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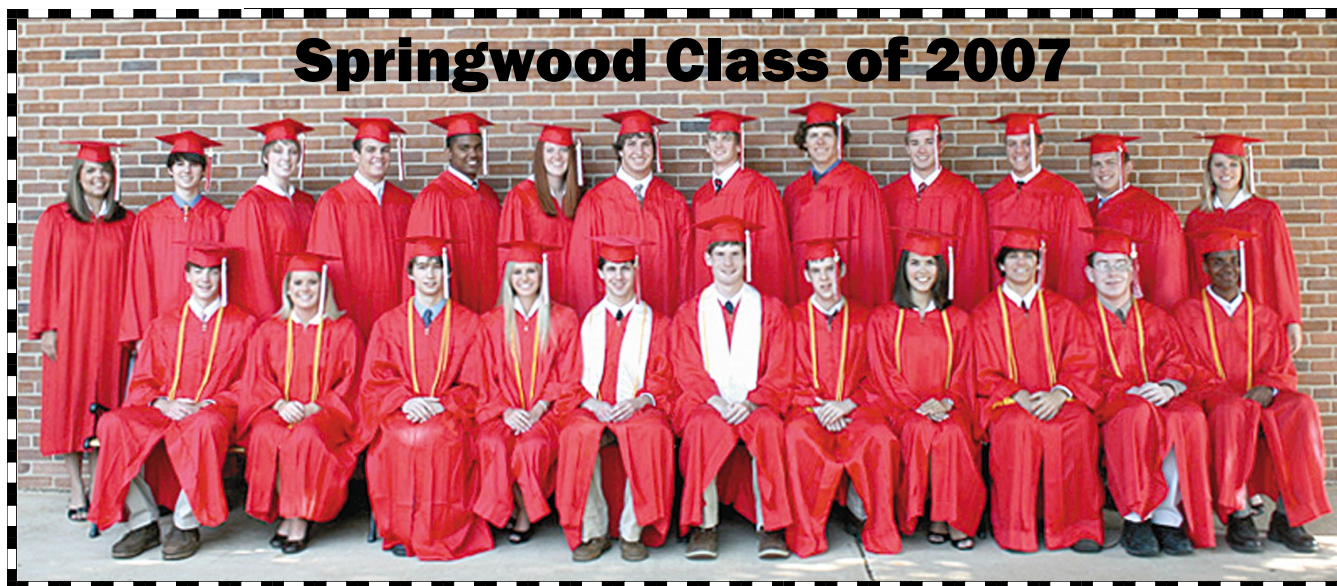
Alumni Link



2007 Kindergarten Graduates

Nine of the 2007 Kindergarten graduates are children of Alumni!

Front: Jordan Huguley (*Pate Huguley '92*), Blakely Parr (*Patrick Parr*), Oliver Tranqui, Thomas Beall (*Laura Duncan '79 & Julian Beall '75*), Nathan Clark (*Sally Cowart '79*), Mary Parks Ferguson (*Drew Ferguson '85*), Caleb Adcock (*Jason Adcock '87*), Laurent Noel. Back: Mitchum Smith, Maddie Pearce (*Bill Pearce '89*), Catherine Coleman (*Christy Mullins '86*), Kolbie Frailey, Alyssa LeRoy, Sam Leva, Jacob Neil (*Greg Neil '83*), Anthony Lowe.



Springwood Class of 2007

We welcome these twenty-four 2007 graduates into the Springwood Alumni Association!

Front L-R: Trey Miller, McKenzie McManus, Benjamin Mitchell, Chelsea Harper (*Ellen Smith '79*), Carson Hill, Eric McHargue, Josh Grubbs, Tessa Pitts, Chase Dewberry, Stephen Cheek (*Tony Cheek '75*), Geoffrey Vester. Back L-R: Candie Aikens, Cullen Spurlock, Erin Welch, Jared Elmore, Jamal Reece, Jessica Bolton, Billy Parr (*Bill Parr '81*), Landon Duffey, Lanier Keith (*John Keith '77*), Ben Simms, Garrett Sanders (*Lori McRae '81*), Joseph McElvy (*Joe McElvy '79*), Caitlin Nixon.

NEW TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE ANNOUNCED AT SPRINGWOOD SCHOOL

Dear Springwood Alumni,

It is my pleasure to announce an exciting new technology initiative, recently approved by the Board of Trustees, which is scheduled to begin this coming fall. Phase I of the plan includes the acquisition of rolling laptop carts that will store 22 laptop computers, enough for every child in a class to use one. These carts, called COWS (Computers on Wheels), will be available for classroom use by students and teachers beginning with the 2007 – 2008 school year.

Our entire next school year will be dedicated to Phase I and will serve to prepare students and faculty for Phase II. During 2007-2008, teachers will participate in training to more fully integrate technology with instruction. The Springwood faculty has been increasing its technology savvy for the past two years; therefore, their transition to full integration of technology should be relatively easy. Springwood's outstanding teachers are the key to the ongoing success of this initiative. They are on track to accomplish great things as the school moves forward. In an effort to provide all the ancillary needs, the school will also continue to add Smart-Boards (electronic white boards) and projectors as well as digital cameras, Vernier Probes for science labs, and printing capabilities.

On another exciting note, our upper level art and technology curricula will be revised for the coming year. Students who take both art and technology will benefit from a fully integrated curriculum that incorporates use of sophisticated graphic arts software to develop tangible projects and allow a variety of display options for student work.

Beginning in August of 2008, Springwood School will move to Phase II which will involve all 9th through 12th grade students using their own tablet computers. All students in 9th through 11th grades will lease or purchase the same model tablet computer which they may use at school, at home, during holidays and during the summers for a three to four year period. For the initial year of the tablet program, 2008-09, lease/purchase of tablet computers will be "optional, but highly recommended" for seniors (Class of 2009).

The tablet computer is the hardware of choice because of its versatility. With its rotating screen, the tablet can be used as a traditional laptop or can be folded flat and used with a stylus for mathematics, geometry, hand-written note-taking, map work, and even drawing. Over time, almost all textbooks will be available in CD-ROM format or through online subscription, and students will be able to significantly lighten, or perhaps eliminate, their heavy backpacks.

Springwood has always been committed to preparing students for college and the work-world beyond. We believe full immersion in technology and full utilization of technology to support learning will better prepare students for the world they will encounter in college and for the remainder of their lives.

The CVEF has carefully taken the time necessary to gauge the academic value of a one-to-one tablet program. Ultimately, everyone understands that Springwood students must have the appropriate tools coupled with the school's high expectations and instructional expertise to be well prepared for college and beyond.

These are exciting times for the future of Springwood and for the excellent level of academic preparation we will continue to provide! The faculty and I are eagerly awaiting the return of students in August and the opportunity to begin this exciting two-phase technology initiative.

Hope you are having a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,
Teresa L. Williams, Ed.D.
Head of School



Springwood Campus Improvements

Do you remember the cemetery at Springwood School?

Students in Malinda Crowder Powers' 74 sixth grade history class researched and found out that a Confederate veteran, Milton Reese, was buried in the Reese Family Cemetery on the Springwood campus. After the discovery of the unmarked grave, the students contacted the Department of Veteran Affairs about providing a headstone. Markers are provided free of charge for any veteran who served in a U.S. war.

Located a short walk through the woods from the school, the cemetery is kept clean by student volunteers. On Wildcat Workday, juniors from Mr. Nolen's advisory class along with Mrs. Powers cleaned up the cemetery for the headstone dedication ceremony held on April 27, 2007.

The obituary of Milton Reese noted that he was a versatile writer who "expressed his ideas with clearness and force" and that he was a man "of deep convictions and was courageous in the expression of his opinions." Reese died September 23, 1890.

Facilities Renovations

Thanks to our generous PTO, Springwood School is involved in a multi-phase re-organization and renovation of several of its instructional facilities. Phases I and II should be completed prior to the opening of school in August 2007. Without this timely and generous donation from the PTO, the facility plan would have been unable to proceed without conducting a major fundraiser. Also, the CVEF has received a separate, private donation specifically designated for science lab renovations and hopes to proceed with identifying an architect and solidifying plans for the renovation of labs in the very near future.

Phase	Action	Timeline
Phase I	Former CDC Building to house grades K4 – 3 and become the new Primary School.	Aug 2007
Phase II	Current Primary School to house grades 4 – 6 and become the new Elementary School.	Aug 2007
Phase III	Two state-of-the-art science labs to be constructed in either the current elementary building or in the high school building.	2008
Phase IV	Library/media center to be enlarged, modernized, and renovated.	TBA
Phase V	High School building to be evaluated for possible addition of more classrooms.	TBA
Phase VI	Gymnasium to be evaluated for possible addition of locker rooms and additional office space for athletics and physical education.	TBA

The "Brighten our Future" campaign was a huge success! Our goal was to raise \$100,000 to make improvements to the baseball and softball fields and the school gym. We exceeded our goal and the lights for the baseball field and softball field have been installed. The gym improvements are occurring this summer. Thank you to all who participated. You truly have "Brightened the Future" for Springwood students.



Mitchell Langley (back)

& Doug Dewberry (front)

2007 Distinguished Alumni Award – Drew Ferguson, IV



It is a privilege to recognize Dr. Drew Ferguson IV, Springwood Class of 1985, as the winner of this year's Distinguished Alumni Award. Because of Drew's successful professional career as a dentist and also his outstanding commitment to his community, he is very deserving of this award.

On May 24th, at Springwood's Honors Day Ceremony, Dr. Drew Ferguson IV was presented the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award by Alumni Director, Ann Hixon.

He is a graduate of the University of Georgia and the Medical College of Georgia. He is a member of the Western Dental Society where he has held several offices including that of President. He is also a member of the Georgia Dental Assoc. and the American Dental Assoc. Drew and his wife, Buffy live in West Point with their four children, Drew V, Lucy, Mary Parks, and Thad.

The Springwood Alumni Association is not the first to recognize Drew's commitment to his profession. He has been honored previously by several professional organizations. He has been inducted into The Pierre Fauchard Academy, a state dental honorary and elected into Honorable Fellowship by the Georgia Dental Association. Additionally, Drew has been recognized on the national level by his selection for membership in the International College of Dentists. Since 1998, Drew has served as an adjunct faculty member at the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry.

Not only is Drew a great and caring dentist but he also has a special gift of working with children. His compassion for and love of children extends outside his local practice into many communities in Georgia. He is involved in the "Give Kids a Smile" project. Through this outreach, Drew and other dentists donate their time and talent to provide dental care to children who would otherwise have none. Drew goes with a mobile unit to visit rural schools and students come on board for free exams and treatment.

Drew tirelessly serves the local community in ways other than being a dentist. He gives hours of his time as a member of the Capital City Bank Community Board of Directors and the Chattahoochee Hospital Society Board of Trustees. Drew previously served on the West Point City Council as an elected official and this past March he announced his candidacy for Mayor of the City of West Point.

Drew's friend, Jenna Huguley Brown, Class of '91, nominated him for this award. Jenna wrote: "Drew positively impacts the field of dentistry, his community, and state. People of all ages benefit from Drew's expertise and his caring nature. Drew not only successfully and professionally completes every endeavor he takes on; he always does it with kindness, gentleness, and by going the extra mile."

The Alumni Association is proud to recognize Drew as a prominent alumnus as well as an active and loyal parent at Springwood School.

Maria Perez '96 with her former Springwood teachers:

Linda Combs, Jeannene Mullins, Dale Freeman, Maria Perez, Ann Thomas, Susan Pitts, Harriet Tyler

Maria Pérez performed at Springwood School on February 14, 2007. After graduating as Valedictorian of her Class in 1996, Maria went on to attend the University of Notre Dame where she graduated Summa Cum Laude with degrees in Literature and Cultural Anthropology. Maria was heavily involved in musical theatre and choirs throughout high school and college. After college she moved to Atlanta and her musical career, as a writer, vocalist, and producer, led her from Atlanta to California and now to Brooklyn, New York, where she currently resides. Malena, Maria's name in the music industry, has recently released her first international full-



length record, STARS. Maria has performed on the stages of the Temple Bar; Atlanta's Apache Cafe, Endenu and MJQ; Brooklyn's Five Spot and Solomon's Porch; and Manhattan's NuBlu and the Blue Owl, where she currently holds a monthly residency with a live five-piece ensemble directed by multi-instrumentalist, Emi Augustin. She has also been featured among the pages of Billboard Magazine, Straight No Chaser, Latina Magazine, Vibe, World Famous, FREE Magazine and People En Español.

2007 Alumni/Jr.-Sr. Student Career Day



Lane Wooley '86
Banking/Commerce
Senior VP
First Commercial Bank



Lynn Hall '77
Telecommunications
VP / Gen. Mgr.
PurDigital Media, Inc.



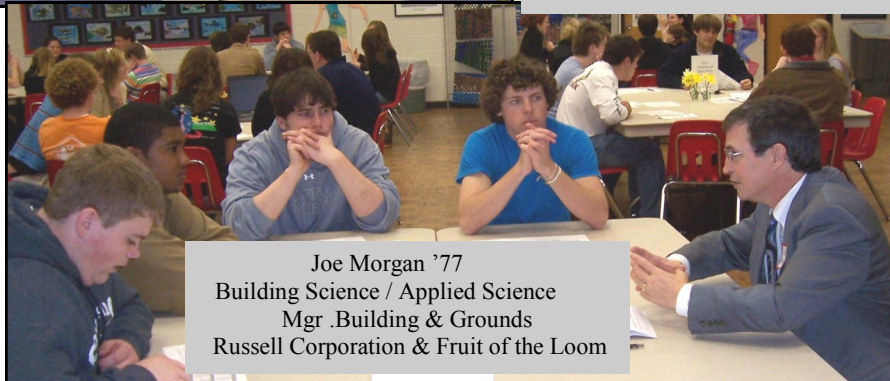
Vernalisa Pena '01
Event Planning/Photography/Makeup Artistry
Co-founder of Bella & Co. Event Planning



Kelli McCarthy '01
Early Childhood Education
3rd Grade Teacher in Athens, GA



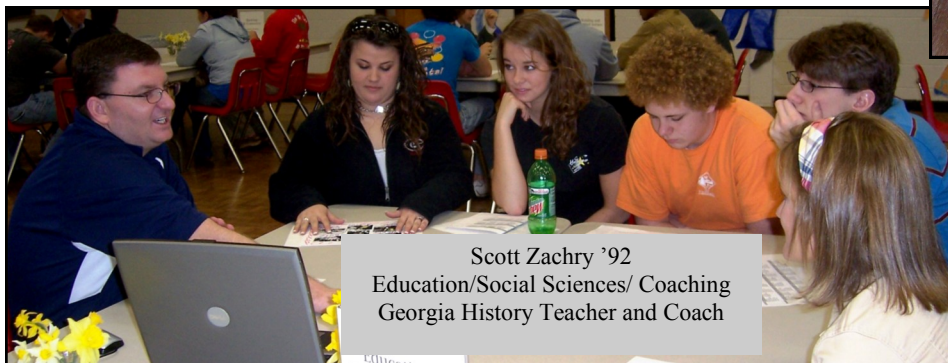
Linsey Hinkle '97
Engineering/Textile Mgt.
Product Development Mgr.
for Denim Manufacturer



Joe Morgan '77
Building Science / Applied Science
Mgr. Building & Grounds
Russell Corporation & Fruit of the Loom



Lindsey Gragg '01
Interior Design
Panoply Interior Design



Scott Zachry '92
Education/Social Sciences/ Coaching
Georgia History Teacher and Coach



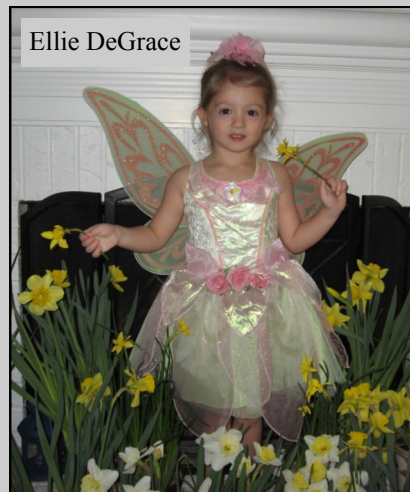
Jason McKay '95
Business
J. Smith Lanier & Co.

Alumni News

Class of 1977

Lynn Rearden Hall is Vice President and General Manager of PurDigital Media, Inc. which is a broadband service provider headquartered in Atlanta that services high-rise condominiums in the Southeast with High Speed Internet, TV, and Telephone. Lynn's daughter, Lauren, will be a senior at Springwood in the fall.

Joe Morgan lives in Alex City, AL and has been married to his wife, Karen, since 1993. Joe is the Manager of Buildings and Grounds for Fruit of the Loom and Russell Corporation. He maintains information concerning property, buildings, and contents for about 75 buildings in 5 countries. During 1984-85, Joe worked in Montgomery for 2 years and drew approximately 500 house plans that were turned into 3000 current houses in that area. In his spare time, Joe works for Habitat for Humanity and contributes aide in the training of a Seeing Eye dog or a Search and Rescue dog each year.



Ellie DeGrace

Class of 1982

Chris DeGrace lives in Marietta, GA with his wife, Shawn, and daughter, Ellie. Chris is a landscape architect for the Georgia Department of Transportation. The picture shows 4 year old, Ellie, dressed as a fairy. The daffodils are from Chris's display at the Southeastern Flower Show.

Class of 1986

Lane Wooley is the Senior VP for First Commercial Bank in Birmingham, a member of the Synovus Financial Corporation. He leads a team of commercial bankers who manage loans, deposits, and cash management for medium size businesses. Lane received a B.S. degree in Commerce from the University of AL & a MBA from Emory University. Lane and his wife live in Birmingham and have 3 children, Timothy, Mac, and Cherokee.

Class of 1988

Michael Jesse and Sara Ellen Rush were born in December 2006. The proud parents are **Jason and Ann Rush**. Michael weighed 6lbs 9oz and was 19.5" long and Sara Ellen weighed 6lbs 11oz and was 19" long.



Sara Ellen and Michael Jesse Rush

Class of 1991

Jennifer Edwards Wright and her husband, Brian, had their third child, Carrie Randolph on June 4, 2007. Carrie joins big sister, Mary James and big brother Will. The Wrights live in Sandersville, GA.



Will with his newborn son

Class of 1992

Scott Zachry lives in Newnan, GA with wife, Kelli and son, Zach. He has been teaching for 10 years. He is an 8th grade Georgia History teacher at Evans Middle School and also an assistant coach.

Class of 1993

Will Fisher and his wife, Alicia announce the birth of their son, Elliott James Fisher. He was born on June 9, 2007 and weighed 7lbs 9oz and is 21.5 inches long. The Fishers live in Woodstock, GA.

Class of 1995

Brad Huguley married Katrina Bledsole on March 24, 2007 in Demopolis, AL. Congratulations to Brad and Katrina.

Alumni News

Class of 1995 (continued)

Matt Edwards married Ann Marie Cooley on May 19, 2007 in Greensboro, GA. The reception was held at Lake Oconee. Matt is a global account executive for APTO Solutions. The Edwards live in Atlanta.



Matt & Ann Marie



The Edwards Family



Ben '98, Matt '95, & Jennifer '92

Jason McKay and his wife, Laura, have a 2-year-old son, Jack, and new baby girl born in April. They live in Opelika, AL. Jason has been employed by J. Smith Lanier Co. since 2000 and is responsible for Business Development. Jason received his degree in finance and accounting from Auburn University & Troy State.

Class of 1997

Linsey Hinkle lives in Columbus, GA and is the Product Development Manager for a denim manufacturer. She is responsible for developing and engineering denim fabric to correspond with trends in the marketplace. She received her degree in Textile Management & Technology from Auburn University.

Congratulations to **Daniel and Amanda McCarthy** on the birth of their daughter, Ella in January. She joined big brother, Drew, who is now 22 months old.



Drew & Ella McCarthy

Class of 1998

Malcolm Davenport and his wife, Lauren, live in Huntsville, Alabama. Malcolm is employed with Digium, Inc. in technology sales. He has traveled to Germany, Australia, Viet Nam, Japan, California, and Chicago for Digium, Inc. this year. Lauren teaches first grade in Huntsville.

Isaac '98 and Macy Ware '01 Whorton are living in Valley with their daughter, Avery, who has just turned 2 years old. They are expecting their second child. Isaac has opened his own law practice in Valley and Macy is working for Hopewell Machine and Fabrication. Macy, along with Meredith Hawkins Kelton '00, are currently the Springwood Varsity Cheerleader sponsors.

Michael Floyd married Leah Kathleen Benson in September 2006. They live in Houston, TX.

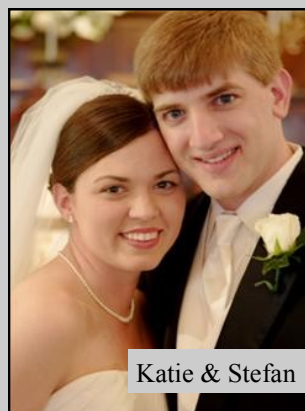
Class of 1999

Former Springwood School and Auburn University golfer, **Celeste Troche**, joined forces with fellow LPGA tour pro Julieta Granada to win the Women's World Cup title in South Africa. Celeste and her teammate, representing Paraguay, finished nine-under par, seven strokes ahead of the 2nd place USA team. Congratulations to Celeste on her first win as a professional.

Class of 2000

McKenzie Davenport is an external auditor for Ernst Young, LLP in Atlanta. He will be married to Helen Marie Pursley of Milledgeville, Georgia on October 13, 2007. She received her Master of Communications Disorders from Auburn University (May 2007) and will be employed this fall as a speech pathologist in Atlanta.

Katie Lanier '00 and Stefan Slade '02 were married on May 5, 2007. Katie and Stefan live in West Point. Stefan is currently serving as the Youth Minister at the West Point Methodist Church and Katie is in the last year of her doctoral program in Audiology at Auburn University.



Katie & Stefan



Katie '00 and Laura '95

Alumni News

Class of 2001

Lindsey Gragg works for Panoply Interior Design in Newnan, GA, a firm that specializes in residential as well as commercial interior design. Lindsey received a B.S. degree in Interior Design from the University of Alabama.

Kelli McCarthy teaches third grade at Statham Elementary School in Barrow County, GA. She lives in Athens.

Vernalisa Pena graduated with a degree in Logistics from Auburn University. She has recently co-founded a company in Auburn called Bella and Co. Event Planning, Make-up Artistry, and Photography. She is serving as the Executive Vice President. Additionally, Vernalisa is the Product Specialist and make-up artist for MAC Cosmetics in Auburn.

Class of 2003

Dixon Davenport graduated magna cum laude from Auburn University on May 10, 2007. He received his BS degree in Accounting and is now enrolled in graduate school working on his Masters of Accountancy. In the fall, he will be a graduate teaching assistant in the School of Business.

Katherine Lowe graduated from Clemson University in May with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She married Matt Thomas on June 29, 2007. Congratulations Katherine.

Bryan Moore received a B.S. degree in General Social Science (6-12) in May from Auburn University. He has accepted a job at Opelika High School. He will be teaching 11th grade U.S. history and 12th grade Government/Economics in the fall. He will also be coaching 9th grade football, basketball, and baseball.

Class of 2004

Michael Hill is a senior at the University of Georgia, majoring in business and sports management and minoring in history. He recently returned from 3 weeks traveling abroad with a marketing professor from Georgia and 20 students. They visited Austria, Hungary, and the Czech Republic.

Class of 2006

Jeff Davenport completed his first year at Auburn. He pledged FarmHouse Fraternity last fall. Jeff was a member of Tiger Tuesdays which is a freshman branch of the Student Government. This summer he is taking classes at Auburn and is the representative between the Auburn University SGA and the Auburn city government.

Laura Fagan is majoring in Music Business at Belmont University in Nashville, TN, with a studio production emphasis. She is a member of the Belmont Women's Choir. They performed in "Christmas at Belmont", a nationally televised program on PBS, which was filmed on Belmont's campus. She is enjoying living in "Music City" and is employed for summer 2007 at Camp Glisson, Dahlonega, GA, as a counselor. Camp Glisson is a United Methodist Church camp for children in the North Georgia conference.

Noelle Wilkinson studied abroad during the first part of this summer in Japan, Taiwan, and China. She went with a GA Tech Professor and 12 other students. They studied the differences in the economies of China and Japan. Noelle is pursuing a double major in International Affairs/ Modern Languages with an emphasis in East Asian Studies and Mandarin Chinese as her language. She is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta and was secretary of the Residence Hall Council. She is member of the GA Tech Honors Program and she will be a TL this fall for the GT1000 Course with the Professor that heads up the Honors Program.



Members of the Class of 2006:
Calli Davis—Troy University
Noelle Wilkinson—Georgia Tech
Carlin Klepper—University of AL
Laura Fagan—Belmont University

**If you are out of college, please support your
Alumni Association by sending in the annual \$20 dues!**

Membership in the Springwood Alumni Association runs July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. The annual dues are the major source of income for the Association and are used to help fund Homecoming Activities, Alumni Career Day, Alumni Basketball, Alumni Newsletters, and the Alumni Scholarship.

Please complete the form below and mail back to the Alumni Association today. We need your support. If you would like to make a financial gift in honor of or in memory of, please do so. The Alumni Director will notify the person / family and all gifts will be listed in the next Alumni Link. The minimum amount to honor someone or for a memorial is \$50.

Name _____ Year Graduated _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Numbers _____

Email Address _____

_____ I would like to join the Springwood Alumni Association for \$20

_____ I would like to make an additional gift of \$ _____ **

_____ I would like to make an additional honorarium/ memorial (\$50 minimum) of
\$ _____ **in honor or memory of _____

** All donations except the \$20 dues are tax deductible.

Please share any information that you would like with us for the next newsletter:

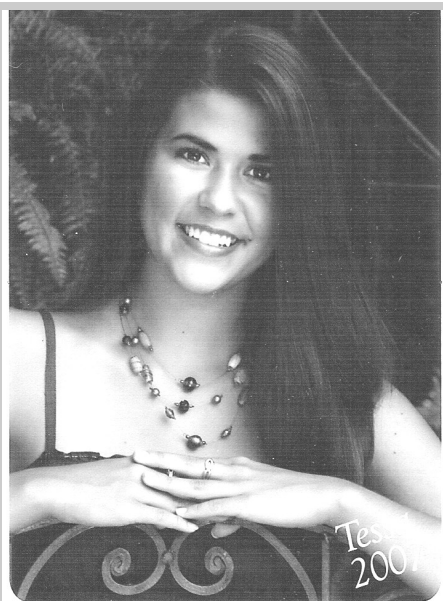


Congratulations to our first year soccer team! They had an outstanding season making it to the state level and coming in 2nd place statewide.

Front (l-r) Lee Collins (Ellen Lanier'77), James Harrell, Coach Kosal, Sam Webb (Lee Murray'78), Chrissy Cleveland, Josh Casarona, Robbie Wilkinson (Bob Wilkinson'75). Back (l-r) Taylor Coleman (Christy Mullins'86), Gabe Martin, Johnny Powers (Malinda Crowder'74), Van Slavich, Frazer Darden (Terri Frazer'77 & Tom Darden'75), Evan Johnson (Curt Johnson'77), Justin Vallia, Stephen Jarvis, Coach Andrews. Not shown: Claire Humphrey, Lee Anne Parr (Bill Parr'81), Carlie Tubbs.

"What a Springwood Education Has Meant to Me"

By Tessa Pitts '07



Tessa Pitts is the daughter of Tim and Susan Pitts and is the sister of Tiffany Pitts Riley, Springwood Class of 1998. Tessa will attend Samford University in the fall. Tessa is the 2007 recipient of the \$1,000 Alumni Scholarship.

Robert Maynard Hutchins once stated that "The objective of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives" and that is exactly what a sound education should do. The importance of a good education cannot be over-emphasized and I feel extremely blessed to have been born in a country and community that whole-heartedly support my educational endeavors. I truly believe that my education at Springwood School has made a difference in the way that I view the world and people around me and without it I know that I would not be the person that I am today. There have been difficulties along the way but in the end I believe that it has all been well worth it in order to attain the first-rate education that Springwood offers.

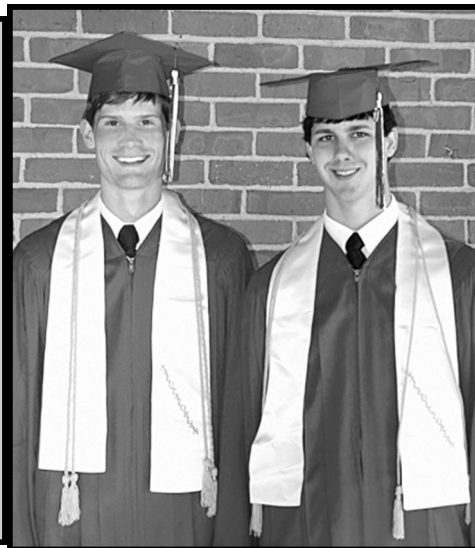
When I entered Springwood at the very mature age of four I had no idea that my parents had made a decision for me that would play one of the most important roles in shaping my future. Through the years Springwood has become more than just a school to me. It is a place where I have been taught many life lessons as well as those that have taken place in a classroom or on an athletic field. I have been blessed with numerous teachers that have taken an invested interest in their students and made themselves readily available to offer any help that is needed in class and also in personal matters. The combination of challenging academic courses, unrivaled instructors, numerous extracurricular activities, and a spiritually rich environment have provided me with fourteen years of experience that have prepared me to move on to the next stage of my life. I feel that I have been prepared not only for the academic challenges that I will face in the future but also those situations that will challenge me emotionally and spiritually. One of the most valuable qualities that I have acquired at Springwood is the ability to think for myself and not shy away from responsibility when it is given to me. My teachers have motivated me to be an independent thinker, a young woman that feels confident in my abilities to approach college with a confidence that will aid me in all of the new and different situations that I will come upon. My time at Springwood has also taught me that it is a privilege to be given the chance to take on leadership roles in and out of the classroom. Group projects, athletics and being

a leader of various clubs and activities at Springwood has taught me the importance of being able to take responsibility for myself and others as well as learning to be a good listener that is willing to be a cooperative member of a team. I believe that will help me better adjust to the expectations and conditions of college life.

All of the positive lessons that I have learned at Springwood will be essential to my success in college and also later in life. When I graduate I will feel confident that Springwood has prepared me to handle any circumstances that may arise, whether I need to step up and accept a leadership role or just speak my mind because I am assured in my abilities to think for myself. I am extremely appreciative of all of my teachers that have put so much time into insuring that I receive the highest quality education and also my parents because they have made so many sacrifices along the way to provide me with such a valuable opportunity. No matter where life may take me I will always be grateful for the lessons that I have learned from my years at Springwood and will

Class of 2007 Valedictorian, **Carson Hill** (right) is the son of Karen & Joe Hill of West Point and the brother of Thomas '00 and Michael '04 Hill. Carson will attend the University of Georgia in the fall. Carson received the following college scholarships: AISA All-Star Football Scholarship, HOPE, Rotary Outstanding Senior, Gaines Lanier Athletic Scholarship, Excellence in Math Scholarship. Carson was President of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Senior Class, named Springwood Scholar-Athlete of the year, and also named an AISA Student-Athlete.

Salutatorian for Class of 2007 is **Eric McHargue** (left), the son of Mickey and Terry McHargue of Lanett. Eric plans to attend the University of Alabama in the fall. He received the following college scholarships: University of Alabama Presidential Scholarship, Robert C. Byrd Scholarship, Susie Lanier Art Scholarship, Fine Arts Boosters Drama Scholarship and Art Scholarship. Eric was voted "Most likely to Succeed" by his class and was the Editor of the school newspaper. He was named to the AISA All-Star Academic Team.



2007 Springwood School Alumni Basketball and Reunion Day

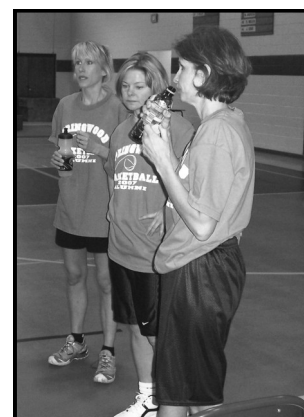
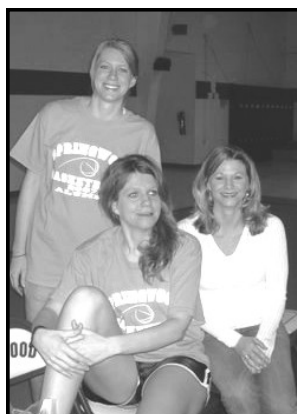


Parent Team 1974-1995

**Mark
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calendar
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year's
games -
Feb. 23,
2008**



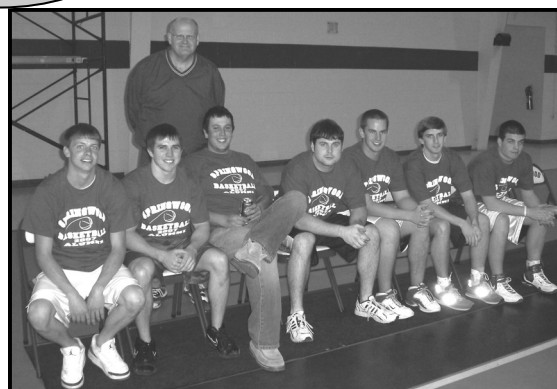
Alumni Team 1974-1995



**Above: Snapshots
from the Alumni
Ladies Games
1974-1995**



**Most Recent
Alumni Teams
1996-2006**



2007 Springwood Homecoming
Springwood vs. Chambers—October 12, 2007
Hope you will plan to come back this year!

*The Alumni Assoc.
needs volunteers to
help with Homecoming
night activities on Oct.
12th. Please consider
donating your time.*

2007 Springwood School
Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations:

The Springwood Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2004 to recognize lasting athletic achievements of Springwood students. To be eligible for nomination individuals —

- Must have attended Springwood for a minimum of 2 years and lettered in at least 2 sports.
- Must have displayed outstanding athletic performance, team leadership, and individual achievement in sports supported by post-season honors (position as team captain, record-setting performance, district or state recognition, and/or winning an individual championship.)
- Will not be considered until more than fifteen years have passed since their Springwood graduation.

After the initial year, no more than five individuals will be inducted in any one year.

Springwood alumni, as well as faculty, parents, and coaches are invited to submit nominations. The Springwood Alumni Council, along with current Springwood Administration, will review all nominations. This year the deadline for receiving nominations is Sept. 1, 2007. New inductees will be announced at the Homecoming game on Oct. 12, 2007.

Please complete the form below and return to the Springwood Alumni Association at P.O. Box 1030, Lanett, AL 36863 or email the information to ahixon@springwoodschool.com.

Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form (return by September 1, 2007)

I would like to nominate the following person to be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame

Nominee: _____

Class Year: _____

Sports that the nominee excelled in:

Nominated by: _____

Class Year: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email _____

Explain why this nominee should be considered:

Harriet Tyler retires from Springwood School

Ms. Tyler was honored by the faculty at an end of school retirement luncheon on May 23. Along with her own children and grandchildren, a group of alumni and current students made a surprise appearance. Every student who was taught by Ms. Tyler remembers learning and reciting "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer, so in her honor, the group of former students recited "Trees". (Below)



In appreciation for her over 30 years of dedication to Springwood students, the Springwood Alumni Association is proud to erect a new school flag pole at the Fine Arts Center in Harriet Tyler's honor. Since "O Captain! My Captain!" was also one of the first and most memorable poems students learned as they passed through Ms. Tyler's sixth grade class, it was decided that these words, penned by Walt Whitman in 1865 in tribute to a great departed leader, are appropriate as we salute our own "captain" upon her retirement. Below are the words which will be engraved on the plaque at the base of the flag pole.



from

O Captain! My Captain!

O captain! my captain! our fearful trip is done;

The ship has weathered every rack, the prize we sought is won;

The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting,

While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring.

O captain! my captain! rise up and hear the bells;

Rise up! for you the flag is flung, for you the bugle trills:

For you bouquets and ribboned wreaths, for you the shores a-crowding:

For you they call, the swaying mass, their eager faces turning.

**In honor of Harriet Tyler's dedication to the students
at Springwood School, 1973-2007**



Harriet Tyler

*On behalf of many former
students who now share a love for
literature, an inspiration for learning,
and an appreciation for teachers who
go the extra mile—thank you.*

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2007 Springwood School Service Award Winner—Mrs. Terry McHargue

Each year at Honors Day the Springwood Alumni Association recognizes an individual for his/her dedication and service to the school. In previous years this award has usually been given to a school alumnus. However this year, we were pleased to honor a soon-to-be alumni parent, Terry McHargue. Terry was behind the scenes contributing her time and talents as a Springwood volunteer for years. Following are some of the noteworthy contributions she made to the school and its organizations.

Terry was a key volunteer to the Development Office in several recent endeavors- the Art Auction and Wild-cat Workday. Next, the PTO benefited from her assistance with the labels for education program, as well as last year's dinner/dance organization.

Most importantly was the time and effort Terry McHargue gave to the Fine Arts Department at Springwood. She was very involved during the early years of band and continued to be active with the band program through the years, even when she no longer had a child participating. She checked in and out band uniforms, organized fundraisers, and chaperoned band trips. Our band director, Ray Johnson, commented what a great help she was to him several years ago during the transition between band directors.

Mr. Dale Freeman, Drama Instructor, expressed that Terry had been invaluable to the drama program. She was the driving force behind the Play-crafters Dinner Theatre for the past two years and she handled the publicity and programs for all three of the drama performances this year. Terry was also instrumental in coordinating all the Fine Arts Booster Club programs into one group this year. She was in charge of the discount card fundraiser and recruited the sponsorships for them.

Art teacher, Wanda Kinnaman stated that Terry McHargue had always been willing to do whatever job needed to be done at Springwood; that she would serve in any capacity and often change her plans to help meet other's needs. Mrs. Kinnaman also commented that she could not think of anyone who has served on more diverse committees and had done so tirelessly!

Terry McHargue constantly made herself available to Springwood – whether it was to transport drama students to competitions, golf team members to games, meet the “bread man” to collect labels, design a promotional flyer, organize a fundraiser, or do whatever needed to be done. Terry's intention was to promote Springwood School in its entirety, not just one area of the school. She has been a priceless volunteer to so many people and organizations. We express our sincerest gratitude and congratulations to Terry for receiving the 2007 Springwood Service Award. (Terry is the mother of Eric McHargue, Class of 2007).



The Springwood Drama Team captured top honors at the 25th annual AISA State Drama Festival. In the four-event competition, Springwood earned first in two of the events, duet and ensemble, and a third in musical drama. Eric McHargue received the Best Actor Award and Eric along with Benjamin Mitchell and Erin Welch were named to the All-Star Cast.

The only school in the competition to receive two first places, Springwood won special plaudits

Pictured are the Class of 2007 Drama Team members with Mr. Dale Freeman, instructor.



Alabama Independent School Association

PRESS RELEASE

June 25, 2007

AISA ANNOUNCES SPRINGWOOD SCHOOL
AS AISA'S CLASS AA PRESIDENT'S AWARD WINNER FOR 2006-2007

The Alabama Independent School Association is pleased to announce that Springwood School is the recipient of the AISA Class AA PRESIDENT'S AWARD designation for the 2006 - 2007 school year. The President's Award was established by the AISA for the specific purpose of recognizing member schools that achieve academic excellence during the school year. This award also serves as a symbol of recognition to the individuals who have given unselfishly of their time to serve as President to the Alabama Independent School Association. The criteria for winning the AISA President's Award includes achievement in all areas of school excellence such as: standardized testing, scholarships, academic scholars, academic competitions, professional personnel standards and development, accreditation, and other activities that celebrate excellence in academics.

The AISA has been steadfast in its efforts since 1970 to maintain an organization of independently operated non-public schools that are rich in diversity, committed to academic excellence, and deeply concerned about the growth and development of children and youth. The association's goal is to provide quality educational opportunities for those parents choosing an alternative to public education.

The AISA PRESIDENT'S AWARD program is sponsored by the AISA to recognize member schools with outstanding educational programs. Springwood School has attained a high level of excellence in the areas of student and teacher performance, plant and facilities, student life, and community involvement and is a very worthy recipient of the AISA PRESIDENT'S AWARD.



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Springwood School 2007 Varsity Football Schedule



Aug. 24	Glenwood	Home	8:00
Aug. 31	Evangel	Away	8:00
Sept. 7	Meadowview	Home	8:00
Sept. 14	Kingwood	Away	8:00
Sept. 21	Coosa Valley	Away	8:00
Sept. 28	Lakeside	Home	8:00
Oct. 5	Macon-East	Away	8:00
Oct. 12	Chambers (Homecoming)	Home	8:00
Oct. 19	Lowndes	Away	8:00
Thurs., Oct. 25	Lee-Scott	Home	8:00

All times are Eastern Standard Time

“The Wildcat Way”