKenzie O'Neal.*



*Cousins Kate Berube '16 and Josie Card '22 ate lunch together at school.*



*Alumni played each other in the sixth grade Baylor vs. McCallie football game. From left to right: Patrick Rice, Walker Batson, Preston Burns, Anderson Golden and John Robbins.*



*Dentist Jennifer Cole '99, on the right, talked about dental hygiene with Karen Thompson's JPK class. Her son, Cannon, is a student.*



*Members of the Class of 1986 were together at the GPS Class of 1992 reunion. From left to right: Wendy Robertson, Amy Mahone, Margie Blackwelder, Elizabeth Davis and Cathy Youngblood.*





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